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Information on enemy
((FWMAF/RVNAF)) military
activities on 3 Apr 70.

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I. K ((CAMBODIAN)) BATTLEFIELD

A. General information:

On 31 Mar ((70)), Lon Nol signed a decree ordering various military regions to recruit soldiers and activate battalions.

Each military region must activate one to two battalions.

Each sub-region must activate one battalion.

Each sector is to activate one company reinforced with 50 soldiers. So, this company is composed of 180 to 200 soldiers.

Conscript youths at the ages of 18 to 23. This decree was put into action on 31 Mar ((70)).

Up to 31 Mar 70, Military Region III had drafted 1,080 recruits and activated three battalions. They requested 400 carbines and 4 FM Mas ((Mas automatic rifles)).

The Special General Staff assigned three psywar groups to Kong Pong Cham, Svay Rieng, and Praveng to conduct propaganda activities against Sihanouk. Each groups was escorted by one infantry company.

B. Troop movement.

The 33rd Infantry Battalion in Kong Pong Thom was ordered to urgently reinforce Kong Pong Cham.

An infantry unit, a mechanized detachment, and a 105mm artillery unit moved to the So Ten area (20 kilometers west-southwest of Svay Rieng) to limit the development of our activities.

To disperse the pro-Sihanouk forces, the Special General Staff transferred one battalion of the Royal Guard Brigade to Rattanakiri and assigned 28 Royal Guard soldiers to the 3rd Infantry Battalion.

C. K ((Cambodian)) activities.

1. Snun area:

A squad of the 28th Infantry Battalion operating in an area two kilometers west of Snun (plantation area) captured a number of spears and knives from the demonstrators.

2. Mimot:

US aircraft bombarded Sam. Ph. Da causing many fires.

3. Com-chai-mia:

At 2000 hours on 30 Mar ((70)), about 30 guerrillas set fire to the Angtong Post (11 kilometers north of Com-chai-mia). The Cambodian soldiers stationed there managed to escape.

One company of the 51st Infantry Battalion conducted patrols and ambushes in the Chiec Chia and Ph. Chach areas (20 kilometers north of Com-Chia-Mia)

4. Svay Rieng:

At 1930 hours on 31 Mar ((70)), we attacked the Kompot Touk Self-Defense Post. The troop strength in the post was composed of 47 Self-Defense members plus policemen and main force soldiers. As a result, 2 Self-Defense members were killed, 19 Self-Defense members and 1 policeman were missing, 1 main force soldier and 2 Self-Defense members were wounded, and 25 weapons were captured (3 sub-machine guns).

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5. Kandal:

In the Can Dan Sub-Region, the enemy continued to counter demonstrations. According to Congressman Trinh Hoang, the population in the Prekdan and Sway Dam Phnom Villages will organize demonstrations on 7 Apr ((70)).

On 30 Mar ((70)), over 1,500 people staged a demonstration in Chi Ban and Chi Po areas. They tried to move to Phnom Penh. However, they were oppressed by mechanized forces. Actually, they mingled with the population there. Cambodian soldiers searched for these demonstrators. We ((VC)) sent many armed propaganda units to the Xam Rong Thom Area and concentrated 200 friendly troops 6 kilometers northeast of Xam Rong Thom. A friendly unit from Xam Rong Thom also crossed the Mekong River to Ph-Ba Bong.

One friendly battalion moved from Phu Xưởng to Po Ray Pho Bao (20 kilometers north of Khanh Binh).

II. SVN BATTLEFIELD

The enemy ordered his Special Forces camps along the border to organize a special group and a unit which specialized in ground attacks. These units are composed of Vietnamese of Cambodian descent. They will be used as guides and interpreters for the "allied" forces in the future.

According to an enemy source of information, on the night of 31 Mar 70, we conducted shellings and attacks on 225 objectives throughout the South.

The DMZ and IV CTZ suffered the greatest loss, especially in the Cambodian border areas (19 bases and positions of the US, 11 provincial capitals, nine district capitals, and US airbases such as: Da Nang, Cam Ranh, Phan Rang, and Bien Hoa were also attacked. In these attacks, 38 Americans and

77 Puppet soldiers were killed and 184 Americans and 313 Puppet soldiers wounded (overt source of information)

1. Enemy military activities in III CTZ

According to an overt source of information, 40 to 50 objectives were shelled and attacked by our ((VC)) forces (21 killed and 56 wounded).

Bình Phước Tây border area ((Bình Long, Phước Long, Tây Ninh))

In an areas north of Inter-Province Route 13:

(On 2 Apr ((70))) The enemy detected the presence of the K77 Military Vehicle Unit of Đoàn 82 at Ph. Sa Am and the Command Post of the 272nd Regiment 5 kilometers northeast northeast of Rumdun.

The 1st Airborne Brigade: At 0130 on 2 Apr ((70)), the 2/8 Battalion was shelled at Trang A Lan, 19 persons were killed, 43 others were wounded, and 1 tracked vehicle burnt: On 2 Apr ((70)), Battalion D 2/4, reinforced with one company of the D 2/7 Airborne Battalion operated in an area 2 kilometers south of Trang A Lan. On the same day, there were many signs which proved that the 2/8 Battalion would move to Phước Vinh Province. (It is necessary to find some more proof). We should take precaution against Airborne Battalion D 5/7 which may move from Phước Vinh to ((Trang A Lan)) to replace this battalion. One enemy plane was hit by a bullet at Lo Go. Armored Battalion D 1/11 has its 1st Company stationed at Xóm Giũa, 3rd Company at Lỗ Gõ, and 4th Company at Bàu Quang

The 3rd Puppet Paratroop Brigade:

At 0800 hours on 1 Apr ((70)), B-52 bombers dropped bombs on the Tiên Cô Stream area (Đất Đỏ).

The Paratroop Division commander came to the headquarters of the 3rd Brigade.

On the night of 1 April ((70)), there were four companies (two of the 5th Battalion and two of the 9th Battalion) stationed in the Rum Dun area. On 2 Apr ((70)), the enemy changed his plan and transferred two companies of the 5th Battalion to Route 4 (one company to Dân Tục Hamlet and one to a concentration point in Dong Pan).

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The two remaining companies of the 9th Paratroop Battalion operated in the Sang Mau Stream and Bàu Thái areas. Each of the three companies of the 11th Paratroop Battalion were stationed respectively at Đống Cỏ Ông, Bàu Sam Bùn, and an area two kilometers east of Bau Chat. As planned, 25 Americans came to see the 11th Paratroop Battalion.

At 1600 hours on 1 Apr ((70)) the armored concentration point in Mỹ Khê moved back to Suối Đa 2/11 Armored Battalion: Its 2nd Company operating one kilometer south of Bàu Tân Kên was attacked by our forces. Its 1st Company operated at the Sa Tum Stream. Two other companies (C3 and C4) operated in the Suối Ngó area. These two companies engaged with our forces and requested medical evacuation. Company C of Battalion D 2/7 operated at Soc con Trang.

Bình Long Province (2 Apr ((70)))

At 0700 hours, the TLC ((possibly Psywar)) Special Forces camp was shelled. This camp planned to coordinate with US armored vehicle units to launch operations (operational areas were not reported).

At 2000 hours on 1 Apr ((70)), the Minh Đức Post was shelled; a self-defense group was attacked in an area southwest of the Ba Nghi Bridge; and an outpost 1.5 kilometers northeast of Lộc Ninh Sub-Sector was attacked.

Puppet Armored Company 3/1 and a company of Battalion 4/9 operated in an area three kilometers northwest of Phú Lễ to provide support for a Puppet company of Battalion 4/9 which was airlifted into an area 2 kilometers north of Bắc Soài. On the same day, the 5th Division Commander and the 9th Regiment Commander came to ((the headquarters)) of Battalion 4/9.

At 0215 on 2 Apr ((70)), we conducted shellings on Hòa Mỹ and Hòa Phao Strategic Hamlets. On 2 and 3 Apr ((70)), the 2/1 Armored Company and one company of D 3/9 Battalion swept the Đất Úng and Sóc Tã Non areas. The 3rd Airborne Brigade still had three battalions including the two companies of the Airborne Battalion D 2/5 operating 5 kilometers northwest of Trã Thanh.

Phước Phong Province (2 Apr ((70))).

The Headquarters of the 2nd Paratroop Brigade has replaced that of the 1st Paratroop Brigade in Phước Bình Province. The 2nd Paratroop Battalion replaced the 1st Paratroop Battalion at the Huồng Vượng concentration point and deployed one company in an area 10 kilometers north-northwest and one company 6 kilometers northwest of Bù ba Ma. The 3rd Paratroop Battalion operated around the Nguyễn Trãi concentration point (9 kilometers north of Bù Trang). The 6th Paratroop Battalion rested in Phước Bình. The headquarters of the 1st Brigade and the 1st Battalion moved back to Saigon.

The 2nd Airborne Brigade is still composed of three battalions. Four companies of the 1/12 Battalion operated in the areas four and 10 kilometers northwest of Bù Gia Mập, two of these companies operated nine kilometers northwest of Bù Gia Mập. Two companies of the 2/12 Battalion operated in the areas surrounding Phước Bình. National Route 14 is still protected by the Puppet 18th Armored Company and the 3/8 Battalion.

At 1700 hours on 1 Apr, an armored unit was attacked 2 kilometers south of Liên Đức crossroads (one tank was burnt, two soldiers killed, and 30 wounded). The enemy had to send the 18th Armored Company to reinforce these units. However, the company was also attacked. (There were some engagements.)

Tây Ninh Province (2 Apr ((70))).

On 1 Apr ((70)), 250 friendly troops were discovered at the foot of the Ba Đen Mountain (in the southwestern direction) and an e ((regiment)) command post in Long Thuận area.

On 1 Apr ((70)) Inter-Unit 3/56 was attacked at the Suối Vang area.

At 0100 hours on 2 Apr ((70)) two friendly companies attacked the Bàu Nội Post (four kilometers southwest of Tây Ninh Province).

At 0215 on 2 Apr ((70)), we attacked a ((RVN)) regional post 1.5 kilometers west of Phước Lễ.

On 2 Apr ((70)) Khiêm Hạnh Sub-Sector conducted operations in Tam Lanh, Xóm Bô, and Long Công areas. In Bến Sỏi, the enemy recruited 12 more local (RVN) administrative personnel.

On 26 Mar ((70)), the enemy finished building a (20 meter length) of bridge leading to the Chợ Cầu ((Market)).

Long An - Hậu Nghĩa: (1 Apr ((70)))

Trang Sup provided two companies for the (GVN) Special Forces camp in Đức Huệ.

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At 1500 hours we attacked two Puppet companies in the Hóc Thóm area.

(On 1 April) in Biên Hòa and Long Khánh Provinces:

The task force 3/18 (18th Armored Regiment, 31st Ranger Battalion) continued to operate in the area ranging from Củ Nồng to Giồng Lon, Cây Xoài, and Bao Hãm.

We attacked the Bao Hãm and Thái Học Strategic Hamlets killing three Popular Force soldiers.

On 2 April ((70)) the A/48 Battalion operated in Sông Nhan ((possibly Nhan River)), the 4/52 Battalion operated in Suối Cát, and the 2/52 Battalion operated in Núi Hốt.

From 31 Mar to 4 Apr 70, the ((GVN)) airborne troops operated in the areas west and east of Ta Lãi.

On 1 April 70 we attacked the 199th US ((Infantry)) Brigade killing four soldiers and wounding 18 others, at an area 13 kilometers east-southeast of the Ta Lãi crossroads. Major General William Punch (the Commander of the 199th ((Infantry)) Brigade) was shot and killed on a helicopter while he was observing the battlefield.

T10, T6 ((possibly Military Regions 10 and 6))

In Quảng Đức on the night of 31 Mar 70, we attacked and shelled the administrative office, the police station, two airfields, the Communications Office, and the Gia Nghĩa market area.

As a result the radio post could not communicate with TK ((possibly sector)). (All of them were out). AV at the airfields were unserviceable.

One storehouse was burned. The administrative hall and the market were 70 percent damaged. The Police Service compound was seriously damaged (six people were killed and some others were wounded; the enemy ((Police Service)) had to call for the reinforcement of two police companies.

At 0035 hours on 1 Apr ((70)), we attacked the base of the 44th Puppet Regiment in Sông Mao, wounded 11 Puppet soldiers, and burned one gasoline depot. On 2 Apr ((70)), we continued to launch attacks on Sông Mao ((overt news)).

On the night of 31 Mar 70, we shelled the Military Academy killing three officer trainees and wounding nine. One chaplain was killed and three others were wounded in another attack on the Political Warfare University ((overt news)).

Enemy military activities in IV CTZ.

According to an enemy source. On 1 Apr ((70)) we attacked five provinces causing heavy casualties in Mỹ Tho Province.

On 1 Apr ((70)) ((the enemy)) detected 400 of our soldiers in Khánh Bình (frontier region) and 2,000 in Kinh Dốc Bình Kiều.

On 1 Apr ((70)) in Châu Đốc Province.

On 1 April 1970, we shelled and attacked the Chi Lăng camp killing 54 enemy soldiers and wounding 243. On 31 Mar ((70)), we occupied the Ba Chúc District Seat ((overt news)). The Vinh Trung Region was occupied by two ranger battalions (the 43th and 32nd Battalions), the Headquarters of 12th Armored Regiment, and the 1/12 Armored Company.

The 2nd ((RVN)) Special Forces Battalion and the 2/12 Armored Company swept the area 1.8 kilometers south of Vĩnh Trung (Núi Voi Region). The 3rd Battalion swept the Núi Két area.

Ho Hong and Chom Pa Mountains were bombed by B-52's.

The 5th Special Forces Battalion operated in Vĩnh Gia and Rừng Tràm ((possibly Châm forest))

The 3/12 Armored Company and one company of the 32nd Ranger Battalion reinforced the Tri Tôn Sub-Sector.

On 2 Apr ((70)), one ((GVN)) Special Forces company in Ba Soai coordinated with the naval unit to operate on the Vĩnh Gia Canal. One ((GVN)) Paratroop company operated in an area 5 kilometers from Ba Chúc. Another company served as a reserve force for the 5th Special Forces Battalion which was operating in Rung Tràm.

Three Special Forces companies stationed in Vĩnh Gia operated in Giang Thành.

Two Special Forces companies stationed in Hà Tiên operated in an area 20 kilometers south of Giang Thành.

Chuông Thiên Province:

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On 2 Apr ((70)).

The 3/9 Armored Company continued to coordinate with two Regional Forces companies to conduct sweep operation in Hồn Sốc.

On 1 Apr ((70))

The 3/22 Battalion is still stationed in an area two kilometers southwest of An Biên.

On 2 Apr ((70)).

The A Marine Brigade, the Brigade Headquarters, the 2nd Artillery Battalion, 3rd Battalion, and the 7th Marine Battalion moved from the Mũng Đảo area to Vĩnh Bình (Vĩnh Tuy). The 6th Battalion continued to operate in Rach Ra ghe.

On 1 Apr ((70)).

The 1/32 Battalion operating in the area six kilometers east of Hồn Bá Bạc relocated 60 persons and moved them to Cã Mầu.

Can Tho and Tra Vinh Provinces.

At 2100 hours on 1 Apr ((70)), we conducted shellings on Phung Hiép.

On 31 Mar ((70)), the Field Headquarters of the 14th Regiment, 1/14 Battalion, and one Reconnaissance Company moved from the position of the Headquarters ((sic)) to Tra Vinh Province Capital. The 3/14 Battalion continued to operate in Can Long.

My Tho and Ben Tre Provinces on 2 Apr ((70)).

At zero hour on 2 Apr ((70)), we shelled the My Tho Province Capital twice. (Nine Regional Force soldiers were wounded.)

At Cai Be, we killed 24 persons and wounded a number of other persons.

The B Marine Brigade (The battalions) continued to operate in Giong Trom (Ben Tre Province).

On 1 Apr ((70)), the Thanh Phu Sub-Sector ((Force)) (Ben Tre Province) conducted an operation discovering a friendly ammunition dump and a number of our documents in Thoi Thuan.

III. COMMENTS:

1. K Battlefield ((possibly Cambodia))

The reactionary Cambodian Government continuously and quickly recruited soldiers at a fast pace.

(Military Region III has recruited 1,800 persons.) They continued to take precautions against those who oppose them in Phnom Penh (Dispersed the Royal Guard forces)

The Cambodians in some areas still demonstrated and the enemy continued to barbarously repress them. He continued to assign more troops to Kon Ponp Cham

The Puppet troops planned to increase the activities of their Special Forces and intensify their raids deep into the Cambodian frontier. The most prominent fact is that they are using Vietnamese of Cambodian descent ((to conduct the above activities)).

2. South Vietnam.

In the border area of the III CTZ, the 2/8 Airborne Battalion has suffered great losses so it may be transferred to Phuoc Vinh. The 5/7 Battalion stationed in Phuoc Vinh may replace it. We should pay attention to the fact that the TLC Special Forces will coordinate with US armored forces (from Quan Loi) ((to the above area to attack us)). It is necessary to keep a close watch on the 3/11 Armored Battalion to learn whether it will come to the above area or not.

The 5th Paratroop Battalion moved from Tum dum ((Rum dun)) to Route 4 and operated there. However we must be very careful because the 9th Battalion may leave two of its companies to operate in Rum dun.

We should pay attention to the fact that the 6th Paratroop Battalion is still stationed in Phuoc Binh to serve as a reserve force because it has detected our activities prematurely. In general, in the III CTZ the enemy continued to use its force to conduct small counterattacks, because our activities in Phước Long direction were not very intensive.

In the IV CTZ, the enemy started with moving mobile forces (the 3rd and 7th Paratroop Battalions) to operate at Vĩnh Thuận (it is possible that the enemy has obtained some information about our forces in Chuồng Thiện). The Headquarters of the 14th Regiment and 1/14 Battalion were assigned to Trà Vinh Province Capital. We can step up our activities to limit the mobility of the P9 ((9th Division))

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Secret ((VC)) Enemy activities on 18 Mar 70

A. Situation of "K" ((Cambodia))

On 16 and 17 Mar, the enemy continued to drive our troop out of the ((Cambodian)) border area. It was reported as follows:

Kamchai Mea Sub-Region:

We began to withdraw our troops from Cambodia on 12 Mar ((70)). On 16 Mar ((70)) there were only a few troops left in Ta Xua ((Hamlet)).

On 17 Mar ((70)) our troop withdrawal was completed.

Pnkar Rumchek Sub-Region:

In Mi-Mot Sector, our official strength was 9,000 troops. However, there were from 30,000 to 35,000 friendly troops passing through this sub-region. Now only 100 to 300 troops are left in the Cambodian territory.

We spread propaganda among the ((Cambodian)) people stating that if our troops were not present in Cambodia at that time, the US and Puppet troops would occupy this country, because Cambodia is not capable of resisting the US and Puppet troops who are armed with modern weapons.

Kandal Province:

Our troops withdraw from Kandal ((Province)) on 16 Mar ((70)). On 17 Mar ((70)) the commander of operations affirmed that our dispensary had moved from Bang Yang on 15 Mar ((70)).

Rattanakiri:

(In QK5 ((possibly Military Region 5))) D27 ((possibly the 27th Infantry Battalion)) came to Virak Chey to replace D25 ((possibly the 25th Infantry Battalion)) which moved to Ta Veng.

On 16 Mar ((70)), 30 Popular Force troops skirmished with our troops at Tra Pang Thia (three kilometers west of Đông Xôi Province.) Later, they were reinforced by 100 infantry and Popular Force troops with mortars. A number of our troops were wounded, and they were evacuated back to Vietnam.

Our agents discovered that there were 200 enemy troops quartered at a location three kilometers northwest of Dia Gai ((sic)) and a number of his newly constructed installations were three kilometers southwest of Ben Trai.

On 17 Mar ((70)) the forces at the Damber sector motored our positions 3.5 kilometers west of Phú-Đa' (Đất Đỏ). On the same day, a Cambodian border-defense unit engaged our troops at a location two kilometers west-southwest of Phu Da.

On 17 Mar ((70)), in Svay Rieng Province, high school students staged many demonstrations and destroyed houses of the Vietnamese. As a result there were 42 houses destroyed and many others damaged. Among them there was one Chinese house and one Chinese high school. In QK4 and QK5 ((possibly Military Regions 4 and 5)), monks and civil servants (in QK4) and Cambodians and university students (in Stung Treng organized demonstrations against us ((VC)).

Comments:

According to the report from the Mimot sector, we must take precautions against sweep operations conducted by the Royal Cambodian Army in our bivouacking sites. These operations had characteristics different from those in other areas. It was because ((GVN)) Special Force troops, intelligence agents, and CIA personnel are mingled among the Royal Cambodian Army.

We were advised to increase guidance for troops' messing, billeting, and movement in our bivouac areas.

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B. The enemy's military activities.

1. III CTZ:

Phuoc Long Province:

On 17 Mar ((70)), the situation had not changed. The enemy still, concentrated his forces to operate northeast of Phước Long Province and continued to attack our storage facilities.

(Five airborne companies launched attacks west of Bu Gia Map, one company of the 8th Airborne Battalion launched an attack 6.5 kilometers south of Bu Gia Map, another attacked a location seven kilometers north of Bu Gia Map, another attacked a location seven kilometers north of Bu Trang, and one US element operated at a location four to 10 kilometers northeast of Bu Trang.

In Phuoc Binh, d2/12 widely dispersed its troops for an operation. (One company operated on Road 2 one kilometer north of Phu Rieng and another at a location three kilometers southwest of the Liêu Đức crossroads).

In Bu Đốp, the enemy used two companies of d3/9 to attack an area north-northeast of Xa Binh.

Binh Long Province:

On 17 Mar ((70)), one company of d2/5 moved from Lộc Ninh to Quan Lợi and another dispersed widely and operated at a location two kilometers from the Lộc Tấn crossroads.

The Special Forces camp in Lộc Ninh, District informed its operating units that if the three Special Force troops who returned from Cambodia had no time to change into their uniforms, they would be dressed in the Liberation Army's uniforms and be armed with two AK-assault rifles and one pistol. (This fact proved that the enemy had deployed many Special Forces troops who were disguised as Liberation troops in border areas to reconnoitre our activities, bases, and storage facilities.

Tây Ninh Province:

On 17 Mar ((70)), in the area of Inter-Provincial Road 13 the enemy still stationed two battalions of the 11th Armored Regiment, two Air Cavalry battalions, and the 3rd Airborne Brigade. Today, d2/8 changed its area of operations. For example, d2/8 had two troop concentration points: (JARM troops concentration point ((sic)) was five kilometers northeast of Bô Cầu Sai ((sic)) and (PONDER troop concentration point) ((sic)) was on Provincial Road 22 one kilometer south of Bân Dầu. Two companies were airlifted to a location, one and half kilometers south of Bân Dầu for operations.

The 9th Airborne Battalion assigned two companies to

operate at a location one or two kilometers south of Cha Ruốt and another one kilometer west of Bả Diết.

The 11th Airborne Battalion assigned three companies to operate in an area two kilometers east and south of Ông Cổ ((sic)) and another at an area one kilometer south of Bến Ông Ngót. These companies were attacked by our forces.

Bả Đen mountainous area:

On 16 Mar ((70)), three companies of d4/23 operated in the western, southwestern, and southeastern areas, one to three kilometers from Khe-Dol. (According to a public source during the day we fiercely attacked the companies, killing two Americans and wounding 11 others).

On 17 Mar ((70)) Regional Force Inter-Unit 3/56 conducted operations in Súc Khuất, Bến Cấn, Rách Xóm Nhanh, and Gõ Chuối Nước.

Hầu Nghĩa Province:

On 16 Mar ((70)) one element of d2/22 operated in areas of Bả Trong and Trang Bàu.

One company of d2/24 (RVNAF) and an APC company 3/10 operated in the area of So-Xi-Ma and Cây Sơn.

One company of the d3/46 operated at a location one kilometer south of Rách Nhum.

On 17 Mar ((70)) the 234th Regional Force Company operated at a location two kilometers south of National Road 1). The 267th Regional Force Company operated at a location two kilometers west of Lộc Hòa.

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Bình Dương Province:

Dầu Tiếng Area: On 16 Mar ((70)), two companies of D2/22 and one company of D1/12 operated at a location three kilometers northeast of Võ Tung. One company of D2/12 operated at a position one kilometer southeast of Bàu Dầu and another company of D2/12 operated at a location one kilometer west of Co Tong.

Area of Highway 13: One company of D2/7 (RVNAF) operated at Bào Gốc and another at Suối Ngàn.

On Highway 13, one company of Armor D3/11 was in charge of protecting a convoy moving on the provincial road from Bàu Long to Bàu Bàng.

Biển Hoa and Long Khanh:

On 16 Mar 70, D1/52 operated in the Trang Bóm² area.

D3/52 operated at a location from Gia Huynh Stream to Đông Nai River.

On 17 Mar 70, D4/43 (minus unit ((sic))) was discovered at a location three kilometers northeast of Vinh An. The unit assigned one company to operate in an area one kilometer north of Bến Nôm and another in an area six kilometers north of Túc Trưng. The 43rd Reconnaissance Company operated at a position, three kilometers north of Tam Bang Stream.

Battle Group 18 (consisting of the 31st Ranger Battalion and the 18th Armored Company) continued to operate north of Đồng Thành and Bao Hâm.

2. 4th Corps Tactical Zone:

T2: ((sic)):

On 17 Mar 70, D1/11 operated in the Tàu Vinh Đông area (10 kilometers northwest of Gò Công).

On 16 Mar 70, the 3rd Special Forces Battalion operated in the An Nông and Yên Cư areas, the 2nd Battalion operated in Đồng Tràm, and one company of the 1st Battalion operated at Vĩnh Phú. (It was possibly the 1st Battalion operating in this area ((sic))).

T3: ((sic))

On 14 Mar ((70)), D2/31 shifted its operation to Bãi Voi Mountain.

On 16 Mar ((70)) D1/32 operated in an area two kilometers south of Kim Qui. On the morning on 17 Mar ((70)), it moved to a location four kilometers south of Kim Qui where it was intercepted and attacked by our forces. The 33rd Regiment operated from an area two kilometers southwest of Xeo Ngan to an area three kilometers south of Mủng Bào. ((it consisted of the 1st and 2nd Battalions, and the 33rd Reconnaissance Company).

On 17 Mar ((70)), Marine Brigade A ((sic)) operated from a location four kilometers south of Xóm Ngan to a location three kilometers south of Múi Dũa. (It consisted of the 3rd, 2nd, and the 7th Battalions.)

Battle Group 14 ((consisting of three battalions of the 14th Regiment and one battalion of the 16th Regiment) operated in an area seven kilometers northeast of Vinh Tuy and another area seven kilometers south-southeast of Vinh Tuy.

Comments:

Until now the situation of K ((possibly Cambodian)) has not changed in our favor. In the area of the Mi Mot Sector, we must prevent the sweep operations conducted by the Cambodian Army which is combined with GVN Special Forces troops, intelligence agents, and CIA agents in an attempt to uncover our agencies and documents. In other areas, the situation has not become stabilized.

2. As for the US and Puppet activities, we should pay attention to the fact that D2/8 Air Cavalry Unit changed its area of operations to an area west of Highway 22. It possibly plans to intercept our transportation

and attack and destroy our storage facilities north of Highway 20 while D9 attacks south of Highway 20.

3. In the 4th Corps Tactical Zone, division-size operations continued to take place. Some signs show that the enemy continues to use three Special Force battalions to intercept our activities in the border area from Giang Thanh to An Dong.

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REPORT OF ENEMY ACTIVITIES
ON 26 APR 70

I. K BATTLEFIELD ((possibly Cambodia))

General information:

On 24 and 25 Apr 70, five tons of ammunition and weapons of the ((possibly RVN)) Joint General Staff were transported to Labonsick ((Battanakiri Province)) by planes.

The convoy of the 39th ((possibly ARVN)) Infantry Battalion is moving from Mean Chey to Phnom Penh. On 27 Apr 70, one military delegation of the Puppet Government will meet the Cambodian authorities ((possibly of the Lon Nol Government)) at Svay Rieng border.

1. Military Region 1:

On 24 Apr ((70)), we ((possibly the VC)) occupied the command

post in Khoop. Officers, personnel, and dependents of this post retreated to Chlong.

On 25 Apr ((70)), the authorities of Mimot Sector requested the SVN Puppet Government to support Mimot and two posts in the Sector's area by sending helicopters to airstrike the areas surrounding Mimot ((Province)) where our storage facilities and troop locations (in Ph. Tho Ma, northeast of Mimot, Nhun To Ra Mung, Phum Sam Bo, and the plantation villages located southwest, south, and southeast of Mimot) were uncovered. At present, the forces in Mimot are composed of about 1,000 new and old troops (including the 4th infantry Battalion). They are demoralized. One platoon of about 30 personnel wanted to join the Liberation Army. The Puppet authorities agreed to send helicopters to support them on 26 Apr ((70)).

Mimot ((Province))

On 24 Apr ((70)), the enemy ((possibly FWMAF/RVNAF)) helicopters destroyed one rice depot in a rubber plantation. Approximately 80 percent of the people in this plantation were evacuated. The French owner of the plantation went to Nam Bang ((Phnom Penh)). Taking advantage of this opportunity, we made use of his vehicles and rice. As the result of enemy bombing on 23 Apr ((70)), one rice depot was destroyed, thousands of rice bags were burned, and 80 people were killed or wounded. One power plant, one rice mill, of the plantation, and many houses of the people were burned. At present, the Vietnamese residents have a rice shortage.

24 Apr ((70)).

On 23 Apr ((70)), the 84th Infantry Battalion moved to Tonle Bet and returned to Suong on 24 Apr ((70)). During this day, there was one enemy operation toward Đông Sủng near the slope of Road No. 7. A number of Vietnamese residents were arrested in this operation.

Prey Veng Sub-Region:

During the night of 23 Apr ((70)), the attack was still going on along the Stung River (beyond Kopong Trabec).

On 24 Apr ((70)), approximately 600 to 1,000 friendly troops moved to Kan Chrech.

On 23 Apr ((70)), two companies of Prey Veng ((Province)) which operated in an area five kilometers northeast of Ba Nam ((East of Ho Luông)) were attacked by our troops. On 24 Apr ((70)), the above two companies returned to the above area trying to occupy Ba Phnom (five kilometers east of Hồ Luông) but they were defeated. We killed one of the enemy, wounded two, and 20 of them ran away with their weapons.

Svay Rieng Sub-Region:

During the night of 23 Apr ((70)), the enemy returned fire when we shelled the Kompong Chak Resistance Center. The same night, we fired two 82mm mortar rounds into the Svay Rieng City. As the result of our attack on the 63rd Infantry Battalion at Krol Kor, 10 enemy troops were WIA, 10 KIA, 50 missing with 50 weapons, and 389 moved to Svay Rieng.

2. Military Region 2.

Takeo Sub-Region:

On 24 Apr ((70)), fierce attacks took place in Ang Tassom. Enemy scoundrel units conducted hand to hand combat against our troops in this area. They captured one of our comrades and exploited him. Upon interrogation, they learned that we were moving from Kous and Tani to Ang Tassom by trucks. Therefore, they conducted airstrikes against our trucks traveling on that road. On 25 Apr ((70)), we occupied Ang Tassom.

On 25 Apr ((70)), troops of the 15th Infantry Battalion in Takeo were ordered by the commanding officer of Military Region 2 to sleep outside of their barracks to prevent our attacks.

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During the night of 24 Apr ((70)), we shelled Takeo.

Takeo:

On 25 Apr ((70)), ((the enemy)) constructed watch towers and the Slakon Bridge.

On the same day, two enemy battalions operated five kilometers south of Takeo.

Kampot Sub Region:

During the night of 23 Apr ((70)), (the enemy discovered that) we moved 200 troops by boat and attacked Kep, destroying the Public-Works, Security, and Treasury Offices and a number of vehicles.

Konpong Chnang Sub-Region:

On 24 Apr ((70)), this Sub-Region launched sweep operations against Tuk Phus and Konpong Tra Lech area.

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II. SVN BATTLEFIELD:

1. III CTZ:

Enemy ((FWMAF/RVNAF)) military activities along the Tây Ninh, Binh Long, and Phước Long borders:

On 25 Apr ((70)), enemy units which were positioned along the border continued to operate.

Fl/KK ((possibly the 1st US Air Cavalry Division)) has:

Two companies of the 5th Battalion, 7th ((US Air Cavalry)) Regiment operating in Bau Lung and Dong Sa Mat areas.

The company of the 2nd Battalion, 7th ((US Air Cavalry)) Regiment operating around Chà Ruột was recently attacked by our troops.

The 9th Puppet ((RVNAF)) Airborne Battalion continued to operate in the southern and northern areas of Lo Ui.

One company of the 5th Puppet Airborne Battalion is operating northeast of Trang Chien (southeast of No Em).

One company of the 11th Puppet Airborne Battalion is operating east and west of the Bo Et Spring (one to four kilometers northwest of Soc Ky), another company is operating in Bau Dai and another operates around the Dong Pan area.

Six companies of the 1st and 2nd Battalions, 11th US Armored Regiment operated along Lo Ui from Bo Tuc to Tong Le Chan and continued to head to the north of Lo Ui.

One of the above companies was attacked by our troops in an area one and a half kilometers northeast of Soc Tam and one truck of another company was hit by our mines in the area south of Tan Ken Spring.

One company of the 2nd Battalion, 5th US Air Cavalry Regiment operated in Con Son, and one in an area one and a half kilometers south-southwest of Ta Dung.

The 1st Battalion, 7th US Air Cavalry Regiment.

Two companies of the 1st Battalion, the 9th Puppet Regiment, 1st 1/1 Armored Company and one ((RVN)) Special Forces element operated in an area west of Ca Xop.

On 25 Apr ((70)), two companies of the 4th Battalion, 9th Regiment and one reconnaissance detachment operated in an area two and a half kilometers south of Ca Xop then moved to Binh Khé in an area two kilometers north of Soc Ta Mon.

On the night of 24 Apr ((70)), B-52's attacked the area two kilometers west and southwest of Tiem Pring.

On 25 Apr ((70)), one company of the 1st Battalion, 5th US Air Cavalry Regiment operated in an area between Dinh Tien Hoang Camp and Bo Nue and one company operated in an area one kilometer west of the concentration point.

The 2nd Battalion, 9th Puppet Regiment operated around Xa Binh.

The 2nd Puppet Airborne Brigade was composed of:

The 2nd Battalion, which operated along the Dac Kat River (in an area four kilometers south-southeast of Bu Bria).

The 6th Battalion, composed of four companies. (One operated in Ruong Lao, one in Thanh Son, one in Soc Noc and one in Bu Nghien.)

The 2nd Battalion, 12th Regiment.

On National Road 14, there were two companies of the 3rd Battalion, 8th Puppet Regiment and one company of the 3rd Battalion, 11th US Armored Regiment operating from Bu Co to an area north of Bu Noi. Other companies of D3/8 and D3/11 developed their area of operations along National Road 14.

Tây Ninh ((Province)).

On 24 Apr ((70)), the 4th Battalion, 23rd Regiment had one company operating from Tây Ninh to Khedol, one operating around Suối Đá ((Spring)) to two kilometers south of Trại Đen, and one operating from Tây Ninh to Cầu Khố ((Bridge)) to one kilometer north of the Truong Mit area.

On 25 Apr ((70)), two companies of D4/25 operated in an area five kilometers north-northwest of Khedol. Another company moved from Xuân Phần to an area northeast of Suối Đá ((Spring)).

On 25 Apr ((70)), two armored companies and two Regional Force companies operated in an area four to five kilometers east of Bàu Đen. One company of the 2nd Battalion, 22nd Regiment also participated in the operation.

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Having discovered the location of one ((VC)) friendly element one kilometer southeast of Trại Đen, the enemy conducted airstrikes against the area and led one company of the 2nd Battalion, 22nd Regiment in a search of the area.

Hầu Nghĩa ((Province)):

On 24 Apr ((70)), one element of the 10th Armored Regiment operated in Nước Nhì.

The 2nd Battalion, 49th Regiment operated from the Ông Đàm area to one and a half kilometers southwest of Ba Nhót.

One battalion with armored vehicles of the 46th Regiment operated in the Đông Hòa area. One company operated in An Thuận, one operated two kilometers south of Bình Hòa, and one battalion operated four and a half kilometers north of Đức Hòa. One friendly Battalion was discovered by the enemy three kilometers southeast of Bình Thạnh.

Long An ((Province)):

On 24 Apr ((70)), the 2nd Battalion, 50th Regiment operated in the Trung Hòa, Mỹ Tho, and Thanh Bạt areas.

Bình Dương ((Province)):

On 24 Apr ((70)), the 2nd Battalion, 7th Regiment moved from Bo La to an area east of Bàu Bàng and assigned one company to operate east of Trã Thung to the east of Bàu Long. On 25 Apr ((70)), one company of the above battalion operated three kilometers west to Phú Hùng to the Cây Quít area.

On 25 Apr ((70)), the 1st Battalion, 8th Regiment operated south of Bau Bet to the Suối Ông Chát, Suối Cầm, Suối Đá Yếu ((Springs)), Ba Tu, and Ba Xóm areas.

Two companies and one reconnaissance detachment of the 4th Battalion, 8th Regiment operated in the Lô Than, Suối Đá Yếu, Suối Nhà Mát, and Ba Phai areas.

2. IV CTZ:

On 24 Apr ((70)), the 12th Armored Regiment returned to an area five kilometers west of Tuyên Bình.

One unit of the Kiến Tường Sub-Sector operated in an area five kilometers northwest of Tuyên Bình.

The following battalions were of the B ((ARVN)) Marine Brigade:

On 25 Apr ((70)), the 1st Battalion operated around Mỹ Thuồng. The 4th Battalion operated in the Mỹ Thành and Mỹ Định areas while the 5th Battalion operated in the Mỹ Tường Thu Ngủ areas.

T3:

On 24 Apr ((70)), Z9 Unit was spotted two kilometers east of Hòa Dat.

On 25 Apr ((70)), the enemy's Cửu Long 21/6 operation continued.

Two battalions of the 33rd Regiment operated in an area two kilometers northeast of Ấp Lục and Nam Khánh.

The 31st Regiment was reinforced by the 26th River transportation Group.

The 1st and 4th Battalions of the 32nd Regiment continued to operate in an area 15 to 18 kilometers northeast of Đầm Dối (within the areas of Sông Cánh Hào ((River)), Chu Biền and Thuận Thánh Lợi). The 1st Battalion, 32nd Regiment then moved to an area 20 kilometers east of Cà Mau.

The A ((ARVN)) Marine Brigade had three battalions (2nd, 6th, and 7th).

The 2nd Battalion operated from Vĩnh Bình to an area further south, the 6th Battalion operated around the concentration point, and the 7th Battalion operated northwest of Vĩnh Bình. Two companies of this battalion conducted heliborne operations seven kilometers southeast of Vĩnh Bình (south of Sông Nước Chải ((River))).

III. COMMENTS:

1. The war is still going on intensively on the K battlefield (especially in Takeo, Prey Veng, and Kampot Provinces).

The ((enemy's)) area in Military Region 5 is under our strong pressure. The enemy is taking precautions to prevent us from attacking this area. Particularly in the Mimot area, the enemy is very confused and demoralized. He closely coordinates with Puppet troops to raise the blockade in Mimot ((province)) and to reinforce it by air transportation.

2. In comparison with the past, the present SVN battlefield has changed in some enemy locations. (The 1st Battalion, 7th Regiment will go to Bau Bang after the 3rd Battalion, 11th Armored Regiment has moved to National Road 14). Otherwise, there is no special change in the battlefield, except in IV CTZ. The A ((ARVN)) Marine Brigade has moved slightly to an area surrounding Vinh Binh.

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