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FEB RANCH (RU938968)

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Hqs, 1st Bn(AM), 7th Cav

160001-162400 hrs May 1970

1. 0001 Log open for day 16 May 1970. S-3
2. 0100 Mission numbers for hook sorties from Bu Dop and Quan Loi. From Quan Loi-3020-2 sorties; From Bu Dop-3021-7 sorties. S-3
3. 0215 Night Hawk on station working box 2. S-3
4. 0245 Radar at FEB Ranch, XUD38968, had heavy movement on an azimuth of 1750 mils and 100 meters out. FEB Ranch received B-40 and AK-47, AK-50 fire from the east and southeast side of the firebase from approximately 25-30 sappers. The enemy was engaged with orgnies, direct 105mm fire, 81mm mortar fire, 155mm fire, and ARA. Shadow and a flareship were also on station. Contact broke at 0320 hrs. Results of the contacts: 08 NVA KIA (shorts and green shirts), 02 AK-47's, 01 B-40 launcher captured, and approximately 80 Chicom grenades. There were 05 US KIA and 26 WIA. Found in addition were 03 AK-50's, and 08 B-40 R's captured. S-2
5. 0600 Casualty reports: US Line 1's: 05 US KIA's (04 1/7, 01 B 1/21 Arty), names: Cummings, Spinet (A Co barber), Cantino, Hamilton, Danson. US Line 2's-total 26, names of those evacuated-1/7: Salgado, Brookshire, Berrien, Pack, Chapman, Heaton, Walton, Eichenberger, Hutchins, Cochialani, Slicht, Salisbury. B 1/21 Arty: Garminotti, Warren, Goodman, Aldenka, Covey. S-3
6. 0700 B Co had an AA detonate at Grid 937378. Area engaged with 81mm. A sweep of the area showed negative findings, and negative traces of enemy in the area. S-2  
 LOCATIONS 8000: A Co 925345 B Co 939378 C Co 927366 D Co Ranch E Co 24 Ranch 19 950379. Bde
7. 0930 Cambodian Operation Reports: 1. Task Org-No change in unit or current location. 2. Enemy Combat Activity: Sapper platoon hit FEB Ranch resulting in 05 US KIA, 26 US WIA. There were 08 NVA KIA. See note 4. 3. There were negative moves cross the border in support of the troops. 4. Negative vehicle recover missions, and 5. There were no changes in the grids being worked. S-3  
 LOCATIONS 1000: A Co 925345 29 Opon Bu Dop Arty B Co 939378 C Co 927366 D Co Ranch E Co 24 Ranch 19 951381. Bde
8. 1022 H Co at 950384 found a E-W trail 10' wide used by a 2 1/2 ton truck and the trail came to fork in the road and runs S and SE. This split in the trail is located in the vicinity of 951382. S-2
9. 1103 B Co 1/7 made a sweep of the area around FEB Ranch and found 04 NVA KIA (sappers). Also found 01 sapper who was killed by one of B Co's AA's. Trails indicate that the enemy force moved from S to N along the East side of the FEB attacking from E to W, then pulling South. S-2
10. A Co checked out the AA that detonated this morning and found 01 NVA KIA (sapper). The individual was moving south to north and had been previously wounded when he hit the AA at Grid 925346. Also captured were 01 pistol belt, German made Compass, and AK-50. Negative documents. S-2
11. 1125 Instep 20 on station working East of the LZ. S-3

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- LOCATIONS 1200: A Co 925345 29 Bu Dep Arty B Co 939378 C Co 927366 D Co Ranch B Co 24 Ranch 19 951381. Bdo
- LOCATIONS 1400: A Co 925345 B Co 939378 C Co 927366 D Co Ranch B Co 24 Ranch 19 951381. Bdo
12. 1400 A/S for 16 May: XN13397-FOT 1515. Also XN42414-FOT 1530. Bdo
- LOCATIONS 1600: A Co 925345 B Co 937380 C Co 927366 D Co Ranch B Co 24 Ranch 19 955381. Bdo
13. 1630 H Co at 1355 hrs, engaged unknown size force with organics and initiated AAA and Rash. A sweep of the area revealed 02 NVA KIA, documents, 04 frags. There were 03 US WIA. This occurred at grid 955384. S-2
14. Cambodian Operation Reports: 1. Task Org-no change in unit or current locations 2. Sit Rep is all that is included in notes 9,10,13. 3. Cross border moves: UINH-15, GH-47-09, GH-54-02. 4. Vehicle Recovery missions-None. 5. Negative additional Grids being worked. Bdo
15. 1703 G Co checked out hootches in vicinity (not available) and found 800 lbs of rice and 200 lbs of corn. There was no recent use of the hootches in the last 7 days. Corn and the rice were destroyed in place. S-2
16. 1730 B Co, at 955381, had OP engage 01 individual and wounded him. The enemy returned fire with AK-47. A sweep fo the area revealed negative findings.
17. 1745 Send the northern AD boundary to H Co and B Co ASAP-Do not forget. S-3
18. 1755 G Co checking AA spotted 01 individual and engaged him. The enemy evaded to the west. Dustop 20 reported 10 bunkers 10x15' at 918371 and a N-S trail, 915370, 10 bunkers 10x15', and 3 bunkers 15x20'. S-2
- LOCATIONS CLOSINGS: A Co 920345 29 Opcon Bu Dep B Co 935381 C Co 927366 D Co Ranch B Co 24 Ranch 19 954383. Bdo
- LANCH REPORT: A Co 84 B Co 110 C Co 105 D Co 99 H Co 24/28 19/31. Bdo
19. 1900 Request for additional Class 4 for the firebase. Need ASAP. S-3
20. 2100 D Co had sighting of 01 individual just outside the perimeter and engaged with mortars and 105mm direct fire. Negative results at this time. S-2
21. 2130 It is believed that the contact that H Co had today at 1355 was with the same unit that hit FSB Ranch this morning. S-2
22. Medivac Request: D Co 1/7, 01 penny with frag wound in neck, Line 109, SRK, LZ Ranch, requested 2140, and completed 2210. Bdo
23. 2200 Names of wounded in B Co Contact today: Jose J Martinez, GS wound left rib cage, B-6, 3361, Charles Creed III, Line 49, frag wound back hand left, B-5, 3223, Robert L. Laughman, Line 6, 3 GS wounds to arm, 6643. S-3
- PLANS FOR DAY 17 MAY 1970: A Co ground recon via 918339, NAP's/AA's. B Co conducts grd recon north vicinity 938390, NAP's/AA's. C Co conduct ground recon SW to via 918350, NAP's/AA's. D Co base defense and construction FSB Ranch. E Co conduct grd recon H vicinity 950397, NAP's/AA's. H Co Mortars base defense FSB Ranch.

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Operations Summary Report for Day 16 May 1970

This morning PSB Ranch was hit by 25-35 sappers with A1-47 and B-40's, and Chi.com Grenades resulting in 05 US KIA and 26 US WIA. The enemy was engaged with organics, direct 105mm fire, mortar fire, 155mm from Bu Dop, and ARA. Contact broke at 0320 with 08 NVA KIA. See note 4.

24. 2400 Log closed for day 16 May 70.

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