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Detachment A-341 After Action Report Opn 4/3: 22-23 March 1967

1. Size and composition of patrol: 1 company (+) CIDG 150 men, 2 USASF, 2 LDB and 2 ARVN.
2. Mission of patrol: To assess B-52 bomb strikes at YU 0426, YU 0828 and YU 1032.
3. Time of departure: 220530, time of return: 231830.
4. Conduct of patrol:
 - a. Patrol route: Patrol left Bu Dop camp at 220530 by foot, moved southwest to trail vicinity YU007260, moved east to bomb strike area coordinates YU 0426, then northeast to bomb strike at YU 0828. FAC spotted twenty enemy crossing trail moving northeast at 221515, airstrike was put in and operation moved to area to assess. The patrol moved northwest through second bomb strike area and continued to night bivouac site at coordinates YU 079295. At 230630 hours patrol moved northeast towards third bomb strike, coordinates YU 100325. Unit continued assessment moving north from YU 100304. At 231200 hours patrol encountered enemy force at coordinates YU 103315. At 231630 hours patrol withdrew south to landing zone at coordinates YU 100304. Unit was extracted from landing zone by helicopter at 231815 hours and closed in at Camp Bu Dop at 231830 hours.
 - b. Terrain: Heavy bamboo thickets, intermittent streams, gently sloping to moderately steep hills.
 - c. Obstacles: None.
 - d. Mines and booby traps: None encountered. Note: entire area vicinity YU 1030 and YU 1031 is covered with CBU and various types of ordnance; however, no attempt has been made to utilize them as mines or booby traps. Over 200 CBU duds were observed from YU 079295 to YU 100304. This area has many well used trails, enemy positions.
 - e. Action on encounter with the enemy: Contact with enemy forces in the general area from YU 1030 to YU 1031 was anticipated and planned airstrikes prepared the area. At 231200 hours the unit was moving through a moderately vegetated clearing. The point observed 10 enemy soldiers at YU 105319 moving west to east about 600 meters north across the front of the company. The unit was immediately halted and organized for engagement. Forty enemy were counted moving across our front. The enemy forces stopped and took up position 600 meters to our front. Two platoons were sent around the left flank to flank the enemy position and to set up a base of fire for a frontal assault. The remainder of the unit initially covered the maneuver element who made contact 200 meters short of their objective. The main body then moved forward in the assault. Approximately 200 meters short of their objective they encountered a line of reinforced bunkers. The assault was slowed and the unit began to maneuver in squad size elements against the bunkers. At this time the enemy

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initiated a heavy mortar barrage, starting about 10 meters from the bunker line and approximately 50 meters in depth. The unit disengaged and withdrew 400 meters to the south. Airstrikes were called in and six sorties were flown. Two bunkers took direct hits with 500 pound bombs. The unit suffered six casualties (KIA), all by mortar fire, and four bodies had been left at the bunker line. More air was called in and another assault initiated. Again the enemy initiated a heavy mortar barrage. The assault reached the bunkers and individual action continued for 10 minutes before the mortar fire forced the unit to withdraw. The unit withdrew approximately 800 meters south. Airstrikes were continually called in on the enemy position, and at 231630 the unit was directed to withdraw to a landing zone for extraction. Unit was extracted at 231815 hours.

5. Enemy information:

- a. Location: YU 105319.
- b. Strength: One company (+).
- c. Composition: Regular infantry with heavy weapons support.
- d. Activity: Force moved into position at coordinates.
- e. Weapons observed were AK-50s, LMGs, two tripod mounted LMGs and 82mm mortars.

6. Results of encounter with the enemy:

a. Friendly forces:

- (1) KIA: one LLDB, 11 CIDG.
- (2) WIA: 11 CIDG.
- (3) MIA: None.

b. Enemy losses:

- (1) KIA: 20 NVA killed, six NVA killed by air.
- (2) WIA: None
- (3) Captured: None

7. Significant activities: None.

8. War mission accomplished: No.

9. Conclusions and recommendations: None.

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