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2. Intelligence

a. General. Recent intelligence from captured documents points to an offensive to coincide with the TET holiday. No major enemy troop build up or any news of an offensive in the immediate future has been noted as of this writing by intelligence sources. In the coming month, the enemy tactical situation should not change greatly. The enemy should continue to conserve strength and continue harassing attacks and attacks by fire.

b. Activities

(1) The First Company continued to be hampered by mines and booby traps in their TAOC. Although the 1st Company received several harassing attacks, they received only one large contact; that occurred at CAP 1-1-5 toward the end of the month on the 22nd. In this contact, an enemy unit of 30 NVA attacked a CAP patrol. Although face to face contact with the enemy in the early part of the month was confined to one successful ambush, which supports the school of thought of a lack of aggressiveness on the part of the local VC, this ambush was premediated and preplanned. Although, the CAP killed 6 enemy, they suffered 2 Marines, 2 PFs, and 1 corpsman KIA. On the 9th, CAP 1-1-4 received 2 Koi Chanhs from the 21st Regiment. This should prove to be informative, as elements of the 21st Regiment were the ones who attacked CAP 1-3-9 and sustained 116 losses last September. Another point of interest was the release of 3 American Army personnel by the VC/NVA in the 1st Company area. The three Americans were released in the Pineapple Forest area (vic. BT 2522), and walked into CAP 1-1-4. Except for the contacts mentioned, all 1st Company received was small harassing attacks and one light rocket on the Tam Ky Airport that caused little damage.

(2) The Second Company continued in its role of securing the Ly Tin area. 2nd Company completed the month with only two significant reportings. On the 12th, a CAP 1-2-4 patrol made contact and lost two PF's KIA. On the 18th, a CAP 1-2-4 patrol found 2 NVA/VC bodies that had been buried for about two weeks. These kills were the only ones that the CACO received for the month.

(3) The Third Company experienced a large number of attacks by fire, with no sustained ground assaults. This type of activity seemed to predominate the Third Company, as they got no more than one kill in any contact. Although the Company had eight (8) Koi Chanhs, they were mostly hamlet guerillas and local VC and proved to be of limited value. Conjecture is that the enemy in the Third Company's TAOC is conserving manpower as well as building morale for a concerted offensive in the next months. Intelligence fails to single out any month at this time, except for the coming TET Holiday.

(4) The Fourth Company experienced moderate contact this month, resulting in 15 kills. The largest total of kills on the 14th,

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