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(S) ARDF After-Action Feedback on USAF Fixes

460th TRW

1. (S) On 23 May the G-2 of the 3rd Brigade, 9th Infantry Division requested an air strike on coordinates XS 6869. This request resulted from the pattern of movement developed through ARDF. The air strikes hit a building which resulted in a secondary explosion with a 200 feet fireball and a smoke cloud up to 1000 feet. The aircraft observed 200 VC within 4 km of the ARDF pattern and claimed an estimated six killed.

2. (S) On 8 May the G-2, 25th Infantry Division dispatched a long range Reconnaissance Patrol by air to investigate a fix at XT 454658. The patrol made contact almost immediately and was extracted approximately 20 minutes later. Further action on this fix has not been reported to us.

3. (S) On 31 May a fix was made at YT 112615. The next day air reconnaissance verified the presence of VC in the area. One hundred rounds of 175MM and one air strike was called in resulting in 30 VC killed (body count).

4. (S) Following is partial quote of message received on 6 Jun. "QUOTE" High ARDF fixes on (Priorities) on 5 Jun 67 extremely gratifying...Well done to all concerned. "UNQUOTE". USAF ARDF made 13 fixes on 5 Jun that met the above criteria.

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Feedback (U)

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1. (S) The majority of the feedback received during June consisted of coordinates and numbers of rounds of harassment fire. These are listed in attachment 1.

2. (S) On 4 June six B-52's struck XT 335 775. The strike was based on rallier reports and past MKDF patterns.

3. (S) On 23 June a fix at XT 676 591 was combined with other intelligence which indicated two companies of VC in the area. An air strike in the general area killed 3 VC (body count), destroyed one hut and damaged two, and damaged two bunkers. Immediately following the air strike a U.S. Company moved in and swept the area, but there was no contact. Later that day a FAC adjusted U.S. artillery, killing another VC and destroying two huts. On 25 June two more air strikes were made in this general area. The first strike destroyed one hut and one bunker, and damaged two huts and six bunkers. The results of the second strike are not known.

4. (C) The following Market Time reports have been received from CTF 115:

a. "At 0815 H (9 Jun) Tide 78 reported Market Time Policeman at CR 067745. PCF 58 and 59 proceeded to investigate. After searching 27 small sampans and 112 persons, including underwater hull check of sampans, with no results, all persons/vessels released. No other contacts in area."

b. "At 131017H Tide 63 reported Market Time Policeman at CR 119990. PCF's 51 and 76 proceeded to investigate with PCF 76 arriving on scene 20 minutes after original report...sail junk and sampan were inspected on scene with nothing suspicious found. Junk and sampan escorted to Chu Lai where NILO investigation uncovered no further information. Investigation is continuing. This is a final report unless significant information obtained."

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Coordinates and Numbers of Rounds of Harassment Fire

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DATE	LOCATION	# OF ROUNDS	CALIBER
9 JUN	YS 603932	2	175
	YS 621853	10	175
12 JUN	YS 600850	3	175
	YS 632874	4	175
	YS 596839	4	175
13 JUN	YS 608911	4	155
	YS 662861	4	175
	YS 611978	4	175
	YS 649901	4	175
	YS 700919	4	175
	YT 528029	12	155
	YS 621962	4	175
	YT 536023	12	155
	YS 613950	2	175
	YS 648958	3	175
15 JUN	YS 649855	4	175
	YS 609888	4	175
	YS 629831	4	175
	YS 620919	5	175
	YS 638935	2	175
	YS 598967	2	175
16 JUN	YS 514913	2	175
	YS 643846	8	175
21 JUN	YS 624844	3	175
	YS 598843	3	175
	YS 630903	6	175
2[illegible] JUN	YS 572812	3	175
	YS 686679	4	175
	YS 589870	4	175

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DATE	LOCATION	ROUNDS	CALIBER
2 Jul	XT636323	6	175
	XT644287	18	155
8 Jul	XT449551	6	175
	XT476339	15	105
9 Jul	XT456771	5	175
	YS500961	31	155
	XT479439	10	155
10 Jul	XT610313	2	8 in
	XT562385	2	175
	XT648437	6	175
	XT415178	18	175
	XT490354	15	155
	YS579833	36	Unknown
	XT438528	18	105
11 Jul	YS670867	Unknown	175
	XT536449	24	105
	XT536449	Plus 16	4.2 Mortar
	XT580428	24	105
	YS501883	Unknown	155
	XT662430	12	155/175
	XT634400	12	155/175
	XT664425	12	155/175
	XT383140	6	155
	XT460478	116	4.2 Mortar
12 Jul	XU953042	115	175
	XU910000	12	155
	XU867042	12	155
	XU849029	12	155
	YS589841	36	105
13 Jul	XT498359	2	105
	XT580389	2	105
	XT514372	4	105
14 Jul	XT654413	6	155
15 Jul	XT644402	6	155
	YT003365	10	8 in
	YT706449	6	155
	YT218382	Unknown	155
18 Jul	YS645913	4	175
19 Jul	YT095546	6	175/8 in
	XT864330	3	8 in
20 Jul	XT566435	6	105
	XT504361	6	155
	XT979359	6	8 in
	YT049398	35	8 in
21 Jul	XT632412	6	155
	XT680417	6	105
22 Jul	XT647435	6	155
	XT665422	6	155
25 Jul	XT715445	3	175

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Feedback (U)

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1. (S) Once again, most of the July feedback were coordinates and number/caliber of harassment fire, as listed in Attachment 1.

2. (S) B-52 Strikes.

a. Strike at 06/0615H July in the vicinity of YS 585845 was based on current ARDF fixes.

b. BDA after a 29 July strike revealed bunkers, pigs, and 55 gallon drums, but no evidence of VC bodies. We have been advised that ARDF fixes were predominant factors in selecting the target area.

3. (S) Tactical air/ground action.

a. 12 July fix at YS 589841 received nine 500 lb bombs as well as artillery reflected in Attachment 1.

b. 14 July fix at YS 618934 received eight 500 lb, and four 750 lb bombs as well as 2400 - 20mm rockets. On 15 July two battalions of the U.S. 9th Infantry Division were air dropped into this locale. Hammocks and warm food were found as evidence of the enemy's rapid departure.

c. 20 July fix at YT 566435 received artillery fire and later visual reconnaissance disclosed an enemy base camp and well used trails.

d. On 19 July the 3rd Brigade conducted an operation based entirely on three ARDF fixes, two of which were Compass Part (XS 546815, 13 July and XS 526777, 14 July). The cumulative results of the one day operation were one M-1, one M-16, one Chicom rifle, a small amount of carbine ammunition, and 30 lbs of documents captured; two VC bodies, one sampan sunk; and 19 bunkers, one booby trap, two huts, and 110 gallons of oil destroyed.

4. (C) Operation Paddington.

a. Operation terminated 17 July.

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b. Following cumulative figures were reported.

(1) U.S. losses: 4 KIA, 20 WIA, 1 APC damaged, 1 APC destroyed.

(2) SVN losses: 10 KIA, 41 WIA, material losses are unknown.

(3) Australian losses: 2 WIA, material losses are unknown.

(4) Enemy losses: 92 KIA (body count) ; six detainees, 4 small arms captured; 724 bunkers, 65 military structures, 22 artillery and mortar rounds, 31 grenades, 3.8 tons of rice, 94 rounds of small arms ammunition, and one small arm destroyed.

5. (C) The following Market Time reports have be n received from CTF 115:

a. "At 1523H on 20 July received M/T Policeman from 'Tide 72' at BS 816859. PCF 75 vectored to accept positive handoff from 'Tide 72'. Subsequently 'Tide' changed position of contact to BS 780930, identified as two contacts. USS PLEDGE 080. 'Tide 72' evaluated one contact as PCF and one contact as suspicious. PLEDGE boarded suspicious contact at 1607H. Contact identified as cargo junk Nr PT 028 with 8 males, 2 females and no cargo embarked proceeding from Quang Ngai to Da Nang. Two transistor radios with bands 3.2 mcs to 22 mcs, one radio set on 6.4 mcs, other on 6.9 mcs. Additionally, 228,000 Rept 228,000 piastres found on board. Radios, money, personnel, junk escorted to NILO Chu Lai by PCF 75".

b. "At 1540H on 21 July 'Tide 04' reported M/T Policeman at BS 799839, Course 020, SPD 5-10 kts. Two PCF's arrived datum time late 10 min. Acft handoff to junk which was towed to Chu Lai for further investigation by NILO. All other junks in area were also searched on scene, including bottom search, negative results. NILO Chu Lai report detained junk to follow separately".

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