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From: Commanding Officer, 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry

To: COC, 3d Marine Division  
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Subject: Combat Operations After Action Report

Reference: FRAGO 6-68

1. Operation Task Force Kilo, Phase II
2. Initiated 030600H to 071700H Apr 68.
3. Operation was conducted in Gio Linh Sector of Quan Tri Province in an area bounded on the north by the 72 EW grid, on the south by the 62 EW grid, on the east by the 22 NS grid, and on the west by the 13 NS grid line.
4. Command HQ: HQ, 3/5 Cav
5. Scdn CO: LTC Hugh J. Bartley  
Trp B CO: CPT Anthony K. Holtry  
Trp C CO: CPT Richard G. Miller  
C Co, 2/34 CO: CPT Robert J. Kelly  
B Co, 1/3 Mar CO: 1Lt Norris
6. Task Organization:

<u>TM B</u>	<u>TM C</u>	<u>TM D</u>	<u>TM E</u>	<u>Scdn CP</u>
E/3-5 Cav(-)	C/3-5 Cav Plat, C/2-34	C/2-34 Plat, E/1-3 Mar	E/1-3(-) Plat, E/3-5 Cav	Prov Aero Sect AVLB Sect
7. Supporting Forces: Arty support was provided by 12th Mar Regt and 1/40 Arty Bn.
8. Intelligence: Units expected to be encountered during the operation were the 3d Bn, 27th Inf Regt, elements of the 48th NVA Regt, and the K-400 IF Inf Co. Interrogation of a "civilain" detainee revealed he was an NVA forward observer; further details of his assignment are unknown. Contact was sporadic with small groups of unidentified NVA/VC. Terrain was generally gently rolling hills with vegetation from 1 to 3 feet deep, interrupted by cultivated rice paddies. Trafficability was good to fair, although wet paddies restricted use of vehicles. Concealment was fair due to open terrain and the lower brush. Weather during the operation was fair and warm. Late night and early morning haze limited use of air observation and reduced ground visibility.
9. Mission: To block the eastern flank of the attacking 2d ARVN Regt to prevent infiltration of enemy elements.
10. Concept of Operation: On 3 Apr 68 the Scdn was to occupy blocking positions I and II (see Annex A) on the eastern flank of the 2d ARVN Regt as it swept south through the area of operation.
11. Execution: At 0700H on 3 Apr 68, Tm's B and D moved out of psn Green (see Annex B) to recon, occupy, and conduct limited patrols in vic of blocking psn II and I respectively. At 1127H that morning, contact was established in vic YD205654 with an unknown size enemy force. During the ensuing fight, 1st Plt of Tm C and the Hq Prov Recon element were called in to reinforce.

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Although the contact lasted until 1535H, the action never developed into anything more than a hit-and-run fight. Results of the action were 4 US KHA, 4 US WHA, and 1 PC damaged. There were 3 NVA/VC killed (body count). Also on 3 April at 1630H B Co, 1st Bn, 3d Mar Regt joined the Sodr and remained OPCON for the remainder of the operation.

On 4 April 1968 Tm B, D, and E moved into blocking positions I and II. While Tm B occupied the southern half of psn II, Tm E moved in and secured the northern half. Position I was occupied by Tm D, while Tm C remained to secure the forward CP and act as ready reaction force. This posture lasted throughout the day and until noon on 5 April when Tm displaced to blocking psn I (see Annex A) to tighten up the block as the 2d ARVN Regt moved south of PL Blue.

From 1200H, 5 April to the end of the operation these blocking positions changed little, if any. However, at 0700H on 5 April, the 2d Plt, C/2-34 Armor became OPCON to 2d ARVN Regt to assist in it's sweep south. On 6 April 68 at 0800H, Tm C also became OPCON to the 2d ARVN Regt with the mission of aiding and concentrating the attack south. These elements remained with the 2d ARVN Regt throughout the remainder of the operation.

The operation was terminated at 1700H on 7 April 68 without enemy contact beyond that described in the first paragraph of this section.

12. Results:

a. Friendly: 4 US KHA, 4 US WHA, and 1 PC damaged.

b. Enemy: 3 NVA KIA (EC) and 1 POW.

13. Administrative Matters: None

14. Special Equipment and Techniques: None

15. Commander's Analysis: None

16. Recommendations: None

FOR THE COMMANDER:

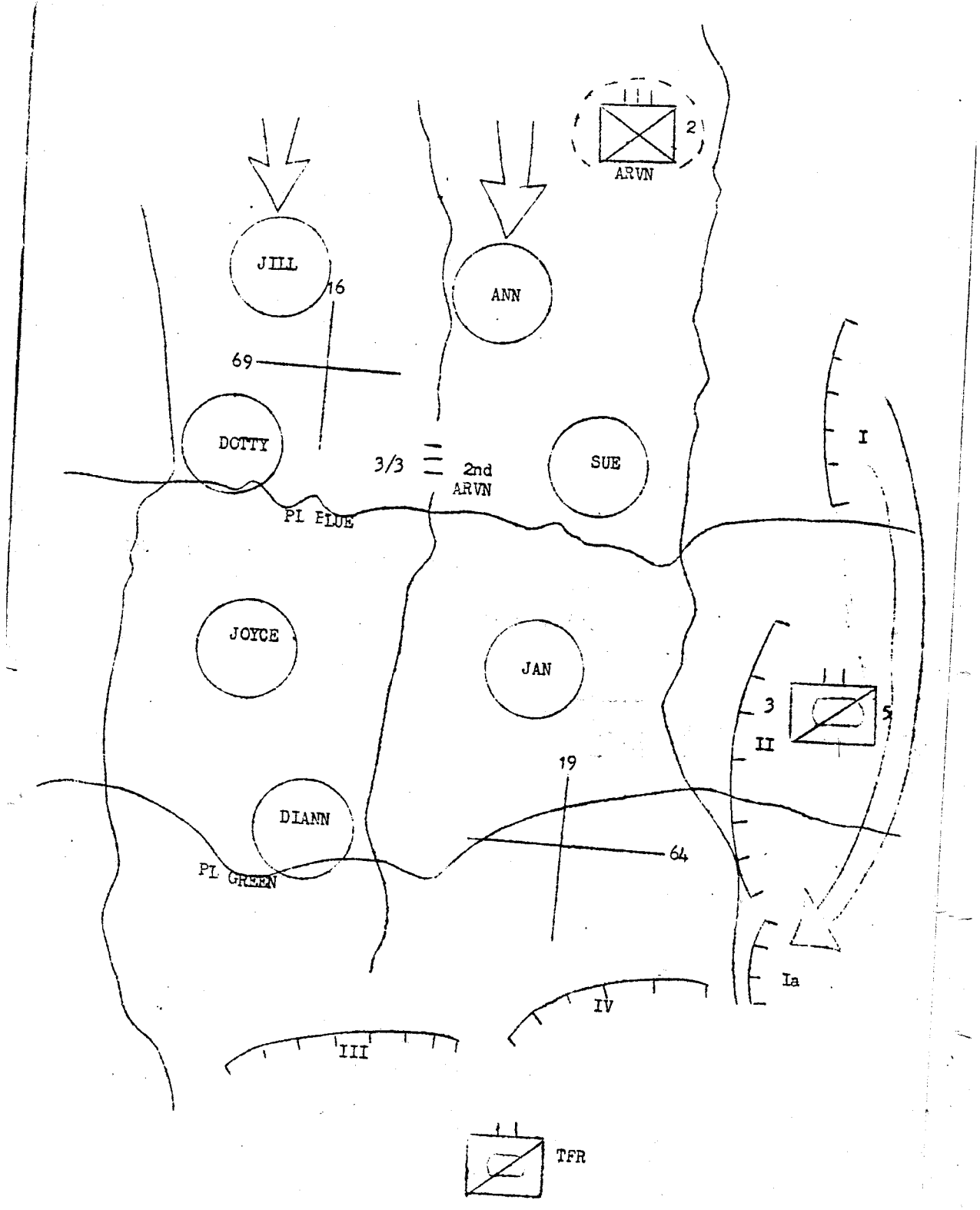
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Annexes:  
A- Opn Overlay

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ANNEX B to Afteraction Report (Upn Kilo) (U)



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