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DAILY GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF REAR SERVICES SUMMARY
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This report provides a daily recapitulation of activity noted in the communications serving the General Directorate of Rear Services (GDRS) to include infiltration and operational information within North Vietnam and adjacent areas, and is based upon SIGINT (except where otherwise indicated) made available to NSA during the last 24 hours. For locations of NVA GDRS facilities, see 2/O/VCJ/R427-69.

I. HIGHLIGHTS

A. INFILTRATION: Further references to Groups 2216, 2217, and 2218 and a possible further reference to Group 2215. LAOS (III. A. 1.)

B. Further reference to units of probably Bloc 4 of Repair Team 71. NGHE AN/HA TINH (II.B.1.)

C. Reflections of a reported allied landing on Gianh Gia Mountain. LAOS (III.B.2.)

D. Reference to deployment of 282d AAA Regiment elements to protect possibly POL pipeline. QUANG BINH/LAOS (II.C.1.a.)

E. Reflections of three possibly downed aircraft and allied efforts to rescue a pilot. LAOS (III.B.1.)

F. Reference to a concealed POL storage warehouse. NGHE AN/HA TINH (II.B.3.)

To date in May, 2 infiltration groups and 4 "QL"-designated groups have been observed.

II. NORTH VIETNAM

A. NGHE AN PROVINCE

Materiel

1. Rice reports for 7, 8 and 9 May were issued to BT 18

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from K-191. At least 6,000 kg (6.6 ST) of rice were transported to Ky Son on 7 May with the total in storage reported as 565,526 kg (622.1 ST). More complete reports were observed on 8 and 9 May, specifically:

On 8 May:

Dispatched to Ky Son:

On 18 vehicles of Group 8 - 78,500 kg (86.4 ST)

On three vehicles of the Enterprise Company - 8,000 kg (8.8 ST)

Remaining at Cho Si - 391,335 kg (430.5 ST)

On 8 May:

Dispatched to Ky Son:

On 14 vehicles of Group 8 - 64,000 kg (70.4 ST)

On four vehicles of the Enterprise Company - 10,000 (11.0 ST)

Total - 74,000 kg (81.4 ST)

Remaining - 302,335 kg (332.6 ST) (sic)

2. A 10 May shipping message disclosed the movement of 250 cases of 7.62-mm ammuniton weighing 6,656 kg (7.3 ST) by 6 vehicles of Company 68 carrying the cargo to 710.

3. A report discussing K-191's dispersal efforts for the first 10 days of May was forwarded to BT 18.

According to the report:

215 tons (236.5 ST) of cargo were shipped to 710

110 tons (121.0 ST) were sent to BT 11

760 tons (836.0 ST) were dispersed into three compounds - including 403 tons (443.3 ST) of POL.

Remaining at K-191 were 400 tons (440.0 ST)

300 tons (330.0 ST) of ammuntion and

100 tons (110.0 ST) of quartermaster supplies and bamboo.

B. NGHE AN/HA TINH

1. Manpower

A further reference to probable units of Repair Team 71 were contained in a 13 May report from BT 18. Unit 11, with 92 personnel, and Unit 12, with 99 personnel were noted.

Units 11 and 12 are scheduled to move to T-12 on the night of 15 May; then proceed to T-18 on the night of 16 May. BT 18 requested the recipient to notify T-18 of the various units and total number of personnel to be moved out.

The above mentioned units are probably part of Bloc 4 which reportedly had been slowed down for two days and was reported, on 12 May, as scheduled to arrive at BT 18 on the night of 15 May and then go down to T-12.

(DGDRSS NR. 132, 12 May 1970; DGDRSS NR. 133, 13 May 1970)

2. Materiel

References to cargo at Ben Truc were noted in messages of 7 and 9 May. The first message, sent from the 2d Barge Battalion, issued instructions regarding the re-labelling of commodities, including 440 kg (0.5 ST) of electrical fuse caps, 322 kg (0.4 ST) of slow burning fuses and gunny sacks. The fuse caps were to be redesignated for CVT BT 17 vice CVT 559; the slow burning fuses to be relabelled as explosive wire and the gunny sacks identified for BT 35. The expansion for "CVT" has not yet been determined and BT 17 should probably have been BT 27.

The second message, sent from BT 18, listed the anticipated shipments to BT 25 including:

POL - 1,000 tons (1,100.0 ST)

Automobile tires - 50 tons (55.0 ST)

Tools - 40 tons (44.0 ST)

The cargo was due for transfer from 9 to 20 May.

3. General Developments

A further reference to a concealed POL storage warehouse in the BT 25 area of operations was reflected in a 7 May report from T-12 to the probable BT 25 staff. The report referenced an "air defense cell" and noted that Comrade AN (AAN), the deputy commander at T-12, would be the "cell commander." Also, T-12 explained that "the plan" had been developed and suggested that BT 25 send men "to dismantle" the mess hall; then work in "the area of the concealed POL storage warehouse."

A previously reported message from the deputy commander at T-12 to the probable BT 25 staff also contained a reference to a concealed oil storage facility at "the warehouse" and that T-12 had completed 45 meters of trenches--4 of which had "covers."

(2/[redacted]/VCJ/T1928-70, 081320Z; DGDRSS Number 133, 13 May) (b)(3)-P.L. 86-36

C. QUANG BINH/LAOS BORDER

1. General Developments

a. In a 1 May message, the 282d AAA Regiment issued orders to its probable subordinates concerning the deployment of weapons. The 12th Company of the 17th Battalion was to deploy at K-27 and K-21; the 10th and 11th Companies were to deploy around K-22 and the 12th Company was to tow all its weapons to K-27 and K-28. The 282d Regiment further ordered protection of the ford at K-24. Also, the 16th AAA Battalion was to amass its vehicles in order to transport each company to its new position. Upon completion of these arrangements, subordinate elements were to have a plan for each company to strike "by day and by night."

Additional reflections of stepped-up protection of possibly the POL pipeline in the DMZ area, were noted when the 282d AAA Regiment, in two 7 May reports, issued further instructions to its subordinates. The Regiment ordered the 16th and 4th AAA Battalions to follow these instructions regarding radio communications: the 2-watt radios were to be used to guarantee command control and to report back on combat conditions; four Rear Services and the political situation; 15-watt radios were to be used. Also, if there were A20's (unidentified type aircraft) active over the Regiment's area all radios were to maintain contact with the Regiment in order to receive orders, particularly in the case of night fighting.

The second 7 May report from the 282d AAA Regiment to an unidentified entity discussed the "enemy's" strategy of using A-20's, escorted by A-9's (both unidentified, possibly type of aircraft) in the areas of the 16th and 17th AAA Battalions. The 282d Regiment reported that all of the Battalions were to study the "enemy's" strategy concerning airstrikes in order to mount a "frontal attack." If this method failed, all battalions were to concentrate their firepower and engage the A-20's; then proceed with the A-9's.

(2/G11/VCJ/T3942-70, 010518Z; T4198-70, 070534Z; T4180-70, 070534Z)

III. LAOS

A. MANPOWER

An 11 May dispatch from the BT 34 area disclosed that a group "designator 15," led by TAM (TAMF) and containing 434 personnel, was at T-53.

"Designator 15" is possibly Group 2215 which was noted at T-12 in the BT 18 area in early April with a reported strength of 443 people. The fact that Group 2215 and Group 2217 entered the infiltration system together and that Group 2217 as well as Groups 2216 and 2218 were reportedly at T-54 on 11 May lends further credence to the possibility that "designator 15" is actually Group 2215.

Also mentioned were the following Groups at T-54:

STRENGTH	GROUP	LED BY
75	2216	QUY (QUY)
79	2217	QUY (QUYF)
80	2218	THINH (THINHJ)

2. A personnel situation report for 11 May was contained in a message from T-13 to the Military Movements Section of probably BT 32.

Northward-moving:

Received at T-13: 11 wounded, including 2 stretcher cases, from B1

7 wounded, including 1 stretcher case, from B4

9 wounded, 3 sick from Battlefield C

24 wounded, 7 sick, 6 transferrees, 21 on a missions, 10 deserters, from Rear Area 158 sick and wounded, including 1 stretcher case

Remaining at T-13: 18, including 1 stretcher case

Southward-moving:

Sent to BT 33: 33 personnel

B. GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS

1. A 3 May dispatch between unidentified Rear Services entities disclosed that an allied operation to rescue a pilot was in operation in the Nong Het/Khang Pha area and that there was a possibility that three "enemy" aircraft had been downed there between 0200(G) and 0230(G).

(2/[redacted]/VCJ/T1863-70, 031113Z) (b)(3)-P.L. 86-36

2. An 8 May dispatch out of the BT 41 area contained reference to a reported Allied landing on possibly the western slope of Giang Gia mountain (YD 0428, 16-32N 106-55E). Mines were ordered laid along Route 70 (Route 616, SVN). Escort teams were to be assigned to northward and southward moving vehicles.

(2/G11/VCJ/T4208-70, 090914Z; T4290-70, 090913Z)

C. VEHICULAR ACTIVITY

1. The following vehicle activity report was contained in an 8 May message from probably the 282d Regiment to the 4th AAA Battalion: 9 vehicles from E1 to BT 41; 13 vehicles from N-3 to BT 41; 18 vehicles from BT 41 going to an unspecified area.

(2/G11/VCJ/T4243-70, 081133Z)

2. A 9 May vehicle activity report for BT 33 revealed the receipt of seven vehicles: one carrying ammunition, one with uniforms, one with medical supplies and 4 with rice.

(2/G11/VCJ/T4223-70, 091551Z)

CORRECTION TO DGDRSS NR. 132, 12 MAY 1970

V. UPDATE TO 2/O/VCJ/R427-69

Change to read

Route 926 (Laos)/616 (South Vietnam) [70]