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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
1ST BATTALION 12TH INFANTRY
"RED WARRIORS"
APO San Francisco 96262

AVDDB-121

11 February 1970

SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 100 for 100001H to 102400H February 1970.

1. (C) Operations Summary

A. The 1/12 Inf cont opn PUTNAM SHARK, NW of Camp RADCLIFF.

(1) A Co maintained FSB security with morning and evening local security sweeps, LP's and 1 ambush. Reports neg significant sightings or contacts.

(2) B Co cont RIF in area bounded by checkpoints 350550, 370555, 350540, 370540. At 358552, B Co found 14 hootches 8x6x6' in an oval pattern; each hootch had a bunker next to it 5x6x4' with 1½' O/H, several had trenches adjoining the bunkers. The area was large enough for 75 indiv. Misc items were also found in the area, (baskets; knife; crossbow; etc). 1/B at 353546 found 3 graves 1 year old, 1 bundle of corn 2 weeks old. At 353548, they found 8 bunkers 6x8x4' with 1½' O/H, 6 mo old used by 4-6 indiv, 5-8 days ago. Two potato fields were adjacent to the bunkers. 2/B at 356551 found 2 OP positions 7' off the ground in a tree. They were 6 mo old; also found 1 hootch 4x5' with 3 tunnels not recently used and a bunker 5x12x5' built 4 days ago with neg O/H. B Co vic 356549 was taking resupply when the helicopter took 7-8 rds S/A fire from 150m NE of LZ. One of the door gunners was WIA. 2/B swept toward the SEL. At 1645H 2/B engaged 1 enemy 75m NW, receiving enemy fire in return. 2/B cont toward the SEL. At 1712H a large hootch was discovered with fresh Ho Chi Minh sandal prints. Further search of the area produced a total of 15 hootches 10x8x5' in a gully running N-S. R/L was employed in the area as a blocking force as B Co(-) moved into the area. Hootches were destroyed.

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(3) C Co cont RIF along checkpoints 297543, 301543, 302553, 297567, 297577. 2/C(-) at 288546 found a hootch 6x8x5' used by 3 people 2 days ago, (dest). In the hootch 1 bag of human hair was found. 1/C(-) at 288550 found 1 bamboo water line 2" in diameter, 250' long leading from a stream to 1 hootch 10x10x6' and a bunker 6x4x4'; 1½' O/H; 1½ weeks old used by an unknown number of people in the last 24H. 3/C at 295541 found 1 hootch 10x8x6'; 8 bunkers 10x6x4', 1 year old, last used 24H ago, (dest). In the vic 286553 found 3 graves w/ 3x5x3' hootches over them, 6 mo old, and no recent use. 1/C at 285554 found 1 hootch 10x4x6', 6 mo old, used 1-2 days ago. Inside was 1 NVA poncho; 1 empty 30 rd AK magazine; 1MG clip 5-6" in diameter, 1 unidentified mortar rd, 2" in dia, 7-8" long and 4-6 mo old.

(4) D Co OPCON 1/69 conducts search and destroy missions QL 19.

(5) Recon cont surveillance operations from the center of mass, grid 306544. Reports neg significant sightings or findings.

B. Cumulative results for operation PUTNAM SHARK:

US losses: 1 WIA.

US inflicted enemy losses: 3 enemy CIA; 9,650 lbs rice CIA.

C. Cumulative results of all units: *since 25 Sept 69.*

US losses: 4 KIA; 38 WIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA; 2 dog handlers WIA.

US inflicted losses: 75 enemy KIA, (BC); 13 poss KIA; 16 enemy CIA; 4 Hoi Chans; 28 S/A CIA; 13,400 lbs rice CIA; misc documents and equipment CIA.

2. Remarks: None

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1. Operations Summary

A. The 1/12 Inf cont opn PUTNAM SHARK, NW of Camp RADCLIFF.

(1) A Co maintains FSB security with local security sweeps, LP's and 1 ambush. Reports neg significant sightings or contact.

(2) B Co cont the RIF along checkpoints 361551, 365553, 369558, 364561. 3/B at 385554 found 4 hootches 4x4x4' 1 week old, used by 2 indiv, also 2- 1 man sleeping holes, 5x2x1', with neg O/H, 1 week old. 1/B at 359552 found 3 bunkers 6x8x3', 2' O/H, 1-2 days old, camouflaged with trees and brush. Also found barefoot tracks by 4-6 indiv, 1-2 days old. 2/B and CP at 358552 found 100 punji stakes 3 days old, (not placed), 3 crossbows, 8 animal pens, 4 pr Ho Chi Minh sandals, 20 baskets. Approx 35 indiv inhabited the area, 3-4 were in the area 1 day ago. B Co in vic 370557 found blood stained bamboo, 1 bunker 8x10' with 3' O/H used last night by an est 15-20 indiv, 1 hootch 4x4x4'. B Co(-) at 369558 found 18 hootches 5x8x5' to 10x12x5'; 9 sleepers 4x5x3' to 8x6x3' with 3' O/H, all contained sleeping mats. Misc cages, baskets were found in the area. 125m NW of this location, 25 green punji stakes were found 1 day old, (dest). 1/B at 366557 found 9 hootches 6x10x5'; 50 chickens; 20 cages; 1 crossbow; 4 mats; 7 soup bowls; and 7 Ho Chi Minh sandals.

(3) C Co cont RIF in area bounded by checkpoints 300545, 302550, 300560, 297572. At 302553, 2/C found 1 trail running E-W, 1 1/2' wide, and not visible from the air. Trail had neg recent use.

(4) D Co OPCON to 1/35 Inf in a 2 Co operation vic BR4434. Conducted a CA from 110001H to 112400H.

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(5) Recon cont RIF along checkpoints 313562, 312570, 312579. Recon in vic found 1 spring type booby trap, 1 mo old on a trail running N-S 18" wide, not visible from the air, its ~~was~~ last used was undetermined. In the vic of 317568 Recon found 2 hootches 4x4x6' containing 600-700 lbs rice, (dest). At 317567 they found 2 hootches 8x8x6', containing 600 lbs of rice; 1 sleeping hootch 7x7x6'; and 20 pigs. Area last used 1-2 days ago by 2-3 people. (Rice destroyed.)

B. Cumulative results operation PUTNAM SHARK.

US losses: 1 WIA.

US inflicted enemy losses: 3 enemy CIA; 11,550 lbs rice CIA.

C. Cumulative results of all units since 25 Sept 69.

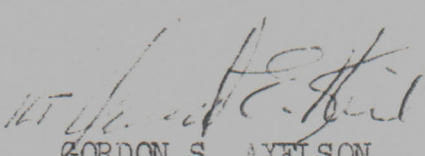
US losses: 4 KIA; 38 WIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA; 2 dog handlers WIA.

US inflicted enemy losses: 75 enemy KIA, (BC); 13 poss enemy KIA; 16 enemy CIA; 4 Hoi Chanhs; 28 S/A CIA; 24,300 lbs rice CIA; misc docu and equip CIA.

2. Remarks: None.

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1. Operations Summary

A. The 1/12 Inf cont opn PUTNAM SHARK, NW of Camp RADCLIFF.

(1) A Co conducts airlift into LZ coor BR298567 and begins RIF to N along highground. 3/A at 302568 found 2 hootches 5x5x5', 3' off the ground, 1-2 mo old, last used 3 weeks ago by unknown number of indiv; inside found 250 lbs grain which was destroyed. 3/A vic 301572, found a grove of 50-75 banana trees, (dest). A Co at 297572 found 1 hootch 15x10x8' deep, 3' O/H; 4 hootches 15x10x8' last used 3 wks to 1 mo ago by an undetermined number. 2/A and CP found 2 large sows and 12 pigs in a pen, area showed no recent use, (dest). 3/A at 299573 found 1 hootch 5x5x5' 3 weeks old; 5 baskets containing 100 lbs of rice, (dest). The area was last used 3 weeks ago by a small group. 3 EM sustained punji stakes wounds on the LZ and were dusted off.

(2) B Co conducts RIF in area bounded by checkpoints 350570, 370570, 350558, 350558. At 369558 found 4 spear type booby traps, 2 on a N-S trail, 2 on an E-W trail. The traps were set-up in the last 2-3 days. Trails were 18" wide and not visible from the air. 1 EM received wound from a spear type booby trap and was dusted off.

(3) C Co conducts air lift from PZ coor BR298567 to FSB WARRIOR and assumed mission of FSB security. Conducts local sweeps, LP's and maintains 3 ambushes, 324566, 327554, 314549. Reports neg significant sightings of contacts.

(4) D Co OPCON to 1/35 cont search and clear opns vic 450340.

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(5) Recon conducts RIF along checkpoints 313570, 315565, 321558, and closes on FSB WARRIOR. Reports neg significant sightings or findings.

B. Cumulative results of opn PUTNAM SHARK:

US losses 5 WIA, (all punji stake wounds)

US inflicted enemy losses: 3 enemy CIA; 11,900 lbs rice CIA.

C. Cumulative results of all units since 25 Sept 69:

US losses: 4 KIA; 42 WIA.

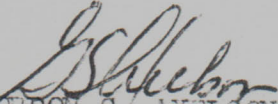
Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA; 2 dog handlers WIA.

US inflicted enemy losses: 75 enemy KIA, (BC); 13 poss KIA; 16 enemy CIA;

4 Hoi Chanhs; 28 S/A CIA; 24650 lbs rice CIA; misc documents and equip CIA.

2. Remarks: None.

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