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1st Bn 12th Inf
FSB UTE (BR356708)
251500 July 1970

Situation Report #262

Period covered: 240001-242400 July 1970

Reference: Map RVN, 1:50,000, Sheets 663711, 673711, 673IV, 6637III.

1. Enemy: Elements of the C2 407 Sapper Bn cont to operate in small 3-5 man teams and cont to maintain surveillance of friendly units in AO APPLE.

2: Own Situation:

a. Forward elements are mobile in A.O. 1-12 Inf (TF NAVAJO) cont. own. PUTNAM PARACON with Bn CP located at FSB UTE, (BR356708).

b. Description and results of operations:

(1) Co. A continued special mission as reaction force. Vic 295666 A Co. (-) confirmed the suspected 3rd NVA KIA from contact of 23 July. Individual was wearing black pajamas, HCM sandals, pith helmet, no weapon also found 3 additional rucksacks. The total of 7 rucksacks, 1 AK 47, 1 pistol were back-hauled. Vic 290673 A Co. found 12 hootches, 6x6x7, 2 months old, 2' off ground, last use within 24 hours by 30 individuals; hootches were destroyed.

(2) Co. B continued S&C and ambush operations in Obj. Skip to interdict SONG BA infiltration. Vic 324760 2/B had mechanical ambush detonated. 2/B checked the area and found that it had been tripped by a bird. At 1715 B Co. was CA'd from PZ 324760 to LZ 278663 to result in a sighting of estimated 30-40 enemy individuals. In the LZ were approximately 1,000 punji stakes; 3 months old, 3 feet long, that were oriented in all directions. Resulted in 6 friendly casualties that were extracted by final CA slick.

(3) C Co. was CA'd from XYZ pad at Camp Radcliffe to LZ vicinity 207655. First PZ 1052, final LZ 1210. C Co. was CA'd to this location to result to a sighting of 30-40 individuals.

(4) D Co. conducted airlift from PZ Vic 347711 to Camp Radcliffe to assume mission of Golf Course Security. First PZ 1035, final LZ 1201.

(5) Recon continued amb. patrolling operations in southern portion of objective SKIP with neg. significant findings.

(6) One reinforce squad from 2/B continued security of Hill 612 (399636) old and radio relay.

(7) A/1-22 continues OPCON to 1/12, continues security mission at FSB ARMAGEDDON.

(8) Scrolls 8 Vic 292656 at 1545 observed undetermined number of individuals and received G/A fire. Gunships expended resulting in 6 confirmed KIA. At 1555 Scrolls 8 then spotted and adjusted artillery fire from B 4/12, at FSB UTE, resulting in 10 confirmed KIA. The bodies were burned so positive identification of uniforms or weapons could not be determined. Also some vicinity 10-15 bunkers and 5 hootches were completely destroyed.

At 1600 Vic 284654, Cider I directed 2 F4 Phantoms to expend on an estimated 30-40 NVA/VC. Headhunter conducted BDA of Air Strike location and confirmed 14 KIA. At 1620 Vic 285651 Scrolls 8 spotted another group of enemy individuals, believed to be part of same group that the airstrike was put on. Gunships were

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employed and a LOH made a low level VR and confirmed 8 more KIA. Received no readout on uniforms or weapons.

3. Administration: TF NAVAJO con. to be resupplied from the trains area at FSB ARMAGEDDON.

4. General: Cumulative results of US and enemy activity related to personnel and equipment since 1 July 1970.

- a. US KIA 0
- b. US WIA 0
- c. US PSW 6
- d. US MIA 0
- e. US equipment losses 1 M-16
- f. Enemy KIA 4
- g. Enemy KBA 10
- h. Enemy WIA 0
- i. Enemy CIA 0
- j. Noi Gian 31
- k. Enemy equipment dest/CIA 1 AK-47, 1 Chicom pistol, 159 rds. AK 47, 7 rucksacks, 81 lbs. Chicom explosives, 50 lbs. rice., Misc. documents.
- l. Other: 14 enemy killed by airstrikes, 14 killed by gunships.

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