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

AVDDB-121

25 May 1970

SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 190 for 120001H May to 122400H May 70.

1. (C) Operations Summary

A. The 1/12th Inf operates in its assigned AO from FSB COMMANCHE under the operational control of the 1st Bde.

(1) Co A swept their assigned area to the NE of COMMANCHE, with the following results: found 3 trails all approx 12" wide: vic YA437643 oriented E-W; vic YA441646 oriented E-W; vic YA442651 oriented E-W. In the vic of YA444654 A Co found 5 hootches, 8x12x6' containing approx 4 tons of unpolished rice; the last recent use est 2 days ago.

(2) Co B swept their assigned AO with the following events: vic YA437636 located a large blood spot estimated at 3 days old; on a trail oriented N-S, the trail was oriented N-S, not visible from the air. B Co located a trail oriented E-W, vic 449638, 24" wide, used within the last 7-10 days by 6 indiv, moving W, intersected by a N-S trail 18" wide with neg recent use. 3/B^{Sqd} conducted RIF to the north, 150m north of 455644 were engaged by 3-4 NVA and pinned down resulting in 1 US WIA. 3/B(-) was employed on the left flank and the 2d plat moved up the right side, of the SEL. At this time the enemy broke contact. R/L employed to the NE of the SEL. The 2d plat pushed through the SEL 100-125m with neg findings. 2/B turned around and started back in the opposite direction when they received S/A fire from the NE and were pinned down. 3/B tried to move to the right flank and received 1 US WIA and 1 US KIA. The enemy moved between 1st plat and 3d plat pinning both elements down. The CP was located on the left flank 25-100m from the 2d plat and 125m from the 3d plat. The enemy moved southward in a U-shaped formation flanking B Co. The CP began

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to receive fire from 3 directions. The east and west flanks were A/W fire and BAR fire from the NW and N. Artillery was employed on the SEL to relieve the pressure on the 2nd plat. The results were as follows: 1 US KIA: Thompson, Franklin; MIA: Sherry (found KIA 13 May); WIA: Flint, Zapata, Ables, Conklin. One PRC-77 lost, (on Bn Cmd A).

(3) C Co OPCON 1/22nd Inf moved to the "Red Warriors" AO and returned to the control of the 1/12th Inf. Conducted sweeps in their assigned AO.

(4) D Co provided FSB security.

(5) Recon left COMMANCHE for their assigned AO.

B. Cumulative results of all opns since 15 Feb 70:

US losses: 41 WIA; 12 KIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA.

US inflicted enemy losses: 17 enemy KIA, (BC); 18 S/A CIA; 4 Chicom field phones CIA; 4 Chicom switchboards CIA; 2 Chicom radios CIA; 1 PRC-10 CIA; 128,615 lbs rice CIA; miss docu and equip CIA.

2. Remarks:

At 1730H a tactical emergency was declared on 4.2" HE because of only 100 rds at COMMANCHE resulting from contacts. At 1805H 1st Bde said we can not get resupplied with 4.2" ammo because of air assets. At 1830H a Tac E was declared on R/L 105mm Howitzer ammo. At 1807H requested a dustoff to extract a WIA from B Co, Bde said it would have to wait until morning. At 2120H requested dustoff to standby on urgent mission for 2 WIA from B Co. At 2150H requested dustoff with jungle penetrator be sent out. 2205H, dustoff 28 on station. 2245H dustoff complete, 2 WIA, 1 with head wounds and 1 with leg shattered, in shock. Because of the radio loss 1/12th cannonballed to the alternate frequency.

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