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

AVDDB-121

31 May 1970

SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 208 for 302001H May to 302400H May 70.

1. (C) Operations Summary

A. The 1/12th Inf cont operations out of FSB KICWA, BR337657.

(1) A Co cont RIF and amb opns in gen grid 3459. 3/A found an empty hootch 3' off the ground, (4x5x6') vic 339594. Hootch had neg recent use. Scarecrow in area. 3/A also found 6 bunkers (4x5x5' w/ 1 1/2') and a storage hootch 3x4x5', vic 341594, approx 1445H. The storage hootch contained 100 lbs of unpolished rice. The area is est to be 6 months old, and last used in past 2 days by one individual. While checking the area 3/A spotted and engaged 4 individuals 200m to the SE. They received no return fire. Sweeping the SEL 3/A found and followed a heavy blood trail to the SE. At 1300H 3/A captured one Montagnard VC, w/out a weapon, who was seriously wounded. The VMC had been shot by the sniper in 3/A. The POW was interrogated by 3/A's KCS who said the 3 VMC were posing as ARVN's and his mission was to carry food, mortar tubes and SKS ammo. The 3 indiv had fled to the SE, were carrying AK-47's and wore loin cloths. The POW was extracted by dustoff.

(2) B Co cont amb and RIF opns vic gen grid 3561. The 3d plat B Co spotted a campfire at 350614. The fire was put out at 0625H. Approx 1030H 1/B found a bunker, (3x6x4' w/ 2' O/H), est to be 6 mo old, having neg recent use. Also found a trail running on a 280° AZ, 12" wide and not visible from the air. The trail revealed neg recent use. Vic of 349604, a storage hootch (4x6x5') and a 4 man fighting position (2x8x4') was located. There was a bunker also, (4x8x4'), w/ 2' O/H. All structures were 6 mo old and had neg recent use. 2/B located

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a small village vic 348662. The village was made up of 3 sleeping hootches (8x10x8'); 1 cooking hootch(8x12x8') an animal hootch(4-6x4'); 2 bunkers (5x8x5' w/2' O/H); and 8 bunkers(5x8x5') which have cave-in. In the area were 30 chickens; 19 piglets; 10 hogs; assorted knives; an empty syringe; some empty medicine bottles; 2 M-16 rds; 2 SKS rds; a 1.5V battery, GI boot; 5 lbs salt 5 lbs flour and a still warm fire. The village was 25x30m and large enough for 60-70 people. It was made up of 5 hootches (4-8x10x16' and 1-8x14x6') and 5 bunkers 5x8x5' w/ 2' O/H. Est last use 48H before by 10-15 indiv. Area contained 10 pigs, 10 chickens; 5 lbs salt and 1 gal kerosine. Also found wafe 8" time fuse: 2 primer blasting caps, 12 M60 rds; 1 ID card; 2 Dong and various papers and documents. There was an OP position 25' off ground w/ 2x3' platform.

(3) C Co cont w/ FSB security. 3/C cont to exploit the SEL of Scorpion G/S from 29 May, vic 278694. Maj Marley, (S-3) intae LOH over the area. The LOH received ground to air fire. Major Marley assisted in guiding 3/C to the SEL and assisted in re-establishing communications. 3/C found 9 hootches (8x12x6'), 9 bunkers(6x8x4') and 9 fighting positions(2x4x4'). They were grouped such that a fighting position was located between a hootch and a bunker. Area contained 6 rucksacks. Had been used in the last 48H. 3/C was airlifted back to KICWA, 1st PZ 1344H, final LZ at 1355H. 1/C conducted a CA to an LZ vic 334718 to exploit the R13 contact area of 29 May. 1st PZ 0857H, final LZ at 1422H. C Co detected movement to the NE side of the perimeter of FSB, 150m out. A sqd size RIF swept the area with neg findings.

(4) D Co cont RIF and amb opns in gen grid 3660, 3761. D Co vic 378609 moved onto a well used trail in the last 2 days, running NW-SE. Trail 18" wide and portions of it were visible from the air. Three bunkers, 10x10x3 were found vic 376611. A hootch 10x10x5' was built atop one of the bunkers. Area 1 yr old neg recent use. Seven more hootches (6x10x5' 2' off the ground) were found vic

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373622. Also 3 bunkers 3x6x3' and one bunker 6x5x3' w/ 1½' O/H. 1 yr old neg recent use. At 2020H a sqd amb from 1/D vic 373623 reported seeing a light 150m away on 130°AZ. At 2105H light went out.

(5) Ren cont opns vic grid square 3564. Reports neg significant findings.

(6) A R/L LOH vic 348658, (about 600m ENE of KIOWA) spotted 3 indiv, who fled into the woodline. 81mm employed.

B. Cumulative results of all opns since 15 Feb:

US losses: 47 WIA 15 KIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA.

US inflicted enemy losses: 19 enemy KIA (BC); 1 VMC CIA; 21 S/A CIA; 82mm base plate CIA; 4 switchboards, 4 field phones; 3 radios CIA 131,500 lbs rice CIA, miss docu and equip CIA.

2. Remarks: MG Walker visits KIOWA.

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