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

AVDDB-121

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SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 209 for 310001H May to 312400H May 70.

1. (C) Operations Summary

A. The 1/12th Inf cont ops from FSB KICWA, BR337657.

(1) A Co cont RIF and amb ops in general grid 3459. Vic 349598 A Co found a hootch 4x6x6' 3' off the ground, 6 mo old and last used 2 mo ago by 1 indiv. Hootch was surrounded by approx 20 punji stakes, 18-24" long. The stakes were oriented to the NE. The hootch contained 13 sandbags and 300 lbs salt.

(2) B Co cont RIF and amb ops in gen grid 3560. 3/B vic 351604, found a hootch 20x 45x10'; 2 hootches 15x10x8'; 1 hootch 10x10x7'; a bunker 5x8x4 w/ 2' O/H; and another bunker 15x5x4' w/ 3' O/H; all 6 mo old. The village was 50x75m, and the last recent use est at 24 hrs previously by 30 VMC. Also in the area were 3 pigs, assorted old rags and a GI rucksack. Vic 352607 2/B found a hootch 8x8x10', 3 weeks old, containing 16,800 lbs of rice. The hootch was 4 mo old and dug 4' into the ground; last used 3 days ago by 3 indiv. Also found 1 NVA rucksack containing assorted clothes and rags, several 1.5V batteries, pieces of a GI duffle bag, several pills, soap and shaving cream, an NVA belt and buckle; ILL parachute and a misquito net. Vic 358600 a sqd from 2/B found 2 hootches 6x6x5' 3-6 mo old; and a bunker 12x6x4' w/ 2' O/H. Last use est at 48H by 2-3 indiv. A trail running on a 140°AZ was found at this location, trail revealed a footprint of a Ho Chi Minh sandel. There was also an OP position 20' in a tree.

(C) C Co cont to upgrade the FSB and to provide a platoon size RIF and amb around the FSB.

(D) D Co cont RIF and amb ops in gen grid 3763. Vic 368629, 1/D moving

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along a trail, AZ 320⁰, 10" wide, not visible from the air, hard packed. The point man smelled smoke, the scout dog alerted and a Montagnard was sighted moving SE toward 1/D. Indiv was ordered to halt, pursued a short distance and captured. KCS tried to talk to the POW, who then led them to 6-7 hootches on a ⁰320 AZ at 50m. Hootches were 6x5x4' and new; also 3 hootches under construction. Two small caves 2x2x3' were in the area of the village. Sweeping hootch area, one female was trapped between two sqds. POW male, was wearing sandals, no weapon, carrying empty basket. The female POW was wearing shirt and no footgear. In the area was found 1 M-16 magazine, 4 knives, 2 cross bows, 1 parrot, 20-30 old dented M-60 rds. 2/D sighted 6-8 Montagnards vic 368624 at a distance of 300m, on a AZ of 240⁰. The SEL was swept and one EM C₂ resulted from a punji stake. There were about 200 punji stakes in the area 14-30" long placed ankle to waist high, some placed in the trees, oriented as to impede movement to the NW. The sighted indiv fled to an AZ of 310⁰; 5 werewomen, 2 of which carried children. All wore loin cloths and skirts.. In the SEL found 1 sandel and a 35 lbs sack of tobacco.

(5) Recon cont screening and amb opn vic 3663.

B. US losses: 48 WIA; 15 KIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA.

US inflicted enemy losses: 19 enemy KIA(BC); 3 VMC CIA; 21 S/A CIA; one 82mm base plate CIA; 2 radios, 4 switchboards; 4 field phones CIA; 150, 300 lbs rice CIA; 1000 lbs salt CIA; misc dieu and equip CIA.

2. Remarks: None

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