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SUBJECT: OPERATIONAL REPORT - Lessons Learned, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry,
for the Period Ending 30 April 1970 (RCS CS FOR - 65R2) (U)

TO: Commanding Officer
2d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division
APO San Francisco 96262

1. (C) Significant Organization or Unit Activities.

a. During the reporting period, the "Red Warriors" were primarily engaged
in search and destroy operations.

b. As of 1 February 1970: Companies A,B,C,D, and E 1/12 Infantry with
B Battery, 4th Battalion, 42d Artillery, (DS), and the 2d Platoon, Co C,
4th Engineer Battalion.

c. Chronological Task Organization Changes.

1 Feb	Delete	D-1/12
10 Feb	Add	D-1/12
11 Feb	Delete	D-1/12
14 Feb	Add	D-1/12
11 Mar	Add	3/D-1/14
18 Mar	Delete	3/D-1/14
2 Apr	Delete	D-1/12
6 Apr	OPC ON	4th IDCC (Camp Radcliff)
8 Apr	Delete	B-1/12
9 Apr	Add	D-1/12
14 Apr	Delete	D-1/12

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Feb + Mar

14 Apr Delete C-1/12

18 Apr Add A-1/12

d. Commanders and Principle Staff.

1. BN CO	1 Feb 70 to 14 Feb 70	LTC John B. Cottingham Jr.
	15 Feb 70 to 30 Apr 70	LTC Norris P. Sterling
2. BN XO	1 Feb 70 to 3 Mar 70	VACANCY
	4 Mar 70 to 6 Apr 70	MAJ Ronald W. Marley
	7 Apr 70 to 30 Apr 70	MAJ Donald R. Pastella
3. BN S-1	1 Feb 70 to 30 Apr 70	CPT Frank K. Williams
4. BN S-2	1 Feb 70 to 30 Apr 70	CPT James R. Childs
5. BN S-3	1 Feb 70 to 6 Apr 70	MAJ Gordon S. Axelson
	7 Apr 70 to 30 Apr 70	MAJ Ronald W. Marley
6. BN S-4	1 Feb 70 to 30 Apr 70	CPT Cecil W. Boatwright
7. BN S-5	1 Feb 70 to 30 Apr 70	1LT Rodney L. Williams
8. CO HHC	1 Feb 70 to 30 Apr 70	1LT Louis J. Perry
9. CO Co A	1 Feb 70 to 30 Apr 70	CPT Benjamin D. Koersalman
00. CO Co B	1 Feb 70 to 30 Apr 70	CPT Gary D. Conklin
11. CO Co C	1 Feb 70 to 30 Apr 70	1LT Richard T. Rhoades
12. CO Co D	1 Feb 70 to 18 Mar 70	CPT Charles H. Rose
	19 Mar 70 to 30 Apr 70	CPT Ernest A. Jones
13. CO Co E	1 Feb 70 to 18 Mar 70	CPT Ernest A. Jones
	19 Mar 70 to 30 Apr 70	1LT David E. Kline

e. Mission.

a. The mission of the "Red Warriors" during the reporting period was search and destroy. On 1 and 2 Feb 70, the "Red Warriors" completed operations in the southern portion of Base Area 226, (BR640800, 820800, 640540, 820540), with the mission of locating and destroying elements of the 18th NVA Division. From 3 Feb 70 to 10 Mar 70 the "Red Warriors"

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participated in operation PUTNAM SHARK to the NW of Base Area 226 with the mission of interdicting the main supply route to Base Area 226.

b. Operation ERHARDT WHITE was conducted from 11 Mar to 18 Mar 70 under 4th Inf Div OPORD 4-70, with the "Red Warriors" participating in a circular sweep to trap elements of the 3d NVA Division.

c. During the period 19 Mar 70 to 6 Apr 70 the "Red Warriors" participated in operation MICHELBERGER BLACK, with the mission of locating and interdicting the trail network to the NW of Base Area 226.

d. On 6 Apr 70 the "Red Warriors" came under the direct control of the 4th Inf Div to constitute a ready reaction force prepared to move to the PLAIKU area of operations. The 1st Bn 12th Inf moved to Camp Radcliff on 7 Apr 70 and conducted search and destroy missions circumventing the AN KHE area of responsibility through 30 Apr 70.

f. Intelligence. From 1 February to 5 April 1970 the 1st Bn 12th Inf was OPCON to the 2d Bde, see 2d Bde PERINTREP'S for the period.

From 6 Apr 70 through 30 Apr 70 the 1st Bn 12th Inf operated from Camp Radcliff as Division Ready Reaction Force. (See 4th Inf Div INTSUM'S for period covered)

(1) Terrain: The area north and northwest of AN KHE is characterized by steep hills. In this region slopes average between 30 and 50 percent, but may be as high as 70 percent. Elevations vary from less than 200 meters in river valleys to 1019 meters at BR 495899. Elevation gradually declines as it is traced south into the AN KHE PLATEAU. The plains are generally rolling, with local relief between 50 and 100 meters. As these plains are traced South, they gradually flatten out into the AN KHE PLATEAU.

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The AN KHE Plateau starts in the vicinity of FSB KANNACK (BR 4285), and continues south. Local relief is less than 20 meters and average elevation is approximately 450 meters.

(2). Vegetation. Multi-canopied dense undergrowth forest is the predominant vegetative type. This dense forest transists into clear woodland forests in the valley. Clear forests are randomly scattered throughout the dense forest, but are especially abundant along major streams and rivers that cover the AN KHE Plateau. Small brushwood areas (less than 1 kilometer square) are also scattered throughout the area. A few open areas are spaced throughout the area. Most are located along streams. Many streams run through the narrow, steep canyons into the SONG CON River in the east and the SONG BA River in the west which traverses the flat plains of the AN KHE Plateau.

(3). Weather. A light and variable circulation prevailed over the area with cloudiness throughout the reporting period. February was characterized by cloudy skies, scattered showers and morning fog, sometimes extending into the afternoon hours. Scattered rain showers during March and the first week in April. Ground fog in the low areas predominated during the reporting period. This ground fog normally would disipated by 0900 daily.

g. Operations:

(1). Concept of Operations. On 1 and 2 Feb 70, the "Red Warriors" completed operations in the Southern Portion of Base Area 226. From 3 Feb 70 through 10 Mar 70 the "Red Warriors" participated in Operation PUTNAM SHARK conducting RIF and ambush missions in the AO. During the period 11 Mar through 18 Mar 70 the "Red Warriors" under 4th Inf Div control, participated in a circular sweep to trap elements of the 18th NVA

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Regiment

~~Division:~~ Operation MICHELBERGER BLACK, 19 Mar - 6 Apr 70 found the

"Red Warriors" operating northwest of Base Area 226 with the mission of interdicting the trail network. On 7 Apr 70 the "Red Warriors" moved to Camp Radcliff, under the operational control of the 4th Inf Div and through 30 Apr 70 conducted RIF and Ambush missions in the AN KHE AO.

(2). The following significant events occurred during this reporting period:

February: 1 Feb 70 - "Red Warriors" completed operations in the Southern Portion of Base Area 226, (BR 640800, 820800, 640540) designed to locate and destroy elements of the 18th NVA Division. A Co continued RIF in AO, found 1 NVA rucksack with 35 SKS rounds; 1 homemade rucksack with 5 lbs rice; 1 bag with 50 injection bottles and one set of old fatigues. Also found 3 caves, 3 hootches in the vicinity of BR 705576, received 20-30 rounds of automatic weapons fire from 1 or 2 weapons, resulting in 3 US WIA. A sweep of the area revealed 9 AK-47 cartridges. 4.2 mortars were employed during this incident. There were no other significant results. 2 Feb 70; Recon Platoon conducted a CA from vic BR 722565 to LZ HARDTIMES. At 1429 hours vic BR 722565, the Recon Platoon received 12 rounds enemy 82mm rounds, with no friendly casualties. The SEL was BR 730575; the Air Cav 1-10th came on station and expended in the area of the SEL. 3 Feb 70 - "Red Warriors" participated in Operation PUTNAM SHARK, conducting RIF and ambush mission in assigned AO, (3 Feb 70 - 10 Mar 70). Co A, conducting ambush mission vic BR 321569 observed 3 enemy walking on a trail; employed claymore and S/A. A sweep had negative findings. Co C conducted a CA from Camp Radcliff to AO vic BR 282535 and began RIF mission to the north. In the vic of BR 277542, two individuals were sighted moving north at a range of 100 meters. Gunships were called for and expended on the area of the SEL. 4.2 mortars were also employed.

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One man received punji wound and was dusted off at 1438 hours. 4 Feb 70 - 2/B vic BR 355535 found a trail 18" wide, not visible from the air, running east and west; the trail was 3 or 4 days old. Also at BR 354536 2/B found 10 swinging type branch booby traps, and grain baskets full of grain, corn and beans; 3 cows; 20 pigs; 20 chickens; 1 hoe, and a banana knife. Co C vic BR 272555 spotted 5 individuals 50 meters to the north, running north on the trail. Three had weapons; all were wearing khakis. 3/C initiated contact with S/A, but received no return fire. Neg results. 2/C vic 269555 observed 2 enemy 40 meters to the east on a ridge line; one weapon was observed. 2/C engaged them with S/A. A sweep turned up one SKS and two rucksacks CIA, also one enemy was WIA-CIA. 5 Feb 70 - Co C vic BR 266564 engaged 2 enemy at 15 meters to the south. No weapons were observed. A sweep of the area found considerable blood. 2/C found one WIA-CIA, wearing khaki shirt, green pants, wounded in the leg. Another individual fled south and was seen with rucksack and weapon. At 1109 hours another blood trail was found going south, neg results. 7 Feb 70 - Co B conducted RIF vic area bounded by BR 350540, 367540, 367550, and 350550, 2/B at coordinates BR 354544 reported finding one storage bin with 750 lbs rice, and shortly after found 2 more bins which were the same size as the first, also containing 750 lbs of rice. At that time they also reported 50-60 interlocking trails throughout the area. At 1120 hours found one hootch with 850 lbs of rice. Also found one cross bow and 3 cutting knives. Two more hootches were found containing 850 lbs of rice each. The area showed numerous signs of recent use.

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9 Feb 70 - Co B cont RIF in area bounded by checkpoints BR 350550, 350540, and 370540. 1/B at 354544 found one bunker used one month ago containing 20 lbs of rice, 4 lbs of salt and 3 jars of unidentified wash, all of which were destroyed. Co C at BR 288548 found a hootch and a bunker used 2 or 3 days earlier containing 4 rounds of .31 cal ammo; 1 M-16 loaded; 2 spears; GI boots marked with US name and service number; M-60 brass, and 2lbs of Corn. Also found a bunker which was booby trapped at the entrances. Booby traps were, one Chicom grenade and one 60mm mortar shell, both set to trigger by a strip of bamboo. 12 Feb 70 - Co A conducted an airlift into the LZ at BR 298567 and began their RIF to the north. 3/A at BR 302568 found 2 hootches. Inside the hootch, they found 250 lbs of grain, which was destroyed. 3/A at BR 299573 found one hootch, 3 weeks old; 5 baskets containing 100 lbs of rice which was destroyed. 3 EM sustained injuri stake wounds on the LZ, and were dusted off. 12 Feb 70 - Co B conducted RIF in area bounded by checkpoints BR 350570, 370570, 350558, and 370558. Vic BR 369558 Co B found 4 spear type booby traps, two on a north to south trail and two on an east to west trail. The traps had been prepared within the previous 2 or 3 days. The trails were 18" wide and not visible from the air. One EM received a wound from a spear type booby trap and was dusted off. 14 Feb 70 - Co D in vic BR 552681 observed one enemy 55 meters to the north of the perimeter. S/A and M-60 along with M-79 were employed with negative results. 15 Feb 70 - 3/C ambush location at BR 326547 observed one enemy in the open, KEL 323547. The Air Cav was on station and expended on the KEL. The Air Cav sighted 5 structures at BR 328552, 4 bunkers at BR 331551 and at B R 330552. The Air Cav expended and destroyed all structures. MG Walker, CG 4th Inf Div, and BG Wheelock ADC-A 4th Inf Div, attended change of command ceremonies for outgoing Bn CG,

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LTC Cottingham. LTC Norris P. Sterling assumed command as Bn CO, 1st Bn, 12th Inf. At 0340 hours FSB WARRIOR was hit by a sapper attack. An estimated 10 - 12 individuals infiltrated the perimeter from the north and northwest. The enemy utilized satchel charges, Chicom grenades, AK-47 and B-40 rockets in the attack. The enemy wore nothing but loin cloths and were smeared with black charcoal. A total of 41 satchel charges were detonated inside the perimeter. Two 105mm Howitzers were damaged beyond use by satchel charges, two 81 mortar ammo bunkers and one 81mm mortar tube were destroyed by satchel charges. Four bunkers were caved in, resulting in 9 US MIA, three of which were from B btry 4th of the 42nd Arty. No evidence of B-40 fire was found although one enemy was engaged by Co C, as he was about to fire a B-40 at the TOG. Two enemy were KIA during this action. 16 Feb 70 - Co D, while securing FSB TOUGKIE, and conducting sweeps of the FSB local received S/A and automatic weapons fire from 100-150 meters to the east. Approximately 30 rounds were received. A dustoff was requested for one KCS, wounded in the left leg and one US EM wounded in the upper thigh. G/S and 81mm were employed. The G/S reported ground-to-air fire, taking one hit. Later when conducting a mad minute test fire, the fire base received approx 15 rounds of S/A fire. The SEL was BR 554678 and 81mm were employed on it. 17 Feb 70 - Co A conducted a CA from P2 at BR 308546 into an LZ at BR 521692 and began a RIF oriented to the NE. 1/A ambush at BR 307548 found a 1 man lean-to about 6' across containing 3 baskets, 3 wooden boxes. Items were at least 2-3 weeks old. 19 Feb 70 - The point man for the 1/B element was wounded in the left leg when he stepped on a punji stake at BR 569712. In this area were found 6 NVA bunkers and a latrine. In vic

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566714, Co B received 3 or 4 rounds of S/A sniper fire with negative friendly casualties. The SEL was 100 meters out at an AZ of 50°. At the SEL 3/B found a fresh trail running northeast with recent use. Co C continued RIF in area bounded by BR 550670, 564670, 554660, and 550660. At 557663 3/C found a trail 2 feet wide running due west. It was well worn and was used recently by 3-4 individuals. AT BR 556664 3/C found 5 old hootches and a bunker, neither had any recent use. While reconning by fire near 555604, three individuals and a scout dog were injured by a short round from an 81mm mortar. 20 Feb 70 - Co B at BR 566714 received 50 rounds S/A fire from a distance of 75 meters. 4.2 mortar was employed as a blocking force while 2/B moved into the SEL. The sweep had negative results. Vic BR 556714 1/B had one individual sustain a punji wound in the right calf. 22 Feb 70 - CoC replaces Co D as FSB security Co. LTC Sterling, while observing 2/C on the ground at BR 545677, also observed 3 individuals wearing shorts and green fatigues shirts, carrying AK-47's; individuals had negative head gear and were running at a distance of 100 meters. No ground to air fire was received, artillery was employed. At the fire base, Co Co received sniper fire southern pad received at least three hits. One individual was observed with unknown type weapon. S/A, cal .50 MG, M-79, 81mm and 155mm employed with negative individuals 35 meters to his front, individual was hit, artillery employed. One blood trail was found, negative other results. An ambush employed by 2/D at BR 535757 observed and engaged 3 individuals moving west to east on a trail. Result was one enemy KIA who ran 100 meters, threw his weapon into

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ambush on one enemy who tripped flare, he was about 3 feet from ambush location moving west to east; use of M-60 and M-16 resulted in one enemy KIA and 1 AK-47 CIA with magazine. 23 Feb 70 - 2/B at BR 570735, received 15 rounds AK-47 fire from 4-6 individuals 50 meters to the northwest. There were negative casualties. In vic of BR 564737, Co B received sniper fire at a distance of 350 meters resulting in US WIA. The enemy fired approximately 18-20 rounds. In the SEL four expended cartridges were found. Individual WIA later died of his wound. Co C at BR 552686 observed one individual wearing US fatigues, steel pot and web gear moving toward them. Individual engaged the ambush with S/A. Elements of Co Co called out "friendly", individual fled to the west. Result was 1 US KIA. Co D vic BR 546756 found 34-82mm mortar rounds, 4 cans 82mm primer, 400 1/2 lb bars of Chicom TNT, AT mines, 300 rounds, .51 cal AP ammo, 800 lbs trytonal from US bombs in 12 bags, 4000 blasting caps, 500 meters det cord, 9300 rounds Chicom Mauser ammo, 6000 AK-47 rounds, six 122mm rockets, 800 electrical blasting caps, 200 B-40 rockets, 300 B-41 rockets, 1 75mm RR round, 1 20mm fuse, six 60mm mortar round, 6 82mm mortar fuses, and 30 hootches. Possible area for sapper battalion storage. 25 Feb 70 - 3/D vic BR 547759 received 30 rounds of S/A sniper fire from approx 50 meters to the north, resulting in 1 US WIA and 1 US KIA. The squad was moving 100 meters down a trail, passing a small side trail which they did not check and did not secure. While returning, the enemy fired from the side trail hitting the two men. 26 Feb 70 - At BR 524764 1/A received AK-47 sniper fire from approximately 100 meters to the west. Two men wearing NVA bush hats were observed fleeing southwest. One US WIA

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A sweep of the area revealed one hootch with a bunker built underneath.

27 Feb 70 - Co A conducted a RIF in area bounded by coordinates, BR 528774, BR 540774, BR 540754, and BR 528754. At BR 523765 Co A found a hootch, with a bunker underneath. Also found, a Chicom grenade rigged in explosive form for a booby trap. Co A at BR 528758 found 24 B-40 boxes containing: 1 new Chicom AM radio, 4 Telephone Switch Boards, 4 Chicom Piled Telephones, 4 Chicom grenades, 1 case (2-3,000') of detonation cord, 6 cases of blasting caps, 6000 rounds SKS ammo, 2-3 cases of 82mm mortar primers. 1/A at BR 528758 found 24 B-40 rounds, 87 - 82mm mortar rounds, and 12 60mm mortar rounds on a pallet, covered on a poncho. At their resupply LZ, Co A received 10-20 rounds of AK-47. An aircraft in the vicinity took several hits, and the door gunner was wounded. Co A also had 1 BIA. 1/D via BR 545764 received S/A fire from the northwest, approximately 4-5 rounds of AK-47 fire. The element returned the fire. The resupply helicopter took several rounds with negative friendly casualties. 28 Feb 70 - Co D at BR 578771 found two hootches made of bamboo and sticks, built 6' off the ground, both were destroyed. While resupplying Co D at BR 548771, the resupply helicopter received S/A fire while lifting off the ground. A sweep located the SEL at BR 555771, where one individual fired 24 AK rounds and fled north. resupply chopper received 2 round in the tail area near FSB TOUGHIE. S/A, M-60 and artillery fire was returned on the SEL. There were negative friendly casualties.

March: 1 Mar 70 - Co C while maintaining FSB security received and estimated eight rounds of 60mm mortar fire, none of which hit inside the perimeter. SEL determined to be at BR 558690. 81mm and artillery were employed. 3/D at BR 546773 in ambush posture triggered an ambush on 3 individuals moving

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south to north on trail. Engaged with claymores at 30 meters. One enemy was believed to have been wounded. One of the individuals carried an AK -47 and they all fled west. 4.2 mortar employed at BR 555783. One BR sustained a punji stake wound in the leg and was dusted off. 2 Mar 70 - Co D at BR 546779 observed 20-30 individuals crossing river, KEL BR 567777. Artillery and 4.2 employed. At 1100 hours, observed another 20 individuals fleeing north across the river. Co D in vic of 564779, while moving toward the KEL engaged one individual with S/A after enemy engaged a low flying aircraft. Result one enemy KIA. Co D in vic of BR 568777 engaged two individuals, moving on a trail to the south. Enemy tripped a flare and was engaged with M-60 resulting in one enemy KIA and one enemy OIA. 3 Mar 70 - 2/A at BR 532783, received S/A, AK-47 fire from 100 meters west from an estimated three individuals. S/A and 4.2 mortar employed, neg findings. During this period when C Co (-) was conducting RIF vic BR 577795, a Chinook aircraft received approximately 12 rounds S/A fire in the immediate vic of T UGHLE, wounding two crew members. One enemy walked up to the perimeter, tripping a flare. S/A were employed resulting in one enemy KIA. Co D 1st Bn 8th Inf became OPCOM to 1st Bn, 12th Inf at 031100H Mar 70. At BR 564782, Co D 1/8th spotted one individual, S/A were employed resulting in 1 enemy KIA. 7 Mar 70 - Co C at BR 552782 received 8-10 rounds automatic weapons fire. Fire was returned with M-79 and M-60. Unit maneuvered toward the SEL under cover of Artillery. Co C engaged movement with S/A at BR 545773. A sweep revealed one dead VC hit in the head and chest. Co D while conducting RIF vic BR 577775 observed a resupply helicopter receive a burst of S/A fire from 600 meters to the northeast. Chopper took one hit in the fuel tank. Operation PU NAM SHARK terminated. 11 Mar 70 new operation started.

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11 Mar 70, Operation PUTNAM SHARK terminated on 7 Mar 70 and Operation ERHARDT WHITE, started on 11 Mar 70. On 11 Mar 70 the 1st Bn 12th Inf moved to Phase Line Red. Co A operating in vic BR 544794 found a hootch containing 500 lbs of rice, destroyed. Co's B and C moved from night locations to Phase Line Red. Co D in vic of BR 543777 found one hootch containing 4-6 tons of rice, destroyed. 13 Mar 70 - 1st Bn 12th Inf continued operation ERHARDT WHITE and moved from Phase Line White to Phase Line Blue. Co C in vic BR 548794 found a several bunkers containing one NVA rucksack, one NVA poncho, one US canteen, one pair green fatigues, one black shirt, some pairs of socks, one pair grey shorts, tobacco, two notebooks and two letters. Found in a cave nearby were one SKS, one rucksack with food, two M-16 magazines, one M-79 illumination round, one AK-47 rifle rod, and 20 rounds SKS ammo. Co D operating vic BR 553780 had their commanding Officer, Cpt Rose sustain punji wounds in the lower left leg and left foot. While enroute to LZ, Cpt Rose was further injured by a booby trap, which also injured his RTG. 15 Mar 70 - 1st Bn, 12th Inf continued operation ERHARDT WHITE, moving from Phase Line Purple to Phase Line Gold and returning on order to Phase Line Purple, employing stay behind patrols. At BR 557788, Co C found two NVA poncho hootches stretched over bamboo. In a hollow tree at BR 556788 Co C found a shotgun, (Model # 77E, Stevens Savage Arms Corp), with US stamp on the side of the chamber and the number 88 painted on the stock in red. At BR 556785 Co D found a hootch containing one ton of rice. 18 Mar 70 - 1st Bn, 12th Inf continued Operation ERHARDT WHITE, north of CAMP RADCLIFF. Co A at ESB NIAGARA, conducting security sweeps and ambushes, received 10 rounds AK-47 fire from 350 meters to the northwest, with neg casualties.

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81mm were employed. Co's B, C, and D were extracted from PZ's; B Co BR 518812, Co C BR 519817, Co D BR 518280, and airlifted to FSB NIAGARA. 3/D 1st Bn 14th Inf was extracted by air from FSB NIAGARA and returned to the control of their parent unit. 25 Mar 70 - Co C at BR 508833 found six pigs averaging from 100-250 lbs, destroyed. 3/C received 8 rounds automatic weapons fire from 50-100 meters to the north. A sweep of the area produced negative findings. 3/C received 3 rounds of sniper fire at BR 497836 resulting in one US KIA. 26 Mar 70 - Co C continued to RIF vic BR 497838. At BR 497835, Co C received 25-30 rounds of S/A fire from 2-3 individuals located to the south-southwest 50 meters. This action resulted in one US WIA. 28 Mar 70 - At BR 498836, Co C heard an estimated 5-6 individuals and received several rounds of S/A fire from 75 meters west. A scream was heard as Co C returned the fire. When maneuvering to sweep the SML, Co C found one KIA wearing khaki trousers, green shirt and web belt with two magazines and ammo, also found 1 AK-47. 1/C ambush at BR 492837 observed and engaged 4 individuals at 20-30 meters with negative results. 29 Mar 70 - FSB NIAGARA received several rounds of S/A fire from AZ 320 degrees, range 300 meters, while an aircraft was on a final approach to land. The aircraft returned fire. Also Co A, the fire base security company, returned fire with S/A and M-60. 81mm mortars were also employed.

April 1 Apr 70 - Co C continued ambush operations on trail network bounded by checkpoints BR 480860, 480840, 500840, and 500860. 1/C ambush at BR 483848 observed and engaged 2 individuals 40 meters from their ambush location to the west, resulting in one NVA KIA. One AK-47 CIA. The second individual was carrying two full magazines, a belt, knife, poncho, US canteen, several documents, 330 Plasters, green fatigues and

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trouwers. Vic BR 494844 2/C ambush observed one individual on AZ 360 degrees range 40 meters wearing black PJ's, neg weapon. Individual was engaged with S/A with negative results. 3 Apr 70 - Co B reported movement to the north of FSB NIAGARA and engaged with S/A and 81mm. One individual with AK-47 was observed outside of the perimeter. Three fragmentation grenades were thrown at the perimeter, all of which landed in the wire. 2/B ambush at BR 536819 reported observing one individual at a range of 600 meters crossing a stream. Sniper engaged resulting in one VC KIA. 81mm was employed with negative finding. 5 Apr 70 - Recon Platoon vic BR 540835 heard voices of an estimated six individuals. Six individuals later walked into within 10 meters of the ambush locations. S/A were employed resulting in one NVA KIA, wearing a khaki shirt and one WIA. One SKS with bayonet and 1 US .30 cal M-1 CIA. The WIA fled southeast with assistance leaving a large blood trail. A red perfumed handkerchief was found indicating the presence of a woman. 6 Apr 70 - 1st Bn 12th Inf becomes OPCON to 4th Inf Div and lifted to CAMP RADCLIFF. All units were engaged with training, performing guard mission for Army Air Field, or as a reaction force for TAOR-CAMP RADCLIFF. 12 Apr 70 - 1st Bn 12th Inf remains OPCON to the 4th Inf Div operating from CAMP RADCLIFF. Co A conducts CA from RADCLIFF TO LZ vic BR 390423 and conducted RIF operation. Effective 1340 hours all operations were terminated. Co A and Recon Plat moved to QL19 for immediate extraction. 1/12 Inf reverted to 2d Brigade control with orders to move overland to a location vic PLEIKU. The mission was cancelled at 1720 hours. 1/12 Inf OPCON again to 4th Inf Div, effective 1800 hours. Recon became OPCON to 1/10 Cav. 14 Apr 70 Co's A and C OPCON to 1/10 Cav. 16 Apr 70 - 1/12 Inf (-) continuing to operate from RADCLIFF OPCON to 4th Inf Div.

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2/B chopped to FSB HARDTIMES as fire base security. 1/B reaction in support of LRRP team R14 with contact via BR 2967. 1/B moved north from LZ and made contact with LRRP. 1/B moved out on sweep of SEL and found one carbine, 1974 model, Chinese made. 18 Apr 70 - Co A which had been OPCON to 1/10 Cav, returned to 1/12 control at 1650 hours. Co C remains OPCON to 1/10 Cav. 22 Apr 70 - Co's C and D and Recon Platoon conducted RIF and ambush mission via BR 578536, 581499, and 553492. Negative significant results. 25 Apr 70 - 1/12 Inf minus Co B and Co C, moved by motor to location via BR 455602 to build a new FSB. Mission is to secure Co D, 4th Engineer Battalion, while they build and repair road # 508 from QL 19 to vic Hill 666, BR 397689. 1/2th Inf was also assigned an AO with the mission of destroying enemy in assigned sector. 27 Apr 70 - Recon Plat via BR 468617 found 4 hootches with approx 5-6 tons of rice, hootches were last used in last 2 months by an unknown number of individuals. 28 Apr 70 - Recon Plat via BR 468619 received S/A fire, AK-47 (30-40rds) and two grenades. 1 US WIA by grenade fragments. Estimated 2-3 enemy. Later it was decided that one of the grenades was a B-40. General Walker visited FSB Aquarius. Recon Plat made contact with the enemy via BR 468619 est 2-3 individuals. Recon Plat received 2 B-40 rounds and 30-40 rounds of S/A fire (AK-47) Artillery and S/A returned. 1 US WIA. Also Recon Plat via BR 468619 found 3 hootches approx 2 months old containing hulled rice, approx 4,950 lbs. 29 Apr 70 - Recon Plat via BR 468617, sighted 2 individuals in the open. Recon Plat engaged enemy with S/A fire. Received neg return fire. Individuals were wearing black pajamas one was carrying a weapon. A sweep resulted in neg findings. Recon Plat via BR 471619 found 1 hootch that could accommodate 5 Ind. Also

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found 3 baskets, one containing tobacco. Indigenous personnel in village vic FSB Aquarius reported that 20 VC equipped with 60 mm mortars are located vic BR 505583. They said that this force will place indirect fire upon Aquarius or the ARVN compound tonight.

h. Training:

(1). Unit training: During the period of this report, all training was conducted by unit officers and NCO's, with one exception. Normal firebase training was conducted on a rotating basis. Weapons zero, M-79 and M-60 firing was conducted at FSB NIAGARA and at CAMP RADCLIFF ranges. During the period of stand-down, CBR, Artillery adjustment, airmobile assault, and jungle penetration training was conducted. Company K, 75th Infantry conducted ambush training. Safety classes were conducted by all unit commanders.

(2). Schools: This Battalion received and filled quotas to Division

Schools.

<u>Schools</u>	<u>Quota</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Graduated</u>
(1) Division Comb at NCO Leadership	6	6	6
(2) Pre Recondo	4	4	4
(3) Sniper	8	8	7
(4) Mine Sweep	3	3	3

i. Logistics:

(1) General resupply operations were good during the reporting period. Availability of aircraft was adequate with the only problem being caused by bad weather on several occasions.

(2). Supply Activities; Class I, There was no field mess in operation during the reporting period. The base camp mess prepared one hot meal daily for all forward elements. Total consumption during the reporting period was 125,720 A-rations, and 74,845 C-rations.

(3) Transportation: The Battalion organic transportation is not adequate

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for movement of more than one company at a time, therefore, additional transportation was requested and obtained from the DTC to support the moves made during the reporting period. Organic vehicles were utilized for movement of supplies and personnel daily.

j. Organization:

(1) General: None

(2) Strength authorized and assigned strength as of the end of this reporting period were as follows:

(a) Authorized:

UNIT	OFFICER	WO	EM	AGG
HHC	015	002	147	164
Co A	006	000	158	164
Co B	006	000	158	164
Co C	006	000	158	164
Co D	006	000	158	164
Co E	004	000	096	100
TOTAL	043	002	875	920

(b) Assigned

UNIT	OFFICER	WO	EM	AGG
HHC	013	002	171	186
Co A	005	000	150	150
Co B	005	000	130	135
Co C	007	000	138	145
Co D	006	000	133	139
Co E	004	000	097	101
TOTAL	037	002	820	861

(3) Replacements and Rotation: During the period 1 Feb 70 through 30 Apr 70, 1/12th Inf had 421 EM gained and 376 EM lost. During the same period the 1/12th Inf had 10 officers gained and 10 officers lost.

(4) Casualties:

UNIT	FEBRUARY			MARCH			APRIL		
	KIA	MIA	MIA	KIA	MIA	MIA	KIA	MIA	MIA
HHC	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Co A	0	14	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
Co B	1	7	0	0	11	0	0	3	0
Co C	1	19	0	1	15	0	0	0	0
Co D	1	7	0	0	13	0	0	0	0
Co E	0	4	0	0	6	0	0	0	0

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(5) Moral and Personnel Services - Awards and Decorations

ES "V" "S" ARCOM "V" "S" "SS" "PH" "AM" "Soldiers Medal"

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The total of all awards presented during the period 1 Feb 70 to 21 Apr 70 is 360.

(6) Rest and Recuperation: The 1/12th Inf during the period 1 Feb 70 to 30 Apr 70 was allotted 233 out-of-country R&R's by the 4th Inf Div. During this period the 1/12 Inf used all of the above mentioned 233 out-of-country R&R's.

k. Civic Action:

(1) During the month of February the "Red Warriors" S-5 team completed the consolidation and advising the people of PLEI KO'TU on the construction of their defensive perimeter. At the same time, the team was also assisting the ARVN Civil Action Team which took over the activities at Plei Brel Der.

(2) During the months of March and April, the CA team moved to the AN KHE area at BACCLIFF. Once the TAOR was broken down, and the areas of responsibility were designated, the "Red Warriors" began work in the hamlets of AN BINH (2) and AN BINH BAC within the village of CU'U AN. Guidance given the team by the 4th Inf Div G-5 was to concentrate on high impact short range projects. Keeping this in mind, the team has concentrated its efforts at introducing the people to what their own government has to offer and why it is better, as opposed to that of the NVA and/or VC. The team believes they are beginning to make progress with the people, in that they are starting to trust the members of the team with information that could cause a lot of problems for them if it was known that they revealed it. The team is also moving in a positive

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direction with other projects which include MEDCAPS PSYOPS programs, both audio and visual, DENTCAPS, introducing a broader variety of vegetables, and assisting the people with any administrative problems they might have. A great deal of energy is directed toward Vietnamizing the pacification program here, as much as possible. At this time, we are helping the people of AN BINH (2) to build a bridge.

(3) The "Red Warriors" CA team is also supporting the District Officials at AN TUC in their efforts by taking individuals from the district offices on our operations.

(4) Projected plans are to get engineers to work on roads to the hamlets, run water surveys, and have a veterinarian treat animals.

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