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SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 152 for 040001H Apr to 042400H Apr 70.

1. (C) Operations Summary

A. The 1/12 Inf cont opn PUTNAM SHARK, N of CAMP RADCLIFF.

(1) A Co conducts ambush opns in the trail network in the assigned area bounded by checkpoints 500890, 520890, 527870, 500870. At 511883 A Co(-) found an 18" wide N-S trail not visible from the air; trail has been used in the last week. 3/A in the vic of 511871 found 2 hootches (20x15x8'), and 3 hootches 15x15x8'. All of the hootches had false floors which served as 1' O/H, over bunkers 4-5' deep, of the same dimensions as the hootches. Twenty to 30 individuals used the area 24-48 hrs before. At this location a cut down bicycle frame was found with three generators mounted on it. 1/A vic 517885 found a 1' wide NW-SE trail not visible from the air, last used by 2-3 indiv, also found 1 Dink canteen with a bullet hole in it.

(2) B Co cont FSB security and construction; maintaining sniper ambush and continuing patrol along checkpoints 539823, 537817, 530814, 525815 and return to fire base. 1/B patrol at 535817 found the remains of a hootch est to be 1 year old, several baskets were also found. 1/B is working west along a 1' wide trail, not visible from the air.

(3) C Co conducts ambush operation along the trail network in area of interest bounded by 490860, 500865, 510865, 510840, 490840. 1/C vic 498844 found an old 18" wide trail 6 mo to 1 year old, running N-S. Trail not visible from the air, had neg recent use. 3/C at 504854 found 2 documents each with 2

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one side and 10' double fence on the other, punji stakes and spring booby traps oriented to the west.

(4) D Co cont to RIF in assigned AO with emphasis on the trail complex and maintaining ambushes. Running on AZ 240° at 509773, D Co found a 1½-2' wide trail partially visible from the air, used 2-3 days ago by 3-4 people, several fresh leave cuttings. At 505771 D Co found trail 6' wide running NW-SE, last use unknown. D Co in vic of 504771 found a bamboo bridge 2' wide 25m long, 6-8 mo old, already partially destroyed. At 513773 D Co found a 1½' wide trail branching off main trail on AZ 340°, also about 50 punji stakes 2-5 mos old along the main trail.

(5) Recon ambushes at 3 locations in assigned AO. Reports neg significant sightings or contacts.

B. Cumulative results of opn PUTNAM SHARK, since 15 Feb 70:

US losses: 29 WIA; 4 KIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA.

US inflicted enemy losses: 9 enemy KIA, (BC); 4 S/A CIA; 3 radios, 4 field phones, 4 switchboards CIA; 75,920 lbs rice CIA.

2. Remarks: MG Walker, CG 4th Div visits NIAGARA.

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