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

AVDDB-121

8 February 1970

SUBJECT: DAILY SITREP 94 for 040001H to 042400H February 1970.

1. Operations Summary

A. The 1/12 Inf cont ops northwest of Camp RADCLIFF out of FSB WARRIOR.

(1) A Co cont construction of FSB, also continuing local security and maintaining 4 LP's. Reports neg significant sightings or contacts.

(2) B Co conducts RIF in area bounded by checkpoints 343530, 343543, (east along river), to 357540, 357530. Establishes night ambushes. 2/B at 355535 found 1 trail 18" wide, not visible from the air, running E*W. There were 2 sandal prints 3-4 days old, traveling west. A trail was found leading west, possibly used this morning, was found by B Co at 353537. Also found were 6 Montagnard style hootches 6x8x5', 8x10x5' 1' off the ground. They were est to be 4-6 mo old, but 2 of the hootches showed use w/in the last week. All was destroyed. 2/B at coor 354536 found 10 swinging branch booby traps with spiked stakes 3-4 days old; 1 spear type booby trap 2-3 mo old; 50 punji stakes 1 mo old. The traps were along a cleared area, cleared w/in the last week. 1/B at 352539 found 10 sleepers 6x8x4' to 8x10x4' w/ 1' O/H. Also found were grain baskets full of grain, corn, and beans; 3 cows; 20 pigs; 20 chickens; 1 hoe and a banana knife. The enemy had been in the area in the last 24H, an est 10-14 people. A trail running SSW, 5½' wide was found, used in the last 3-4 days.

(3) C Co conducts RIF along checkpoints 277544, 263552, 276550, 283553.

Establishes night ambushes. 3/C at 1145H coor 272555, spotted 5 indiv 50m to the N running N on the trail. Three had weapons, all were wearing khakis, no

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headgear; 3/C initiated contact w/ S/A, but received no return fire. 3/C at this location saw a dog and 2 puppies on the trail, also found was a spear type booby trap 3 weeks old. 3/C at 269555 engaged 1 indiv w/S/A; the enemy carried an unidentified weapon. The KEL was 40 m to the N. 3/C followed a blood trail with neg results. 2/C at 1457H vic 269555 observed 2 enemy 40m to the E on a ridge line. One was wearing a khaki shirt and shorts, the other had on a blue shirt. 1 weapon was observed. 2/C engaged them w/S/A and there was no return fire. . At 1500H one SKS and 2 rucksackss were CIA. At 1543H 1 enemy was WIA CIA. 2/C in the vic of 268557 found 1 bunker 4x4x4' w/2' 0/H. There were 5 areas cleared for hootches w/ a fireplace in each clearing, 1 fire was still warm and another was still burning, with a pot of rice on it. 2/C and CP at 269557 found a hootch 5x10x6' in fresh clearing. Warm fire inside; also 1 lb rice, 10 lbs salt and 1 crossbow.

(4) D Co OPCON 1/69, cont search and destroy mission along QL 19.

(5) Recon cont RIF along checkpoints 323570, 321547, 320577, 320580. Reports neg significant sightings or contact.

B. Cumulative results of operation PUTNAM ~~WILDCAT~~ ^{SHARK}:

US losses 1 W^{LA}

US inflicted enemy losses: 1 enemy CIA; 1 S/A CIA.

C. Cumulative total results of all units:

US losses: 4 KIA, 38 WIA

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA; 2 dog handler WIA

US inflicted enemy losses: 75 VC/NVA KIA, (BC); 13 poss KIA; 13 enemy CIA; 4

Hoi Chanhs; 28 S/A CIA; 2800 lbs rice 300 lbs salt CIA; (dest); Misc equip CIA.

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1. (C) Operations Summary

A. The 1/12 Inf cont opn PUTNAM SHARK.

- (1) A Co maintains security of FSB, conducting local security. ~~Establishes~~ 5 LP's, and 1 ambush, coor 323564. Reports neg significant sightings or contact.
- (2) B Co conducts RIF bounded by checkpoints 350550, 350540, 367550, 367540. B Co at 351537 found a trail used by est 3 indiv, trail 18" wide not visible from the air; tracks on the trail deliberately covered. Found 1 Ho Chi Minh sandal, 1 fire used this morning. 2/B sqd at 351537 were engaged by S/A, AK-47 fire from 2 indiv 100m to the N. Six rds were fired. 2/B sqd returned S/A fire, believed to have hit one. No US casualties. At 1345H while sweeping toward the KEL 1 enemy was observed wearing green fatigues, 50m to the west, no weapon was observed. At 352541 2/B sqd had movement 7m to the NW; caught sight of 1 enemy, estimate a sqd size element in bamboo thicket. No S/A fire was exchanged. At 1555H observed 3 enemy in one position, 1 in another. No S/A fire exchanged. R/L and 4.2" employed. B Co at 352543 found 1 hootch 6x8x4', containing corn potatoes, grain and 1 fire built that morning. In vic 352544 found 2 sleepers 6x4x3', 1 1/2' O/H 6-8 mo old. Used w/in last 24H. Nothing was destroyed due to B Co's pursuit of the enemy. At 352538 B Co found 1 trail running SE-NW 18" wide used regularly.
- (3) C Co cont RIF to NW developing area of contact of 4 Feb. 2/C at 1032H coor 266564 engaged 2 enemy at 15m to S; no weapons observed. Enemy were walking toward 2/C along ridgeline. At 1135H found considerable amount of blood. At

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1154H 2/C has 1 CIA WIA, wearing khaki shirt, green pants, wounded in the leg. Other indiv fled S and was seen w/ rucksack and weapon. At 1109H another blood trail was found going S. Trail followed w/ neg findings. C Co (-) at 268558 found 3 hootches; 2 were 8x15x4', and the other was 6x8x4'. Three monthss old used 24H ago, by 3-4 people. In hootches found 10 baskets, 7 water jugs, 8 rice baskets, 2 crossbows w/ 25 arrows, 15 straw mats, 1 pair green pants, 35 lbs corn 25 bird traps, and 2 pigs. All destroyed. 3/C ambush at 259567 found 1 lean-to 2-3 weeks old for 3 indiv; 2 campfires, 2-3 days old; 20 ears of corn, 1 cross bow 1 axe handle; 1 spade; and 1 US D-handle shovel.

(4) D Co OPCON to 1/69, conducting search and destroy along QL 19.

(5) Recon RIF S and closed on FSB for resupply. Reports neg significant sightings or contact.

B. Cumulative results opn PUTNAM ~~WILDCAT~~ ^{SHARK}:

US losses: 1 WIA

US inflicted enemy losses: 2 enemy CIA, 1 S/A CIA.

C. Cumulative total results of all units:

US losses: 4 KIA; 38 WIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA; 2 dog handlers WIA.

US inflicted enemy losses; 75 VC/NVA KIA (BC); 13 poss KIA; 15 enemy CIA; 4 Hoi Chanhs; 28 S/A CIA; 2800 lbs rice, 300 lbs salt CIA, (dest); misc dicu and equip CIA.

2. Remarks: None

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1. (C) Operations Summary

A. The 1/12 Inf observed the TET Cease Fire period effective 051800H Feb to 061800H Feb 70.

(1) A Co maintains security of FSB conducting local security and establishing 5 LP's. Reports neg sightings or contact.

(2) B Co maintains defensive positions coor 352538 and establishes 2 defensive positions (ambushes), coor 351543, 352533. Accept resupply. 2/B amb at 2045H while closing Co position detected movement. Amb remained in place 125m SW of Co position w/ neg further development.

(3) C Co maintains defensive position coor 266564. Establish 3 defensive amb coor 266556, 272558, and 259566. Accepts resupply, reports neg significant sightings.

(4) D Co OPCOM to 1/69. Observed TET Cease Fire.

(5) Recon remains at FSB until 1800H 6 Feb, and then Begins RIF out of FSB to SW. Reports neg significant sightings or contact.

B. Cumulative results opn PUTNAM ~~WIA~~ ^{SHARK}:

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