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

AVDDB-121

9 February 1970

SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 97 for 070001H to 072400H February 1970.

1. (C) Operations Summary

A. The 1/12 Inf cont operation PUTNAM SHARK, NW of Camp RADCLIFF.

(1) A Co maintains FSB security, establishes 1 night ambush and 5 LP's.

Reports neg significant sightings or contact.

(2) B Co conducts RIF vic area bounded by checkpoints 350540, 367540, 368550, 350550. Establish night ambush. 2/B at coor 354544 reported 1 storage bin 5x5x7' w/ 750 lbs rice. At 1026H 2 more bins were found, which were the same size as the first. They also contained 750 lbs rice each. At that time they also reported 50-60 interlocking trails throughout the area. At 1120H 2 hootches 6x6x4' $\frac{1}{2}$ full of an undetermined grain; 350 lbs in each. At 1320H found one hootch 7x5x4' w/ 850 lbs of rice. Area appeared to be set up in a circular pattern, last used 2 wks to 1 mo ago. Also found 1 crossbow, 3 cutting knives. At 1532H B Co found 1 hootch 4x4x6' containing 900lbs of rice. 1541H, 2 hootches were found, one 6x5x4', one 5x4x4' containing 850 and 700 lbs of rice respectively. Total amount of rice and grain CIA was 7650 lbs. At 1740H 1/B in vic 354543 found 1 hootch 8x8', 2' off the ground estimated to be 3 weeks old, last used 2 days before, by 3-4 indiv. There were numerous signs of active use; fire place, cut hair, bird traps, wood and cups. Also found 2 trails, 1 from the NW to the SE, and 1 going N-S; there were animal traps along the trail.

(3) ^{Co} C conducts RIF in area bounded by checkpoints 261576, 273576, 261560, 273560. 3/C at 272554 found 1 hootch 25x15x4' for 8-10 indiv, camouflaged w/ dry leaves, 2' of log and dirt 6/H. Last use 1 week, there were also footprints one week old. At 272556 C Co smelled smoke, and moved approx 50m

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1. (C) Operations Summary

A. The 1/12 Inf cont operation PUTNAM SHARK, NW of Camp RADCLIFF.

(1) A Co maintains FSB security with local sweeps and LP's. Maintains one ambush. Reports neg significant sightings or contact.

(2) B Co conducts RIF in current area of interest bounded by checkpoints 340550, 340540, 358540, 358550. Establishes night ambushes. At 353545, 3/B found 1 heating bowl; 3 hoe blades; 1 sand bag of cotton; 1 pr GI boots; 1 knife blade; 1 7.62mm ammo pouch; 1 pr cutt off pants, green; 1 green shirt; B Co at 351544, at 1500H had a resupply bird working for them spot 4 individuals wearing black PJ's 200m on AZ 190^o from B Co. The indiv were traveling E, and appeared to be carrying bundles. 1/B moved toward the SEL. At 1529H the Air Cav working with 1/B spotted some new bunkers and fresh trails 500m on AZ 215^o from B Co. 1/B was guided toward the bunkers by a LOH. Enroute to the bunkers 1/B came upon 1 campfire; 1 spear type booby trap, numerous punji stakes; 3 old bunkers; roasting pit 3-4 days old. At 356552, 4 storage hootches; 6 living hootches; 5 bunkers, and 2 animal pens were found. The Cav expended in the area.

(3) C Co conducted a RIF in the area bounded by checkpoints 272561, 292561, 292547, 292547. C Co(-) at 275557, found 10 hootches 10x8x8' which were of the thatched Montagnard type, last used 24H ago, 6 mo old, used by an est 30 indiv. Also found were 5 goats; 10 chickens; 3-4 pigs; 25 rice baskets; 15 sleeping mats; 8 rice grinders; 8 rice crushers; 3 fishing nets; 15 cooking pots; 3 knives; 20 bird traps; 20 chicken coops; 1 flashlight; 3 axes; 2 NVA pants; 1 knitting machine

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1/C at 272554 found 1 bunker 30x10x4' 2' O/H, 2 entrances, 2 weeks old, last used 2 days ago, by 3-4 indiv. 1 bamboo bed with bloody bandages 1 wk old. Five rice baskets, containing 2 lbs rice, (dest). At 275554 1/C found 3 slit sleeping trenches dug and used last night by 3 indiv, 3 sets Montagnard clothing, 1 shovel, 1 hatchet, 40-50 coins, (unidentified), 20 AK-47 rds, 60' US det cord. At 276557 C Co(-) found 1 hootch 8x4x5' 6 mo old, last used 3 weeks ago by an undetermined number. At 277557 found 1 hootch 8x15x6' 5 mo old used 1 wk ago, by 2-3 indiv. 1 bunker 6x15x4', 1½' O/H 3 wks old, 100 lbs grain, (all destroyed), C Co(-) at 277553 found a storage hootch 5x5x5' containing 500-600 lbs of grain(dest). 1/C at 276553, 1440H detained 1 old man with open wounds from tuberculosis, man was dusted off. 3/C in vic 283553 found 1 hootch 10x6x4' 5 mo old last used 233 mo ago. C Co at 274557 found 3 hootches 6x8x4' 6 mo old last used 3-4 days ago, contained 150 lbs corn, 1200 lbs rice,

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

(5) Recon cont surveillance missions vic center of mass 305544, w/ efforts directed on valleys and trail network in area. Reports neg sightings or contact.

B. Cumulative results for opn PUTNAM SHARK:

US losses: 1 WIA

US inflicted enemy losses: 3 enemy CIA; 8850 lbs rice CIA.

C. Cumulative results of all units:

US losses: 4 KIA, 38 WIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA; 2 dog handlers WIA

US inflicted enemy losses: 75 enemy KIA, (BC); 13 poss enemy KIA; 16 enemy CIA

4 Hoi Chanhs; 28 S/A CIA; 11,650 lbs rice CIA; misc documents and equip CIA.

2. Remarks: ADC-A BG Wheelock visited MAR IUR.

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1. Operations Summary

A. The 1/12 Inf cont operation PUTNAM SHARK, NW of Camp RADCLIFF.

(1) A Co maintains FSB security w/ local security sweeps, LPs and 1 ambush. At 2115H reported movement by 3/A 35m from perimeter, AZ 235°. Illumination employed. At 2155H A Co reported neg SITREP.

(2) B Co cont RIF in area bounded by checkpoints 350550, 370550, 350540, 370540. 1/B sqd at 355546 found 1 hootch 6x8x5' 2-3 mo old, used 3-4 days ago by 2 indiv. At 354544 1 bunker was found, 3x3x3' w/ neg O/H. It was 1 mo old and inside was 20 lbs rice, 4 lbs salt, 3 jars of unidentified mash, (dest). In vic 356546 B Co found bamboo poles tied together in 2 100m lengths running N-S and 2 50m lengths, E-W, 40' off the ground, made of bamboo. 1/B at 359546 found a 4 of 5 acre field cleared 1½ years ago. 2/B sqd at 356551 found 1 hootch 4x5 3 mo old, 750 lbs rice, neg recent use, 100 punji stakes, 50m E found an OP position in a tree.

(3) C Co cont RIF in area bounded by checkpoints 272562, 292562, 272547, 292547. 1/C at 288548 found 1 hootch 12x8x6' 1 bunker 3x2x4' both last used 2-3 days ago, 4 rds (1 clip) .31 cal; 7 rds M-1; 1 M-16 magazine (loaded); 2 spears; GI boots marked w/ US name and serial number; M-60 brass; 2 lbs corn. 2/C amb at 290546 found 2 hootches 5x5x5' 2 weeks old, and last used 2 weeks ago. Thatched hootches contained 500 lbs of rice apiece, a bunker 6x8x4' 1' O/H last used 2 weeks ago, by 3-4 people. Two bunkers were booby trapped at the entrance; were blown. 1 was a Chicom grenade, other was 60mm mortar rd, both were triggered by

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strips of bamboo. 3/C amb at 290540 found 3 hootches 10x6x8', 1 hootch was 4x5x5' (incomplete), 1 bunker 10x5x4' w/ 1' O/H, all 2-3 mo old. 20 acres of bananas, almost ripe, cultivated w/in last week. At 293547 3/C found 2-3 acres of corn and potatoes, 2 OP positions in trees.

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

(5) Recon cont surveillance missions vic 304545. Recon at 305543 found 12 bunkers, 6 mo ago, 1 trail E-W 18" wide, neg recent use.

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US inflicted enemy losses: 3 enemy CIA; 9,650 lbs rice CIA.

C. Cumulative results of all units:

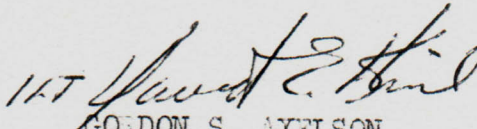
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2. Remarks: None

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