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

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23 February 1970

SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 107 for 170001H to 172400H February 1970.

1. (C) Operations Summary

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

(1) A Co conducts CA from PZ at BR308546 into an LZ at BR521692 and begins RIF oriented to the NE. 1/A ambush at 307548, found 60 lbs of coarse rice in a hootch 5x7x4'; both were destroyed. A Co at 527701 found a 1 man lean-to about 6' across containing 3 baskets, 3 wooden boxes, (18x12x10'); items were at least 2-3 weeks old. A Co found a well used trail running E-W at 524704, 12-15" wide; containing a set of bare footprints going E, estimate 2-3 days old.

(2) B Co conducts CA from PZ at 352574 into vic 557704, and then begins a RIF to the NE. Neg significant sightings or contacts.

(3) C Co conducts CA from FSB WARRIOR to FSB TOUGHIE, and begins RIF the SE. C Co reports movement 100m out at FSB TOUGHIE to the NE, also reports dog alerted.

(4) D Co secures TOUGHIE and maintains LP's and local security sweeps, no sightings or contacts.

(5) Recon conducts CA from 334540 to TOUGHIE, and begins RIF to the NE. Recon located 2 aerial booby traps at 546680 and 546682, strung to a tree; approx the size of baseballs.

B. Cumulative total of all opn of all units since 25 Sept 70.

US losses: 4 KIA; 49 WIA.

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

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US inflicted enemy losses: 77 enemy KIA, (BC); 14 poss enemy KIA; 6 enemy CIA

4 Hoi Chanhs; 29 S/A CIA; 25,330 lbs rice CIA; misc docu and equip CIA.

C. Cumulative results of opn PUTNAM SHARK: *SINCE 15 FEB*

US losses: ⁷12 WIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA

US inflicted enemy losses: 2 enemy KIA, (BC); ~~3 enemy CIA; 42,580 lbs rice~~

CIA; misc documents and equip CIA.

2. Remarks: ADC-A BG Wheelock visits FSB TOUGHIE.

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1. (C) Operations Summary

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

(1) A Co conducts RIF in area of interest bounded by checkpoints 528710, 54370, 543700, 528700. 2/A at 528706 located 15 huts, (12x10x12') all partially destroyed by R/L WP approx 1 month ago; 3 of the huts had false floors, 3 feet under which were bunkers 4x4x4', 1' O/H, used by approx 50 people.

(2) B Co conducts RIF in area of interest bounded by checkpoints 563710, 577700, 577700 and establishes night ambushes. 1/B at 568705 found a 1 man sleeping position (5x2'), 2-3 weeks old with a campfire nearby; estimate 1 individual use the area. 1/B vic of 569706 walked into an area containing many punji stakes, 6 mo to 1 year old. One EM was injured by 1 stake.

(3) C Co conducts RIF along checkpoints 558689, 558675, 555670. At 554677 2/C received S/A fire from 20m S, resulting in 5 US non-critical WIA. D Co reported several of the enemy rounds were hitting FSB TOUGHIE, G/S reported ground to air fire during their gun runs, they also reported observing a large structure 200m W of TOUGHIE. C Co at 554676 located 2 intersecting trails running off AZ's of 140° and 240°; they were 2' wide and not visible from the air. At 556674 the point element of C Co spotted 2 indiv 50m to their front, R/L was employed and the area was swept with neg results. Vic 554675 C Co found what appeared to be an old village and 10 bunkers; the lumber was beginning to rot.

(4) D Co secures the fire base and conducts daily security sweeps and ambushes, primary mission is fire base construction, Report neg significant sightings of contact.

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(5) Recon conducts RIF along the checkpoints 553690, 556689, 557686 and establishes night ambushes. Neg significant sightings or contact reported.

B. Cumulative results of Operation PUTNAM SHARK; beginning 18 Feb 70.

US losses: 7 WIA

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA.

US inflicted enemy losses: - 2 ENEMY KIA (BC) 1 B-40 CIA

C. Cumulative results of all units in all opn since 25 Sept 69:

US losses: 4 KIA; 55 WIA.

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

US inflicted enemy losses: 77 enemy KIA, (BC); 14 poss enemy KIA; 16 enemy

CIA; 4 Hoighanhs; 29 S/A CIA; 25,330 lbs rice CIA; misc docu and equip CIA.

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SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 109 for 190001H to 192400H February 1970

1. (C) Operations Summary

A. The 1/12 Inf cont opn PUTNAM SHARK, North of Camp RADCLIFF.

(1) A Co cont RIF in area of interest bounded by checkpoints 528720, 544720, 528710, 528710, and establishes 3 night ambushes. 2/A vic 544717 found 4 Montagnard type of hootches, 1 mo old; smallest 4x4x6', a 1 man sleeper; largest 8x10x12', large enough for 5; 9 rice cutters were found in the hootches, hootches were destroyed. A Co at 5337714 found 6 small animal traps approx 1 wk old; destroyed.

(2) B Co cont RIF in area bounded by 560730, 570730, 570710, 560710, and establishes 2 night ambushes. At 569712 the point man for the 1/B element hurt his left leg when he stepped on a punji stake. Near by were 6 NVA bunkers, 6x4x4', 6" C/H, very crude, 4 mo old, used by 10 indiv; the area included a latrine; the bunkers were destroyed. Vic 566714, B Co took 3-4 rds of S/A sniper fire with neg casualties; believed to have been 1 indiv. The SEL was 100m at an AZ of 50° to the above location. At the SEL 3/B found a fresh trail running NE, trail contained bootprints. 2/B vic of 566719 found 2 hootches 12x30' and 22x12', under the 1st was a bunker as large as the hootch; also found was a fenced in area 7x10' containing several picnic tables, possibly a mess hall; hootches were 8 mo old, last used 4 mo old, believed to be an NVA village. Across the river was a 3 foot wide trail. 2/B at 565724 found 1 hootch 4x5x7' about 3 mo old, used by 2-3 indiv in the last 3 mo; hootch destroyed. At 566714 an LEPosition of B Co heard movement 50m away, sounded like 1 indiv walking; a frag was thrown and the movement ceased.

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(3) C Co cont RIF in area bounded by 550670, 564670, 564660, 550660. At 557663, 3/C found a trail 2' wide running due west; well worn, used recently by 3-4 indiv. At 556664, 3/C found 5 old and rotting hootches 10x12x22'; behind each was a bunker 4x5x10', 3 had 2' O/H, 2 were built in the side of a hill; neither had any recent use; nearby was a trail 2' wide which is not visible from the air; trails runs NE and was used within last 48H by 3-4 indiv. While reconning by fire near 555604 3 indiv and a scout dog were injured by a short round from an 81mm mortar. 1/C vic 553659, discovered approx 300 fresh green punji stakes; also 2 punji pits each containing 20 old stakes. Near 559662 Hornet 11 observed 3 fairly new hootches, but were unable to check them out; there were many new punji stakes in vic 556663.

(4) D Co secures TOUGHIE makes daily security sweeps and LP's; their primary mission is fire base construction. Report neg significant sightings.

(5) Recon conducts RIF in area bounded by checkpoints 557690, 557680, 565680, 565690. At 555687 found 2 dud 500 lb bombs approx 2-3 mo old, serial #1325-935-9174 EOD requested.

B. Cumulative results of opn PUTNAM SHARK; starting 15 Feb 70:

US losses: 8 WIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA.

ENEMY LOSSES: 2 KIA (BC) 1-B40 CIA

2. Remarks: ADC-A, BG Wheelock visits TOUGHIE.

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1. (C) Operations Summary

A. The 1/12 Inf cont opn PUTNAM SHARK, north of Camp RADCLIFF.

(1) A Co cont RIF in area bounded by 528730, 547730, 547720, 528720. At 545722 A Co discovered 1 trail 2' wide running N-S, not visible from the air, last used 2 days ago by 3-4 indiv. 3/A at 532720 found 3 hootches 20x15x10' last used 3-4 mo ago by an unknown number; destroyed. A Co(-) at 532720 found 1 high speed trail running off an AZ 220°, 18" wide not visible from the air, last used by 5 indiv 3 weeks ago.

(2) B Co cont RIF in area bounded by 560723, 568734, 585734, 585723. At BR566714 2/B received 50 rds S/A fire from 75m on an AZ 50° from an est 2 indiv. 4.2" mortar was employed as a blocking force while the 2d plat moved into the SEL. At 556714 1 B Co EM sustained a punji stake wound in the right calve, he was evacuated by a re-supply slick. B Co at 565723, the point man opened fire with S/A on movement 75m to the NW, R/L employed, and a sweep of the area resulted in neg findings. At 565724 found a hootch, 6x15x7' constructed of bamboo and 5 fighters 2x6' neg O/H, all were 6 mo old, (destroyed). Found 1 trail 2' wide not visible from the air, used by 3-4 indiv in the last 24H. 3/B at 567730 sighted a banana grove which was at 563737, they also heard chickens. At 1900H 3/B heard the chopping of wood.

(3) C Co cont RIF in area bounded by checkpoints 548666, 563666, 563657, 548657. 3/C at 555663 had 1 EM who sustained a punji stake wound in the left

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leg while on a RIF, At 553663 1 trail was found, running N-S, 2' wide, not visible from the air. It was last used by 6-8 indiv 48H before.

(4) D Co maintains FSB security with 1 ambush, local security sweeps and LP's. At 0735H FSB TOUGHIE, (BR552681), took an estimated 30-40 rds S/A and MG fire from 75m out on an AZ of 80°. S/A, M-79, MG, and 81mm were returned on th SEL. 1/D swept the SEL with neg findings.

(5) Recon established 3 night ambushes in area bounded by 557670, 565690, 565678, 557678. The 1st sqd at 554686, while FSB was taking S/A fire requested to open fire on the SEL. Enemy was determined to be between Recon's position and the FSB. At 0740H Recon(-) left the FSB to check area of SEL. At 554684 Recon(-) found 1 AK-47 rd in the SEL.

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

US losses 9 WIA

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA

ENEMY LOSSES: 2 KIA (13G); 1 B-40 CIA

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