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

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24 February 1970

SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 111 for 210001H to 212400H February 1970

1. (C) Operations Summary

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

(1) A Co cont RIF in area bounded by 528740, 544740, 544720, 528730.

1/A at 534739 found 3 bunkers 6x2x5', 2' O/H, fresh cut, last use 24H ago, indicated by new fire and potato peels by 3-5 people. At 532738 found 6 hootches 6x4x12', 1 hootch 6x5x12'; 1 hootch 4x4x12' w/ bunker underneath, 4x4x12', 2' O/H, last used 1 day ago by an undetermined number of people. At 537736 1 EM returning from a small RIF sustained a punji wound; the indiv was dusted off. At 530731 1/A found 7 fighters, 3x4x3' w/ 1½' O/H, caved in approx 6 mo old; all were destroyed.

(2) B Co cont RIF in area bounded by checkpoints 560723, 568734, 585734, 585723. B Co at 571730 found 2 hootches 6x10x6' w/ bunkers underneath, w/ 3' O/H approx 9 mo old, and used in the last 24H by 3-4 indiv. Also found 2 trails, 1 running E-W, 1 running NW-SW, 2' wide not visible from the air, there were fresh tracks on the trail, 1 day old. 1/B at 531731 found 1 hootch 8x10x7 2 mo old w/ 4 baskets of rice est 800 lbs total. Neg recent use, (rice destroyed). 1/B at 565738 observed est. 2 indiv 100m to the N. Indiv were fleeing NW, R/L employed on SEL, and a sweep revealed neg further findings.

(3) C Co conducts RIF along checkpoints 553665, 553670, 555675, 552681. Closes FSB and assumes security, establishing 1 ambush. C Co(-) found at 548672 an old village destroyed approx 1 year ago.

(4) D Co conducts CA from FSB TOUGHIE to LZ vic BR5374; and begins RIF

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along checkpoints 534760, 540760, 545760, 550760. Reports neg significant sightings or contact.

(5) Recon establishes and maintains 3 amb vic 556680, 554687, 552676. Reports neg significant sightings or contacts.

B. Cumulative results of opn PUTNAM <sup>SHARK</sup> WILDCAT starting 15 Feb 70.

US losses: 10 WIA

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA.

US inflicted enemy losses: 800 lbs rice CIA, dest. 2 ENEMY KIA (BC)  
1 B-40 CIA

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*1st Armer*  
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1. (C) Operations Summary

A. The 1/12 Inf cont opn PUTNAM SHARK, N of Camp Radcliff.

(1) A Co cont RIF in area of interest bounded by checkpoints 541728, 558728, 541742 and establishes night ambushes. A Co at 543736 found 2 hootches, 4x4x5', with door locked by vines, inside was found 30 lbs rice and 50 lbs of corn, hootch was about 1 mo old; last used by 4 indiv. Hootch and grain were destroyed. At 543733, 2/A found 4 spider holes, (2' diameter), connected by tunnels 7' long, 1 lean-to, (4' long), approx one mo old, last used by 4 indiv; all were destroyed. A Co 200m east of 543736 found a storage hootch (10x5x3'), 4' off the ground containing about 500 lbs of rice and 14 plugs of tobacco; indications of 30-35 people in the area approx 1 mo ago; all were destroyed. 2/A in the vic of 544732 found 6 huts ranging in size from 4x8x16' to 12x10x16', connected by tunnels 2' wide with 2½' O/H; found 1 empty basket; 1 5 gal water can and numerous punji stakes; last used 1 mo ago by 30-35 indiv. 2/A at 544733 found 10 bunkers, (4x3x3') with 3' O/H and 5 spider holes, (2x2') with a trail connecting the bunker and the holes, trail was 18" wide and not visible from the air; area last used about 6 weeks ago by 30-35 indiv. In the area, vic 544733, A Co received 3-4 rds of sniper fire from AZ 140° at a rng of 200m. A sweep of the SEL located a washcloth.

(2) B Co cont RIF in area bounded by 569732, 583732, 583744, 569744. Pointman for 1/B at 564738 engaged what he believed to be 3-4 indiv 35m to his front, indiv was hit, R/L employed. One blood trail was found. 1/B amb at 541765 while enroute to amb location, found fres footprints heading S on a trail;

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ambush set up near this location.

(3) C Co cont fire base security and improvement, maintains 1 amb vic 545677 and conducts local sweeps. One sqd of 2/C vic 545641 on AZ 130° rng 150m, heard voices and wood cutting; G/S to be employed upon extraction. While observing the ground element of 2/C vic 545677 the Bn CO, LTC Sterling observed 3 indiv wearing shorts and green fatigues shirts carrying AK-47's, neg head gear, running approx 100m away. No ground to air fire received; R/L employed. At fire base C Co received sniper fire from 2 locations, 75m from the perimeter, an an AZ of 110° and 160°. A Chinook hovering over the pad to the S received at least three hits; one indiv was observed on an AZ of 160° with unknown type weapon. S/A, cal .50 MG, M-79, 81mm and 155mm employed.

(4) D Co conducts RIF along route 540740, 535747, 532754, 537761 and establishes night ambushes. At 535754 D Co found a well packed trail, 5' wide, not visible from the air, used this morning by a heavy cart moving SE; sog was alerted; trail checked from 527759 to 544752. At 534763 1/D found a hootch 40x15x15' with a fence around it; 3 animals pens; a new AK magazine, 1 crossbow; area last used about 2 days ago. 3/D due N of 532574 on a river found 3 hootches (15x30x15') with bunkers made w/in last 2 mo, last used w/in 2 days by 4 indiv; also found 2 caves, (15x5x5' and 5x5x5'), 2' O/H the smaller had 2 entrances; last used 3 mo ago by 3-4 indiv. 2/D amb at 535757 observed and engaged 3 enemy moving W to E on a trail, result was one enemy KIA who ran 100m, threw weapon in the brush, collapsed and died from his wounds. KIA wore green fatigues, GI canteen cup, camouflage parachute silk, Ho Chi Minh sandals and NVA pistol belt, 2/D at 534757 sprung an ambush on enemy who tripped flare, he was about 3 feet from amb moving W to E; use of M-60 resulted in 1 enemy KIA and 1 AK-47 CIA and magazine. Enemy wore blue shorts and shirt.

(5) Recon maintains amb vic 545680, 545687 and 545676. Recon used on fire

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base at the time C Co received S/A fire.

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

US losses: 10 WIA

Fdly losses: 1 KGS WIA

US inflicted enemy losses: 4 enemy KIA (BC); 1380 lbs rice CIA, (dest)

1 AK-47 CIA. 1 B-40 CIA

2. Remarks: None.

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*1LT Armor*  
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2  
D/CAY  
PDS

1ST WK  
IN UNAR

- 24,000

Mausser 53,000

51 Cal - 3,000

67 mm - 17 Rnds

75 mm - 35 Rnds

60 mm - 127 Rnds

82 mm - 218 Rnds

B-41 - 87

B-40 - 143

122 mm - ~~86~~

DET Cord - 2500 ft

Blasting Caps - 4 Cases

Pull Type Fuzes - 10 Cans

Anti tank Mines - 6

1 Box Medical Supplies

800 lbs - Tritenol



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## 1. (C) Operations Summary

A. The 1/12 Inf cont opn PUTNAM SHARK, N of Camp Radcliff.

(1) A Co cont RIF in area of interest bounded by 542742, 558742, 542728. Reports neg significant sightings or contact.

(2) B Co cont RIF in area of interest bounded by checkpoints 569745, 584745, 584730, 569730. 2/B at 572733 found a type of plastic explosive device the size of a grapefruit with a blasting cap; no markings, evidently a dud; been there approx 2 weeks. At 570735, B Co received 15 rds AK fire from 4-6 indiv 50m to their NW, neg casualties. In the vic of 564739 B Co received sniper fire AZ30<sup>0</sup>, distance of 350m resulting in 1 US WIA, Sp/4 Zack. The enemy fired approx 18-20 rds. In the SEL 4 expended cartridges were found at SEL near junction of 2 trails, one running SE to NW, the other N to S; while following trail to SE an additional 1-5 rds S/A were received; trails were 1' wide, not visible from the air, NW trail used by 3-4 indiv moving SE within last 24H, N trail last used by 3 indiv moving S w/in last 24H by 3-4 indiv; Sp/4 Zack died of his wounds.

(3) C Co cont fire base construction. 1/C amb at 552686 observed 1 indiv wearing US fatigues, steel pot, and web gear moving toward them, indiv engaged the amb w/ S/A, amb called out "Friendly", indiv fled to the W. Sp/4 Maldonado died of his wounds to the head.

(4) D Co cont RIF along checkpoints 534760, 540760, 545760, 552760. 1/D at 533767 had 1 EM spot 4 indiv carrying weapons, AK-47's), wearing blue shorts and shirts. The enemy initiated contact with 3-4 rds, EM returned fire and



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and enemy fled S and E, neg casualties; R/L employed. Vic 546756 D Co found 34-82mm rds; 4 cans 82mm primer; 400- $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs bars Chicom TNT; AT mines; 300 rds .51 cal AP ammo; 800 lbs trytonal from US bombs in 12 bags; 4000 blasting caps NE; 500m det cord; 9300 rds Chicom Mauser ammo; 6000 AK rds; 6-122mm rkts; 800-elec blasting caps; 9 B40 rkts; 13 B41 rkts; 1-75mm RR rd; 1-20mm fuse; 6-60mm rds; 6-82mm mortar fuses; 30 hootches, (15 previously burned), many caves; 6-7 indiv in the area w/in the last 24H; possible area for sapper battalion storage.

(5) Recon conducts CA into vic 525655 and begins RIF along checkpoints 513663, 515 515660, 525654. Neg significant sightings or contact.

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

US losses: 2 KIA; 10 WIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA.

US inflicted enemy losses: 4 enemy KIA, (BC); 1380 lbs rice CIA, (dest);

1 AK-47 CIA. 1 B-40 CIA, 1 B-71 CHICOM & 1 PRC-10 RADIO. CIA.

2. Remarks: None.

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## 1. (C) Operations Summary

A. The 1/12 Inf cont opn PUTNAM SHARK, N of Camp Radcliff.

(1) A Co cont RIF in area of interest bounded by checkpoints 548740, 545741, 535750. 2/A at 546740 found 1 sniper position in a tree and a cultivated field, (300mx50m); the sniper position was destroyed. At 537740, A Co found 1 'x10' hootch with a 4x5' bunker underneath, approx 1 mo old, last used by 4-5 indiv 1 week ago. Vic 535743, 3/A and the CP found 1 hootch, (40x20x10'), and 9 hootches, (30x15x10'), all were 4-5' off the ground, and all had bunkers, (4x6x4') w/ 1-2' O/H underneath. They had been used w/in the last month, and the construction ranged from 3-4 years ago to 1 mo ago. There were several new lean-tos with green leaves still on them. The area was surrounded by a fence 4-5' high. Area believed to have been occupied by Montagnards, serving 50-100 people when fully occupied. 3/A and the CP vic 531744, found 4 rice storage hootches, (6x6x8'), 4-5' off the ground containing 400-500 lbs of rice apiece, the hootches were 2-3 mo old and the area was well protected by many whiplash booby traps and punji stakes, some still green. Also found in the area was assorted pottery, baskets, and fishnets. At 531750, A Co had 1 man injured by a whip type spear booby trap.

(2) B Co cont RIF in area bounded by 570742, 578750, 582729, 590737, and establishes night ambushes. At 570735, B Co received 10 rds of sniper fire from 2 locations, approx 200m to the NE and the SE; R/L employed. At 575730 B Co observed 2 enemy crossing the river to the SE, one had a weapon, both wearing dirty clothes, S/A and R/L employed. A sweep of the area revealed

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(3) C Co cont as FSB security, conducts daily sweeps and maintains 3 ambushes. Primary mission is fire base construction. Reports neg significant sightings.

(4) D Co with Recon OPCON cont to exploit cache vic 548753 and establishes night ambushes. Neg additional findings or contacts.

(5) LTC Sterling, Bn CO, observed 1 enemy at 557718, traveling on a N-S trail; the direction of travel could not be determined as when realizing he was being observed from the air he hid in the brush.

B. Cumulative results of opn PUTNAM SHARK, starting 15 Feb 1970:

US losses: 2 KIA; 11 WIA.

Fdly losses: 1KCS WIA.

US inflicted enemy losses: 4 enemy KIA, (BC); 1880 lbs rice CIA, (dest);

1 AK-47 CIA. 1 B-40 CIA; 1 B-71; 1 PRC-10 RADIO CIA, 1

2. Remarks: None

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