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

AVDDB-121

27 February 1970

SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 115 for 250001H to 252400H February 1970.

1. (C) Operations Summary

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

(1) A Co cont RIF in area bounded by checkpoints 520767, 530767, 530750, and 520750. At 526759 A Co found 1 set of motor cycle tracks along a well used trail, 5' wide and visible from the air.

(2) B Co conducts RIF along checkpoints 570742, 578750, 590737, 583728. 2/B at 575744 heard voices in an AZ of 025°, rng 100m; the scout dog alerted on an AZ of 290°. 1/B at 58373 found 1 bunker (10x5x3'), 2' 0/H, used by 3 indiv about 7 mo ago; there was also a spear type booby trap, (5 mo old), and 2 empty bamboo baskets; all items destroyed. At 575744, 2/B found 3 hootches (4x5x5') made of bamboo, used by 6 indiv about 4 mo ago. Also found a trail running NE, 2' wide and not visible from the air. It was used by 6 indiv in the last 24H. 3/B at 576747 found 7 bunkers (4x5x6'), 3' 6/H, last used 1 week ago; also 6 deep spider holes nearby; all were well camouflaged, all destroyed.

(3) C Co cont FSB security, maintains 3 ambushes and daily sweeps. Neg significant sightings or contact.

(4) D Co w/ Recon attached, cont to exploit CL V cache, center of mass, grid 540753. 3/D at 547759 recieved 30 rds of S/A sniper fire from approx 50m N resulting in 1 US WIA, and 1 US KIA. The sqd was moving 100m down a trail, passing a small side trail, which they did not check and did not secure, when returning the enemy fired from the side trail hitting the 2

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men, neg sighting. Village in gully to the E of the trail; main trail SE to NW. The secondary was NE to SW, 1 other trail branches off to the cache.

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

US losses: 3 KIA; 12 WIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA.

US inflicted enemy losses: 4 enemy KIA, (BC); 1880 lbs rice CIA; 1 AK-47,

1 B40 CIA. 1 B-71, 1 PRC-10 RADIO CIA

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

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1. (C) Operations Summary

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

(1) A Co conducts RIF in area of interest bounded by checkpoints 527772, 534763, 525750, 513750, 513760. At 524764 the 1st plat received AK-47 sniper fire from approx 100m to the west, there were at least 2 indiv wearing NVA bush hats, who fled SW. One US WIA, PFC Venskus received a rd through the wrist. A sweep of the area revealed a hootch, 12x20x10' 1 mo old; with a bunker underneath, 4x4'; used w/in the last 2 days, at 523762.

(2) B Co conducts RIF along checkpoints 578744, 581749, 581755, 575758. 2 & 3/B at 577749 a 20x10x15' rice field, used 1 mo ago, also a 1 man hootch (3x4x5') used 2-3 weeks ago; all was destroyed. B Co(-) vic 579748 found 2 spider holes, 6' deep, 1 bunker, 3x8x6' w/ 3½' O/H used by 4-5 indiv in the past mo. At 580749, B Co(-) found a hole between 2 rocks, containing 2 jugs (2½' high) and 10 balls of yarn, used 3 weeks ago. 200m to the NE found a jug of rice wine. B Co(-) at 580749 found another bottle of rice wine; all was destroyed. In the same vic the element found a 1 man lean-to (3x4x6'), 2 mo old and a 5 gal jug of rice wine. This too was destroyed. Also found were 2 hootches, 3x4x5' used by 4 indiv in the last mo. There was also an old trail, last use 1 mo, 18" wide running N-S, and not visible from the air. At 580751 found a trail intersection which was not visible from the air. The trails were 18" wide, 1 running N-S, the other E-W, used

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in the last 24H by 3-4 indiv. 1/B at 578742 heard tubes popping on an AZ 200°, rng 150m; also heard 10 rounds explode, (believed 60mm), AZ220-270° at rng 150m. R/L and 4.2" employed. B Co(-) at 572758, found 1 large hootch, (40x20x8') and 2 smaller hootches, (4x6x5'), 1 was sleeper and other for storage; 9-10 mo old, neg recent use. Vic 577753, found 10 hootches (4½x5x4½'), leaf type, approx 3-4 wks old; 2 NVA latrines, and 5 bunkers in an area 25-100m from the hootches; last used this morning.

(3) C Co cont FSB security, maintains 3 amb, and conducts daily security sweeps. Neg significant sightings or contacts.

(4) D Co and Recon conduct RIF along checkpoints 541769, 554769, 554748, 541748. D Co(-) at 547765 found 4 rice storage hootches, (6x8x10'), 6' off the ground, contained 5-6 tons rice, in assorted containers, also found Montagnard beads and pliers.

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

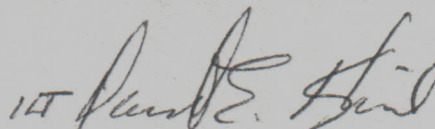
US losses: 3 KIA; 13 WIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA.

US inflicted enemy losses: 4 enemy KIA, (BC); 1 AK-47, 1 B40 CIA; 1,880 lbs rice CIA. 1 B-71E, 1 PRC-10 RADIO CIA

2. Remarks: LTG Collins, II Corps CG; MG Walker CG 4th Div visit TOUGHIE.

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1. (C) Operations Summary

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

(1) A Co conducts RIF in area bounded by checkpoints 528774, 540774, 540754, 528754. At 523765 A Co found a hootch, (15x20x10'), 4' off the ground with a bunker underneath, (3x4x5'), 1' O/H, used by 10 indiv approx 2 weeks ago; also a Chicom grenade rigged in explosive form for a booby trap about 3 days ago, not set for trip. A Co in a 4x6x4' hole covered with brush at 525764 found several B40 boxes containing: 1 new Chicom AM radio; 4 telephone switch boards; 4 Chicom field telephones; 4 Chicom grenades; 1 cs (2-3000') of det cord; 6 cs blasting caps; 4-6000 rds SKS ammo; 2-3^{CASES} 82mm mortar primers. 1/A at 528758 found 24 B40 rds; 87 82mm mortar rds; and 12 60mm mortar rds on a pallet covered by a poncho. At their re-supply LZ A Co received 10-20 rds AK fire; the aircraft took several hits and the doorgunner was wounded. A Co also had 1 WIA.

(2) B Co 1st plat conducted RIF along checkpoints 580745; 580754; 572758 and joined 2 & 3 plat to establish a patrol base to receive the 4.2" plat, vic 572758. B Co(-)575757 heard metallic clicking and the dog was alerted while moving toward the hilltop; 2/B observed possible bunkers on hilltop and found several AP mines on this avenue of approach. 2/B located 5 AP mines, (size of large smoke grenade), at 573758, in the vic of an old FSB, the mines were running E to W. 1/B at 570756 near the blue line found 2 fresh fires and stockpens, as well as a hootch, (8x6x5') 1 mo old.

(3) C Co cont as FSB security, making daily sweeps and maintaining 3

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ambushes. On the west side of the perimeter 3/C detected movement at AZ 300° rng 100-200m; at the sounds of breaking brush 3 M-79 rds and 1 Ill were emp~~y~~ employed with neg results. 2/C amb at 557676 detected movement on an AZ 175° rng 30m described as the breaking brush.

(4) D Co conducts RIF in area bounded by checkpoints 550774, 560774, 550754 and establishes night locations. 1/D at 545767 received S/A fire from the NW, approx 4-5 rds AK, the element returned fire on an AZ 350° rng 100m; the re-supply bird, Alligator 29, took several rounds, with neg friendly casualties. At 547765 D Co found 17 hootches, 2-3 mo old, (6x8x10'), used by 4-6 indiv in the last 2 days; containing^B tons of rice; medical supplies, (bottles and cotton); 20 SKS rds; and roster type documents, with 2 Feb crossed off. 1/D at 550773 found 1000 lbs of unpolished rice in 3 hootches, 6x8x10', approx 6 mo old w/ neg recent use.

(5) Recon conducts RIF along checkpoints 547685, 543698, 539584 and establishes night ambushes. At 544685 Rcn found an old village of 8 hootches, 4 were 30x15x20' and 4 were 15x10x10'; with bunkers underneath, 4x5x6', 2' 6/H. One was used as a mess hall, and was large enough for 40-50 people; also found 1 coleman lantern; w/ fuel; 2 AK-47 magazines; 1 picture of Ho Chi Minh; assorted books and papers; 1 transistor radio; farm tools, saw, pick, shovel, 4 hoes; 1 piece of black and 1 piece of green cloth; 1 bag grain; and 1 bundle of bamboo. Also found was 100 lbs salt; and 7 pigs. At 537687 Recon detected movement at 20m, AZ 270°. A Claymore was fired and the movement ceased.

(6) The 4.2" platoon displaces from TOUGHIE to PB vic 572758.

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1 March 1970

SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 118 for 280001H to 282400H February 1970.

1. (C) Operations Summary

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

(1) A Co continues to develop area vic center of mass 518763.

(2) B Co maintains hip shoot security vic 578758. Conducts local security and 1 plat size RIF along checkpoints 573768, 579765, 583765, 579754.

(3) C Co maintains FSB security and conducts local security RIF's and establishes LP's.

(4) D Co continues RIF in present AO bounded by checkpoints 550775, 560775, 550755, 560775. At 578771 D Co found 2 hootches, (6x8x10'), made of bamboo and sticks, built 6' off the ground, all destroyed. While resupplying D Co at 548771 Bikini Pink recieved S/A fire while lifting off the ground; a sweep located the SEL at 555771, where 1 indiv fired 25 AK rds and fled N. 25 expended AK rds were found.

(5) Recon remains vic grid 537087 and establishes LP's. Reports neg significant sightings or contacts.

(6) Bikini 20 received 2 rds in the tail near TOUGHIE when 30-40 rds of ~~A~~-47 were fired at it from the ridge line S of TOUGHIE. There were also several rds fired at TOUGHIE. S/A, R/L and MG fire was returned. Alligator 10 reported 2 new hootches 400-500m ~~N~~W of 572758 in a draw. Also reported due W of the above location, 500-1000m, a freshly plowed field and a new, very large hootch the field had a fence all around it.

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(7) 4.2" plat remains at PB vic 572788.

B. Cumulative results of opn PUTNAM SHARK, starting 15 Feb 1969.

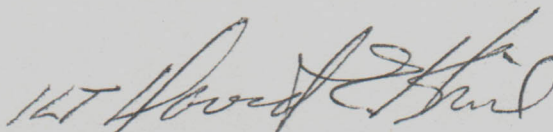
US losses: ~~14~~ WIA; ~~3~~ KIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA

US inflicted enemy losses: 4 enemy KIA, (BC); 1 AK-47, 1 B40 CIA; 2 Chicom radios, 1 PRC 10 CIA; 4 Chicom switch boards and 4 Chicom telephones CIA; 30,880 lbs rice CIA.

. Remarks: None.

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