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

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16 March 1970

SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 133 for 150001H March to 152400H March 1970.

1. (C) Operations Summary

A. The 1/12 Inf cont opn PUTNAM SHARK, N OF CAMP RADCLIFF.

(1) A Co cont OPORD 4-70 as part of Div(-) opn moving from phase line PURPLE to phase line GOLD and returning on order to phase line PURPLE, employing stay behinds at 548793 and 544797. In the vic of 558787 A Co found a 6 month old hootch, (10x30x10'), used 2-3 weeks ago by 2 people; hootch has a partition making 2 rooms; also a small corn field, (40x50'), last cultivation 3-4 weeks ago; destroyed.

(2) B Co cont OPORD 4-70 as part of Div(-) opn moving from phase line PURPLE to phase line GOLD and returning to phase line PURPLE on order, employing stay behinds at 545788 and 554789. 3/B at 566791 found a Malayan gate booby-trap, estimated at 6 months old; destroyed. At 556790, B Co found 6 rice backpacks approx 1 mo old, and 4 canvas bags of unpolished rice all of which has been left there 1 month ago, totaling 150 lbs of rice; destroyed. In the vic of 558792, 3/B found a hootch built against a holbw tree, 3 months old, containing: 6 bskets (100 lbs), of unpolished rice, 2 weeks old; 1 acre of tobacco cultivated about 4 weeks ago; and 8 old animal traps; destroyed. At 558792, B Co found a hootch, (4x5x6'), and a bunker 4' deep with 18" O/H; destroyed.

(3) C Co cont OPORD 4-70 as part of Div(-) opn moving from phase line PURPLE to phase line GOLD and returning on order to phase line PURPLE, employing a stay behind at 542785. 2/C and CP found 40-50 punji stakes

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pointing uphill, 2-3 months old at 557788, At 557789 C Co found 2 NVA poncho hootches stretched over bamboo, 6 mo old; destroyed. In a hollow tree at 556788, C Co found a rusty shotgun, (model #77E, Stevens Savage Arms Corp), US stamp on the side of the chamber, and "88" painted on the stock in red.

(4) D Co cont OPORD 4-70 as part of Div(-) opn moving from phase line PURPLE to phase line GOLD and return on order to phase line PURPLE. 3/D at 566786 found 150 lbs beans in a canvas bag; destroyed. At 556785 D Co found 1 hootch, (6x6x5'), hootch containing 1 ton of rice; 1 bundle of week old punji stakes; 2 hootches, (8x12x5'), big enough for 15 people, one of which had evidently been used as a blacksmiths shop; contained: 6 hacksaws, with blades; 1 mallet; 6 Montagnard knives, and a fire hole 3x5'; all 1 month old; destroyed.

(5) Recon conducts RIF around FSB and maintains ambush vic 521827. Neg significant sightings or contacts.

(6) 3/D-1/14 remains at FSB NIAGARA providing FSB security. The FSB received 1 rd sniper fire from 500-600m out to the north of FSB, R/L direct fire employed.

(7) Gladiator 28, while performing a defoliation mission around FSB NIAGARA, took ground-to-air fire at 522826. Took no hits. Gladiator 28 believes the fire came from a crow's nest OP he spotted at 529824.

(8) An explosion was reported at NIAGARA from the NE, (AZ 045°), at approx 300m out; possibly Recons claymore trips. Tubes popped on an AZ 60°, at 150-200m; impacting at AZ 130°, rng 150m; 81mm firing DT's.

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

US losses: 29 WIA; 3 KIA.

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Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA.

US inflicted enemy losses: 9 enemy KIA, (BC); 4 S/A CIA; 3 radios,
4 field phones, 4 switchboards, CIA; 75,510 lbs rice CIA.

2. Remarks: None.

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17 March 70

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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 OPORD 4-70 as part of Div(-) opn occupying a blocking position vic phase line Blue and employing stay behinds at 548793 and 549797. A Co engaged and killed one pig vic 548794.

(2) B Co cont OPORD 4-70 as part of Div(-) opn occupying a blocking position vic phase line Blue and employing stay behinds at 545788 and 554789. Neg significant sightings or contacts reported.

(3) C Co cont OPORD 4-70 as part of Div(-) opn occupying a blocking position vic phase line Blue and employing stay behind at 542785. Neg significant sightings or contacts reported.

(4) D Co cont OPORD 4-70 as part of Div(-) opn occupying a blocking position vic of phase line Blue and employing a stay behind at 550779 1/D amb vic 550779, had a trip flare go off; S/A and claymore employed assweep of the area revealed fresh sandal prints going on AZ of 120°.

(5) Recon conducts RIF around FSB and maintains ambush vic 521827. Neg significant sightings or contacts reported.

(6.) 3/D-1/14 cont as FSB security.

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

US losses: 29 WIA; 3 KIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA.

US inflicted enemy losses: 9 enemy KIA; 4 S/A CIA; 3 radios, phones, switchboards CIA; 75,710 lbs rice CIA.

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18 March 1970

SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 135 for 170001H March to 172400H March 1970

1. (C) Operations Summary

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

(1) A Co cont move to PZ vic 547793 to conduct CA to LZ NIAGARA, to assume FSB security. 2/A had movement 30-50m outside the wire to the south. Frags employed. 3/A had movement to the east just outside the wire, frags employed.

(2) B Co conducts RIF to proposed PZ in the vic of phase line RED in preparation for extraction on 18 Mar. Reports neg sightings.

(3) C Co conducts RIF to proposed PZ vic phase line RED in preparation for extraction 18 Mar. Vic 543785 C Co found a hootch, 4x4x3', 2' off the ground containing 200 lbs rice and 15 large gourds.

(4) D Co conducts RIF to proposed PZ vic phase line RED in preparation for extraction on 18 Mar. Neg significant sightings or contacts.

(5) Recon ambush to the north of FSB to be relieved in place then RIF to the south of FSB. Neg significant sightings or contacts reported.

(6) 3/D-1/14 to be relieved in place of FSB security.

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

US losses: 29 WIA; 3 KIA.

Faly losses: 1 KCS WIA.

US inflicted enemy losses: 9 enemy KIA, (BC); 4 S/A CIA; 3 radios, 4 field phones; 4 switchboards CIA; 75,910 lbs rice CIA.

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2. Remarks: MG Mabry, Chief of Staff USARV; MG Walker, CG 4th Div visit
NIAGARA.

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19 March 1970

SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 136 for 180001H March to 182400H March 1970.

1. (C) Operations Summary

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

(1) A Co cont FSB security, daily sweeps, and ambush to the north. FSB NIAGARA received 10 rds AK fire from 350m to the NW; neg casualties; 81mm employed.

(2) B, C, and D Companies were extracted from PZ's; B Co: 518812; C Co: 519817; D Co: 518820; and conducted CA to FSB NIAGARA. In the vic of their PZ D Co had one aircraft take 40 rds of S/A fire; SEL 200m on AZ 90-140° from the PZ. Aircraft returned to Hardtimes with damaged fuel lines. G/S worked area.

(3) Recon RIF in area bounded by checkpoints: 520820, 520810, 550820, and 550810. Recon in the vic of 524812, found 10 two-man lean-to type hootches, made of bamboo used by 20 indiv in the past 5-10 days. In the same location found 4 trails going N, E, S, and W; 2' wide and can't be seen from the air; one of the trails led around the FSB and to the top of the ridge north of NIAGARA. Each of the lean-tos had a fire place and wood stacked outside.

(4) 3/D-1/14 extracted by air from FSB NIAGARA and returns to control of parent unit.

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

US losses: 29 WIA; 3 KIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA.

US inflicted enemy losses: 9 enemy KIA, (BC); 4 S/A CIA; 3 radios, 4 field phones, 4 switchboards; CIA; 75,910 lbs rice CIA.

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