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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
1ST BATTALION 12TH INFANTRY
"RED WARRIORS"
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96262

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23 March 1970

SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 1300 for 190001 H to 192400 H 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 with daily sweeps and one ambush vic 523823.

Neg significant sightings or contacts.

(2) B,C, and D Co's cont standdown vic FSB NIAGARA, maintaining local security. Neg significant sightings or contacts.

(3) Recon continues RIF in area bounded by checkpoints 5282, 5281, 5582, 5581. Vic of 524809 Recon found one hootch framework (12x6x6') with net of vines over top and one bamboo bench nearby; last use 10 days ago by an unknown number of indiv. At 529814 Recon found a small group of hootches: one(8x5x6') hootch incomplete, just frame; one (15x10x7') previously destroyed; 1(15x10x7') caved in; in latter was found 85 new rds Chicom Mausez, an ammo can, $\frac{1}{2}$ Rhombic antenna, 3 rice knives, and a steel wedge; last use 2-3 weeks ago by 15-20 indiv ; area had been shot up by gunships. Recon near 528810 found one (5x8x6') hootch one month old used with in last 2-3 days, 3 fire places, 1 wooden bench, freshly cut bamboo, bamboo shavings, 3 papers with algebraic equations, 3 drawings of NVA hats, and 1 letter from a VC's namasan (verified by KCS).

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

US losses: 29 WIA: 3 KIA.

Fldly losses: 1 KCS WIA.

US inflicted enemy losses: 9 enemy KIA, (BC); 4S/A CIA; 3 radios,

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4 field phones, and 4 switch boards CIA; 75,910 lbs rice CIA.

2. Remarks: None

FOR THE COMMANDER:

John C. Frenak
1st Armor S-3 Act
For RONALD W. MARLEY
MAJ, Infantry
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SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 138 for 200001 H to 202400 H March

1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY

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

(1) A Co continues FSB security with daily sweeps and ambush vic 528815.

FSB NIAGARA received 15 rds S/A fire from 300 m due N; 81 MM employed.

A Co, D Co, B-4/42, and 4.2" conduct mad-minute on ridge line to N, SEL of sniper.

(2) B,C, and D Co's continue stand down vic of FSB conducting local security and resupply.

(3) Recon cont RIF in area bounded by checkpoints 5282, 5281, 5582, 5581, working E along BL. In vic of 530814 Recon found 4 adult graves, 3 wrapped in NVA pancho's, one in a US camouflage parachute over pancho: 3-4 weeks old; tissue remaining on skulls, teeth in good condition, no indication of cause of death.

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

US losses: 29 WIA; 3KIA

Fdly losses: 1KCS WIA.

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

2. Remarks: None

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For
RONALD W. MARLEY
MAJ, INFANTRY
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24 March 1970

SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 739 for 210001 H to 212400 H March 1970

1. (C) Operations Summary.

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

(1) A Co continues FSB security, conducts local sweeps and maintains an ambush vic 523823. Bunker 13 reports hearing movement AZ 350 range 75 M, breaking of brush; M-79 & Frags employed. Bunker 13 reports seeing indiv just outside wire; Frags and M-79 employed; Bunker 12 reports movement away from perimeter to the NW.

(2) B Co RIF in area bounded by checkpoints 515810, 529810, 515797, and 529797. Neg significant sightings at contacts.

(3) C and D Co's continue to stand down vic FSB NIAGARA, maintaining local security.

(4) Recon continues to RIF to the East in area bounded by checkpoints 5282, 5582, 5581 and 5281. Neg significant sightings at contacts.

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

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 and 4 switch boards CIA; 75,910 lbs rice CIA.

2. Remarks: None.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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1LT Honor
FOR RONALD W. MARLEY
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25 March 1970

SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 140 for 220000H Mar to 222400H Mar 70.

1. (C) Operations Summary

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

(1) All companies prepare to CA, leaving from LZ NIAGARA to the vic of phase line INCH, to commence Div(-) opn, OPORD 13-70. Operation postponed 24H due to weather.

(2) TAC-CP and Recon prepare to CA from LZ NIAGARA to LZ vic 692708. Operation postponed 24H due to weather.

(3) A Co at FSB NIAGARA found a bloodspot and trail leading to the NE, while checking scene of possible movement; also one claymore tied down and disarmed and 2 tripflares tied off. 1/A sweep vic 523818 found a trail running NW to SE not visible from the air; blood was found along trail heading SE; used in the last 24H by an unknown number of people.

(4) 2/B sweep vic 518825 found a 2' wide trail not visible from the air, running N-S, approx 6 months old.

B. Cumulative results of opn PUTNAM SHARK, since 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 raidos, 4 field phones, and 4 switchboards CIA; 75,910 lb rice CIA.

2. Remarks: None.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

John C. Axelson
FOR
GORDON S. AXELSON
MAJ, Infantry
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25 March 1970

SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 141 for 230001 H Mar to 232400H Mar 70.

1. (C) Operations Summary

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

(1) All companies prepare to CA from LZ NIAGARA to vic P/L INCH to commence Div (-) opn OPORD 13-70; Order of lift B, C, A, D. Operation postponed for 24H due to weather.

(2) Tac CP and Recon prepare to CA from LZ NIAGARA to LZ vic 692708. Operation postponed 24H due to weather.

(3) 3/D reports movement to the N of FSB, AZ 350⁰, Range 300m. 2/D sweep found 1 hootch (5x4x4') 6' off the ground, neg recent use, approx 6 months old.

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


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, and 4 switch boards CIA; 75,910 lbs rice CIA.

2. Remarks: Deputy GG, USARV, LTG MILDREN visits NIAGARA CG, 4TH Inf Div, MG Walker visits NIAGARA.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


GORDON S. AXELSON
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SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 142 for 240001H to 242400H March 1970. 25 March 70

1. (C) Operations Summary.

A. The 1/12 Inf continues opm PUTNAM SHARK, N of CANP RADCLIFF.

(1) A Co continues FSB security and conducts daily sweeps. Neg significant sightings or contacts.

(2) B Co RIF in AO with emphasis on trail complex with center of mass at 500795. From 511797 B Co heard 5-8 rds AK-47 AZ 310° Range 500-800m; a Chinook was in the vicinity, but did not report hits or fire.

(3) C Co conducts RIF and developes assigned AO. C Co vic 510833 found trail 1' wide, not bisible from the air, 3-4 months old, running NW-SE. Vic 506828 C Co found one hootch (5x5x5') 4' off the ground, 6 months old, last use 6 months ago as a rice storage hootch; contained 4 old baskets and gourds. Nearby a N-S trail ran along the stream, 1 1/2' wide, not visible from air, 1 set bare foot prints heading N.

(4) D Co SA into LZ at 533777 and RIF to known trail and following it to the W. At 508797 D Co found a 10" wide trail running NE to SW, not visible from air; last used during the rainy season. D Co at 526773 found hard packed trail 1' wide, not visible from air; last used 1 week ago by undetermined number of people running on AZ 220°, 150m E found 2 animal snares (KCS identified as variety used to trap monkies), 2-3 weeks old. At 522773 D Co found snare type animal booby trap approx 1 month old.

(5) Recon search and clear in assigned AO at 241730, Recon found one set bare footprints in wet sand by stream, EST 24-36 hours old; undetermin

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Cont. -ed direction of movement.

B. Cumulative Results of opn PUTNAM SHARK; starting 15 Feb 1970:

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 and 4 switch boards CIA: 75,910 lbs rice CIA.

2. Remarks: CG, 4TH INF DIV, MG Walker visits NIAGARA.

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1 LT Armat
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26 March 1970

SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 143 for 250001H Mar to 252400H Mar 70.

1. (C) Operations Summary

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

(1) A Co conducts FSB security, daily sweeps and maintains an ambush at 527824. Neg significant sightings or contacts.

(2) B Co conducts RIF in assigned AO with emphasis on the major N to S trail and maintaining night ambushes. In vic of 510792, 2/B found fresh water buffalo tracks on a trail 4-6' wide running SW in a very marshy area; buffalos appear to have been running; last use 12H ago. 1/B at 503797 found remains of a small hamlet (10-15 people), on top of a small knoll, over 1 year old.

(3) C Co continues to conduct RIF in assigned AO. At 508833, 1/C found trail 3' wide, visible from the air; used within the last 24H by one indiv and 3-4 water buffalo moving on AZ 40°. 3/C vic 504827 killed one 100-150 lb pig; five 150-250 lb pig, and wounded one. 3/C received 8 rds automatic weapons fire from 50-100m to the north; neg findings on sweep of SEL. At 499835, 3/C found a hard packed trail 1' wide, not visible from the air, used 48H ago by one individual moving west. 3/C received 3 rds sniper fire at 497836 from 50m to the south, one US EM KIA. Vic of 498836 C Co(-) found 1 old hootch, (4x7x4') 4' off the ground containing 25 ears of corn, 8 empty baskets, 1 home made knife and French coins, 6 mos to 1 yr old. C Co vic of 497835 found 1 new green NVA Pith Helmet wedged in a tree; 2/C 200m NW found 3 sleeping positions used 48H ago by 3 people, also 1 bare-footprint; 200m SE was a N-S trail 1½' wide with 10' of single fence on

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one side and 10' double fence on the other, punji stakes and spring booby traps oriented to the west.

(4) D Co cont to RIF in assigned AO with emphasis on the trail complex and maintaining ambushes. Running on AZ 240° at 509773, D Co found a 1½-2' wide trail partially visible from the air, used 2-3 days ago by 3-4 people, several fresh leave cuttings. At 505771 D Co found trail 6' wide running NW-SE, last use unknown. D Co in vic of 504771 found a bamboo bridge 2' wide 25m long, 6-8 mo old, already partially destroyed. At 513773 D Co found a 1½' wide trail branching off main trail on AZ 340°, also about 50 punji stakes 2-5 mos old along the main trail.

(5) Recon ambushes at 3 locations in assigned AO. Reports neg significant sightings or contacts.

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

US losses: 29 WIA; 4 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; 75,920 lbs rice CIA.

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

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