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

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20 November 1969

SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 15 for 170001H to 172400H November 1969

1. (C) Operation Summary

A. The 1/12 Inf cont search and destroy ops in the upper AN LAO Valley.

(1) A Co conducts CA with 1/A and CP into LZ vic BS782093 joining 2/A to RIF in sector. 3/A cont security PB vic BS789119. SRP positions closed on PB. At 171124H Nov 69 at BS785094 2/A discovered 3 N to S trails last used by 3-4 individuals within 48H. At 171225H Nov 69 at BS783093 2/A found 1 grave containing 1 VC/NVA KBA within 1 wk. Indiv dressed in blk PJ'd. Same location 3 M-79 HE rds, numerous punji stakes. 2/A at 171343H Nov 69 at BS781091 initiated contact with an estimated 9-11 VC/NVA in cave. S/A, frag grenades employed resulting in secondary explosions; 1 US KIA, 2 US WIA. En employed frag grenades, AK-47. Element from 2/A engaged 1 VC/NVA same vic while moving from LZ resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA. At 171630H engaged 1 VC/NVA with S/A; unknown results. Gunships, R/L employed. At 171640H Nov 69 2/A exchanged fire with estimated 10 VC/NVA.

Results: 1 US KIA; 2 WIA (dusted off).
En: 2 VC/NVA KIA (BC).

(2) B Co conducts CA with 1/B and CP element into LZ vic BS751087 joining 2/B to RIF in sector. At BS750086 at 171535H Nov 69 engaged 1 VC/NVA with S/A; indiv dressed in grn fatigues; resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA. R/L employed. At 171727H Nov 69 at BS750084 found 1 VC/NVA KBA. Same location CIA 100 rds 7.62 MG ammo, 1 bipod for MG. At 171915H Nov 69 at BS750084 found 1 inkknown

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type MG tripod elevating mechanism, with sighting device; 7 NVA rucks with clothes and misc docu.

(3) C Co closes SRP's and RIF on PB vic BS774156 and prepares to conduct CA. SRP at BS775163 at 171007H found a trail on 160 AZ, appeared to be used within the past 2 to 3 days. Also found one cave entrance; cave 3x10, negative recent use.

(4) D Co continues to work 1st and 2d Plat vic BS773182 and closes SRP's. At 171215H 2/D spotted 4 individuals at BS773182. Arty employed. 1/D swept area with negative findings. 2/D at 171539 H CIA one VC WIA wearing US uniform. At 1732H POW died (unable to dust off).

(5) Recon Plat continues stand down LZ TAPE.

B. Cumulative Results of All Units:

US losses: 2 US KIA; 13 WIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA.

US inflicted En losses: 41 VC/NVA KIA (BC); 8 poss VC/NVA KIA; 6 VC/NVA CIA; 2 Hoi Chanhs; 12 S/A CIA; 1800 lbs rice (destroyed); misc docu and equip CIA.

2. Remarks: None.

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1. (C) Operation Summary

A. The 1/12 Inf cont search and destroy ops in the upper AN LAO Valley.

(1) A Co cont to search contact area vic BS781096, 3/A secures PB vic BS789118. A Co(-) at BS783097 found a trail along ridgeline AZ 250, heavily travelled within the past 24 hours. At same grid at 1042H engaged 1 VC/NVA wearing grn fatigues. Res: 1 VC/NVA KIA. At 1242H at BS782099 encountered 1 VC/NVA running N on trail; 1 US WIA S/A in buttocks; En cas unk. At 1610H removed KIA from 17 Nov contact for extraction; not extracted.

(2) B Co works area of interest vic BS751085, Fire Base security, maintains SRP's at BS750149, 757127, 757105, 744120. B Co(-) at BS751085 at 180745H discovered cave containing 13 B-41 rds, 8 charges for B-41, 25 82mm rds, 12 60mm rds, 7 rucks, 1 bag docu. All rds dest by EOD. At BS750085 found 2 hootches with tin roofs, one cave 20x40 with wood floor used as kitchen, contained pottery, misc baskets, one M-79 (SN7960647), 1 SKS, 1 notebook, large whet stone, 2 rds M-79, AK, MG, & SKS rds. Cave used within last 2 days. At 1152H captured 1 POW from 4 Co, 3 Bn, 42 NVA, carrying a MG bipod; had no weapon. Co(-) returns to TAPE by land.

(3) C Co cont search of contact area vic BS781096. PB secured by 4/C vic BS774156. Reports negative contact or sightings.

(4) D Co checks out contact area, then moves to PB for reaction element. Establishes SRP's vic BS780205, 790198. 2/D at 1322H at BS774181 found

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8 hootches 12x14x10, 1 still under construction. Also misc dishes & pottery. Hootches dest. At same loc trail last used 24-48 hours on 200 AZ.

(5) Recon Plat conducts air move of squad size element to BS751085 and RIF's general vic for lost key list. Continues Fire Base security after negative findings.

B. Cumulative Results of ALL Units:

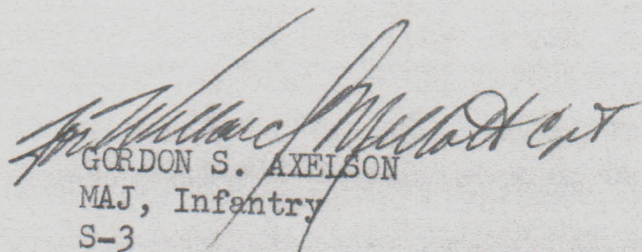
US losses: 2 KIA, 14 WIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA.

US inflicted En losses: 42 VC/NVA KIA (BC); 8 poss VC/NVA KIA; 7 VC/NVA CIA; 2 Hoi Chanhs; 14 S/A CIA; 1800 lbs rice CIA (dest); misc docu and equip CIA.

2. Remarks: D Co completes zeroing of weapons.

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1. (C) Operations Summary

A. The 1/12 Inf cont search and destroy ops in the upper AN LAO Valley.

(1) A Co cont to search contact area and develop vic BS781096. PB vic BS789119 secured by 3/A. Sqd size element stay behind observed 1 VC/NVA approx 15m to East; indiv wearing grn fatigues, neg headgear; engaged indiv with S/A; unk results. At 1140H US KIA from 17 Nov contact extracted. At 1240H at BS785099 rec'd fire from 100m on 200AZ. Fire returned, unk results, neg cas. At BS779101, found E-W trail used within 24H by 3 indiv; also found 1 pr sandals & mackerel tins. 1420H at BS778102 discovered part of an old hammock in a small cave, also fresh banana peels; in same vic found another 2 caves containing 2 NVA canteens, first aid box, 2 AK magazines, 3 NVA entrenching tools, 1 pr of wire cutters, 1 NVA helmet, personal letters in VN. Also 4 bunkers 2x4x4 with 10-12" O/H. Neg recent use.

(2) B Co continues Fire Base security, maintains SRP's vic BS750149, 757127, 757105, 744120. Reports negative significant activity.

(3) C Co cont to search and develop contact area vic BS781096. Reports negative significant activity.

(4) D Co remains at PB vic BS781193, with local security, and is reaction force for A & C Co's. SRP's at BS780205 and 790198. Reports neg significant activity.

(5) Recon Plat moves by air to LZ STINGER and begins search of area along checkpoints BS778090, 774095, 770096, 760093. Reports trail vic BS764092,

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1 ft wide running N to S, neg recent use.

B. Cumulative Results of all units:

US losses: 2 US KIA; 14 WIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA.

US inflicted En losses: 42 VC/NVA KIA (BC); 8 poss VC/NVA KIA; 7 VC/NVA CIA;
2 Hoi Chanhs; 14 S/A CIA; 1800 lbs rice CIA (dest); misc docu and equip CIA.

2. Remarks: None.

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1. (C) Operation Summary

A. The 1/12 Inf cont search and destroy ops in the upper AN LAO Valley.

(1) A Co moves by foot along checkpoints BS787102, 787107, 789118, and returns PB, vic BS789119. PB secured by 3/A. At BS788103 found 2 trails $1\frac{1}{2}'$ wide, neg recent use.

(2) B Co cont Fire Base security and maintains SRP's at BS750149, 757126, 757105, 744120, and sqd ambush at BS728152. Reports neg contact or sightings.

(3) C Co conducts RIF of area bounded by BS7910, 7909, 8009, 8010. PB vic BS774156 secured by 4/G. 3/C at BS796095 found trail 2' wide, running N to S; neg recent use. Co(-) conducts CA from PZ vic BS789095 to PB.

(4) D Co cont ops from PB vic BS781193. 3/D conducts RIF from BS783200 to 784214; maintains SRP's vic BS780205, 790197, 784182. 3/D at BS783208 found a tunnel approx 15m long, 3' wide, used for poss shelter in last 2-3 days.

(5) Recon Plat cont RIF from BS773096 to 761095. At 1122H dustoff EM w/poss broken arm & cheekbone. Reports no contact or sightings.

B. Cumulative Results of all Units:

US losses: 2 KIA, 14 WIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA.

US inflicted En losses: 42 VC/NVA KIA (BC); 8 poss VC/NVA KIA; 7 VC/NVA CIA; 2 Hoi Chanhs; 14 S/A CIA; 1800 lbs rice CIA (dest); misc docu and equip CIA.

2. Remarks: Air Cav LOH down E of TAPE $1\frac{1}{2}$ K. PX bird at TAPE.

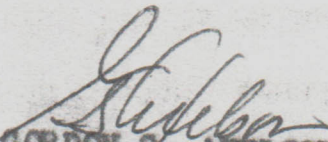
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SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 19 for 210001H to 212400H November 1969

1. (C) Operations Summary

A. The 1/12 Inf cont search and destroy ops in the upper AN LAO Valley.

(1) A Co conducts block and observe ops in connection with sweep conducted with 1/22 & B/1-503, along trace BS791117, 791115, & 790113, 790110. Srp at BS792123. Reports neg contact or sightings.

(2) B Co cont Fire Base security with SRP's at BS750149, 757127, 757105, 744120, and sqd ambush at BS732113. Reports neg contact or sightings.

(3) C Co, 2d Plat conducts RIF from BS785155 to 794137. Est SRP's at BS776170, 790163, 788150. Scout Dog alerted to North of BS788154; arty walked in front of Plat; checked out area with neg results. Reports neg sightings or contact.

(4) D Co, 3d Flat cont RIF from BS780213 to 769212, maintains SRP's at BS780208, 790198, 772182. Local security patrol found dud 155 rd; blown in place. 3/D at BS779213 found a trail NE-SW, 1' wide, used within past few hours; also 3 recently const animal traps. Heard metal to metal pounding, employed 81mm. Swept area, neg findings. Found 4 bunkers at BS782207 connected by small tunnels. A 60mm mortar canister & fuse found, last used approx 2 mos ago.

(5) Recon Plat RIF's from BS759093 to 759085. At BS759094 found 4 onion & potato patches planted in rows, ready to be harvested. No tracks in area, neg recent use. At 1820H BS758084 heard noise 200m on 30AZ, described by KCS as assembly alert for VC; arty employed, unk results. At BS758088

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1. (C) Operations Summary

A. The 1/12 Inf cont search and destroy ops in the upper AN LAO Valley.

(1) A Co cont (2) Platoon blocking positions in conjunction with sweep conducted by 1/22 &B/1-503 along trace BS791117, 791115, 790113, 790110.

SRP at BS792123. Reports negative contact or sightings.

(2) B Co cont Fire Base security with SRP's at BS750149, 757127, 757105, 744120 and sqd ambush at BS732122. Reports neg contact or sightings.

(3) C Co cont 2d Plat RIF from BS795150 to 801150, establishing night ambush. SRP's remain at BS788150, 790162, 777170. Obs smoke at BS715153 (SEL); LRP Tm R-22 at BS701153 requested to adjust 4.2; 4.2 employed, neg further smoke obs. At 1913 2/C reports incoming S/A from South; fire came from LRP Tm D, at BS801139, who was in contact with En between 2/C and LRP. Tm D extracted.

(4) D Co 3d Plat cont RIF and closes PB vic BS781193; RIF fm BS773215 to 781193. Maintains SRP's at 775209, 796191, 777183. Sqd ambush est BS769203. Reports neg contact or sightings.

(5) Recon Plat cont RIF from BS758083 to 751079. At BS753070 reports sighting 3 VC/NVA; arty employed. Began sweeping into area of sighting, but not completed because of darkness.

B. Cumulative Results of all units:

US losses: 2 US KIA, 14 WIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA.

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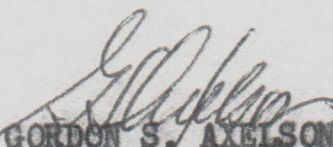
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US inflicted En losses: 42 VC/NVA KIA (BC); 8 poss VC/NVA KIA; 7 VC/NVA CIA; 2 Hoi Chanhs; 14 S/A CIA; 1800 lbs rice CIA (dest); misc docu and equip CIA.

2. Remarks: None.

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24 November 1969

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1. (C) Operations Summary

A. The 1/12 Inf cont search and destroy ops in the upper AN LAO Valley.

(1) A Co cont (2) platoon blocking position in connection with operations by 1/22 and B/1-503 in vic BS788108 & 790126. SRP remains at BS794126. Reports negative contact or sightings,

(2) B Co cont Fire Base security and maintains SRP's at BS750149, 757127, 757105 & 7441 20, est sqd size ambush at BS735109. Reports negative sightings or contact.

(3) C Co cont ops screening to SE of PB vic BS774156; 2/C positioned at vic BS801150, 2/C close PB as 1/C conducts air move to A Co PB vic BS789119, & moves overland to position vic BS794137. While firing Defensive Targets on 22 Nov, FO received frag wound in buttocks. Reports negative sightings or contacts.

(4) D Co 2d Plat conducts RIF along checkpoints BS787187 to 795175; maintains SRP's at BS777183, 796191 & 775209.

(5) Recon Plat conducts RIF to vic BS753070 to check out area of sighting on 22 Nov. At BS756078 found 200 US sandbags, (2) 10x10' sheets of plastic, one pottery vase, 2 canvas belts, & a metal screen 3x3'. At BS754075 found 2 more pottery vases, 1 old hootch, neg recent use, and a N to S trail 2' wide, used within 24H; also a small cave and a potato garden.

B. Cumulative Results of All Units:

US losses: 2US KIA, 14 WIA.

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Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA.

US inflicted En losses: 42 VC/NVA KIA (BC); 8 poss VC/NVA KIA; 7 VC/NVA CIA; 2 Hoi Chanhs; 14 S/A CIA; 1800 lbs rice CIA (dest); misc docu & equip CIA.

2. Remarks: None.

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