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1ST BATTALION 12TH INFANTRY  
"RED WARRIORS"  
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16 December 1969

SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 41 for 130001H to 132400H December 1969

1. (C) Operations Summary

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

(1) A Co cont ops from PB vic BS789119. 2/A cont RIF ops from 770089 to 771087. Co exchange SRP positions vic 789131, 779119, 789101. Reports neg significant sightings or contact.

(2) B Co conducts CA from PZ vic BS 731099 to LZ vic BS781193 and begins establishment of PB and commencement of ops in sector. Reports negative significant sightings or contact.

(3) C Co conducts CA from LZ TAPE to LZ vic BS690199 begins establishment of PB and ops in sector. Reports negative significant sightings or contact.

(4) D Co closes FSB TAPE from LZ MUSTANG and assumes FSB security mission. Reports negative significant sightings or contact.

(5) Recon Platoon conducts RIF from BS731099 closing FSB TAPE. Reports negative significant sightings or contact.

B. Cumulative Results of All Units:

US losses: 2 KIA, 16 WIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA.

US inflicted En losses: 49 VC/NVA KIA (BC); 8 poss VC/NVA KIA; 7 VC/WVA CIA; 2 HoilChanhs; 14 S/A CIA; 1825 lbs rice CIA (Dest); misc docu & equip CIA.

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2. Remarks: At BS678206 Bn CO observed 3 cultivated plots 20x50' while conducting VR of area. FSB TAP~~E~~ was visited by II Corps CG, LTG Corcoran.

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SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 42 for 140001H to 142400H December 1969

## 1. (C) Operations Summary

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

(1) A Co cont ops from PB vic BS789119. Maintains SRP positions and re-adjusts to vic BS789100, 775120, 788135. At 787106 2/A had 1 WIA from 2 bursts A/W fire; S/A, R/L employed on SEL 787107. Sweep of area produced negative findings.

(2) B Co cont ops from PB at 781193. 1/A begins RIF ops from PB to vic 782175. Reports negative significant sightings or contact.

(3) C Co cont ops from PB vic BS690199. 1/C begins RIF ops from PB to 677207. Co establishes ambush positions vic 690190, 707194. At 700200 ambush encountered 3 barefootprints, 2 est 1 day old, 1 est 2 days old, all moving on a 360 AZ.

(4) D Co cont security mission FSB TAPE. Establishes 3 ambush positions vic BS736176, 728150, 733096. At 732142 ambush discovered 6 sets footprints 1 day old, on trail AZ 340. At 738154 ambush encountered 1 set footprints (bare) to North, est 2 days old.

(5) Recon Platoon remains FSB TAPE on stand-down.

B. Cumulative Results of All Units:

US losses: 2 KIA; 17 WIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA.

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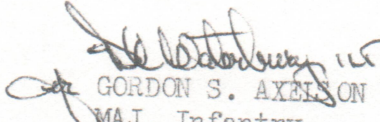
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US inflicted En losses: 49 VC/NVA KIA (BC); 8 poss VC/NVA KIA; 7 VC/NVA CIA;  
2 Hoi Chanh; 14 S/A CIA; 1825 lbs rice CIA (dest); misc docu & equip CIA.

2. Remarks: None.

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SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 43 for 150001H to 152400H December 1969

## 1. (C) Operations Summary

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

(1) A Co cont ops from PB vic BS789119. 3/A begins RIF ops from PB to 783112. Maintains ambush positions vic BS789110, 775120, 788135. Report negative significant sightings or contact.

(2) B Co cont ops from PB vic BS781193. Maintains ambushes at 771205, 759194. 1/B cont RIF ops from BS781179 to 774156. At BS774156 1/A found footprints of unknown number indiv vic B Co old PB.

(3) C Co cont ops from PB vic BS690199. Maintains ambushes at 690190, 707194. 1/C cont RIF ops 678207 to 674200. At 677208 1/C found trail 18" wide from E to W used by 2 indiv within 2-3 days. Same loc, another trail 18" wide on 220 AZ, negative recent use. At 673209 1/C engaged 2 VC/NVA with S/A, G/S in vic of cultivated area 150mx100m at distance of 600m. Believe to have hit both indiv with S/A; will search area in morning.

(4) D Co cont security mission FSB TAPE. Maintains ambush positions vic BS736176, 728150, 733096. Reports negative significant sightings or contact.

(5) Recon Plat conducts CA from FSB TAPE to LZ vic BS698218. Reports negative significant sightings or contact.

## B. Cumulative Results of All Units:

US losses: 2 KIA, 17 WIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KGS WIA.

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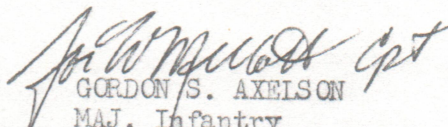
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US inflicted En losses: 49 VC/NVA KIA (BC); 10 poss VC/NVA KIA; 7 VC/NVA CIA;  
2 Hoi Chanhs; 14 S/A CIA; 1825 lbs rice CIA (dest); misc docu & equip CIA.

2. Remarks: None.

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SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 44 for 160001H to 162400H December 1969

1. (C) Operations Summary

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

(1) A Co cont ops from PB vic BS789119. Maintain sqd ambushes vic 783136, 778112,. 3/A commences RIF ops from PB to vic 778094. Reports negative significant sightings or contact.

(2) B Co cont ops from PB vic BS781193. Maintains ambushes vic 759194, 772205. 1/B cont RIF ops vic 774156. Reports negative significant sightings or contact.

(3) C Co cont ops from PB vic BS690199. Maintains sqd ambushes vic 690190, 707194, 674205. 1/C cont RIF ops from 690190 to 676203. At 674205 1/C discovered 24" wide trail, neg recent use, from N to S.

(4) D Co cont security mission FSB TAPE. Maintains sqd ambushes vic BS733096, 728047, 735173. Reports negative significant sightings or contact.

(5) Recon Plat cont RIF ops in sector from 701211 to 714201. At 701211 discovered 18" wide trail, neg recent use, from E to W. Same loc 4 punji pits, (1' 7x4x2', (2) 2x2x2', 4-5 stakes per pit all dest).

B. Cumulative results of all units:

US losses: 2 KIA; 17 MIA

Fdly losses: 1 KCS MIA

US inflicted EN losses: 49 VC/NVA KIA (BC); 10 poss VC/NVA KIA; 7 VC/NVA CIA; 2 Hoi Chanhs; 14 S/A CIA; 1025 lbs rice CIA (dest); misc docu and equip CIA.

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2. Remarks: None

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SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 45 for 170001H to 172400H December 1969

## 1. (C) Operations Summary

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

(1) A Co cont ops from PB vic BS789119. Maintains sqd ambushes vic 783134, 792103, 798129. 3/A concludes RIF ops from 784098 to PB. Reports negative significant sightings or contact.

(2) B Co cont ops from PB vic BS781193. Maintains sqd ambushes vic 771205, 759194. 1/B cont ops vic 777158. Reports negative significant sightings or contact.

(3) C Co cont ops from PB vic BS60199. 1/C concludes RIF ops from 676196 closing PB. At 684196 1/C discovered 1 foxhole, 2x3x2', neg O/H, 2 months old, neg recent use. At 683195 discovered trail, 12" wide, on AZ 200, est last use by 6 indiv within 3 wks.

(4) D Co cont security mission FSB TAPE. Exchanges sqd ambushes and relocates at BS729162, 727090, 755120. Reports negative significant sightings or contact.

(5) Recon Plat cont RIF ops in sector from 714201 to 707207. At 713207 discovered wooden fence, 75m x 2', with 4 spring-type animal traps on fence.

B. Cumulative results of all units:

US losses: 2 KIA; 17 WIA

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA

US inflicted EN losses: 49 VC/NVA KIA (BC); 10 poss VC/NVA KIA; 7 VC/NVA CIA; 2 Hoi Chanh; 14 S/A EIA; 1825 lbs rice CIA (dest); misc docu and equip CIA.

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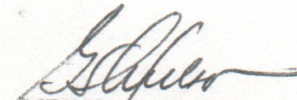
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2. Remarks: None

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SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 46 for 180001H to ~~223400H~~ December 1 969

1. (C) Operations Summary

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

(1) A Co cont ops from PB vic BS789119. Maintains ambushes vic 787131, 790104. 1/A cont RIF ops from 789126 to 784141. Reports negative significant sightings or contact.

(2) B Co cont ops from PB vic BS781193. Exchanges sqd ambushes & relocates vic 756188, 738174. 1/B concludes RIF ops from 776160 to PB. Reports negative significant sightings or contact.

(3) C Co cont ops from PB vic BS690199. Maintains ambushes at 677192 & 703194. 3/C initiates RIF ops from PB to 672218. At 682195 discovered trail 30" wide on 200 AZ, est last use 1 month. Same location 3 foxholes 2x3x2, neg O/H, last use 1 month. At 684183 3/C discovered 1 hootch 6x10x6, on stilts 3' off ground; est last use 3 months. At 677208 3/C engaged one indiv with S/A at distance of 150m. Sweep of area produced 2 NVA rucksacks with S/A holes.

(4) D Co cont security mission FSB TAPE. Maintains sqd ambushes vic 729163, 727090, 750120. Reports negative significant sightings or contact.

(5) Recon Plat cont RIF ops from BS707207 to 693215. Reports negative significant sightings or contact.

B. Cumulative results of all units:

US losses: 2 KIA; 17 WIA.

Fdly losses: 1 NCS WIA.

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US inflicted En losses: 49 VC/NVA KIA (BG); 10 poss VC/NVA KIA; 7 VC/NVA CIA; 2 Hoi Chanhs; 14 S/A CIA; 1825 lbs rice CIA; misc docx & equip CIA.

2. Remarks: The "Red Warriors" at FSB TAPE and B Co PB were visited by MG Walker, 4th Inf Div CG.

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23 December 1969

SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 47 for 190001H to 192400H December 1969

1. (C) Operations Summary:

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

(1) A Co cont ops from PB vic BS789119. Exchange sqd ambushes and relocate vic 778125 & 785103. 1/A begins RIF ops from PB to 772153. Reports negative significant sightings or contact.

(2) B Co cont ops from PB vic 781193. Maintains sqd ambushes vic 764198 & 788208. 3/B begins RIF ops from PB to 708182. Reports negative significant sightings or contact.

(3) C Co cont ops from PB vic BS690199. Maintains sqd ambushes vic 677192 & 703195. 3/C cont RIF ops from 663214 to 668207. Reports negative significant sightings or contact.

(4) D Co cont security FSB TAPE. Maintains ambushes vic 724088, 729163, 750120. Reports negative significant sightings or contact.

(5) Recon Plat airlifted from vic 690206 to LZ TAPE for stand-down. Reports negative significant sightings or contact.

B. Cumulative Results of all units:

US losses: 2 KIA; 17 WIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA.

US inflicted En losses: 49 VC/NVA KIA (BC); 10 poss VC/NVA KIA; 7 VC/NVA CIA; 2 Hoi Chanhs; 14 S/A CIA; 1825 lbs rice CIA; misc docu & equip CIA.

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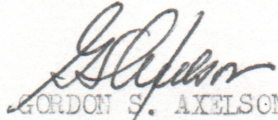
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2. Remarks: None.

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SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 48 for 200001H to 202400H December 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 CA from PB vic 789119 to LZ TAPE. Leaves a stay-behind ambush in immediate vicinity. Reports negative significant sightings or contact.

(2) B Co 1st Plat conducts RIF in areas bounded by 753179, 745170, 752167 & 759174. Conducts sqd ambushes at BS764198, 788208, 747167 & 758172.

Reports negative significant sightings or contact.

(3) C Co 3d Plat conducts RIF along checkpoints 673201 to PB vic 680199. Exchanges ambushes with new locations at 709193, 691190 & 677185. 3d Plat sights 2 indiv at 673205 rng 100m, 120 AZ; employed S/A; results 1 NVA KIA, & found 4 rucksacks. Gunships expended on contact area; sweep of area revealed 1 more KIA; with 2d KIA found 1 bag with 25 lbs rice; 4 to 5 flashlight batteries; cooking pot, 1 pr OD pants, brown leather belt, 1 US canteen, 1 poncho, 1 NVA blanket.

(4) D Co conducts CA from LZ TAPE to LZ vic 728229. Reports negative contact or sightings.

(5) Recon Plat conducts training and stand-down at TAPE.

B. Cumulative Results of all units:

US losses: 2 KIA, 17 WIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCB WIA.

US inflicted En losses: 51 VC/NVA KIA (DC); 10 poss KIA VC/NVA; 7 VC/NVA

CIA; 2 Hoi Chanhs; 14 S/A CIA; 1850 lbs rice CIA (Dest); misc docu & equip CIA.

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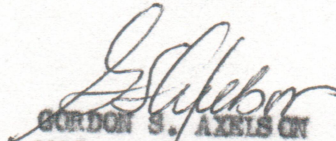
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26 December 1969

SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 49 for 210001H to 212400h December 1969

## 1. (C) Operations Summary

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

(1) A Co cont security mission FSB TAPE. Establishes ambushes vic 727149, 727089. Maintain reinforced sqd ambush vic 788115. Reports negative significant sightings or contact.

(2) B Co cont ops from PB vic BS781193. Maintains sqd ambushes vic 764198, 788205, 794197. 3/B concludes RIF ops from 758177 closing PB. At 766181 3/B engaged 3 VC/NVA at distance of 200m, 155 AZ with M-79. R/L employed on flanks as blocking fire. Sweep of the area produced 1 towel, 1 bar soap, 1 piece det cord 1', remains of fire where indiv had spent night.

(3) C Co cont ops from PB vic BS690199. Maintains sqd ambushes vic 675195, 709193. 2/C conducts GA from PB to vic 655213 and begins ops in sector. At 658215 2/C discovered trail, 12" wide on AZ 140, last use by 4 indiv within 2-3 days.

(4) D Co cont ops from PB vic BS781193. Maintains sqd ambushes vic 739225, 739210. 2/D cont RIF ops from 721219 to 719218. At 718214 2/D engaged 2 VC/NVA at 300m, 180 AZ with M-79 fire. 81mm employed. Indiv dressed in khaki shorts, green fatigue shirts, neg footgear, neg weapons observed. Sweep of area produced 1 wicker basket, 1 clay bowl, 1/2 lb salt. At 719218 2/D engaged 2 VC/NVA at 200m, 210AZ with S/A. Indiv dressed in green fatigues, neg weapons observed.

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Results: 1VC/NVA KIA; 1 rucksack w/ 2 nylon hammocks, shaving gear, 2 metal bowls, empty rice sack CIA. At 710212 ambush enroute to position engaged 2 VC/NVA at 200m, 340 AZ with M-79. 1 indiv wearing GI steel helmet, green fatigue shirt w/shorts, AK-47; other indiv wearing blk PJ's, neg weapon observed. Sweep of area produced neg findings. At 735223 ambush enrrouete to location discovered bamboo hut 20x15', w/bunker inside, 3x4x5, with 1' O/H. In hootch same loc discovered 30 rds M-16, 150 punji stakes (new), misc cooking utencils, 1 US steel helmet, 1 US machette.

(5) Recon Plat conducted CA from TAPE to vic BS694180 to begin RIF ops in sector. At 683173 discovered frame hootch, 6x10x6', last use estimated 6 months.

B. Cumulative results of all units:

US losses: 2KIA; 17 WIA

Fdly losses: 1 KCS KIA

US inflicted EN losses: 52 VC/NVA KIA (BC); 10 poss VC/NVA KIA; 7 VC/NVA CIA; 2 Hoi Chanhs; 14 S/A CIA; 1850 lbs rice CIA (dest); misc docu and equip CIA.

2. Remarks; None

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SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 50 for 220001H to 222400H December 1969.

1. (C) Operations Summary

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

(1) A Co cont FSB security and maintains ambushes at 723175 & 727089.

Extracts ambush from old patrol base at 788115. Reports negative significant sightings or contact.

(2) B Co 2d Plat continues RIF along checkpoints 782197 to 773210, & ambushes at 743170 & 768181. At 770209 2d Plat spotted 1 indiv 330 AZ, range 50-75m; engaged with S/A; indiv believed wounded.

(3) C Co 2d Plat conducts RIF in area 671212, 667204, 675204, 780202, 682212 & ambushes at 781180 & 709193. At BS667213 spotted 5 indiv rng 500m, 260 AZ; engaged with S/A, gunships and 4.2. 2 VC/NVA KIA, 1 ~~VC~~NVA CIA, 1 AK-47 CIA. Spotted 1 indiv at 665225, 330 AZ, rng 1300m; 4.2 employed; sweep of area revealed neg results.

(4) D Co 2d Plat conducts RIF in area 705225, 705210, 720210, 720225, & maintains ambushes at 739225 & 739210. At 0302H 2/D reports movement approx 25m on 270 AZ; employed frag grenade; when swept, neg findings. At 1845H 2/D sighted 4 indiv at 713223 rng 800m working in a small field. 4.2 and R/L employed. Search of area produced negative findings.

(5) Recon Plat cont RIF ops from B3682173 to 676188. At 677137 discovered trail 2' wide on AZ 180, last use by 2 indiv within 48H. At 673185 engaged 2 VC/NVA with S/A at 75m. Indiv returned fire with unknown type weapons and fled to SW.

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Sweep of area produced negative findings.

(6) Inserted 9 man security team from A Co and 3 man Engr team vic 744085 to conduct route recon of HWY 514 to FSB TAPE. Mission completed.

B. Cumulative results of all units:

US losses: 2 KIA; 17 WIA

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA

US inflicted EN losses: 54 VC/NVA KIA (BC); 10 poss VC/NVA KIA; 8 VC/ NVA CIA;

2 Hoi Chanhs; 15 S/A CIA; 1850 lbs rice CIA (dest); misc docu and equip CIA.

2. REMARKS: ABC-A, BG W/RECON VISITS TAPE, B.C.D.

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SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 51 for 230001H to 232400H December 1969.

## 1. (C) Operations Summary

A. The 1/12 Inf cont search and destroy ops in the Upper An Lao Valley.

(1) A Co maintains ambushes at 728089 and 723175, and continues FSB security. 3 plat conducts CA to BS769198 to act as blocking force for 2 B.

(2) B Co maintains ambushes at 768182 and 743169, 2 plat conducts RIF along checkpoints 769210, 759211, and 755212. At BS774210 2 plat found 3 punji pits w/no stakes in them, in vic found trail 18-21" wide used by 4-5 indiv w/in past 24H, going N. At 1600H at BS762212 initiated contact with unkn size enemy element. 1 plat inserted at 749211 to reinforce. 6 B-41 rockets CIA, 4NVA KIA wearing green fatigues and neg headgear obs. Sufficient quantity of equip for 25-30 indiv. Will check area in morning.

(3) C Co exchanges ambushes, new locations 699193, 711185. 2 plat continues RIF in area 667215, 672219, 675211, 681204 to 667204. At 674213 spotted 3 indiv with weapons, AZ 290°, rng 800m. Sweep of area found 1 Chicom radio similar to PRC 25, but larger, extracted radio, sent to Bde.

(4) D Co maintains ambushes at 745224 and 743212. 2 plat cont RIF in area 709228, 720228, 720210. 3 plat ambush found 1 hootch 7x4x8' at 733220 made of twigs and grass. 10m from hootch was a bunker 4x4x5' made of dirt, neg O/H, last used w/in 2 days. 2 plat at 710226 found combination rice and potato field approx 3 acres. Rice harvested w/ in

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past 2 weeks.

(5) Recon cont RIF in area 671180, 671199, 680199, and 680180. At BS675195 found 2 hootches under const. One had frame, the other only the floor. Hootches were 20x15' constructed w/in last 24-48H, using grass and twigs. At 50m N of 673206 found 4 hootches 8x12', 3-6 mo old, also 3 small bomb shelters 4x4' with wooden framework, inside all dest.

B. Cumulative results of all units:

US losses 2 KIA 17 WIA

Fdly losses 1 KCS WIA

US inflicted enemy losses 58 NVA/VC KIA; (BC); 10 VC poss KIA;

8 VC/NVA CIA; 2 Hoi Chanh; 15 S/A CIA; 1850 lbs rice CIA (dest);

misc documents and equip CIA.

2. Remarks: None

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## 1. (C) Operations Summary

A. The 1/12 Infantry cont search and destroy ops in the Upper An Lao Valley.

(1) A Co established ambushes at 729164 and 729149. 3 plat to block for B Co sweep from 773203 to 776205. Entire Co conducts CA from Tape to 753228. 3 plat conducts CA from BS781193 to join co. Neg significant sightings or contact.

(2) B Co maintains ambush at 771184 and 2 plat links up with CP and 1 plat to sweep contact areas. While moving toward contact area 2 plat found 2 B-40 rockets and approx 100-125 rds, AK and SKS ammo. At 1100H found 2 bunkers 10x10x6' with a floor on top where a hootch was to be built, and 2 bunkers, 3x4', in vic of stream. NW found 4 more bunkers, 10x15x4' with 6" log and dirt O/H. Fresh fire used w/in past 24H, found 1 protective mask (not US), holster, 100 more AK-47 rds, 1 loaded banana clip. At 1152H encountered unkn size enemy element, 1 rd rec'd, result 1US WIA. Sweep of area found 2 fresh graves with 2 NVA KIA, by S/A (23 December contact). At BS964219 found 2 more hootches, rec'd S/A fire and 1 B-40, (1 US KIA, 2 US WIA), from 30 to 40m, AZ 30°. Returned fire, 1 VC KIA. Result: 3VC/NVA KIA; 1 Chicom MG CIA; 3 US WIA; 1 KCS WIA, bitten by scout dog; 1US KIA.

(3) C Co maintains ambushes at 711186, and 700194 and placed out a new ambush at 676209. 2 plat cont RIF along checkpoints 676209, 680207,

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(4) D Co places ambushes at 71<sup>745223,</sup>227 and 742212. 2 plt searches area 713229, 723229, 723215 then closes on patrol base. At 709220 found 2 hootches 15'x30'x18' high used by est 25 people within past week. behind each is a shelter 6 ft deep, also 2 trails on AZ 295 and 350.

(5) Recon cont RIF along checkpoints 676209, 680207, 687201 and closes on C Co P.B. then conducts air move to Tape. Reports neg signs, sightings or contact.

B. Cumulative results of all units:

US losses 3KIA; 20 WIA

Friendly losses 1 KCS WIA

US inflicted enemy losses 61 NVA/VC KIA (BC); 10 poss VC/NVA CIA; 2

Hoi Chanhs, 15 S/A CIA; 1850 lbs rice CIA (dest); misc documents and equip CIA

2. Remarks: None

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27 December 1969

SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 53 for 250001H to 252400H December 1969.

## 1. (C) Operations Summary

A. The 1/12 Inf cont search and destroy ops in the Upper An Lao Valley.

(1) A Co maintains ambushes at 729164 and 729149. Remainder of company conducts local security at patrol base vic 754228. Reports neg sightings or contact.

(2) B Co 3platoon secures patrol base at 781193. Co(-) remains in position due to Christmas Truce. Reports found NVA personnel rosters. The majority of NVA positions in contact are facing south.

(3) C Co maintains ambushes at 704194, 711188 and 698210. Maintains local security around patrol base at 690199. Reports neg sightings or contact.

(4) D Co maintains ambushes at 740223, 737212, 719217 and maintains local security around patrol base at 729221. Reports neg significant sightings or contact.

(5) Recon maintains security of FSB Tape.

### B. Cumulative results of all units:

US losses: 3 KIA 20 WIA

Fdly losses: 1KCS WIA

US inflicted losses on enemy: 61 NVA/VC KIA (BC) 10 poss VC/NVA KIA,  
8 VC/NVA CIA, 2 Hoi Chanhs, 15 S/A CIA, 1850 lbs rice CIA (dest),  
misc documents and equip CIA

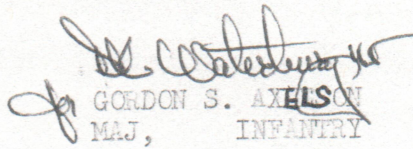
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2. Remarks; Division Band at Tape, Bde CO attends award ceremony.

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SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 54 for 260001H to 262400H December 1969.

1. (C) Operations Summary

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

(1) A Co cont ops vic BS754228. Maint ins sqd ambushes vic 729164, 729149. At 756223 discovered 10 bunkers, 3x4x4', with 2' O/H, last use estimated 1 month. At 754227 rear security engaged 1 NVA at 25m with S/A. Results: 1 NVA CIA (WIA) w/ one rucksack, misc documents CIA; wearing green fatigues, sandals. Detainee dusted off.

(2) B Co(-) conducts airlift from PZ vic 763217 to PB vic 781193. Maintain ambush at 771184. At 763217 found (2) 60mm mortar rds; (2) NVA rucksacks;

(1) Chicom grenade.

(3) C Co cont ops from PB vic 690199. Maintains sqd ambushes vic 674198, 708193. 1/C begins RIF ops from PB to 669207. At 673212 1/C found 1 NVA pith helmet, good condition, est in loc 1 wk.

(4) D Co cont ops from PB vic 729221. Maintains sqd ambushes vic 734232, 743225. 3/D begins RIF ops from PB to vic 704226. Reports negative significant sightings or contact.

(5) Recon plat remains FSB TAPE security.

B. Cumulative results of all units

US losses: 3 KIA; 20 WIA

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA

US inflicted enemy losses: 61 VC/NVA KIA (BC); 10 poss VC/NVA KIA;

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9 VC/ NVA CIA; 2 Hoi Chanhs; 15 S/A CIA; 1850 lbs rice CIA (dest);  
misc documents and equip CIA.

2. Remarks: None

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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 conducts airlift from PZ via 754228 to FSB TAPE. At 757226 discovered loc of 2 campfires, NL of est 10 indiv, 2-3 days old. 1 plat goes OPCON C Co to develop area of sighting

(2) B Co continues ops from PB. Establishes sqd ambushes via 789207, 789182. 3/B initiates RIF ops from PB to via 764174. Reports neg significant sightings or contact.

(3) C Co establishes ambushes at 674198 and 708193. 1 plat conducts a RIF in area 657213, 670218, 673218, 673200, 657200. Reports a fire at 674223, 4.2" mortar employed. At BS666215 found a trail 2' wide running SE, last used approx 2 wks ago, also a branch trail, smaller, running S, found 1 set of barefoot prints approx 2-3 days old. At 1415H spotted 6 VC in open at 675215, employed S/A. More VC spotted to total 15 indiv. 3/C, 4.2" mortar employed. 2 plat plus CP inserted. 2 believed VC KIA. Checked area with neg results.

(4) D Co maint ins ambushes at 734232 and 743225. 3 plat cont RIF in area 700230, 700210, 720210, and 720230. Ambush at 710214 found small field surrounded by bamboo fence around it, in same area found 10 spider holes 4x3x1, last used 3-4 mos ago, and 1 fresh fruit peeling dropped w/in last 24-48H. 3 plat at 701220, rng approx 50-75m, engages 4 indiv, (2 male,

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2 female), Results: 1 NVA KIA (BC), wearing green fatigues carrying basket of wood, neg weapon. At 704217 found 2 hootches, 20x12x8', inside found 1 US Claymore, and approx 100 lbs rice on floor. Third hootch was 6x6x8', found 5 lbs rice. Behind one of the larger hootches was a shelter 5x5x3', other large hootch had large log over door with 18 slots for firing. All 3 built 2-3 mo ago. At 706215 rec'd 1 rd sniper fire from S, employed S/A.

(5) Recon plat conducts a CA to LZ vic 754208 and conducts RIF along 75210, 758215, and 757217. At 754207 found 1 NVA rain coat lost approx 1 week ago. At 757213 found 2 hootches 10x20x6' with thatched roof and wood floor, built 6 mos ago, used w/in the past 2 mo. Behind each hootch is a shelter 4x4x4 w/dirt O/H. At 757213 found trail 2' wide running to NE with neg recent use.

B. Cumulative results of all units:

US losses: 3KIA, 21 WIA

Fdl losses: 1 KCS WIA


US inflicted enemy losses: 62 VC/NVA KIA (BC); 12 poss VC/NVA KIA;

9 VC/NVA CIA; 2 HOI Chanh; 15 S/A CIA; 1950 lbs rice CIA (dest);

misc documents and equip CIA.

2. Remarks: None

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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 conducts CA from TAPE to PB, vic 781193, establishes ambushes at 787211, 773207, and 762198. Reports neg significant sightings or contact.

(2) B Co conducts CA to TAPE from PB, vic 781193. Establishes ambushes vic 733164 and 742119. 3 plat cont RIF from 755170 to 748156. Reports neg significant sightings or contact.

(3) C Co cont sweep of contact area. Moves toward PZ at 688204. 1/A returns to parent unit. 1 plat cont RIF in sector assigned. Reports neg significant sightings or contact.

(4) D Co maintains ambushes at 735232 and 743225. 3 plat cont RIF in area 710220, 690220, 690240 to 710240. At 699221 found 3 hootches, 12x8', and 1 hootch 25x8', all had artillery shelters. Found basket with potato roots approx 48 H old, 2 pr blk shorts, 1 fatigue shirt, Bamboo tables and beds used w/in past 24 to 48H.

(5) Recon cont to observe contact area with CP's in vic 758217. At 761213 spotted 2 indiv approx 30m, AZ 260°, moving N. One carried an SKS, the other an AK-47. Employed 4.2" mortar.

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B. Cumulative results of all units:

US losses: 3 KIA; 21 WIA

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA

US inflicted enemy losses: 62 VC/NVA KIA (BC); 12 poss VC/NVA KIA;

9VC/NVA CIA; 2 Hoi Chanhs; 15 S/A CIA; 1950 lbs rice CIA; misc documents and equip CIA.

2. Remarks: None

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SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 57 for 290001H to 292400H December 1969.

1. (C) Operations Summary

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

(1) A Co 3 plat cont RIF along checkpoints 780200 to 766216 and conducts ambushes at 760200 and 788211. Reports neg significant contactor sightings.

(2) B Co 3 plat closes from 752162 on LZ TAPE, maintaining ambushes at 728152 and 772094. At 732094 1 sqd 1 plat ambush had movement in a rocky area, AZ 244°, rng 300m. One EM believed he saw 2 silhouettes of 2 indiv; 4.2" employed, will check area morning of 30 Dec.

(3) C Co 1 plat closes RIF on PB and places out ambushes at 707192, 686187 and 667211. GP and 2 plat move by air from vic 688204 to PB at 690199. 1 plat found one grave, one day old at 88674207. Indiv wearing green fatigues, neg footgear, killed by M-60, believed from contact of 27 Dec.

(4) D Co 3 plat is resupplied and cont RIF from 706217 to 712222. Places ambushes at 735232, 743225 and 717228. Reports neg significant sightings or contact.

(5) Recen cont to obs contact area w/eps vic 761217, 756222 and 761213. Reports neg significant sightings or contact.

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B. Cumulative results for all units:


US losses: 3 KIA; 21 WIA

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA

US inflicted enemy losses: 63 VC/NVA KIA, (BC); 12 poss VC/NVA KIA;  
8 VC/NVA CIA; 2 Hoi Chanh; 15 S/A CIA; 1950 lbs rice CIA; misc  
documents and equip CIA.

2. Remarks: CG visited LZ TAPE and D Co.

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31 December 1969

SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 58 for 300001H to 302400H December 1969.

1. (C) Operations Summary

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

(1) A Co maintains ambushes at 760200 and 788211. 3 plat conducts RIF into bunker area to destroy bunkers in area 761220, 761210, 767220, 767210. At 763218 found VN pots and pans, last used 2 weeks ago; 2 NVA entrenching tools; 1 B-40 rd which was destroyed. Destroyed 2 bunkers 10x12x6' w/1' O/H.

(2) B Co cont FSB security mission. Cont ambushes at 728149, 728090 and establishes an ambush at 755125. Ambush at 728090 checked area where 4.2" was fired the night before and at 730093. Found cave large enough to hold 8-10 people, containing old baskets.

(3) C Co exchanges ambushes, new locations are 667214 and 710187. 3 plat begins RIF from PB to 673208. Reports neg significant sightings or contact.

(4) D Co scheduled for CA to vic 694230, closed all units to PB. CA cancelled at 1015. Ambushes placed at 729232 and 741225. 1 plat moves to RIF area 7121 to 7221 to 7223 to 7123. Reports neg significant sightings or contacts.

(5) Recon cont ops vic center of movement 760214. providing screen to W of 3/A bunker destruction operation. At 763217 found 1 grave, approx 1 wk old. 3/A will dig it up on 31 Dec.

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B. Cumulative results for all units:

US losses: 3 KIA; 21 WIA

Fdly losses: 1KCS WIA


US inflicted enemy losses: 63 VC/NVA KIA, (BC); 12 poss VC/NVA KIA;

9 VC/NVA CIA; 2 Hoi Chamhs; 15 S/A CIA; 1950 lbs rice CIA, (dest);

misc documents and equip CIA.

2. Remarks: Bde CO from 11 Bde Americal Div visited TAPE to discuss joint operation.

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SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 59 for 310001H to 312400H December 1969.

1. (C) Operations Summary

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

(1) A Co. 3 plat cont to destroy bunkers in vic 764218 and conducts local security sweeps, at approx 1600H extracted from PZ in area to PB at 781193. Destroyed 10 bunkers 10x8x6', 6-8 mo old. False floor with 1' O/H. Also destroyed 11 bunkers 10x12x6' mo old, neg O/H thatched roof; 7 bunkers 10x12x6' 3 mo old, 14" overhead; 9 bunkers 10x6x6', 1 mo old w/2' O/H; one 500 lb bomb; one 2.75 aerial rocket; and 2 documents. Placed an ambush at 781181 and maintained ambushes at 788211 and 760200.

(2) B Co remains as PSB security and maintains ambushes at 755124 and 728148, and moves ambush to 732117. At 2105H ambush at 728148 from 2 plat heard movement approx 20 to 30m from their location on 360° AZ. Enemy detected initially between claymore and friendly psn. Direction of movement south. Ambush employed frags and M-16 fire. Upon initiation of friendly fire 3 distinct bursts of A/W fire were directed at the ambush, number of enemy observed 2, possibly 3, in contact area. Unkm results. Neg friendly casualties. Arty, 4.2", and 81 mm employed.

(3) C Co 3 plat conducts RIF from vic 670214 to 690199 (PB). Establishes ambushes at 718228, 728233, and 740225. Ambush enroute at 675196 found a trail 2' wide running N to S made approx 10 days ago, last used 5 days

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ago by 2 indiv wearing sandals. Trail not visible from the air.

(4) D Co 1 plat conducts RIF in area bounded by 7123, 7223, 7121, 7221, and closes back to PB at approx 1700H. Establishes ambushes at 718228, 728233 and 740225. Reports neg significant sightings or contact.

(5) Recon plat cont screening mission for 3/A in vic 764218.

B. Cumulative results for all units:

US losses: 3 KIA, 21 WIA

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA

US inflicted enemy losses: 63 VC/NVA KIA (BC); 12 poss VC/NVA KIA;

2 VC/ NVA CIA; 1950 lb rice CIA (dest0; misc documents and equip

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2. Remarks: B Co completes testfire re-zero of weapons, C and D Co testfire weapons.

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