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

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20 February 1970

SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 103 for 130001H to 132400H February 1970.

1. (C) Operations Summary

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

(1) A Co cont RIF along checkpoints 297580, 297585, 299593, 297600, and establishes night ambushes. In vic 302587 A Co found 1 bunker 4x3x3' with 2' O/H, last used 506 days ago; built 2 months ago; destroyed. In vic 299592, A Co found several tree stumps which had been cut 3-6 months ago; also found several old animal traps which were destroyed. At 300594 1 grass hootch was found, 5x6x10', 3-6 mo old, last used 1 mo ago; inside was 1 crossbow and 150 arrows which were destroyed with the hootch. At 299595 A Co located 1 6x6x4' hootch, 1' off the ground, last used and constructed 1 month ago; inside was 400 lbs of an undetermined type of grain which was destroyed along with the hootch.

(2) B Co conducts RIF in area bounded by checkpoints 353570, 363570, 363560; reports neg findings or sightings.

(3) C Co provides Fire Base security, daily sweeps, 3 ambushes and LP's with neg findings.

(4) D Co OPCON 1/35 cont search and destroy ops.

(5) Recon conducts RIF along checkpoints 325557, 330553, 340555, and begins RIF in principal area of interest bounded by 340560, 340550, 350550, 350560. Reports neg significant sightings or contacts.

B. Cumulative results of opn PUTNAM SHARK:

US losses: 5 WIA, (all punji stake wounds);

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US inflicted enemy losses: 3 enemy CIA; 12,300 lbs rice CIA.

C. Cumulative results of all units since 25 Sept 69.

US losses: 4 KIA; 42 WIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA; 2 dog handlers WIA.

US inflicted enemy losses: 75 enemy KIA, (BC); 13 poss KIA; 16 enemy CIA;  
4 Hoi Chanh; 28 S/A CIA; 25,050 lbs rice CIA; misc documents and  
equipment CIA.

2. Remarks: None.

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SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 104 for 140001H to 142400H February 1970.

1. (C) Operations Summary

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

(1) A Co cont RIF in area of interest bounded by checkpoints 290600, 310600, 290590, 310590, and establishes night ambushes. 2/A ambush at 301593, found 1 hootch 4x4x5', 1' off the ground, very new, used last night by a small group of people; also found 2 small fires and 2 Montagnard knives.

(2) B Co cont RIF in area of interest bounded by checkpoints 350580, 360580, 350641, 360564, and establishes night ambushes. Vic 355566 B Co found a trail running S to N, 18" wide hidden from the air, trail continued and 1 Ho Chi Minh sandal print approximately 1 week old on it. Also 2 observation post type hootches 4x3x3' used by one or two individuals each, approx 1-2 weeks old. At 365567 B Co found 1 punji spring type booby trap, approx 3 days old. At 365569 located 1 bunker 8x6x4', w/ 2 1/2' O/H, about 3 days old, used by 7 indiv, (according to KCS), nearby were 3 campfires, 3 piles of wood, 3 baskets, fresh cut greens, potatoes, and 1 hootch under construction, (8x4'), 3/B found a trail vic 357568 running N-S in a valley, 12-18" wide, not visible from the air. There were 1 set of Ho Chi Minh sandal prints heading N, about 1 week old. In the vic of 355574, B Co located a whip type booby trap 6 mo old, not on a trail; also 10 logs 8-10' long 2 mo old.

(3) C Co provides Fire Base security and conducts local security sweeps, three ambushes and LP's. Neg sightings or contacts reported.

(4) D Co OPCON 1/35, cont search and destroy opns; return to the control of

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the 1/12 as of the last LZ. In vic of 552681 observed 1 enemy 55m to the N of the perimeter, only face and arm observed through the brush; S/A, MG and M-79 employed with neg results in the sweep. 3/D at 553684, had unidentified movement 70m to the N, later reported 100m out, moving E. 81mm employed.

(5) Recon cont RIF and ambushes in area bounded by checkpoints 340560, 340550, 350550, 350560. Recon found 5 spear type booby traps vic 344555 on a trail running to the E, 1 mo old, trail 1' wide, not visible from the air, neg recent use.

B. Cumulative results of opn PUTNAM SHARK:

US losses: 5 WIA, (all punji stake wounds).

US inflicted enemy losses: 3 enemy CIA; 12,300 lbs rice CIA.

C Cumulative results of all units since 25 Sept 69.

US losses: 4 KIA; 42 WIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA; 2 dog handlers WIA.

US inflicted enemy losses: 75 enemy KIA (BC); 13 poss enemy KIA; 16 enemy CIA 4 Hoi Chanhs; 28 S/A CIA; 25,050 lbs rice CIA; misc documents and equipment CIA.

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SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 105 for 150001H to 152400H February 1970.

## 1. (C) Operations Summary

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

(1) A Co cont opn in area bounded by checkpoints 300600, 300590, 318690, 318590. At BR304580 found 1 bunker 10x10x6' w/ 3' 0/H, 1 week old. Last used 24H ago by 1 indiv.

(2) B Co cont RIF opn in area bounded by checkpoints 350580, 360580, 350563, 360563. Reports neg significant sightings or findings.

(3) C Co maintains security of FSB WARRIOR, establishes LP's, 1 amb, and conducts local security. C Co found during a perimeter sweep 40m N of the wire, 2 Chicom grenades, 1 pr black pajama pants, 2 pouches of charcoal and blood trail leading N. 3/C amb at BR326547 spotted 1 enemy in the open, KEL 323547. At 1040H Air Cav is on station, and expends in area of KEL. At 1125H the Air Cav (Night 2), sighted 5 structures at 328552, 4 bunkers at 331551 and bunkers at 330552. The Air Cav expended and destroyed all structures.

(4) D Co conducts local security RIF and continues construction of FSB TOUGHIE. LTC Sterling while on a VR over FSB TAPPY, (BR534603), spotted 20 indiv running over the perimeter. Indiv wearing blk PJ's. Indiv fled into bunkers and tree line around the FSB. R/L and Air Cav were requested. At 1555H 1/D was airlifted from FSB TOUGHIE to exploit sighting at FSB TAPPY. While sweeping the area 1/D found several barefoot prints on a SE heading. Neg further findings

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1/D extracted at 1707H and returned to FSB TOUGHIE.

(5) Recon cont RIF in area bounded by 340550, 350550, 340540, 350540; Reports neg significant sightings or contact.

B. Cumulative total results of opn PUTNAM SHARK: *SINCE 15 FEB*

US losses: <sup>6</sup>41 WIA.

US inflicted enemy losses: 2 enemy KIA, (BC); ~~3 enemy CIA; 12,300 lbs rice~~  
CIA; 12 sachel charges CIA; 1 B40 CIA.

C. Cumulative total of all opns all units since 25 Sept 69:

US losses: 4 KIA; 48 WIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA; 2 dog handlers WIA;

US inflicted enemy losses: 77 enemy KIA, (BC); 14 poss enemy KIA; 16 enemy CIA; 4 Hoi Chanhs; 29 S/A CIA; 25,050 lbs rice CIA; misc documents and equip CIA.

2. Remarks: MG Walker, (CG, 4th DIV); and BG Wheelock, (ADC-A 4th Div) attend change of command ceremonies for outgoing Bn CO, LTC Cottingham. LTC Norris Sterling becomes Bn CO 1/12 Inf.

3. Sapper Attack on FSB WARRIOR.

At 0340H FSB WARRIOR was hit by a sapper attack. An estimated 10-12 indiv infiltrated the perimeter from the N and NW side. The enemy utilized sachel charges, Chicom grenades, AK-47 and B40 rkts in the attack. The enemy wore nothing but loin cloths and were smeared w/ black charcoal. A total of 41 sachel charge detonations were found inside the perimeter, 2 105mm Howitzers were damaged beyond use by sachel charges, 2 81mm ammo bunkers were

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and 1 81mm mortar tube were destroyed by sachel charges. Four bunkers were caved in by sachel charges resulting in 9 US WIA, 3 of which were from B-4/42 Artillery. No evidence of B40 fire was found although 1 enemy was engaged by C Co EM as he was about ~~to~~ fire a B40 at TOC.

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## 1. (C) Operations Summary

A. The 1/12 Inf cont opn PUTNAM SHARK, NW of Camp Radcliff.

(1) A Co cont RIF along checkpoints 296553, 308553, 296540, 308540 and establishes night ambushes. 2/A and CP at 100m N of BR305545 found an old enemy night location with 10 foxholes 4x4x3' which have not been used for some time, area had been well policed; also found a trail leading into the position from the S.

(2) B Co cont RIF in area bounded by checkpoints 344586, 355586, 344570 355570, and establishes night ambushes. 1/B vic of BR352572 found 2 hootches 10x8x5', used 2 wks ago by 5-6 people, hootch approx 4 months old; nearby, at 352573 was another hootch 6x12x6', 1' off the ground, last used about 2 weeks ago by 5-6 people, hootch contained 3 old chicken baskets; 2 bushels of cotton 1/2 bushel of grain; 1 spinning device; 3 lbs corn; and 12 gourds; all items were destroyed. 1/B at 352574 found 2 hootches 8x4x5', 4 mo old, used by last 2 weeks by an unknown number of people; also one bunker 4x8x3', 2' O/H and 1 bunker 4x8x3', 2' O/H, and 2 chicken pens. At 352572, 1/B found 1 very fresh grave, 3-4 days old, 3x2', containing 1 body, that of a child. In the vic of 351575 received and returned S/A fire with neg friendly casualties; 1 enemy observed wearing green fatigues, indiv fled to the NE; 4.2" employed. At 1615H 2/B and the CP located 1 hootch 4x5x7', 1 mo old, last used 1 mo ago by an undetermined number of people; hootch contained 200 lbs of rice; near by was a trail running N to S, 3' wide, used in last 24H by 15 people

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moving to the north; also found were 6 whip type booby traps about 2 mo old; all items were destroyed.

(3) C Co secures fire base, runs daily sweeps, LP's and maintains ambushes  
C Co LP reported movement 20 m north of 552681 on an AZ of 160°.

(4) D Co secures Fire Base TOUGHIE, conducting daily sweeps, LP's and maintains ambushes. At TOUGHIE, D Co received S/A and automatic weapons fire from 100-150m to the E. Approx 30 rds re received; a dustoff was requested for KCS hit in the left leg, and 1 EM hit in the upper thigh. G/S and 81mm were employed, the G/S reported ground to air fire, taking one hit. Later when conducting a mad minute test fire, the fire base received approx 15 rds of S/A fire. The SEL was 554678, and 81mm were employed.

(5) Recon cont RIF in area of interest bounded by 330544, 330535, 340544, 340535.

B. Cumulative results of opn PUTNAM SHARK: SINCE 15 FEB

US losses: <sup>7</sup>18 WIA

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA

US inflicted enemy losses: 2 enemy KIA, (BC); ~~3 enemy CIA~~; 1 B40 CI

C. Cumulative total of all opns of all units, since 25 Sept 69.

US losses: 4 KIA; 49 WIA.

Fdly losses: 2 KCS WIA; 2 dog handlers KIA.

US inflicted enemy losses: 77 enemy KIA (BC); 14 poss enemy KIA; 16 enemy CIA; 4 Hoi Chanhs; 29 S/A CIA; 25,270 lbs of rice CIA; misc docu and equip CIA.

2. Remarks: None.

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