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1ST BATTALION 12TH INFANTRY  
"RED WARRIORS"  
APO San Francisco 96262

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12 March 1970

SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 129 for 110001H Mar to 112400 March 1970.

1. (C) Operations Summary

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

(1) A Co participates in OPORD 4-70 moving from night location to Phase Line Red and establishing night ambushes in sector. Vic 544794, 2/A found a 6x6x6' hootch, 5' off the ground about 1 mo old which contained 500 lbs of rice. Will ambush tonight and destroy tomorrow.

(2) B Co participated in OPORD 4-70 moving from night location to Phase Line Red. B Co found pinji stakes vic 537788, half of which were 1-2 weeks old, the remainder 6 mo old. Also found was a trip type Chicom grenade booby-trap which had been sprung an undetermined length of time ago, the trap was approx 6 mo old.

(3) C Co participates in OPORD 4-70 moving from night locations to Phase Line Red. Neg significant findings.

(4) D Co participates in OPORD 4-70 moving from night locations to Phase Line Red. At 543777 found a hootch 1 month old, (12x8x15'), 3/4 full of rice, estimated to be 4-6 tons; destroyed.

(5) Recon conducts local security at NIAGARA and ambushes as directed, Neg significant sightings or contacts.

(6) 3/D-1/14 OPCOM 1/22 provides FSB security.

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

US losses: 20 WIA; 3 KIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA.

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US inflicted enemy losses? 9 enemy KIA, (BC); 2 S/A CIA; 3 radios CIA;  
4 field phones and 4 switch boards CIA; 64,600 lbs rice CIA.

Remarks: MG Walker and BG Wheelock visit NIAGARA.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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*1st Lt Amos*  
FOR RONALD W. MARLEY  
MAJ, Infantry  
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13 March 1970

SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 130 for 120001H March to 122400H 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, moves from Phase Line Red to Phase Line White, leaving behind an element at 545794. 1/A at 548790 observed a light periodically between 200m AZ 30° and 50-75m AZ 20° appearing to move SW toward blocking force, later 2/A observed light at 548793 AZ 90° moving N; 42" ILL employed, light not observed again. 2/A vic of 545794 found 2 hootches, (6x8x8'), with 560 lbs rice and misc documents; documents to be backhauled, rest destroyed. Vic 546794, 2/A found 1 hootch, 12x8x10', 6 mo old, used 3 days ago by 2-3 indiv; destroyed. 2/A found 2 hootches, 5x5x5', with 300 lbs of rice and 25 lbs of corn; one hootch had been used as a kitchen.

(2) B Co cont OPORD 4-70 as part of Div(-) opn, moves from Phase Line Red to Phase Line White, leaving stay behind at 545788. 2/B at 548787 found 2 hootches, 6x4x3', 6 months old; all had 4" deep bunkers, used w/in the last week by 10-12 indiv. 3/B vic 544789 found a hootch, 4x5x5', 6 mo old, last use 4 days ago by 2-3 indiv, destroyed. 1/B at 545787 found a lean-to (5x6') 6 mo old and some VN money, coins. At 548786, 1/B detected movement to the right flank at 30m; described as one indiv breaking of brush, neg SITREP from flanking elements, noise subsided.

(3) C Co cont OPORD 4-70, as part of Div(-) opn, moves from Phase Line Red, to Phase Line White, leaving stay behind at 548782. Neg significant findings.

(4) D Co cont OPORD 4-70 as part of Div(-) opn, moves from Phase Line Red

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to Phase Line White leaving stay behind at 550779. 2/D at 549 found 2 hootches 8x6x6', 9 months old; neg recent use; destroyed.

(5) Recon conducts local security sweeps at FSB NIAGARA, and ambushes as directed. At 521819, (NIAGARA), Recon LP's detected movement on the NE side of the perimeter as the breaking of brush, unable to determine cause or direction of movement; 4 rds 4.2" Ill employed.

(6) 3/D-1/14 provides FSB security at NIAGARA.

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

US losses: 25 WIA; 3 KIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA.

US inflicted enemy losses: 9 enemy KIA, (BC); 2 S/A CIA; 3 radios; 4 switch-boards and 4 fieldphones CIA; 65,460 lbs rice CIA.

2. Remarks: None

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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14 March 1970

SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 131 for 130001H March to 132400H 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 White to phase line Blue employing stay behind elements at 544794 and 548793. At 552793 found blood on a rock estimated to be 24H old.

(2) B Co cont OPORD 4-70 as part of Div(-) opn, moving from phase line White to phase line Blue, employing a stay behind element at 545788. A hootch 5x6x5' was found used by 3-4 indiv, also a plastic bag with 10 SKS rds; misc documents and 1 M-16 rd. A sleeping position 5x6x4' was found, used by 4 indiv within the last 24H; also found 2 AK rds at this location: 550789/

(3) C Co cont OPORD 4-70 as part of Div(-) opn moving from phase line White to phase line Blue, leaving a stay behind at 543784. C Co in the vic of 548785 found a trail 2-3' wide used by 3 indiv within the last 2 days; also 2 spider holes with 6" O/H, used 1 week ago by 2 indiv. In the same vic 2/C found two bunkers, one on either side of the trail. Bunkers were 2x5x3' with 1' O/H; each bunker having 2 sleeping positions. Approx 6 months old. Also found were 4 sleeping positions dug into the side of a hill, 1' deep, the area was used by 8 indiv in the last week. The area contained 1 NVA rucksack; an NVA poncho; US canteen; 1 pr green fatigues; 1 black shirt; 1 grey shorts; tobacco; 2 notebooks and 2 letters. At 549785 C Co found a small natural cave used in the last 48H by 1 indiv. Found in the cave were 1 SKS, (SN 1161678); NVA ruck with cans of food; 2 M-16

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magazines; 1 M-79 Ill rd; 3 US maps; 1 AK rd and 20 rds SKS. 2/C amb at 543784 had a trip flare go off, and a frag was employed with neg results. 2/C and CP in the vic 552787 found 35 hootches, (5x3x3'), with thatched roofs, 2-3 months old, numerous small holes in the area; 3-4 indiv had been in the area 1-2 weeks ago; also found 2 new US helmet liners with sweat bands and several accessory packs from C-rationss.

(4) D Co cont OPORD 4-70 as part of Div(-) opn moving from phase line White to phase line Blue, employing stay behind elements at 550779 and 551781. 3/D at 551782 found a depression, (4x6x7'), with a straw covering containing 1½ tons of unpolished rice; 1 set NVA fatigues, 1 poncho; 1 pay voucher book; 1 notebook; NVA medical supplies: Unkn pills; glucose; sulfa; sissors; aid dressings, (some used); the rice was destroyed, remainder to be backhauled. D Co vic 553780 found 1 hootch 5x5x8' 5-6 months old; destroyed. Cpt Rose sustained punji wounds in the left lower leg and left foot. Enroute to LZ a boobytrap exploded further injuring Cpt Rose and his RTO. Cpt Childs assumed control of D Co. In the vic of 554780 the 1st plat found 1 VN Batman comic; an 8 tranistor civilian radio; 5 Chicor Mauser rds; an M-16 magazine; 3 lbs of handwritten papers. Items were found in a hootch, 8x12x6', which also contained 60 fresh punji stakes. There was a pig in the area, killed, and 1 chicken, escaped. 3/D vic 553782 in a hootch found 1½ tons rice, 1 VC no ruck, 4 small bottles; an empty billfold; a rusted medical supply can; 2 vials dried glucose; a medical kit: with thermometer, pens, notebooks, tweezers, and a notebook w/ pen and pencil pouch; misc documents and 2 sealed letters.

(5) Recon conducts RIF around FSB for local security, conducts amb vic

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521825, reports neg significant sightings or contacts.

(6) 3/D-1/14 remains at FSB NIAGARA conducting local security.

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

US losses: 28 W<sup>I</sup>A; 3 KIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA

US inflicted enemy losses: 9 enemy KIA, (BC); 3 S/A CIA; 3 radios, 4 switch-boards and 4 fieldphones CIA; 71,460 lbs rice CIA.

2. Remarks: None.

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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 moving from phase line Blue to phase line Purple as part of Phase IV employing stay behinds at 548793 and 544794. 2/A at 553793 found a 10' square animal pen and a 1 week old hootch, (4x4x5); also a second hootch; (4x4x5'), 2 weeks old used by 2-3 indiv, 800 lbs of coarse rice, <sup>were</sup> found in the hootch; all destroyed. A Co vic 555794 found a hootch 8x6x5', containing 1200 lbs rice and a homemade grenade in a US protective mask; destroyed. 3/A stay behind at 545795 found a 5x5x5' hootch last used 1 week ago by 2-3 indiv containing 800 lbs of rice; destroyed.

2. B Co cont OPORD 4-70 as part of Div(-) opn moving from phase line Blue to phase line Purple as part of Phase IV, employing stay behinds at 554789 and 545788. Neg significant sightings or findings.

(3) C Co cont OPORD 4-70 as part of Div(-) opn moving from phase line Blue to phase line Purple as part of Phase IV employing stay behinds at 543784 and 552787. 2/C and CP found a 6-8 month old hootch, (8x6x5), last used by 3 indiv 2 weeks ago, also a 5 gal can of soybean oil inscribed with "CARE FROM THE CITIZENS OF THE US"; destroyed. In the vic of 555786 C Co found 2 graves containing bodies wearing green shirts and shorts; killed by artillery; 2 weeks ago. 1/C at 554788 found 5 hootches, 2x5x3' used 6-8 months ago by 6 indiv.

(4) D Co cont OPORD 4-70 as part of Div(-) opn moving from phase line Blue to phase line Purple, as part of Phase IV, employing stay behinds at 550779 and 551781. 2/D vic 555784 found a tree with an OP 13-14' off the ground;

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approx 6 months old; also a spider hole nearby about the same age. 1/D at 550789 found a rucksack containing 2 M-16 magazines; C-rations; 1 accessory pack; also heard wood chopping, but has neg findings. 3/D at 555785 found a small hootch, 5x5x10', 6 mo old, last used 1 week ago; underneath was a piece of plastic containing 10 handwritten schoolbooks. 1/D staybehind vic 548770 reported movement, the breaking of brush, and the kicking of a can, rng 30-50m at AZ 80°.

(5) Recon conducts RIF around the FSB and maintains ambush vic 519828, neg significant sightings or contacts.

(6) 3/D-1/14 remains as FSB NIAGARA security. The perimeter had movement to the SW at 30-40m, S/A employed. Medical hold bunker reports movement 30m to the N, S/A and Ill employed; also movement to the S and a light observed; S/A, Ill and DT's employed.

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

US losses: 28 WIA; 3 KIA.

Fdly Losses: 1 KCS WIA.

US inflicted enemy losses: 9 enemy KIA, (BC); 3 S/A CIA; 3 radios CIA; 4 switchboards, 4 field phones CIA; 73,260 lbs rice CIA.

2. Remarks: None.

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