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1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein)
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF, (Attn: Field Historian)
Subj: Command Chronology for 010000H December 1966 to 312400H December 1966
Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFFacO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2B
Encl: (1) Command Chronology; December 1966

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
 010001H to 312400H December 1966

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DA NANG, RVN, 01 January 1967

PART 1

UNCLASSIFIEDORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DesignationCommander1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein) LtCol. D. N. MCKEON
18 July 66SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Co.	Capt. L. K. NELSON
Co. "A"	Capt. E. J. CONNELLY
Co. "B"	Capt. A. K. DIXON, II
Co. "C"	Capt. T. J. GERAGHTY
Co. "D"	Capt. R. A. CARNES

ATTACHED UNITS1st Force Reconnaissance Company Maj. B. G. LOWREY
5 September 662. Location:

1 Dec 66 to 31 Dec 66, Company "B", Company "C", Battalion Command Group, elements of Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Platoon, 3rd Platoon, and 5th Platoon of 1st Force Reconnaissance Company, at DA NANG, Republic of Viet Nam.

1 Dec 66 to 31 Dec 66, Company "A", Company "D", Battalion Command Group (Rear), elements of Headquarters and Service Company, 2nd Platoon, 4th Platoon, 6th Platoon of 1st Force Reconnaissance Company, at CHU LAI, Republic of Viet Nam. Also, 3rd Plt., 3rd Force Recon.

3. a. STAFF OFFICERS1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein)
(Forward) DA NANG

Executive Officer (acting)	Maj. B. G. LOWREY (Nov 66)
Adjutant/ S-1	2dLt. D. J. COLLINS (Jul 66)
S-2	1stLt. R. S. ROBERTS, Jr. (Sep 66)
S-3	Capt. C. M. WELZANT (Oct 66)
S-3A	Capt. W. S. CSTRIE (Dec 66)

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Communications Officer
Supply Officer (acting)
Motor Transport Officer
Battalion Sergeant Major

1stLt. C. D. MADDEN (Oct 66)
2dLt. R. B. SWICK (Jun 66)
2dLt. C. J. LONG (Dec 66)
1stLt. C. D. MADDEN (Oct 66)
SgtMaj. W. C. DAVIS (Aug 66)

b. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

1st Force Reconnaissance Company

Maj. M. D. CERRETA, Jr. (Oct 66)

S-2

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S-3

Capt. W. S. OSTRIE (Jul 66)

S-4

2dLt. C. J. LONG (Aug 66)

Communications Officer

1stLt. M. C. HENRY (Sep 66)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH:

a. 1st Reconnaissance Battalion:

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
28	426

<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
1	26

b. 1st Force Reconnaissance Company:

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
11	151

<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The First Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein), conducted normal patrolling activities in ^{GENERAL} direct support of the First Marine Division (Rein), in the month of December. The results of this activity is documented in Part IV.

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. 1 Dec. U. S. Ambassador Henry Cabot LODGE visited this unit.
2. 9 Dec. LtGen. Leonard F. CHAPMAN, USMC, visited this unit.
3. 19 Dec. Concluded the three week training program conducted for the Provincial Reconnaissance Unit (PRU), from HOI AN, Republic of Viet Nam. (See After Operation Report, Part IV)
4. 24 Dec. LtCol. D. N. MCKEON hosted a Christmas party for the children of PHUOC LY Hamlet. Clothing was distributed to 110 children through the village chief. In addition, the MED-CAP program continues three times weekly.
5. 20 Dec. Commenced Reconnaissance Indoctrination Program for newly acquired personnel. (See Training Schedule in Part IV)

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a. ✓ Command Chronology of 1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein) (Rear), CHU LAI, with supporting documents.

b. ✓ After Action Report of Provincial Reconnaissance Unit training.

c. ✓ Training Schedule for Reconnaissance Indoctrination Program.

d. ✓ Statistical coverage of 1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein) (Forward), DA NANG; with supporting documents.

e. ✓ After Action report for Operation MISSISSIPPI.

added: 1st Patrol Report to IS-C 304 122

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COMPANY "B"
1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Forward)
 FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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 28 Dec 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FWT, FPO San Francisco, California 96602
Subj: Provincial Reconnaissance Unit (PRU) from Hoi An, RVN, after Operation report of
Ref: (a) 1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein), DaNang, RVN, OpOrd 52-66 (Op FRAVO), dated 090000H December 1966 (CONFIDENTIAL)
 (b) 1st Reconnaissance Battalion FWT ORDER 52-66 dated 091600H December 1966 (CONFIDENTIAL)
 (c) 1st Reconnaissance Battalion Patrol Report dated 181100H December 1966

Encl: (1) Course Training Schedule

1. Background

In accordance with reference (a) and (b) Company B(-), 1st Reconnaissance Battalion conducted reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned in conjunction with the Provincial Reconnaissance Unit (PRU) from Hoi An, Republic of Vietnam, from 11 December to 18 December 1966. During the preceding two weeks, the PRU's received formalized school training as set forth in ENCLOSURE (1).

2. Objective of Exercise

a. To conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of area assigned and to place emphasis throughout the reconnaissance effort upon:

- (1) Routes of egress and entry
- (2) Lines of Communication
- (3) LZ's suitable for exploitation forces
- (4) Verifying the Order of Battle
- (5) Location of major installations and facilities to include rest areas, command posts, communication facilities, hospitals, training camps, logistical storage facilities, and POW camps.

b. To train and evaluate each PRU in techniques of scouting and patrolling, artillery adjustments and forward observer procedures, field sanitation, hygiene, and first aid.

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28 Dec 19663. Command OrganizationCompany B, 1stReconBn
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1stPlt(-), Company B, 1stReconBn
Off En USN IntPtrs PRU DogTm
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2ndLt. J. J. CAMPBELL

1stPlt(-), Company B, 1stReconBn
Off En USN IntPtrs PRU DogTm
0 9 2 2 18 2

SSgt J. W. YOUNG

4. Weapons and Equipment

a. The Provincial Reconnaissance Unit was armed with the following assortment of weapons: 7.62mm assault rifle, 40mm grenade launcher, 2-BAR's, 5-M1's, and 20 carbines. Each man possessed a thorough knowledge of weapons in general and took excellent care of his weapon in the field.

b. The basic issue of 752 gear was quite sufficient for the operation. However, each PRU carried only one canteen to the field, and at times due to location had to do without water for several hours. A minimum of two canteens is needed.

5. Synopsis of Operation

This patrol covered a period of 169 hours with negative sightings of VC or significant evidence of VC activity in the area. Base camps were established and six independent patrols conducted ground reconnaissance and surveillance of this area. The area is excellent for training.

Patrols were sent out into areas of varying terrain - elephant and saw grass, stream and river beds, trails, ridge lines, waterfalls, mountains with thick canopy and heavy secondary growth - in order to teach movement, patrolling techniques, navigation, and harboring. The PRU's general physical fitness appeared to be satisfactory. However, after a hard day's patrol, several PRU asked for the following day off to rest. When this request was disapproved, several PRU's became quite careless and developed an "I don't care attitude".

Reference (c) provides additional information by separate patrols of their observation of enemy and terrain.

6. Problem Areas

a. Problem: Number of individual PRU for field training at one time.

Discussion: As indicated by the task organization in paragraph 3, it was necessary to organize two operational platoons into two squads each in order to execute the assigned mission, provide

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adequate control and supervision, and to train and evaluate the PRU's in their performance in the field. For the large number of PRU's (36), this tactical organization proved to meet the requirements for the accomplishment of the mission. There were, however, many shortcomings in the ratio of 1 USMC to 3 PRU. When PRU's are together, they tend to continue in their own ways, habits, and customs which hamper training. Specific examples of this will be explained in succeeding paragraphs.

Recommendations:

(1). That if 1st Reconnaissance Battalion is to continue training of PRU's, that for field training one PRU should be integrated per three USMC to form a scout team. In the manner this PRU would be more observant, pay more attention, and readily absorb our training techniques.

(2). That a maximum of 15 PRU's participate in field training in an operational environment as was conducted dependent upon the number of reconnaissance platoons available for training, size of area of operations, mission, and time span of operation.

b. Problem: Individual Movement and Traits.

Discussion: Upon initial insertion the PRU's appeared to be quite apprehensive relative to the physical environment. While on the move, they utilized arm-and-hand signals with excellent results. However, during breaks on patrol, they invariably get together, completely relax, and talk. USMC personnel and interpreters kept constantly on them to rectify the situation; however, the longer the stay in the field the more supervision was required.

PRU's were told that time would be given for filling of canteens at prescribed area and that under no circumstances would they stop at a stream unless authorized by the patrol leader. Several PRU's continually violated this when crossing together.

Recommendation: That PRU's must be more thoroughly indoctrinated and develop self-discipline.

c. Problem: Base Camp Security and Habits.

Discussion: Squad, platoon, and company size base camps and harboring sites are utilized. PRU's continued to whisper and talk after dark and on several occasions would move about from their designated area. PRU's have a habit of flapping their jacket or poncho during the night to keep insects away. Several PRU's were caught urinating in streams and defecating on trails at night with no attempt to cover up the latter, which continued to be a problem throughout the operation.

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Recommendation: That PRU's be given more classes in field hygiene, sanitation, and the importance of discipline.

d. Problem: Combat Area Psychology.

Discussion: After moving throughout the assigned area for four days, the PRU's became very lax in their security because they said there were no VC there. Oftentimes PRU's would drift away from their assigned area to go see a buddy without carrying their weapon.

Recommendation: That PRU's must be indoctrinated to never believe that they are completely safe from VC attack at any time or any place, especially in the jungle.

e. Problem: Food

Discussion: Prior to D-day all PRU stated that American food made them sick, and all at one time or the other were given medicine. However, in the field the PRU's devoured C-Rations and long range rations without regard for planning their meals for the entire stay. Six PRU's were out of chow after four days in the field. Prior to departing, each was inspected and possessed the required amount.

Recommendation: That PRU's be given more indoctrination concerning eating in the field and jungle subsistence.

7. Other Observations

In general the PRU's demonstrated good knowledge in map reading, artillery adjustments, forward observer procedures, and weapons. They are quite gifted in constructing field shelters in a minimum amount of time, camouflage, and the use of vines. Several experienced PRU's taught USMC and other PRU's what roots, leaves, and plants could be boiled and eaten for subsistence in the jungle.

Eighty-percent of the PRU's could not swim and all appeared to be afraid of the surf or wide, swift, deep rivers. The thought of swimming or of attempting a river crossing on ropes greatly terrified most of the PRU.

All interpreters greatly demonstrated their military knowledge as well as their professional attributes. Their Co-operation, attention to duty, and initiative was outstanding.

8. Conclusions

The objective of training and evaluating the PRU's was accomplished to a certain degree, This was directly proportional to the extent that the individual PRU applied himself and the amount of

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leadership and forceful guidance given by each Marine.

This operation proved to be an excellent means whereby training was primarily conducted and valuable experience gained by small unit leaders which resulted in all USMC personnel and PRU greatly benefitting.

However, PRU's have to be continually motivated, pressed, and put through the school of hard knocks before they can begin to give the resemblance of a military unit. It is estimated that 6-8 PRU's are highly motivated and well-trained as individuals who possess the ability to get the job done under adverse conditions.

The 1st Reconnaissance Battalion has adequate facilities for the PRU's training but additional support is required with communication equipment if the training is to be continued.

In order to improve the end product, it is recommended that PRU's be more thoroughly screened for motivation, discipline, physical fitness, and swimming ability prior to commencing the formalized school portion and operational training.

If smaller numbers of PRU's (15-20) can be sent to 1st Reconnaissance Battalion for formalized schooling periodically, it is the opinion of the undersigned that this policy be continued as it compliments our training requirements and gives us a better understanding of our brothers-in-arms.

A. K. DIXON, II

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1ST RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION (REIN)
 1ST MARINE DIVISION (REIN)
 WFO SAN FRANCISCO 96602

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 22 NOV 1966

BATTALION BULLETIN 1604

FROM: COMBATTING OFFICERS
 TO: DISTRIBUTION LIST

Subj: Reconnaissance Indoctrination Course:
 implementation of

Encl: (1) Training Schedule

1. Purpose. To promulgate a training schedule for the Reconnaissance Indoctrination Course to be conducted at Camp Reasoner, DaNang, Vietnam during the period 28 November to 18 December 1966.

2. Information:

- A. This course is designed to train individuals and units in the techniques, principles and tactics of conducting amphibious and ground reconnaissance patrols, with emphasis placed on reconnaissance swimming, inflatable boat handling, conduct of patrols, collection and reporting procedures, and specific ground reconnaissance missions.
- B. The schedule of instruction is contained in enclosure (1).
- C. A limited number of lesson plans and manuscripts pertaining to subject matter for the course are available for designated instructors. These are to be checked out from Battalion S-3 office.

3. Administration.

- A. Sergeant T.S. Clay, Jr. U.S.M.C. is designated as Non-Commissioned Officer-in-Charge of the course. He will be assisted by translators who are to accompany the group.
- B. Forty-two (42) enlisted students from the Provincial Reconnaissance Unit, Vietnamese Forces, Hoi An, are tentatively scheduled to attend.

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- C. Mr. **Quyen** is designated as Platoon Commander for the forty-two (42) enlisted students from the Provincial Reconnaissance Unit. Mr. **Vinh** will act as his Assistant Platoon Commander. Two (2) additional Translators will accompany this unit to assist in scheduled instruction.
4. Self Cancellation. This bulletin is cancelled on 19 December 1966.

C. M. WELZANT
by direction

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1st Reconnaissance Bn (Rein)
DANANG, RVN, 281300H November 1965

TRAINING SCHEDULE
Monday, 29 November 1965

HR	SUBJECT	AREA	INSTR/RESP ORG.	INSTR. Ref.	UNIF.
1300-1330	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Camp Chapel	Lt. Col. D. N. MCKEON, C. O.		"A"
1330-1430	Introduction to Course	-do-	Capt. C. M. WEIZANT, S-3	-do-	-do-
1430-1630	Marginal Info & Grid Systems	-do-	Co. "B", 1st Recon Bn	FM 21-26, Ch. 3-Sec. 9; Sec. 12-17. (Lesson plan on file S-3)	-do-
1630-1700	Physical Conditioning	Camp Area	Sgt. T. Clay	TM 21-26, Ch. 2- Ch. 7-Sec. 283 (Lesson plan on file S-3)	-do-

Tuesday, 29 November 1965

0730-0800	Physical Conditioning	Camp Area	Sgt. T. Clay	--Previous Ref.--	"A"
0800-1130	Mapping--Contours; Relief; Distances, Topo. Symbols & Mil. Symbols	Camp Chapel	Co. "B", 1st Recon Bn.	FM 21-26, Ch. 5 Sec. 18-24 Ch. 6, Sec. 22-24, FM 24-30 (Lesson plan on file S-3)	-do-
1300-1500	Review of Compass; Day and Night use	-do-	-do-	FM 21-26, Chap 3, Sec 18-24 Sec. 2-24 thru 52 (Lesson plan on file S-3)	-do-
1500-1630	Map Reading Review	-do-	-do-	FM 21-26, Ch. 2-Sec. 182; Ch. 3-Sec. 283; Ch. 4 Sec. 69 Ch. 5-Sec. 182 (Lesson plan on file, S-3)	-do-
1630-1700	Physical Conditioning	-do-	Sgt. T. CLAY	--Previous Ref.--	-do-

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1st Reconnaissance Bn (Reinz)
LANANG, RVN, 231300H November 1965

Wednesday, 20 November 1965

HR	SUBJECT	AREA	INSTR/RESP. ORG.	INSTR. REF.	UNIF
0730-0800	Physical Conditioning	Camp Area	Sgt. T. CLAY	FM 21-200; Ch. 4-3900.2 (Lesson plan on file, S-3)	"A"
0800-1000	Voice Radio Procedures	Camp Chapel	Bn. Comm. Ssgt. R & S Co.	ACP - 125	-do-
1000-1130	Intro. to Radio AM/PRC-25	-do-	-do-	TM 11 - 5620-390-10	-do-
1130-1530	Practical Application AM/PRC-25	Camp Area	-do-	-do-	-do-
1630-1700	Field Expedition between Basecamp	-do-	-do-	None	-do-
Thursday, 1 December 1965					
0730-0900	Physical Conditioning	Camp Area	Sgt. T. CLAY	-do-	"A"
0900-1000	Combat and Reconnaissance Patrols	Camp Chapel	Co. "C", 1st Recon Bn.	FM 21-57; TM (J) 1; Para 14 (Lesson plan on file)	-do-
1000-1130	Camouflage of Personnel & Equipment	-do-	-do-	FM 5-20; MCS 3-50	-do-
1300-1630	Conduct of Reconnaissance Patrols	-do-	-do-	FM 21-75; MCS 3-50	-do-
1630-1700	Physical Conditioning	Camp Area	Sgt. T. CLAY	-do-	-do-
Friday, 2 December 1965					
0730-0800	Physical Conditioning	Camp Area	Sgt. T. CLAY	-do-	"A"
0800-1000	Patrol Planning	Camp Chapel	1st Force Recon Co.	FM 21-26; TM 15; MCS 3-50 (Lesson plan on file)	-do-
1000-1130	Observing & Reporting	-do-	-do-	FM 21-75; MCS 3-50	-do-
1130-1630	Patrol Techniques (Daily Points Check Points, Danger Areas)	-do-	-do-	FM 21-75; MCS 3-50	-do-
1630-1700	Physical Conditioning	Camp Area	-do-	Observations Ref.	-do-

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1ST RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION (RBIK)
BANANG, RVN, 261300H November 1966

Schedule 1, December 1966

HOA	SURVEY	AREA	INSTR. REF.	UNID
0730-0930	Signal Conditioning	Camp Area	TM 21-200; Ch. 4-Sec. 2 (Insert Plan to File, S-3)	"A"
0930-1130	POW Strike Procedures	Camp Chopoi	REF 08-14a, TM 21-40, 6A	-do-
1130-1330	Subsistence Procedures	-do-	N/A	-do-
1330-1530	1st Force Recon Co.	-do-	REF 15-21	-do-
1530-1700	ARVN Reconnaissance	Camp Area	Services Ref.	-do-

Sunday, 4 December 1966

SUNDAY REHEARSAL

HOA	SURVEY	AREA	INSTR. REF.	UNID
0730-0930	Movement to Beach	N/A	Sgt. T. CLAY	"B"
0930-1130	Characteristics of Inflatable Boats	Beach	Co. "B", 1st Recon Bn. (Insert Plan to File, S-3)	-do-
1130-1530	Water Survival	-do-	SGT 1430, 26 SWIMMING BOAT DURING 220 MINUTE	-do-
1530-1700	Return from beach	N/A	Sgt. T. CLAY	-do-

Monday, 5 December 1966

Tuesday, 6 December 1966

HOA	SURVEY	AREA	INSTR. REF.	UNID
0730-0930	MOVEMENT TO BEACH	N/A	SGT T. CLAY	"B"
0930-1130	INFLATABLE BOAT HANDLING DRYLAND	BEACH	CAPT. C. N. WILLIAMS/CO. "B" JUNE-15 2400 1-1-66 APPEN "B" PAGES 15 FILE 308 (INSERT ON FILE IN S-3)	-do-
1130-1330	INFLATABLE BOAT HANDLING	-do-		-do-
1330-1530	RETURN FROM BEACH	N/A	SGT T. CLAY	-do-

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1ST ESCORT BATTALION RELOCATION (MAIN)
DARANG, RVN, 081300Z NOVEMBER 1966

WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER 1966

RELOCATION SCHEDULE 1966
ANNEXURE (1)

DATE	SUBJECT	AREA	DEPT/BRG/UNIT	INITIALS			
0730-0930	MOVEMENT TO BEACH	N/A	50TH AVIATION	N/A			
0930-1130	MATERIALS BOAT HANDLING, SUPPLY	BEACH	CAMP 4, PL. 1000000000	ADULTATION PHASE			
1130-1230	SCOUT HANDLING	-do-	-do-	PHASE 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000	-do-	-do-	-do-
2100-		N/A	50TH AVIATION	-do-			

THURSDAY, 8 DECEMBER 1966

0730-0930	MAIN AREA DE ACTIVATION	OSK AREA	50TH AVIATION	
0930-1130	MATERIALS AND SUPPLY CO REPLENISHMENT	-do-	50TH AVIATION	REPLENISHMENT BEACH MANTON, 500 4
1130-1230	ADMIN. BUILDING TO BE RELOCATED	-do-	50TH AVIATION	
1230-1430	MOVEMENT TO FUTURE AREA	N/A	50TH AVIATION	
0430-1130	INFORMATION AND INFORMATION GENERAL REPLENISHMENT (MANTON)	PARC	50TH AVIATION	500 31
1130-1230	MOVEMENT FROM FUTURE AREA	-do-	50TH AVIATION	-do-
1530-1630		N/A	50TH AVIATION	-do-

ENCLOSURE (1)

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ENCLOSURE (1)

1ST RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION (H&D)
100 WING, AVN. 281300H NOVEMBER 1966
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SAURDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 1966
INSTR/RESP. OAG.

AREA	SUBJECT	INSTR/RESP. OAG.	UNIT
CAMP AREA	PREPARATION FOR FIELD EXERCISE	CAPT. C. N. WELZANT (S-3)	"A"
N/A	ON FIELD EXERCISE	SUNDAY, 11 DECEMBER 1966 TO SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER 1966 CAPT. C. N. WELZANT (S-3)	"C"
		G.O. CO. "B"	
		G.O. CO. "C"	
		REP: 1ST FORCE REGON SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER 1966	
0730-0830	CHRYLIDE	CAMP CHAPLE CAPT. C. N. WELZANT (S-3)	"A"
0830-0900	GRADUATION CEREMONY & REMARKS	IF. COL. D. N. MCKEON, USMC COMMANDING OFFICER, 1ST RECON BN.	"A"

NOTES:

1. THERE WILL BE COMPULSORY ENGLISH CLASS FOR ALL STUDENTS ATTENDING THE COURSE EACH EVENING IN THE BILLINGHAM AREA. THIS CLASS IS PART OF THE CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION WILL BE CONDUCTED BY IPT PERSONNEL. STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING NOTEBOOK AND WRITING MATERIAL.
2. UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION:
 "A"- UNIFORM OF THE DAY (UTILITIES)
 "B"- UTILITIES, CARTRIDGE BELT, CAPTAIN, WEAPON.
 "C"- UTILITIES, LIGHT MARCHING PACK, CARTRIDGE BELT, CAPTAINS, WEAPONS.
 "D"- UTILITIES, WITH S.M.D. TRUNKS AND SUBAKERS.
3. ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO TRAINING, PERSONNEL, AND LIAISON ARE TO BE DIRECTED TO THE NCO-IN-CHARGE.

C. N. WELZANT
CAPT. USMC
BY DIRECTION

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HEADQUARTERS

1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein)
 1st Marine Division (Rein)
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BATTALION BULLETIN 1601

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Distribution List

Subj: Reconnaissance Indoctrination Course; implementation of

Encl: (1) Schedule of Instruction

1. Purpose. To promulgate a training schedule for the Reconnaissance Indoctrination Course to be conducted at Camp Reasoner, DaNang, Vietnam during the period 26 December 1966 to 4 January 1967.

2. Information.

a. This course is designed to train individuals in the techniques, principles, and tactics of conducting ground reconnaissance patrols, with emphasis placed on the conduct of patrols, collection and reporting procedures, and specific ground reconnaissance missions.

b. The schedule of instruction is contained in enclosure (1).

c. A limited number of lesson plans and manuscripts pertaining to subject matter for the course are available for designated instructors. These are to be checked out from Battalion S-3.

3. Administration.

a. GySgt. J. P. Rudman, USMC, is designated as Staff Non-commissioned Officer -in- charge of the course.

b. Forty (40) enlisted personnel who are to report aboard on 27 December 1966, are scheduled to attend subject course.

1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein)
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4. Self-cancellation. This bulletin is cancelled on 5 January 1967.

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BATTALION BULLETIN 1601

RECONNAISSANCE INDOCTRINATION TRAINING

DATE	TIME	SUBJECT	PLACE	INSTRUCTOR	UNIF. & EQUIP.	REFERENCES
23 Dec 66 Wednesday	0730-1600	Land Mines and Booby Traps (20 Students to Attend)	Engr. Area	As designated by Engr. CO	Util. & Mess Gear	Engr. Handbook; Lessons learned
28 Dec 66 Wednesday	1600-1700	Concept of Operation and Table of Organization	En. Chapel	Capt. MELZANT	Util.	ACE-Int 23 Oct 63
29 Dec 66 Thursday	0800-1600	Vietnam Indoctrination	HQ. Bn. SNCC Mess	As designated by HQ. Bn. CO	Util.	ForC 1700c2
30 Dec 66 Friday	0800-1600	Map and Compass (Lectures, Application, Demonstration)	En. Chapel	Capt. DIXON	Util. & Writing Gear	FM 21-26
31 Dec 66 Saturday	0730-1600	Land Mines and Booby Traps (20 Students to Attend)	Engr. Area	As designated by Engr. CO	Util. & Mess Gear	Engr. Handbook; Lessons learned
1 Jan 67 Sunday	0800-1600	Fam. Fire all Weapons (Lectures, Application, Demonstration)	ARVN Firing Range	Capt. CERAGHY	Util., wms. 782 gear	FM 23-8 FI 22-25
2 Jan 67 Monday	0800-0900	Introduction to Recon Patrolling	En. Chapel	1stSgt COFFMAN	Util.; notes-books	FM 21-75; NCS 3-50; FM 21-26; FMPM-15
2 Jan 67 Monday	0900-1200	Conduct of Recon Patrols	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
2 Jan 67 Monday	1300-1500	Camouflage of Personnel & Equipment	-do-	1stSgt AVERY	-do-	FM 5-20; NCS 3-50
2 Jan 67 Monday	1500-1700	Observing & Reporting Techniques	-do-	Lt. ROBERTS	-do-	FM 21-75; NCS 3-50
3 Jan 67 Tuesday	0800-1100	Communications (PRC-25) General Procedures; Voice; Power Supply	En. Chapel En. Area	Lt. SWICK	-do-	FMPM-15
3 Jan 67 Tuesday	1100-1200	Vectoring Aircraft	En. Chapel	Capt. OSTRIE	-do-	FM 57-33
3 Jan 67 Tuesday	1300-1600	Practical Application of Recon Patrol Formations	LZ FINCH	1stSgt COFFMAN	Util.; wms. 782 gear	FM 21-75

Enclosure (1)

BATTALION BULLETIN 1601

1st Reconnaissance Battalion (over)
 DA NANG, RVN, 240800H Dec 1966

RECONNAISSANCE INDOCTRINATION TRAINING

DATE	TIME	SUBJECT	PLACE	INSTRUCTOR	UNIF. & EQUIP.	REFERENCES
4 Jan 67 Wednesday	0800-1130	F.O. Procedures	Bn. Chapel	Capt. TULL	Util. & Note- book	FM C-16
4 Jan 67 Wednesday	1300-1700	F.O. Procedures; Appli- cation	Hill # 65	-do-	Util.: vms. 782 gear	-do-

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First Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein)
 Statistical Data Chart, 01 December 66-31 December 66

	DA NANG	CHU LAI
Patrols, total	32	44
Sightings, total	60	79
VC Observed, total	358	925
VC KIA conf.	5	20
VC KIA prob.	30	58
VC WIA conf.	5	19
VC WIA prob.	0	4
VCC	0	3
Artillery FM's	16	45
NGF Missions	0	8
Air Strikes	0	4
USMC KIA	0	0
USMC WIA	3	10

Company "C"
 1st Reconnaissance Battalion
 1st Marine Division (Rein) MAF
 FPO San Francisco, 96602

8 December 1966

From: Commanding Officer, "C" Company, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion
 To: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines
 Via: Commanding Officer, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion

Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report

Ref: (a) 9th Marines Operation Plan 125-66

1. Code Name. Operation MISSISSIPPI.
2. Dates of Operation. 29 November -- 7 December 1966.
3. Location. In vicinity of Antenna Valley Area.
4. Central or Command Headquarters. Company "C" Command Group located with 9th Marines Command Group at Nung San from 291600H Nov. to 071700H Dec. 66.
5. Task Organization. Company "C" (-) (Rein), 1st Reconnaissance Battalion
 Captain T. J. GERAGHY
 1st Platoon, Company "C" 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1stLt. E. FISKE
 2nd Platoon, Company "C" 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1stLt. L. WOODBURN
 3rd Platoon, Company "C" 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 2ndLt. K. KING
 1st Platoon, Company "B" 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 2ndLt. J. CALDWELL
 2nd Platoon, Company "B" 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 2ndLt. J. DUNE
6. Supporting Forces.
 - a. Artillery: The 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines was in direct support of the 9th Marines for the Operation. Recon Platoons called 3 fire missions with good coverage.
 - b. Air: The 1st Marine Air Wing provided helicopter support for insertions, extractions and resupply of Recon patrols in addition to fixed wing and HUEY gunship air strikes.
7. Intelligence. See reference (a).
8. Missions.
 - a. On approximately D-2, establish OP's vicinity AT837378, AT958375, AT905414 as indicated in Annex D (Operation Overlay).
 - b. Be prepared to displace/reestablish OP's on order.
9. Concept of Operation. See reference (a).
10. Execution.
 - a. At 281615H Nov. 66 a platoon was inserted in vicinity of AT837378 to establish an OP. During the remainder of Operation Mississippi, an OP was maintained at this position but observation was obscured due to heavy rain and ground fog.

b. At 291200H Nov. 66 a platoon was inserted in vicinity of AF958375 to establish an OP to observe any movement through Mountain pass leading from and into Antenna Valley. This OP was maintained through most of the Operation.

c. At 291030H Nov. 66 a platoon was inserted in vicinity of AF903414 to establish an OP. During the remainder of Operation Mississippi, an OP was maintained at the position but observation here was also obscured due to the rain and fog.

d. At 010800H Dec. 66 a platoon was inserted in vicinity of AF799317 to establish an OP. This patrol was extracted on 021030H Dec. 66.

11. Results. Recon platoons had a total of 17 sightings of 129 VC/VCS. One fire mission called on house at AF908392 containing 18 VC. House was partially destroyed and entire area covered. No positive body count. Another fire mission called on 5 VC leaving; same house was a direct hit and accounted for 2 VC KIA and 1 VC probable.

12. Administrative Matters.

a. Helicopters were used for all insertions, extractions and resupply.
b. Radio Communications was AN/PRC-25. No communication difficulties were encountered during the Operation.


13. Special Equipment and Techniques. NONE.

14. Commanders Analysis.

a. Infantry units had the frequencies of the recon platoons supporting them. In addition, the recon platoons had the battalion tactical net frequency. This facilitated recon units in relaying activity in a battalion area of Operation. Also the Regimental Tactical net in the FSCC could be used if any difficulty was encountered on other nets.

b. Weather was a dominant factor in the course of the entire Operation. Heavy rains, winds and ground fog were present throughout and had particular effect on the efficiency of recon personnel.

Very respectfully


T. J. GERAGHTY
Capt. USMC

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ANNEX "D"
OPERATION OVERLAY
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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3D)

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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps, (Historical Branch G-3)

Via: (1) CG III Marine Amphibious Force

Ref: (a) Historical Branch G-3, HQMC Memo AO3D36-aj undtd (NOTAL)
 (b) G-3 III MAF Memo 3/K/VEF/frc over 5750 13 March 1968
 (c) 1st Recon Command Chronology - 3/PBG/rad 5750 of 10 Oct 66
 (d) 1st Recon Command Chronology - 3/GWJ/rde 5750 of 01 Nov 66
 (e) 1st Recon Command Chronology - 3/GMW/coc 5750 of 01 Dec 66

Encl: (1) Patrol Reports, Dec 1966 1st Recon Battalion, 1st Marine Division,
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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted. Patrol reports of October 1966 and November 1966 are no longer on file in this organization.

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- #2. Patrol Report to Op0,#2-66, 3 Dec 66
- #3. Operation Order 5-66 dtd 6 Dec 66/W Patrol Report dtd 11 Dec 66
- #4. Operation Order 5-66 dtd 30 Nov 66/W Patrol Report dtd 11 Dec 66
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- #9. Operation Order 9-66 dtd 27 Nov 66/W Patrol Reports dtd 3 & 4 Dec 66
- #10. Patrol Report to OpOrder 10-66 dtd 7 Dec 66
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OPERATION ORDER _____

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM 1:50,000; Sheet Series L 7014; Sheet 6640 III
 (b) BnOpO 321-66
 (c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) BnFragOrder msg _____

UNIT 2nd CALLSIGN COVENTRY PATROL LEADER LT. L.P. WOODRUM

NO. PRES 12 INSERTION 031430 AT COORD 035378

EXTRACTION 061000 051430 AT COORD 035378 As Designated

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make final check with S-2).
- b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
- c. Attachments and Detachments:

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed. Establish CP via Hill 492 (AT 035378) and assume crossings mission.

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex A (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 031430 H and inserts (VIC 035378) to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction on 061000 H from CG1402 (VIC 035378). As Designated

b. Patrol:

- (1) Conduct ground reconnaissance, as feasible, within assigned area and maintain surveillance of surrounding area.
- (2) The primary direction of observation is to the EAG of assigned area. Annex A establishes patrol's NO FIRE ZONE.

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- (3) Emphasis throughout the reconnaissance effort will be placed upon:
- (a) Routes of egress and entry.
 - (b) Lines of communications.
 - (c) LZ's suitable for exploitation forces.
 - (d) Verifying the Order of Battle.
 - (e) Location of major installations and facilities to include rest areas, command posts, communications facilities, hospitals, training areas, logistical storage facilities, and POW camps.
- (4) Report the capture of all documents and weapons with description to _____ ASAP.
- (5) Capture and return to U. S. control VC and/or VCS.
~~ADD ACTION~~
- c. Coordinating Instructions:
- (1) Ref (b).
 - (2) Submit SITREP to _____ hourly.
 - (3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.
~~ADD ACTION~~
 - (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
 - (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Shackle OT azimuth at discretion of patrol leader.
 - (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
 - (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertain to your mission.
 - (8) Caution all troops to be alert for AP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger lives of patrol members to investigate same.
 - (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference (c).
 - (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of patrol.
 - (11) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. Patrol will come up on AO net. Should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
 - (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of all serialized equipment and roster of patrol by _____ H.

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(13) Be prepared for extension of mission in conjunction with **OPERATION
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(14) On order become **OPCON 5th Marines; 6th, 1st Bnns 2d (Landing)**

(15) **ARVE** units to be north of **1/7 Grid 30**

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operations, (to include one days extra rations).
- c. Carry basic allowance of Class V plus at least 2 blocks of C-4 per squad, at least 8 ft of detonating cord per block and 10 ft of time fuse. Sufficient Mine Lighters and blasting caps to deal prime each block will be carried.
- d. Patrol leader will carry such other special equipment and weapons as he deems necessary.
- e. Med-evacs, if necessary, will be accomplished IAW previous.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.

b. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary: 34.6 M-436
- (2) Alternate: 43.1 M-637
- (3) Halo Net: 34.6 M-436
- (4) AC Net: 34.6 M-436
- (5) Artillery: 36.9 M-480; 38.6 M-510

- c. Code Words: Battalion Brevity Code for Doc 66.

d. Numerals and Authentication:

- e. Thrust Lines: "A" 8336; "B" 8638

f. Call Signs: Net Control -

1st Recon Bn
AO
Artillery;

Bad Aster
Blackout

Redwood Charlie: 36.9
Pied Piper Fortrot: 38.6

Patrol:
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Bear Lake
Bad Aster Charlie
Oldfield: 43.6
M-601

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 031830H December 66

PATROL REPORT

1. TYPE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 14 EN., 1 USN
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIP.: 1 BC SCOPE, 1 M-49 SCOPE, 2 7x50'S,
2 PRC 25'S.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79, 1 M-60, 4 BLKS. C-4, GREESEGUN.
2. MISSION: In conjunction with OPERATION MISSISSIPPI, conduct surveillance of the area assigned, with primary observation to the South and Southeast.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 281615H/031430H.
4. ROUTE: See attached overlay.
5. SYNOPSIS: In 117 hrs. of observation, this patrol reported ten sightings totalling 78 vc; 2 arty. fm were called by patrol, and the AO conducted 1 fm and 1 air strikes on vc reported by patrol; The area of vc activity was concentrated in GS8436 and GS8536.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY:

281750H	AT 852372	7 vc moving N. along trail; blk. pj's, ponchos, coolie hats; unkn. equip.; 70-100 M. interval and moving at double time.
281800H	AT 846364	2 vc in bush; blk. pj's coolie hats; unkn equip.; moved into house.
281800H	AT 852372	9 vc moving SW on trail; blk. pj's and coolie hats; packs and large bags.
291520H	AT 845365	15 vc moving SW along the trail in blk. pj's and coolie hats; 15 packs and 4 rifles; approx. 25 VN civilians preceding vc; arty. fm called on 15 vc with good coverage, unkn results.

- 291650H AT 848368 5 vc moving SW on trail; 3 blk. pj's, 2 green, utilities; 2 rifles; arty. fm called with unkn results.
- 291815H AT 851368 5 vc moving NE on trail; 3 blk. pj's, 2 green utilities; 5 rifles; No fm because aircraft in area.
- 011140H AT 846365 3 vc moving NE on trail; blk. pj's and ponchos; 3 rifles. following arvn unit.
- 011255H AT 836365 3 vc moving off hilltop in westerly direction; blk. pj's ponchos, coolie hats; 3 rifles
- 021230H AT 836365 4 vc heading West along trail; 3 green ponchos, 1 blk. pj's coolie hats; 1 rifle, 1 pack.

B. TERRAIN: The location of this OP is on A bare, open rock; 2'-3' high grass and scrub growth is the only vegetation in the area; steep rock cliffs on three sides.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: Two tomato-can type AP Mines were found and disarmed in patrol's op position v/c. AT 291100H, all people left the area completely; after arvn walked through, everyone was back in paddies and villages.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: This is an excellent op of an area which is "CHARLIE'S COUNTRY" and he moves freely throughout; this op has good defensive position and can easily be used anytime.

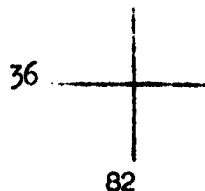
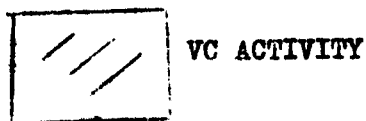
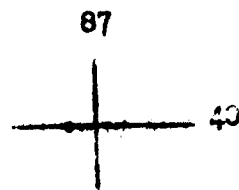
As with most operations, there was always a conflict in getting clearance for arty. fm's because so many aircraft flying for strikes, med-evacs, surveillance, etc. It was especially bad in this case because the gun-target line passed over the area of infantry operations.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: The ao was continuously checking in with patrol and on patrols significant sighting of 25 vc, called arty. fm and a airstrike.

Lt. J. CAMPBELL

1st Plt CO B

12. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: A good op which can be used frequently, but with caution for booby-traps after we have been off the hill for any period of time.



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OPERATION ORDER 05-66

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 (b) 1st Recon Bn (Rein) OpO 323-66

TASK ORGANIZATION. 5th Plt., 1st Force Recon Co.

1. SITUATION. Ref. (b).
2. MISSION. Insert vicinity AT902413 to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of area of operation.
3. EXECUTION.
 - a. Concept of Operation.

Time of Departure - 061400H December 1966
 Time of Return - 091330H December 1966
 - b. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Ref. (b).
 - (2) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. Patrol will come up on AO net. Should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
 - (3) Ensure patrol members carry sufficient food in event of extension due to weather conditions.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Ref. (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
 - a. Ref. (b).
 - b. Call sign. CONFECTION.

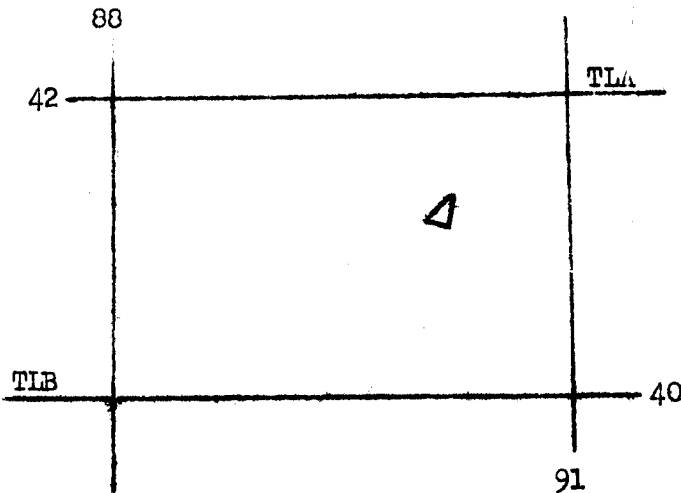
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c. Frequencies.

- (1) C Co., Recon Bn. Net Control: BEACON LIGHT CHARLIE - (P)34.0, (A)45.1
- (2) Arty: REDWOOD CHARLIE - 36.9
CRANK CASE ECHO - 36.9
- (3) MO: BLACK COAT - 34.0
- (4) Helo Net: 34.0
- (5) 2/5: CASSANDRA -

d. Shackle and Brevity Code. Issued by Communications Officer.

AREA OF OPERATION:



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- Recon Bn (4)
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- 2/5 (2)
- Commo (1)
- 1st Force Recon Co (7)
- 20 TOTAL

OPERATION ORDER: 9-66
 PATROL: 5-F CONFECTION
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 111800H DECEMBER 66

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 7 EN., 1 USN, 1 CIVILIAN
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: 1 SCOUT DOG TM.; 1 CIVILIAN CORRESPONDENT.
 - C. COMM. & OBSERVATION EQUIP.: 2 PRC 25'S; 1 7X50'S.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79; 1 CLAYMORE MINE.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE IN THE AREA ASSIGNED WITH FREQUENT SURVEILLANCE SOUTH INTO ANTENNAE VALLEY.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 070835H/111545H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 103 HRS. WITH FOUR SIGHTINGS TOTALLING 19 VC; ONE ARTY. FM WAS CALLED RESULTING IN 1 VC KIA CONF. AND 6 VC KIA PROB.
6. OBSERVATIONS OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORD</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
171100H	AT890400	1 VC MOVING ON DIKE; BLK. PJ'S; 1 RIFLE & 1 PACK; NO FM.
071600H	AT891401	3 VC MOVING ON DIKE; BLK. PJ'S 2 RAINHATS; EQUIP. UNKN.
080915H	AT908402	7 VC MOVING EAST ON DIKE; BLK. PJ'S; 7 PACKS & RIFLES; ARTY. FM WITH GOOD COVERAGE, RESULTING IN 1 VC KIA CONF. & 6 VC KIA PROB.
091600H	AT890405	8 VC MOVING EAST ON TRAIL; BLK. PJ'S & RAINHATS; UNKN. EQUIP; AO NOTIFIED AND CHECKED OUT VC

D. TERRAIN: ~~ONCE~~ THE PATROL DEPARTED FR. THE ~~OPEN~~ FINGER LEADING UP TO HILL 454, THE TERRAIN BECOMES PRIMARY JUNGLE WITH A 40'-50' HIGH CANOPY; THE UNDERBRUSH IS APPROX. 10' HIGH IN MOST PLACES; IN THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR, WATER IS PLENTIFUL FR. SMALL STREAMS IN THIS AREA.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: AN OLD TRAIL WAS CROSSED VIC. AT898414; THIS TRAIL WAS APPROX. ONE MONTH OLD AND RAN NE-SW; IT WAS NOT WELL USED AND SHOWED NO SIGNS OF RECENT ACTIVITY.

TWO SMALL HARBOUR SITES OF MATTED DOWN GRASS WITH NO STRUCTURES WERE FOUND VIC AT896145; THESE WERE APPROX. 1 MONTH OLD AND USED BY 6 MEN OR LESS; ANOTHER OLD HARBOUR SITE OF SIMILAR NATURE WAS FOUND VIC. AT895412

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: SCOUT DOG TMS. SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN ON A PATROL SUCH AS THIS THAT WILL BE BREAKING TRAIL ALMOST THE ENTIRE ROUTE; THE TERRAIN IS TOO THICK AND MOVEMENT DIFFICULT FOR THE DOGS; DOGS SHOULD BE USED ON OP'S OR WHEN PATROLLING TRAILS.

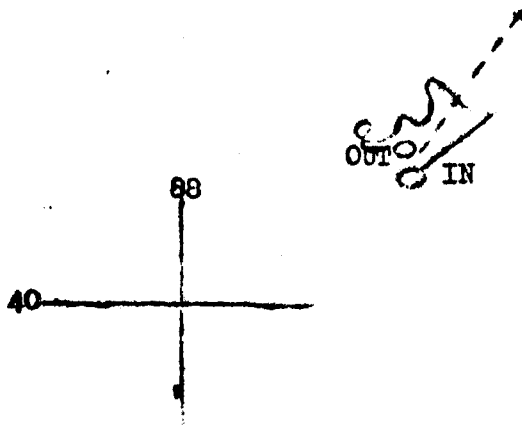
IN THIS AREA, AN OP ON HILL 454 CAN OBSERVE ANY ACTIVITY ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE RIDGELINE AND DOWN INTO ANTENNAE VALLEY; BUT THE NORTH SIDE OF THE RIDGELINE MUST BE COVERED BY GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AS THE THICKNESS AND CONFIGURATION OF THE TERRAIN MAKES OBSERVATION IMPOSSIBLE.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

S SGT. C. SPRENGELMEYER
5TH PLT. 1ST FORCE RECON

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: IN CONJUNCTION WITH OPERATION MISSISSIPPI AND BEFORE, THIS AREA HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY SATURATED WITH FOUR RECON PATROLS WITHIN A PERIOD OF 15 DAYS; RESULTS HAVE LARGELY BEEN NEGATIVE AS "CHARLIE" ISN'T MOVING THROUGH THE AREA ITSELF, OR THE AREA COVERED BY OBSERVATION. NO PATROLS HERE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.

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OPERATION ORDER

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 (b) BnOpO 321-66
 (c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) BnFragOrder msg

UNIT ~~1st~~ CALLSIGN CHICKEN PIE PATROL LEADER L. DANNES
 NO. PRES ~~1~~ INSERTION 060830 AT COORD 14260600
 EXTRACTION ~~110830~~ 110830 AT COORD 14260600

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make final check with S-2).
- b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
- c. Attachments and Detachments:

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance ~~operation of area~~ assigned, as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex A (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at ~~0800~~ H and inserts (VIC ~~14260600~~) to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction on ~~0800~~ H from (VIC ~~14260600~~).

b. Patrol:

- (1) Conduct ground reconnaissance, as feasible, within assigned area and maintain surveillance of surrounding area.
- (2) The primary direction of observation is to the ~~east~~ of assigned area. Annex A establishes patrol's NO FIRE ZONE.

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30 November 1966OPERATION ORDER 6-66

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UNIT 1-F CALLSIGN CEILING PATROL LEADER Lt. BARNESNO. PRES _____ INSERTION 021500H AT COORD ZC160688EXTRACTION _____ ⁵021400H AT COORD ZC1606881. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make final check with S-2).
- b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
- c. Attachments and Detachments:

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed.

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex A (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 021500 H and inserts (VIC ZC160688) to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction on 021400 H from (VIC ZC160688).

b. Patrol:

- (1) Conduct ground reconnaissance, as feasible, within assigned area and maintain surveillance of surrounding area.
- (2) The primary direction of observation is to the s&sw of assigned area. Annex A establishes patrol's NO FIRE ZONE.

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(3) Emphasis throughout the reconnaissance effort will be placed upon:

- (a) Routes of egress and entry.
- (b) Lines of communications.
- (c) Locations suitable for exploitation forces.
- (d) Verifying the Order of Battle.
- (e) Location of major installations and facilities to include rest areas, command posts, communications facilities, hospitals, training areas, logistical storage facilities, and POW camps.

(4) Report the capture of all documents and weapons with description to BAD ACTOR ASAP.

(5) Capture and return to U. S. control VC and/or VCS.

c. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Ref (b).
- (2) Submit SITREP to BAD ACTOR hourly.
- (3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.
- (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
- (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Shackle OT azimuth at discretion of patrol leader.
- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertains to your mission.
- (8) Caution all troops to be alert for AP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger lives of patrol members to investigate same.
- (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference (c).
- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of patrol.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. Patrol will come up on AO net. Should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of all serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 301600 H.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operations, (to include one days extra rations).
- c. Carry basic allowance of Class V plus at least 2 blocks of C-4 per squad, at least 8 ft of detonating cord per block and 10 ft of time fuse. Sufficient fuze lighters and blasting caps to dual prime each block will be carried.
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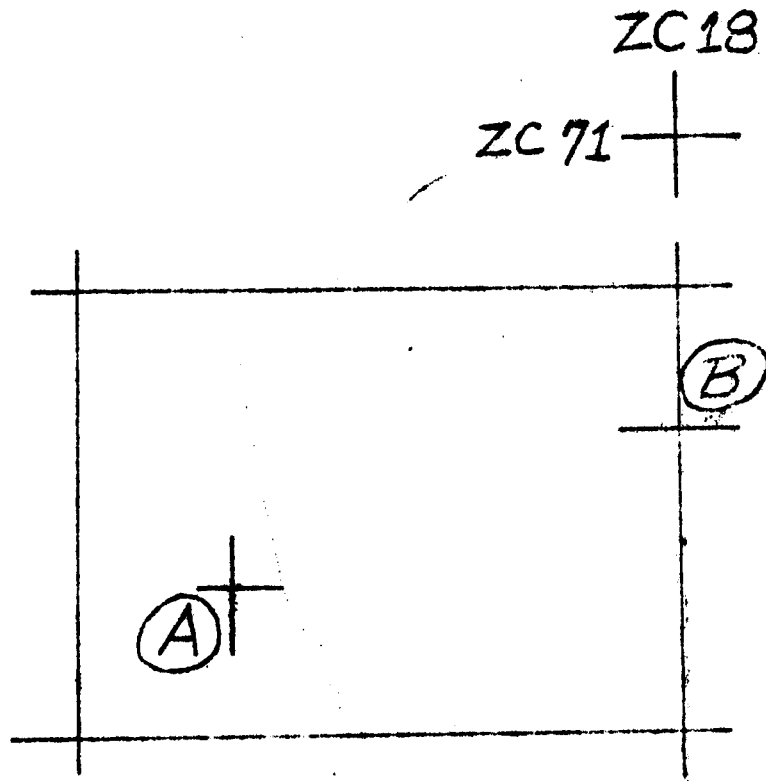
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary: 36.4
 - (2) Alternate: 45.1
 - (3) Helo Net: 36.4
 - (4) AO Net: 36.4
 - (5) Artillery: 36.9
- c. Code Words: Battalion Brevity Code for Dec 66.
- d. Numerals and Authentication:
- e. Thrust Lines: "A" - ZC1568; "B" - ZC1869
- f. Call Signs: Net Control - BAD ACTOR - 1st Recon Bn
 BAD ACTOR CEILING - Patrol
 BAD ACTOR X-RAY - Radio Relay
 REDWOOD - 155 How Arty
 BLACK COAT - AO
 BAD ACTOR BOOKNOTE - Patrol

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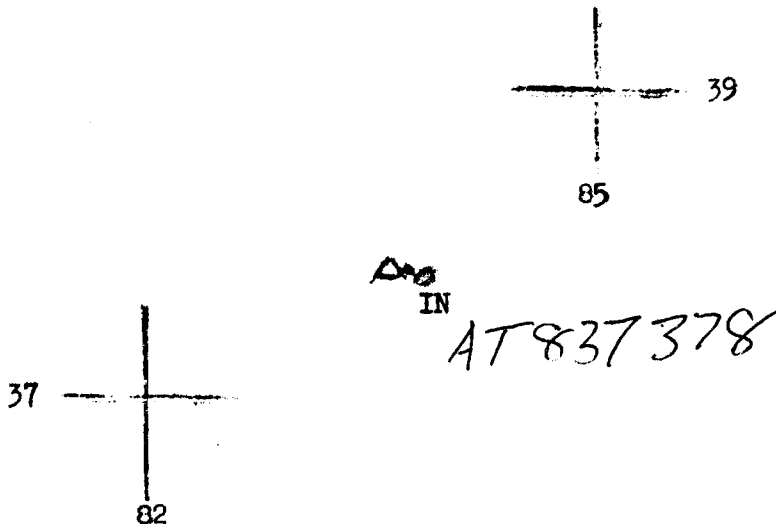
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION & EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF,,10 EN, 1 USN
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
 - C. COMM. & OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC 25'S; 2 7X50'S, 1 BC SCOPE
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 2 M-79, 1 M-60, 12 CLAYMORES, 14 CS GRE.,
16 WP RIFLE GRE.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE FR. THE OP POSITION ASSIGNED WITH PRIMARY DIRECTION OF OBSERVATION TO THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 071450H/111750H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 99 HRS. WITH NO ENEMY SIGHTINGS; THIS IS THE FOURTH SUCCESSIVE RECON PATROL OBSERVING FR. THIS LOCATION AND "CHARLIE" IS EITHER MOVING AT NIGHT OR HAS DIVERTED TO ANOTHER ROUTE TO AVOID THIS OP.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY: NONE
 - B. TERRAIN: HILL 952 VIC. AT836378 IS A BALD MASS OF GROUND WITH ONLY 2'-3' SCRUB GROWTH, COVERING AN OTHERWISE SPARSELY VEGATATED AREA; VERY ROCKY WITH STEEP CLIFFS.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: DURING TIME ON OP, THIS PATROL HAD GOOD VISIBILITY AT LEAST ONCE A DAY; LATE HRS. OF MORNING AND EARLY AFTERNOON ARE BEST FOR OBSERVATION (1000H-1400H), AS INTERMITTENT RAIN AND FOG PREVAIL BEFORE AND AFTER THIS PERIOD.
 THERE ARE MANY NOISY MONKEYS ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE HILL. THERE IS NO WATER AVAILABLE ANYWHERE IN THIS AREA AND A PATROL'S DEMANDS MUST BE FILLED FR. THE WATER CARRIED WITH THEM.
 INSERTION HELICOPTER RECEIVED ONE SNIPER RD. FROM VIC. AT8536; SEPARATE SHOTS WERE HEARD FR. THIS AREA DURING PATROL PERIOD.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.

- 10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: HILL 452 IS RECOMMENDED AS A PERMANENT OP/RADIO RELAY SITE, EITHER BY RECON OR THE INFANTRY; IN GOOD WEATHER, VISIBILITY IS AT LEAST 3-4 MILES WITH GLASSES, FOR 360°; BLASTING COULD PROVIDE A SUITABLE HLZ FOR 1 HELICOPTER RIGHT ON TOP OF THE HILL TO AVOID THE DANGEROUS CLIMBING WHICH IS NOW INVOLVED.
- 11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A.
LT. E. BARNES
1ST PLT. 1ST FORCE RECON
- 12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: HAVE RECOMMENDED THE ABOVE TO G-2 AND G-3

(PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY)



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 (b) 1st ReconBn(Rein) OpO 323-66
 (c) Bn. Frag Order 50-66

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TASK ORGANIZATION. 1st Plt, C Co.

1. SITUATION. Ref (b).
2. MISSION. Insert vicinity AT974399 and conduct physical reconnaissance to vicinity AT969369.
3. EXECUTION.
 - a. Concept of Operation.

Time of Departure - 110000H December 1966
 Time of Return - 141600H December 1966
 - b. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Ref (b).
 - (2) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. Patrol will come up on AO net. Should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
 - (3) Patrol leader will submit list of all serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 091600H December 1966.
 - (4) Ensure patrol members carry sufficient food in event of extension due to weather conditions.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Ref (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
 - a. Ref (b).
 - b. Call sign. CIRCUMSTANCE.

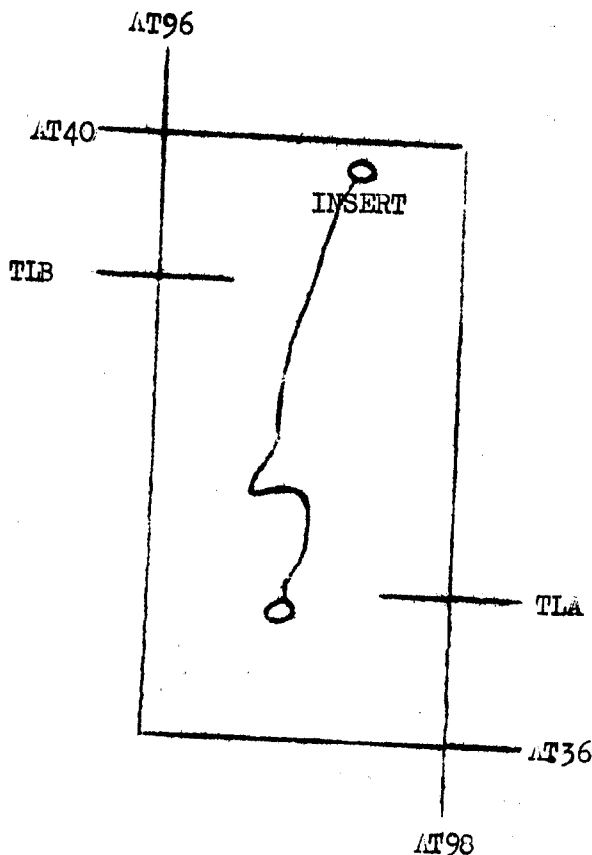
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c. Frequencies.

- (1) Recon Bn: BEACON LIGHT - (P)34.6, (A)45.1
- (2) Arty: REDWOOD CHARLIE - ~~36.9~~ 37.3
- (3) AO: BLACK COAT - 34.6
- (4) Helo Net: 34.6
- (5) Radio Relay: BEACON LIGHT DELTA

d. Shackle and Brevity Code. Issued by Communications Officer.

AREA OF OPERATION:



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Operation Order: 6-66
 Patrol: 1C CIRCUMSTANCE
 Debriefed: Lt. R. S. Roberts
 Maps: Vietnam, 1:50,000;
 Ans L7014; Sheet 6640 III

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF., 15 EN., 1 USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: ONE SCOUT DOG. TM.
 - C. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP.: 2 PRC 25'S; 2 7X50'S.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE IN THE AREA ASSIGNED WITH SURVEILLANCE TO THE EAST AND SOUTH WHEN POSSIBLE.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 121535H/161430H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 95 HRS. WITH EIGHT SIGHTINGS TALLING 45 VC; ONE ARTY. FM WAS CONDUCTED RESULTING IN 4 VC KIA PROBABLE. THERE IS A NETWORK OF TRAILS AND NUMEROUS HARBOUR SITES, APPROX. 3-5 MONTHS OLD, SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THIS PATROL'S RECONNAISSANCE ZONE.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY:

151315H	AT966359	2 VC MOVING N. ON TRAIL; BLK. PJ'S, 1 PONCHO, AND 2 COOLIE HATS; UNKN. EQUIP.
151320H	AT952366	5 VC MOVING EAST ON TRAIL; BLK. PJ'S; 1 BASKET ON SHOULDER POLE, FULLY LOADED.
151325H	AT952366	5 VC MOVING WEST ON ROAD; BLK. PJ'S & COOLIE HATS; 5 SH OULDER POLES WITH HEAVY P. BERS

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1514COH AT966358 2 VC MOVING E. ON TRAIL; BLK PJ'S &
COOLIE HATS; UNKN. EQUIP.

151455H AT955365 10 VC MOVING ON TRAIL; BLK. PJ'S; 1
PACK AND 10 RIFLES; ARTY. FM CONDUCTED
RESULTING IN 4 VC KIA PROB.

160820H AT952366 6 VC WALKING WEST ON ROAD; 5 BLK. PJ'S, 1
PONCHO; SHOULDER POLES & HEAVY BASKETS.

160830H AT962360 4 VC MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL; BLK. PJ'S
UNKN. EQUIP.

161200-1220H AT962360
11 VC IN SMALL GRPS. MOVING BOTH E&W ON
ROAD; ASSORTED BLK. PJ'S & KHAKI; SHOULDER
POLES AND HEAVY BASKETS; 2PACKS.

B. TERRAIN: THE ENTIRE RIDGELINE IS COVERED WITH LIGHTLY WOODED
AREAS AND SPARSE UNDERBRUSH 4 FT. TO 30 FT. TALL; PATCHES
OF ELEPHANT GRASS ARE FREQUENT; MOVEMENT IS FAIRLY EASY
AS THE RIDGELINE IS COVERED WITH A MATRIX OF TRAILS.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: THERE ARE MANY TRAILS AND APPROX. 50
HARBOR SITES IN THIS AREA; NONE HAVE BEEN RECENTLY USED BY
ANY LARGE FORCE FOR THE PAST 3-5 MONTHS, ALTHOUGH SMALL
GROUPS OF 2-5 PEOPLE COULD MOVE THROUGH THIS AREA WITHOUT
LEAVING ANY TRACE.

THIS ENTIRE RIDGE LINE FR. VIC. AT9739 TO VIC AT9737 IS
FAIRLY CLEAR AND SUITABLE FOR LANDING HELICOPTER ALMOST ANY-
WHERE. INSERT WAS MADE VIC AT97698, A GOOD ONEBIRD ZONE;
EXTRACT VIC AT968377 ADQUAME TANNER CHOPPING DOWN SEVERAL TREES.

THERE ARE MANY MONKEYS THROUGHOUT THIS AREA; DRUMS WERE
HEARD COMING FR. VIC AT9835. ESPECIALLY AFTER 1514COH WHEN THE
PATROL FIRED THEIR FIRST ARTY. FM. IN THE VIC OF AT9535, A SMALL

TRAIL RUNS BACK INTO SOME DRY RICE PADDIES; ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED IN THIS VICINITY AND THIS AREA SHOULD BE CHECKED OUT.

THERE ARE SEVERE MAP ERRORS IN THIS AREA; STREAM LOCATIONS AND CONTOUR LINES ARE NOT CORRECT; PATROL LEADERS MUST BE ESPECIALLY CAREFUL WITH GROUND NAVIGATIONS IN THIS AREA.

- 8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE
- 9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD
- 10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: AS INDICATED BY THE MANY TRAILS AND HARBOUR SITES, THIS AREA WAS ONCE WELL USED BY LARGE VC FORCES; IT HAS BEEN 2-3 MONTHS SINCE THIS AREA WAS HEAVILY USED BY SUCH FORCES, AND NOW IT APPEARS TO BE ONLY A TRANSENT AREA THROUGH WHICH SMALL GROUPS OF 5-10 VC MOVE.

FR. THE SIGHTINGS ALONG THE ROAD VIC. AT9636, THERE ARE STILL VC AND COOLIE TRAINS MOVING INTO THE ANTENNAE VALLEY/QUE SON AREAS.

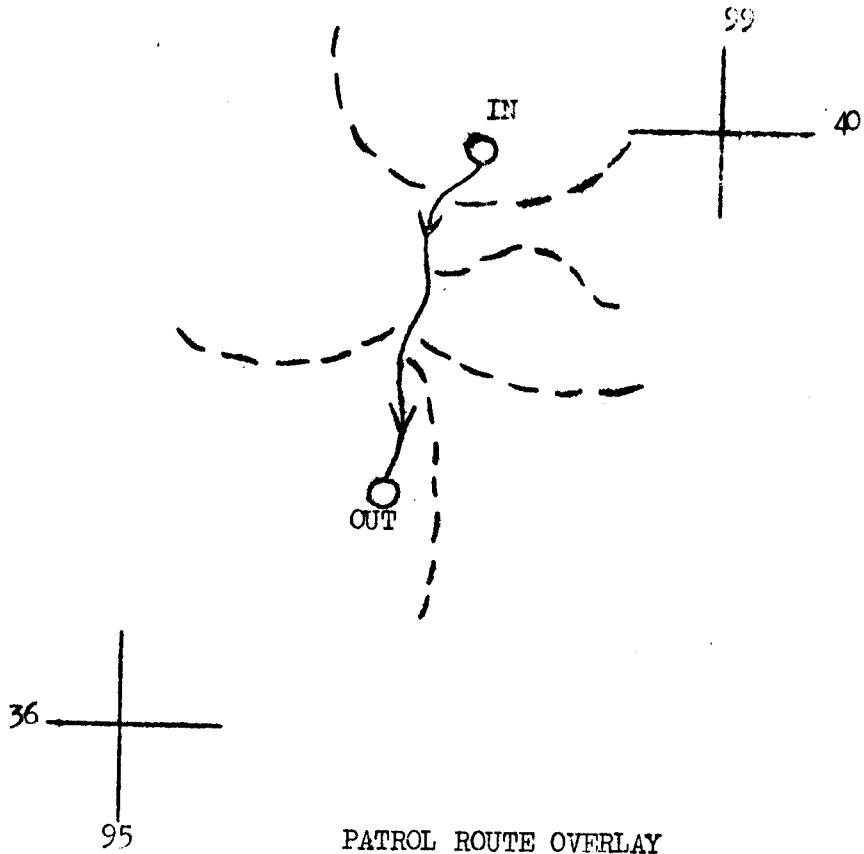
- 11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

LT. E. FABLE

1ST PLT CO C

PATROL LEADER

- 12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: RECOMMEND A STATIONARY OP TO MAINTAIN CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE ON THE PASS LEADING INTO ANTENNAE VALLEY.



PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
I-C CIRCUMSTANCE

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Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM 1:50,000; Sheet 6641 III, 6641 II
 (b) BnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1st Mar Div P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) BnTragOrder msg 46-66

UNIT 3-F CALLSIGN CHECKSTRING PATROL LEADER Lt. KINGNO. PRES INSERTION 051300 AT COORD AT872870EXTRACTION AT COORD AT8728701. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make final check with S-2).
- b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
- c. Attachments and Detachments:

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed.

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex A (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 030800 H and inserts (VIC AT872870) to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction on 061600 H from (VIC AT872870).

b. Patrol:

- (1) Conduct ground reconnaissance, as feasible, within assigned area and maintain surveillance of surrounding area.
- (2) The primary direction of observation is to the S of assigned area. Annex A establishes patrol's NO FIRE ZONE.

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- (3) Emphasis throughout the reconnaissance effort will be placed upon:
- (a) Routes of egress and entry.
 - (b) Lines of communications.
 - (c) LZ's suitable for exploitation forces.
 - (d) Verifying the Order of Battle.
 - (e) Location of major installations and facilities to include rest areas, command posts, communications facilities, hospitals, training areas, logistical storage facilities, and POW camps.
- (4) Report the capture of all documents and weapons with description to BAD ACTOR ASAP.
- (5) Capture and return to U. S. control VC and/or VCS.
- c. Coordinating Instructions:
- (1) Ref (b).
 - (2) Submit SITREP to BAD ACTOR hourly.
 - (3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.
 - (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
 - (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Shackle OT azimuth at discretion of patrol leader.
 - (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
 - (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertains to your mission.
 - (8) Caution all troops to be alert for AP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger lives of patrol members to investigate same.
 - (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference (c).
 - (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of patrol.
 - (11) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. Patrol will come up on AO net. Should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
 - (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of all serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 301600 H.

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- a. Reference (b).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operations, (to include one days extra rations).
- c. Carry basic allowance of Class V plus at least 2 blocks of C-4 per squad, at least 8 ft of detonating cord per block and 10 ft of ttle fuse. Sufficient fuse lighters and blasting caps to dual prime each block will be carried.
- d. Patrol leader will carry such other special equipment and weapons as he deems necessary.
- e. Med-evacs, if necessary, will be accomplished IAW previous.

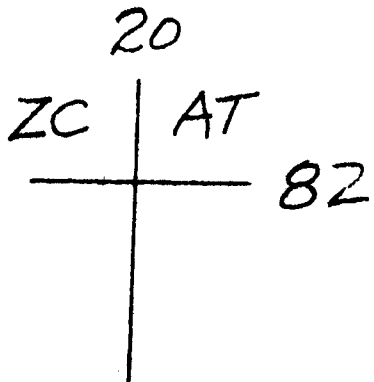
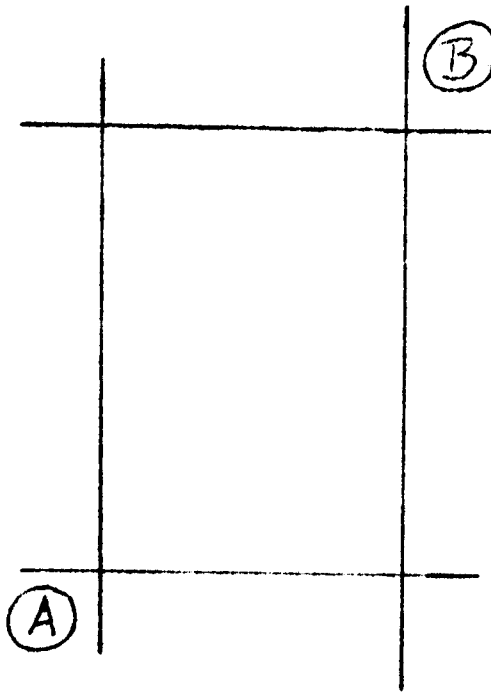
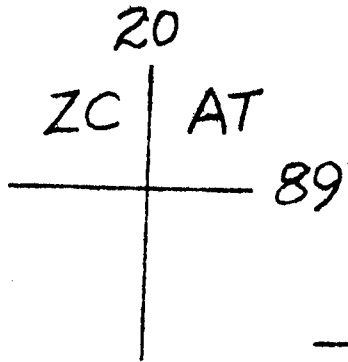
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary: 36.4
 - (2) Alternate: 45.1
 - (3) Helo Net: 36.4
 - (4) AO Net: 36.4
 - (5) Artillery: 36.9
- c. Code Words: Battalion Brevity Code for Dec 66.
- d. Numerals and Authentication:
- e. Thrust Lines: "A" - AT8085; "B" - AT8288
- f. Call Signs: Net Control - BAD ACTOR - 1st Recon Bn
BAD ACTOR X-RAY - Radio Relay
BAD ACTOR CHECKSTRING - Patrol
REDWOOD - 155 How. Arty.
BLACK COAT - AO

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OPERATION ORDER: 7-66
 PATROL: 3F CORNBREAD
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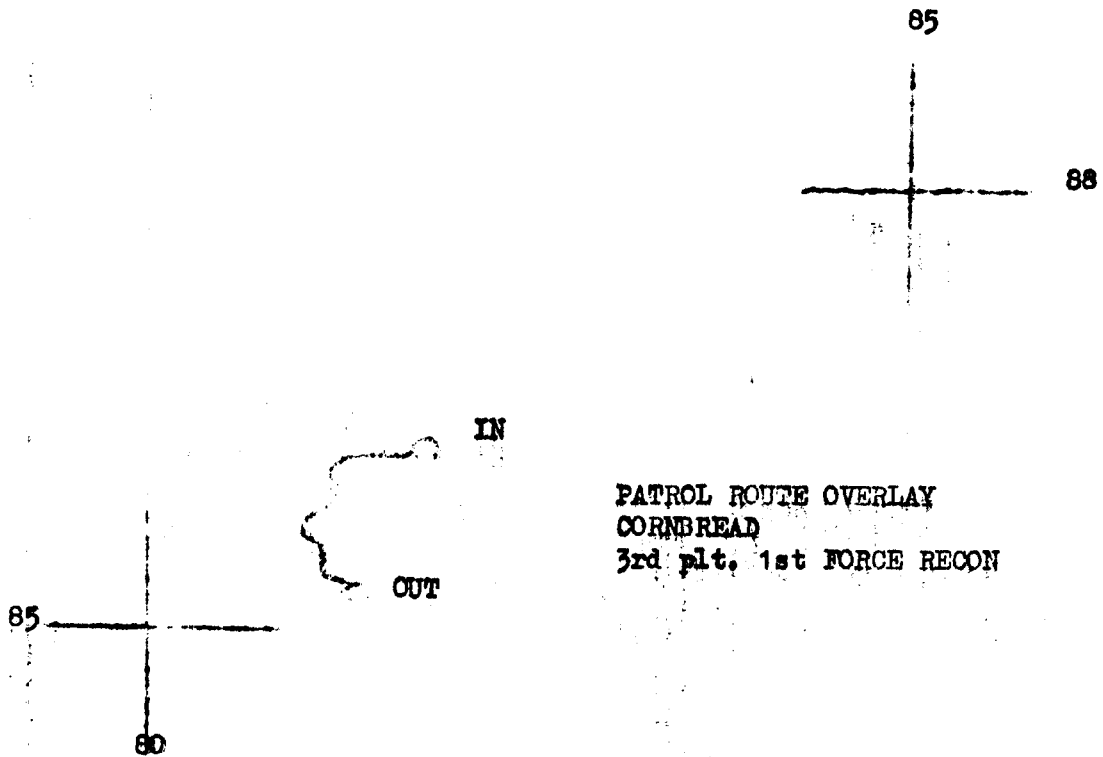
PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF. 5 EN., 1 USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIP.: 2 PRC 25'S; 1 7X50'S.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE IN AREA ASSIGNED WITH PERIODIC SURVEILLANCE ON THE ROAD TO THE SOUTH.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 051310H/091610H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 99 HRS. WITH NO SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS; PATROL REPORTED MUCH INFORMATION CONCERNING THE TERRAIN IN AREA.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY: NONE.
 - B. TERRAIN: ALL THE STREAMS IN THE AREA ARE SWOLLEN AND FAST; THE RIVER IS UNFORDABLE AT ALL POINTS; IN THIS AREA, THERE IS A STEEP 10' CLIFF GOING DOWN TO THE REVER ON THE NORTH BANK.
 THIS ENTIRE AREA IS SECONDARY JUNGLE GROWTH CHARACTERIZED BY DENSE UNDERBRUSH OF VINES AND SMALL, THICK BUSHES; MOVEMENT IS SEVERELY RESTRICTED----CHOPPING YOUR WAY OR ON HANDS AND KNEES; AVERAGE MOVEMENT IS 150M. TO 300M. PER HR.
 NO MAJOR TRAIL WAS ENCOUNTERED.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: 4 OP'S WERE ESTABLISHED ALONG ROUTE: FIRST, VIC. AT814860, HAS ONLY FAIR OBSERVATION; SECOND, VIC. AT812859, GOOD OP TO THE EAST; THIRD, VIC. AT813856, GOOD OP OF ROAD AND AREA TO THE EAST; VILLAGE AS SHOWN ON MAP VIC. AT850855 APPEARS UNINHABITED AS MOST OF THE STRUCTURES ARE DESTROYED; THERE ARE APPROX. 10 HOUSES STILL STANDING WHICH COULD BE LIVED IN; AND THE FOURTH OP VIC. AT809854 WITH FAIR OBSERVATION SOUTH AND WEST.
 INSERT VIC. AT817861--ELEPHANT GRASS LARGE ENOUGH FOR 5 H-16 HELICOPTERS.
 EXTRACT VIC. AT811051--POOR ZONE IN UNDERBUSH WHICH HAD TO BE CUT.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTER WITH ENEMY: NONE!

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: EXCELLENT.
10. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS; BECAUSE OF THE EXTREMELY THICK UNDERBRUSH AND APPARENT LACK OF VC ACTIVITY, A SMALL PATROL OF 5-7 MEN IS BEST SUITED FOR FUTURE WORK IN THIS AREA.
11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A.

LT. J. KING
3RD PLT. 3RD FORCE RN.

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: EVIDENCE OF ANY LARGE SCALE VC ACTIVITY IN THIS ELEPHANT VALLEY AREA CONTINUES TO BE NEGATIVE; CONTINUE PRESENT POLICY OF ONLY SENDING A PATROL INTO THIS AREA FOR A PERIODIC CHECK EVERY 2 OR 3 WEEKS.



PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
CORNBREAD
3rd pl. 1st FORCE RECON

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OPERATION ORDER 07-66

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 (b) 1st Recon Bn (Rein) OpO 323-66
 (c) Bn. Frag Order 51-66

TASK ORGANIZATION. 2nd Plt, C Co.

1. SITUATION. Ref (b).
2. MISSION. Insert vicinity AT081348 and conduct physical reconnaissance to vicinity AT909333.
3. EXECUTION.
 - a. Concept of Operation.

Time of Departure - 110700H December 1966
 Time of Return - 141500H December 1966
 - b. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Ref (b).
 - (2) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. Patrol will come up on AO net. Should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
 - (3) Patrol leader will submit list of all serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 091600H December 1966.
 - (4) Ensure patrol members carry sufficient food in event of extension due to weather conditions.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Ref (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
 - a. Ref (b).
 - b. Callsign. COVENTRY.

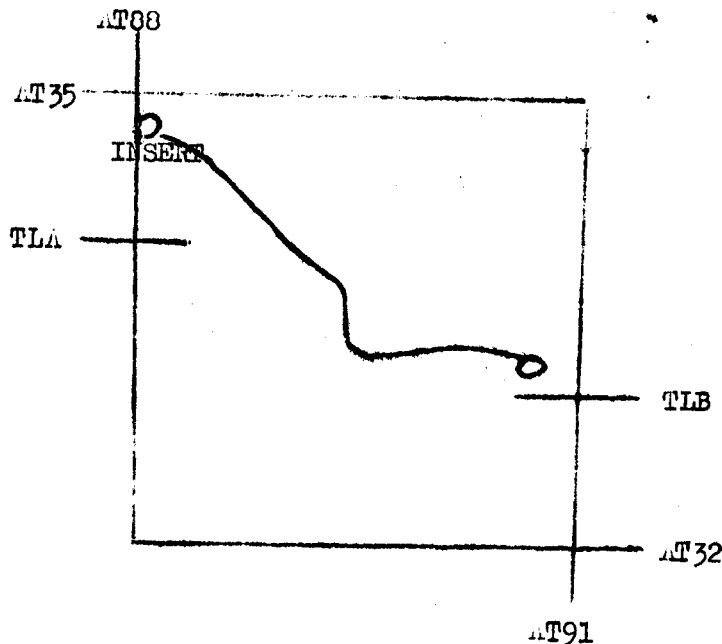
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c. Frequencies.

- (1) Recon Bn: BEACON LIGHT - (P)34.6, (A)45.1
- (2) Arty: REDWOOD CHARLIE - ~~36.9~~ 37.3
- (3) AO: BLACK COAT - 34.6
- (4) Helo Net: 34.6
- (5) Radio Relay: BEACON LIGHT DELTA

d. Shackle and Brevity Code. Issued by Communications Officer.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF., 11 EN., 1 USN
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
 - C. COMM. & OBSERVATION EQUIP.: 2 PRC 25'S; 2 7x50'S.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 4 CLAYMORES; 6 WP RIFLE GRENADES;
 10 LBS. G-4; 2 M-79'S; 1 SHOTGUN.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE IN THE AREA ASSIGNED WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE TRAIL NETWORKS; WHEN POSSIBLE, MAINTAIN SURVEILLANCE NORTH INTO ANTENNAE VALLEY.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 111530H/151545H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 96½ HRS. WITH NO SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS OR CONTACTS. EXTENSIVE GROUND RECONNAISSANCE REVEALED SEVERAL WELL-USED TRAIL COMPLEXES IN THE AREA, BUT NO EVIDENCE OF DEFINITE VC ACTIVITY.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY: NONE
 - B. TERRAIN: BETWEEN PRIMARY & SECONDARY JUNGLE GROWTH, WITH A 50'-60' CANOPY; THE UNDERGROWTH IS NOT EXTREMELY THICK AND ONE DOES NOT HAVE TO "BEAT BRUSH" ALL THE TIME; A MATRIX OF LARGE, WELL USED TRAILS AND SMALLER OVERGROWN GAME TRAILS MAKES MOVEMENT FAIRLY EASY. WATER IS ABUNDANT FR. THE MANY STREAMS IN THE AREA; THESE STREAMS ARE NOW HIGH AND VERY FAST

7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT WAS VIC. AT881348, A VERY GOOD LZ; HELICOPTERS CAN LAND ANYWHERE ON THIS OPEN RIDGE; EXTRACTION WAS VIC AT910334, AN EXCELLENT ONE-BIRD ZONE.

AS INDICATED ON THE OVERLAY, A MATRIX OF TRAILS EXISTS IN THIS AREA; SEVERAL ARE WELL USED-ON ALL STREAMBEDS THERE ARE TRAILS PARALLEL; VIC AT 905327, THERE WERE NUMEROUS ANIMAL AND HUMAN TRACKS & DUNG; VIC AT907328, WAS THE MOST PRONOUNCED TRAIL, 2'-3' WIDE WITH MANY SMALL TRAIL JUNCTIONS AND HARBOUR SITES OF MATTER DOWN GRASS; TRAIL WAS RUNNING GENERALLY NW-SE.

VERY GOOD OBSERVATION IS OBTAINED FR. HILL 601, AN OUTSTANDING OP VIC AT895334; THE ENTIRE ANTENNAE VALLEY CAN BE OBSERVED FR. NONG SON TO THE PASS IN EASTERN END OF VALLEY.

MUCH SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS HEARD COMING FR. ALL DIRECTIONS DURING THIS PATROL; SINGLE SHOT & HEAVY AUTO. WPNS. THAT MUST HAVE BEEN ARVN/REP,PF RECON BY FIRE.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS: ALTHOUGH THE TRAILS FOUND WERE WELL USED, THERE WERE NO MATERIAL SIGNS OF VC ACTIVITY IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA; RATHER, THIS IS PROBABLY A TRANSIENT AREA THROUGH WHICH THE VC TRAVEL ENROUTE FARTHER SOUTHWEST. RECOMMEND FUTURE PATROLS OPERATE IN THIS DIRECTION.

THE ENTIRE ANTENNAE VALLEY AREA WAS UNUSUALLY QUIET WITH HARDLY ANY ACTIVITY-FEW PEOPLE WORKING THE PADDIES AND A DISTINCT ABSENCE OF CHILDREN.

TRAIL NETWORKS RUN GENERALLY NE TO SW, INCLUDING THE SEVERAL LARGE ONES MENTIONED ABOVE. ALMOST EVERY STREAMBED IS PARALLELED BY A TRAIL.

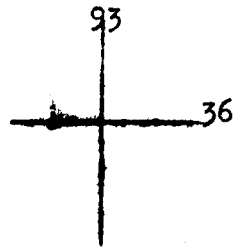
IN ORDER TO PATROL THIS GENERAL AREA IN THE FUTURE,
AND THE AREA TO THE SOUTHWEST RECOMMEND PATROLS USE THE "BASE
CAMP" METHOD, i.e., ESTABLISH A BASE CAMP FOR THE HEAVY GEAR
AND SYSTEMATICALLY WORK THE AREA WITH SMALL 5-6 MAN PATROLS.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

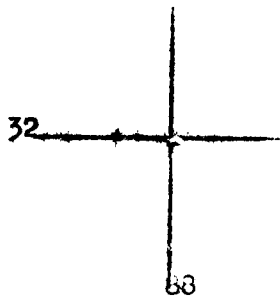
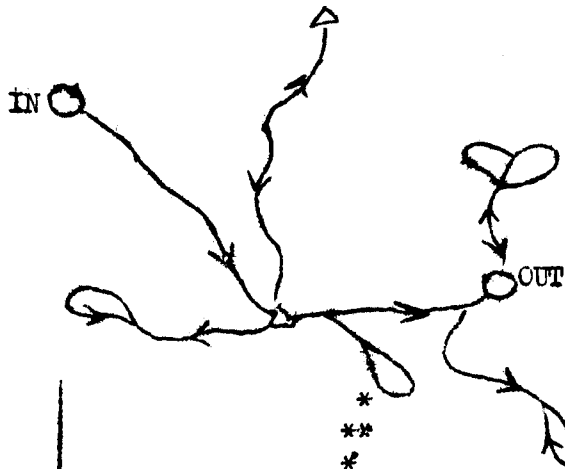
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CO, CHARLIE COMPANY
PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: AS INDICATED BY THE ATTACHED OVERLAY,
THIS PATROL WAS EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL IN USING THE "BASE CAMP"
METHOD OF PATROLLING TO RECON. A NEW AREA; NOT ONLY WAS MORE
GROUND COVERED MORE THOROUGHLY, BUT WITH ALTERNATING SMALL
SIZE (5-6 MAN) PATROLS CARRYING SMALL LOADS (PACKS LEFT IN
BASE AREA), PATROL MEMBERS PERFORM MORE EFFECTIVELY.

MORE OF OUR PLATOON - SIZE RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS
SHOULD DEVELOP AND UTILIZE THE TECHNIQUE OF OPERATING OUT OF
A BASE CAMP.



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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
COVENTRY, 2-C
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 (OPN. HOME RUN)

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 (b) 1st Recon Bn (Rein) OpO 323-66
 (c) *Bn FRAG ORDER 48-66*

Task Organization. 2nd Plt, B Co.

1. SITUATION. Ref (b).
2. MISSION. Insert vicinity hill 318 to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of area of operation. Be prepared to conduct other missions as directed by S-2, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein).
3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation.

Time of Departure ⁰⁹ 060800H December 1966.
 Time of Return - 091400H December 1966.

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b. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Ref (a).
- (2) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. Patrol will come up on AO net. Should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
- (3) Patrol leader will submit list of all serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 051600H December 1966.
- (4) Ensure patrol members carry sufficient food in event of extension due to weather conditions.

1ST MAR DIV. CAM PEN.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Ref (b).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Ref (b).

b. Callsign. ~~DAMPEN~~ *Dutch Oven*

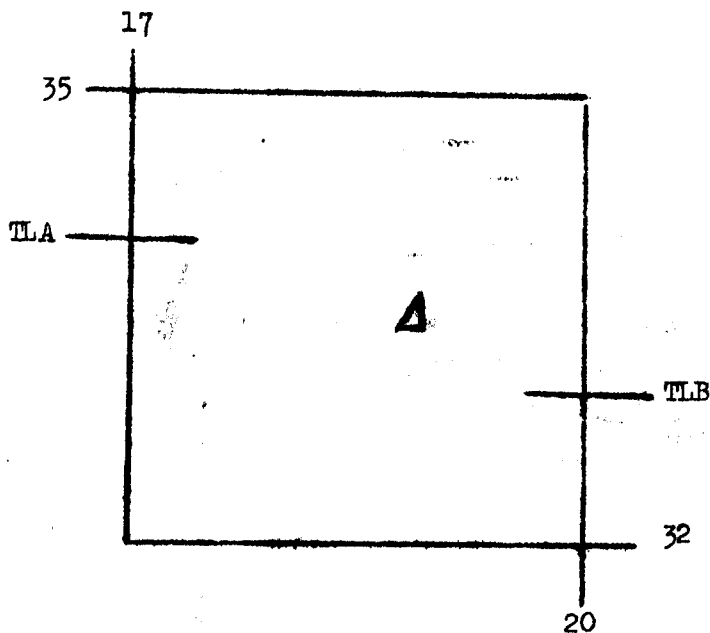
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c. Frequencies.

- (1) Recon Bn: BAD ACTOR - (P)34.0, (A)45.1
- (2) AO: BLACK COAT - 34.0
- (3) Helo Net: 34.0
- (4) Arty (155Guns): REDWOOD CHARLIE - 36.9 (105 GUNS); *PIED PIPER "A" 35.1*
- (5) Radio Relay: ~~BAD ACTOR DELTA~~

d. Shackle and Brevity Code. Issued by Communications Officer.

AREA OF OPERATION:



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 PATROL: 2B DUTCH
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF. 12 EN., 2 USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIP.: 2 PRC 25'S; 4 7X50'S
 1 M-49 SPOTTER SCOPE.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M3A1 SMG WITH SILENCER; 4 CLAYMORE MINES;
 4 CS GRENADES; 16 BLKS. C-4; 1 M-60 MG; 2 M-79'S
2. MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN THE AREA ASSIGNED; AT DISCRETION OF PATROL, ESTABLISH AMBUSHES ON THE TRAILS IN THE AREA WITH EMPHASIS ON GATHERING MATERIAL OF INTELLIGENCE VALUE.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 100805Z/101805H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF TEN HRS. WITH FOUR SIGHTINGS TOTALLING TWENTY VC. ONE CONTACT WAS MADE WITH 2 VC VIC. ZC195340 RESULTING IN 1 VC KIA CONF. AND 1 VC WIA CONF; CAPTURED MATERIAL INCLUDING MEDICAL SUPPLIES, CART. BELT WITH CANTEEN AND AMMO. POUCH, DOCUMENTS, AND ASSORTED CLOTHING, WERE TURNED OVER TO THE G-2.
 RETURNING TO THE LZ ON TOP OF HILL 318, THE PATROL RECEIVED FIRE FR. APPROX. 15 VC VIC. ZC193338; INTERMITTENT SEMI AND AUTO. WPNS. FIRE WAS RECEIVED INTO THE LZ FR. APPROX. 2 VC VIC. ZC187332; FTXED WING AIRSTRIKE CONDUCTED ON THIS AREA; EXTRACTION HELICOPTERS RECEIVED FIRE.
 THERE ARE MANY WELL-USED TRAILS ALL OVER THIS AREA; TRAILS ARE LARGE-4'-5' WIDE AND WELL CONSTRUCTED INCLUDING STEPS; A LARGE TUNNEL, 20' DEEP AND 100 M. LONG WAS FOUND VIC. ZC195340. THERE IS MUCH ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT AREA.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY:

101545H ZC195340 CONTACT WITH 2 VC; BLK. PJS & BUSH HATS;
 1 RIFLE & 1 PACK; 1 LARGE ALM. BOX WITH
 MEDICAL SUPPLIES; 1 VC KIA CONF. & 1 VC WIA
 CONF.; CAPTURED MATERIAL TO G-2 (SEE PARA. 8)

- 101400H ZC187336 1 VC APPROACHED PATROL'S POSITION; UNKN. UNIFORM, AMMO. STRAPS; PATROL FIRED SMALL ARMS & 4 GRE.
- 101550H ZC193338 RECEIVED FIRE FM. APPROX. 15 VC; 20-40 SMALL ARMS RDS. RECEIVED; PATROL RETURNED FIRE WITH UNKN. RESULTS.
- 101600H ZC187335 APPROX. 2 VC FIRING AUTO. WPNS. FIRE INTO LZ; ZC184335 PATROL RETURNED FIRE; 1 USMC WIA (SUPERFICIAL); FIXED WING AIRSTRIKE AROUND HILL 318.
- 101750H ZC190337 PATROL EXTRACTED WITH HELICOPTERS TAKING FIRE.

B. TERRAIN: THIS ENTIRE AREA IS COVERED WITH PRIMARY JUNGLE OF 20'-40' CANOPY; MUCH WOODCUTTING IN THE AREA BUT NO OPEN CLEARINGS. THE AREA IS COVERED WITH A NETWORK OF LARGE (4'-5' WIDE) WELL USED TRAILS; THERE ARE MANY LEADING UP TO HILL 318 AS THE APEX. A LARGE TUNNEL-100 METERS LONG AND 20 FT. DEEP-WAS FOUND VIC. ZC195340.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERTION LZ WAS VIC. ZC189335; A VERY POOR ONE-BIRD LZ AS THE HELOS WERE FORCED TO HOVER NEXT TO A SLOPE AND THE PATROL JUMP 10'-15' TO THE GROUND. EXTRACTION LZ WAS BLOWN ON THE TOP OF HILL 318 VIC. ZC190337. THERE ARE NO OTHER HLZ'S IN THE AREA. THE VC KIA WAS CARRYING A LARGE ALUMINUM BOX, 30" X 30" X 30", FILLED WITH MEDICAL SUPPLIES; THERE WERE APPROX. 100 CARDBOARD BOXES INSIDE FILLED WITH GLASS VIALS; SAMPLE WAS TAKEN AND REMAINDER DESTROYED. FR. 101200H-101500H, PATROL ESTABLISHED AMBUSH ON TRAIL VIC. ZC191339, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ALONG THE TRAILS AT THE BASE OF HILL 318, SEVERAL WOODEN SLEDS WERE FOUND; THESE WERE SIMILAR TO A SNOW SLED WITH WOODEN RUNNERS AND SLATS. THERE WAS MUCH ACTIVITY IN AREA; FRESH FOOTPRINTS WERE FOUND, AND KNIFE SLASHMARKS IN TREES; ESTIMATE PEOPLE ON HILL 318 AND VICINITY WITHIN 24 HRS. OF PATROLS INSERTION.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH ENEMY:

A. 1 VC KIA CONF. & 1 VC WIA CONF; 1 USMC SUPERFICIAL WIA.

B. CAPTURED MATERIAL:

1. 2 BOXES OF MEDICINE. (SAMPLE)
2. NUMEROUS ASSORTED MEDICAL SUPPLIES.
3. 2 DIARIES
4. 1 WALLET WITH DOCUMENTS
5. 2 WRIST WATCHES
6. 1 PLASTIC BAG WITH DOCUMENTS
7. 1 CART. BELT WITH CANTEEN & AMMO POUCH.
8. 1 BLK. PJ'S & 1 RED SWEATER.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL; GOOD

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THIS IS AN AREA OF MUCH VC ACTIVITY, AS EXPECTED; THROUGHOUT PATROL, VOICES COULD BE HEARD, DOGS BARKING AND OTHER ASSORTED NOICES. ONCE CONTACT WAS MADE, THE VC DIDN'T WASTE ANY TIME IN GATHERING THEIR TROOPS SO THERE MUST BE A BASE CAMP SOMEWHERE CLOSE TO THIS AREA.

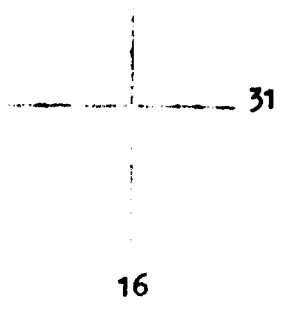
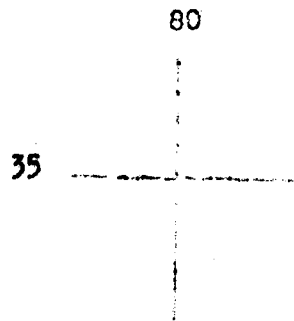
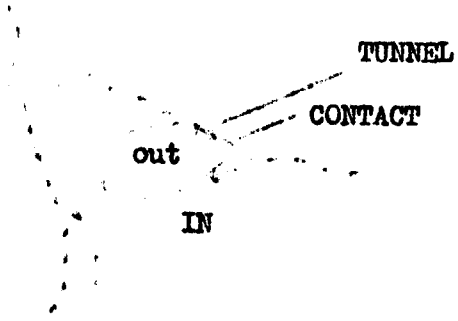
THERE ARE NO GOOD HLZ'S IN THIS AREA AT ALL; INSERTION LZ WAS VERY BAD, AND FOR EXTRACTION AN LZ HAD TO BE BLOWN; POSSIBLE LZ'S FOR FUTURE USE MIGHT BE FOUND ALONG THE SANDBARS OF THE RIVER.

RECOMMEND THIS AREA FOR TPQ-10 STRIKES AND ARCLITES.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: THE CLOSE AIR SUPPORT WAS ACCURATE AND EFFECTIVE, DROPPING ORDN. TO WITHIN 200-300 METERS OF PATROLS POSITION; REPEATED BOMBING AND STRAFING RUNS WERE MADE. PREPOSITIONING HELICOPTERS AT AN HOA WAS MOST EFFECTIVE FOR RAPID REACTION TIME.

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2ND PLT. CO. B
1ST RECON BN.

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: DIFFICULTY FOR FUTURE PATROLS WILL BE IN FINDING A SUITABLE HLZ IN THIS AREA. SPECIAL CAUTION-PARTICULARLY IN PROSPECTIVE LZ'S AND ON TRAILS-MUST BE EXERCISED AGAINST BOOBY-TRAPS, NOW THAT RECON. HAS ENTERED THE AREA.



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 PATROL: 2B DUTCH OVEN
 DEBRIEFER: LT. R. S. ROBERTS
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF., 12 EN., 2 USN
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
 - C. COMMUNICATIONS & OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 4 ~~TX50's~~
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M3A1 WITH SILENCER; 4 CLAYMORE MINES;
4 CS GRENADES; 1 M-60 MG; 2 M-79's
2. MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE IN THE AREA ASSIGNED WITH EMPHASIS ON CHECKING OUT THE EXTRACTION HLZ OF 10 DEC.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 111530H/111600H.
4. ROUTE: THIS PATROL WAS INSERTED VIC. ZC190337, AND AFTER CHECKING AREA OUT, WAS EXTRACTED.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED PERIOD OF 30 MIN. WITH NO SIGHTINGS OR INCIDENTS.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY & TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY: NONE
 - B. TERRAIN: SEE PATROL REPORT OF 101800H DECEMBER 66
7. OTHER INFORMATION: NO INCIDENTS OCCURED DURING THE TIME THIS PATROL WAS BEING INSERTED, ON THE GROUND, OR EXTRACTED.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE; SEE PATROL REPORT OF 101800H DECEMBER 66.
11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A
12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF., 3 ENLISTED.
 B. ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
 C. COMM. & OBSERVATION EQUIP.: 1 PRC 25.
 D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79; CS GRENADES & PROTECTIVE MASK

2. MISSION: INSERT IN ASSIGNED LZ VIC. ZC187337 TO RECOVER A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT; UPON COMPLETION OF SAME, PREPARE FOR IMMEDIATE EXTRACTION.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 171158H/171215H.

4. ROUTE: INSERT VIC ZC187337, EXTRACT SAME; SEE ATTACHED SKETCH.

5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 17 MINUTES WITH NO SIGHTINGS OR INCIDENTS; THE MISSION AS STATED ABOVE WAS SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMPLISHED.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

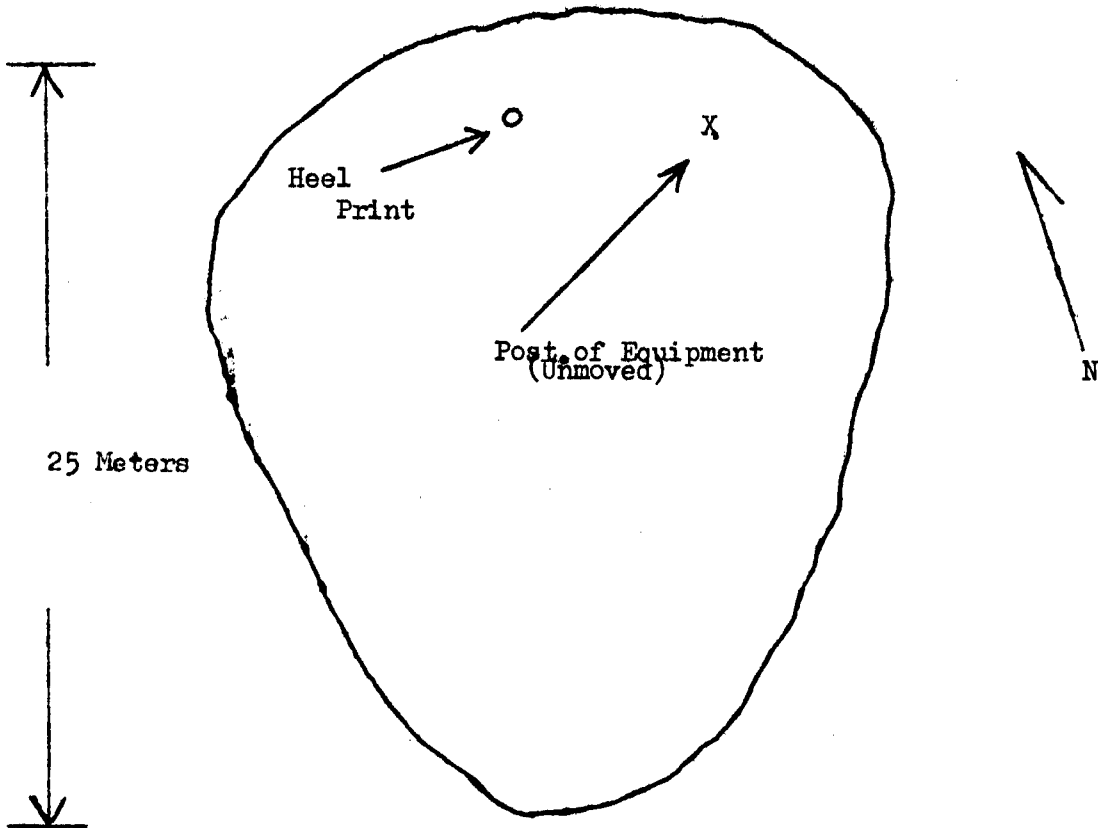
- A. ENEMY: NONE
 B. TERRAIN: A PREVIOUSLY BLOWN HELZ COVERED WITH SMALL BRUSH AND STUMPS; SEE 1ST RECON BN. PATROL REPORT 101800H FOR DETAILED INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS AREA.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: ONE HEEL PRINT FR. A SMALL BOOT WAS FOUND 10 M. FR. THE OBJECTIVE; IT WAS FOUND IN THE ONLY MUDDY AREA IN THE HELZ SO ADDITIONAL PRINTS COULD HAVE BEEN ELSEWHERE; ALSO, THERE WAS NO MANNER OF DETERMINING IF THE PRINT HAD BEEN LEFT BY THE RECON TM. EXTRACTED FR. THIS ZONE 11 DECEMBER.

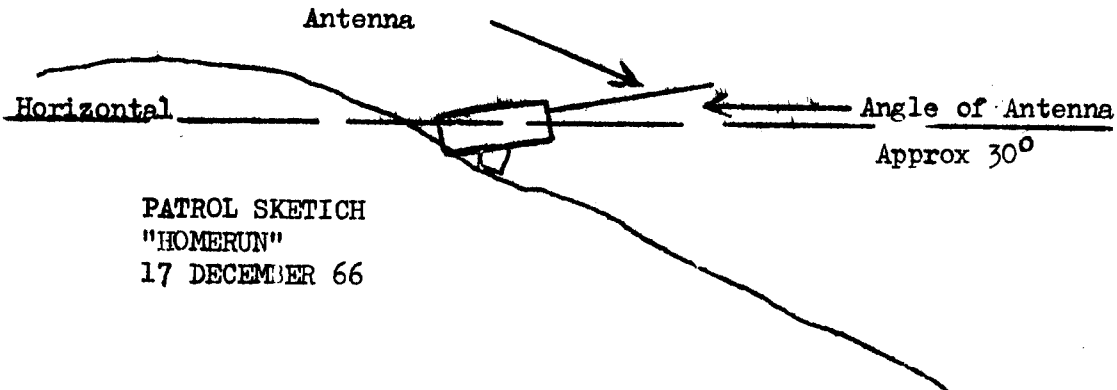
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8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: MORALE EXCELLENT; ONE PATROL MEMBER WITH CONTUSIONS ON THE BACK AND LEG, AND A SPRAINED ANKLE RESULTING FR. A FALL FR. THE HELICOPTER'S ROPE LADDER.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THIS PATROL SHOULD HAVE BEEN INSERTED WITH UH1E AS REQUESTED, INSTEAD OF THE UH-46 THAT WAS USED; THE USE OF A ROPE LADDER FOR RE-ENTRY INTO HELICOPTERS IS UNSATISFACTORY WHEN EXTRACTING A PATROL WITH FULL EQUIPMENT. THE HLZ VIC ZC187337 IS NOT LARGE ENOUGH FOR EITHER UH-46'S OR UH-34'S TO LAND.
11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A
12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

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PATROL LEADER



HLZ VIC. ZC187337



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UNIT B-2 CALLSIGN DAMPEN PATROL LEADER Lt. J. DUNN 1ST MAR DIV. CAMP. PLAN.NO. PRES 19 INSERTION L-96 Hours AT COORD AT 893408EXTRACTION L-96 Hours AT COORD AT 8934081. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make final check with S-2).
- b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's. Operation Mississippi
- c. Attachments and Detachments: Two scout Dog Teams.

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed. Establish OP Vic Hill 454 (AT 902413).

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex A (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at L-HOUR H and inserts (VIC AT 893408) to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction on L-96 Hours H from (VIC AT 893408).

b. Patrol:

- (1) Conduct ground reconnaissance, as feasible, within assigned area and maintain surveillance of surrounding area.
- (2) The primary direction of observation is to the S/S/E of assigned area. Annex A establishes patrol's NO FIRE ZONE. AT 8840-8842-9142-9140

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(3) Emphasis throughout the reconnaissance effort will be placed upon:

- (a) Routes of egress and entry.
- (b) Lines of communications.
- (c) LZ's suitable for exploitation forces.
- (d) Verifying the Order of Battle.
- (e) Location of major installations and facilities to include rest areas, command posts, communications facilities, hospitals, training areas, logistical storage facilities, and POW camps.

(4) Report the capture of all documents and weapons with description to Bad Actor Charlie ASAP.

(5) Capture and return to U. S. control VC and/or VCS.

o. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Ref (b).
- (2) Submit SITREP to Bad Actor Charlie hourly.
- (3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.
- (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
- (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Shackle OT azimuth at discretion of patrol leader.
- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertains to your mission.
- (8) Caution all troops to be alert for AP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger lives of patrol members to investigate same.
- (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference (c).
- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of patrol.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. Patrol will come up on AC net. Should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of all serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 281600 H.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operations, (to include one days extra rations).
- c. Carry basic allowance of Class V plus at least 2 blocks of C-4 per squad, at least 8 ft of detonating cord per block and 10 ft of time fuse. Sufficient fuze lighters and blasting caps to dual prime each block will be carried.
- d. Patrol leader will carry such other special equipment and weapons as he deems necessary.
- e. Med-evacs, if necessary, will be accomplished IAW previous.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary: 34.6 M-436
 - (2) Alternate: 45.1 M-637
 - (3) Helo Net: 34.6 M-436
 - (4) AO Net: 34.6 M-34.6 M-436
 - (5) Artillery: 38.6 M-510;
- c. Code Words: Battalion Brevity Code for Nov & Dec.
- d. Numerals and Authentication:
- e. Thrust Lines: "B"-8840; "A"-9141
- f. Call Signs: Net Control - 1st Recon Bn

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 OLDFIELD 43.6 M-601
 CASSANDRA 66.5 M-1016

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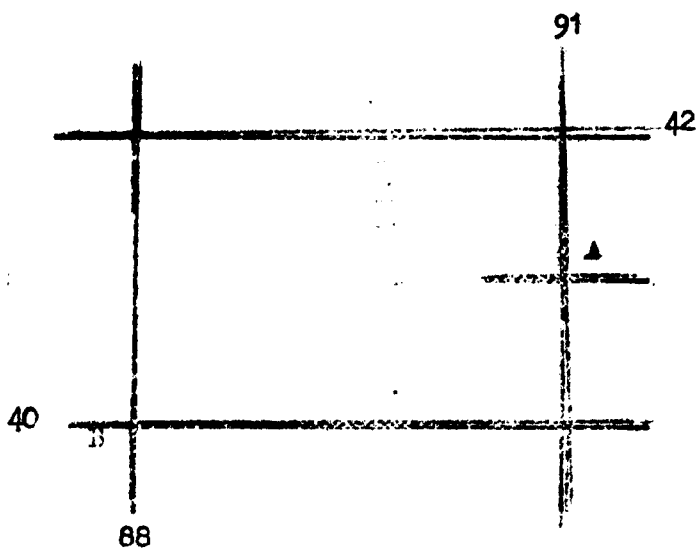
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 F/2/12 Pied Piper f'xtrot 38.6 M-510
 REDWOOD CHARLIE 36.9 M-430

3-C As paragus 34.0 M-430
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF., 16 EN., 1 USN.
 B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: 2 SCOUT DOG TMS. WITH HANDLERS.
 C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIP.: 2 PRC 25's; 1 M-19 SPOTTER SCOPE;
 4 7x50's.
 D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 8 CLAYMORE MINES: 1 M-60 MG; 2 M-79 1 SHOTGUN;
 1 GREASE GUN WITH SILENCER; 8 BLKS. OF C-4

2. MISSION: In conjunction with operation MISSISSIPPI, conduct recon-
 naissance/surveillance in assigned area of operations, primary observation
 is South into Antenna Valley.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 291030H/031310H

4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHEC OVERLAY.

5. SYNOPSIS: This patrol covered a period of 99 hrs. with 2 sightings
 totalling 16 vc; 2 arty. fm's were conducted resulting in structures
 partially destroyed and 2 vc kia conf. lvc kia prob. Outstanding
 OP with view of entire Antenna Valley is located VIC. AT 901411.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY:

301208H AT 909394 2 vc moving North on trail; blk. pj's and
 1 red shorts; 2 auto wpns., 1 pack; 1
 bandoleer of linked ammo. observed in "X"
 across one of the vc; infantry in area
 notified.

011320H AT 909401 14 vc moving SE on trail; blk. pj's 2 blue
 shirts, 1 khaki; all wearing ponchos; 14
 packs 14 rifles; vc moved into a house;
 arty. fm. called with excellent coverage,
 1 house partially destroyed.

011400H AT 909401 5 vc attempted to leave house; blk. pj's
 rifles and packs; arty fm called with
 excellent coverage, 2 vc kia conf. 1 vc
 kia prob.; house completely destroyed.

B. TERRAIN: Ridgeline Vic GS8940 is open with only 2'-3' high scrub
 growth; surrounding area dense jungle vegetation with steep slopes.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION: Insertion LZ Vic AT 895407, on the slope of hill 454; very good LZ for at least 5 H 34's landing at staggered levels; area covered by short grass and small rocks; 2 small trails (1 wk old), crisscross HZ.

OP #1 located vic AT901411; excellent observation of entire Antennae Valley to the South.

During entire patrol period, every helo. that flew in The Antennae Valley area was fired at often by what sounded like a 50 cal. mg. Vic AT 904398.

Trails as shown on map are not accurate there is no trail going across the top of hill 545, as indicated.

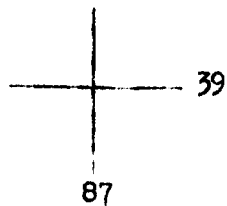
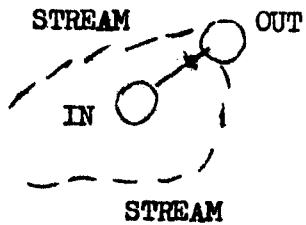
Extraction LZ Vic AT 901412, A very small 1-bird zone.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Feet are sore and raw fr. immersion foot; nothing serious.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Observation is good fr anywhere along the finger up to the top of hill 545; Op's for surveillance of Antennae Valley can always be placed in this vicinity; AT887405 to AT901411.
The scout dog tms. worked out very well, especially in the night defence perimeter.
11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: Suspected 50 cal. mg position vic AT 904398 was Recommended for TFQ-10 strike; this area subsequently hit.

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12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

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PATROL REPORT

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 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF., 8 EN., 1 USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIP.: 2 PRC 25's; 1 BC SCOPE, 1 7x50's
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 8 Claymores, 1 M-79, 1 M-60.
2. MISSION: In conjunction with operation MISSISSIPPI, conduct ground Reconnaissance, and surveillance in the area assigned, with primary observation South along the road.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 291200H/041810H.
4. ROUTE: See attached overlay.
5. SYNOPSIS: This patrol covered a period of 126 hrs. with two sightings totalling 11 vc. Bad weather causing poor visibility was predominate during entire patrol; one outstanding op was found vicinity AT 962368, for observation of the road leading into Antennae Valley.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY:

291350H AT 927368	5 vc moving NW across str. bed; blk. pj's and khaki; rifles and packs; arty. fm begun and Huey's arrived.
291515H AT 872398	6 vc moving into treeline; blk. pj's; packs and rifles; notified infantry unit in area.
 - B. TERRAIN: The tops of hill are covered with scrub trees 8'-10' tall, and many medium-sized rocks; sheer rock cliffs are stright up and down, with 30'-40' rock faces; movement is limited to a single ridgeline as moving across compartment is almost impossible; thicker terrain exists in bottoms of gorges.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: First insertion was in the wrong area- AT 983394; second insertion AT 291300H was again in the wrong area- AT 962368; AT 291830H, patrol was re-inserted into the correct LZ vic AT 958378; OP position was then established vic AT 953376.

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AO reported to patrol that a very definite trail runs SW to
NT along the ridge vic AT 944373

AT 0106, it was discovered that one claymore mine was
missing fr. it's defensive position, apparently stolen by the vc.
Search found negative evidence of vc.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good; some feet very sore fr. weather.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The op site of patrol's second
insertion, vic AT 962368, is outstanding for observation South
of the road and West into Antennae Valley; the HLZ is right there
with the op and is a good one-bird LZ of small rocks and short grass;
rocks and terrain provide good defensive position; recommend
this op be used for future observation of this area.
Bad weather caused poor visibility during entire patrol, so
lightings are not an accurate picture of the vc activity in this area.
For this type op, helmets worked out very well and should be
taken; during Bad Weather, recommend two ponchos per man.
11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

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12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: Suggested op site will be used in future.

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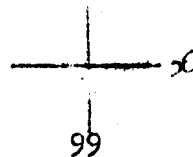
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 14 EN., 1 USN
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: 2 SCOUT DOG TMS.
 - C. COMM. & OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC 25'S;
3 7X50'S
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-60 MG. 1 M-79, 2 CLAYMORE MINES.
2. MISSION: IN CONJUNCTION WITH OPERATION MISSISSIPPI, ESTABLISH AN OP IN AREA ASSIGNED WITH PRIMARY OBSERVATION TO THE SOUTH.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 020730H/070925H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 122 HRS. WITH 3 SIGHTINGS TOTALLING 33 VC; 10-15 RDS. SNIPER FIRE RECEIVED FR. UNKN. NUMBER OF VC VIC. AT803325; ONE ARTY. FM WAS CALLED WITH UNKN. RESULTS. THE PATROL WAS INSERTED ONTO OP VIC. AT805320, BUT STAYED IN THIS POSITION ONLY 24 HRS; THE PATROL WAS THEN RE*-INSERTED BY HELICOPTER TO OP VIC. 900413.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY:
 - 020915H AT820327 SVC WALKING SOUTH ON TRAIL, 50M. INTERVAL; BLK. PJ'S; UNKN. EQUIP; MOVING VERY FAST.
 - 021045H AT803325 10-15 RDS. SEMI. AUTO. SNIPER FIRE INTO PATROLS POSITION; UNKN. NUMBER OF VC; ARTY. FM CALLED AND FIRING CEASED.
 - 040940H AT915400 10-15 VC MOVING WEST IN STR. BED; BLK. PJ'S & COOLIE HATS; INTERSPERSED WPNS; INFANTRY NOTIFIED.
 - 040950H AT913392 10VC IN TREELINE TALKING IN A GROUP; BLK PJ'S & COOLIE HATS; UNKN. EQUIP; INFANTRY NOTIFIED.

B. TERRAIN: THIS FIRST OP VIC. AT805320 IS ON A "BARE" HILLTOP WITH ONLY 2' GRASS; THE PRESENCE OF A WOODLINE 75M. TO THE WEST MAKES THIS AN UNDESIRABLE POSITION. THE SECOND AREA CONSISTS OF A BARE RIDGELINE AS SHOWN ON MAP VIC. AT900413, SURROUNDED BY PRIMARY JUNGLE WITH 40'--60' CANOPY. TOP OF HILL 454 IS COVERED WITH GROWTH.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: A SCOUT DOG NAMED "WOOTEF" CAN BE UNLEASHED TO WALK IN FRONT OF PATROL; HANDLERS NAME IS WILLS; EXCELLENT SECURITY.

A ONE - MAN HOOTCH WAS FOUND VIC. AT805230, CONSISTING OF BAMBOO AND LEAVES WOVEN TOGETHER; MANY SMALL AREAS CUT OUT OF THE ELEPHANT GRASS FOR HARBOUR SITES; PEOPLE HAD BEEN IN THIS VICINITY WITHIN TWO DAYS OF PATROL'S INSERTION.

TRAIL AS INDICATED ON MAP ON THE TOP OF HILL 454 IS THERE--WELL USED TO THE NE BUT OVERGROWN TO THE SOUTH.

020730H, PATROL INSERTED VIC. AT805320; 031235H, PATROL WAS EXTRACTED AND RE-INSERTED VIC. AT900413.

DURING PLANNED EXTRACTION ON 061600H, HELICOPTER CRASHED WITH 5 PATROL MEMBERS OF CONFECTION ABOARD; NO SERIOUS INJURIES; PATROL MEMBERS PLUS CREW MEMBERS LINKED UP WITH THIS PATROL FOR NIGHT.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THE FIRST OP VIC. AT805320 SHOULD DEFINATELY NOT BE USED AGAIN; IT IS ON A BARE HILLTOP WITH A TREELINE DANGEROUSLY CLOSE.

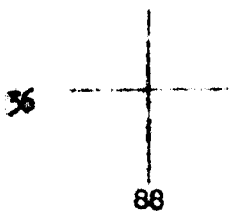
DURING AN OPERATION BY THE INFANTRY, THERE IS TOO MUCH TRAFFIC ON THE NETS: RECON SHOULD USE MORE NETS WITH FEWER TMS. ON EACH.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

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12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

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OPERATION ORDER

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- Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM 1:50,000; Sheet Series L 7014; Sheet 6640 III
 (b) BnOpO 321-66
 (c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) BnFragOrder mag _____

UNIT 2-C CALLSIGN BEARLAKE PATROL LEADER LT. L.P. WOODBURNNO. PRES 12 INSERTION 031430 AT COORD 835378EXTRACTION 061600 061400 AT COORD 835378

AS Designated

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make final check with S-2).
 b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
 c. Attachments and Detachments:

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed. Establish OP vic Hill 452 (AT 837378) and assume crossings mission.

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex A (Operation Overlay).
 (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 031430 H and inserts (VIC 837378) to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction on 061600 H from 061400 (VIC 837378). AS Designated

b. Patrol:

- (1) Conduct ground reconnaissance, as feasible, within assigned area and maintain surveillance of surrounding area.
 (2) The primary direction of observation is to the E&S of assigned area. Annex A establishes patrol's NO FIRE ZONE.

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(3) Emphasis throughout the reconnaissance effort will be placed upon:

- (a) Routes of egress and entry.
- (b) Lines of communications.
- (c) LZ's suitable for exploitation forces.
- (d) Verifying the Order of Battle.
- (e) Location of major installations and facilities to include rest areas, command posts, communications facilities, hospitals, training areas, logistical storage facilities, and POW camps.

(4) Report the capture of all documents and weapons with description to BAD ACTOR ASAP.

(5) Capture and return to U. S. control VC and/or VCS.

c. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Ref (b).
- (2) Submit SITREP to BAD ACTOR hourly.
- (3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.
- (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
- (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Shackle OT azimuth at discretion of patrol leader.
- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertain to your mission.
- (8) Caution all troops to be alert for AP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger lives of patrol members to investigate same.
- (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference (c).
- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of patrol.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. Patrol will come up on AO net. Should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of all serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 021600 H.

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(13) Be prepared for extension of mission in conjunction with OPERATION MISSISSIPPI

(14) On order become OPCON 9th Marines; CoG, 1st Recon Bn (Laison)

(15) ARVN units to be north of R/W Grid 38

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Reference (n).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operations, (to include one days extra rations).
- c. Carry basic allowance of Class V plus at least 2 blocks of C-4 per squad, at least 8 ft of detonating cord per block and 10 ft of time fuse. Sufficient fuse lighters and blasting caps to deal prime each block will be carried.
- d. Patrol leader will carry such other special equipment and weapons as he deems necessary.
- e. Med-evacs, if necessary, will be accomplished IAW previous.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.

b. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary: ~~34.6 M-436~~
- (2) Alternate: ~~45.1 M-637~~
- (3) Helo Net: ~~34.6 M-436~~
- (4) AC Net: ~~34.6 M-436~~
- (5) Artillery: ~~36.9 M-480; 38.6 M-510~~

- c. Code Words: Battalion Brevity Code for Doc 66.

d. Numerals and Authentication:

- e. Thrust Lines: "A" 8336; "B" 8638

- f. Call Signs: Net Control -

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AO

Artillery:

Redwood Charlie: 36.9

Pied Piper Fortrot: 38.6

Patrol:

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Oldfield: 43.6

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OPERATION ORDER: 11-66
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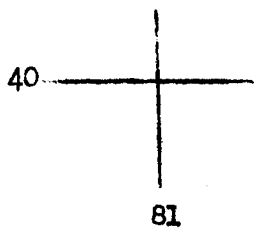
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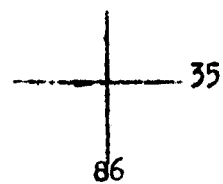
1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 9 EN, 1 USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIP.: 2 PRE 25'S; 1BC SCOPE,
1 M-49 SCOPE, 2 7x50'S
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1M-60 MG, 2 M-79'S, 4 CLAYMORES.
2. MISSION: IN CONJUNCTION WITH OPERATION MISSISSIPPI, MAINTAIN SURVEILLANCE OF THE ASSIGNED AREA, WITH PRIMARY OBSERVATION TO THE SOUTH AND SOUTH EAST.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 031330H/071545H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF ⁷⁸ HRS. WITH NO SIGHTINGS; BAD WEATHER PREVENTED GOOD VISIBILITY AND THE PATROL COULD ONLY OBSERVE 1/5 OF THE TIME THEY WERE IN THE FIELD.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY: NONE
 - B. TERRAIN: THIS IS A SPARSELY COVERED HILL WITH ONLY 2'-3' SCRUB GROWTH; MANY SMALL ROCKS COVER THE AREA; THE SIDES ARE VERY STEEP AS THE HILLTOP ITSELF IS APPROACHED.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: A "TRAPDOOR"-TYPE STRUCTURE WAS OBSERVED VIC. AT 834369; 6'x6' MAKE OF BAMBO AND SURROUNDED BY WIRE; NO ACTIVITY SEEN IN AREA.
 OP WAS ON PEAK OF HILL 452; INSERT AND EXTRACTION LZ'S VIC. AT 838378, WITH ONE CHOPPER LANDING AT A TIME.
 THE CREST OF HILL WAS COVERED WITH OLD GEAR-PATROL FOUND K-BAR, ENTRENCHING TOOL, M-26 GRENADE, ILLUM. GRENADE, AND A VIOLET SMOKE GRENADE.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS: FR. 0800-1100 IS THE BEST TIME FOR INSERTIONS AND EXTRACTIONS IN THIS AREA BECAUSE THE FOG AND OVERCAST IS SPARSE; THE WARMER IT GETS IN THE DAY, THE WORSE THE WEATHER GETS.
THIS IS AN OUTSTANDING OP FOR OBSERVATION TO THE SOUTH; RECOMMEND ANY FUTURE PATROLS ALWAYS TAKE A DC SCOPE FOR BETTER OBSERVATION; ALSO, A CLIMBING ROPE TO MAKE GUIDELINES DOWN THE ROCK CLIFFS.
11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A
12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: WEATHER IS SO POOR IN THIS AREA NOW THAT FUTURE OP PATROLS AT THIS LOCATION ARE ALMOST USELESS; MUST WAIT UNTILL POST-MONSOON SEASON NEXT FEB. OR MARCH.

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Radio RelayOPERATION ORDER 12-66

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM; 1:50,000 AMS; Series L701; Map Sheet 6659 III
 (b) 1st Recon Bn (Rein) OpO 323-66
 (c) Bn PRAG ORDER 49-66
TASK ORGANIZATION: 3rd Plt, C Co.

1. SITUATION. Ref (b).
2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned and provide security for radio relay (BEACON LIGHT X-RAY).
3. EXECUTION.
 - a. Concept of Operation.

Time of Departure - 081000H December 1966
 Time of Return - 151000H December 1966
 - b. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Ref (b).
 - (2) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. Patrol will come up on AO net. Should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
 - (3) Patrol leader will submit list of all serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 071600H December 1966.
 - (4) Ensure patrol members carry sufficient food in event of extension due to weather conditions.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Ref (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
 - a. Ref (b).
 - b. Callsign. EYELET.

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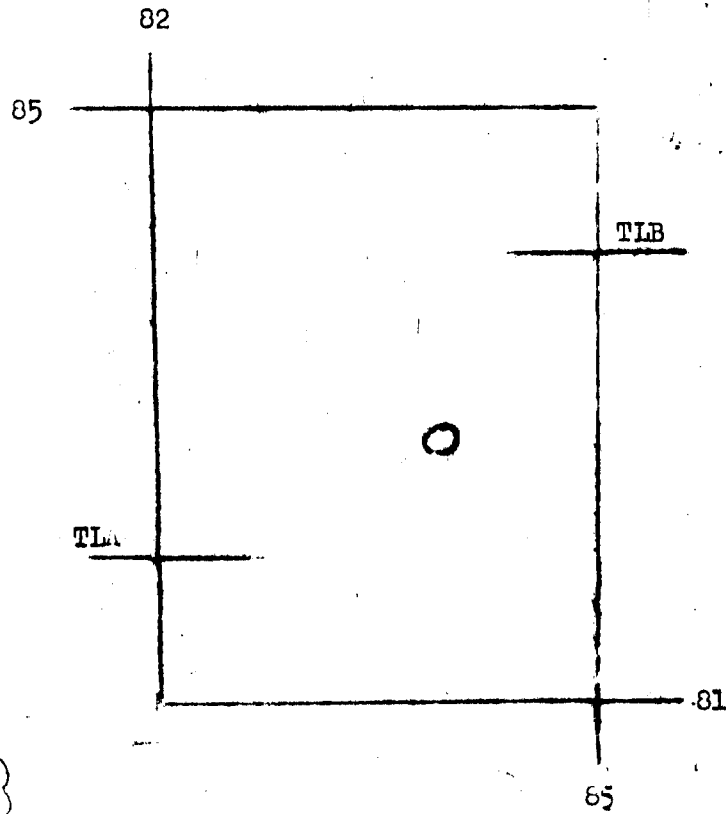
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c. Frequencies.

- (1) Recon Bn: BEACON LIGHT - (P)36.4, (A)45.1
- (2) Arty: REDWOOD - 36.9
PIED PIPER FOXTROT - 379
- (3) MO: BLACK COAT - 36.4
- (4) Helo Net: 36.4

d. Shackle and Brevity Code. Issued by Communications Officer.

AREA OF OPERATION:



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OpOrd 52-66 (Op BRAVO)

- Ref: (a) Map: Vietnam; 1:50,000 AMS; Series L7014, Sheets 6641 III and 6541 II
- (b) 1st Recon Bn (Rein) BnO 323-66
- (c) Bn. FRAG ORDER 52-66

Task Organization (Effective 100800 Dec 1966)

1st Recon Bn (Rein)

H&S Co (-)

Lt. Col. McKeon

Co B (Rein)

Co B (-)

Capt Dixon

Capt Ostrie

Det, H&S Co

Det, Comm Plat

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CWO Sheridan

1. SITUATION

a. En Forces. Current INTSUM's (Make final check with S-2).

b. Frd Forces. Current OPSUM's and PIR's

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned as directed in conjunction with the Provincial Reconnaissance Unit (PRU) from Hoi An, Republic of Viet Nam.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation

(1) Annex A (Operation Overlay)

(2) Depart LZ FINCH at 110630H and insert (VIC # ~~823873~~ ATB20878) to conduct squad size short range area reconnaissance and establish the company combat base.

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- (3) On 12 Dec 1966 conduct three (3) squad size daylight patrols and displace the combat base.
- (4) On 13 Dec 1966 conduct two (2) squad size daylight patrols and displace the combat base.
- (5) On 14 Dec 1966 conduct one (1) platoon size patrol to include harbor and ambushes.
- (6) On 15 Dec 1966 conduct one (1) platoon size patrol to include harbour and ambushes and displace the combat base.
- (7) On 16 Dec 1966 continue to conduct saturation patrolling of assigned area.
- (8) On 17 Dec 1966 be prepared to be extracted by helicopter at 1300L from LZ as designated.
- (9) Emphasis throughout the reconnaissance effort will be placed upon:
 - (a) Routes of egress and entry
 - (b) Lanes of communications
 - (c) LZ's suitable for exploitation forces
 - (d) Verifying the Order of Battle
 - (e) Location of major installations and facilities to include rest areas, command posts, communications facilities, hospitals, training areas, logistical storage facilities, and POW camps.
- (10) Report the capture of all documents and weapons with description to Beacon Light ASAP.
- (11) Capture and return to U. S. Control VC and/or VCS.

b. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Ref (b)
- (2) Submit SITREP to Beacon Light hourly.
- (3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.
- (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
- (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Shackle OT azimuth at discretion of patrol leader.
- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.

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- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertains to your mission.
- (8) Caution all troops to be alert for AP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger lives of patrol members to investigate same.
- (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW 1st Mar Div O P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP).
- (10) Carry at least ten entrenching tools to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of patrols.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. The AO will come up on the Patrol's Net. Should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to the Combat Base.
- (12) Capt Dixon/Capt Ostrie submit list of all serialized equipment and roster of all personnel by 101200H .
- (13) Be prepared to carry out missions in conjunction with OPERATIONS being conducted by the 3rd Bn 9th Marines.
- (14) 3rd Bn 9th Marines will be operating EAST of Grid Line 85.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operations, (to include one days extra rations).
- c. Carry basic allowance of Class V plus at least 2 blocks of C-4 per squad; at least 8 ft of detonating cord per block and 10 ft of time fuse. Sufficient fuze lighters and blasting caps to ~~deal~~ prime each block will be carried.
- d. Patrol leaders will carry such other special equipment and weapons as he deems necessary.
- e. Med-evacs, if necessary, will be accomplished IAW previous instructions.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. No operating units will remain in areas where communications cannot be effected.

CONFIDENTIALb. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary 36.4
- (2) Alternate 45.1
- (3) Helo Net 36.4
- (4) MO Net 36.4
- (5) Artillery 36.9
- (6) 3/9 46.75
- (7) Radio Relay 36.4

c. Shackle and Brevity Code. Issued by Bn Communications Officer for the month of Dec 1966.

d. Call Signs. Net Control - 1st Recon Bn (Rein) Beacon Light

MO - Black Coat

Artillery - Redwood

Patrol - Beacon Light "Bravo"

3/9 - Old Field

Radio Relay - Beacon Light "X-Ray"

PIED PIPER FOXTROT 37.9

e. Command Posts

(1) 1st Recon Bn (Rein) VIC AT 959752

(2) 3d Bn, 9th Mar, VIC AT 926797

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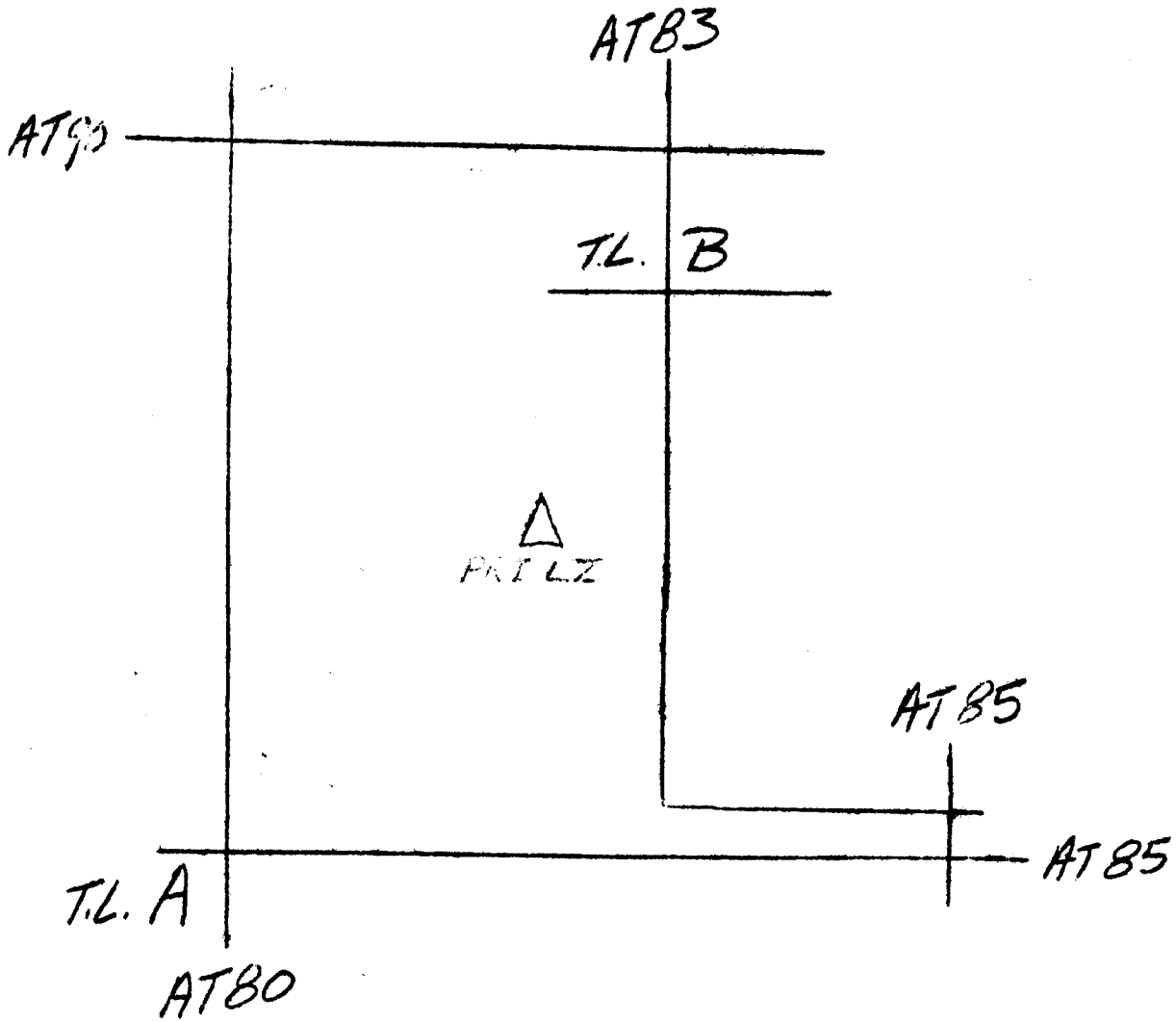
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 75 TOTAL (4 OFF., 28 EN., 36 PRU'S. 4 USN,
 2 ARVN INTERPRETERS, AND ONE CIVILIAN)
 - B. ATTACHMENTS: 4 SCOUT DOG TMS; 4 IT TMS.
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIP.: 8 PRC 25'S; 2 7X50'S.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIP: 16 CLAYMORES, 11 LBS. C-4; 200FT. OF. DET.
 CORD; 240 FT. OF CLIMBING ROPE.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AND TRAINING IN THE
 AREA ASSIGNED WITH SURVEILLANCE AS TERRAIN PERMITS; COORDINATE
 YOUR PATROLLING AS THE SITUATION DEVELOPS IN OPERATION STERLING,
 BEING CONDUCTED TO THE EAST.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 110730H/180830H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 169 HRS. WITH NEGATIVE
 SIGHTINGS OF VC, OR OF SIGNIFICANT EVIDENCE OF VC ACTIVITY IN
 THE AREA. BASE CAMPS WERE ESTABLISHED AND SIX INDEPENDENT PATROLS
 CONDUCTED GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OF THIS AREA.
 THE AREA IS EXCELLENT FOR TRAINING AND IS RECOMMENDED FOR SAME IN
 THE FUTURE.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY: INFORMATION BY SEPRATE PATROLS AS CONDUCTED.
 - (1) B-11, 120730H-121415H: SQUAD SIZE PATROL DISCOVERED
 RECENT FOOTPRINTS ON TRAIL VIC ABG26895; FAIRLY OLD

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FIGHTING HOLES, 2'x3', WERE FOUND VIC. AT821884; 4 SQUAD SIZE HARBOUR SITES OF MATTED DOWN GRASS AND FOOD PARTICLES ON THE GROUND WERE FOUND VIC AT822882 TO AT823883; ONE UNUSUAL TRAIL MARKING FOUND (SEE OVERLAY); TWO 8FT. POLES, RECENTLY CUT, WERE FOUND VIC. AT822884

- (2) B-12, 120740H-121500H: DISCOVERED AN LZ IN AN OLD CRATER SUITABLE FOR ONE UH-46 VIC AT819886; 80-MAN HARBOUR SITE THAT HAD NOT BEEN USED RECENTLY WAS FOUND VIC AT818888.
- (3) B21, 120800H-130925H: A TRAIL SHOWING SIGNS OF RECENT USE (BROKEN AND CUT LIMBS) WAS FOUND GOING UP THE FINGER VIC. AT817884 TO AT813892; THERE ARE 2 OR 3 INTERMITTENT STREAMS IN THE VIC AT818879 WHICH ARE NOT SHOWN ON THE MAP.
- (4) B22, 131200H-131500H: ROUTE RECON. TO NEW CP VIC AT820876; HILL 80 AT THESE COORDINATES IS AN OUTSTANDING OP FOR GOOD OBSERVATION SOUTH OF THE ENTIRE VALLEY.
- (5) B-1, 141200H-151020H: PLT SIZE PATROL WHICH FOUND FAIRLY NEW SURVIVAL KNIFE ON THE TRAIL VIC. AT813379; ALSO AN ENEMY M-60 AMMO POUCH AT THESE SAME COOR.; AT141415H, OBSERVED 3 VCS MOVING QUICKLY OUT OF AREA VIC AT806867 AFTER ARTY. REGISTRATION RD. WAS FIRED; BLK. PJ'S, UNKN. EQUIP.
- (6) B-2, 151300H-171130H: PLT SIZE PATROL FOUND KNIFE MARKS ON TREES VIC. AT819871 WHICH APPEARED TO BE VERY OLD; MANY C-RATIONS CANS AND OTHER ASSORTED TRASH FOUND VIC AT8085.

B. TERRAIN: THIS ENTIRE AREA IS CHARACTERIZED BY EXTREMELY THICK UNDERBRUSH AND EXTREMELY STEEP SLOPES; MANY FAST AND FULL STREAMS IN THE VICINITY. CANOPY RANGES FR. 80'-100' WITH 3'-4' UNDERGROWTH; MOVEMENT IS EXTREMELY SLOW AND DIFFICULT.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT VIC AT821878, IN AN AREA OF TALL ELEPHANT GRASS THAT WILL ACCOMODATE UP TO 4 UH-46'S; EXTRACT VIC AT822862 IN 2'-3' GRASS, HARD GROUND, AN EXCELLENT LZ THAT COULD HANDLE AS MANY AS 6 UH-46'S.

BASE CAMPS WERE ESTABLISHED AT THREE LOCATIONS: FIRST, VIC. AT819885, WHICH IS AN AREA OF MUCH PREVIOUS ARTY. FIRE; NEXT TO A STREAM FOR PLENTY OF WATER, MANY SMALL GAME TRAILS IN AREA. SECOND VIC AT820876 ON HILL 80; THIS IS AN OUTSTANDING CP WITH EXCELLENT SURVEILLANCE SOUTH TO THE RIVER. THIRD. VIC AT822861 AND AT822863, A SPLIT CP TO UTILIZE THE TERRAIN FEATURES.

BLACKCOAT WAS IN THE AREA EVERYDAY BUT THE PATROL COULD NEVER MAKE CONTACT WITH THE AO.

THE ATTEMPTS AT RIVER TRAINING WERE ABORTED BECAUSE RAINE HAVE MADE THE RIVER TOO SWIFT AND DEEP FOR CONSTRUCTIVE INSTRUCTION. GOOD TRAINING, HOWEVER, WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN THE ADJUSTMENT OF ARTY. FIRE.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THERE HAS BEEN NO SIZABLE FORCE OF VC IN THIS AREA FOR A LONG TIME; ALL EVIDENCE OF ANY ACTIVITY WAS VERY OLD, ALTHOUGH SOME WOODCUMBERS STILL OPERATE IN THIS VICINITY. THIS AREA HAS BEEN COMPLETELY WORKED OVER BY ARTY. AND IS COVERED WITH CRATERS.

DOGS ARE NOT SUITED FOR WORK IN TERRAIN AS THICK AND DIFFICULT TO TRAVERSE AT THIS PATROL WORKED IN; DOGS BECAME MORE TROUBLE THAN THEY ARE WORTH AND SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN WHEN A PATROL MUST "BREAK TRAIL"

THIS IS AN EXCELLENT TRAINING AREA AND SHOULD BE UTILIZED AGAIN IF SUCH A NEED ARISES IN THE FUTURE. THIS WOULD BE BETTER

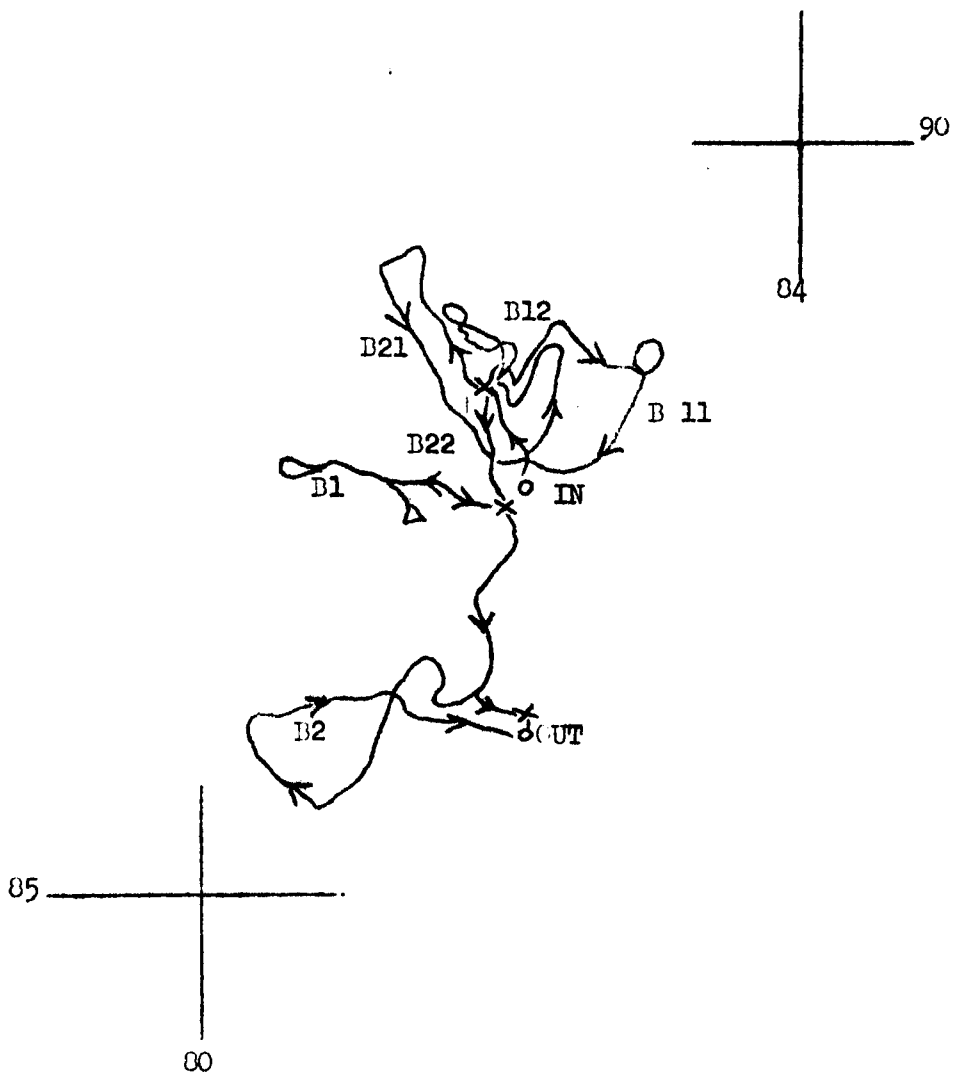
ACCOMPLISHED, HOWEVER, IF'S MALLER UNITS ARE USED. IF A UNIT AS LARGE AS THIS GOES TO THE FIELD AGAIN, RECOMMEND THE "NO FIRE" ZONE BE EXTENDED SEVERAL CLICKS IN EACH DIRECTION TO ENSURE AREA TO WORK IN AND PROTECTION FR. MISTAKEN ARTY. FM'S.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A.

CAPT. A. K. DIXON II
CO, B CO. 1ST RECON. BN.

PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE



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- Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM 1:50000; Sheet L-7014:66A0111
- (b) BnOpO 323-66
- (c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP).
- (d) BnFragOrder Msg # 54-66

UNIT 3 B CALL SIGN BULLRUSH PATROL LEADER CYSGT STONE

NO. PERS. 20 INSERTION TIME 140830H COORDINATES AT932332

EXTRACTION TIME 171600H COORDINATES AT960360

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S-2)
- b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
- c. Attachments and Detachments:

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 140830 H and inserts at via AT931331, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H, on 17DEC66, via AT960360.

b. Patrol:

- (1) Conduct ground reconnaissance, as feasible, within assigned area and maintain surveillance of surrounding area.
- (2) The primary direction of observation is to the 360 of assigned area. Annex "A" establishes patrol's NO FIRE ZONE.

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- (3) Emphasis throughout the reconnaissance effort will be placed upon:
- (a) Routes of egress and entry.
 - (b) Lines of communications.
 - (c) LZ's suitable for exploitation forces.
 - (d) Verifying the Order of Battle.
 - (e) Location of major installations and facilities to include rest areas, command posts, communications facilities, hospitals, training areas, logistical storage facilities, and prisoner of war camps.
- (4) Report the capture of all documents and weapons with description to BEACON LIGHT as soon as possible.
- (5) Capture and return to U.S. control VC and/or VCS.

c. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Ref. (b).
- (2) Submit SITREP to BEACON LIGHT every hour.
- (3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.
- (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
- (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Shackle OT azimuth at the discretion of the patrol leader.
- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertains to your mission.
- (8) Caution all troops to be alert for AP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger lives of patrol members to investigate same.
- (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference (c).
- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of the patrol.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. AO will come up on patrol net, and should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of all serials, equipment and roster of patrol by 1600 the day preceding patrol.

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- a. Reference (b).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operations, (to include one day extra rations in the event of extension).
- c. Carry basic allowance of Class V plus at least 2 blocks C-4 per squad, 8 feet of detonating cord per block, 10 feet of time fuse, sufficient fuse lighters and blasting caps to dual prime each block of C-4.
- d. Patrol leader will carry, or have carried, such other special equipment as he may deem necessary.
- e. Necessary med-evacs will be performed in accordance with previous instructions.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies.
 - (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 34.0.
 - (2) Alternate Net 45.1.
 - (3) Artillery (1) ~~36.9~~, Artillery(2) 34.0.
- c. Shackle and Brevity Code. Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.

d. Call Signs. Net Control:

BEACON LIGHT:	1st RECON BN.
BEACON LIGHT DELTA:	RELAY
BLACK COAT:	A.O.
REDWOOD "C"	ARTY
BEACON LIGHT BULLRUSH:	PATROL

e. Command Posts.

- (1) 1st. Recon. Bn. (Rein); via AT959752.

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Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps
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ANNEXES:

A. Operation Overlay

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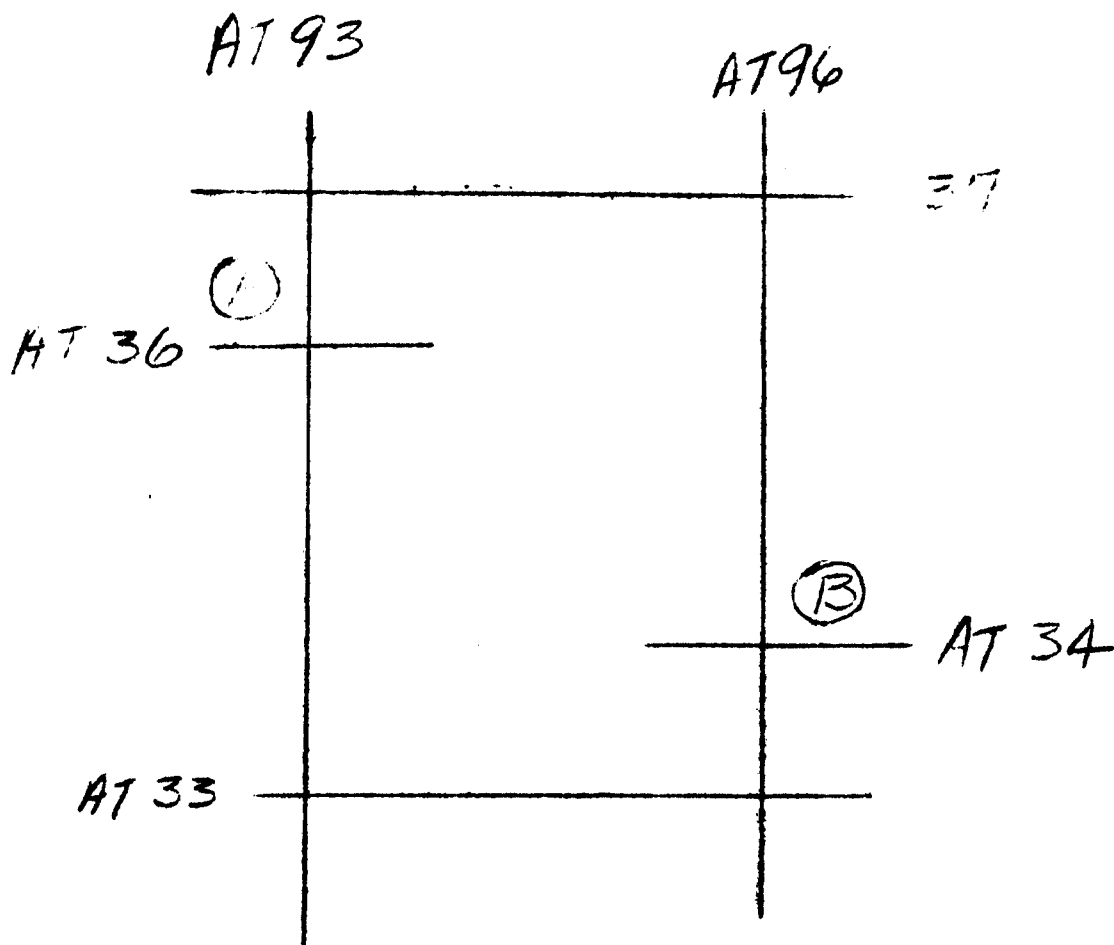
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COMPANY "B"

1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Forward)
 FPO San Francisco, California 96602

List of Serialized Items being taken to field

M-14	Binoculars	Pistol	Carbine	Shotgun	Grease Gun
421857	15284	896223	6880721	981071	615404
1359039	17884				
556398	1493				
564668	9622				
574093					
1378547					
956673					
556720					
1591705					
1381606					
1162041					
549669					
1591968					
1381897					
1157925					
942131					
619775					

Radio	M-79	M-60
3114	7177	3294SR
3205	10790	

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 Patrol: 3-B BULLRUSH
 Debriefed: Lt. R. S. Roberts
 Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000;
 Ans L7014: Sheet 6640 III

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 20 EN.; 1 USN.
 - B. ATTACHMENTS: 1 SCOUT DOG TM.
 - C. COMM. & OBSERVATION EQUIP.: 2 PRC 25'S; 3 7x50'S.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 2 M-79; 1 M-60 MG; 6 CLAYMORES; 6 FLKS.
 C-4; 1 12-GAUGE SHOTGUN (BEEHIVE RDS.)
2. MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN AREA ASSIGNED WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON OBSERVATION SOUTH INTO THE HIEP DUC AREA WHEN POSSIBLE.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 161400H/191430H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 72 $\frac{1}{2}$ HRS. WITH THREE SIGHTINGS TOTALING 35 VC; ONE ARTY. FM WAS CONDUCTED ON ONE OF THESE SIGHTINGS RESULTING IN 2 VC KIA PROB. AT 191020H, PATROL RECEIVED UNKN. NUMBER OF SMALL ARMS RDS. FR. UNKN. NUMBER OF VC RESULTING IN 2 USMC WIA EVAC. AT 191335H, CONTACT WAS MADE WITH ESTIMATED 20-25 VC; EXCHANGE OF SMALL ARMS RESULTED IN 3 VC WIA CONF., 1 VC KIA PROB., AND THE PATROL WAS EXTRACTED WITHOUT INJURY.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY:

170945H	AT94733	4 VC TENDING CATTLE; BLK. PJ'S; CUTTING TOOLS.
181035H	AT95935	6 VC ON TOP OF HILL 350 DIGGING IN GROUND; BLK. PJ'S; 3 RIFLES; ARTY. FM CALLED RESULTING IN 2 VC WIA PROB.

191020H AT940350 RECEIVED AN UNKN. NUMBER OF BOUND...
 AN. UNKN. NUMBER OF VC RESULTING IN 2
 USMC WIA EVAC.; ARTY. FM CALLED ON AREA
 SHOTS APPARENTLY CAME FROM.

191335H AT949347 ESTIMATED 20-25 VC BEGAN FIRING SEMI. &
 AUTO. WPNS. FIRE AT PATROL; VC APPROX.
 100 M. FR. PATROL'S POSITION; PATROL
 RETURNED FIRE AND CALLED ARTY. FM; RESULT
 WAS 3 VC WIA CONF., 1 VC KIA PROB.; PATROL
 EXTRACTED.

B. TERRAIN: THE TERRAIN IN THIS AREA IS FAIRLY SPARSE AND CRISS*
 GROSSED WITH A NETWORK OF TRAILS; RATE OF MOVEMENT IS AT THE
 DISCRETION OF PATROL LEADER. CANOPY IS ONLY 15'-20' HIGH WITH
 SCRUB GROWTH 2'-6' TALL ON TOP OF RIDGELINE. AREA IS MARKED FR.
 LIVESTOCK GRAZING. THERE IS MORE CONCEALMENT IN THIS AREA THAN
 COVER.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: ON SEVERAL OCCASSIONS DURING THIS PATROL,
 RADIO INTERFERENCE WAS EXPERIENCED ON THE RECON. PRIMARY FRE-
 QUENCY; THE VOICES WERE SPEAKING VIETNAMESE AND FRENCH AND WERE
 MAKING A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO JAM THE NET WITH CONVERSATION AND
 SINGING. ON ONE OCCASSION AT 191830, A VIETNAMESE VOICE ATTEMPTED
 TO RAISE ANY STATION ON THE NET USING THE CALLSIGN 'DUTCH OVEN'

ALONG THIS PATROL'S ROUTE, THERE IS A PARTIAL CLEARING VIC.
 AT940339 WITH SMALL HOLES SCOUPED OUT OF THE GROUND, AND EVIDENCE
 OF RECENTLY CUT TREES. V. D. AT938337, THERE IS A VILLAGE WITH
 FRESHLY CULTIVATED GARDENS BUT UNWORKED PADDIES; 50 HEAD OF CATTLE
 IN AREA BUT NO SIGN OF 1 MAN A REVIT IN THE V. D. OF AT947332;
 THERE IS A VILLAGE AS INDICATED ON THE MAP.

INSERT WAS LIG AT945342, A ONE BIRD ZONE FOR UH-46; EXTRACT MADE VIC943240, HACKED OUT FOR THE EMERGENCY EXTRACTION.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 2 USMC WIA (EVAC.); 3 VC WIA CONFIRMED, 1 VC KIA PROBABLE.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: 2 HOSPITALIZED PATROL MEMBERS; OTHERS GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THIS IS DEFINATELY AN AREA OF VC ACTIVITY, THE EXTENT OF WHICH REMAINS UNKNOWN. THIS FIRST CONTACT MUST HAVE RESULTED FROM VC SNIPERS WAITING ALONG THE PATROL ROUTE; AFTER THIS INITIAL CONTACT AND MEDEVACS, IT TOOK ONLY A SHORT TIME TO MUSTER A VC FORCE OF 20-25, LARGE ENOUGH TO ATTACK THE PATROL ITSELF; CONSEQUENTLY, THERE MAY BE SOME TYPE OF VC CAMP IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA.

THERE ARE SEVERAL GOOD OP SITES IN THIS AREA FOR GENERAL OBSERVATION BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH; THE DIFFICULTY IS THAT THERE ARE NO GOOD HARBOUR SITES OR DEFENSIVE POSITIONS IN THE VICINITY. THERE ARE GOOD OP'S ON HILL 579 VIC. AT946345 FOR OBSERVATION WEST AND NORTHWEST INTO VALLEY; ALSO, VIC AT949344 FOR OBSERVATION TO THE EAST, NE, AND SE. HILL 550 VIC. AT959359 WILL AFFORD GOOD OBSERVATION OF THE ROAD LEADING INTO ANTENNAE VALLEY.

HELZ'S CAN BE HACKED OUT ANYWHERE ALONG THIS RIDGE/TINE; THERE ARE SUITABLE LANDING ZONES VIC. AT945337, AT947346, AND AT943240.

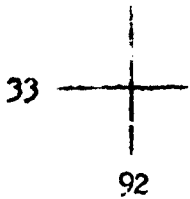
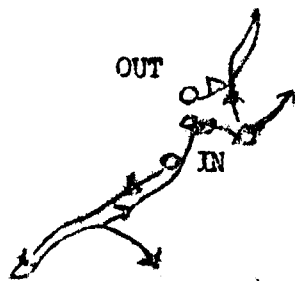
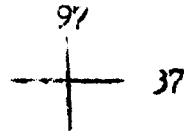
WHEN THE HANDBER WAS MED EVACED, THE SCOUT DOG STILL PERFORMED WELL.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

GY/SGT. A. J. STONE
3RD PLT. CO B
PATROL LEADER.

12. COMMENTS BY WEBRIEFER: THIS IS THE SECOND INSTANCE THAT RECON.
TROOPS HAVE RECEIVED FIRE FROM OR OBSERVED VC AT HILL 500, VIC
AT952555; THERE IS DEFINATELY VC ACTIVITY OF UNKNOWN NATURE IN
THE VICINITY OF THIS LOCATION. FUTURE PATROLS PLANNED FOR THIS
AREA.

PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY



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- (b) BnOpO 323-66
- (c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP).
- (d) BnFragOrder Msg # 53-66.

UNIT 3 CALL SIGN CORN BREAD PATROL LEADER LT. KING

NO. PERS. 13 INSERTION TIME 140730H COORDINATES BT 011444

EXTRACTION TIME 171500H COORDINATES AT997423

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S-2)
- b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
- c. Attachments and Detachments:

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 140730 H and inserts at vic BT011444, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1500H, on 17 DEC 66, vic AT997423.

b. Patrol:

- (1) Conduct ground reconnaissance, as feasible, within assigned area and maintain surveillance of surrounding area.
- (2) The primary direction of observation is to the 360° of assigned area. Annex "A" establishes patrol's NO FIRE ZONE.

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- (3) Emphasis throughout the reconnaissance effort will be placed upon:
- (a) Routes of egress and entry.
 - (b) Lines of communications.
 - (c) LZ's suitable for exploitation forces.
 - (d) Verifying the Order of Battle.
 - (e) Location of major installations and facilities to include rest areas, command posts, communications facilities, hospitals, training areas, logistical storage facilities, and prisoner of war camps.
- (4) Report the capture of all documents and weapons with description to BEACON LIGHT as soon as possible.
- (5) Capture and return to U.S. control VC and/or VCS.

c. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Ref. (b).
- (2) Submit SITREP to BEACON LIGHT every hour.
- (3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.
- (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
- (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Shackle OT azimuth at the discretion of the patrol leader.
- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertains to your mission.
- (8) Caution all troops to be alert for AP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger lives of patrol members to investigate same.
- (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference (c).
- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of the patrol.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. AO will come up on patrol net, and should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of all serials, equipment and roster of patrol by 1600 the day preceeding patrol.

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- a. Reference (b).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operations, (to include one day extra rations in the event of extension).
- c. Carry basic allowance of Class V plus at least 2 blocks C-4 per squad, 8 feet of detonating cord per block, 10 feet of time fuse, sufficient fuse lighters and blasting caps to dual prime each block of C-4.
- d. Patrol leader will carry, or have carried, such other special equipment as he may deem necessary.
- e. Necessary med-evacs will be performed in accordance with previous instructions.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies.
 - (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 34.0.
 - (2) Alternate Net 45.1.
 - (3) Artillery (1) 36.9, Artillery (2) 34.0.

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- c. Shackle and Brevity Code. Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs. Net Control:

BEACON LIGHT:	1st RECON BN.
BEACON LIGHT DELT:	RELAY
REDWOOD "C"	ARTY
BLACK COAT:	A.O.
BEACON LIGHT CORNBREAD:	PATROL
- e. Command Posts.
 - (1) 1st. Recon. Bn. (Rein); via AT959752.

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ANNEXES:

A. Operation Overlay

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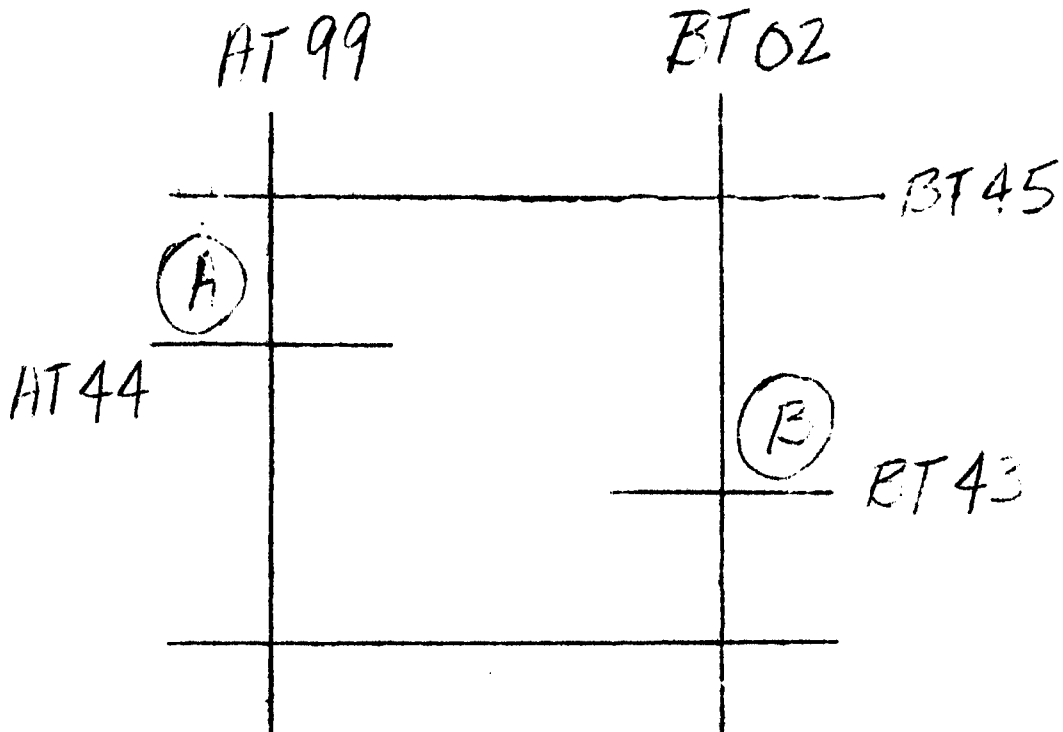
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Operation Order: 54 - 8
 Patrol: 3-F CORN BREAD
 Debriefed: Lt. R. S. Roberts
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 Ans L7014; Sheet 6640 III, 6640 II

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF., 12 EN., 1 USN.
- B. ATTACHMENTS: 1 SCOUT DOG TM.
- C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIP.: 2 PRC 25'S; 1 7x50.
- D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-60 MG; 2 M-79'S; 6 BLKS. C-6; 24 CS GRENADES AND MASKS.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN THE AREA ASSIGNED. RECORD TRAIL NETWORKS AND POSSIBLE HLZ SITES IN THE AREA.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 151230H/181600H.

4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.

5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 75½ HRS. WITH ONE SIGHTING OF 3 VC. ONE ARTY. FM WAS CONDUCTED WITH UNKN. RESULTS.

THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF VC ACTIVITY IN THE AREA PATROLLED.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY:

170230H BTOL2443 4-5 BRIGHT LIGHTS THAT APPEARED TO BE MOVING; 2 PRC . 1500 M. AWAY; FM CALLED AND LIGHTS EXTINGUISHED.

181330H BTOL26394 3 VC MOVED IN 0 VILLAGE; LK. P5'S; 3 RIFLES; FM CONDUCTED WITH UNKN RESULTS.

B. TERRAIN: THE HIGHGROUND IS FAIRLY BARE. COVERED ONLY WITH SCRUBGROWTH; DOWN IN THE DRAWS, VERY THICK SECONDARY JUNGLE GROWTH IS ENCOUNTERED; THERE ARE ALSO ROCKS OF ASSORTED SIZES

SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE DOWNGROUND. THE RIDGELINE IS CROSS-CROSSED WITH SMALL TRAILS.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT VIC BT012453, AN OPEN AREA WITH SCATTERED SMALL ROCKS; A GOOD LZ BIG ENOUGH FOR 2 UH-46'S; FRESH DUNG FOUND IN LZ, NOT MORE THAN 24 HRS. OLD. EXTRACT VIC AT997422; A CLEAR FLINGER BIG ENOUGH FOR 1-BIRD HLZ.

AN OLD HARBOUR SITE OF MATTED DOWN GRASS, LAKE ENOUGH FOR 10-15 MEN, WAS LOCATED VIC. BT000427; THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF RECENT USE.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE FOUND OF VC ACTIVITY IN THE AREA PATROLLED; IF THE VC USE THIS AREA AT ALL, IT IS FOR TRANSIENT PURPOSES BETWEEN VALLEYS.

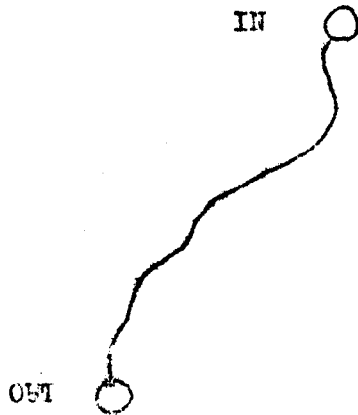
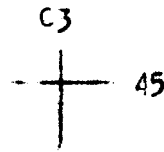
THERE ARE VERY GOOD OP'S FROM ANYWHERE ALONG THE RIDGELINE FOR OBSERVATION NW AND SE. ALSO, GOOD LZ'S CAN BE FOUND IN THE MANY SMALL CLEARINGS WHICH DOT THE RIDGE.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

LT. J. KING
1st FORCE RECON. CO.
PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE

PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY



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 (b) BnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) BnFragOrder Mag # 55-66

UNIT 210 CAL SIGN DUTCH OVEN PATROL LEADER Lt. BUNNNO. PERS. 15 INSERTION TIME 160730 COORDINATES AT837378EXTRACTION TIME 201600 COORDINATES AT8373781. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S-2).
- b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
- c. Attachments and Detachments:

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed.

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ Finch at 160730H and inserts at via AT837378, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600, on 20 December 1966 via AT837378.

b. Patrol:

- (1) Conduct ground reconnaissance, as feasible, within assigned area and maintain surveillance of surrounding area.
- (2) The primary direction of observation is to the 360° of assigned area. Annex "A" established patrol's NO FIRE ZONE.

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CONFIDENTIAL4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operations, (to include one day extra rations in the event of extension).
- c. Carry basic allowance of Class V plus at least 2 blocks C-4 per squad, 8 feet of detonating cord per block, 10 feet of time fuse, sufficient fuse lighters and blasting caps to dual prime each block of C-4.
- d. Patrol leader will carry, or have carried, such other special equipment as he may deem necessary.
- e. Necessary med-evacs will be performed in accordance with previous instructions.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies.
 - (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 34.0
 - (2) Alternate Net 45.1
 - (3) Artillery (1) 37.3 Artillery (2) 34.0
35.1
- c. Shackle and Brevity Code. Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs. Net Control:
 - BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 - BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Relay
 - BLACK COAT - A.O.
 - REDWOOD "C" - Arty *PIED PIPER ALFA FORWARD (A90-35.1)*
 - BEACON LIGHT DUTCH OVEN - Patrol
- e. Command Posts.
 - (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein); via AT959752.

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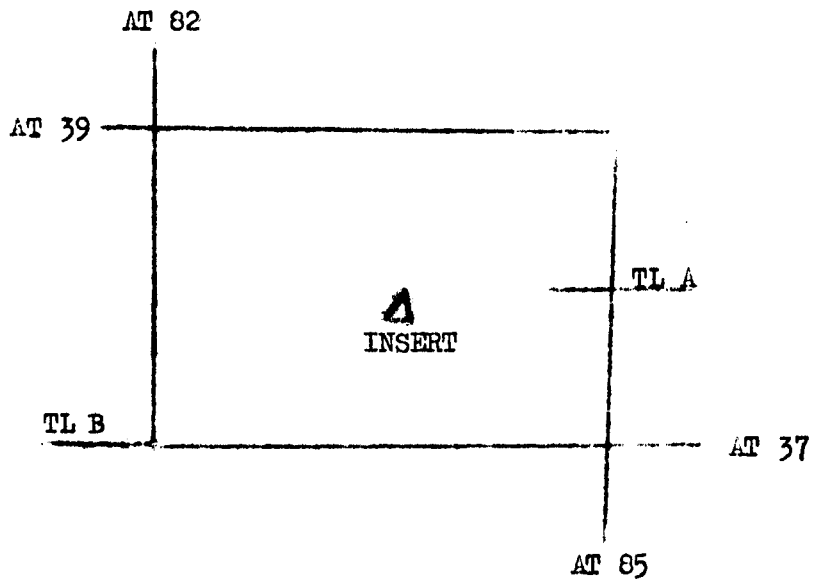
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DUTCH OVEN



OPERATION ORDER: 55-60
 PATROL: 2-B DUTCH OVEN
 DEBRIEFER: LT. R.S. ROBERTS
 MAPS: VIETNAM, 1:50,000;
 AMS L7014; SHEET 6640 III

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF.; 12 EN.; 1 USN.
 - B. ATTACHMENTS: NONE
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 3 7x50's; 1 M-49 SPOTTER SCOPE.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M3A1 WITH SILENCER; 1 M-60 MG; 18 BULS. OF C-4; 6 CLAYMORTS.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT 360 DEGREE SURVEILLANCE FROM THE STATIONARY OP IN THE ASSIGNED AREA; PRIMARY DIRECTION OF OBSERVATION IS TO THE SOUTH.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 170955H/211625H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 102 1/2 HOURS, WITH ONE SIGHTING OF ONE VC; THE HLZ ON TOP OF THIS OP POSITION WAS BLOWN WITH C-4 AND WILL NOW ACCOMMODATE ONE UH-46.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY: 181425H, AT835394; 1 VC MOVING WEST ON TRAIL; BLK. PJ'S AND CART. BELT; 1 RIFLE.
 - B. TERRAIN: THIS OP IS LOCATED ON THE TOP OF AN EXTREMELY STEEP RIDGELINE WITH ROCK CLIFFS ON TWO SIDES; SCRUB GROWTH IS THE ONLY VEGETATION.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: THE HLZ ON TOP OF THIS OP HAS BEEN PREPARED AND IS NOW LARGE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE ONE UH-46.

THREE CHICOM MINES WERE FOUND AND BARM ON THE INSERTION LZ; THESE WERE RIGGED WITH A TRIP MINE FUSE DETECTION AND WERE PLACED ON THE TRAIL VIC. AT839378; THIS IS THE SAME AREA WHERE BOON TRAPS WERE FOUND BY

CO. B 10 DAYS PREVIOUS.

THAT THERE IS NO WATER AT ALL AVAILABLE ON THIS OP; ALL WATER NEEDED BY THE PATROL MUST BE BROUGHT IN WATER CANS.

THIS PATROL ALSO EXPERIENCED INTERFERENCE ON THEIR PRIMARY FREQ. WHENEVER IMPORTANT TRANSMISSIONS WERE BEING MADE, JAMMING WAS CAUSED BY A VIETNAMESE-SPEAKING VOICE, EITHER SINGING OR TALKING.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.

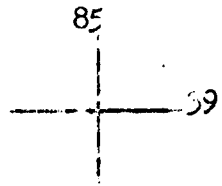
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THIS IS AN OUTSTANDING OPERATIONAL OBSERVATION OF THE ENTIRE VALLEY; THE OP POSITION COULD BE DEFENDED BY ONLY EIGHT MEN, ONLY HALF A PLATOON IS NECESSARY RATHER THAN USING A WHOLE ONE. ALSO, A BATTALION CONTROLLED BC SCOPE IS RECOMMENDED AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE FOR THIS OP. THE NEXT PLATOON TO GO TO THIS POSITION SHOULD TAKE ENOUGH C-4 TO MAKE FINAL IMPROVEMENTS ON THE LZ.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

LT. J. DUNN
2nd PLT. CO. B
PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: THIS POSITION HAS NOW BEEN ESTABLISHED AS A PERMANENT OP, AND WILL BE MANNED CONSTANTLY BY A RECON PATROL.

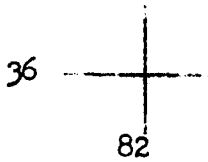
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OPERATION ORDER# 56-66

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM 1:50,000; Sheet L-7014;6540I.6640IV
 (b) BnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1st MarDivO P3800, 1F (Intelligence SOP).
 (d) BnFragOrder Mag #56-66

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UNIT 1-F CALL SIGN Chicken Pie PATROL LEADER LT. BarnesNO. PERS. 14 INSERTION TIME 150730H COORDINATES ZC189519EXTRACTION TIME 181600H COORDINATES BT7905201. SITUATION.a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSN'S (Make a final check with S&2)b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.c. Attachments and Detachments: 2 Mog teams2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed.3. EXECUTION:a. Concept of Operations:

(1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).

(2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 150730 H and inserts at vic BT790520, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H, on 18 Dec 66, vic ZC189519b. Patrol:

(1) Conduct ground reconnaissance, as feasible, within assigned area and maintain surveillance of surrounding area.

(2) The primary direction of observation is to the 360° of, assigned area. Annex "a" establishes patrol's NO FIRE ZONE.

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(3) Emphasis throughout the reconnaissance effort will be placed upon:

- (a) Routes of egress and entry.
- (b) Lines of communications.
- (c) LZ's suitable for exploitation forces.
- (d) Verifying the Order of Battle.
- (e) Location of major installations and facilities to include rest areas, command posts, communications facilities, hospitals, training areas, logistical storage facilities, and prisoner of war camps.

(4) Report the capture of all documents and weapons with description to BEACON LIGHT as soon as possible.

(5) Capture and return to U.S. control VC and/or VCS.

c. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Ref. (b).
- (2) Submit SITREP to BEACON LIGHT every hour.
- (3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.
- (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
- (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Shackle OT azimuth at the discretion of the patrol leader.
- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertains to your mission.
- (8) Caution all troops to be alert for AP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger lives of patrol members to investigate same.
- (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference (c).
- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of the patrol.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. AO will come up on patrol net, and should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of all serial numbers equipment and roster of patrol by 1600 the day preceding patrol.

CONFIDENTIAL4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Sufficient class I to sustain operations, (to include one day extra rations in the event of extention).
- c. Carry basic allowance of class V plus at least 2 blocks G-4 per squad, 8 feet of detonating cord per block, 10 feet of time fuse, sufficient fuse lighters and blasting caps to dual prime each block of G-4
- d. Patrol leader will carry, or have carried, such other special equipment as he may see necessary.
- e. Necessary med-evacs will be performed in accordance with previous instructions.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies.
 - (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 34.6
 - (2) Alternate Net 45.1
 - (3) Artillery (1) 36.9, Artillery (2) 36.9 34.6
37.3
- c. Shackle and Brevity Code. Issued by battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs. Net Control; Beacon Light-1st Recon Bn.
Beacon Light Delta-Relay
Beacon Light Chicken Pie-Patrol
Black Coat-AO
Redwood "C"-Arty (155)
Artic a "E"-Arty (105)
- e. Command Posts.
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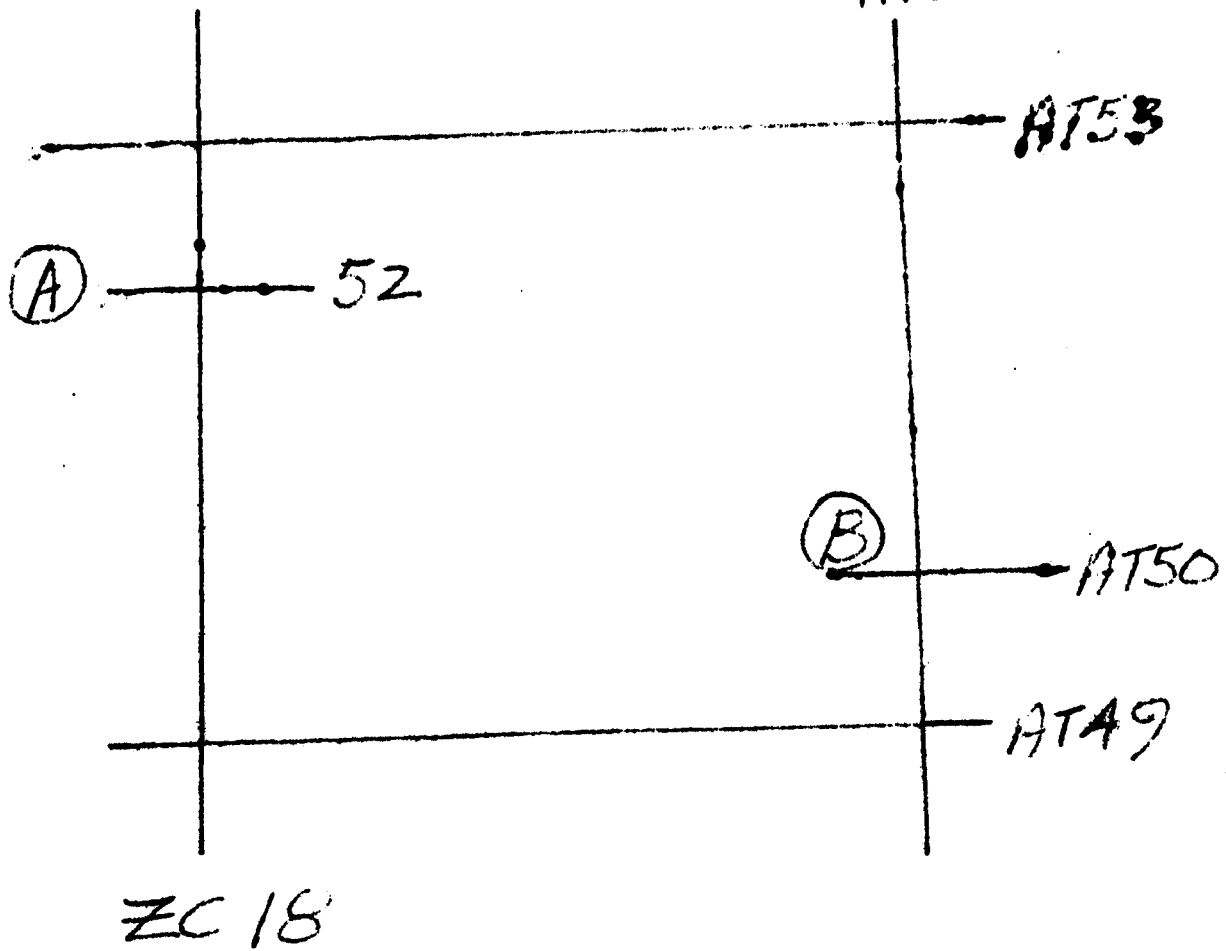
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ANNEX A
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1st Recon Bn
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 Operation Order: 56-66
 Patrol: 1-F CHICKEN PIE
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 181800H December 66

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 11 EN, 1 USN, 1 USSF.
 - B. ATTACHMENTS: 1 SCOUT DOG TM.; 1 USSF.
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIP.: 2 PRC 25'S; 1 7x50'S.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79; 1 M-76; 4 CLAYMORES; 3 WE RIFLE GRE.; 24 CS GRENADES.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE IN THE AREA ASSIGNED WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON CHECKING OUT THE REPORTED POW AND SUPPLY CACHES IN THIS AREA.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 151100H/181505H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 76 HRS. WITH TWO SIGHTINGS TOTALLING 11 VC SAMPANS; TWO ARTY. FM WERE CONDUCTED RESULTING IN 6 SAMPANS DESTROYED. IN THE AREA COVERED BY GROUND RECONNAISSANCE, NONE OF THE SUSPECTED POW CAMPS OR SUPPLY CACHES WERE LOCATED, BUT DEFINATE EVIDENCE OF VC ACTIVITY WAS FOUND IN THIS AREA.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY:

181310H	AT787544	11 VC SAMPANS CROSSING THE RIVER; UNKN. NUMBER OF VC; ARTY. FM CONDUCTED WITH 6 SAMPANS DESTROYED.
181400H	ZC204555	UNKN. NUMBER OF SAMPANS ALONG RIVERBANK; ARTY. FM WITH GOOD COVERAGE & ONE SECOND- ARY EXPLOSI

6. TERRAIN: EXTREMELY ROUGH TERRAIN WITH THICK SECONDARY GROWTH, DRIED SCRUB BRUSH ON TOP OF THE RIDGELINES. WITH THICK JUNGLE VEGETATION IN THE DRAWS. MOVING CROSS-COMPARTMENT IS VERY DIFFICULT. THERE ARE MANY STREAMS IN THIS AREA AND ALL ARE FULL THIS TIME OF YEAR. THE CANOPY AVERAGES BETWEEN 50'-100' AND BECOMES THINNER AS ONE PROCEEDS UP INTO THE HIGHGROUND.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERTION WAS MADE VIC. ZC194521 IN AN OLD ARTY. SHELL CRATER IN SCRUB BRUSH ; 1-BIRD ZONE. EXTRACTION WAS VIC AT788522, ON AN OPEN RIDGELINE WHERE HELICOPTERS COULD LAND ANYPLACE.

DURING THE PATROLLING ROUTE, A 12'x12' STRUCTURE WAS FOUND VIC ZC197497; THIS WAS VERY WELL CAMOFLAGED WITH THATCHED ROOF & SLEEPING PLATFORM; NO SIGN OF USE IN PAST 3-4 WEEKS. ANOTHER STRUCTURE FOUND VIC ZC195501 WHICH WAS A SMALL CRUDE SHELTER; THIS POINT IS AN EXCELLENT OP FOR SURVEILLANCE TO THE EAST, SOUTH, & SOUTHEAST.

MOVING UP TO HILL 734 VIC. ZC192503 THE TRAIL IS COVERED WITH MANY DUG OUTS; THERE ARE CLEARED "BREAK AREAS" FOR MANY MEN WHERE THE VEGETATION HAS BEEN CLEARED AND LOG BENCHES BUILT; NO SIGN OF RECENT USE OR VC ACTIVITY.

VICINITY ZC196506, THERE IS AN EXCELLENT OP THAT HAS BEEN EXTENSIVELY USED BY THE VC; TRAILS LEAD OFF IN 4 DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS FROM A CONSTRUCTED PLATFORM.

THERE ARE CONSTRUCTED CAMPSITES ON TOP OF HILL 604 VIC ZC201509; THE REMAINS OF FIRES WERE FOUND; THERE ARE "BREAK AREAS" ON ALL TRAILS LEADING UP TO THIS HILLTOP.

AT ZC210522, CHOW WAS FOUND ALONG THE TRAIL, WRAPPED IN BANANA LEAVES; A VC OIL CAN WAS ALSO FOUND AT THIS LOCATION; BOTH OF THESE ITEMS APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN 4-5 DAYS OLD.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD; SCOUT DOG HAD DIFFICULTY BREAKING TRAIL AND HAD SORE PAWS THE ENTIRE PATROL.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: ALL THE REPORTED AREAS OF VC INSTALLATIONS WERE CHECKED OUT WITH NEGATIVE FINDINGS. THERE HAVE BEEN LARGE VC FORCES OPERATING IN THIS AREA IN THE PAST, EVIDENCED BY THE IMPROVED TRAIL NETWORKS AND STRUCTURES FOUND. PRESENTLY, IT APPEARS THAT ONLY SMALL VC GROUPS ARE USING THIS AREA AND NO LARGE ENEMY INSTALLATIONS WERE FOUND IN THE AREA PATROLLED. A LARGE FORCE, HOWEVER, COULD MOVE BACK AND OPERATE IN THIS VICINITY AT ANY TIME.

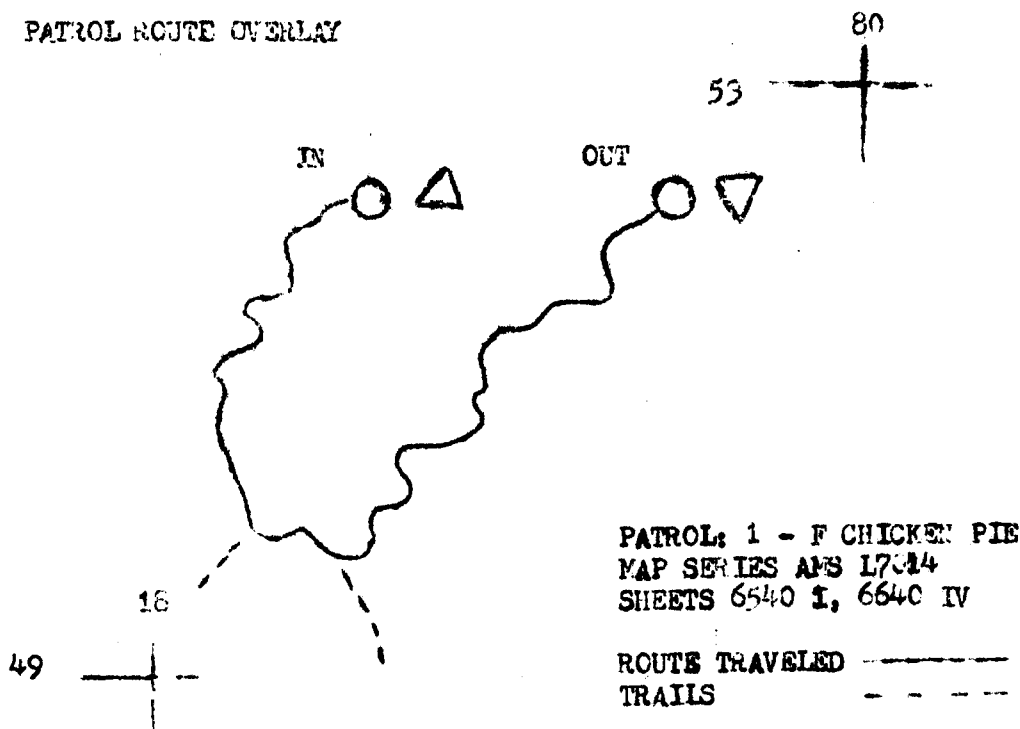
THIS AREA MUST BE PATROLLED CONSTANTLY BECAUSE THE FACILITIES ARE THERE FOR ENEMY OCCUPATION. SUGGEST NEXT PATROL WORK THE NEXT FOUR GRID SQUARES TO THE SOUTHWEST. ALSO, THAT PATROLS BE GIVEN A SMALLER AREA TO WORK, WHICH WOULD ENABLE THEM TO DO A MORE THOROUGH JOB OF CHECKING OUT REPORTED POW CAMPS ETC.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A.

LT. E. BARNES
1ST FORCE RECON CO.
PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: FUTURE PATROLS HAVE BEEN PLANNED TO SYSTEMATICALLY CHECK OUT THIS ENTIRE AREA; PERIODIC EFFORT IS REQUIRED, AS THE AREA WAS ONCE POPULAR WITH THE VC FOR THEIR BASE CAMPS, STORAGE CACHES, ETC.; BECAUSE OF ITS LOCATION AND TERRAIN, THE VC CAN OPERATE IN FORCE IN THIS VICINITY AT ANY TIME.

PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY



PATROL: 1 - F CHICKEN PIE
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OPERATION ORDER # 57-66

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 (b) BnCo 323-66
 (c) 1stMarDiv P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP).
 (d) BnFlagOrder Msg # 57-66.

UNIT 53F CALL SIGN CONFECTION PATROL LEADER LT. GUTERMAN
 NO. PERS. 14 INSERTION TIME 160730H COORDINATES AT 937457
 EXTRACTION TIME 191600H COORDINATES AT 937425

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S-2)
- b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
- c. Attachments and Detachments: 2 DOG TEAMS

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed.

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operations:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay). 1 24
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 160730 H and inserts at vic AT 937457, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H, on 19 DEC 66, vic AT 937425.

b. Patrol:

- (1) Conduct ground reconnaissance, as feasible, within assigned area and maintain surveillance of surrounding area.
- (2) The primary direction of observation is to the 360° of assigned area. Annex "A" establishes patrol's NO FIRE ZONE.

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(3) Emphasis throughout the reconnaissance effort will be placed upon:

- (a) Routes of egress and entry.
- (b) Lines of communications.
- (c) LZ's suitable for exploitation forces.
- (d) Verifying the Order of Battle.
- (e) Location of major installations and facilities to include rest areas, command posts, communications facilities, hospitals, training areas, logistical storage facilities, and prisoner of war camps.

(4) Report the capture of all documents and weapons with description to BEACON LIGHT as soon as possible.

(5) Capture and return to U.S. control VC and/or VCS.

o. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Ref. (b).
- (2) Submit SITREP to BEACON LIGHT every hour.
- (3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.
- (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
- (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Shackle OT azimuth at the discretion of the patrol leader.
- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertains to your mission.
- (8) Caution all troops to be alert for AP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger lives of patrol members to investigate same.
- (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference (c).
- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of the patrol.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. AO will come up on patrol net, and should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of all serials, equipment and roster of patrol by 1600 the day preceding patrol.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operations, (to include one day extra rations in the event of extension).
- c. Carry basic allowance of Class V plus at least 2 blocks C-4 per squad, 8 feet of detonating cord per block, 10 feet of time fuse, sufficient fuse lighters and blasting caps to dual prime each block of C-4.
- d. Patrol leader will carry, or have carried, such other special equipment as he may deem necessary.
- e. Necessary med-evacs will be performed in accordance with previous instructions.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies.
 - (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net _____.
 - (2) Alternate Net _____.
 - (3) Artillery (1) _____ Artillery (2) _____.
- c. Shackle and brevity code. Issued by Battalion ^{45.1} ~~609~~ ³⁷³ Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs. Net Control:

BRACON LIGHT:
 BRACON LIGHT DELTA:
 BRACON LIGHT CONFECTION
 BLACK COAT
 ARTICA "E"
 REDWOOD "C"

1st RECON BN.
 RELAY
 PATROL
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 ARTY (105)
 ARTY (155)

e. Command Posts.

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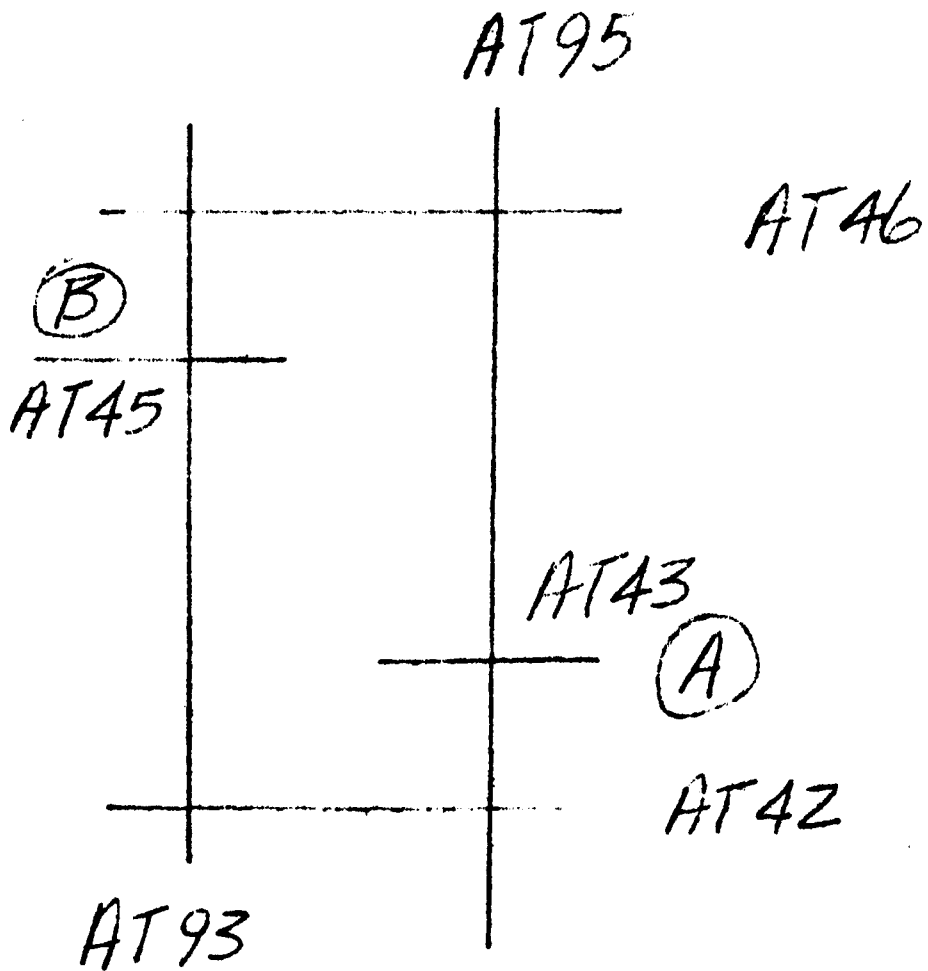
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT

- A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF., 9 EN., 1 USN.
 B. ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
 C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIP.: 2 PRC 25'S; 1 7x50'S.
 D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 2 M-79; 1 M-60 MG; 4 BLKS. C-4.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OF THE AREA ASSIGNED; PRIMARY DIRECTION OF OBSERVATION TO THE EAST AND SOUTHEAST.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 161410H/191625H.

4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.

5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 74½ HRS. WITH FOUR SIGHTINGS TALLING 12 VC; ONE ARTY. FM WAS CONDUCTED WITH UNKN. RESULTS. ONE HOUSE APPEARED TO BE THE FOCAL POINT OF VC ACTIVITY LOCATED VIC. AT961453.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY:

171545H	AT962455	2 VC MOVING DOWN THE TRAIL; BLK. PJ'S & COOLIE HATS; UNKN. EQUIP.
171630H	AT962455	2 VC MOVING OUT OF STREAM BED ONTO TRAIL; 1 KHAKI; 1 BLK. PJ TOP, WHITE BOTTOMS; UNKN. EQUIP.
181100H	AT951445	3 VC ENTERING HOUSE, CHATTLE IN AREA; LIGHT COLORED CLOTHING; UNKN. EQUIP.
191145H	AT961453	5 VC MOVING INTO HOUSE; BLK. PJ'S & COOLIE HATS; 5 PACKS & 5 RIFLES; ARTY. FM CALLED WITH UNKN. RESULTS.

D. TERRAIN: THIS AREA IS SPARSELY COVERED WITH LIGHT VEGETATION AND SCRUB GROWTH; THE TOPS OF THE RIDGELINES ARE COMPLETELY BARE AND OFFER NO COVER AND BARELY ANY CONCEALMENT.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: THERE ARE MANY SMALL TRAILS THROUGHOUT THIS AREA, AND BECAUSE OF THEIR SIZE AND APPEARANCE, MUST BE GAME TRAILS; THERE IS ONE MAIN TRAIL AS SHOWN ON THE OVERLAY WHICH IS 2'-4' WIDE, APPEARS TO BE WELL USED, AND RUNS THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE HLGHGROUND FROM VIC AT944467 TO VIC AT934434. SHOEBOX SIZE HOLES WERE FOUND ALONG THIS TRAIL BUT CONTAINED NO MINES OR DEVICES.

ALL THE HOUSES SHOWN ON THE MAP IN THE VALLEY VIC. AT9546 ARE NO LONGER THERE; THERE REMAIN ONLY TWO HOUSES VIC AT946455.

WATER IS VERY SCARCE WHEN PATROLLING IN THIS VICINITY; MUST CARRY ALL THAT IS NEEDED BECAUSE ALL STREAMS ARE IN VERY DEEP DRAWS AND DANGEROUS TO GET TO.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: ONE MEMBER SUFFERED HEAT EXHAUSTION ON THE SECOND DAY; NOTHING SERIOUS. REMAINDER OF PATROL IN GOOD CONDITION.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THE TRAILS AS SHOWN ON THE MAP RUNNING THROUGH THE VALLEY ARE NO LONGER BEING USED BY THE VC; INSTEAD, THE VC ARE USING THE STREAMBED VIC. AT9645 AS AN LOC.

THERE ARE DEFINATELY SMALL GROUPS OF VC USING THIS AREA, EITHER TRANSIENT OR AS A SMALL BASE CAMP. THE HOUSE VIC AT962453 IS WELL FORTIFIED WITH TUNNELS AND CAVES AND IS DEFINATELY A VC STRONGHOLD. RECOMMEND THIS AREA FOR TPQ-10 STRIKE.

HILL 323 VIC. AT937429 WOULD BE A GOOD STARTING PLACE FOR THE NEXT PATROL, TO WORK SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST BACK INTO THE HIGHGROUND.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A.

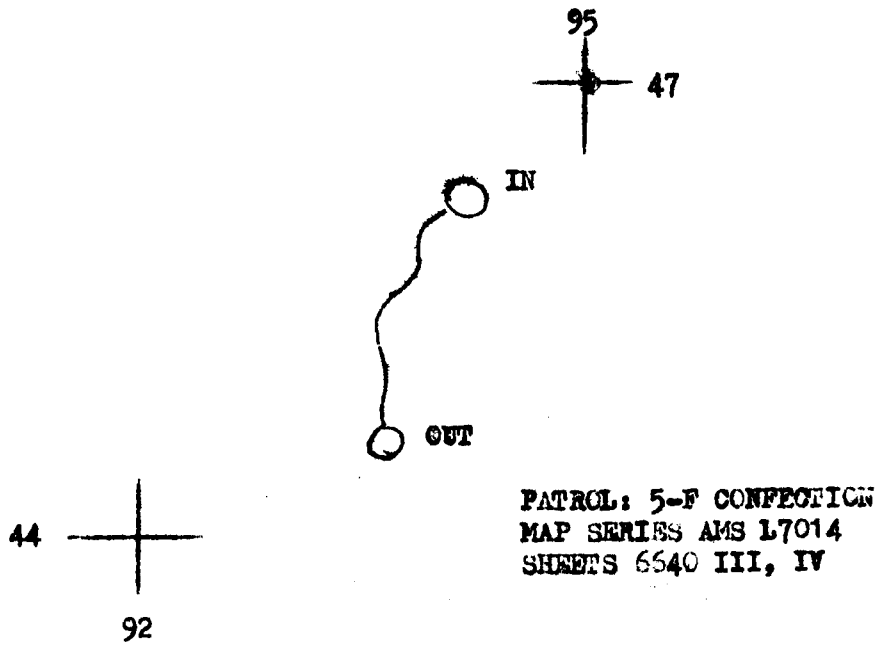
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1ST FORCE RECON CO.

PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: THE HOUSES VIC. AT961453 HAVE BEEN
SUBMITTED FOR TPQ-10 STRIKES.

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- Ref) (a) Map: VIETNAM 1:50,000; Sheet 6659 III
(b) BnOpO 323-66
(c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)
(d) BnFragOrder Msg # 59-66

UNIT C-1 CALL SIGN CIRCUMSTANCE PATROL LEADER Lt. FABLE
NO. PERS. 18 INSERTION TIME 181000H COORDINATES AT 837827
EXTRACTION TIME 251000H COORDINATES AT 837827

1. SITUATION.

- Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S-2).
- Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
- Attachments and Detachments:

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed.

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 181000H and inserts at vic. AT 837827, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 251000H, on 25 December 1966, vic. AT 837827.

b. Patrol:

- Conduct ground reconnaissance, as feasible, within assigned area and maintain surveillance of surrounding area.
- The primary direction of observation is to the 360° of assigned area. Annex "A" established patrol's NO FIRE ZONE.

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(3) Emphasis throughout the reconnaissance effort will be placed upon:

- (a) Routes of egress and entry.
- (b) Lines of communications.
- (c) LZ's suitable for exploitation forces.
- (d) Verifying the Order of Battle.
- (e) Location of major installations and facilities to include rest areas, command posts, communications facilities, hospitals, training areas, logistical storage facilities, and prisoner of war camps.

(4) Report the capture of all documents and weapons with description to BEACON LIGHT as soon as possible.

(5) Capture and return to U.S. control VC and/or VCS.

c. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Ref. (b).
- (2) Submit SITREP to BEACON LIGHT every hour.
- (3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.
- (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
- (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Shackle OT azimuth at the discretion of the patrol leader.
- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertains to your mission.
- (8) Caution all troops to be alert for AP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger lives of patrol members to investigate same.
- (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference (c).
- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of the patrol.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. AO will come up on patrol net, and should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of all serials, equipment and roster of patrol by 1600 the day preceding patrol.

CONFIDENTIAL4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operations, (to include one day extra rations in the event of extension).
- c. Carry basic allowance of Class V plus at least 2 blocks C-4 per squad, 8 feet of detonating cord per block, 10 feet of time fuse, sufficient fuse lighters and blasting caps to dual prime each block of C-4.
- d. Patrol leader will carry, or have carried, such other special equipment as he may deem necessary.
- e. Necessary med-evacs will be performed in accordance with previous instructions.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary; Holo; AO Net 36.4
 - (2) Alternate Net 45.1
 - (3) Artillery (1) ~~36.5~~ (REDWOOD), (2) ~~37.9~~ (PIED PIPER FOXTROT)
- c. Shackle and Brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
 - 37.3
 - 37.4
- d. Call Signs: Net Control:
 - BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 - BEACON LIGHT CIRCUMSTANCE - Patrol
 - REDWOOD - Arty
 - PIED PIPER FOXTROT - Arty
 - BLACK COAT - A.O.
- e. Command Posts:
 - (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Room); v/c. AF 959752.

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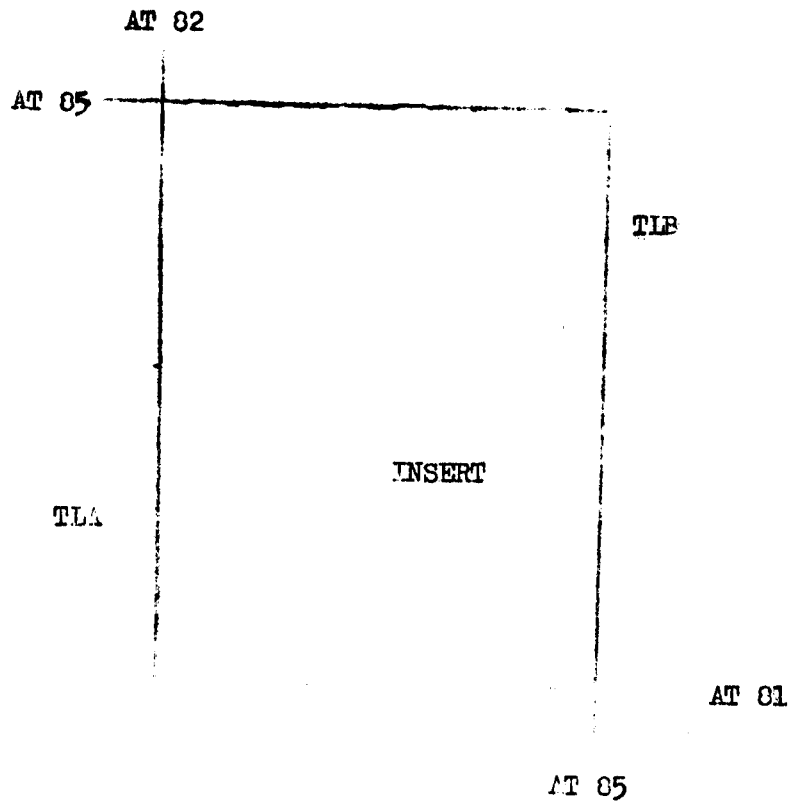
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- (d) BnFragOrder Mag # 61-66

UNIT C-2 CALL SIGN COVENTRY PATROL LEADER 1st/Lt Coffman Jr.

NO. PERS. 13 INSERTION TIME 190730H COORDINATES ZC 195461

EXTRACTION TIME 221600H COORDINATES AT 203401

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S-2).
- b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
- c. Attachments and Detachments:

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation:

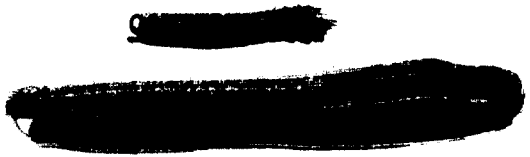
- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 190730H and inserts at vic. ZC 195461, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 221600H, on 22 December 1966, vic. AT 203401.

b. Patrol:

- (1) Conduct ground reconnaissance, as feasible, within assigned area and maintain surveillance of surrounding area.
- (2) The primary direction of observation is to the 360° of assigned area. Annex "A" establishes patrol's NO FIRE ZONE.

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- (b) Lines of communications.
- (c) LZ's suitable for exploitation forces.
- (d) Verifying the Order of Battle.
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(4) Report the capture of all documents and weapons with description to BEACON LIGHT as soon as possible.

(5) Capture and return to U.S. control VC and/or VCS.

o. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Ref. (b).
- (2) Submit SITREP to BEACON LIGHT every hour.
- (3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.
- (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
- (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Shackle of azimuth at the discretion of the patrol leader.
- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertains to your mission.
- (8) Caution all troops to be alert for AP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger lives of patrol members to investigate same.
- (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference (c).
- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of the patrol.
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- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of all serials and equipment and roster of patrol by 1600 the day preceeding patrol.

CONFIDENTIAL4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operations, (to include one day extra rations in the event of extension).
- c. Carry basic allowance of Class V plus at least 2 blocks C-4 per squad, 8 feet of detonating cord per block, 10 feet of time fuse, sufficient fuse lighters and blasting caps to deal prime each block of C-4.
- d. Patrol leader will carry, or have carried, such other special equipment as he may deem necessary.
- e. Necessary med-evacs will be performed in accordance with previous instructions.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 34.0
 - (2) Alternate Net 45.1
 - (3) Artillery (1) 39.75 - CHINSTRAP CHARLIE (155 How.)
 - (2) 38.9 - STANLEY LOOKER (105 How)
- c. Shackle and Brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs: Net Control:
 - BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 - BEACON LIGHT COVENTRY - Patrol
 - BLACK COAT - AO
 - CHINSTRAP CHARLIE - Arty (155 How)
 - STANLEY LOOKER - Arty (105 How)
- e. Command Posts:
 - (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein); vic. AT 959752.

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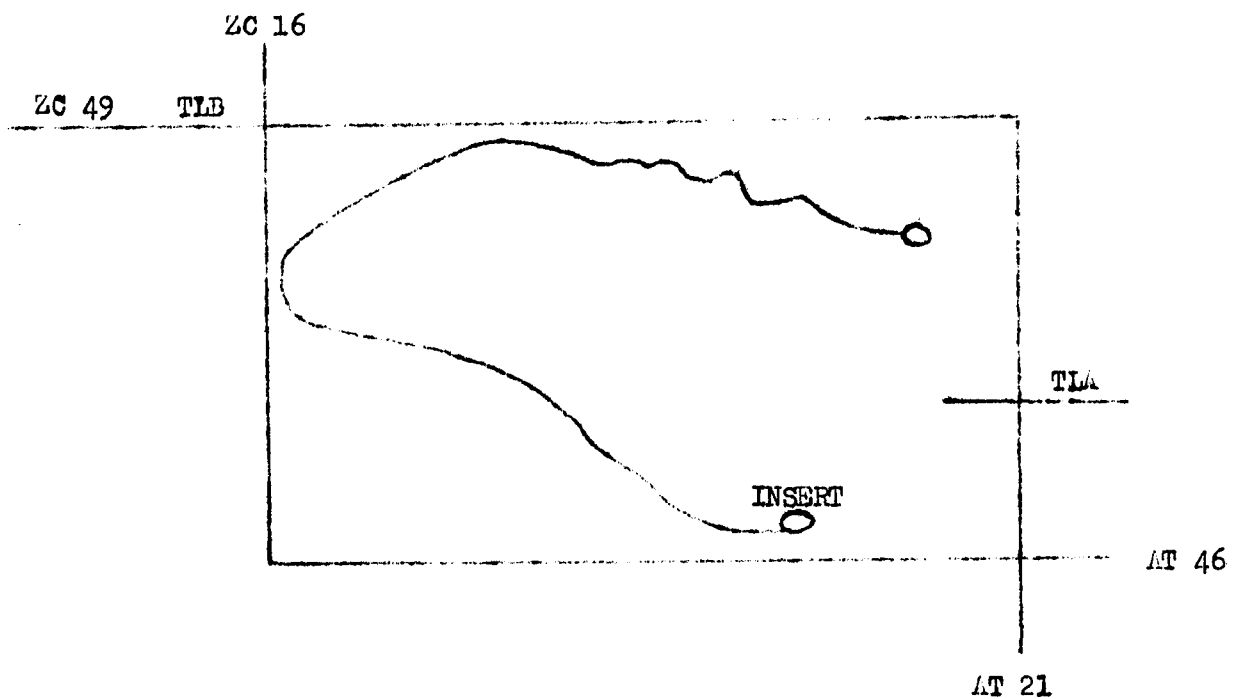
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PATROL REPORT

1. **SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:**
 - A. **COMPOSITION:** 13 EN. 1 USN.
 - B. **ATTACHMENTS:** NONE
 - C. **COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIP:** 2 PRC 25'S; 2 7x50'S
 - D. **SPECIAL EQUIPMENT:** 2 SHOTGUNS; 1 M-79; 8 CLAYMORES; 6 WP RIFLE
 GRENADES; 6 BLKS. C-4.
2. **MISSION:** CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN THE AREA
 ASSIGNED, WITH PRIMARY DIRECTION OF OBSERVATION TO THE EAST AND
 NORTHEAST.
3. **TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN:** 190730H/220900H.
4. **ROUTE:** SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. **SYNOPSIS:** THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 74 HRS. WITH THREE SIGHT-
 INGS TOTTALLING 19 VC; 3 ARTY. FM'S WERE CONDUCTED WITH GOOD COVERAGE
 BUT UNKN. RESULTS. THE AREA WORKED BY THIS PATROL IS NOT USED BY
 THE VC AS THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF VC ACTIVITY OBSERVED.
6. **OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:**
 - A. **ENEMY:**

210900H	ZC213483	5 VC MOVING WEST ON TRAIL; MIXED BLK. PJ'S, GREEN UTILITIES; 5 PACKS, 1 RIFLE; FM CONDUCTED WITH GOOD COVERAGE, UNKN. RESULTS.
211445H	ZC200484	7 VC MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL; BLK. PJ'S; 7 RIFLES & CAR. BELTS; FM CALLED BUT NOT COMPLETED DUE TO CHECKING

210101 ZC205435 7 VC MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL; BLK. PJS; 7
RIFLES & CART. BELTS; W/ CONDUCTED WITH
GOOD COVERAGE.

B. TERRAIN: EXTREMELY THICK ELEPHANT GRASS FR. INSERT COORDINATES
(ZC207465) TO HALFWAY UP TO HILL 462 VIC ZC184478; THERE ARE
NUMEROUS HUMPBACK HILLS NOT SHOWN ON THE MAP, ALL COVERED WITH
THICK ELEPHANT GRASS; OTHER VEGETATION INCLUDES SCRUB GROWTH OF
SMALL TREES AND VINES.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT WAS MADE VIC. ZC207465, A SATISFACTORY ONE-
BIRD ZONE; EXTRACT AT ZC193475, A SIMILAR ZONE IN ELEPHANT GRASS;
HLZ'S CAN BE FOUND ALMOST ANYWHERE FARTHER EAST IN THE UNCULTIVATED
PADDIES.

THE TRAIL VIC ZC195470 IS NOT USED BECAUSE THE TERRAIN IS TOO
DIFFICULT TO TRAVERSE; ONLY EVIDENCE OF ANYONE HAVING BEEN IN THIS
AREA BEFORE WAS ONE BARE FOOTPRINT NEXT TO THE CREEK VIC. ZC190475;
APPROX. 3-5 DAYS OLD.

DOGS WERE HEARD IN THIS AREA AND THERE IS EVIDENCE OF CULTIVATED
FIELDS TO THE EAST; THIS POPULATED AREA IS LOCATED FARTHER UP IN THE
HIGHGROUND TO THE WEST THAN THE MAP INDICATES.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE FOUND OF VC
ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA, OR THROUGH THE AREA; THE TERRAIN IS TOO
DIFFICULT TO TRAVERSE AND THE VC MOVE ABOUT TO THE SOUTH AND EAST.

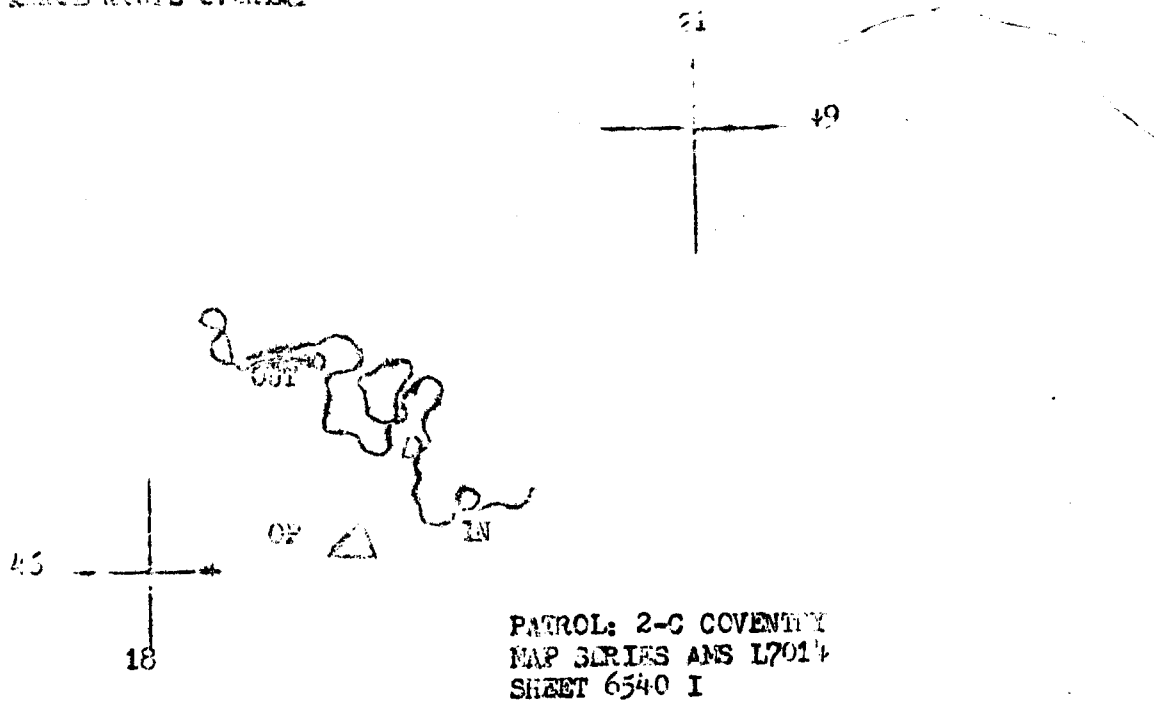
OBSERVATION FROM HILL 462 IS VERY DIFFICULT; BEST OF IS VIC
ZC192475 WITH GOOD OBSERVATION FROM ST 0° TO 100°.

IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR PATROLS TO WALK WEST, UP
INTO THE HIGHGROUND FROM THIS AREA; DO NOT RECOMMEND A MEANS OF
MARCH INTO A WESTERN AREA FR. THIS POSITION.

1ST SGT. C. COFFMAN
1ST RECON. BN.
PATROL LEADER

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A
12. COMMENTS BY BRIEFER: NONE.

PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY



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UNIT 3-F CALL SIGN CORN BREAD PATROL LEADER Lt. KING
 NO. PERS. 13 INSERTION TIME 211500H COORDINATES AT 837370
 EXTRACTION TIME 251600H COORDINATES AT 837370

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S-2)
 b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
 c. Attachments and Detachments:

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed.

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
 (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 211500H and inserts at vic. AT 837370, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600, on 25 December 1966 vic. AT 837370.

b. Patrol:

- (1) Conduct ground reconnaissance, as feasible, within assigned area and maintain surveillance of surrounding area.
 (2) The primary direction of observation is to the 360° of assigned area, annex "A" establishes patrol's NO FIRE ZONE.

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- (5) Capture and return to U.S. control VC and/or VCS.
- o. Coordinating Instructions:
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 - (3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.
 - (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
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 - (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of all serials, equipment and roster of patrol by 1600 the day preceding patrol.

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- a. Reference (b).
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- c. Carry basic allowance of Class V plus at least 2 blocks C-4 per squad, 8 feet of detonating cord per block, 10 feet of time fuse, sufficient fuse lighters and blasting caps to dual prime each block of C-4.
- d. Patrol leader will carry, or have carried, such other special equipment as he may deem necessary.
- e. Necessary med-evacs will be performed in accordance with previous instructions.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary; Helo; AO 34.0
 - (2) Alternate Net 45.1
 - (3) Artillery (1) 37.3 REDWOOD SOUTH (2) 39.8 ARNICA ECHO
- c. Shackle and Brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs: Net Control:
 - BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 - BEACON LIGHT CORNBREAD - Patrol
 - BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Relay
 - BLACK COAT - AO
 - REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
 - ARNICA ECHO - Arty
- e. Command Posts:
 - (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein); vic. AT 959752.

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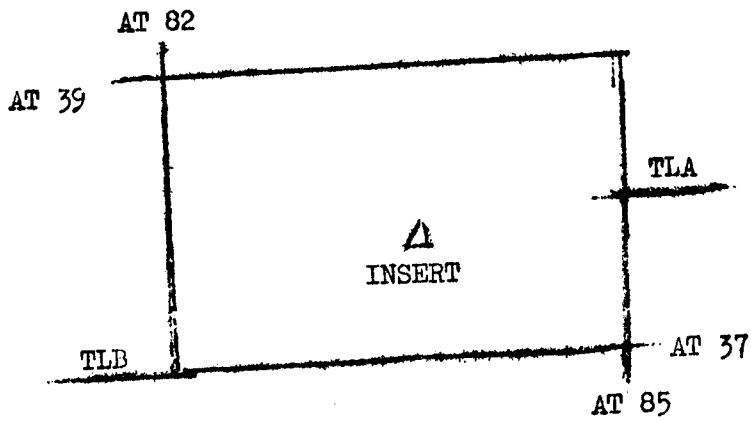


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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 21 EN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
 - C. COMMUNICATIONS AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 2 7x50's;
 1 BU SCOPE.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-60 MG; 1 M-79; 1 SHOTGUN; 8 CLAYMORES.
2. MISSION: FROM A PERMANENT OP POSITION, CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE OF THE
 AREA ASSIGNED; PRIMARY DIRECTION OF OBSERVATION IS TO THE SOUTH.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 221500H/261430H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 95 HOURS WITH ONE SIGHTING
 OF 4 VC; BAD WEATHER CAUSED POOR VISIBILITY DURING THE ENTIRE PATROL.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY:	TIME	COORD.	ACTIVITY
	251050H	AP850369	4 VC WALKING SOUTH ON TRAIL WITH 50 METER INTERVAL; BLK. PS's 2 VERY LARGE PACKS.

B. TERRAIN: BARREN ROCK COVERED WITH SCRUBGROWTH VEGETATION.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: BECAUSE OF BAD WEATHER, THE PATROL WAS LIMITED IN
 OBSERVATION TO APPROX. 1 HOUR PER DAY.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THIS SHOULD NOT BE A PERMANENT OP
 POSITION BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED ARMY. F1's; TO THE NORTH IS AN ARVN
 NO FIRE ZONE REQUIRING DELAYS FOR CLEARANCE; TO THE SOUTH IS AN
 EXTREMELY POPULATED AREA IN WHICH THE VILLAGERS CANNOT BE DISGUISED

FROM THE VC. THE VILLAGERS AND THE VC BOTH USE THE MAIN TRAILS
AND THESE ARE TOO FAR AWAY FOR WEAPONS TO BE DISTINGUISHED.

THE LZ ON TOP OF THIS POSITION NEEDS MORE WORK AND THE WEATHER MUST
BE PERFECT TO GET HELICOPTERS IN CORRECTLY.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A.

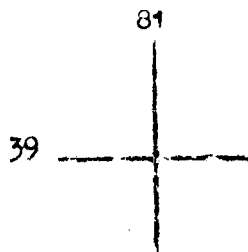
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PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

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WEB, 1113650
FUCCI, 2104645
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FAGEN, 2171858
RICHMOND, 2211306

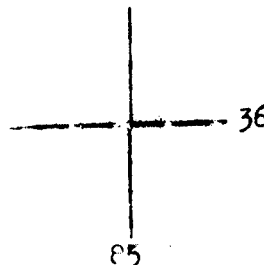
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(12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of all serials, equipment and roster of patrol by 1500 the day preceding patrol.

CONFIDENTIAL4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operations, (to include one days extra rations in the event of extension).
- c. Carry basic allowance of Class V plus at least 2 blocks C-4 per squad, 8 feet of detonating cord per block, 10 feet of time fuse, sufficient fuse lighters and blasting caps to dual prime each block of C-4.
- d. Patrol leader will carry or have carried, such other special equipment as he may deem necessary.
- e. Necessary med-evacs will be performed in accordance with previous instructions.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 34.6
 - (2) Alternate Net 45.1
 - (3) Artillery 37.3 REDWOOD SOUTH
38.90 STANLEY LOOKER
- c. Shackle and Brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs: Net Control:
 - BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 - BEACON LIGHT CHARGE SHEET - Patrol
 - REDWOOD SOUTH - Artillery
 - BLACK COAT - AO
- e. Command Posts:
 - (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein); vic. E 959752.

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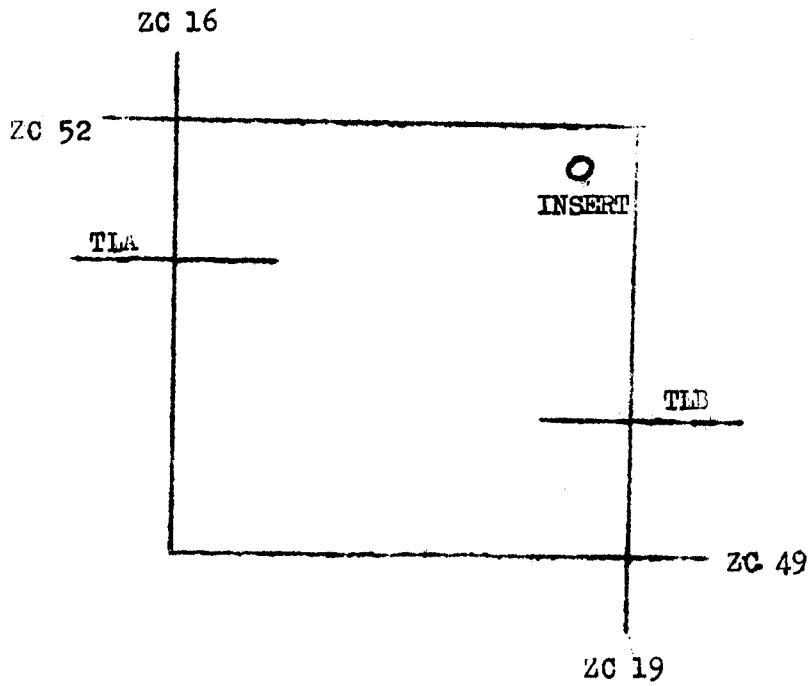
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 14 EN, 1 USN, 1 USA.
 - B. ATTACHMENTS: 1 USSF.
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 3 7x50's; 1 M-49 SPOTTER SCOPE.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-60 MG; 2 M-79's; 4 CLAYMORES; 1 M3A1; 6 BLKS. G-4.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN THE AREA ASSIGNED, WITH PRIMARY OBSERVATION NORTH INTO THE SONG VU GIA VALLEY.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 210630H/251715H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 107 HOURS WITH ONE SIGHTING OF 4 VC; POOR WEATHER PREVENTED GOOD VISIBILITY DURING MOST OF THE TIME THIS PATROL WAS IN THE FIELD.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY:

220920H	ZC169539	4 VC MOVING SOUTH IN STREAM BED; 4 'BLK. PJ's; COOLIE HATS; UNKN. EQUIPMENT.
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 - B. TERRAIN: ALL SECONDARY GROWTH OF 30'-40' PINES, AND SMALL FIRS AND PINES; NO BAMBOO AS SHOWN ON MAP.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT VIC. ZC159505, WITH EXTRACTION MADE IN THE SAME AREA; LARGE ENOUGH FOR 4-5 UH-46's; SCRUB GROWTH 2'-5' TALL. A RUSSIAN-SPEAKING VOICE AND A FRENCH-SPEAKING VOICE WERE HEARD OVER THE RECON. PRIMARY NET; CONVERSATION LASTED APPROX. 6 MINUTES AND DID NOT INTERFERE WITH RECON. TRANSMISSIONS; IT WAS NOT AN ATTEMPT AT JAMMING, BUT JUST A NORMAL TRANSMISSION.

THESE ARE THE RESULTS OF THE PATROL WHICH WAS CONDUCTED BETWEEN 0600 AND 0800 HOURS. COMMENTS MUST BE MADE; SMALL ITEMS CAN BE FOUND ANYWHERE ALONG THIS BOUNDARY; WITH A LITTLE SCOUTING, SUITABLE IZ's CAN BE PROVIDED.

3. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE LIVERY: NONE.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD. ONE PATROL MEMBER WITH A MINOR SPRAINED ANKLE.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THE PATROL WAS LIMITED IN BOTH OBSERVATION AND MOVEMENT BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER. THE NEXT PATROL TO WORK THIS AREA SHOULD PATROL SOUTH.
11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

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1st PLT. CO. B
PATROL LEADER

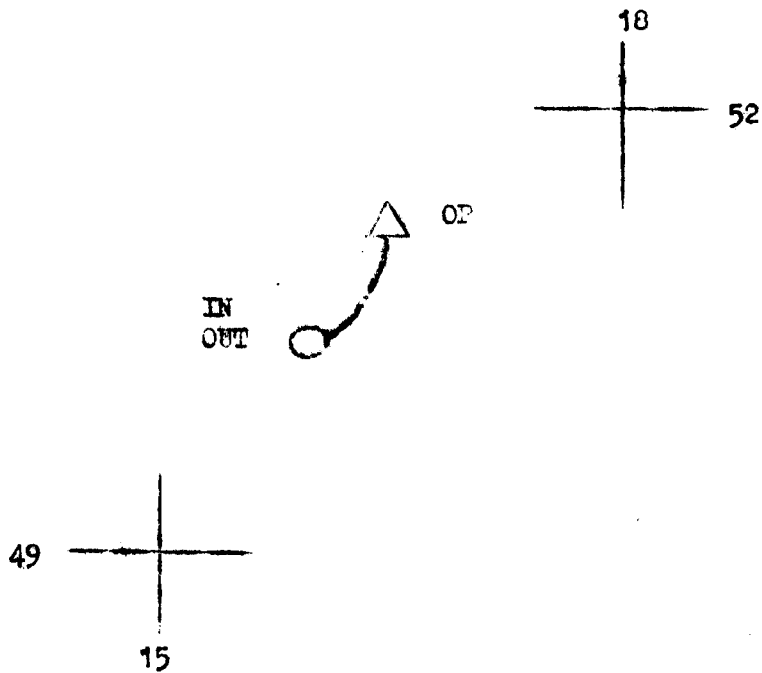
12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

CAMPBELL, 096323
YOUNG, 1576342
LEQUIN, 2160286
FITS, 2210671
KERSTETTER, 2096398
FRIGULLANA, 2149439
KNAPP, 2198631
COLOMBANI, 2215686
ARNOLD, 2177959
KELLY, 2244516
GENSON, 2122194
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 (b) BnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1stMarDivO P3000.1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) BnFragOrder Msg # 64-66

UNIT 1-F CALL SIGN CHICKEN PIE PATROL LEADER Lt. BARNES

NO. PERS. 14 INSERTION TIME 220830H COORDINATES AT 909332

EXTRACTION TIME 251600H COORDINATES AS DESIGNATED

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S-2).
- b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
- c. Attachments and Detachments:

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed.

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 220830H and inserts at vic. AT 909332, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H, on 25 December, vic. as designated.

b. Patrol:

- (1) Conduct ground reconnaissance, as feasible, within assigned area and maintain surveillance of surrounding area.
- (2) The primary direction of observation is to the 360° of assigned area. Annex "A" establishes patrol's NO FIRE ZONE.

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- (3) Emphasis throughout the reconnaissance effort will be placed upon:
- (a) Routes of egress and entry.
 - (b) Lines of communications.
 - (c) LZ's suitable for exploitation forces.
 - (d) Verifying the Order of Battle.
 - (e) Location of major installations and facilities to include rest areas, command posts, communications facilities, hospitals, training areas, logistical storage facilities, and prisoner of war camps.
- (4) Report the capture of all documents and weapons with description to BEACON LIGHT as soon as possible.
- (5) Capture and return to U.S. control VC and/or VCS.

c. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Ref. (b).
- (2) Submit SITREP to BEACON LIGHT every hour.
- (3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.
- (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
- (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Shackle OT azimuth at the discretion of the patrol leader.
- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertains to your mission.
- (8) Caution all troops to be alert for AP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger lives of patrol members to investigate same.
- (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference (c).
- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of the patrol.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. AO will come up on patrol net, and should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of all serials and equipment and roster of patrol by 1500 the day preceding patrol.

CONFIDENTIAL4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operations, (to include one day extra rations in the event of extension).
- c. Carry basic allowance of Class V plus at least 2 blocks C-4 per squad, 8 feet of detonating cord per block, 10 feet of time fuse, sufficient fuse lighters and blasting caps to dual prime each block of C-4.
- d. Patrol leader will carry, or have carried, such other special equipment as he may deem necessary.
- e. Necessary med-evacs will be performed in accordance with previous instructions.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 34.0
 - (2) Alternate Net 45.1
 - (3) Artillery 37.3
- c. Shackle and brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs: Net Control:
 - BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 - BEACON LIGHT CHARLTON HITE - Patrol
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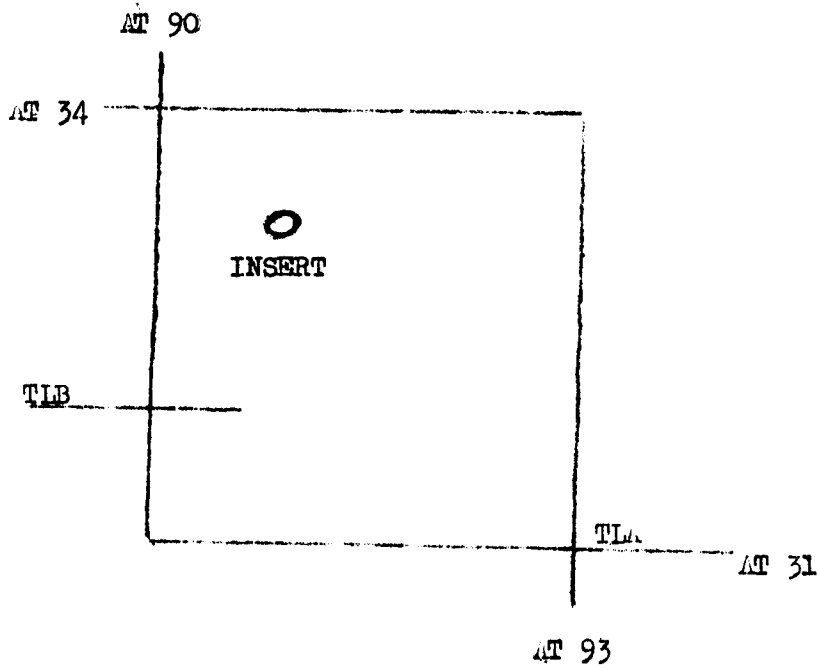
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 10 EN, 1 USN.
 - B. ATTACHMENTS: NONE
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 1 7x50; 1 6x30;
1 7x35.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79; 1 CLAYMORE; 1 M-76/3 WP RIFLE GR;
11 CS GR.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN THE AREA ASSIGNED, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON OBSERVATION TO THE SOUTH INTO THE HIEP DUC AREA.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 251150H/290920H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 93 1/2 HOURS WITH ONE SIGHTING TOTALLING 5 VC; CONTACT WAS MADE WITH THESE 5 VC AT 281530H VIC. AT912322 RESULTING IN 2 VC KIA PROBABLE. MUCH EVIDENCE WAS FOUND THROUGHOUT THIS PATROL'S ROUTE OF VC ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA. ALMOST IMMEDIATELY UPON INSERTION, THIS PATROL EXPERIENCED COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES, LOSING COMMUNICATIONS COMPLETELY WITH ANY STATION AT 272200H. SPARROWHAWK WAS COMMITTED AT 281530H IN AN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE THE PATROL, BUT WAS EXTRACTED AT 281830H AFTER CONTACT WITH AN UNKN. NUMBER OF VC. RECON PATROL SUCCESSFULLY EXTRACTED AT 290920H.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

1. ENTRY: 281530H	AT912322	CONTACT MADE WITH 5 VC
		AROUND THEIR HOOTCH; 1 CAMO
		UTILITIES; 1 KHAKI TROUSERS
		WITH WHITE TOP; 1 KHAKI UNIFORM;
		EQUIP. UNKN.

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CONTACT [REDACTED] SUITED IN 2 VC KIA
PROBABLY; PATROL BROKE CONTACT.

b. TERRAIN: ON TOP OF THIS RIDGELINE, VIC. AT033332, TO AT900310 IS ALMOST BARE, COVERED ONLY WITH SCRUB GROWTH 2'-3' HIGH. ONCE OFF THIS RIDGELINE, THE VEGETATION BECOMES JUNGLE GROWTH WITH A THICK CANOPY APPROX. 100m HIGH; THERE IS ONLY MEDIUM UNDERGROWTH AND MOVEMENT IS NOT VERY DIFFICULT. ONCE NORTH OF GRIDLINE 33, HOWEVER, THE VEGETATION OF VINES, BUSHES, AND GRASS IS EXTREMELY THICK AND MOVEMENT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT WAS MADE VIC. AT914348, THE WRONG HLZ; EXTRACTION WAS MADE VIC. AT908332, WHICH HAD BEEN ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED AS THE INSERTION HLZ.

251800H/AT913338, WHILE IN HARBOUR FOR THE NIGHT, HEARD FIRE IN VALLEY TO THE NORTH; SEVERAL ROUNDS IMPACTED NEAR PATROL; NOISES WERE HEARD AROUND THE PATROL'S POSITION.

261020H/AT922336. 3 LARGE ANIMAL TRAPS WERE FOUND; A DEEP PIT SURROUNDED BY A HEAVY STOCKADE 20'x20'x12' MADE OUT OF 6" LOGS; TRAP DOOR ON ONE SIDE OF THE STOCKADE.

261630H/AT933334, BECAUSE OF POOR COMMUNICATIONS, AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE AT A PARACHUTE DROP OF BATTERIES, WHICH WAS UNSUCCESSFUL BECAUSE OF BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS.

261700H/AT933333. TRAIL WAS FOUND AND FOLLOWED WHICH RUNS NE-SW ALL ALONG THE RIDGELINE TO AT915314. TRAIL IS LARGE AND WELL-USED; ALL ALONG THIS TRAIL WERE SIGNS OF VC ACTIVITY- HUMAN DUNG, COOLIE HATS, NUMEROUS INDIGENOUS RATION WRAPPINGS (BLUE PLASTIC); IN SEVERAL PLACES THE TRAIL IS COVERED WITH RUDIMENTARY FUNGUS STAKES, FACING SW AND PLANTED IN THE GROUND; SEVERAL ANIMAL-SIZED SNARE TRAPS WERE FOUND ALSO. THE TOP OF THIS RIDGELINE IS COVERED WITH CATTLE TRACKS AND DUNG.

271800H/AT912322, CONTACT WAS MADE WITH 5 VC AT A HOOTCH AT THIS LOCATION, EVIDENCE OF CHOPPED WOOD IN THIS AREA; HOOTCH 10'x10'x7' WITH A THATCHED, POINTED ROOF AND THICK, RE-INFORCED WALLS; SMOKE FROM COOKING FIRE BURNING. 2 VC IN FRONT OF STRUCTURE AND 3 VC INSIDE. APPARENTLY A SMALL BASE-CAMP. ~~22117731~~ /AT916346, PATROL HEARD THE FIREFIGHT OF THE SPARROWHAWK, BUT ~~COULD~~ NOT OBSERVE OR MOVE TO IT'S LOCATION.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE EXTRACTION, THE HELICOPTERS RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE WHILE FLYING NORTH OVER ANTENNA VALLEY; AT LEAST ONE HELICOPTER RECEIVED A HIT.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 2 VC KIA PROBABLE.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THE TROUBLE WITH COMMUNICATIONS WAS CAUSED BY UNKN. MECHANICAL FAILURE IN THE RADIOS THEMSELVES, NOT WITH THE BATTERIES. THE PATROL WAS NOT ABLE TO TRANSMIT AFTER 272200H, BUT COULD ALWAYS RECEIVE AND MONITOR THE NET.

RECOMMEND FUTURE PATROLS IN THIS AREA BECAUSE THERE IS MUCH VC ACTIVITY, THE SIZE AND NATURE OF WHICH REMAINS UNKN. THE NEXT PATROL SHOULD LAND ON THE NORTHERN FACE OF HILL 768 VIC. AT918315, AND BEGIN PATROLLING FROM THERE.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

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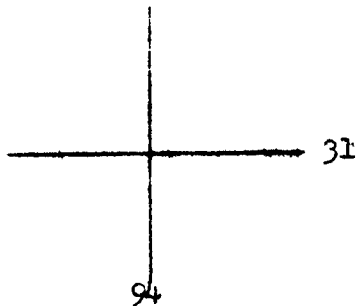
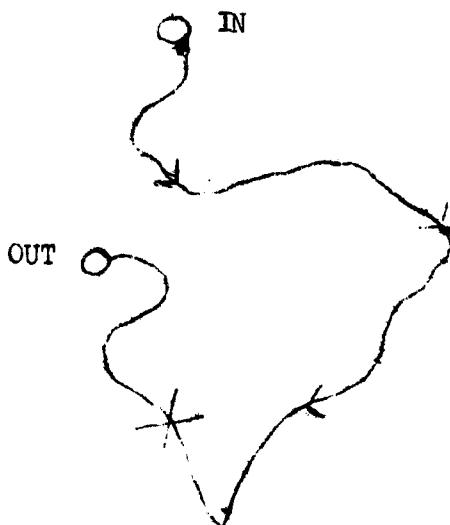
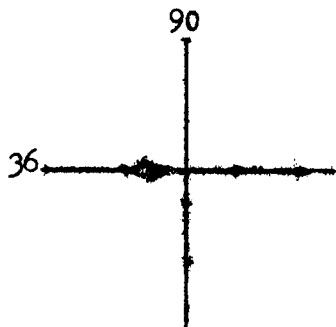
12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: RECON. HAS JUST BEGUN TO WORK THIS AREA AND FUTURE PATROLS ARE DEFINATELY PLANNED.

13. APPENDUM: SPARROWHAWK WAS INSERTED AT 281700H VIC. AT 917346; FORCE CONSISTED OF 16 INFANTRY AND 6 FROM RECON. BN. ALMOST IMMEDIATELY UPON INSERTION, SPARROWHAWK RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM APPROX. 4 VC VIC. AT 916238, AT917339, AND AT918337, RESULTING IN ONE USMC DOW AND ONE USMC WLL. DURING EXTRACTION AT AT281830H FR. VIC. AT917346, SPARROWHAWK

HELICOPTERS RECEIVED AUTO. WFNS. FIRE FR. VIC. AT915345.

14. PATROL MEMBERS: BARNES, 089806
JENNINGS, 1558826
ROSS, 2091718
MONEMAR, 2090196
WALLACE, 2244124
CANTU, 2184167
MAISSONET, 2199686
CHAMBERLESS, 2152863
ROBERTS, 2249696
CARTER, 2192856
OTT, 9178086

PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY



PATROL: 1-F CHICKEN PIE
MAP SHEET: ANS L7014, SHEET
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PATROL ROUTE: _____
CONTACT: X

Synopsis of Radio Contact Attempts

261320H - Two UH1E gunships departed LZ FINCH in an attempt to re-supply CHICKEN PIE with two complete packages of PRC-25. The effort was two-fold; #1. To land and hand-deliver packages; #2. To drop two parachute packages in the event an LZ could not be located. Because of thick cloud cover, neither of the two could be accomplished.

271800H - During the day another attempt at re-supply of CHICKEN PIE. All day aircraft were grounded by inclement weather conditions. Two UH1E gunships again attempted location and re-supply but weather and cloud cover were prohibitive.

272100H - Last "ALL SECURE" received from patrol.

280605H - AO requested for CHICKEN PIE.

280830H - Time for scheduled extraction of CHICKEN PIE. Helos were on weather hold.

281100H - Black Coat (AO) in CHICKEN PIE's area reported complete overcast.

281400H - CH46-A's flew into CHICKEN PIE's area in an attempt to locate and extract patrol. Negative contact.

281530H - (Approximate) Sparrowhawk reaction force requested and extracted upon receiving fire.

Night of 28-29 Dec - Continuous transmissions sent to CHICKEN PIE to mark LZ with smoke upon approach CH-46's AM 29Dec. Knowing CHICKEN PIE had trouble transmitting earlier, it was hoped they could receive.

290920H - CHICKEN PIE extracted AT 908322. Above message had been heard by CHICKEN PIE, smoke was seen on recon overflight by XO and Bn Op Chief.

Note #1. Throughout entire patrol, until 272100H, "All Secure" was received hourly as prescribed in our SOP. The exceptions were a few late reports attributed to communication failure.

Note #2. Not included in the specific requests cited were the numerous spontaneous attempts made by AO's and helicopters in the area.

ENCLOSURE (2)

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UNIT 3-C CALL SIGN EYELET PATROL LEADER Lt. KINGNO. PERS. 15 / 17 INSERTION TIME 220930H²¹ COORDINATES AT 059602EXTRACTION TIME 251700H COORDINATES AS DESIGNATED1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S-2).
- b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
- c. Attachments and Detachments: 2 SCOUT DOGS

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed.

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 220930H and inserts at vic. AT 059602, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1700H, on 25 December 1966, vic. as designated.

b. Patrol:

- (1) Conduct ground reconnaissance, as feasible, within assigned area and maintain surveillance of surrounding area.
- (2) The primary direction of observation is to the 360° of assigned area. Annex "A" establishes patrol's NO FIRE ZONE.

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(3) Emphasis throughout the reconnaissance effort will be placed upon:

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- a. Reference (b).
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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

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 - (2) Alternate Net 45.1
 - (3) Artillery 39475
- c. Shackle and Brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs: Net Control:
 - BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 - BEACON LIGHT EYELET - Patrol
 - CHINSTRAP CHARLIE - Arty
 - BLACK COAT - AO
- e. Command Posts:
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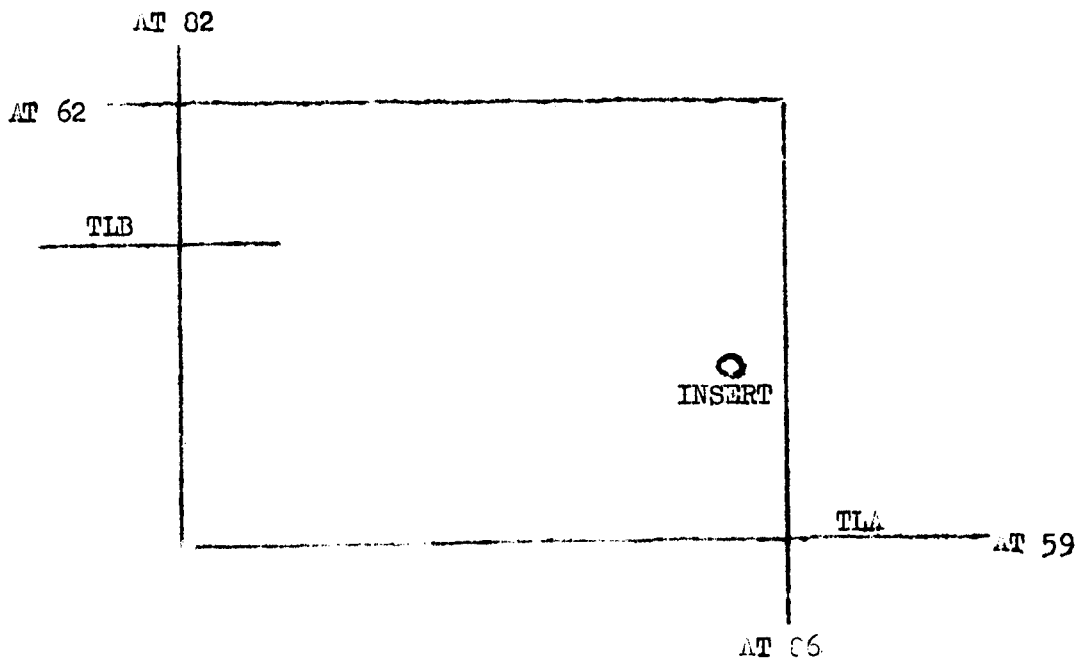
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 - B. ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
 - C. COMM. & OBSERVATION EQUIP.: 2 PRC 25'S; 2 7x50'S.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 2 M-79; 1 M-60 MG; 6 CLAYMORES; 6 BLKS. C-4;
 1 SHOTGUN.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECCONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OF THE AREA ASSIGNED; PRIMARY DIRECTION OF OBSERVATION IS SOUTH INTO SONG VU **GIA** VALLEY.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 210730H/251530H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 104 HRS. WITH NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS OF VC; THERE ARE MAIN, WELL-USED TRAILS IN THIS AREA, HOWEVER, AND EVIDENCE THAT THE VC USE THIS PART OF "CHARLIE RIDGE" BOTH FOR SMALL HARBOUR SITES, AND AS A TRANSIENT AREA TO MOVE THROUGH.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY: NONE.
 - B. TERRAIN: THE TOP OF THIS RIDGELINE IS PRACTICALLY BARE, COVERED ONLY BY 2-3' GRASS AND ROCKS; IN THE DRAWS, THE SCRUBGROWTH IS APPROX. 6'-8' TALL. THERE ARE LARGE ROCK FORMATIONS ALL ALONG THE RIDGELINE. ALSO, THE TRAILS AS SHOWN ON MAP ARE ACCURATELY DEPICTED.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT MADE VIC. AT844594, A GOOD ONE-BIRD UH-46 ZONE OF 2' GRASS. EXTRACT VIC. AT856598, A GOOD ONE-BIRD ZONE IN 2' SCRUBGROWTH.

FUTURE POSSIBLE HLT'S MIGHT BE FOUND VICINITY AT826602.

THE TRAILS AS SHOWN ON THE MAP DO EXIST AND ARE WELL-USED; TRAILS WORN 2"-3" DOWN AND ALL BRUSH IS BEATEN BACK; LARGE ROCK FORMATIONS CAN BE FOUND PERIODICALLY WHICH FORM GOOD HARBOUR SITES.

IN SOME AREAS, MUCH TRASH WAS FOUND, APPARENTLY FROM SOME PREVIOUS INFANTRY OPERATION; VIC. AT823606, A VIETNAMESE RING, BROKEN PIECES OF POTTERY, SHOWER SHOES, AND SOME CHOPSTICKS WERE FOUND.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NO VC STAY IN THIS AREA BUT MOVE THROUGH ON THEIR WAY FROM THEIR BASE CAMPS IN THE WEST, TO THE VALLEYS TO THE EAST. RECOMMEND THE NEXT PATROL IN THIS AREA WORK FARTHER TO THE WEST.

GOOD OP'S OF THE SONG VU GIA VALLEY CAN BE FOUND ANYWHERE ALONG THIS RIDGELINE. RECOMMEND DOGS FOR THE NEXT PATROL THAT WORKS IN THIS AREA.

WHEN WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE INFANTRY, THE RECON. PATROL SHOULD KEEP ONE RADIO ON THE INFANTRY TACTICAL NET TO KEEP APPRAISED OF THE SITUATION. ALSO, WITH THE BAD WEATHER, IT IS EASIER TO GET EXTRACTED FROM THE LOWGROUND, AS THE HIGHGROUND IS THE FIRST TO FOG IN.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A.

LT. K. KING
3RD PLT. CO C
PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: FUTURE PATROLS PLANNED WORKING WEST UP THE

RIDGELANE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

KING, 093232

CRUZ, 1443181

WRIGHT, 1869130

WILSON, 2169680

HAYS, 2135328

WHITNEY 2212884

FISH, 2148533

BREEDLOVE, 2201733

ANDERSEN, 2244520

ADCOX, 2223448

CORMIER, 3102021

WILSON, 2046125

BUTLER, 1518253

STEEPER, 2249559

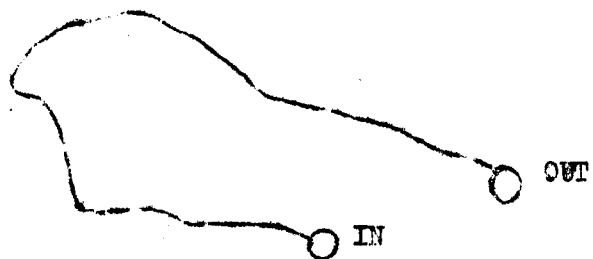
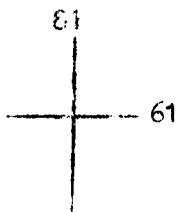
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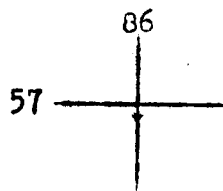
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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY



PATROL: 3-0 EYKLET
MAP SHEET: AMS L704, SHEET 6640 IV



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OPERATION ORDER # 66-66

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Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM 1:50,000; Sheet 6540 II
 (b) BnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1stMarDivO P3000.1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) BnFragOrder Mag # 66-66

UNIT S-2 CALL SIGN BEACON LIGHT 2 PATROL LEADER Lt. ROBERTSNO. PERS. 5 INSERTION TIME 210700H COORDINATES VIC. ZC 1436EXTRACTION TIME 211130H COORDINATES VIC. ZC 14361. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S-2).
- b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
- c. Attachments and Detachments: (1) Combat Photographer.

2. MISSION. Conduct bomb assessment.3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "a" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 210700H and inserts at vic. ZC 1436, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1130H, on 21 December 1966, vic. ZC 1436.

b. Patrol:

- (1) Conduct ground reconnaissance, as feasible, within assigned area and maintain surveillance of surrounding area.
- (2) The primary direction of observation is to the 360° of assigned area. Annex "a" establishes patrol's NO FIRE ZONE.

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- (3) Emphasis throughout the reconnaissance effort will be placed upon:
- (a) Routes of egress and entry.
 - (b) Lines of communications.
 - (c) LZ's suitable for exploitation forces.
 - (d) Verifying the Order of Battle.
 - (e) Location of major installations and facilities to include rest areas, command posts, communications facilities, hospitals, training areas, logistical storage facilities, and prisoner of war camps.
- (4) Report the capture of all documents and weapons with description to BEACON LIGHT as soon as possible.
- (5) Capture and return to U.S. control VC and/or VCS.

c. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Ref. (b).
- (2) Submit SITREP to BEACON LIGHT every hour.
- (3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.
- (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
- (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Shackle of azimuth at the discretion of the patrol leader.
- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertains to your mission.
- (8) Caution all troops to be alert for AP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger lives of patrol members to investigate same.
- (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference (c).
- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of the patrol.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. AO will come up on patrol net, and should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of all serious equipment and roster of patrol by 1800 the day preceding patrol.

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- a. Reference (b).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operations, (to include one day extra rations in the event of extension).
- c. Carry basic allowance of Class V plus at least 2-blocks C-4 per squad, 8 feet of detonating cord per block, 10 feet of time fuse, sufficient fuse lighters and blasting caps to dual prime each block of C-4.
- d. Patrol leader will carry, or have carried, such other special equipment as he may deem necessary.
- e. Necessary med-evacs will be performed in accordance with previous instructions.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 34.0
 - (2) Alternate Net 45.1
 - (3) Artillery 37.3
- c. Shackle and Brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs: Net Control:

BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 BEACON LIGHT 2 - Patrol
 BEACON LIGHT DUTCH OVEN - Relay
 REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
 BLACK COAT - AO

e. Command Posts:

- (1) 1st Recon Bn (Rein); vic. 95952.

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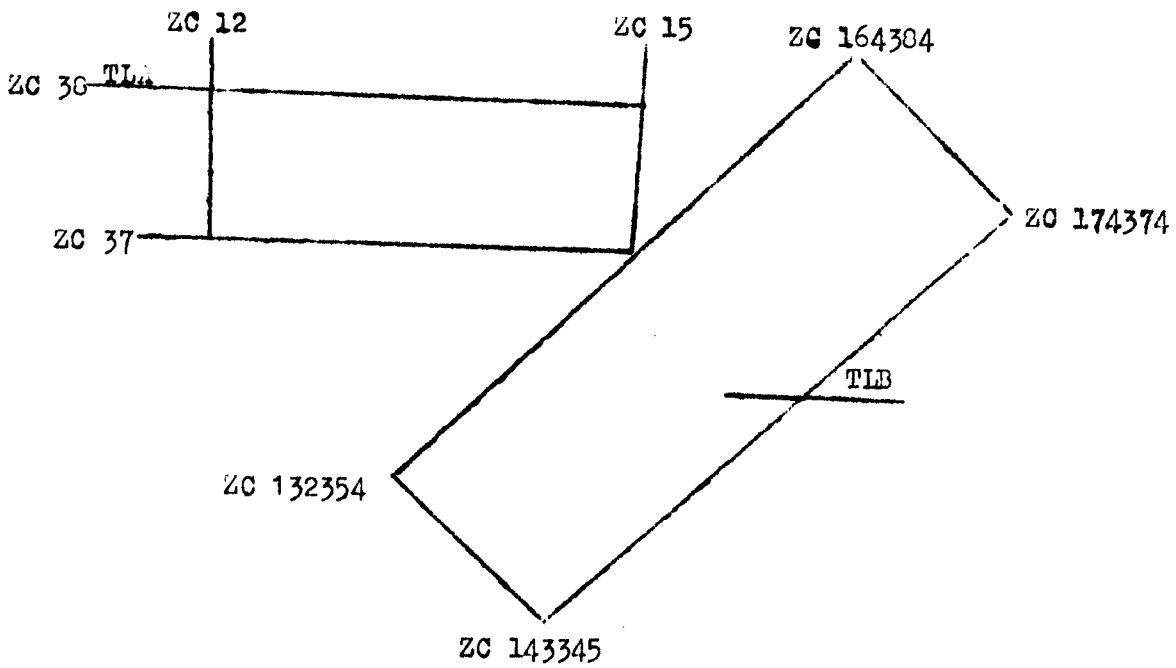
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Operation Ord 66 Annex "A"
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OPERATION ORDER: 66-66
 PATROL: BEACON LAKE 2
 DEBRIEFER: LT. R.S. ROBERTS
 MAPS: VIETNAM, 1:50,000,
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 2 OFF., 3 EN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: ONE ISO PHOTOGRAPHER.
 - C. COMMUNICATION AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 2 7x50's.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79, 4 WF RIFLE GRENADES.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT A BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT OF THE ARCLITE STRIKE VIC. ZC1536.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 210700H/ 210955H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 3 HOURS WITH NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS OF VC, OR OF ANY EVIDENCE OF VC ACTIVITY IN THE STRIKE ZONE. THE ENTIRE AREA OF THE ARCLITE WAS COVERED WITH APPROX. 100 SMALL CLEARINGS CAUSED BY BOMB DETONATIONS; ONLY TWO ACTUAL CRATERS WERE OBSERVED. THERE ARE SEVERAL LARGE TRAILS IN THE AREA.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY: NONE.
 - B. TERRAIN: CHARACTERIZED BY EXTREMELY THICK JUNGLE CANOPY 30-50' HIGH; TREES 5"-8" THICK WITH HEAVY TOP GROWTH; SPARSE UNDERCROWD OF VINES AND BUSHES CLOSE TO THE GROUND. ONE LARGE STREAM JUNCTION IN THIS AREA VIC. ZC151366; BOTH STREAMS ARE HIGH AND FLOWING RAPIDLY. TERRAIN IS GENERALLY VERY STEEP, RISING FROM THE STREAM BOTTOMS TO RIDGELINES 350 m-500 m HIGH.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: THERE WERE THREE MAIN TRAIL NETWORKS FOUND IN THIS AREA (SEE ENCLOSURE (1))- ONE THAT PARALLELS THE STREAM VIC. ZC150372 TO ZC178347; A SECOND ALONG THE RIDGELINE VIC. ZC143379 TO ZC107353;

AND A THIRD ALONG THE RIDGELINE VIC. ZC160355 TO ZC145334. ALL THESE TRAILS WERE 2'-4' WIDE AND APPEARED TO BE WELL USED.

THE MAJORITY OF BOMBS, APPROX. 100 OBSERVED, DESTROYED THE VEGETATION WITH A BURSTING RADIUS OF 15'-20'; IN THESE AREAS OF BOMB BLAST, THE CANOPY WAS DESTROYED AND THE UNDERLYING GROWTH SPLINTERED AND SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE AREA; A "STUBBLE" OF TREE TRUNKS REMAINED 4'-5' TALL, WITH A BLACKENED SPOT ON THE EARTH IN THE CENTER OF THE IMPACT AREA. THE FLATTER THE TERRAIN, THE MORE EFFECTIVE WERE THE BOMBS IN DESTROYING VEGETATION, ~~iee.~~ BOMBS THAT FELL ON STEEP SLOPES IN THIS AREA CAUSED LITTLE APPARANT DAMAGE.

AN OLD LEAN-TO TYPE STRUCTURE WAS FOUND VIC. ZC145377; THE STRUCTURE WAS APPROX. 10'x10', AND HAD COLLAPSED 20 METERS FROM A BOMB IMPACT AREA.

ONLY TWO BOMB DETONATIONS PRODUCED NOTICABLE CRATERS: ONE CRATER VIC. ZC144358 WAS APPROX. 1'-3' DEEP, AND 6'-8' WIDE; THE SECOND, ON A SANDBAR VIC. ZC151365, WAS 1' DEEP AND 3' WIDE.

25 AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN WITH A HAND-HELD CAMERA OF THE ARCLITE STRIKE AREA.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: FROM THE OBSERVATION OF THIS PATROL, THE ARCLITE STRIKE ASSESSED WAS INEFFECTIVE IN DESTROYING VC OR VC INSTALLATIONS. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE FOUND INDICATING THAT THE VC WERE IN THE TARGET AREA AT THE TIME OF THE STRIKE, OR THAT THE AREA WAS BEING USED AS A BASE OR STORAGE CAMP.

THE EFFECT OF THE BOMBS THEMSELVES WAS VERY DISAPPOINTING; LARGE HOLES WERE BLOWN IN THE CANOPY, BUT THERE WAS LITTLE OR NO APPARENT EFFECT TO THE GROUND ITSELF. INSTEAD OF THE ANTICIPATED 20' CRATERS, BOMB DETONATIONS PRODUCED VERY LITTLE CRATERING EFFECT AT ALL. IT APPEARED THAT FUZE "SUPER QUICK" HAD BEEN USED RATHER THAN SOME TYPE OF DELAY FUZE WHICH

WOULD HAVE ALLOWED THE BOMBS TO PENETRATE THE THICK CANOPY PRIOR TO DETONATION.

IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT THE METHOD FOR ASSESSING ARCLITES REFERED TO IN ENCLOSURE (4), BE UTILIZED FOR ALL SUCH ASSESSMENTS IN THE FUTURE. MORE OF THE STRIKE AREA CAN BE COVERED EFFECTIVELY IN THE LEAST AMOUNT OF TIME; WHEN ANYTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE IS LOCATED REQUIRING EXPLOITATION, A REACTION FORCE CAN BE QUICKLY EMPLOYED.

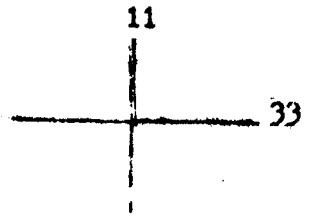
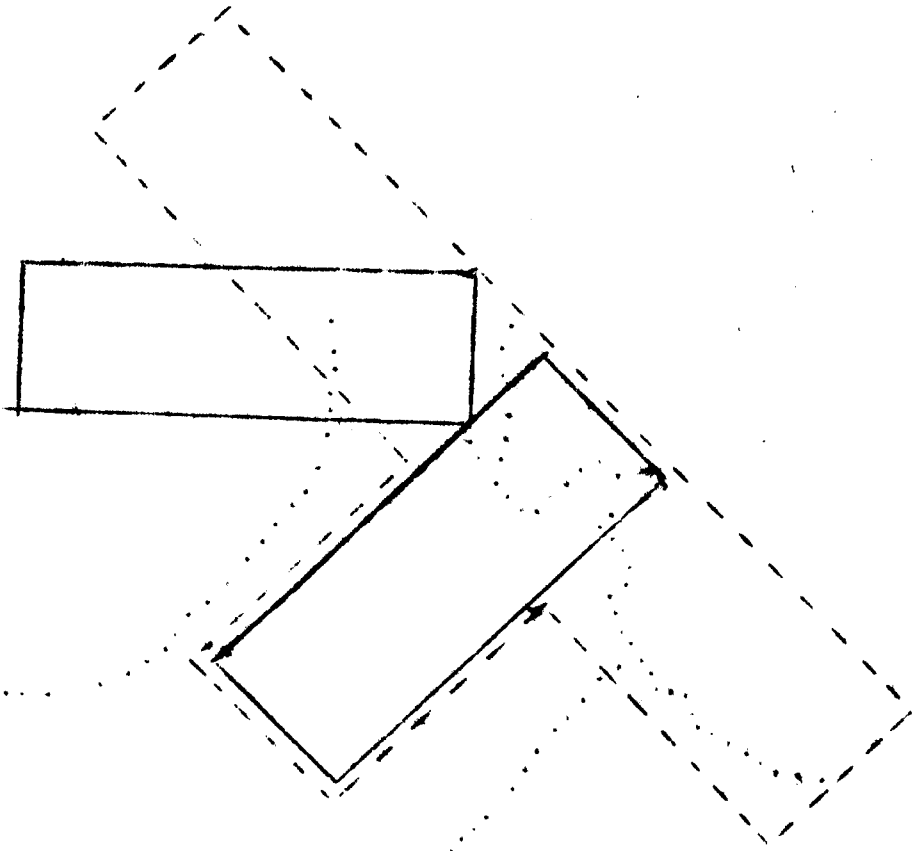
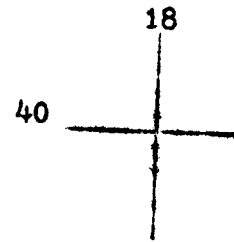
11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: THE COOPERATION AND PERFORMANCE OF THE UH-1E SLICK AND THE TWO UH-1E GUNSHIPS WAS OUTSTANDING.




LT. R.S. ROBERTS
1st RECON BN.
PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

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ENCLOSURE (1)



	TRAILS
	SCHEDULED ARCLITE
	APPROX. AREA OF BDA

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CHANGE 1 to OPERATION ORDER #67-66 (CONFECTION)

On Page 1: Substitute "INSERTION TIME 281300H, COORDINATES AT9087
EXTRACTION TIME 311300H.

SEC.3.a(2); Platoon departs CP by vehicle 281300H, inserts vic. AT 9087
, extract 1300H, 31 Dec 1966.

On Page 3, substitute 5. b. (1) Primary Net 36.4

On Page 5, substitute new overlay(attached).

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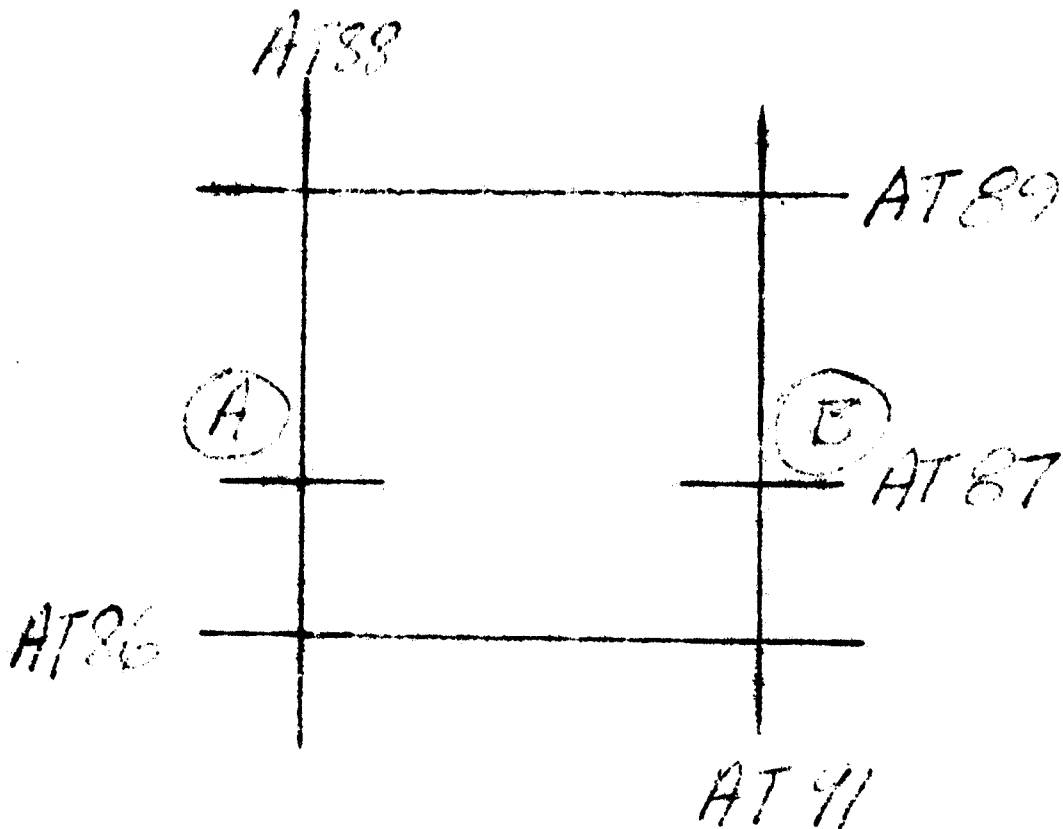
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 (b) BnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1stMarDivO P3000.1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) BnFragOrder Mag #67-66

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UNIT A-F CALL SIGN CONFECTION PATROL LEADER Lt. GUTERMAN
 NO. PERS. 14 INSERTION TIME 230730H COORDINATES AT 969379
 EXTRACTION TIME 261600H COORDINATES AS DESIGNATED

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S-2).
 b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
 c. Attachments and Detachment:

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed.

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operations:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
 (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 230730 and inserts at vic. AT 969379, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H on 26 December, vic. as designated.

b. Patrol:

- (1) Conduct ground reconnaissance, as feasible, within assigned area and maintain surveillance of surrounding area.
 (2) The primary direction of observation is to the 360° of assigned area. Annex "A" establishes patrol's NO FIRE ZONE.

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(3) Emphasis throughout the reconnaissance effort will be placed upon:

- (a) Routes of egress and entry.
- (b) Lines of communications.
- (c) LZ's suitable for exploitation forces.
- (d) Verifying the Order of Battle.
- (e) Location of major installations and facilities to include rest areas, command posts, communications facilities, hospitals, training areas, logistical storage facilities, and prisoner of war camps.

(4) Report the capture of all documents and weapons with description to BEACON LIGHT as soon as possible.

(5) Capture and return to U.S. control VC and/or VCS.

c. Coordinating Instructions:

- (i) Ref. (b).
- (2) Submit SITREP to BEACON LIGHT every hour.
- (3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.
- (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
- (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Shackle OT azimuth at the discretion of the patrol leader.
- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertains to your mission.
- (8) Caution all troops to be alert for AP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger lives of patrol members to investigate same.
- (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference (c).
- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of the patrol.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. AO will come up on patrol net, and should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of all serious equipment and roster of patrol by 1200 the day preceding patrol.

CONFIDENTIAL4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operations, (to include one day extra rations in the event of extension).
- c. Carry basic allowance of Class V plus at least 2 blocks C-4 per squad, 8 feet of detonating cord per block, 10 feet of time fuse, sufficient fuse lighters and blasting caps to dual prime each block of C-4.
- d. Patrol leader will carry, or have carried, such other special equipment as he may deem necessary.
- e. Necessary med-evacs will be performed in accordance with previous instructions.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 34.0
 - (2) Alternate Net 45.1
 - (3) Artillery (1) 37.3 REDWOOD SOUTH
 - (2) 39.8 ARNICA ECHO
- c. Shackle and Brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Com. Officer
- d. Call Signs: Not Control:

BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 BEACON LIGHT CONFECTION - Patrol
 BEACON LIGHT CHICKEN PIE - Patrol
 BEACON LIGHT CORNBREAD - Patrol
 REDWOOD SOUTH - arty
 ARNICA ECHO - arty
 BLACK COAT - AO

e. Command Post:

- (1) 1st Recon Bn. (MC 2); via. AT 950752.

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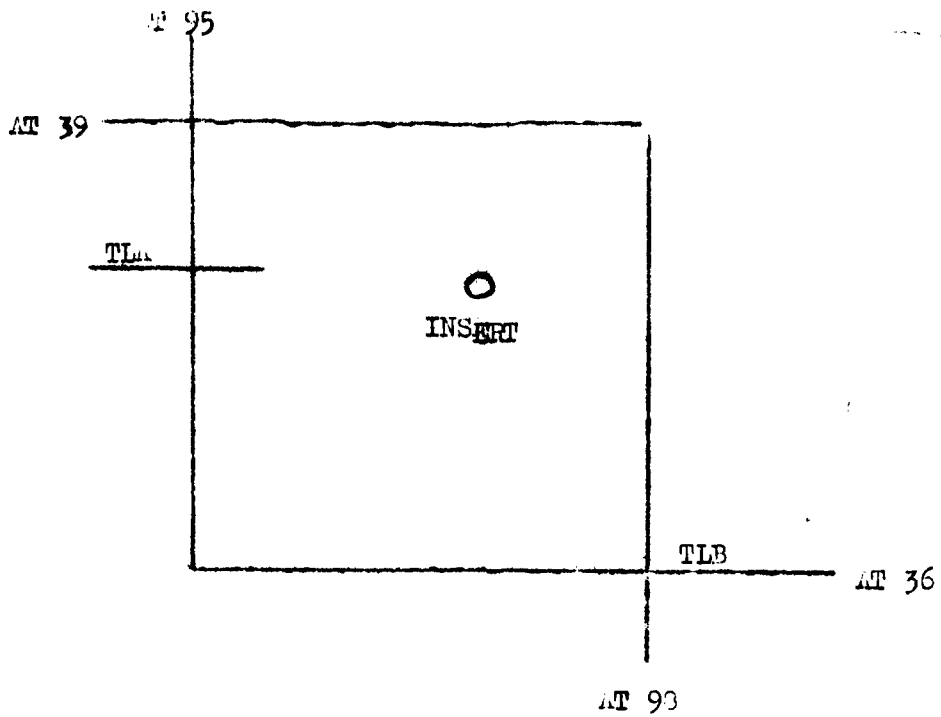
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Operation Order 67-66 Annex "A"
1st Reconnaissance Battalion (rein)
DA NANG, RVN
20 December 1966



OPERATION ORDER: 67-66
 PATROL: 5-F CONFECTION
 DEBRIEFER: L/CPL R. F. GAC
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 10 EN, 1 USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 1 7X50's, 1 6X30's, 2 PRC 25.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 2 M-79's; 1 M-60 MG; 4 BLKS. C-4; 2 CLAYMORFS.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS OF THE AREA ASSIGNED AS DIRECTED.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 281420H/011330H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: RECONNAISSANCE AND PATROLLING FOR THE DURATION OF 92 HOURS RESULTED IN NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS OR CONTACTS.

THE OBJECTIVE AREA IS OCCUPIED BY THE LOCAL POPULACE, CONSISTING OF ELDERLY MEN, WOMEN, AND YOUNG CHILDREN; NO MEN OF MILITARY AGE WERE OBSERVED. THIS AREA SHOWED NO SIGNS OF RECENT ENEMY ACTIVITY.

6. OBSERVATIONS OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY: NONE.
 - B. TERRAIN: THE TERRAIN THROUGHOUT THIS AREA CONSISTS MAINLY OF STEEP SLOPES COVERED WITH DENSE SECONDARY JUNGLE GROWTH OF 6 TO 8 FEET WITH A 30 TO 40 FOOT CANOPY.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERTION AND EXTRACTION OF THE PATROL WERE MADE BY TRUCK VIC. AT926348.

MAP CORRECTION: ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF HILL 506 VIC. AT898878, THE PATROL FOUND AN EAST-WEST TRAIL ABOUT 6 FEET WIDE THAT IS NOT SHOWN ON THE MAP. THE TRAIL WAS OVERGROWN AND HAD NOT BEEN USED IN SEVERAL MONTHS.

THE AREA ALSO SHOWED SIGNS OF FRIENDLY INFANTRY UNITS RECENTLY OPERATING

THROUGHOUT.

NO HLZ'S COULD BE FOUND IN THIS AREA AND THE PATROL LEADER STATES THAT CHOPPING OR BLASTING AN HLZ WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THIS AREA HAS BEEN WELL WORKED ; A CONTINUANCE OF RECONNAISSANCE PATROLLING HERE FOR A WHILE IS NOT ADVISED.
11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

LT. GUETERMAN
5th FLT, 1st FORCE
PATROL LEADER

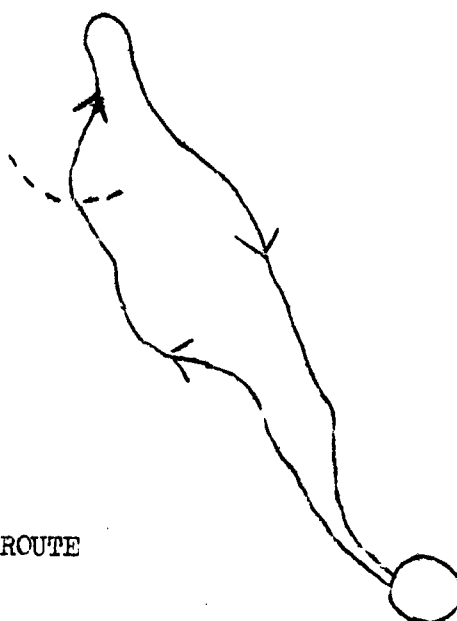
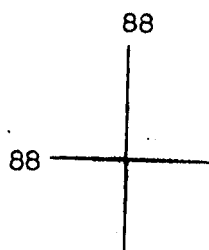
12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: DUE TO THE NUMBER OF PATROLS WHICH HAVE UTILIZED THIS SAME INSERTION AND EXTRACTION POINT, THE AREA HAS BECOME ROUTINE AND COULD EASILY BE MINED BY THE ENEMY. RECOMMEND EXTREME CAUTION DURING ANY FURTHER FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA,

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

LT. GUETERMAN, 096838
SGT. WATSON, 2047728
SGT. LONG, F.E., 2005909
CPL. ELLISON, 2030195
LCPL. HOYT, 2160250
IFC. POWELL, 2252435

LCPL. ALLEN, 2174806
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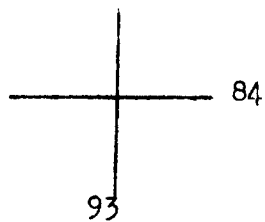
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On Page 1; substitute "INSTRUMENT TIME 241300H. COORDINATES AT9007.
EXTRACTION TIME 271600H."

Sec. 3. a. (2); Platoon departs CP by vehicle 241300H. inserts via.
AT9007; extract 1630H, 27 Dec 1966.

On Page 3, substitute 5. b. (1) Primary Net 36.4

On Page 5, substitute new overlay (attached).

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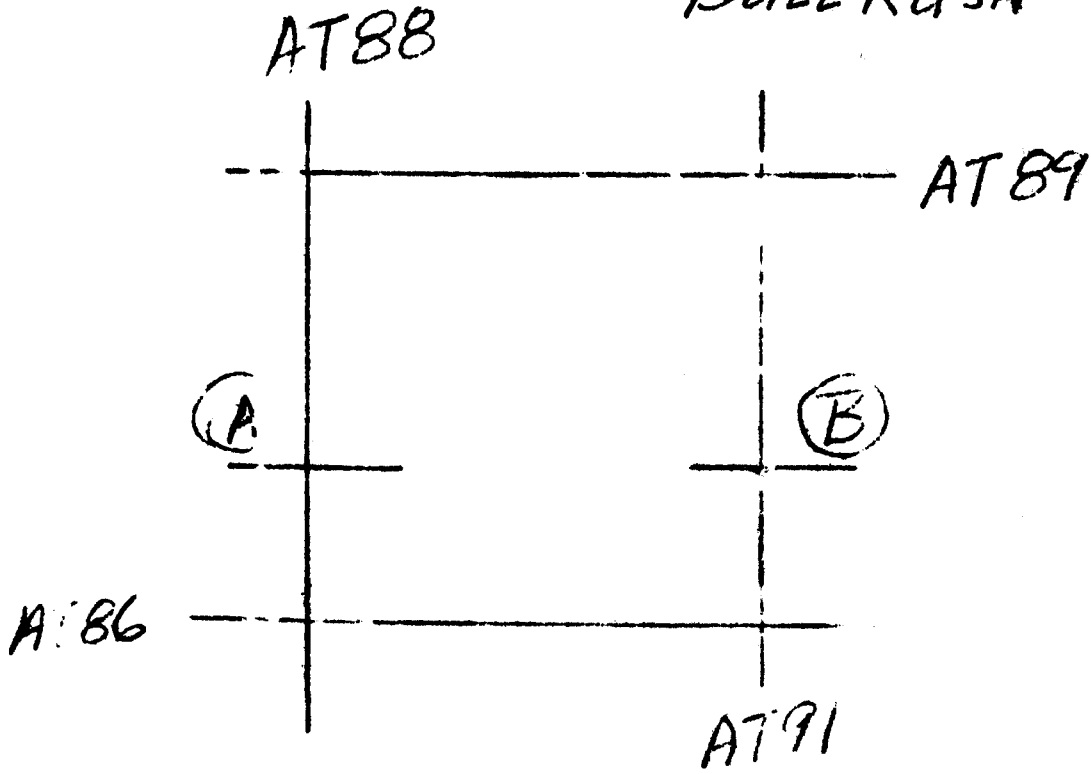
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OPERATION ORDER # 69-66

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM 1:50,000; Map Sheet 6540 I
 (b) BnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1stMarDivO P3000.1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) BnFrogOrder Mag # 69-66

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UNIT B-1CALL SIGN BULL RUSHPATROL LEADER Gy/Sgt. STONENO. PERS. 21INSERTION TIME 240700HCOORDINATES ZC 165493EXTRACTION TIME 271600HCOORDINATES AS DESIGNATED1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S-2).
- b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
- c. Attachments and Detachments:

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed.

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operations Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 240700H and inserts at vic. ZC 165493, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H, on 27 December 1966, vic. AS DESIGNATED.

b. Patrol.

- (1) Conduct ground reconnaissance, as feasible, within assigned area and maintain surveillance of surrounding area.
- (2) The primary direction of observation is to the 360° of assigned area. Annex "A" establishes patrol's NO FIRE ZONE.

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(3) Emphasis throughout the reconnaissance effort will be placed upon:

- (a) Routes of egress and entry.
- (b) Lines of communications.
- (c) LZ's suitable for exploitation forces.
- (d) Verifying the order of battle.
- (e) Location of major installations and facilities to include rest areas, command posts, communications facilities, hospitals, training areas, logistical storage facilities, and prisoner of war camps.

(4) Report the capture of all documents and weapons with description to BEACON LIGHT as soon as possible.

(5) Capture and return to U.S. control VC and/or VCS.

c. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Ref. (b).

(2) Submit SITREP to BEACON LIGHT every hour.

(3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.

(4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.

(5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fires. Shackle OT azimuth at the discretion of the patrol leader.

(6) Be prepared to exploit with air.

(7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertain to your mission.

(8) Caution all troops to be alert for AP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger lives of patrol members to investigate same.

(9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference (c).

(10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and sewage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of the patrol.

(11) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. AO will come up on patrol net, and should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.

(12) Patrol leader will submit patrol log, list of all serialized equipment and number of patrol by 2000 on day preceding patrol.

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- a. Reference (b).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operation, (to include one day extra rations in the event of extension).
- c. Carry basic allowance of Class V plus at least 2 blocks C-4 per squad, 8 feet of detonating cord per block, 10 feet of time fuse, sufficient fuse lighters and blasting caps to dual prime each block of C-4.
- d. Patrol leader will carry, or have carried, such other special equipment as he may deem necessary.
- e. Necessary med-evacs will be performed in accordance with previous instructions.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 34.6
 - (2) Alternate Net 45.1
 - (3) Artillery (1) 37.3 (REDWOOD SOUTH) (2) 38.90 (STANLEY LOOKER)
- c. Shackle and Brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Sign: Net Control:
 - BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 - BEACON LIGHT BULL RUSH - Patrol
 - REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
 - STANLEY LOOKER - Arty
 - BLACK COAT - AO
- e. Command Post:
 - (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein); vic. T 959/52.

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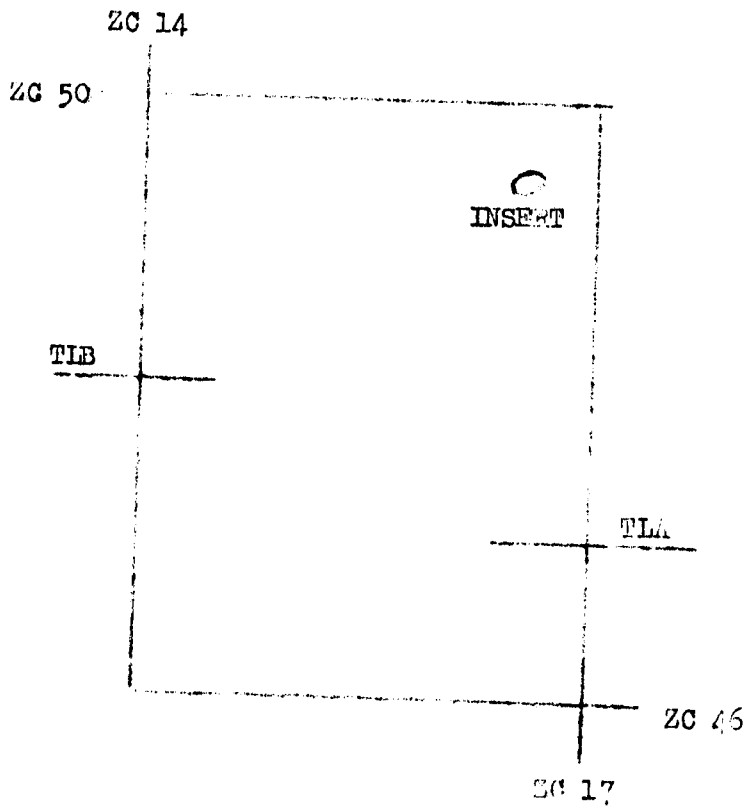
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1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein)
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 21 EN, 1 USN.
 - B. ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 4 7.50's.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 2 M-79's; 1 M-60 MG; 6 CLAYMORES; 9 CS GREN.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN THE AREA ASSIGNED.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 241400H/281400H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 96 HOURS WITH NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS OF VC OR OF ANY EVIDENCE OF VC ACTIVITY IN THE AREA. ON THREE OCCASIONS, MORTER FIRE WAS HEARD AT NIGHT COMING FROM THE VICINITY OF AT8585.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY: NONE
 - B. TERRAIN: AREA COVERED BY EXTREMELY THICK UNDERGROWTH OF VINES, SCRUB-BRUSH AND ELEPHANT GRASS; CANOPY IS APPROX. AN AVERAGE OF 10'-12' HIGH WITH ONLY AN OCCASIONAL TREE LARGER THAN 6" IN DIAMETER.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERTION AND EXTRACTION WERE MADE BY TRUCK VIC. AT92485C.

241700H/AT905862: ESTABLISHED A HARBOUR SITE AND AN OT.

251930: HEARD SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE BRIDGE VIC. AT928842. ALSO, HEARD MORTER FIRE WHICH SOUNDED LIKE IT CAME FROM AT8585.

272200H/AT9087: 81mm MORTER FIRE WAS HEARD FALLING AT THESE COORD...

INTERVAL OF 15 MIN. TO 1 HOUR; DIRECTION OF FIRE FROM THE
PAST CAMP OF #1 3/9.

SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS HEARD ALMOST CONTINUALLY FROM THE DIRECTION OF
THE ARVN CAMP VIC. AT9287.

THERE ARE MANY GOOD SITES IN THIS AREA TO OBSERVE 360°; THESE HAVE
BEEN USED MANY TIMES PREVIOUSLY AS THERE IS ASSORTED TRASH OF C-RATION
CANS AND WRAPPERS ALL OVER THIS AREA. GOOD HARBOR SITES ARE HARD TO
FIND AND FIELDS OF FIRE MUST ALWAYS BE CLEARED. THE MAIN TRAILS IN
THIS AREA ARE WIDE OPEN AND WELL USED.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NO EVIDENCE OF VC ACTIVITY IN THIS
AREA.

RECOMMEND THAT WHEN INFORMATION IS SENT TO PATROLS IN THE FIELD,
REGARDING VC ACTIVITY IN THEIR AREA, COMPLETE DETAILS BE SENT ALSO
REGARDING SOURCE OF INFORMATION, RELIABILITY OF SAME, ETC.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: ARTY. SUPPORT FROM REDWOOD NORTH WAS
EXCELLENT.

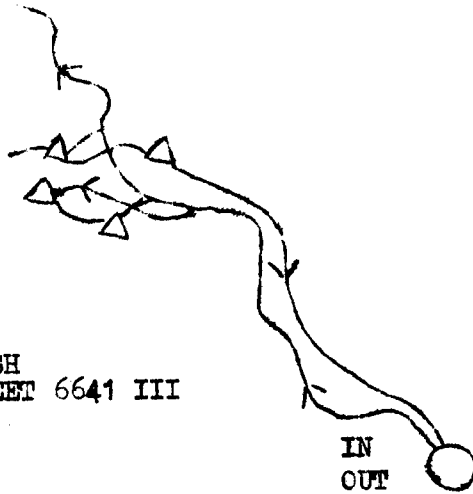
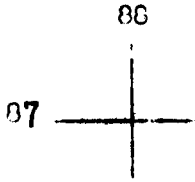
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PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

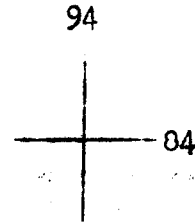
13. PATROL MEMBERS.

STOWE	1127380	SMITH	2214782
BELOW	1809549	ICSTON	2075397
CLAVEZ	2095740	ANDERSON	2152304
CITY	2144251	BRANDT	2198648
ARBUCKLE	2040294	WASHINGTON	1946310
JONES	2073228	GUTIERREZ	2158392
GRADY	2156487	SULLIVAN	2290018
JONES	2115415	COTTERMAN	2269264
POSSON	2143295	LAWSON	2290852
CICCONE	1940513	SHANNON	9999530
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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY



PATROL: 3-B BULLRUSH
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- Ref: (a) Map; VIETNAM 1:50,000; Sheet 6641 III & 6541 II
 (b) LnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)
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UNIT B-2 CALL SIGN DUTCH OVEN PATROL LEADER Lt. DUNN
 NO. PERS. 13 INSERTION TIME 241300H COORDINATES AT 9087
271630H 250900H ZC 201841
 EXTRACTION TIME 281600H COORDINATES AS DESIGNATED

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S-2).
- b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
- c. Attachments and Detachments:

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 250900H and inserts at vic. ZC 201841, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H, on 28 December 1966, vic. AS DESIGNATED.

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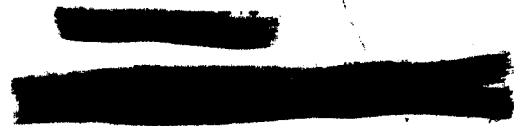
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- (2) The primary direction of observation is to the 360° of assigned area. Annex "A" establishes patrol's NO FIRE ZONE.

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- (b) Lines of communications.
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- (e) Location of major installations and facilities to include rest areas, command posts, communications facilities, hospitals, training areas, logistical storage facilities, and prisoner of war camps.

(4) Report the capture of all documents and weapons with description to BEACON LIGHT as soon as possible.

(5) Capture and return to U.S. control VC and/or VCS.

c. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Ref. (b).
- (2) Submit SITREP to BEACON LIGHT every hour.
- (3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.
- (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
- (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fires. Shackle OT azimuth at the discretion of the patrol leader.
- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertain to your mission.
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- (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference (c).
- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of the patrol.
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- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol log, list of all serialized equipment and number of patrol by AOC for any preceding patrol.

CONFIDENTIAL4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operation, (to include one day extra rations in the event of extension).
- c. Carry basic allowance of Class V plus at least 2 blocks C-4 per squad, 8 feet of detonating cord per block, 10 feet of time fuse, sufficient fuse lighters and blasting caps to dual prime each block of C-4.
- d. Patrol leader will carry, or have carried, such other special equipment as he may deem necessary.
- e. Necessary med-evacs will be performed in accordance with previous instructions.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net ~~34.0~~ ^{36.4}
 - (2) Alternate Net 45.1
 - (3) Artillery 37.3
- c. Shackle and Brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs:
 - BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 - BEACON LIGHT DUTCH OVEN - Patrol
 - REDWOOD NORTH - Arty
 - BEACON LIGHT X-RAY - Relay
 - BLACK COAT - AO
- e. Command Posts:
 - (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein); vic. AT 959752.

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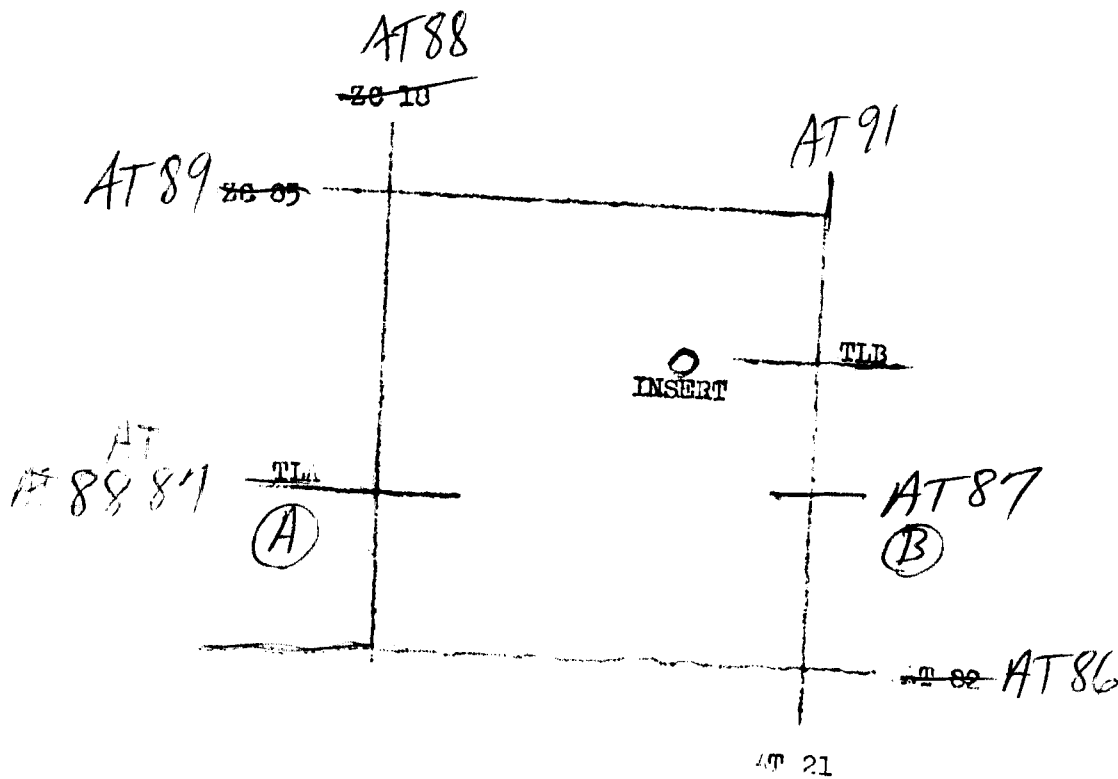
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CHANGE 1 to OPERATION ORDER # 70-66 (Dutch Oven)

On Page 1; substitute INSERTION TIME 241330H, COORDINATES AT9003
EXTRACTION TIME 271600H.

Sec. 3. c. (2); Platoon departs CP by vehicle 241330H, insert vic.
AT9003, extract 1630H.

On Page 3, substitute 5. b. (1) Primary Net 31.4, Artillery is
REWOOD NORTH, 37.3; DELETE: (2) STANLEY LOCATOR.

On Page 5, substitute new overlay (attached).

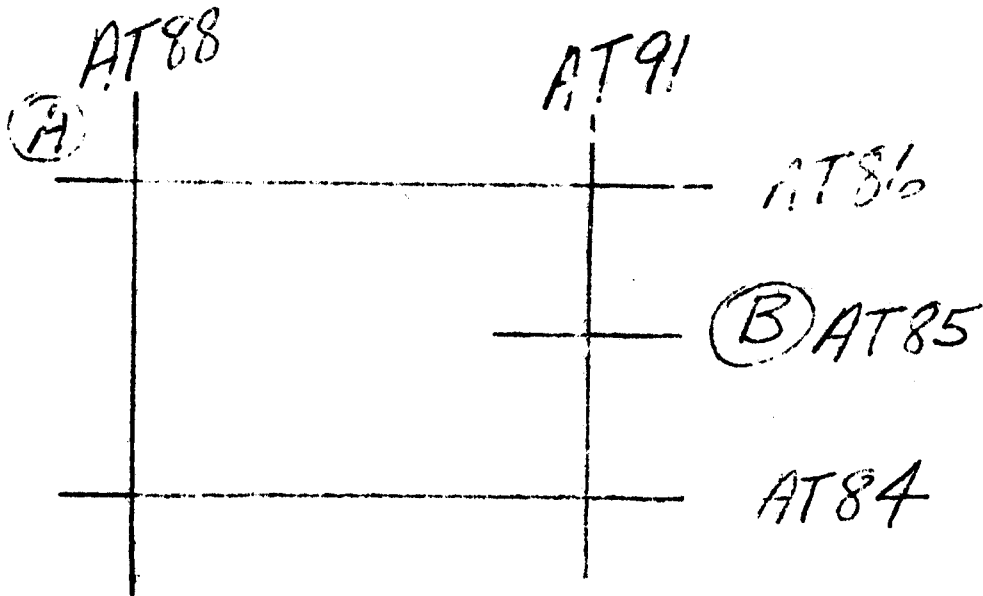
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ANNEX A
OpD 70-66
DUTCH OVEN
1st Recon Bn.



Operation Order: 70-0
 Patrol: 2-B Dutch Oven
 Debriefers: 1cpl R. E. GAC
 Map Sheet: 6641 III, 6541 II
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 282000H December 66

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 17 EN, 1 USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 1 PBC 25; 3 7x50's; 1 M-49 SPOTTER SCOPE.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-60 MG; 2 M-79's; 1 M3A1; 6 CLAYMORES; 4 CS GRENADES.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN THE AREA ASSIGNED AS DIRECTED.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 241515H/281400H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL CONDUCTED RECONNAISSANCE AND OBSERVATION FOR A PERIOD OF 95 HOURS WITH NO SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS OF OR CONTACTS WITH THE ENEMY. DURING THIS TIME THE PATROL RECEIVED 15 ROUNDS OF HEAVY MORTAR FIRE WITHIN THEIR NO-FIRE ZONE WHICH WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN FIRED FROM THE VILLAGE VIC. AT925855.

ONE EAST TO WEST TRAIL, WELL USED, WAS OBSERVED ALONG THE NORTHERN RIVER BANK; USED PRIMARILY AS ROUTE TO GRAZING LAND BY WATER BUFFALO.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY: NONE
 - B. TERRAIN: THE TERRAIN IN THE OBJECTIVE AREA IS CHARACTERIZED BY A 10'-15' CANOPY INTERMINGLED WITH THICK SECONDARY JUNGLE AND WAJBU-HIGH ELEPHANT GRASS. STREAMS AND RICE PADDIES THROUGHOUT THE AREA ARE EXTENSIVELY SWOLEN BY THE MONSOON RAINS.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERTION AND EXTRACTION WERE MADE BY TRUCK AT

AT926344.

252000H/AT900838, PATROL RECEIVED FIVE ROUNDS FROM AN ESTIMATED 120mm MORTER, COMING FROM THE SUSPECTED VILLAGE AT AT925855; DURING THIS SAME TIME, THE PATROL HEARD ABOUT 200 ROUNDS OF SA FIRE BEING FIRED NEAR THE BRIDGE VIC. AT926344, AND OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE MORTER FLASHES IN THE SAME AREA.

252100H/AT900838, PATROL RECEIVED SEVERAL ROCKS INTO THEIR NIGHT HARBOUR SITE; ONE PATROL MEMBER RETURNED SEVERAL MORE IN THE VICINITY OF THE PROBE, AFTERWARDS HEARING SOMEONE RETREAT BACK DOWN THE HILL.

262100H/AT900838, RECEIVED SIX MORE ROUNDS OF 81 OR 82mm MORTER FIRE TO THE NORTH, SOUTH AND EAST OF THE POSITION, BELIEVED TO HAVE COME FROM THE AREA AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED. PATROL CALLED IN PREP FIRE OF THE AREA WHICH CLEARED THE FIRING UNTIL 270315H WHEN 2 MORE ROUNDS WERE RECEIVED.

272030H/AT900838, PATROL RECEIVED TWO FINAL ROUNDS OF HEAVY MORTER FIRE TO THE NE AND SE.

THE MAIN RIVER, RUNNING FROM EAST TO WEST, IS USED BY THE LOCAL CIVILIAN POPULATION PRIMARILY FOR FISHING AND AS A ROUTE OF TRAVEL TO AND FROM THEIR RICE PADDIES.

HILL 146, AT AT900838, WAS AN EXCELLENT OP SITE, AFFORDING GOOD OBSERVATION IN ANY DIRECTION ALONG WITH GOOD CONCEALMENT.

MAP CORRECTIONS: THE PATROL CAME UPON A DESTROYED BRIDGE NOT SHOWN ON THE MAP (AT913838). THE REMAINS WERE THREE 2' CONCRETE PILINGS SPACED ABOUT SEVEN FEET APART (IMPASSABLE). ALSO FOUND A BRANCH RUNNING SOUTH INTO THE RIVER AT AT913837, EXTENDED AS FAR AS THE EAST-WEST 86 GRID LINE AND APPROX. 300 METERS WIDE AT THE WIDEST POINT.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS: PATROL LEADER RECOMMENDS THAT THIS AREA COULD POSSIBLY BE ENTERED WITHOUT BEING OBSERVED BY USE OF RUBBER BOATS DOWN THE MAINSTREAM, DURING THE DARK HOURS OF THE MORNING.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: PREP FIRE CALLED IN WAS VERY EFFECTIVE CAUSING THE ENEMY TO LIMIT AND CEASE THEIR FIRE.

LT. J. F. DUNN
2ND PLT. CO. B
PATROL LEADER

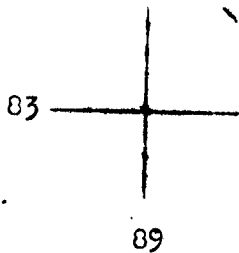
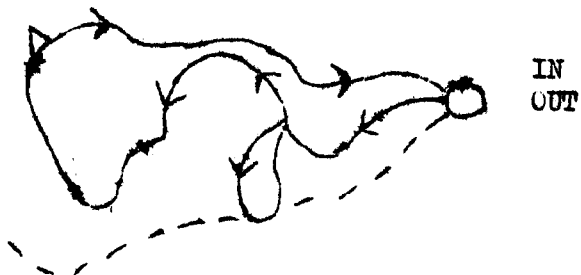
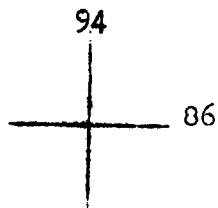
12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

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ALEXANDER, 1666200
GUGICH, 2217826
COOK, 2079958
TAYLOR, 2073220
BURNS, 2118089
RODRIGUEZ, 2192985
GREENE, 2225272
FAIR, 2073561
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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY



PATROL: 2-B DUTCH OVEN
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 (b) BnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) BnFragOrder Msg # 71-66

UNIT 3-FCALL SIGN CORN BREAPATROL LEADER Lt. KINGNO. PERS. 14INSERTION TIME 290700HCOORDINATES AT 823453EXTRACTION TIME 011600HCOORDINATES AT 7994461. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S-2).
 b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
 c. Attachments and Detachments :

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed.

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
 (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 290700H and inserts at vic. AT 823453, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H on 1 Jan 67, vic. AT 799446.

b. Patrol:

- (1) Conduct ground reconnaissance, as feasible, within assigned area and maintain surveillance of surrounding area.
 (2) The primary direction of observation is to the 360° of assigned area. Annex "A" establishes patrol's NO FIRE ZONE.

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- (b) Lines of communications.
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- (e) Location of major installations and facilities to include rest areas, command posts, communications facilities, hospitals, training areas, logistical storage facilities, and prisoner of war camps.

(4) Report the capture of all documents and weapons with description to BEACON LIGHT as soon as possible.

(5) Capture and return to U.S. control VC and/or VCS.

c. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Ref: (b).
- (2) Submit SITREP to BEACON LIGHT every hour.
- (3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.
- (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
- (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fires. Shackle OT azimuth at the discretion of the patrol leader.
- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertains to your mission.
- (8) Caution all troops to be alert for AP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger lives of patrol members to investigate same.
- (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference (c).
- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of the patrol.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. AO will come up on patrol net, and should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol log, list of all serialized equipment and number of patrol by 1600 to any preceding patrol.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. REFERENCE (b).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operations, (to include one day extra rations in the event of extension).
- c. Carry basic allowance of class V plus at least 2 blocks C-4 per squad, 8 feet of detonating cord per block, 10 feet of time fuse, sufficient fuse lighters and blasting caps to dual prime each block of C-4.
- d. Patrol leader will carry, or have carried, such other special equipment as he may deem necessary.
- e. Necessary med-evacs will be performed in accordance with previous instructions.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary; Helo; AC Net 37.9
 - (2) Alternate Net 36.4
 - (3) Artillery (1) 39.8 - ARNICA ECHO
 - (2) 37.3 - REDWOOD SOUTH
- c. Shackle and Brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs: Net Control:
 - DEL CON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 - DEL CON LIGHT CORN BREAD - Patrol
 - DEL CON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
 - BL CK COAT - AC
 - ARNICA ECHO - Arty
 - REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
- e. Command Posts:
 - (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein); vic. AT 959752.

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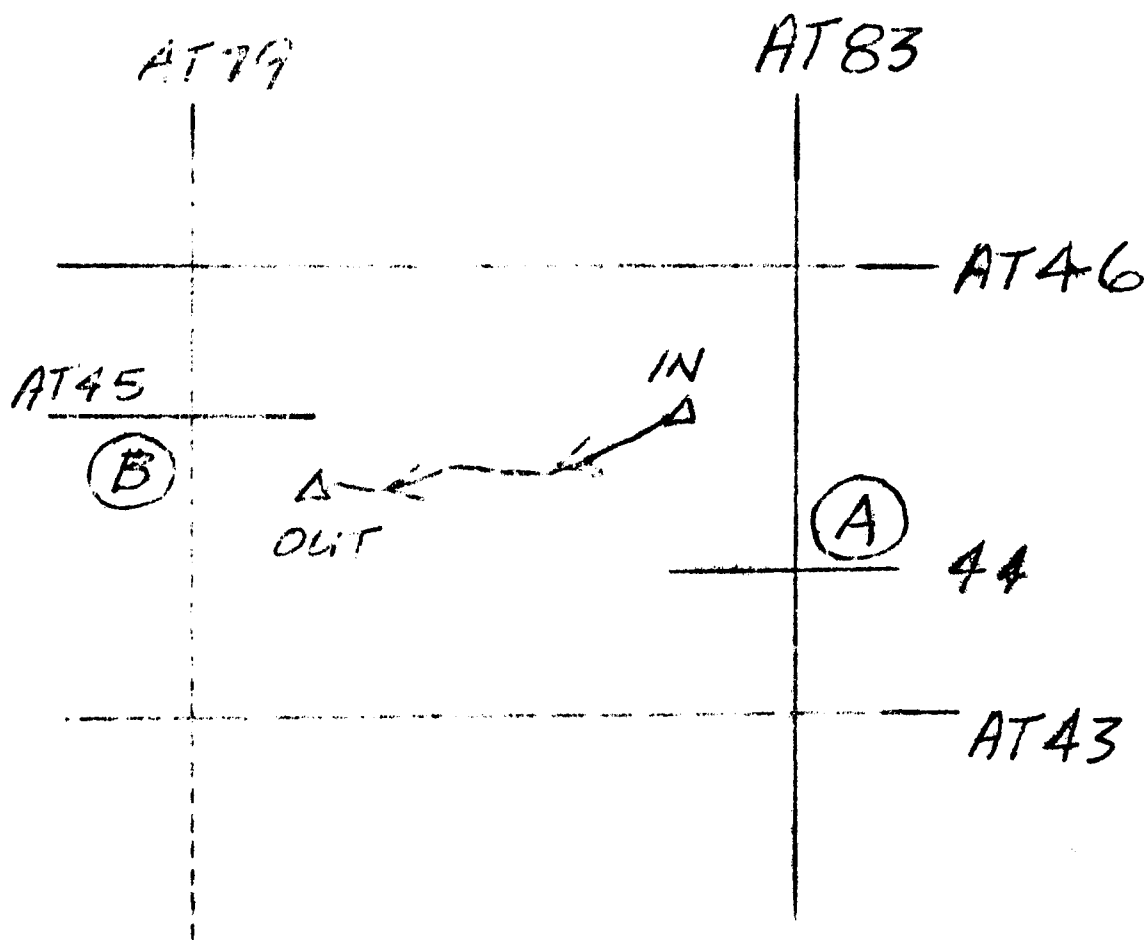
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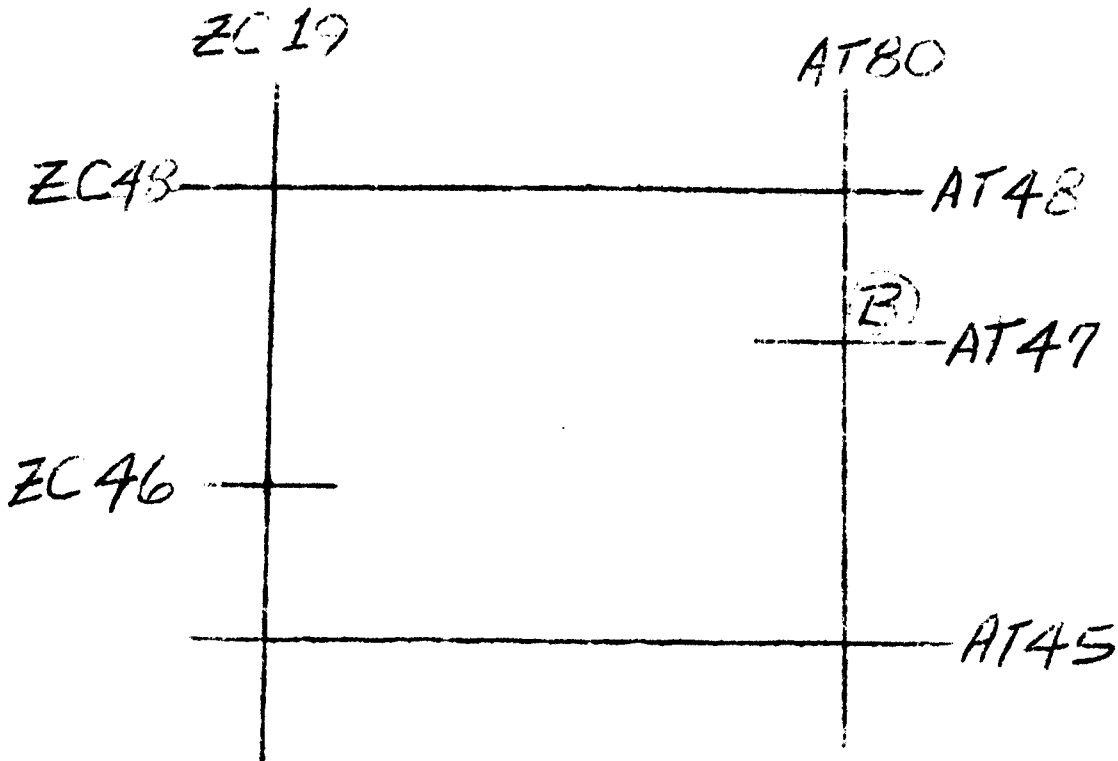
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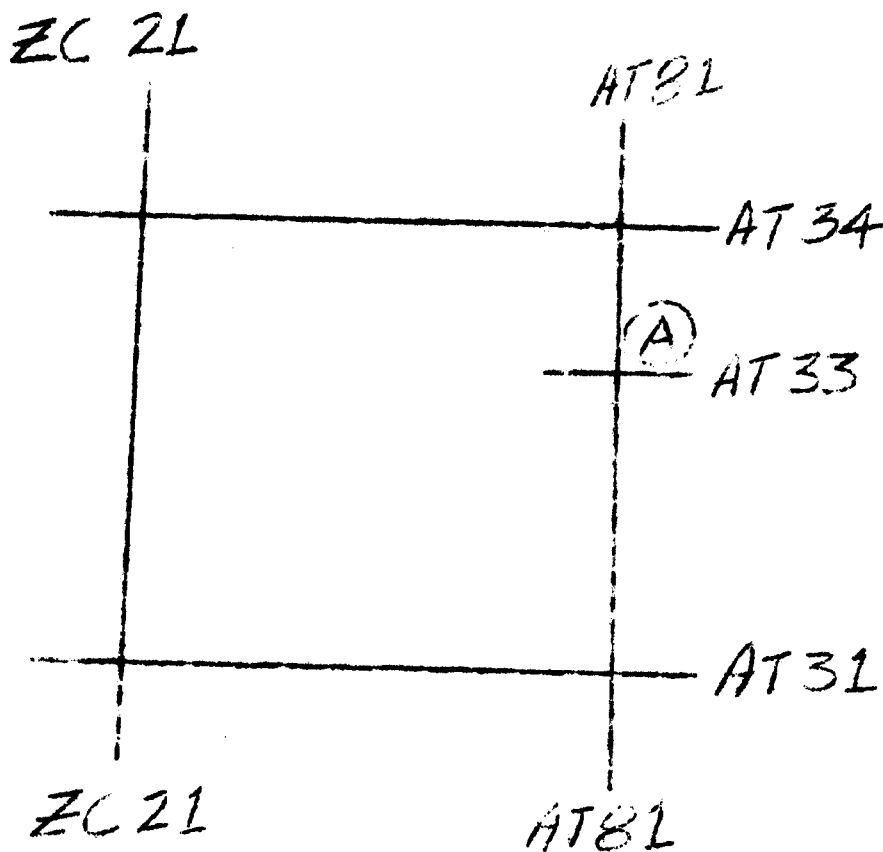
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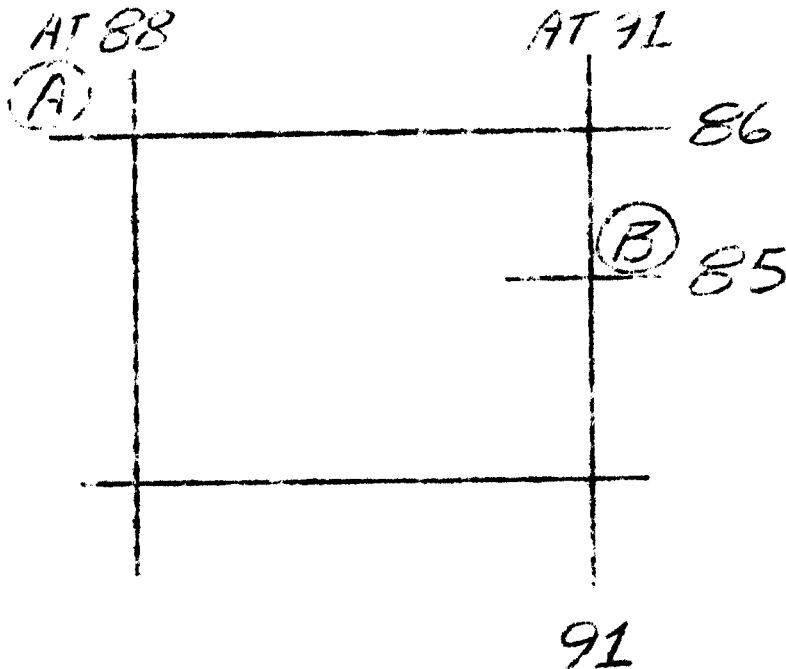
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OPERATION ORDER: 71-00
 PATROL: 3-F CORNBREAD
 DEBRIEFER: LT. R.S. ROBERTS
 MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000;
 AMS: L7014; SHEETS 6540 I,
 6540 II, 6640 II, 6640 III.

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FINAL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 11 EN, 1 USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: 2 SCOUT DOG TEAMS.
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's, 2 7X50's.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-60 MG; 2 M-79's, 1 M-76, 4 WP GRENADES;
 6 CS GRENADES WITH MASK.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN THE AREA ASSIGNED WITH PRIMARY DIRECTION OF OBSERVATION NORTH INTO THE PADDIES.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 291100H/292145H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 10½ HRS. WITH FOUR SIGHTINGS TOTALLING FIFTEEN VC; ON ONE OF THESE SIGHTINGS, 9 VC WERE OBSERVED AND AN ARTY. FM RESULTED IN 1 VC KIA PROBABLE. CONTACT WITH 4 VC RESULTED IN 1 VC KIA PROBABLE AND ONE SCOUT DOG WOUNDED. THIS PATROL BECAME ENGAGED WITH APPROX. 20-30 VC; SMALL ARMS WERE EXCHANGED, ARTY. FM'S CONDUCTED, AND "SPOOKY" CONDUCTED STRAFING AND FLARE RUNS. PATROL WAS EXTRACTED UNDER ILLUMINATION.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY:

291100H AT821462 UPCN INSERTION HEARD AUTO. WFNS. FIRE, NOT AIMED AT PATROL; SOUNDED LIKE .45 CAL. & ONE FASTER AUTO. WFN.

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291515H AT810448 TO 9 VC MOVING ALONG TRAIL; GRAY RAIN SLICKERS;
AT810445 RIFLES; ARTY. FM WITH GOOD COVERAGE RESULTING
IN 1 VC KIA PROB.

291730H AT810445 POINT RECEIVED APPROX. 5 RDS. SMALL ARMS FIRE FR.
1 VC; RETURNED FIRE; SEARCH FOUND ONE "JUNGLE HAT"
AND ONE 30 CAL. BRASS CASING.

291745H AT810446 CONTACT WITH 4 VC WHO WERE FOLLOWING PATROL;
BLK. PJ'S; RIFLES; EXCHANGE OF SMALL ARMS RESULTED
IN 1 VC KIA PROB. AND 1 USMC SCOUT DOG WIA.

291750H AT810446 1 VC SNIPER FIRING AT REAR OF PATROL COLUMN; BLK.
PJ'S; CARBINE.

291800H AT811447 PATROL'S DEFENSIVE POSITION SURROUNDED BY APPROX.
TO 20-30 VC; RECEIVED 2 GRENADES INTO POSITION AND
292145H WAS A DUD; SPARODIC SMALL ARMS FIRE BOTH AUTO.
AND SEMI. AUTO THE ENTIRE TIME; MUCH NOISE AND
MOVEMENT AROUND PATROL'S POSITION; PATROL RETURNED
GRENADES AND M-79 AND CALLED ARTY. FM'S AROUND
POSITION.

291830H AT811447 "SPOOKY" CONDUCTED MINI-GUN AND FLARE MISSIONS IN
PATROLS AREA. PLANE RECEIVED FIRE FR. VC IN AREA.

292145H AT811447 PATROL EXTRACTED UNDER ILLUMINATION.

3. TERRAIN: MOST OF AREA IS OPEN WITH 2'-3' GRASS AND AT ONE TIME HAS BEEN
CULTIVATED; TEA ORCHARDS AND RICE PADDIES ALL OVER THIS AREA. HILL TOPS
ARE THE ONLY AREAS WITH DENSE UNDERGROWTH AND HAVE NOT BEEN CULTIVATED.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERTION WAS MADE VIC. AT817464 IN THE MIDDLE OF THE
RICE PADDIES BECAUSE THE PLANNED INSERTION POINT, VIC. AT817464, WAS
FOGGED IN. EXTRACTION WAS VIC. AT811447 IN A HASTILY CHOPPED LZ.

THERE IS A WELL-USED TRAIL NOT SHOWN ON MAP FR. VIC. AT813458 TO VIC. AT809452 WHICH THE PATROL MOVED ALONG; WIDE AND WELL BEATEN DOWN.

THIS AREA IS VERY POPULATED WITH VIETNAMESE FARMERS, BOTH MALE AND FEMALE OBSERVED, AND MANY CATTLE; THERE ARE CULTIVATED AREAS AND HOOTCHES ALL OVER THIS AREA.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 2 VC KIA PROBABLE; 1 USMC SCOUT DOG WIA.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: BECAUSE THIS PATROL WAS FORCED TO LAND DIRECTLY IN THE LOWGROUND RICE PADDIES, THE LOCAL VC IN THIS AREA WERE AWARE OF THIS PATROL'S PRESENCE IMMEDIATELY. THE PATROL'S ROUTE AND MOVEMENT WERE KNOWN, POSSIBLY OBSERVED.

RECOMMEND FUTURE PATROL WORK FARTHER UP IN THE HIGHGROUND TO AVOID THE MANY POPULATED AREAS AND COULD UTILIZE BETTER COVER AND CONCEALMENT.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: THE QUICK RESPONSE FIRE TO WITHIN 100M. OF PATROL'S POSITION, WAS EXCELLENT. ALSO "SPOOKY'S" STRAFING RUNS WERE ACCURATELY CONDUCTED TO WITHIN 50M OF PATROL, AND THE FLARES PROVIDED ILLUMINATION FOR EXTRACTION AFTER DARK.

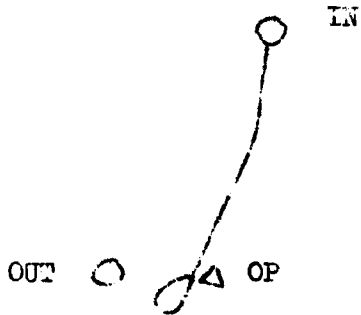
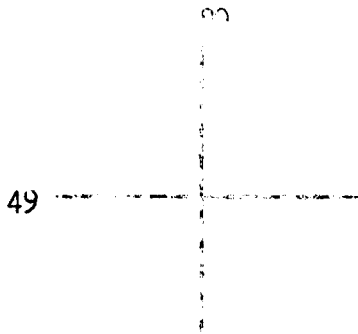
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12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: FROM THE APPEARANCE AND ACTIONS OF THE VC ENCOUNTERED BY THIS PATROL, THE VC WERE APPARENTLY OF THE LOCAL VARIETY; THEY WERE ATTRACTED TO PATROL AFTER FORCED INSERTION IN THE POPULATED LOWLANDS.

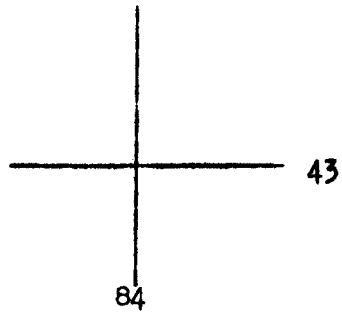
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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY



PATROL: 3-F CORNBREAD
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 10 EN, 1 USN.
 - B. ATTACHMENTS: 1 SCOUT DOG TEAM.
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 2 7x50's.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 2 M-79's; 1 M-60 MG; 6 CS GRENADES WITH MASKS.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OF THE AREA ASSIGNED; BE PREPARED ON ORDER TO CONDUCT AN AMBUSH.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 301400H/301700H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY:
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF THREE HOURS WITH THREE SIGHTINGS TOTALLING 16 VC, WITH AN ADDITIONAL 5-10 VC ESTIMATED IN THE AREA; CONTACT WAS MADE WITH THESE VC AND AN EXCHANGE OF SMALL ARMS RESULTED IN ONE VC KIA CONFIRMED AND 4 VC KIA PROBABLE. THE AO ON STATION CONDUCTED ONE FIXED WING AIR STRIKE IN SUPPORT AND THE PATROL WAS SUCCESSFULLY EXTRACTED WITHOUT CASUALTIES.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY:

301515H	ZC193461	CONTACT WITH 6 VC FIRING AUTO. WPNS. AT PATROL; BLK., PJ's, GREEN PACKS, AND RAPID FIRING AUTO WPNS; PATROL RETURNED FIRE RESULTING IN 1 VC KIA CONF. AND 2 VC KIA PROB.
301520H	ZC193461	UNKN. NO. OF VC FIRING MORE AUTO WPNS. AT PATROL.
301545H	ZC187448	10 VC WALKING DOWN RIDGELINE; BLK. PJ's, RIFLES; PATROL FIRED M-79 REC.
301615H	ZC193462	APPROX. 3 VC FIRING AT PATROL; BLK. PJ's; PATROL RETURNED FIRE RESULTING IN 1 VC KIA PROBABLE.

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301630H ZC189463

UNKN. NO. OF VC FIRING AT PATROL; MUCH NOISE AND MOVEMENT; [REDACTED] RETURNED FIRE WITH UNKN. RESULTS.

301700H ZC190463

1 VC FIRING AT EXTRACTION HELOS; PATROL PATROL MEMBER FIRED RESULTING IN 1 VC KIA PROBABLE.

B. TERRAIN: THIS AREA IS COVERED WITH 4'-5' GRASS IN MANY PLACES WHICH MAKE GOOD HLZ's. THERE IS EXTREMELY THICK SECONDARY GROWTH OF VINES AND BUSHES ALONG THE STREAMBEDS AND COVERING THE DRAWS. HEAVY JUNGLE CANOPY COVERS ALL THE HILLTOPS.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: PATROL WAS INSERTED IN THE WRONG LZ, VIC. ZC193455; THIS IS THE TOP OF HILL 214, A ONE-BIRD ZONE COVERED WITH 2'-4' GRASS.

FROM 301530H TO 301700H, THERE WAS NOISE AND MOVEMENT ALL AROUND THE PATROL'S POSITION, VIC. ZC193445; SPORADIC SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS BEING RECEIVED DURING THE ENTIRE PERIOD.

THERE IS A WELL USED TRAIL AS INDICATED ON THE MAP, VIC. ZC197460, TRAIL IS 2 FEET WIDE AND WELL BEATEN DOWN; IT EXTENDS SOUTH AROUND HILL 214 TO VIC. ZC187450, PROBABLY PARALLELING THE STREAM.

AN AIRSTRIKE WAS CONDUCTED BY THE AO VIC. ZC189463 AS THIS AREA WAS THE CENTER OF VC ACTIVITY; GOOD COVERAGE WITH UNKN. RESULTS.

THERE IS A POSSIBLE HOOTCH COMPLEX AND HARBOUR SITE VIC. ZC197459, WHERE STREAM CROSSES THE TRAIL; THERE IS EXTREMELY THICK VEGETATION IN THIS AREA AND THE VC ORIGINATED FROM HERE.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 1 VC KIA CONFIRMED AND 4 VC KIA PROBABLE.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THIS AREA IS HEAVILY USED BY THE VC BOTH FOR SMALL BASE CAMPS AND AS A TRANSIENT AREA WHEN MOVING FURTHER TO THE SOUTHWEST. THE TRAIL, VIC. ZC191460, APPEARS TO BE A MAIN ROUTE AND PROBABLY CONTINUES IN A SSW DIRECTION ALTHOUGH NOT SHOWN ON THE MAP.

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RECOMMEND FUTURE PATROLS CONTINUE TO WORK THIS AREA. THEY SHOULD LAND FARTHER TO THE NORTH, STAYING AWAY FROM THE MAIN TRAIL, AND THEN WORK SOUTH FOR GOOD OBSERVATION AND POSSIBLE AMBUSH SITES ALONG THIS WELL USED TRAIL VIC. ZC197460.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: RESPONSE OF THE AO AND STRAFING RUNS BY BOTH FIXED WING AND GUNSHIPS WAS BOTH TIMELY AND ACCURATE.

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12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: THIS PATROL MADE TWO CONTACTS IN TWO DAYS WHEN INSERTED IN THIS AREA. THE VC ARE DEFINITELY BACK IN THIS VICINITY IN NUMBER, AND FROM THEIR APPEARANCE AND ACTIONS ARE OF THE LOCAL FORSE VARIETY. WHETHER THE VC ENGAGED WERE TRANSIENT OR ENCAMPED IN THIS AREA AT THE TIME OF CONTACT CANNOT BE DETERMINED.

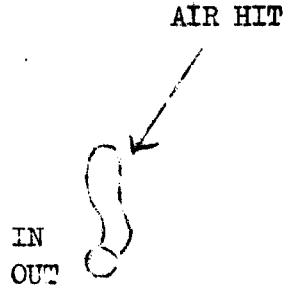
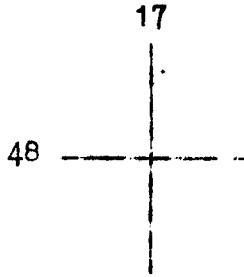
THIS PATROL WAS MISTAKENLY INSERTED ON A MAIN VC LOC AND, THEREFORE, MADE CONTACT ALMOST IMMEDIATELY UPON LANDING. THE CONCEPT OF THIS PATROL INVOLVED INSERTION FARTHER TO THE NORTHWEST, AND UNDETECTED MOVEMENT TO A POSITION OF GOOD OBSERVATION OF THE TRAIL VIC. ZC197460; THIS CONCEPT REMAINS AN EXCELLENT MISSION FOR A FUTURE PATROL IN LIGHT OF RECENT VC ACTIVITY IN THE AREA.

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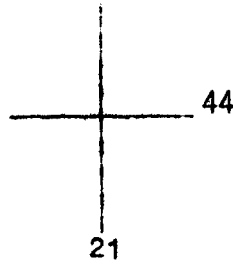
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 (b) BnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1stMarDivO P3800:1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) BnFragOrder Msg # 73-66

UNIT B-1 CALL SIGN CHARGE SHEET PATROL LEADER Lt. CAMPBELLNo. PERS. 21 INSERTION TIME 280700H COORDINATES ZC 166506EXTRACTION TIME 311600H COORDINATES ZC 1584751. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S-2).
- b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
- c. Attachments and Detachments:

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed.

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 280700H and inserts at vic. ZC 166506, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H on 31 December 1966, vic. ZC 158475.

b. Patrol:

- (1) Conduct ground reconnaissance, as feasible, within assigned area and maintain surveillance of surrounding area.
- (2) The primary direction of observation is to the 360° of assigned area. Annex "A" establishes patrol's NO FIRE ZONE.

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(3) Emphasis throughout the reconnaissance effort will be placed upon:

- (a) Routes of egress and entry.
- (b) Lines of communications.
- (c) LZ's suitable for exploitation forces.
- (d) Verifying the order of battle.
- (e) Location of major installations and facilities to include rest areas, command posts, communications facilities, hospitals, training areas, logistical storage facilities, and prisoner of war camps.

(4) Report the capture of all documents and weapons with description to BEACON LIGHT as soon as possible.

(5) Capture and return to U.S. control VC and/or VCS.

c. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Ref. (b).
- (2) Submit SITREP to BEACON LIGHT every hour.
- (3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.
- (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
- (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fires. Shackle OT azimuth at the discretion of the patrol leader.
- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertains to your mission.
- (8) Caution all troops to be alert for AP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger lives of patrol members to investigate same.
- (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference (c).
- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of the patrol.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. AO will come upon patrol net, and should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol log, list of all serialized equipment and number of patrol by 1600 hours of preceding patrol.

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- a. Reference (b).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operation, (to include one day extra ration in the event of extension).
- c. Carry basic allowance of Class V plus at least 2 blocks C-4 per squad, 8 feet of detonating cord per block, 10 feet of time fuse, sufficient fuse lighters and blasting caps to dual prime each block of C-4.
- d. Patrol leader will carry, or have carried, such other special equipment as he may deem necessary.
- e. Necessary med-evacs will be performed in accordance with previous instructions.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.

b. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 37.9
- (2) Alternate Net 36.4
- (3) Artillery (1) 37.5 REDWOOD SOUTH
(2) 38.90 STANLEY LOCKER

- c. Shackle and Brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.

d. Call Signs:

BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 BEACON LIGHT CHARCE SHEPP - Patrol
 BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
 BLACK COAT - AO
 REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
 STANLEY LOCKER - Arty

e. Command Post:

- (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Main); v/c. AT 959752.

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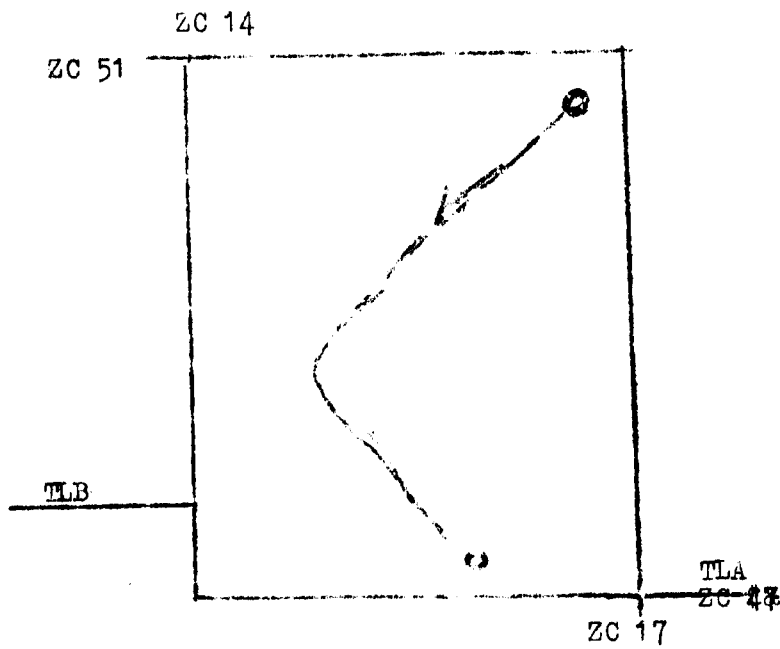
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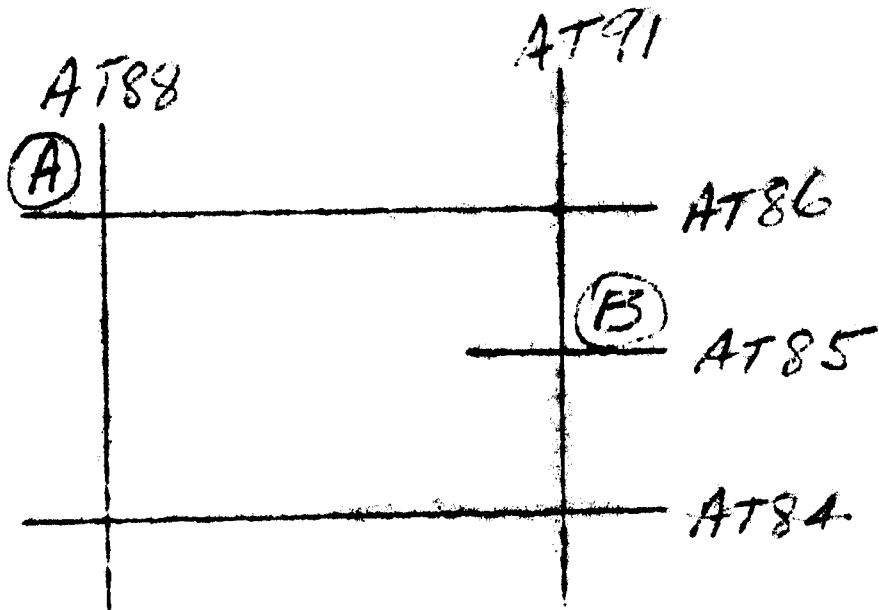
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Annex A
OpD # 73-66
CHARGE SHEET
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Operation Order: 73-66
 Patrol: 1-B Charge Sheet
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF; 18 EN; 1 USN.
 - B. ATTACHMENTS: NONE
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 2 7x50's;
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 2 M-79's; 1 M60 MG; 1 M3A1; 20 BLKS. C-4.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN THE AREA ASSIGNED WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON LOCATING TRAILS IN THIS AREA.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 231330H/311345H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 96 HOURS WITH NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS OR ANY OBSERVATION OF VC ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA. ON ONE OCCASION, WOODCUTTERS WERE OBSERVED. THIS ENTIRE AREA HAS BEEN WELL WORKED BY THE INFANTRY.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY: 301105H AT908876 MOVEMENT AND SMOKE IN THE BRUSH; 3 SEPARATE SMOKE FIRES OF THE WOODCUTTER TYPE; 3/9 NOTIFIED OF SAME.
 - B. TERRAIN: THE VEGETATION IN THIS AREA IS GENERALLY ALL THICK SECONDARY UNDERBRUSH, 6'-8' TALL; SLOPES ARE VERY SLEEP; CANOPY IN SPOTS AND IS ONLY 20'-30' HIGH; MANY FLOWING STREAMS; MOVEMENT IS NOT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT AND EXTRACT WERE MADE BY TRUCK VIC. AT924848.
 THERE ARE MANY OLD TRAILS IN THIS AREA; THE ONE INDICATED ON THE MAP GOING NORTH TO SOUTH VIC. AT901867, IS AN OLD OX-CART TRAIL APPROX. 3'-4' WIDE WITH MANY SMALL TRAILS LEADING OFF ON EITHER SIDE; ONCE USED BY WOODCUTTERS.

THIS AREA HAS BEEN WORKED EXTENSIVELY BY THE INFANTRY AND MUCH ASSORTED TRASH AND DEBRIS CANS, PAPER, BUTTS, ETC. IS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE AREA. THERE IS CONSTANT SMALL ARMS FIRE AT NIGHT COMING FROM THE VICINITY OF THE BRIDGE VIC. AT 928842, AND THE ARVN OUTPOST VIC. 931855.

THERE ARE NO HILLS ANYWHERE ON THE HIGH GROUND IN THIS AREA; BUT BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE TERRAIN- SMALL TREES AND UNDERBRUSH- IT WOULD NOT TAKE MUCH EFFORT FOR A RECON PATROL TO MAKE AN LZ FOR EXTRACTION.

- 8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.
- 9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
- 10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. THAT THIS AREA NOT BE USED AGAIN; THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO VC IN THE AREA NOR IS THERE ANY EVIDENCE OF RECENT VC ACTIVITY. THE INFANTRY HAS WORKED THIS AREA IN THE PAST AND IT IS CLOSE ENOUGH TO THEIR POSITIONS SO AS TO ALLOW THEM TO OPERATE HERE SHOULD THE VC RETURN.
- 11. RECOMMEND THAT RECON BN. OBTAIN THE "BEEPER" AND RADIO DEVICE USED BY THE AIRWING, TO BE CARRIED BY PATROLS; THIS DEVICE SENDS OUT A "HOMING" SIGNAL AND WOULD ALLOW FIXED WING AND HELICOPTERS TO LOCATE AND PINPOINT A PATROL'S POSITION, BOTH FOR EXTRACTIONS AND EMERGENCIES.
- 12. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

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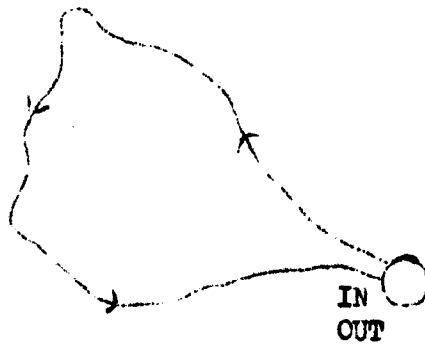
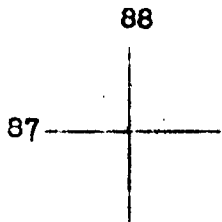
- 12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: THIS IS THE FOURTH PATROL THAT HAS OPERATED IN THIS VICINITY, AND ALL HAVE HAD NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS OR OBSERVATIONS OF VC ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA. STILL, A DANGEROUS PATTERN IS BEING ESTABLISHED CONCERNING THE TRUCK INSERTS AND THE TRAILS WHICH PATROLS MUST USE TO GET BACK INTO THE HIGH GROUND IN THIS AREA.

BECAUSE OF THE NECESSITY OF TRUCK INSERTS FOR "FOUL WEATHER PLANS", RECOMMEND A NEW AREA BE WORKED ON SUCH OCCASIONS TO BREAK THE PATTERN NOW BEING SET AND TO PATROL A MORE "FRUITFUL" AREA.

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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY



PATROL: 1-8 CHARGE SHEET
MAP SHEET: 6659 III

