

1ST RECON BN



COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

APRIL, 1966

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion
Command Chronology

1. Organizational Data

A. Location:

- (1) "A", "C", "D" and H&S Companies - Chu Lai, Republic of Viet Nam
- (2) "B" Company (-) - Camp Schwab, Okinawa (RLT-5)

B. Period covered by this report: 1 April - 30 April 1966

C. Name, rank of Commanding Officer, Staff and Chief Subordinates:

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| (1) Commanding Officer | LtCol A.J. SULLIVAN |
| (2) Executive Officer | Maj A.S. HARRIS |
| (3) Commanding Officer, Company "A" | Capt C.D. SMALL |
| (4) Commanding Officer, Company "B"(-) | Capt C.M. WHITE |
| (5) Commanding Officer, Company "C" | Capt R.B. TIFFANY |
| (6) Commanding Officer, Company "D" | Capt H.C. COOPER JR |
| (7) Commanding Officer, H&S Company | Capt T.J. GERAGHTY |
| (8) Battalion Adjutant, S-1 | 2ndLt D.C. LUEDTKE |
| (9) S-2 Officer | Capt B. MC MAHON |
| (10) S-3 Officer | Capt R.F. MILLIGAN |
| (11) Assistant S-3 Officer | 1stLt S.W. CHEFF JR |
| (12) S-4 Officer | 1stLt R.D. WILLIAMS |
| (13) Supply Officer | 1stLt J.D. STEWART |
| (14) Communications Officer | Capt R.S. KAYE |
| (15) Battalion Sergeant Major | SgtMaj A.J. TURNER |

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2. COMMANDERS NARRATIVE SUMMARY Of Significant Events.

During the period of 1-30 April 1966 the most significant events were enemy contacts while the Battalion was conducting operations in the Republic of Viet Nam.

a. General Support Missions. Platoon and company size operations were conducted in accordance with the Division Reconnaissance assigned mission. The employment and results are as follows:

(1) Eighteen (18) platoon size reconnaissance patrols were conducted resulting in sixty-two (62) sightings totaling one-hundred-ninety (190) VC, five (5) enemy KIA's, four (4) enemy WIA's, three (3) captured rifles, four (4) captured packs, seven (7) artillery missions were called with fourteen (14) possible KIA/WIA. One (1) friendly WIA was incurred.

(2) One (1) company size reconnaissance patrol was run resulting in nine (9) VC sightings, two artillery missions were called with seven (7) possible KIA/WIA.

b. Direct Support Missions. Platoon and company size operations were conducted in direct support of specific operations resulting in the following data:

(1) One (1) platoon size operation was conducted in support of a Battalion (2/7) operation resulting in four (4) VC sightings and one (1) friendly WIA.

(2) Two (2) company size operations were conducted in support of regimental size operations (Nevada and Wyoming).

(a) In Operation Nevada, the Reconnaissance effort resulted in twenty-one (21) sightings for eighty-six (86) VC, one (1) VC KIA, three (3) VC WIA, one (1) friendly WIA and one combination air and artillery mission was called with forty-two (42) VC possible KIA/WIA.

(b) In Operation Wyoming, the Reconnaissance effort resulted in ten (10) sightings totaling thirty-four (34) VC, one (1) friendly KIA (DOW), three (3) friendly WIA's, one (1) VC KIA and six (6) VC WIA.

(3) During this period numerous VC installations were found (i.e. rest areas, training camps, sniper holes) and destroyed as a result of this Reconnaissance information.

c. Company "B"(-), 1st Reconnaissance Battalion remains in attached to KLT-5.

d. The personnel and equipment of this Battalion remain prepared to perform any recon mission assigned.

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3. Detailed Description of Significant Events

a. "A" Company. "A" Company conducted six (6) platoon size and one (1) company size patrols in general support resulting in forty-one (41) sightings totaling one-hundred-twenty-four (124) VC, four (4) VC KIA, two (2) VC WIA, two (2) captured rifles and four (4) captured packs.

- 3 Apr Five (5) VC were observed in two (2) sightings. 1/
- 4 Apr Four (4) VC were ambushed resulting in one (1) VC KIA, one (1) VC WIA, one (1) captured rifle and pack. 1/
- 24 Apr Five (5) VC sightings totaling twenty-nine (29) and two (2) artillery missions were called, ambush resulting in two (2) VC KIA, one (1) captured rifle and pack. 2/
- 28 Apr Two (2) VC sightings totaling five men, ambush resulting in one (1) VC KIA and two (2) captured packs. 3/

b. "C" Company. "C" Company conducted five (5) platoon size patrols in general support resulting in seven (7) sightings totaling seventeen (17) VC.

- 12-15 Apr "C" Company conducted one (1) company size operation in direct support of Operation Nevada resulting in twenty-one (21) sightings totaling eighty-six (86) VC, one (1) VC KIA, three (3) VC WIA, forty-two (42) VC KIA/WIA in combination artillery/air mission. One (1) friendly WIA was suffered. 4/

c. "D" Company. "D" Company conducted seven (7) platoon size patrols in general support resulting in fourteen (14) sightings totaling forty-nine (49) VC, one (1) VC KIA, one (1) VC WIA and one (1) captured rifle.

- 18 Apr Three (3) sightings for eighteen (18) VC, fired on group of twelve (12) with unknown results. 5/
- 24 Apr One (1) sighting for four (4) VC, one (1) VC KIA, one (1) VC WIA and one (1) captured rifle. 6/

FOOTNOTES:

- 1/ Patrol Report for Frag Order 47-66, 4Apr66
- 2/ Patrol Report for Frag Order 51-66, 25Apr66
- 3/ Patrol Report for Frag Order 52-66, 28Apr66
- 4/ Patrol Report for Frag Order 3-66, 15Apr66
- 5/ Patrol Report for Frag Order 7-66, 21Apr66
- 6/ Patrol Report for Frag Order 6-66, Apr66

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"D" Company conducted one (1) company size patrol in direct support of Operation Wyoming resulting in ten (10) sightings totaling thirty-four (34) VC, one (1) VC KIA, two (2) VC WIA, captured two (2) rifle magazines and one (1) grenade. "D" Company suffered one (1) KIA (DOW) (L/Cpl C. B. JOHNSTON JR 2116397) and three (3) WIA's. 1/

d. 1st Force Recon Company. On 28 April 1966, the Battalion assumed operational control of First Force Recon Co (-). 2/

e. All patrol debriefings are attached to provide supplementary information concerning intelligence gathered by 1st Reconnaissance Battalion (-).

FOOTNOTES:

- 1/ Patrol Report for Frag Order 8-66, 23Apr66
2/ CG, 1stMarDiv(Rein) msg 290232H Apr66

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Appendix A (List of References) to Command Chronology

1. Plans and Orders

1stReconBn Operation Order 321-66 of 30 March 1966
 1stReconBn Administration Order 322-66 of 14 April 1966
 1stReconBn Operation Order Supplement 1-66 w/ch 1 of 30 March 1966
 1stReconBn Operation Order Supplement 2-66 w/ch 1 of 2 April 1966
 1stReconBn Operation Order Supplement 3-66 w/ch 1,2,3 of 10 April 1966
 1stReconBn Operation Order Supplement 4-66 w/ch 1 of 14 April 1966
 1stReconBn Operation Order Supplement 5-66 w/ch 1,2 of 20 April 1966

2. Debriefing reports

Company "A" Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 47-66
 Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 48-66
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 Company "D" Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 1-66
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 Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 3-66
 Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 4-66
 Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 5-66
 Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 6-66
 Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 7-66
 Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 8-66

3. Unit Diaries

H&S Company Unit diaries: 62-66 thru 83-66
 Company "A" Unit diaries: 17-66 thru 33-66
 Company "C" Unit diaries: 25-66 thru 37-66
 Company "D" Unit diaries: 46-66 thru 61-66

4. Messages

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Appendix B (Documentation) to Command Chronology

- ① 1stReconBn Operation Order Supplement 1-66 w/ch 1 of 30 March 1966
 ② 1stReconBn Operation Order Supplement 2-66 w/ch 1 of 2 April 1966
 ③ 1stReconBn Operation Order Supplement 3-66 w/ch 1,2,3 of 10 April 1966
 ④ 1stReconBn Operation Order Supplement 4-66 w/ch 1 of 14 April 1966
 ⑤ 1stReconBn Operation Order Supplement 5-66 w/ch 1,2 of 20 April 1966
 ⑥ Company "A" Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 47-66
 ⑦ ————— Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 48-66
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 ⑩ ————— Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 51-66
 ⑪ ————— Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 52-66
 ⑫ ————— Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 53-66
 ⑬ Company "C" Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 28-66
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 ⑰ ————— Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 4-66
 ⑱ ————— Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 5-66
 ⑲ ————— Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 6-66
 ⑳ Company "D" Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 1-66
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 ㉒ ————— Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 3-66
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(b) BnOpO 321-66
(c) BnO 3560.1

Time Zone: H

Task Organization. Reference (b).

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

- (1) Reference (b), see Annex A (Intelligence)
- (2) Current INTSUM's

b. Friendly Forces Reference (b).

c. Attachments and Detachments. Reference (b).

2. MISSION. The 1st Reconnaissance Battalion (-) will be prepared to:

a. Conduct ground reconnaissance/surveillance through the establishment and maintenance of a reconnaissance network in the Division RZ.

b. Conduct ground reconnaissance/surveillance in conjunction with U. S. Army, Special Forces Camps.

c. Conduct ground reconnaissance/surveillance in support of special operations outside the Division RZ.

d. Support reconnaissance/surveillance requirements beyond the organic capability of the infantry battalion or regiment.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Reference (b).

b. Company "A" (-)

(1) Reference (b).

(2) Be prepared on order to assume the missions of Company "D".

(3) Maintain one platoon as the Battalion reserve for the period of 3 April to 10 April inclusive.

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(9) Incorporate shackle system, thrust points and check points within company patrol order.

(10) Every effort will be made to obscure all evidence of patrol passage (bury all trash etc.)

(11) In the event infantry exploration or reinforcement is utilized be prepared to recommend primary and alternate landing zones for its entry.

(12) Cause patrol leader to report to the Battalion S-2 for briefing 24 hours in advance of the execution of the mission (Team leaders, squad leaders, and platoon sergeants will attend)

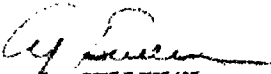
(13) Cause patrol leaders to report to the Battalion S-2 for debriefing immediately on return to the Battalion area.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Reference (b).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

(a) Reference (b).

(b) Each platoon size patrol will carry a PRC-25 for its primary means of communications. Inner platoon communications by PRC-10.



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 031730H TO 051800H APRIL 66

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization. Reference (b)

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces.

(1) Reference (b), see Annex A (Intelligence).

(2) As briefed by Bn, S-2

b. Friendly Forces. Reference (b).

c. Attachments and Detachments. Reference (b).

2. MISSION. Reference (b).

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. Reference (b).

b. Company "C".

(1) From 071700H to 111730H April 1966 establish observation posts to observe the following areas:

(a) THOU LAI (1), TRUNG TIN and the valley to the south of the villages (GS BT 3407 and west half of GS BT 3507).

(b) PLU HAE (GS BT 3307) and the valley area to the north-west. Establish OP's on D+1. Utilize normal reporting procedures except net one PRC-10 at radio relay point with 1st Marines S-2 to report all sightings on D+1 and D+2. Coordinate with 1st Marines. Ground reconnaissance will be limited to that which is possible during movement from the insertion landing zone to OP sites and from OP sites to the recovery landing zones. Use all available forces for this operation. Annex A establishes the no-fire zone.

c. Company "D".

From 091730H to 131800H April 1966, conduct an area reconnaissance of grid squares BS 4190, BS 4189 and that portion of BS 4089

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within the no-fire zone. Emphasis is to be placed upon locating and plotting trails with particular interest in those trails that appear to be heavily traveled and possible resupply routes (lines of communication). Within the limits of accomplishing the above cited mission attempt to establish observation posts overlooking grid squares BS 4088 and BS 4188. Utilize a platoon sized patrol for this operation. Annex B establishes the no-fire zone.

(2)(a) From 101700H to 161730H April 1966 conduct ground reconnaissance/observation in grid squares BS 4295, BS 4195, BS 4095 and the north half of BS 4094. Observation posts will be established in vicinity of Hill 817 and grid coordinates BS 405950 by first light on D+3. Ground reconnaissance will be limited to that which is possible during movement from the insertion landing zone to OP sites and from OP sites to the recovery landing zones. When established, OP's will observe the valley area to the SW, Hill mass 746 and the open areas to the south and west. Particular emphasis is to be placed on locating possible VC lines of communication. Determine a recovery landing zone prior to insertion but be prepared to adjust to a more suitable landing zone if required. Annex C establishes the no-fire zone.

(b) 131200H recommend to this headquarters, landing zones for the planned insertion of one platoon of Company "D" (See para. 3.d.(2) below). Be prepared to provide radio relay for the subject platoon. Coordinate with Company "D".

(3) Maintain one platoon as the Battalion reserve for the period of 11 April to 17 April inclusive.

d. Company "D".

071730H To 151800H
(1) From ~~071730H~~ ~~to 151800H~~ April 1966 establish observation posts to cover the valley contained in grid squares BT 3606, BT 3605 and BT 3705. Ground reconnaissance will be limited to that which is possible during movement from the insertion landing zone to OP sites and from OP sites to the recovery landing zone. Particular emphasis is to be placed on locating possible VC lines of communication. Annex D establishes the no-fire zone. *Coordinate with 1st Marines*

(2)(a) On order be prepared to conduct ground reconnaissance/surveillance from 131800H to 161730H April 1966 in vicinity of Hill 746 (BS 390950). Conduct surveillance of the valley to the west and south-west and the valley to east and north-east. Conduct ground reconnaissance from Hill 746 to the north-west to vicinity of BS 378962 along the south-west topographical crest, return to Hill 746 along the north-west topographical crest. Particular emphasis is to be placed on trails. Annex E establishes the no-fire zone.

(b) Coordinate with company "C" prior to 101200H. Be prepared to utilize company "C" observation posts (Hill 817) as radio relay.

(c) Determine insertion and retraction LZ's from map study and aerial reconnaissance. Note para. (2)(b) above.

e. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Scout-sniper teams will be attached for all operations.
- (2) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire.
- (3) Shackle OT azimuth when adjusting artillery fire.
- (4) ERT's: Annex L to reference (b).
- (5) Submit patrol rosters to this Headquarters (2 copies to S-3, 1 copy to S-1) prior to execution of assigned mission.
- (6) On call concentrations will be planned and submitted with the rough patrol order (D-2).
- (7) Attempt to contact AC's when they are operating in vicinity of the patrol.
- (8) See reference (k) for additional instructions.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Reference (b).

5. COMBAT AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. Reference (b).

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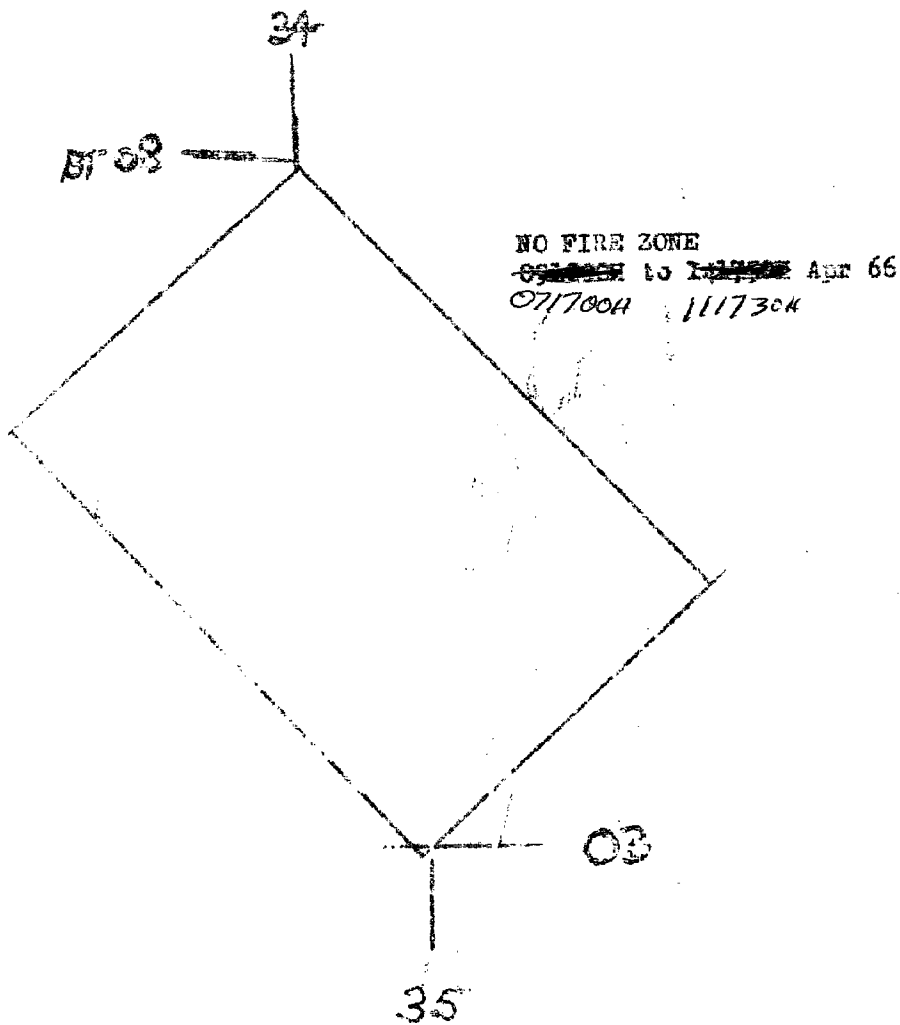
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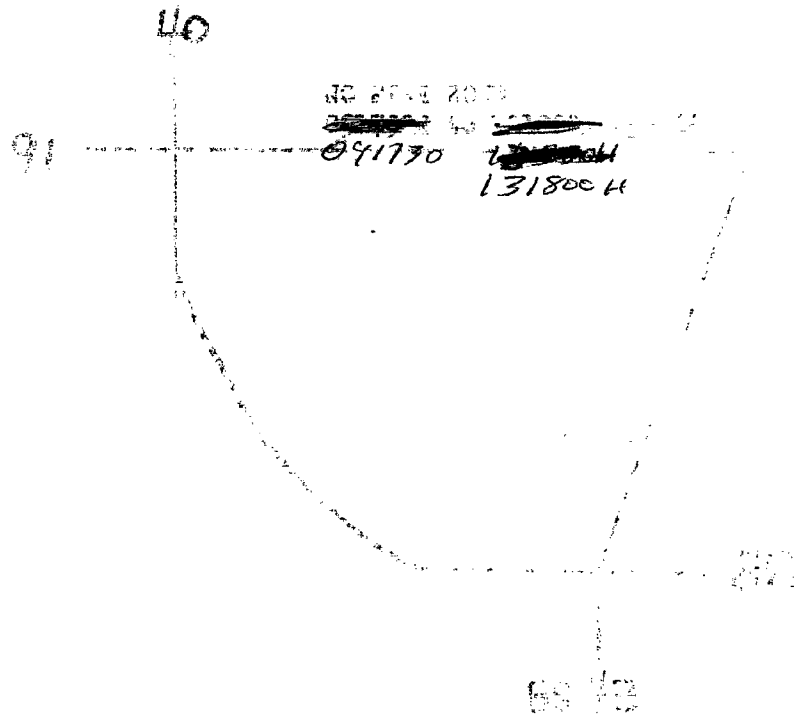
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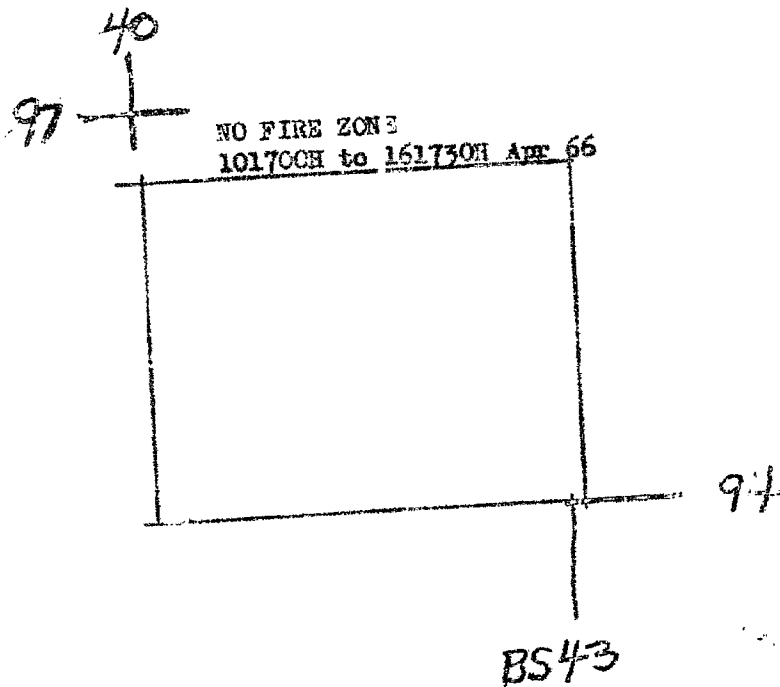
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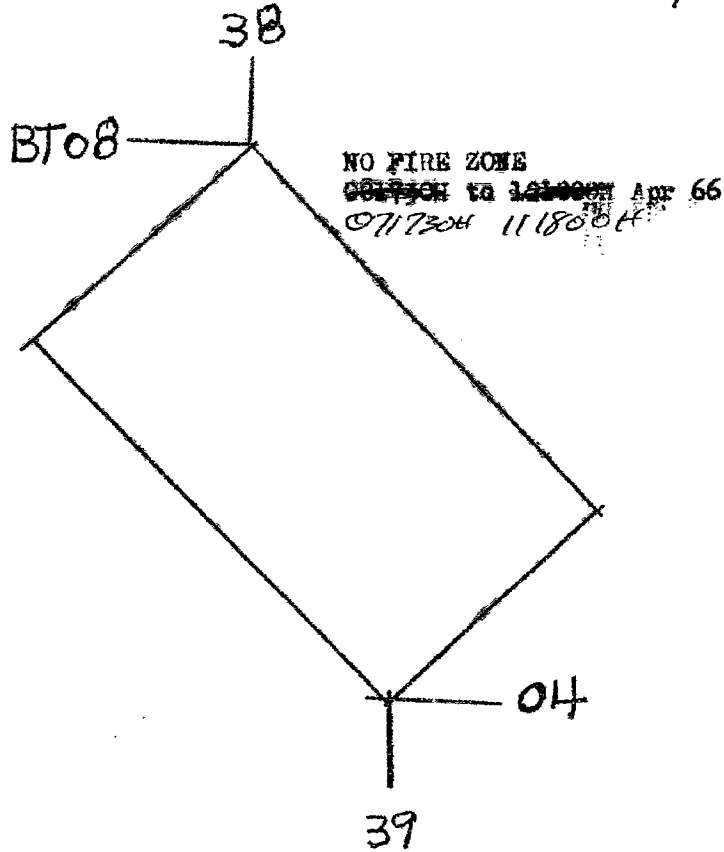
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- (b) Bn OpO 321-66
- (c) BnO 3560.1
- (d) Bn FragO 01-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization. Reference (b).

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

- (1) Reference (b), Annex A (Intelligence).
- (2) As briefed by Battalion S-2.

b. Friendly Forces. Reference (b).

c. Attachments and Detachments

- (1) Reference (b).
- (2) Reference (d).

2. MISSION. Reference (b).

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Reference (b).

b. Company "A" (-)

(1) From ~~170000H~~ ^{151730H} to 201800H April 1966 be prepared to establish observation posts to observe the following areas:

(a) From vicinity of Hill 410 (BT 389034) observe to the NW into the PHOUK KHACH Valley (grid squares BT 3606, BT 3605, and BT 3705).

(b) TU CHANH (BT 371017) and grid square BT ~~3601~~ ³⁷⁰¹.

Establish OP's by first light D+2. The observation post, vicinity Hill 410, is to be prepared to act as radio relay. Ground reconnaissance will be limited to that which is possible during movement from the insertion landing zone to OP sites and from OP sites to the recovery landing zone.

Use 1st Platoon for this operation. Annex A establishes the No-Fire Zone:

(2) From ^{160600H 201200H} ~~211730H~~ to ~~211800H~~ April 1966 conduct an area reconnaissance of grid squares BT 3403, BT 3303, BT 3304 and that portion of BT 3204 that is contained in the RACR. Emphasis is to be placed upon locating and plotting trails with particular emphasis on possible lines of communication. By D+3 establish observation posts overlooking Hoi My Tenong (BT 319052) and vicinity grid coordinates BT 323036. Be prepared to utilize radio relay at Hill 410 (para 3.b.(1) above) to maintain communications. Utilize 1/3 of available forces for this operation. Annex B establishes the No-Fire Zone.

(3) From 241730H to 261730H conduct a prisoner snatch vicinity of grid square BT 3104. If the snatch is successful, request immediate extraction. Extraction LZ must be designated prior to the departure of the patrol. Extraction aircraft will be placed on a standby status. Close air support will also be laid on. Utilize 1/3 of available forces for this mission. Annex B-1 establishes the No-Fire Zone.

c. Company "C"

(1) On order be prepared to support the 7th Marines special operation (Company "C" Frag 3-66 of 100900H April 1966). Operational control of Company "C" (-) (2 platoons and Co Hdqts) will be assumed by the 7th Marines for this operation.

(2) Maintain one platoon as the Battalion reserve for the period of 18 April to 23 April inclusive.

d. Company "D"

(1) From ^{241800H 281830H} ~~241800H~~ to ~~201830H~~ April 1966 conduct ground reconnaissance between Hill 661 West (BS 438987), Hill 661 East (BS 453989) and the area located vicinity BS 464991. Emphasis is to be placed upon: (a) locating and plotting trails; (b) locating existing or possible landing sites in vicinity of Hill 661 East and/or BS 464991. The primary purpose in conducting the subject patrol is to determine the feasibility of establishing a radio relay site vicinity of Hill 661 East or BS 464991. Utilize 1/3 of available forces for this operation. Annex D establishes the No-Fire Zone.

(2) Company "D" (-) (two platoons and company headquarters) is attached to the 1st Marines as of 241200H April 66 for a period of approximately seven (7) days.

(a) The ridge located vicinity grid coordinates BS 431985 NW to BS 418998.

(b) The draw located vicinity grid coordinates BS 425981 NW to BT 407010.

Emphasis is to be placed upon locating and plotting trails with particular interest in heavily travelled trails/lines of communications and possible VC harbour/supply sites. Be prepared to provide radio relay for

Company "A", para 3.b.(3) page 2. Utilize 2/3 of available forces for this operation. Annex E establishes No-Fire Zone.

e. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Scout-sniper teams will be attached for all operations.
- (2) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire.
- (3) REF's: Annex A to reference (b).
- (4) Submit patrol rosters to this headquarters (2 copies to S-3, 1 copy to S-1) prior to execution of assigned mission.
- (5) On call concentrations will be planned and submitted with the rough patrol order (D-3).
- (6) Attempt to contact AO's when they are operating in vicinity of the patrol.
- (7) When reporting status and there is no message traffic involved and the patrol is secure utilize the "ALPHA SIERRA" brevity code word.
- (8) When reporting utilize "SIGURE" form when ever possible. Make complete, clear reports.
- (9) Advise this headquarters of any ambushes planned or established.
- (10) See reference (a) for additional instructions.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICS. See reference (b).

5. COMBAT AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. See reference (b).

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL SULLIVAN

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Major U. S. Marine Corps

Executive Officer

Annexes

- A - No-Fire Zone (170630H to 201800H April 1966)
- B - No-Fire Zone (171730H to 211800H April 1966)
- C - No-Fire Zone (211730H to 251830H April 1966)
- D - No-Fire Zone (161800H to 201830H April 1966)
- E - No-Fire Zone (210600H to 261800H April 1966)

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a. Basic Order

- (1) Para 3.b.(1). Change "170630H" to read "151730H."
- (2) Para 3.b.(1)(b). Change "BT 3701" to read "BT 3701"
- (3) Para 3.b.(2). Change "171730H to 211800H" to read "160630H to 201730H."
- (4) Para 3.b.(3). Change "211700H to 251830H April 1966" to read "271730H April 1966 to 011730H May 1966."
- (5) Para 3.d.(1). Change "161800H to 201830H" to read "241800H to 281830H."
- (6) Para 3.d.(2). Change "210600H to 261800H April 1966" to read "270600H April 1966 to 011800H May 1966."

b. Annex A. Change "170630H" to read "151730H."

c. Annex B. Change "171730H to 211800H" to read "160630H to 201730H."

d. Annex C. Change "211730H to 251830H April 1966" to read "271730H April 1966 to 011730H May 1966."

e. Annex D. Change "161800H to 201830H" to read "241800H to 281830H."

f. Annex E. Change "210600H to 261800H April 1966" to read "270600H April 1966 to 011800H May 1966."

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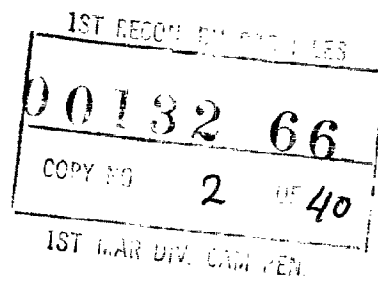
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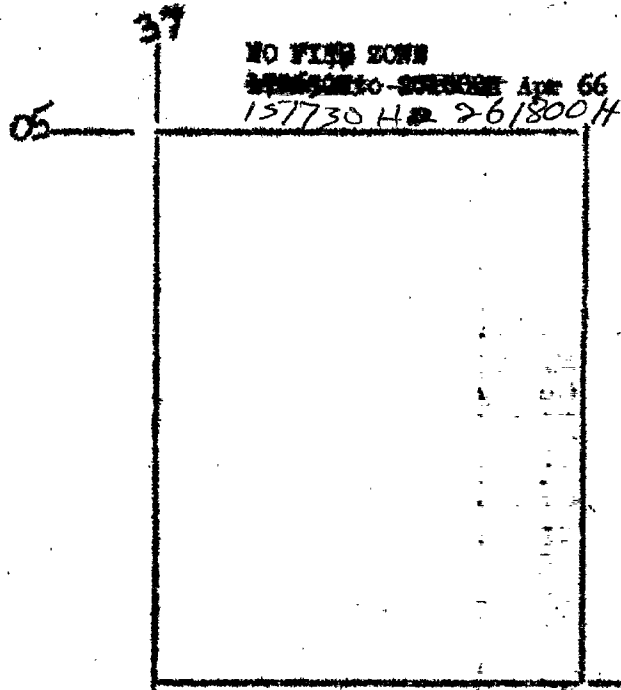
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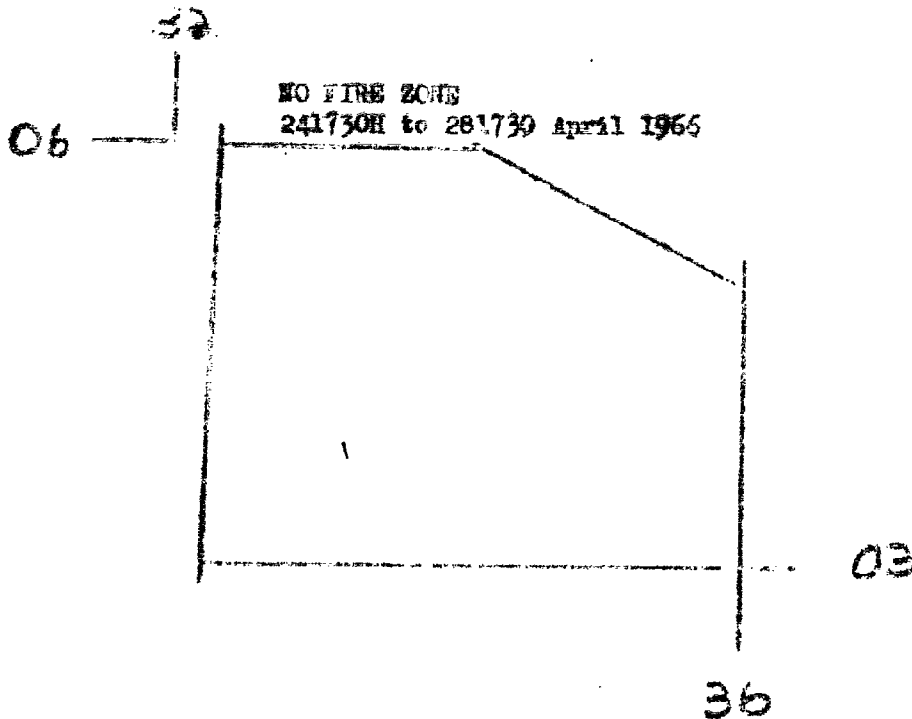
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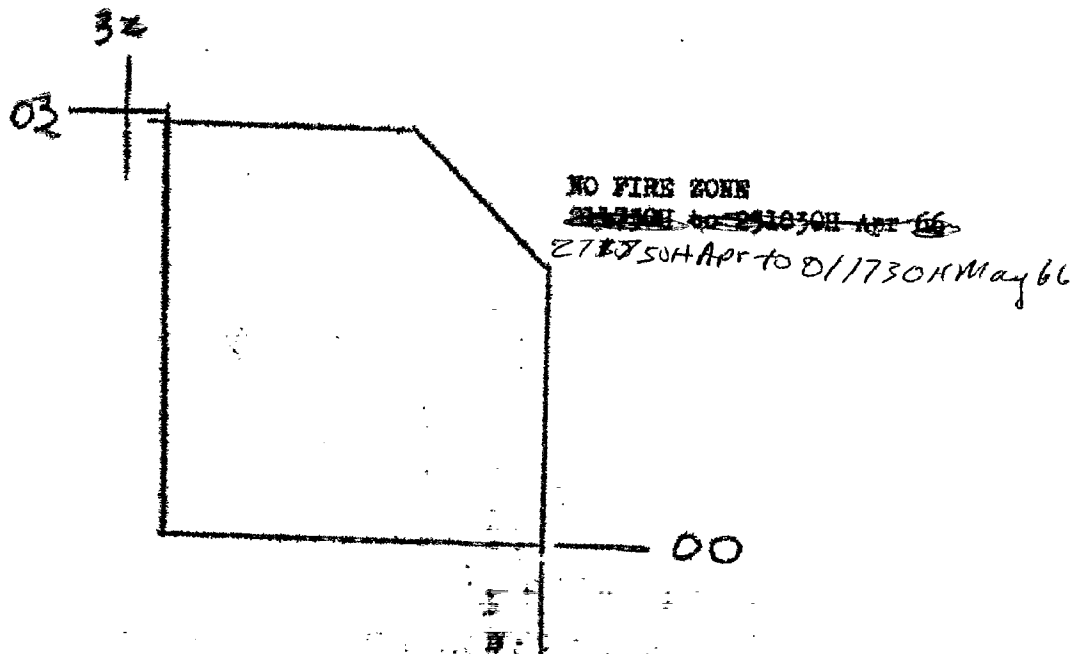
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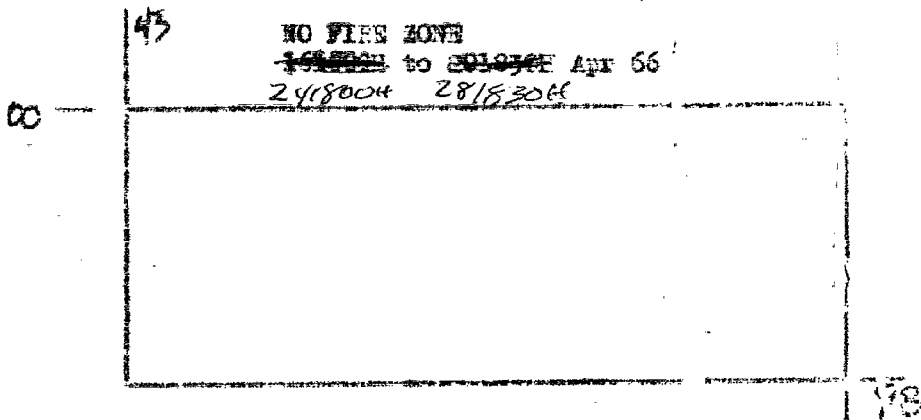
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a. Basic Order

(1) Paragraph 3.b.(3). Delete present paragraph and insert the following: From 241730H to 281730H conduct a prisoner snatch vicinity of grid square BT 3104. If the snatch is successful, request immediate extraction. Extraction LZ must be designated prior to the departure of the patrol. Extraction aircraft will be placed on a standby status. Close air support will also be laid on. Utilize 1/3 of available forces for this mission. Annex B-1 establishes the No-Fire Zone.

(2) Paragraph 3.d.(2). Delete existing paragraph. Insert the following: Company "E" (-) (two platoons and company headquarters) is attached to the 1st Marines as of 241200H April 66 for a period of approximately seven (7) days.

b. Annex B. Remove existing Annex B and replace with Annex B-1.

c. Annex E. Remove existing Annex E.

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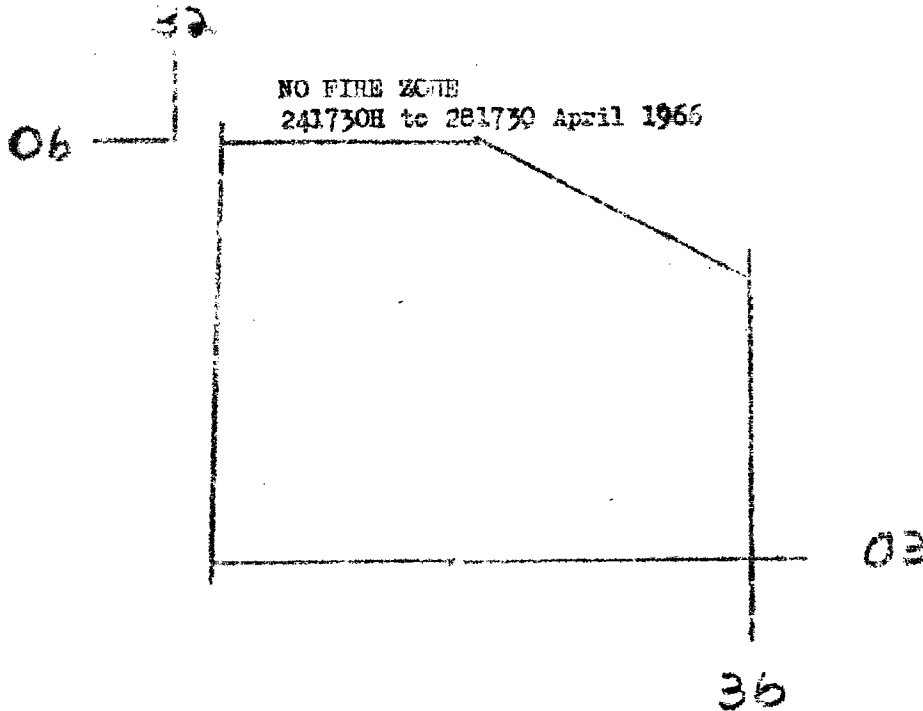
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- (b) Bn OpO 321-66
- (c) BnO 3560.1

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Reference (b)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy forces

- (1) References (b), Annex A (Intelligence).
- (2) As briefed by Battalion S-2.

b. Friendly forces. Reference (b).

c. Attachments and Detachments. Reference (b).

2. MISSION. Reference (b).

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Reference (b).

b. Company "A"

231800H 211730H
 (1) From 200630H to 241730H April 1966 conduct ground reconnaissance of grid squares BT 3503, 3603 and 3609. Establish observation posts to cover THOU HAI (2) (BT 361007) and THOU HAI (1) (BT 3488084). Utilize 1/3 of available forces for this operation. Annex A establishes the no-fire zone.

(2) Paragraph 3.8.(2): Delete existing paragraph and replace with the following: At 201745H relieve the 1st Platoon, Company "A" in its assigned mission ordered in OpO Supplement 3-66 w/ch 1. Continue with mission as assigned to 1st Platoon, Company "A" until 261800H.

c. Company "B"

(1) From 190630H to 231730H April 66 establish observation of LOC THAUK (1) (BS 4783 and BS 4888), LOC THAUK (2) (BS 4789) and MY LOC (3) (BS 4989). Ground reconnaissance will be limited to that which is possible during movement from the insertion LZ to OP sites and to the recovery LZ. Utilize 1/3 of available forces for this operation. Annex B establishes the no-fire zone.

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(2) Be prepared on order to assume the mission of Company "D".

d. Company "D"

(1) From 161800H to 201830H April 66 establish observation of THO AN Valley (BS 4795), grid squares BS 4895, BS 4995 and BS 5095. Ground reconnaissance will be limited to that which is possible during movement from the inspection LZ to CP sites and to the recovery LZ. Utilize 1/3 of available forces for this operation. Annex "C" establishes the no-fire ~~zone~~ zone.

(2) Be prepared on order to assume the mission of Company "L".

e. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Scout sniper teams will be attached for all operations.

(2) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire.

(3) REF's: Annex A to reference (b).

(4) Submit patrol rosters to this headquarters (2 copies to S-3, 1 copy to S-1) 24 hours prior to assigned mission.

(5) On call concentrations will be planned and submitted with the rough patrol order (D.3).

(6) Attempt to contact AO's when they are operating in the vicinity of the patrol.

(7) When reporting status and there is no message traffic involved and the patrol is secure, utilize the "Alpha Sorra" brevity code words.

(8) When reporting, utilize "SALUTE" form whenever possible. Make complete, clear reports.

(9) Advise this headquarters of any ambushes planned or established.

(10) See reference (b) for additional instructions.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See reference (b).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. See reference (b).

b. All reports will be addressed to Crankease Bailly vice Crankease Whiskey.

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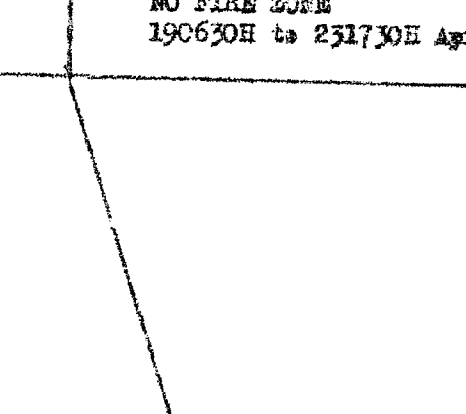
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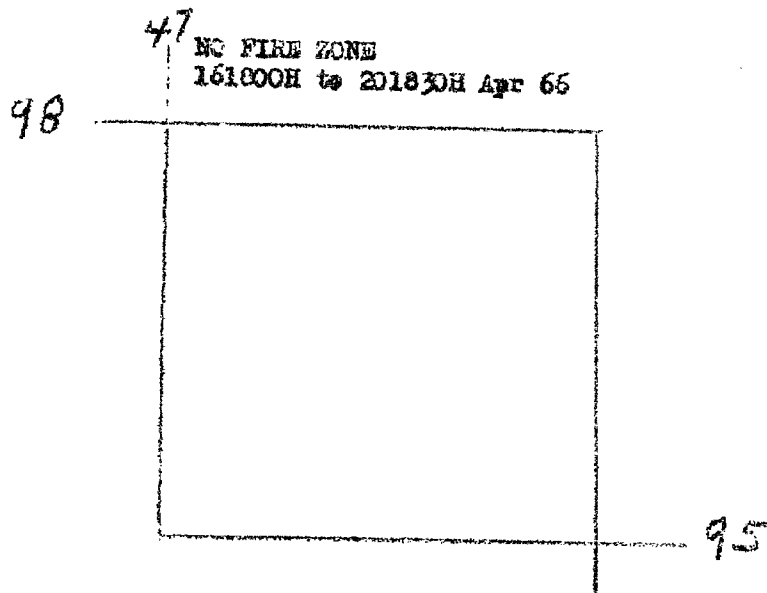
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- (b) Bn OpO 321-66
- (c) BnO 3560.1
- (d) Operation Order Supplement 3-66 w/Ch 2
- (e) Operation Order Supplement 4-66 w/Ch 1

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Reference (b)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy forces

- (1) Reference (b), Annex A (Intelligence).
- (2) As briefed by Battalion S-2.

b. Friendly forces. Reference (b).

c. Attachments and Detachments. Reference (b).

2. MISSION

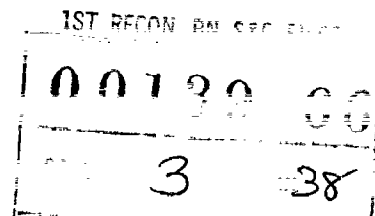
a. Concept of Operation. Reference (b).

b. Company "A".

(1) From 261800H Apr 66 to 301800H Apr 66 establish observation of the PHUOC KHACH Valley between vicinity of BT 378050 and BT 340080. Ground reconnaissance will be limited to that which is possible while moving from insertion LZ to OP sites and to recovery LZ. Utilize 1/3 of available forces for this operation. Annex A establishes the No-Fire Zone.

(2) From 021800H to 061800H May 1966 conduct ground reconnaissance in grid squares BS 3599, BS 3699 and BT 3600. Emphasis is to be placed upon locating and plotting trails. Establish observation of the valley contained in grid squares BT 3700 and BT 3701 by the morning of D+3. Utilize 1/3 of available forces for this operation. Annex "B" establishes the No-Fire Zone.

c. Company "C".



(1) From 291730H April 66 to 031800H May 66 conduct an area reconnaissance of grid squares BS 3892, 3991, 4091 and 4191. Emphasis is to be placed upon locating and plotting trails with particular emphasis on possible lines of communications. Utilize 1/3 of available forces for this operation. Annex "C" establishes the No-Fire Zone.

(2) From 291800H April 66 to 031730H May 66 conduct an area reconnaissance in grid squares BS 3899, 3898, 3837 and 3996. Emphasis is to be placed upon locating and plotting trails with particular emphasis on possible lines of communications. Utilize 1/3 of available forces for this operation. Annex "D" establishes the No-Fire Zone.

d. Company "D". From 011730H to 051800H May 1966 conduct an area reconnaissance in grid squares BS 4497 and BS 4396. By D+3 establish observation of TINH TRUNG VALLEY (BS 4295, 4395 and 4495). Utilize 1/3 of available forces for this operation. Annex "E" establishes the No-Fire Zone.

e. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Scout sniper teams will be attached for all operations.

(2) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Maximum effort will be made to employ supporting arms on targets of seven (7) or more VC.

(3) EEI's: Annex A to reference (b).

(4) All companies are reminded to submit two copies of the Company roster to the S-3. The company is responsible for maintaining the accuracy of the roster. One copy is also to be provided to the S-1.

(5) On call concentrations will be planned and submitted with the rough patrol order (D-3).

(6) When reporting status and there is no message traffic involved and the patrol is secure, utilize the "Alpha Serra" brevity code words.

(7) When reporting, utilize "SALUTE" form whenever possible. Make complete clear reports. Reports of contact must be detailed, report complete information as soon after the contact as possible.

(8) Advise this headquarters of any planned or established ambushes.

(9) See Reference (b) for additional instructions.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See reference (b) and AdminO 322-66.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. See reference (b).

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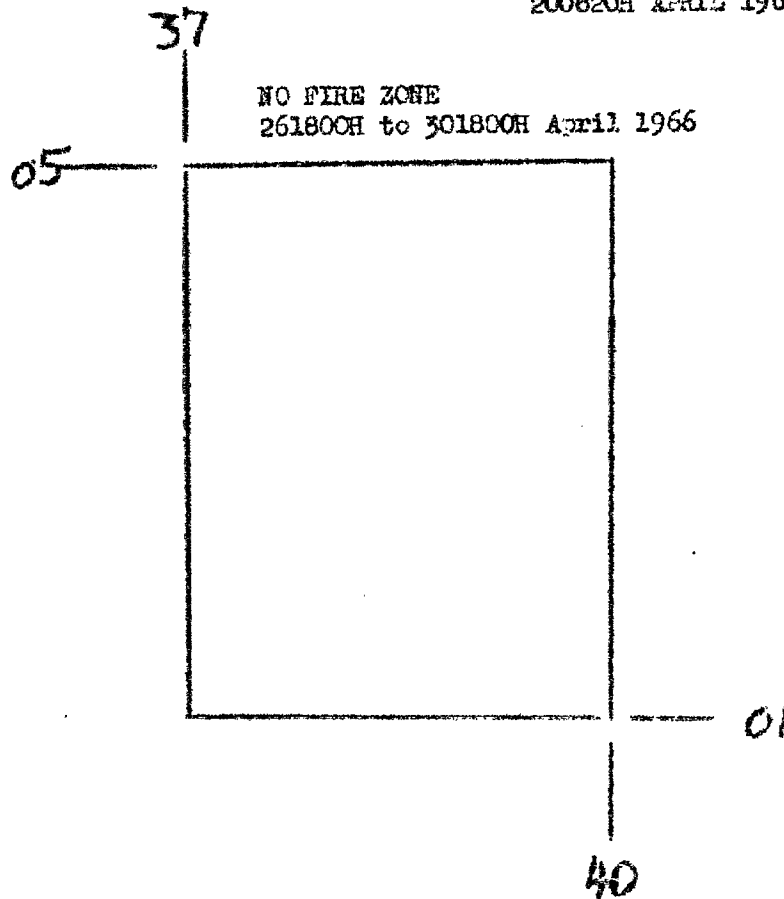
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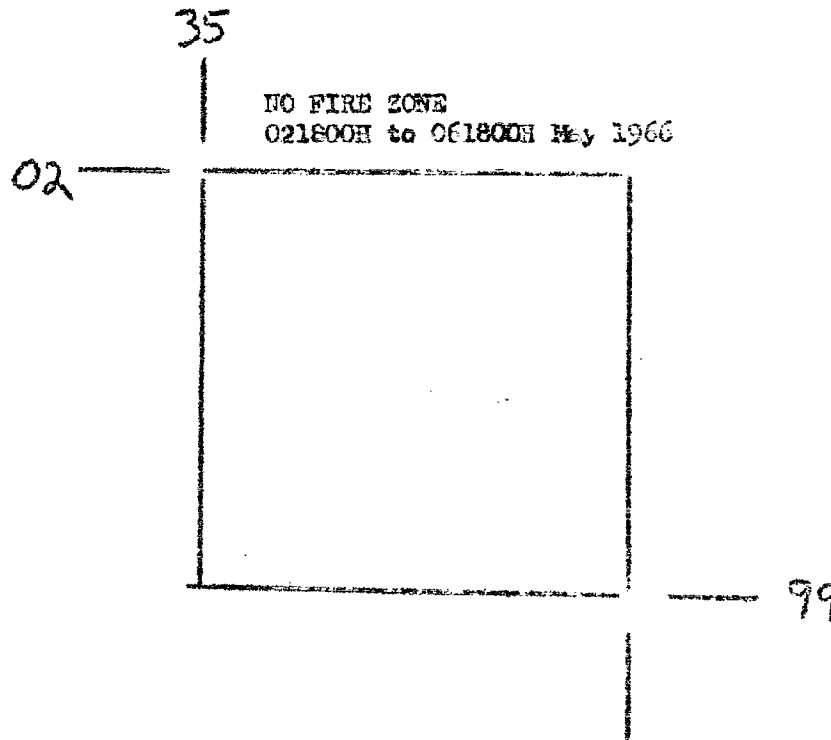
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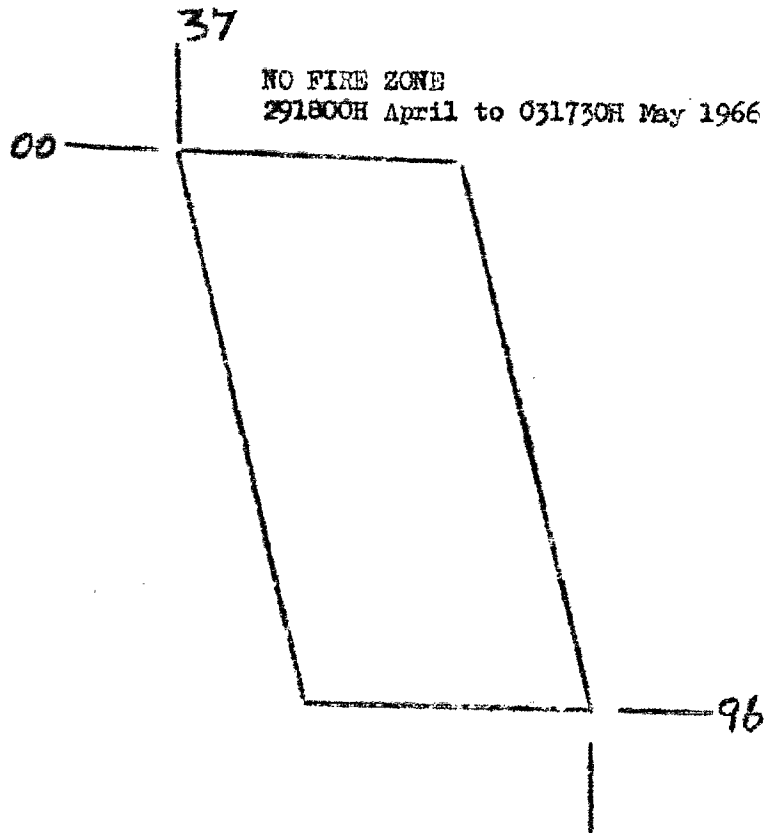
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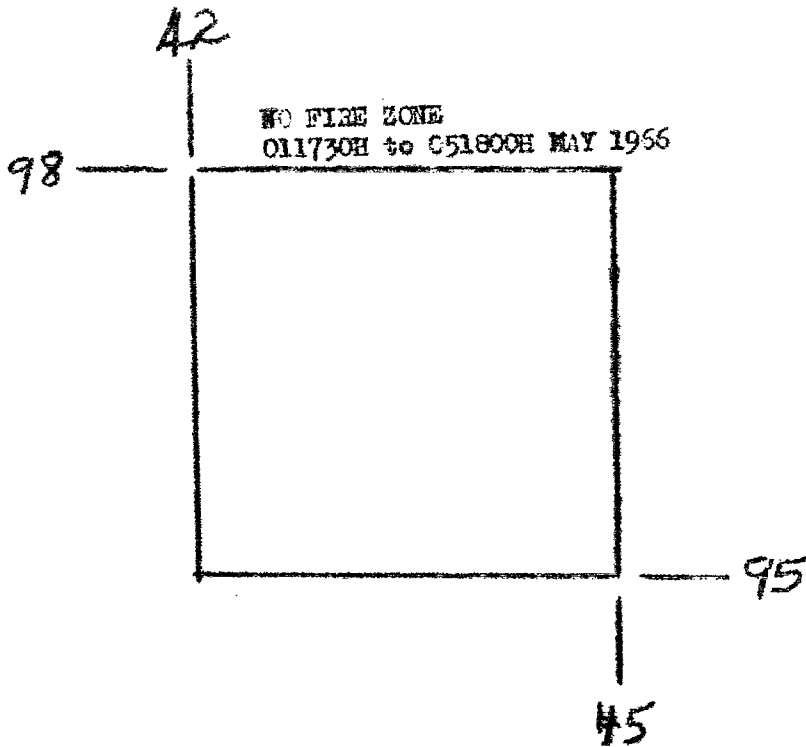
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a. Basic Order

- (1) Paragraph 2: Add after MISSION: Reference (b).
- (2) Paragraph 3: Insert: 3. EXECUTION
- (3) Paragraph 3.b.(2): Change "021800H to 061800H" to read "031800H to 071800H".
- (4) Paragraph 3.c.(2): Delete entire paragraph.
- (5) Paragraph 3.d: Delete entire paragraph and insert the following:
From 011730H to 051800H May 1966 conduct an area reconnaissance in the south half of grid squares BS 3596, BS 3696 and BS 3796. Emphasis is to be placed upon location and plotting trails within particular interest in the area vicinity Hill 1362. Destroy any buildings discovered prior to retraction. Utilize a platoon sized patrol for this operation. Annex E establishes the No-Fire Zone.

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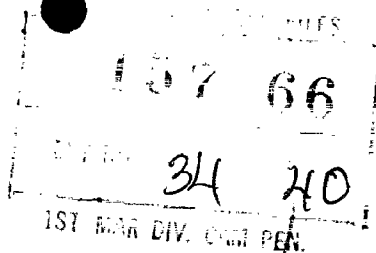
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a. Basic Order

- (1) Paragraph 3.b.(2): Delete entire paragraph.
- (2) Paragraph 3.d: Change to paragraph 3.d.(1).
- (3) Paragraph 3.c.(1): Change "291730H April to 031800H May 1966" to read "041730H May to 081800H May 1966"; change paragraph 3.c.(1) to paragraph 3.d.(2).
- (4) Paragraph 3: Insert paragraph 3.d.(3); From 031800H May 1966 to 071800H May 1966 conduct an area reconnaissance in grid squares BS 4893 and BS 4992, and to observe the area to the SE of BS 4992, and to the North of BS 4893.

b. Annex C: Change Annex C to read "041730H to 081800H May 1966" insted of "291730H April 1966 to 031800H May 1966."

2. Insert the attached page, Annex F, behind Annex E of the original document.

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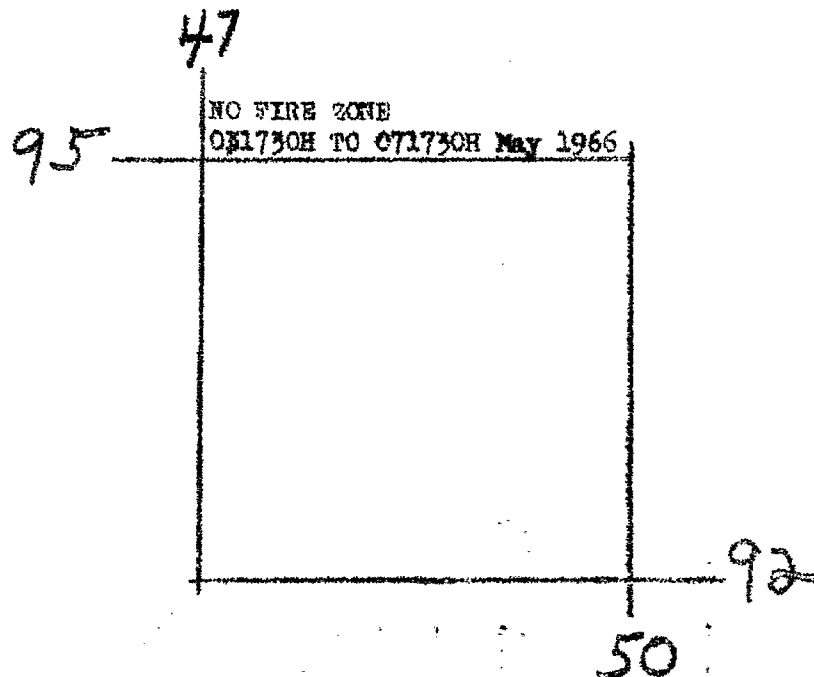
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Change No. 3 to Operation Order Supplement 5-66

Ref: None

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1. Make the following changes in Operation Order Supplement 5-66.

a. Basic Order

(1) Paragraph 3.d.(3). Delete entire paragraph.

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Frag Order 47-66
 Team: 3rd Plt, A Co (Castillian)
 Debriefer: SSgt W. A. BASS
 Maps: Viet Nam, 1:50,000 AMS, L701
 Sheet 6757 III

PATROL REPORT

1. Composition and Size of Patrol: 1 Off, 22 Enl, 1 USN
2. Mission: 3rd Platoon Company "A" is to conduct area reconnaissance north of MY SON (1) and to establish surveillance of the MY SON (1) and (2) Valley to determine enemy movement in this area.
3. Time of Departure: 311815H March 1966.
4. Time of Return: 041815H April 1966.
5. Route: See attached overlay.
6. Synopsis:

a. The patrol covered a period of 96 hours with a total of 11 sightings. Two (2) ambush sites were established resulting in 1 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA but escaped. A rifle and pack were captured. A set of handcuffs were found. A total of 9 VC were seen. Several small caves were found but none recently used. A trench about 6 feet long was found backed by a fighting hole and spider holes. Some well built bunkers were found under the ruins of an old building. A herd of 15 apparently wild water buffalo were seen. Drums were heard on the night of 1 April.

7. Observation: (Enemy and Terrain)

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011010H

BT 384033

2 houses, one 15x40 feet in size and 1 house 15x15x15 were found. 4 caves were found. 2 caves, large enough for three people each were found directly behind the houses. 2 more caves above the houses on the hill side. One was about 4 feet high and 3 feet wide and about 6 feet deep. The others was 4 feet wide, 4 feet high and 8 feet deep. The entrance was about 2 feet wide and 4 feet high. They had not been used for a long time. The houses were in poor condition.

011030H

BT 381031

4 caves were found up from the river bank. They were back about 40 meters. They could accommodate about 2 people each and were dug side by side. The frame work for an old building was also noted. The caves had not been used for a long time.

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011100H BT 383032 4 caves were found along the river bank. They had been dug into the bank. They were large enough for 2 people each. The remains of a building were found near by.

011500H BT 3702 A large area was noted with some shell holes in it, which appeared to have been defoliated.

021000H BT 3702
BT 3602 The trails as shown on the map are almost all grown over, however some new trails were found. (See attached overlay) The large trail crossing Hill 371 appears will used. It runs north and south.

021100H BT 367022 A herd of about 15 water buffalo were found. They were large and well fed. They appeared to be wild, and showed no signs of having been worked.

021620H BT 356029 One long trench was found along the stream. It was about 10 meters from the stream. It was about 6 feet long, 3 feet wide and 4 feet deep but had caved in. A fighting hole was behind the trench and 8 to 10 spider holes behind it. Across the stream to the west side were the remains of a five buildings. Two appeared to have been permanent. An old American helmet and a set of handcuffs were found. Tunnels and reinforced bunkers were found under the old building. These bunkers were reinforced with about 4"x8" finished lumber. This area didn't appear to have been recently used.

030825H BT 355026 2 men were seen moving southeast. They wore black berets, grey shirts and black shorts. 1 rifle and a basket were visible.

031045H BT 353023 3 men were seen moving north west wearing black PJ's and coolie hats. They had 1 pack and two rifles. They walked in column about 20 meters apart. The last man in column carried the rifles in all sightings of this patrol.

040800H BT 355025 Tracks were seen along the stream bed where a trail crossed it. The trail was well used.

041310H BT 355025 4 VC moved southeast into the A Co Recon ambush site. All wore black shorts, one wore a black shirt. The ambush was sprung wounding 2 VC. One of the wounded VC was captured but died before a Med-Evac could arrive. The second wounded VC and the other 2 escaped. The VC that was killed had a rifle which was captured. A pack that was dropped by one of the other VC was also captured. The wounded VC that escaped had a shoulder wound that was gushing blood. One VC ran south and two ran north.

8. Other Information

- a. The village of MY SON I (BT 353026) as shown on the map, is no longer there. No buildings are visible.
- b. On the night of 1 April from about 2315 to 2345 drums were heard. They had a 2-3-2 beat.
- c. During the hot part of the day the VC seem to move down the middle of the stream beds rather than following the trails.
- d. The OP site at coordinates BT 354030 is a good OP site. By climbing two trees you have visibility for 180 degrees. To the south a trail not shown on the map, paralleling the stream, located north of MY SON (1) (BT353026). Appears to go up to Hill mass 371.
- f. Attached is a overlay of good OP sites and trails that lead to water. On 3 April three large fires were seen on Hill 538 and 601 in grid squares BT 3499 and 3898. They appeared to be controlled fires.

9. Results of Enemy Encounters: 1 VC killed, 1 VC wounded but escaped. 1 rifle and 1 pack recovered.

10. Condition of Patrol: Excellent.

11. Conclusion and Recommendations:

a. Conclusion

- (1) There is a noted lack of civilian activity in this area.
- (2) The VC definitely patrol the area but seem to be moving from the DONG CO (BT 410017) area west to the MY SON area and back.

b. Recommendations;

- (1) Replace PRC-10 radios with PRC-25 radios for all patrols.
- (2) When working in this area always have a radio relay set on Hill 410 in grid squares BT 3803.
- (3) Area is excellent for prisoner snatch and the employment of snipers.

J. A. Bone

J. D. BONE
2ndLt USMC
3rd Plt, Co A, 1stReconBn

12. Comments by debriefer: None.

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Debriefer

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PATROL ROUTE CUMMAY
Map Sheet 6757 VII
3rd Plt, Co "A", 1st Recon Bn, Apr 64
2nd Lt. J. D. BONE w/Encl 6
Patrol Leader

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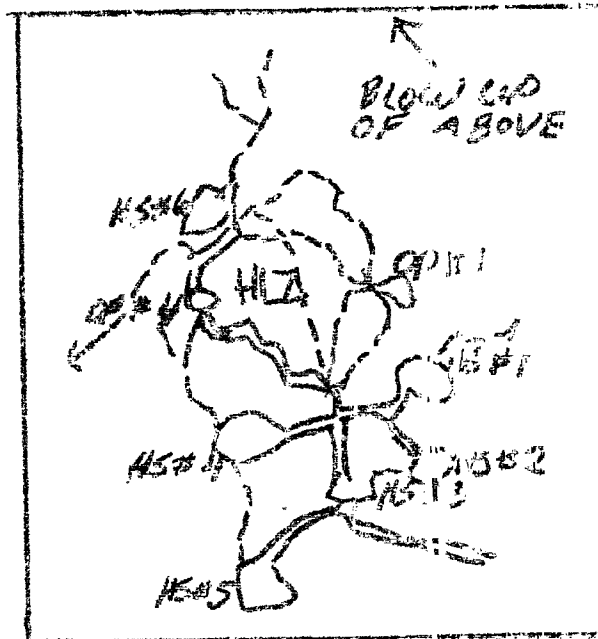
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47. STREAM BED

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RECON H & S

1st Reconnaissance Battalion(-)
CHU LAI, RVN
111930H April 1966

Frag Order 48-66
Team: "A" Co (-) (CRANKCASE ALFA)
Debriefing: SSgt WILLIAMS
Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000 AMS 1701
Sheet 6757 III

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 3 Off, 42 Enl, 3 USN
2. Mission: Establish observation of TRUNG TIN (BT 350080) and the surrounding valley, PHU HOA (BT 330007) and the valley to the north-west.
3. Time of Departure: 071700H
4. Time of Return: 111900H
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 96 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours with 2 sightings for a total of 6 people. Three caves were found at BT 381034. These caves were well dug and in good shape, appeared to be 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ months old.
7. Observations: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
080900H	BT 381034	Discovered three caves which were well dug and in good condition. Were dug in 4 ft, then banked to the right for 6-8 ft. Appeared to be used for protection from arty or bombs.
101050H	BT 353074	Five men moving north on trail wearing black PJ's and coolie hats. There was a 20 meter interval between men with two seeming to act as flank security. No weapons observed.
111130H	BT 382074	One man moving south on trail wearing black PJ's and coolie hat, carrying a pack.

8. Other Information: None
9. Results of Encounters with the Enemy: None
10. Condition of Patrol: Good
11. Conclusions and Recommendations: None
12. Additional Comments by Debriefing: None

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Capt USMC
G. E. Williams
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Debriefing

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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

Company "A" (-), 1st Recon Bn

Task: Frankcase Alpha

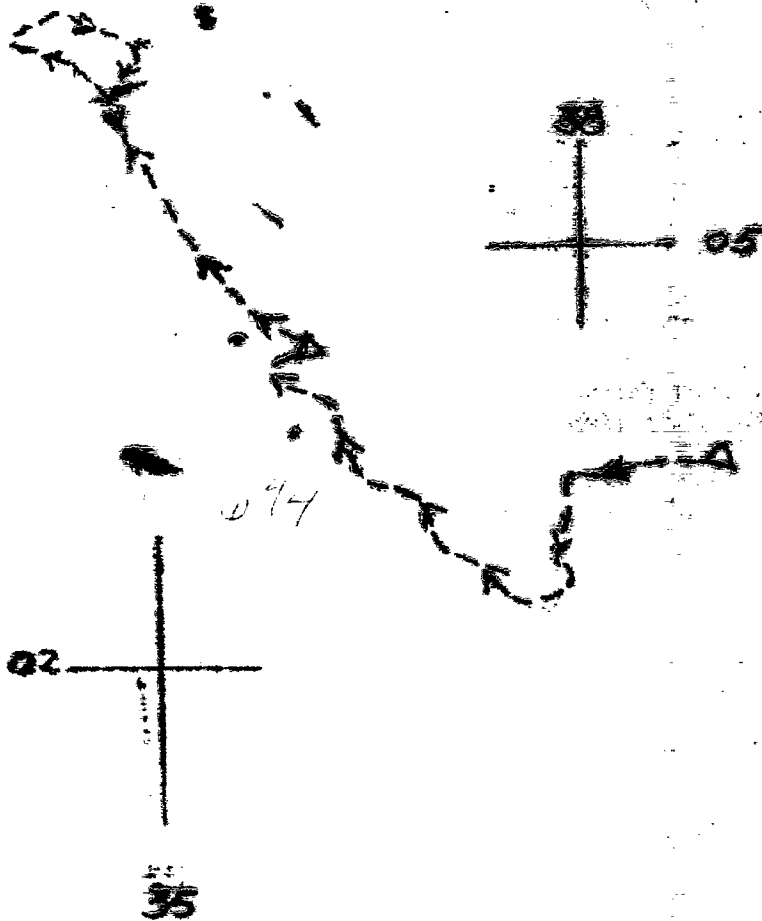
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Patrol Route

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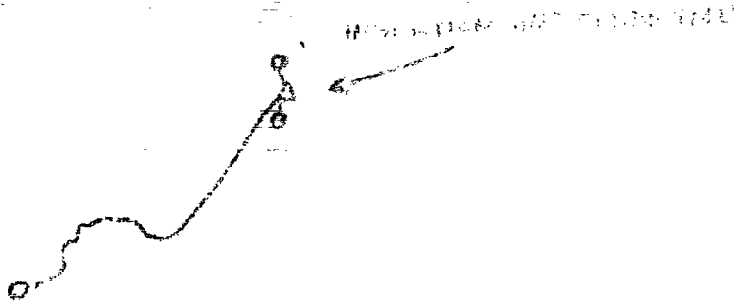
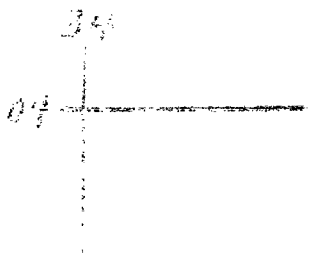
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1st Reconnaissance Battalion(-)
CHU LAI, RVN
210900H April 1966

Frag Order 49-66
Team: 1st Plt, "A" Co (BOOKCOVER)
Maps: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS, L701
Sheet 6757 III
Debriefing: SSgt BASS

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 23 Enl, 1 USN
2. Mission: Establish observation posts vicinity BT 389034 to observe northwest into PHUOC KHACH Valley (grid squares BT 3606, BT 3605 and BT 3705) and in vicinity BT 386010 to observe west south-west into TU CHANH (BT 371017) and grid square BT 3701.
3. Time of Departure: 151700H April 1966
4. Time of Return: 201800H April 1966
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis.
 - a. The patrol covered a period of 121 hours with a total of 6 sightings.. Only 2 VC were observed, both had rifles. Three caves were found, one of which appeared to have been freshly dug. Three water bottles were seen under a small shelter built to protect them from the sun. Two of the bottles contained water. A fence was found which ran from one side of the trail to the other, a distance of about 5 feet.
 - b. It was noted that most movement sighted was from east to west and that between the hours of 1100H to 1600H little or no movement was seen.
7. Observation. (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
151900H	BT 388035	2 VC with rifles, black clothing and no hats were seen moving east up the hill. Sounds of possible movement were heard from west to east approx 50 to 60 meters behind the patrol. At the same time, nothing was seen.
161130H	BT 376025	3 bottles were found on the west side of a stream along the trail. Two bottles contained water, the other was empty. A little shelter was built over the bottles as if to keep the sun off them.
161420H	BT 372201	3 caves were found dug into the side of the hill facing north. The entrance was about 4' by 4' feet. One appeared freshly dug.

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They appeared to go in 5 or 6 feet. One angled off after about 6 feet. Other than reasonably fresh digging in the one cave, there was no sign of activity in the area. The cave floor did not feel firm.

161430H BT 372029

What appeared to be a fence woven from bamboo and vines was found across the trail just slightly higher and to the side of the caves. It was about 2 to 3 feet high. These were three sections about five feet long, on three separate small trails.

161530H BT 372029

A small hole was found about $1\frac{1}{2}$ ft long by 6 inches wide and about 1 ft deep. It could have been there quite some time. There were four or five places that it appeared someone had slept, but not recently.

1200-1300H BT 365073

3 columns of white smoke were seen every day except for on the 20th when only 1 column was seen.

8. Other Information.

a. Daily normal activity in the fields stopped about 1300H and started around 1600H.

b. Daily a herd of 25 or 26 water buffalo were seen in the paddies to the north.

c. Generally, movement was from east to west. Movement was almost continuous during the day, except from 100H to 1600H.

9. Results of Enemy Encounters: None

10. Condition of Patrol: Excellent

11. Recommendations and conclusions. Patrols sent out to observe this area be inserted further north. Possibly on hill 371 in grid square BT 3504.

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G. W. JONES
E-4 USMC
1st Plt, Co "A"
Patrol Leader

12. Comments by the Debriefers: None

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Frag Order 50-66

Team: 2nd Plt, "A" Co (CAKE WALK) CO

Debriefing: SSgt WILLIAMS

Maps: VIETNAM, 1:50,000 AMS, L701

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CHU LAI, RVN

210900H April 1966

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PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 16 Enl, 1 USN
2. Mission: Conduct an area reconnaissance of GS BT 3403, BT 3303, BT 3304 and that portion of BT 3204 that is contained in the RAOR.
3. Time of Departure: 160630H Apr 66
4. Time of Return: 201800H Apr 66
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 107½ hours with 13 sightings of 35 VC and VCS, of whom, 14 carried weapons. The patrol observed that people moving SW carried heavy loads, while those moving N, carried light loads or nothing at all. People moving SW would stop at BT 315025 for a short time and then move on to vicinity BT 308025 where they appeared to unload. Patrol leader states that the area in the vicinity of BT 315025 appears to be a blocking position. It is noted that movement and work in the rice paddies continued throughout the day; normally activity in these areas stops from 1100H - 1500H and then resumes. At 191615H at BT 325023 a VC was observed moving SW carrying a briefcase and rifle. The same VC was observed at 191930H vic BT 320033 moving N, carrying only a rifle. Could possibly be a courier.
7. Observation: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
190856H	BT 313047	3 VCS moving N, wearing black PJ's. 2nd and 3rd men carried a pole between them with what appeared to be a mortar tied to it.
191238H	BT 311048	5 VC walking NW on trail, wearing dark blue uniforms, white hats, 2 VC carried rifles. 12 other men with no weapons had moved into this same area between 191200-191230H.
191315H	BT 318056	2 VC moving NE on trail, wearing black PJ's, white hats and one rifle.
190930H	BT 302057	3 VC moving NW across rice paddy, 2 wore black PJ's, 1 wore khaki, 1 pack and 1 rifle.

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191450H	BT 326033	3 VCS running across rice paddy, wearing black PJ's, carrying boxes in their arms. Boxes appeared to be very light.
191615H	BT 325023	1 VC moving SW, wearing black PJ's plastic pith helmet carrying a brief case and rifle.
191519H	BT 325032	2 VC moving NW, wearing black PJ's, 1 wore coolie hat, 1 wore camouflage cover, 1 rifle and 1 pack.
191617H	BT 326030	2 VCS moving SW across rice paddy, carrying packs. One wore black jacket with a design on the back, other wore a red shirt.
191930H	BT 320033	1 VC moving N on trail, black PJ's, plastic pith helmet, rifle. (same man who was seen moving SW carrying a brief case and rifle at 191615H.)
200854H	BT 324031	3 VCS moving S, wearing black PJ's, 2 carried packs, 1 carried long pole with baskets on each end.

8. Other Information. Two shots were heard at 191930H and 200900H. A beer bottle which had been made into a canteen and 2 20 mm cannon shells were found in the vicinity of BT 325053 and have been forwarded to higher authority. A stream was discovered which runs from BT 338041 and ends in the SONG QUAN River at BT 335036. Stream contains a 50' waterfall vicinity BT 337038. The rice paddies in GS BT 3101 and 3102 are not being worked and are overgrown. The SONG QUAN River in the area is 60'-70' wide, 1'-3' deep, with a sandy bottom.

9. Results of Encounters with the Enemy. None

10. Condition of Patrol: Good

11. Conclusions and Recommendations. That it takes about one hour for an observer's eyes to become adjusted to the terrain so that he is able to pick out objects. That the area be checked again in the near future.

R. G. Walker
 CySgt R. G. WALKER
 2nd Plt, "A" Co
 Patrol Leader

12. Additional Comments by the Debriefer. None

G. E. Williams
 G. E. WILLIAMS
 SSgt USMC
 Debriefer

1st Reconnaissance Battalion (-)
CHU LAI, RVN
251900H April 1966

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Frag Order 51-66
Team: 3rd Plt "A" Co (CASTILIAN)
Maps: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS, L701
Sheet 6757 III
Debriefing: SSgt WILLIAMS

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition. 1 Off, 18 Enl, 1 USN.
2. Mission: 3rd Platoon, Company "A" will establish observation posts to cover THON HAI (1) BT 348084 and THON HAI (2) BT 361087 and will conduct ground reconnaissance of grid squares BT 3508, BT 3608 and BT 3609.
3. Time of Departure: 221830H April 1966.
4. Time of Return: 251730H April 1966.
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure (1)).
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 71 hours with seven (7) sightings of 67 VC and at least 28 weapons. At 240745H at BT 353091 two (2) VC were possible KIA and one (1) CHICOM 7.62 MM Carbine with folding bayonet and eight (8) rounds 7.62 MM ammo captured. This equipment has been forwarded to higher authority. 39 VC were observed moving across a rice paddy employing tactics similar to USMC fire team rushes, one team moving, while another team acted as security. Well used trails were observed throughout grid square BT 3509.
7. Observation. (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
231435H	BT 363095	5 VC, 1 women moving N, wearing black PJ's and coolie hats, had bushes tied to their bodies for camouflage. Woman was in the lead, with five men, all carrying rifles, following, also one (1) BAR.
231830H	BT 359087	39 VC moving SE across rice paddy. These VC were moving tactically, employing what appeared to be fire team rushes, most wore black PJ's, but blue and white PJ's were observed on others. 8 weapons were observed, but because of the light conditions, patrol feels there could have been as many as 50 VC with over half of them carrying weapons.
240715H	BT 359087	5 VC moving WNW, 2 wearing black PJ's, 1 white PJ's, 2 blue shorts with white tops. Two carried rifles.

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240730H BT 360087 4 VC moving NNE, wearing black PJ's, and carrying 3 rifles.

240745H BT 353091 4 VC were fired upon by patrol. 1 CHICOM 7.62 mm carbine was captured. 2 possible VC KIA, no bodies were found but large pools of blood and HQ CHI MIN sandals were found on the trail.

241107H BT 357089 5 VC moving W in rice paddy, 1 wearing black PJ's, 4 wearing blue PJ's, carried 3 rifles. Artillery mission called, excellent coverage, first round right on target. Results unknown.

241200H BT 360085 5 VC went into house, wore black PJ's, 3 carried rifles. Artillery mission called trouble with adjustment of rounds, mission called off.

8. Other Information: Flares were seen in the vicinity of BT 359089 at 232100H, 232115H, 232315 and 232330H. When the flares would go off the people would talk very loudly, but the flares would last about 5-10 seconds and then things would quiet down again. At 240940 57 shots were heard in the vicinity BT 358089. These shots sounded like they were being fired from a carbine or another type of small caliber weapon. Well used trails were discovered throughout GS BT 3509. All of the houses seen in the area of operation had bunkers built close to them for protection from artillery or bombing. These bunkers were also observed around the rice paddies.

9. Results of Enemy Encounter: 2 possible KIA, 1 weapon captured, 8 rds 7.62mm ammo.

10. Condition of patrol: Good.

11. Recommendations and conclusions. Any patrol going into this area should belanded well to the east and walk in. The majority of civilian movement stops after 1700 so moving into the area presents no problems. There are probably two local force companies operating in this area, and possibly a training camp. The PRC-25 radio provided excellent communications for the duration of the patrol.

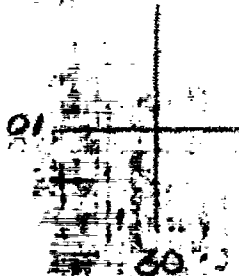
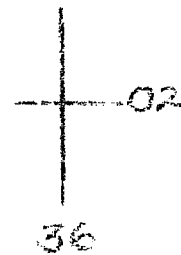
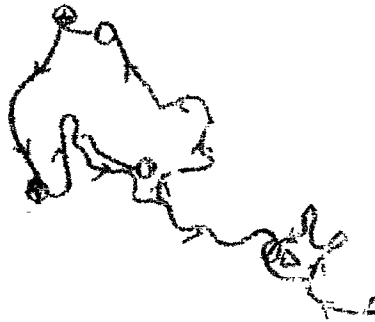
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Patrol Leader

12. Comments by the Debriefers: None

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Debriefers

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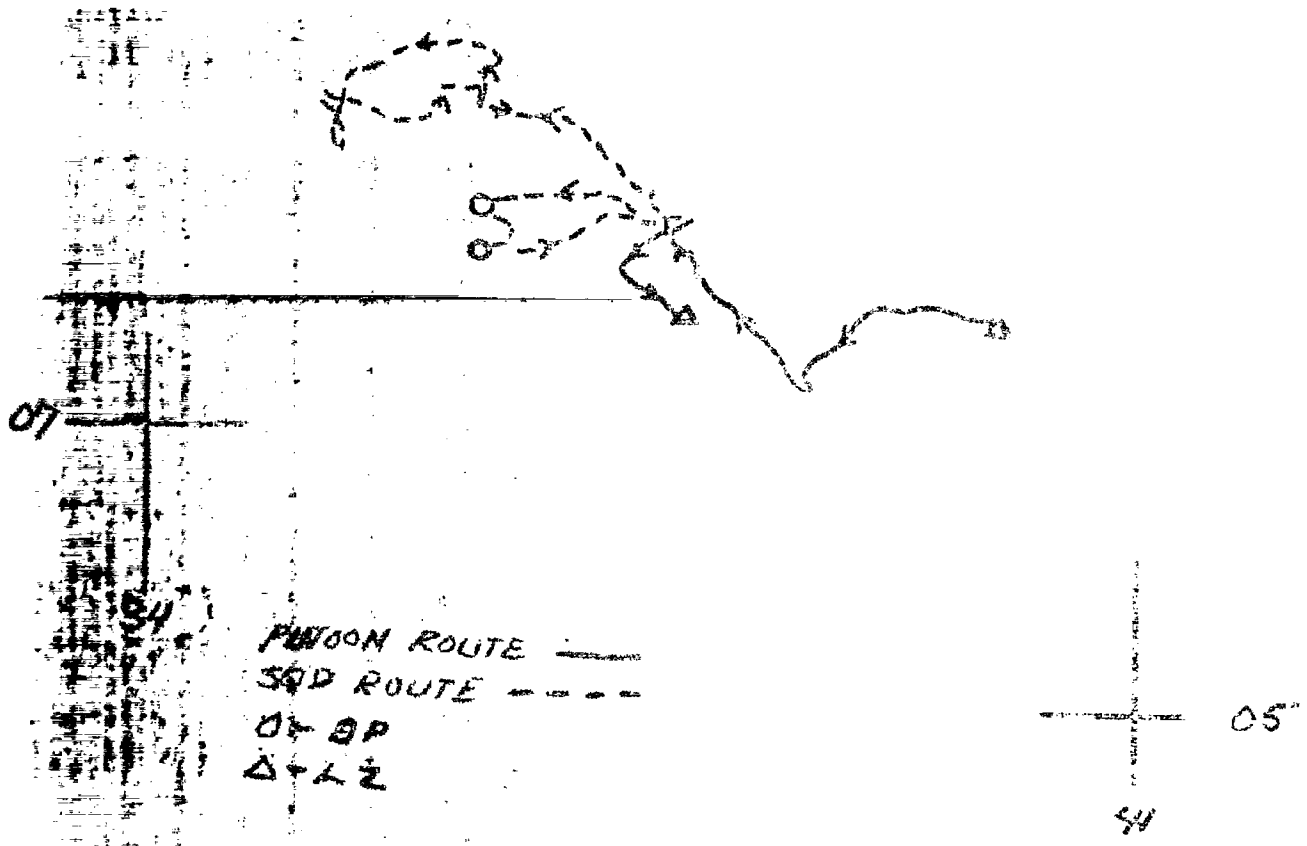


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Team: CASTLEMAN)
2nd Lt J. D. BOKE, Patrol Leader
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1st Reconnaissance Battalion (-)
CHU LAI, RVN
281330H April 1966

Frag Order 52-66
Team: 2nd Plt, Co "A" (COMBINE)
Debriefers: SSgt WILLIAMS
Maps: VIENTIANE, 1:50,000, AMS 1701
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PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 18 Enl, 1 USN.
2. Mission: 2nd Platoon, Company "A" will conduct a prisoner snatch vicinity grid square BF 3104.
3. Time of Departure: 241730H April 1966.
4. Time of Return: 281100H April 1966.
5. Route: See attached overlay (enclosure (1)).
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 89½ hours with 2 sightings of 5 VC, 2 carried weapons. At 280915H 3 VC were fired upon, resulting in 1 VC KIA, and 2 packs captured, at BF 314044. Captured items have been forwarded to higher authority.
7. Observation: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATE</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
280847H	BF 314044	2 VC moving NE on trail, carrying packs, camouflaged with nylon parachute cloth. 1 VC carried what looked like a burp gun.
280915H	BF 314044	3 VC carrying packs and one carbine were fired upon by the patrol resulting in 1 VC KIA and 2 packs captured.

8. Other Information: None.
9. Results of Encounters with the Enemy: 1 VC KIA.
10. Condition of Patrol: Good.
11. Conclusions and Recommendations: That reconnaissance operations be continued in this area.

Sgt R. A. Walker
GYSgt R. A. WALKER
2nd Plt, Co "A"
Patrol Leader

12. Additional Comments by Debriefers: None

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PATROL REPORT

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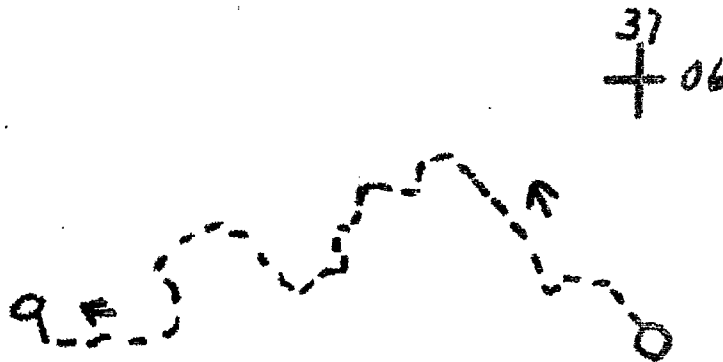
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Team: 1st Plt, "A" Co (CARNIVAL TIME)

Debriefing: SSgt WILLIAMS

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PATROL REPORT

1. Size and composition: 1 Off, 25 Enl, 1 USN
2. Mission: Conduct observation of the PHUOC KHACH Valley between coord BT 378050 and BT 340080.
3. Time of Departure: 261730H April 1966
4. Time of Return: 301800H April 1966
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 97 hours with no VC sightings. 50-55 Vietnamese were seen carrying out normal activity in the rice paddies. Three caves were found at BT 381028. The entrance to the caves was 1½'-2', with the caves coming to a dead-end about 6' into the hill side. These caves did not appear to have been used for at least 6 months.
7. Observations: (Enemy and Terrain). None
8. Other information: None
9. Results of Encounters with the enemy: None
10. Conclusions and recommendations: None
11. Condition of patrol: Good
12. Additional comments by the debriefers: None

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PATROL POINT OVERLAY

1st Plt, Co "A", 1st Recon Bn (-)

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1st Lt JONES - Patrol Leader

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Frag Order 28-66
 Team: 1st Plt, Co "C" (JOKER)
 Debriefed: SSgt WILLIAMS
 Maps: VIETNAM, 1:50,000 AMS L701
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PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 2 Off, 14 Enl and 1 USN
2. Mission: Establish surveillance over grid squares 4288, 4388 and 4488 from 30 March - 3 April 1966.
3. Time of Departure: 301800H March 1966
4. Time of Return: 030800H April 1966
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: The patrol covered a period of 86 hours with one sighting of two VCS. The patrol was able to observe the rice paddies at BS 428890, BS 425881, BS 431881, BS 425878, BS 438885, BS 445883 and BS 444887. The people would normally work from 0730-1030, secure, and then resume working again from 1430-1800. There was nothing unusual in their routine. New trails were found and are shown on enclosure (1). Also a well constructed hut was found at BS 443885 and is shown on enclosure (2), a scout sniper squad leader was attached to the patrol to observe and recommend employment of scout snipers. The river at BS 429878 appeared to be $2\frac{1}{2}$ - 3 ft deep and is used as a crossing point for cattle.
7. Observations: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
311800H	BS 443885	A well constructed hut, which is described in enclosure (2), was found 50 meters from the hamlet of THACH BICH (2). It was large enough to be sleeping quarters for 2 or 3 people, or for storage of a small quantity of goods. It was in good condition, but did not appear to have been used recently.
010820H	BS 445885	While observing a rice paddy at this coordinate, the dress of one man appeared very unusual. There were 20-25 people working in the paddy and this man seemed to be in charge. He was of average height and weight and appeared to be about 25 years of age. There

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was a lean-to built at the edge of the paddy and the majority of his time was spent here; He appeared to be in complete charge of the operation. His clothing consisted of a white havana style straw hat, grey shirt, blue and white striped shorts, and expensive sun glasses.

020720H BS 438886

Two VCS, who were standing by a hedge row, ran into the trees when two helos flew over the area. They wore black PJ's, with no hats or equipment. They did not appear after the helos left the area.

8. Other Information: From 1800-0630 on 31 Mar-2 Apr, what sounded like mortar fire was heard from BS 441885. The sound was heard throughout the night and sounded similar to our own H&I fire. The Plt Sgt observed three rounds landing in grid square BS 4487 during the early morning hours of 1 April.

9. Results of Encounters with the Enemy: None

10. Condition of Patrol: Good

11. Conclusions and Recommendations: Obtaining sufficient drinking water was a problem and should be given consideration in planning future patrols. Also, the patrol leader should make sure that patrol members treat their water before drinking it.

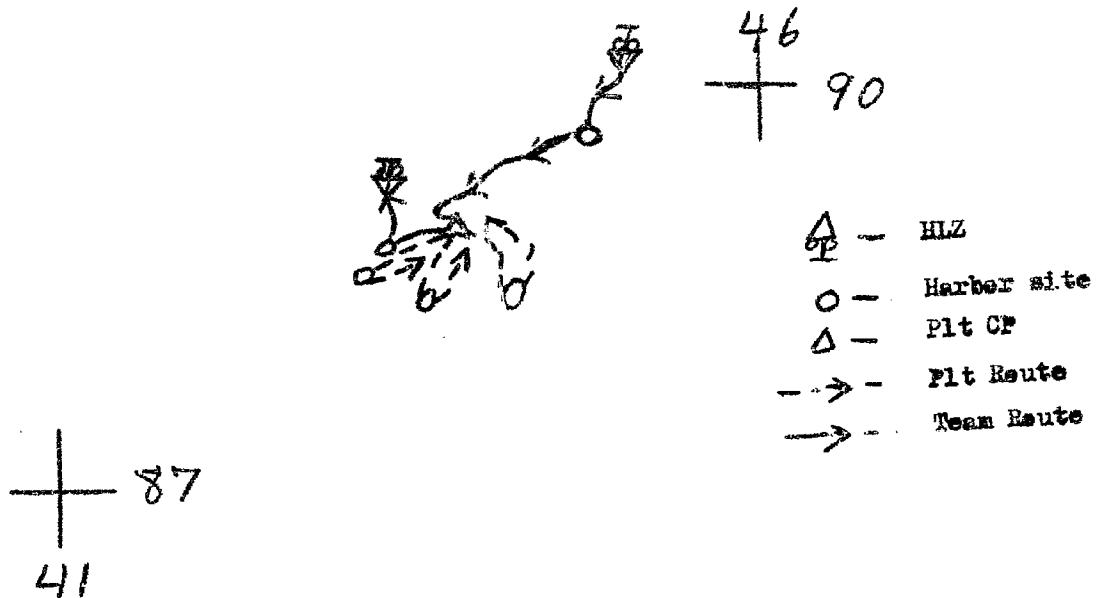
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12. Additional Comments by Debriefor: None

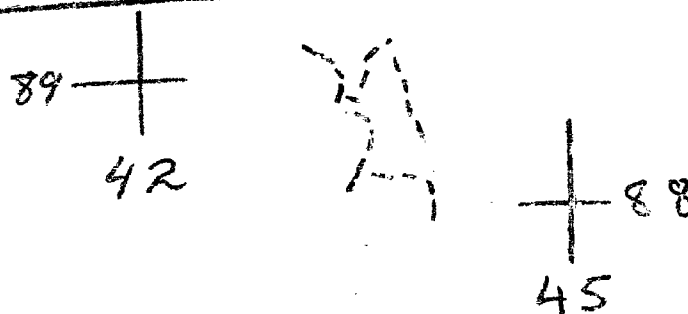
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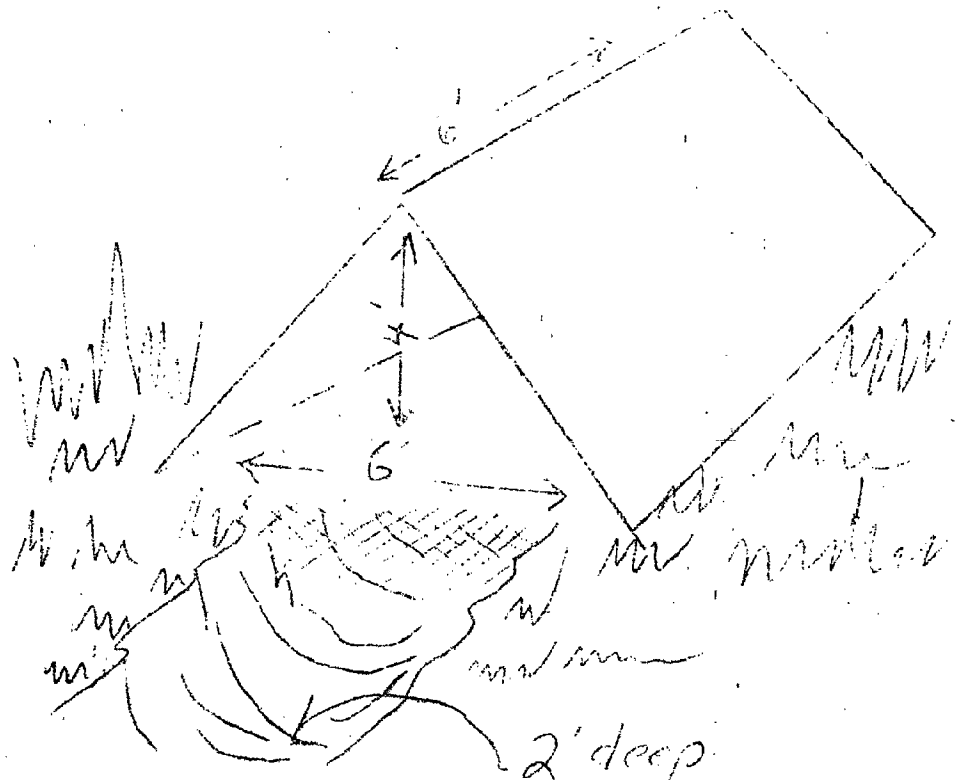
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Hut located BS 443885. It is constructed of hardwood sticks with brush for roof and sides. It is built over two foot deep ditch. It is well concealed with good overhead cover.



Enclosure (2)

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145 Co.
 Frag Order: 1-66
 Team: 2nd Plt, Co "C" (Cantilever)
 Debriefing: SSgt WILLIAMS
 Maps: Vietnam, 1:50,000 AMS, L701
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1st Reconnaissance Battalion (-)
 CHU LAI, RVN
 131945H April 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 17 Enl, 1 USN.
2. Mission: 2nd Platoon conducts an area reconnaissance of grid squares BS 4190, BS 4189 and that portion of BS 4039 within the no fire zone; and maintains surveillance of grid squares BS 4038 and BS 4188 from 9-13 April 1966.
3. Time of Departure: 091730H.
4. Time of Return: 131830H.
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure (1)).
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 97 hours with no sightings of VC or VCS. New trails, harbour sites, a possible rest stop and trenchlines were found, and are shown on enclosure (1). The trails in the area are well worn and show signs of heavy travel, but don't appear to have been used for at least two weeks. Possible VC markers were found on the trails and are shown on enclosure (2). Smoke signals were observed on the evening of 11 April and are described under item #8.
7. Observations: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATIONS</u>
120830H	BS 425891	OP heard two shots 200-300 meters NE of their position. Sounded as if they were fired from a high powered rifle.

8. Other Information; What appeared to be a bathing area was found at 101000H at BS 411900. There were footprints around a pool in the river, which appeared to be less than 24 hours old. Smoke signals were seen at 111850H at BS 405865 for 10 minutes, and at 111900H at BS 418877 for 10 minutes. A member of the patrol who has seen this type of smoke before, states they might be the result of the VC burning unused mortar incriments. A rest stop was found at BS 409901, which was a large cleared area containing evidence of fires and pieces of broken dishes. At 121930H, 200-300 rounds of semi-automatic and automatic fire were heard in the vicinity of BS 4388. The firing continued for about 15 minutes. The LZ at BS 4190 is overgrown with chest high brush and should not be used. New LZ's at BS 440896 and BS 440898 are suitable for two helos each.

9. Results of Encounter with the Enemy: None
10. Condition of Patrol: Good, except for one man who was a med-evac 121000H with bee stings.

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11. Conclusions and Recommendations: The patrol leader, feels that although the area has been heavily used in the past, there has been little or no movement through this area in the past two weeks.

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12. Additional Comments by Debriefee: None

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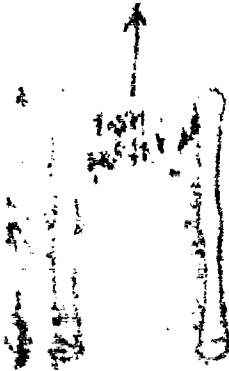
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2nd Lt. Co. 1st Recon Bn, April 6,
Topic: Cantilever
Map: VIETNAM 1:50,000 403,
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Little J. L. TAYLOR
Patrol Leader



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--- CANTILEVER 2
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Enclosure (1)
(Patrol Route Overlay to
Brag Order 1-66)



1st Recon Bn Apr 66
w/ Encl 14



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WHERE THERE WERE SEVERAL
BRANCHES OF ROUTES.

TO DATE 4-6-66

Enclosure (2)

1st Recon Bn Apr 66
w/ Encl 14

1st Reconnaissance Battalion (-)
CHU LAI, RVN
161300H April 1966

Frag Order 2-66
Team: 3rd Plt; "C" Co (Crosstide)
Debriefing: SSgt WILLIAMS
Maps: VIETNAM, 1:50,000 AMS, L701
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PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 22 Enl, 2 USN.
2. Mission: Conduct area reconnaissance of grid squares BS 4295, BS 4195, and BS 4095 and the north half of BS 4094; and establish observation post vicinity Hill 817 at BS 405950.
3. Time of Departure: 101700H.
4. Time of Return: 161145H.
5. Route: See attached overlay (enclosure (1)).
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 139 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours with no VC sightings. New trails were discovered in the vicinity of BS 403953 and are shown on enclosure (1). A harbour site was found at BS 406954. It consisted of cleared area 10'x 15' and the remains of a small shelter which had been constructed of sticks and vines. The area did not appear to have been used for the past 2-3 weeks. At 151930H a med-evac was requested for a man with suspected appendicitis. At 152030H the med-evac helo (H-34) crashed trying to land at BS 404946. The patrol and crew members removed the guns, code book and stretcher from the helo and sat up security. Another med-evac helo arrived at 152145H, picked up the crew, guns, code book, stretcher and the med-evac. Thermite grenades were used to destroy the helo prior to patrol being extracted at 161130H. VC trail markers and animal traps were found on the trails vicinity BS 404953 and sketches of these are shown on enclosure (2).
7. Observations: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
121545H	BS 402941	Heard three rounds small arms fire which sounded very close.
121545H	BS 394952	7 rounds small arms fire fired from these coords.
131950H	BS 405950	Heard Machine Gun and mortar fire, 100 degrees azimuth from this position.
140900H		Small arms fire heard vicinity BS 395931.
152300H	BS 408947	10-15 people passed, heading east, 60 meters from this position.

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151543H BS 408928

Patrol heard loudspeaker for 10 minutes, 165 degrees azimuth from this position. Could not tell what was being said.

8. Other Information: At 151727H patrol observed what appeared to be a antenna at BS 408928. Later examination by AO revealed a tall bare tree, with the area around the base of the tree being cleared.

9. Results of Encounters with the Enemy: None.

10. Condition of Patrol: Good, except for one man who was med-evac with suspected appendicitis, 152145H.

11. Conclusions and Recommendations: Hill 817 (BS 4095) provides an excellent radio relay site, and is also a good OP site for the area around TIE TRUNG (BS 4395). Patrol leader says, that because the grass in the LZ's is very dry and will burn easily, if LZ's are to be marked with smoke, it should be done prior to the insertion of a patrol so as not to endanger the patrol by starting a fire in the LZ while being inserted.

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Patrol Leader

12. Additional Comments by Debriefer: None.

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3rd Plt, "C" Co
1st Recon Bn (-)
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Patrol Leader
161300H April 1966 (w/Panel 15)

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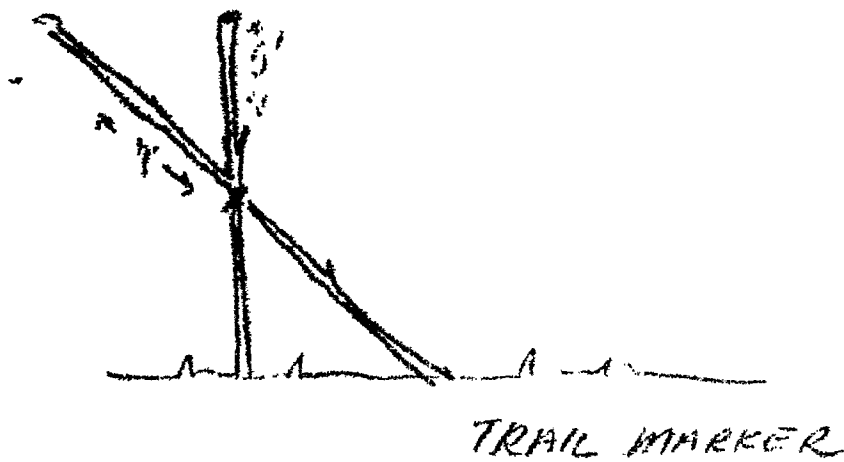
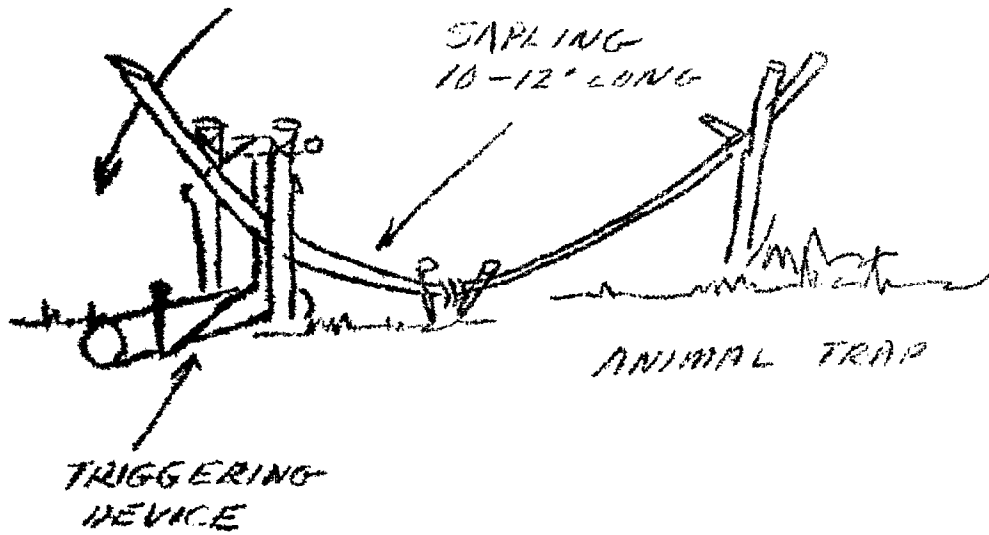


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Enclosure (1)
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151230H April 1966

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Debriefed: SSgt WILLIAMS
Maps: VIETNAM, 1:50,000 AMS, L701
Sheet 6756 I

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 19 Enl, 2 UCM
2. Mission: Establish platoon size OP at coord BS 660882 as a reconnaissance screen on left flank of 7th Marines zone of action.
3. Time of Departure: 121050H
4. Time of Return: 150910H
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1).
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 71 hours with 14 sightings for a total of 67 VC and 2 VCS. Three VC were WIA, with one of the wounded being captured and med-evac at 131630H. An arty mission and air strike was called on 40 VC advancing on the OP from the village of TAM HOI (a) BS 6607 at 131820H. Coverage was excellent, both by arty and air. No movement was seen out of the area during the arty or air strike. (Possible 40 VC KIA).
7. Observations: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
121340H	BS 667377	Two VC moving SW across rice paddy, wearing black PJ's, with vines tied to their backs for camouflage, both carried rifles. Arty mission was called, but VC moved out of view before rounds could be fired.
121335H	BS 665879	One VC moving SW across rice paddy, wearing black PJ's, occlie hat, carrying a rifle.
121445H	BS 669377	Two VC moving S across rice paddy wearing black PJ's, one wore red top garment, one carried rifle and one a BAR.
121550H	BS 661873	One VC, walking SW, wearing black PJ's and carrying a rifle.
121730H	BS 669885	One man on a bicycle, riding across rice paddy wearing a canary yellow outer garment.

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121730H BS 662878 Two VC moving into wood wearing black PJ's with vines for camouflage, both carried rifles.

121835H BS 672878 One VC moving S, wearing black PJ's and carrying a rifle.

121935H BS 669885 Two VC moving S, wearing black PJ's and carrying rifles. Stopped to talk with 8 people at BS 661889 for at least 1/2 hour.

121910H BS 668878 Two VC moving S, wearing black PJ's and carrying rifles.

131530H BS 663882 Patrol ambushed 2 VC, wounding 3, one of whom was captured. Med-evac was called and arrived at 1630H. VC was put aboard helo along with his automatic weapon, bolt, 3 magazines, wallet, and a personal letter. SA fire was received before and during the med-evac. What looked like a home made AA sight was found tied on the back of the VC and has been forwarded to G-2 under separate cover.

131800H BS 663889 40 armed VC came toward the OP from the village of UAN HOI (2) BS 6687. They were blowing whistles, yelling, and beating sticks together. Arty and air strikes were called with excellent coverage. Patrol did not observe anyone leaving the area, and withdrew under the cover of darkness. (Possible 40 VC KIA).

141430H BS 660853 One VC who was walking along a trail, started crawling across rice paddy dike, when a USMC convoy came through the area.

141515H BS 651849 4 VC, two women, moving S. Men had rifles and packs, wore black PJ's.

141835H BS 650841 2 VC moving across rice paddy wearing black PJ's and carrying rifles. At 141845H, 2 more VC carrying rifles came along same path, arty mission called, good coverage, results unknown.

8. Other Information. From 142300H to 140300 a search light in the vicinity of BS 661882 would come on for 10-15 seconds and then go off.

9. Results of Encounters with the Enemy: 3 VC KIA, 1 VC

10. Condition of Patrol: Good

11. Conclusions and Recommendations. The area in and around the village of UAN HOI (2) BS 6687 is VC controlled. The VC move freely through the area and the people seem friendly to them. A VC KIA behind a rice paddy

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dike was relieved of [redacted] weapon by children from the village, who then carried it into the village. The VC in the area appeared to be well trained and very organized. Snipers were attached to the patrol, but were not used, because any fire would have compromised the OP. Coverage by artillery and air was excellent throughout the patrol. However the great majority of VC sightings were visible for three to five minutes at a time. This short period does not lend itself to fire missions. Accordingly artillery could not be used as effectively as it normally is.

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12. Additional Comments by Debriefers: None.

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Patrol Route Overlay
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 1st Recon Bn (1), Apr 68
 Team: Delicate (w/Comd 16)
 Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000
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 1st Lt BRLY
 Patrol Leader

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Enclosure (1)
 (Patrol Route Overlay
 to Frag Order 3-66)

1st Reconnaissance Battalion (-)
CHU LAI, RVN
231930H April 1966

Frag Order 4-66
Team: 2nd Plt, "C" Co (BURGUNDY)
Debriefed: SSgt WILLIAMS
Maps: VIETNAM, 1:50,000 AMS, L701
Sheet 6756 IV

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 19 Enl, 1 USN.
2. Mission: 2nd Platoon establishes observation of LOC THANH (1) (BS 4788 and BS 4888), LOC THANH (2) (BS 4789) and MY LOC (3) (BS 4989) from 19-23 April 1966.
3. Time of Departure: 190630H April 1966.
4. Time of Return: 231730H April 1966.
5. Route: See overlay attached (enclosure (1)).
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 107 hours with 5 sightings for a total of 15 VC. Two vietnamese, who came into the patrol OP were taken into custody and evacuated to higher authority for internigation. A fortified trench and fence, which ran from BS 476891-480891, was found on 20 April 1966. The trench was 7' deep and the fence varied from 4' to 6' in height, constructed of wooden posts, reinforced with vines and barbed wire, with punji stakes on the southern side. The fence appeared to be 2-4 months old. At BS 488898 a VC ambush site was found. It consisted of fighting hole on both sides of the trail and also one machine gun position. The site appeared big enough for 5-6 men, but had not been used for 2-3 months. A VC harbour site, containing spider holes, caves and a large bunker or supply dump was found at BS 487897. The site was big enough for 25-30 persons and appeared to have been used within the last month.

7. Observations: (Enemy and Terrain)

OBSERVATION

TIME COORDINATES
200830H BS 485893

2 women VC, carrying packs, camouflaged with bush, wearing black PJ's, came into a rice paddy, stood around for 5-10 minutes then moved into the woodline. One carried a carbine, the other a rifle.

201300H BS 479890

Vietnamese woman came into OP site. She was taken into custody and evacuated by helo and turned over to the collection and clearing point at 201800H.

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211015H BS 479898 2 VC, wearing black PJ's, carrying rifles, and had packs with brush for camouflage on the back of the packs. VC were hiding in brush and ran from the area upon sighting the patrol.

211015H BS 486893 Four men came out of rice paddy toward OP site apparently looking for the OP. They carried no weapons and left after 10-15 minutes.

211335H BS 493893 Four man team coming across rice paddy dike saw 3 VCS walking towards them. The team hid behind the dike so as not to be seen. Did not observe any weapons or equipment on the VCS.

211345H BS 481898 5 VC walking on trail, wearing black PJ's, carrying rifles, and packs, camouflaged with brush.

220820H BS 477888 3 VC moving E on trail. 2 wearing khaki uniforms, 1 black PJ's, all wore what looked like helmet liners camouflaged with brush. 2 carried carbines, one had an automatic weapon.

221330H BS 475890 Vietnamese male came into the patrol OP site. Man was evacuated to the collection and clearing point at 231800H

8. Other Information: The river in GS BS 4869 is a slow moving river 30' -40' wide, 2' -4' deep, with a solid bottom. In order to observe in the assigned area the patrol members had to climb a 50' tree.

9. Results of Encounters with the Enemy: None.

10. Condition of Patrol: Good.

11. Conclusions and Recommendations: The patrol leader recommends that patrol carry demolitions and CS grenades in order to destroy or seal caves found in their area. Before dropping this patrol, the helo touched down in one LZ, then dropped the patrol at their LZ, and then touched down again at a third LZ, so as to deceive any observers in the area. Patrol leader states that this action worked very effectively and recommends this be SOP if the area permits.

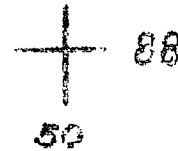
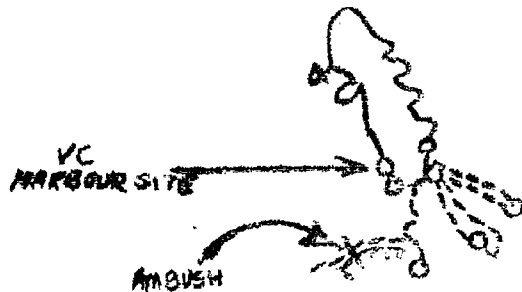
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2nd Plt, Co "C"

12. Additional Comments by Debriefor: None.

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PLATOON ROUTE OVERVIEW
 2nd Plt, Co "C", 1st Recon Bn
 Maps: VIETNAM, 1:50,000 AMS, 1700
 Sheet 6756 IV
 Team: RINGBONDY
 1st Lt LAYLOR, Patrol Leader
 031930H April 1966 (w/Encl 17)



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Enclosure (1)
 (Platoon Route Overlay to
 Frag Order 4-66)

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion (-)
 CHU LAI, RVN
 261900H April 1966

Frag Order 5-66
 Team: 3rd Plt, Co "C" (COVERT/US)
 Maps: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS, L701, Sheet 6757 III
 Debriefers: SSgt WILLIAMS

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 16 Enl, 1 USN.
2. Mission: 3rd Platoon establishes surveillance of PHOUK KHACH Valley (BT 3606, BT 3605 and BT 3705), TU CHANH (BT 371017) from 20-26 April 1966.
3. Time of Departure: 201700H April 1966.
4. Time of Return: 261800H April 1966.
5. Route: See attached overlay (enclosure (1)).
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 145 hours with 2 sightings, total 9 VC or VCS, of which 2 carried weapons. At 231155H a patrol fired upon 2 VC as they were going into a cave in the vicinity of BT 375036. One VC was hit in the leg but was pulled into the cave by his companion. A grenade was thrown into the cave and the patrol left the area. Two other caves were observed in the same area. All had openings 3-4 feet high and curved to the right about 3 feet inside the entrance.
7. Observation: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
231155H	BT 375036	2 VC, wearing black FJ's and carrying rifles, were fired at by the patrol, wounding one in the leg. A grenade was thrown in the cave and the patrol left the area.
251450H	BT 373095	7 men, wearing brown shirts, and full length dark trousers, came out of the woodline, talked to the people working in the rice paddies for about 10 minutes and then went back into the woods. No packs or weapons were observed.

8. Other Information: A stream was found at BT 378040 which provides a good source for resupply of water.
9. Results of Enemy Encounters: 1 possible VC WIA
10. Condition of patrol: Good.

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11. Recommendations and conclusions: The BC Scope which was used by the patrol provided an excellent means of observation, but would be too much of a load to carry if the patrol had to move very far.

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Patrol Leader

12. Comments by the Debriefers: None

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SSgt USMC
Debriefers

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261900H April 1966
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Team: Coyotes
1st Lt L. J. H. Patrol Leader
261900H April 1966 (w/End 18)



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Enclosure (1) to
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1st Reconnaissance Battalion(-)
CHU
220900H April 1966

ORAL REPORT - 6-66
Team: 1st Plt, "G" Co (AVERAGE "C")
Debriefed: SSgt WILLIAMS
Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000 AMS, 1701
Sheets 6756 IV and 6757 III

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and composition. 1 Off, 10 Enl, 1 USN
2. Mission. Establish surveillance of the THO AN Valley (BS 4795) and the area surrounding PHUOC BINH TAY (1) (BS 5095).
3. Time of Departure: 190700H Apr 1966
4. Time of Return: 211800H
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1).
6. Synopsis. This patrol covered a period of 59 hours with no VC sightings. At 191000H one member of the patrol was slightly wounded when he tripped a booby trap at BS 451958. Another booby trap was found at BS 452958 and was brought in by the patrol for inspection. The booby trap, along with other articles found by the patrol have been forwarded to higher authority.
7. Observations (Enemy and Terrain)

TIME	COORDINATES	OBSERVATION
191000Z	BS 451958	A member of the patrol tripped a booby trap, resulting in minor wound to his right arm and leg. They were not serious and he continued with the patrol.
191015Z	BS 452958	A booby trapped hand grenade was found. The grenade was on a piece of cardboard covered with a plastic bag, with comm wire attached to it and strung across the trail. The comm wire was covered with bushes so someone would kick the bushes aside as they came down the trail. This booby trap was brought in and has been turned over to higher authority.

8. Additional information. One member of the patrol was attached to F Co, 2/7 to act as a guide from 190700H to 211430H.

9. Encounters with the Enemy: None

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10. Condition of the patrol: Good, except for one man MIA by a booby trap, the man did not require med-evac.

11. Conclusions and Recommendations. Patrol leader feels this area has been used too much by Marines who have not used good trash discipline, resulting in C-rations cans being left throughout the area. The VC know these areas are being used and are starting to booby trap the area. Recon teams who must operate in a area 4-5 days need a ration with a completely disposable container.

a. In several recent instances, team members have jumped from the helo before it is settled on the deck. This could result in serious injury. Common sense should be the dictating factor with the helicopter crew chief and the individual recon team members as to when to leave the helicopter.

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Patrol Leader

12. Additional comments by the Debriefer. None

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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

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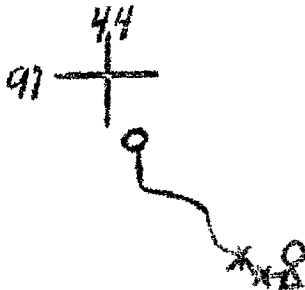
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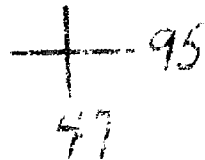
Lt. J. E. BERRY - Patrol Leader

AVERAGE "13"

212000H April 1965 (w/ Encl 17)



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Enclosure 2
 to Oral Report for
 1st Lt, "C" Co

1st Reconnaissance Battalion(-)
CHU LAI, RVN
071915H April 1966

Frag Order 1-66
Team: 1st Plt, Co D (AVERAGE)
Dobriofor: SSgt WILLIAMS
Maps: VIETNAM, 1:50,000 AMS 1701
Sheet 6757 III

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 23 Enl, 1 USN
2. Mission: Determine VC activity and trail network east of DONG CO and will establish OP's by D+1 overlooking DONG CO (BT 410017) and the SONG TRAU Valley from grid line BT 41 to grid line BT 43 from 3-7 Apr 66.
3. Time of Departure: 031730H April 1966
4. Time of Return: 071800H April 1966
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: The patrol covered a period of 96 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours with 2 sightings for a total of 4 persons, of whom one was carrying a rifle and one, two ammo cans. Previous reports had indicated the possibility of two enemy battalion sized units in this area. The patrol saw no signs or indications of any significant enemy activity. What appeared to be blood was found in and around the stream at BT 417007, however no tracks could be found because of the rocky terrain. The blood appeared to be less than 36 hours old. Interference, in the forms of oriental music and talking was encountered on the radio on the days of 5 and 7 April. This interference occurred on both the primary (D-252) and alternate (D-260) frequencies and would get louder when an attempt was made to transmit a message.
7. Observations: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATIONS</u>
041830H	BT 423024	One man carrying rifle, one boy carrying two ammo cans walked east along a rice paddy dike into the brush and came out minutes later without the rifle or ammo cans, then moved west along the dike. The man wore black PJ's and coolie hat; the boy wore blue PJ's and coolie hat.
061530H	BT 422023	Two people came out of the brush to where six people were standing around a fire beside a rice paddy. One man stayed at the fire

talking with the people there, while the other went back into the brush. One wore black PJ's with shorts and coolie hat, the other a black jacket, brown loin cloth and coolie hat.

071400H BT 417007

Found what appeared to be blood on rocks in and around the stream bed. Blood appeared to be less than 36 hours old, but no tracks could be found because of the rocky terrain.

8. Other Information: Discovered old punji stake trap on trail at BT 416009. Trap was old and most of the stakes were broken, but it could be re-dug and new stakes put in, in 20-30 minutes. Several old harbour sites, for 2-3 people, were found on the trail running N-S in the vic of BT 416009. Signs of old fires in the sites were noticeable, but they appeared not to have been used for 1-2 months.

9. Results of Encounters with the Enemy: None

10. Condition of Patrol: Good, except for one man with a bad knee.

11. Conclusions and Recommendations: Good trails and streams (see overlay) were found throughout the area and re-supply of water was no problem.

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12. Additional Comments by Debriefer: None

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Frag Order: 2-66 w/Ch 1
 Team: 2nd Plt "D" Co (Book Cover)
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 Sheet 6756 IV

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 CHU LAI, RVN
 041945H April 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Pl. Off, 22 Enl, 1 USN
2. Mission: 2nd Platoon will conduct an area reconnaissance to the west of PHOU LAM and establish surveillance of the SUOI LAO Valley.
3. Time of Departure: 030730H April 1966
4. Time of Return: 041720H April 1966
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure (1))
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 34 hours with five sightings for a total of 26 people. Two huts were discovered at BS 450903 and a box containing documents was found and has been forwarded to higher authorities. The huts did not appear to have been occupied within the last couple of weeks. Safe conduct passes were found throughout the area.
7. Observations: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
040530H	BS 452908	2 men wearing black clothing came out of brush for a few seconds then went back into brush. They were only 15 ft from the patrol but did not see them.
040805H	BS 451907	4 women moving west on trail, wearing black PJ's and coolie hats, two carried baskets on long poles over their shoulders. They appeared to see a footprint near the patrol, and after studying it, turned around and went back up the trail.
040915H	BS 450903	Two small huts discovered at this location. They were constructed of wood with straw roofs. A wooden box containing documents, a lock, and other assorted articles was found. This material has been forwarded to G-2 for inspection. The huts did not appear to have been used recently. They were built in heavy brush and were concealed from aerial observation.
040945H	BS 451920	13 women, 2 men, working in rice paddy. Women wore black PJ's and coolie hats. One man who appeared to be in charge wore blue shorts. The other men wore black shorts and were working with a hoe.

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041200H BS 449920 2 men moving SE across a rice paddy wearing black shorts and coolie hats. One man appeared to be carrying a rifle, but observer was 600 meters away and was not sure it was a weapon.

041700H BS 452904 7 people wearing black PJ's coolie hats in rice paddy. Appeared to be beating the rice stalks with a tool to get grain off.

8. Other Information: None

9. Results of Encounter with the Enemy: None

10. Condition of Patrol: Good.

11. Conclusions and Recommendations; Patrol leader recommends that all patrol leaders be flown over their proposed area of operation in order to have a better knowledge of the area. Also that all radio batteries be checked before going on a patrol. Also lighter rations be developed in order to lighten the load, something similiar to the old assault rations.

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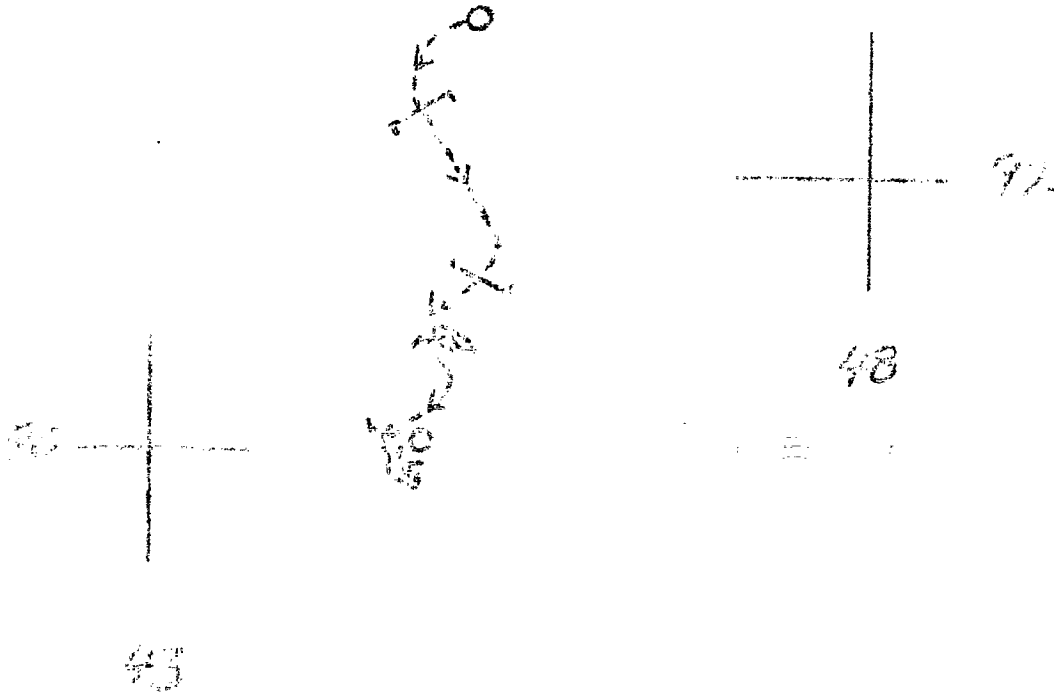
12. Additional Comments by Debriefer: None

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Enclosure (1)
(Patrol Route Overlay to
Frag Order 2-66 w/Ch 2)

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CHU LAI, RVN
151345H April 1966

Frag Order 3-66
Team: 1st Plt, 1st Co (CHESTER WHITE)
Debriefers: SSGT WILLIAMS
Maps: VIETNAM, 1:50,000 AMS, 1701
Sheet 6756 I

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 24 Enl, 2 USN
2. Mission: Establish squad size OP's #2 and #3 (BS 705894 and BS 729897).
3. Time of Departure: 121030H April 1966
4. Time of Return: 150930H April 1966
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1).
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 71 hours with 7 sightings for a total of 19 VC. One VC was killed by a sniper, from a distance of 500 yards. On three occasions SA fire was received from the village of LUC SON (2) 7089. Two Vietnamese who wandered into the OP site were found to be carrying gas masks made from plastic bags, which tied around the neck and had gauze over the mouth opening to act as a filter.
7. Observations: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATIONS</u>
121200H	BS 727897	One VC moving NW on trail wearing green PJ's and carrying a .45 Cal. pistol.
121310H	BS 727897	Six VC moving SE on trail. 5 wore black PJ's, no weapons, one wore green PJ's and carried a .45 Cal. pistol. Possibly same who was seen at same location at 121200H.
121300H	BS 705897	OP received 2 rounds SA fire from village. Fire returned, results unknown.
130900H	BS 705897	OP received one round SA fire which wounded LCpl FOSTER in the leg. A med-evac was called and fire was returned on the village. At 130935H, while the med-evac was taking place, one VC with a rifle was observed at the bottom of the hill. Sniper fired at him, from a distance of 500 yards, hitting the VC in the chest. VC fell to the ground and did not move. Another VC ran out of the woods, grabbed the rifle and fled into the brush.

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131230H	BS 729898	3 VC were fired upon as they moved toward the OP. One VC carried a rifle, but did not return the fire. VC fled area. Negative results.
132700Z	BS 699834	OP received SA fire from village and trees. Fire returned with M-60, M-79 and M-72. Arty mission called, good coverage, results unknown.
140800H	BS 735886	One VC running through a clearing. Wore black PJ's and carried a rifle.
141615H	BS 702897	4 VC walking a trail, carrying baskets and one carried rifle. Fled into brush when fired upon by patrol.
150655H	BS 733866	2 VC moving SE, wearing black PJ's, well camouflaged with vines. One carried a rifle.

8. Other Information. A cave, with a 4 ft opening was observed at the bottom of the hill, BS 731882. On 13 April, 7-8 people were observed possibly working on gun positions at BS 726696. Because of the distance it could not be determined, but they appeared to be digging gun positions and filling sand bags.

9. Results of Encounters with the Enemy: 1 VC KIA, 1 USMC KIA.

10. Condition of patrol: Good, except for 1 man KIA/med-evac 130900H.

11. Conclusions and Recommendations: Since the patrol was inserted by helo during the daylight hours the local Vietnamese know where they were located. They encountered the constant problem of people wandering into their OP. Members of the patrol observed that several of these people had gas masks like those described under item #6. In order for a Recon patrol to be effective in this area, night insertion is a must.

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1st Flt, "D" Co
Patrol Leader

12. Additional Comments by Debriefers: None

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Enclosure (1)
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Frag Order: 3-66
 Team: 3rd Plt, Co "D" (Combine)
 Debriefing: SSgt WILLIAMS
 Maps: Viet Nam, 1:50,000 AMS, L701
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 051910 April 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 24 Enl, 1 USN.
2. Mission: 3rd Platoon will conduct an area reconnaissance to the east and southeast of TINH TRUNG BS 435953.
3. Time of Departure: 031815H April 1966.
4. Time of Return: 051730H April 1966.
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure (1)).
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 47 hours with three sightings for a total of 16 persons. An abandoned POW Camp was found at BS 453933 and several items were brought in and have been forwarded to higher authority. What sounded like 8" guns firing H&L fire was heard on the nights of 3 & 4 April from the vicinity of grid square BS 4694 or 4695.
7. Observations: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATIONS</u>
041000H	BS 451950	Rooster heard crowing.
041435H	BS 436956	2 persons, wearing brown clothing moving SW. No equipment or weapons observed.
041550H	BS 445966	Four men moving in and out of brush. Clothing was brown, black and white on different persons. One man appeared to be sitting in a depression and disappeared out of sight when a helo flew over, and reappeared when the helo left the area. Because of the movement in this immediate area, it is estimated that a squad of 10-12 people was located here.
041645H	BS 474936	10 men working in rice paddy. All wore black PJ's and coolie hats. When they left the area at 1715 six appeared to be carrying sticks over their shoulders, these could have been weapons.

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051000H BS 453953 Discovered a 4 feet wide, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ foot high barricade across a trail. It was constructed of interwoven branches and vines and appeared to be at least two months old. They were no trip wires or booby traps visible, but the patrol detoured around the barricade.

051130H BS 453933 Discovered an abandoned POW camp consisting of a 50x40 meter compound, surrounded by barbed wire and punji stakes. There were 10 huts within the compound ranging in size from 4'x6' to 16'x25'. The camp is located near a stream, which contains good drinking water and does not show on the map. There were six caves located in the camp of which at least three came to a dead end. The largest hut appeared to be sleeping quarters for 30-40 people. The compound, although somewhat run down, was well constructed and could be rebuilt to useable condition in two days.

051330H BS 448929 Discovered vacant hut, constructed of stick and grass, approximately 4'x6'. There was barbed wire and punji stakes around it, plus several fighting holes. The hut appeared to have been built within the last two weeks, and wet sand inside the hut could indicate occupancy within the last 24 hours. There was a door at the front of the hut and a cave exit at the rear which was 50 meters long and came out on the side of the hill.

051430H BS 453930 Heard rooster sounds, but no crowing.

8. Other Information: From 032300-2330 and 042200-050300, heard what sounded like H&I fire from the vicinity of grid square BS 4694 or 4695. Rounds appeared to land to the SW 20-25 seconds after being fired.

9. Results of Encounter with the Enemy: None

10. Condition of Patrol: Good

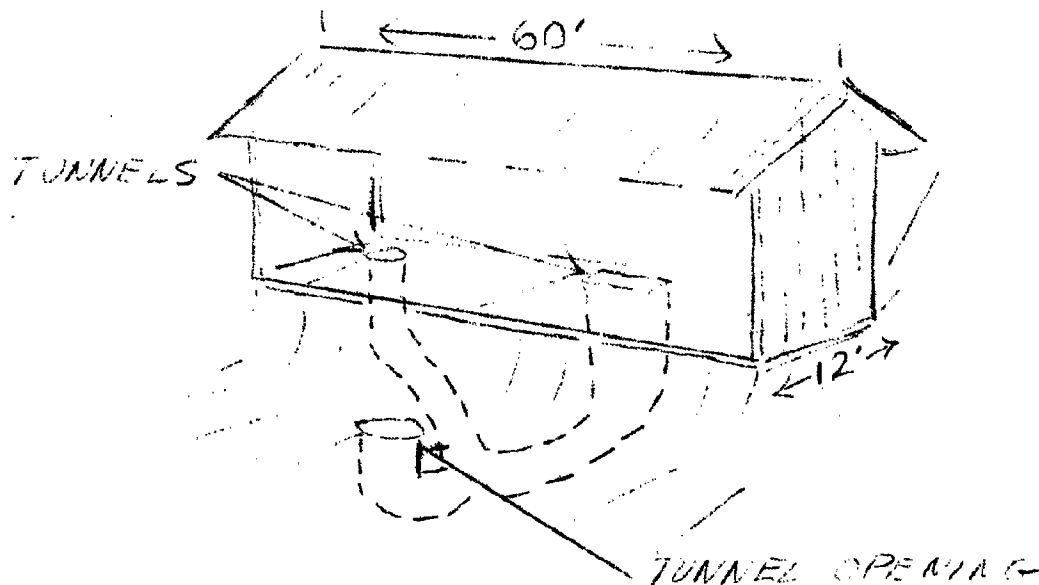
11. Conclusions and Recommendations: Problems were encountered with the radio relay, recommend a new relay site. Patrol leader recommends the destruction of the POW Camp at BS 453933.

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12. Additional Comments by Debriefer: None

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SSgt USMC
Debriefer

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BUILDING FOUND WITHIN POW COMPOUND BS453933

This structure was made of bamboo, grass, and mats with an open front. A sharp 2' drop ran the entire length in front. Inside were two holes leading to an opening in front of the structure where the ground leveled off. Boxes were stacked over the holes to conceal them.

Enclosure (2)

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Frag Order: 4-66
 Team: 2nd Plt, "D" Co (Covetous)
 Debriefers: SSgt WILLIAMS
 Maps: Viet Nam, 1:50,000 AMS, L701
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 101700H April 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 20 Enl, 1 USN.
2. 2nd Platoon will establish surveillance to the west and east of PHOU KHACH.
3. Time of Departure: 071730H April 1966.
4. Time of Return: 101745H April 1966
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure (1)).
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 72 hours with 3 sightings for a total of 9 persons, of whom 5 carried weapons. 3 VC moving across a rice paddy were observed using hand and arm signals similar to the type used by marines. Area appeared to contain 25-30 VC who operate in the area of the PHOU KHACH Valley (BT 3705). A new trail was discovered at BT 374063 which is not visible from the air. All sightings by the patrol took place on this trail. Interference, in the form of oriental music and talking was encountered on the radio during the daylight hours of 9 April. This interference occurred on the primary (D-252), but did not interfere with communications.
7. Observations: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATIONS</u>
080830H	BT 389060	Found warm ashes of a small fire.
081300H	BT 373068	Heard two rounds small arms fire.
081500H	BT 369064	Received 10 rounds small arms fire and 20 rounds machine gun fire from tree line in rice paddy approximately 200 meters to the west. Patrol withdrew and called artillery mission which was aborted after one round for fear of hitting elements of patrol. Results not observed.
100630H	BT 377063	Heard one round small arms fire.
100930H	BT 374063	3 VC moving west on trail wearing black PJ's, two wore coolie hats, one, a white hat. Middle man carried a rifle.

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101030H BT 374063 3 VC moving west on trail wearing black PJ and coolie hats. 2 carried rifles and 1, a BAR. Weapon looked to be in good condition. Artillery mission called, good coverage, results unknown. (Possible 1 WIA).

101330H BT 374063 Patrol fired on 3 VC moving east on trail wearing black PJ and coolie hats, carrying one rifle. VC fled area losing 3 coolie hats and their shower shoes.

8. Other Information: What sounded like a generator motor starting and stopping was heard in the vicinity of BT 376064 from 082400H - 090600H. A well prepared, although old, ambush site was found on the trail from BT 376067 - BT 379070. The trail was blocked by trees laid across it with punji stake traps on both sides of the trail. There were prepared firing positions for 50-60 people along the trail. Site did not appear to have been used for at least one month.

9. Results of Encounter with the Enemy: No friendly or enemy casualties.

10. Condition of Patrol: Good, except for one man with heat exhaustion who was a med-evac, 08R440 April 1966.

11. Conclusions and Recommendations: The VC, who were observed, looked to be members of a LF unit. The area of operation provides excellent cover and concealment and the trails appeared to be well traveled. No signs of rocky traps were found in the area.

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12. Additional Comments by Debriefer: None

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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
 2nd Lt. Co D, 1st Recon Bn, Apr 66
 Team: JVENOUS (1st Encl 25)
 Maps: VIETNAM, 1:50,000 AMS,
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 1st Lt. P.B. GOODWIN
 Patrol Leader

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Enclosure (1)
 (Patrol Route Overlay to
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CHU LAI, RVN
171800H April 1966

Frag Order 5-66
3rd Plt, "D" Co (CARNIVAL TIME)
Debriefing: SSgt WILLIAMS
Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000 AMS, L701
Sheet 6756 IV and 6757 III

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 24 Enl, 1 USN
2. Mission: Conduct an area reconnaissance and establish surveillance to the west and southwest and to the north, northwest, and northeast of Hill 746 (BS 390950).
3. Time of Departure: 131800H April 1966
4. Time of Return: 171750H April 1966
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1).
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 95½ hours with 1 sighting of 4 VC. New trails were found, which appeared to be well traveled, and are shown on enclosure (1). Fences which were found throughout the area, are shown on enclosure (3). Locations shown on enclosure (1). At BS 388946, a well constructed seven room house, 60'x20'x15', was found. The house had a wooden floor and connecting passageways between the room. Three caves were dug in the hillside behind the house, and several items were taken from the house and have been forwarded to higher authority. The house was burned on 17 April and 30-40 small secondary explosions were heard. Also burned were 10 bundles of punji stakes, 500 to a bundle, measuring 2.5' long, with a diameter of 7/16" to 1 inch, which were found by the house. There were pigs and chickens around the area, but no one was seen. A sketch of the house is shown on enclosure (2). What appeared to be observation platform were found in trees throughout the area and a sketch of these is shown on enclosure (3).
7. Observations: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
151430H	BS 395949	Patrol heard what sounded like a radio broadcasting in Vietnamese.
151930H- 152030H	BS 383955	Observed five small fires, which appeared to be 200 meters apart.
161430H	BS 381951	Patrol heard chickens and smelled food cooking.
161600H	BS 388953	4 VC moving N, 3 wore black PJ's, 1 wore black top, black bottoms, blue top, all carried rifles.

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171530H BS 383958 Patrol received 7 rounds sniper fire while preparing LZ. Fire return, results unknown.

8. Other information. While being extracted on 17 April, the patrol observed a hut at BS 391951. The hut appeared to be built on stilts, possibly an observation tower, and had been built very recently. Rain fell in the area starting at 1700 on 15, 16, 17 April.

9. Results of Encounters: None

10. Condition of Patrol: Good

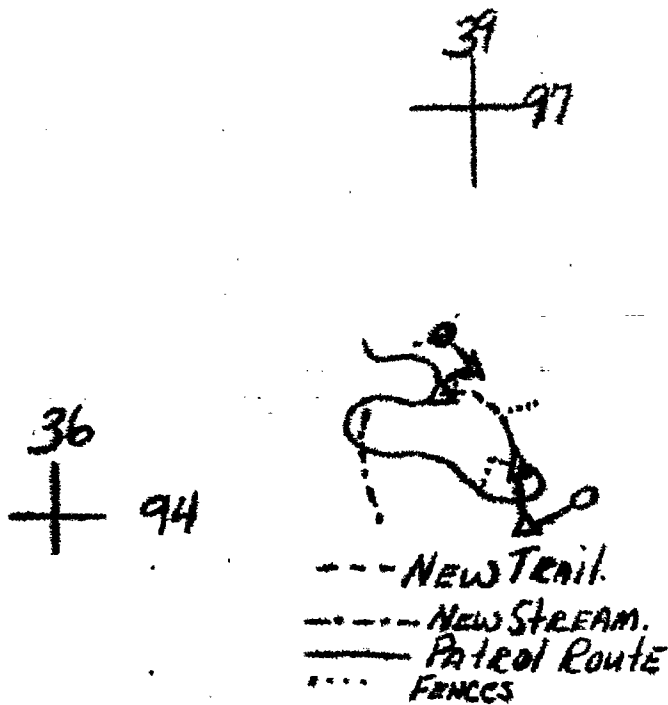
11. Conclusions and Recommendations: Another patrol should go into the area to check out Hill 1362, BS 3596. This patrol should be landed as near to the objective as possible because the heavy vegetation in the area make movement slow and difficult.

D. A. Anderson
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Patrol Leader

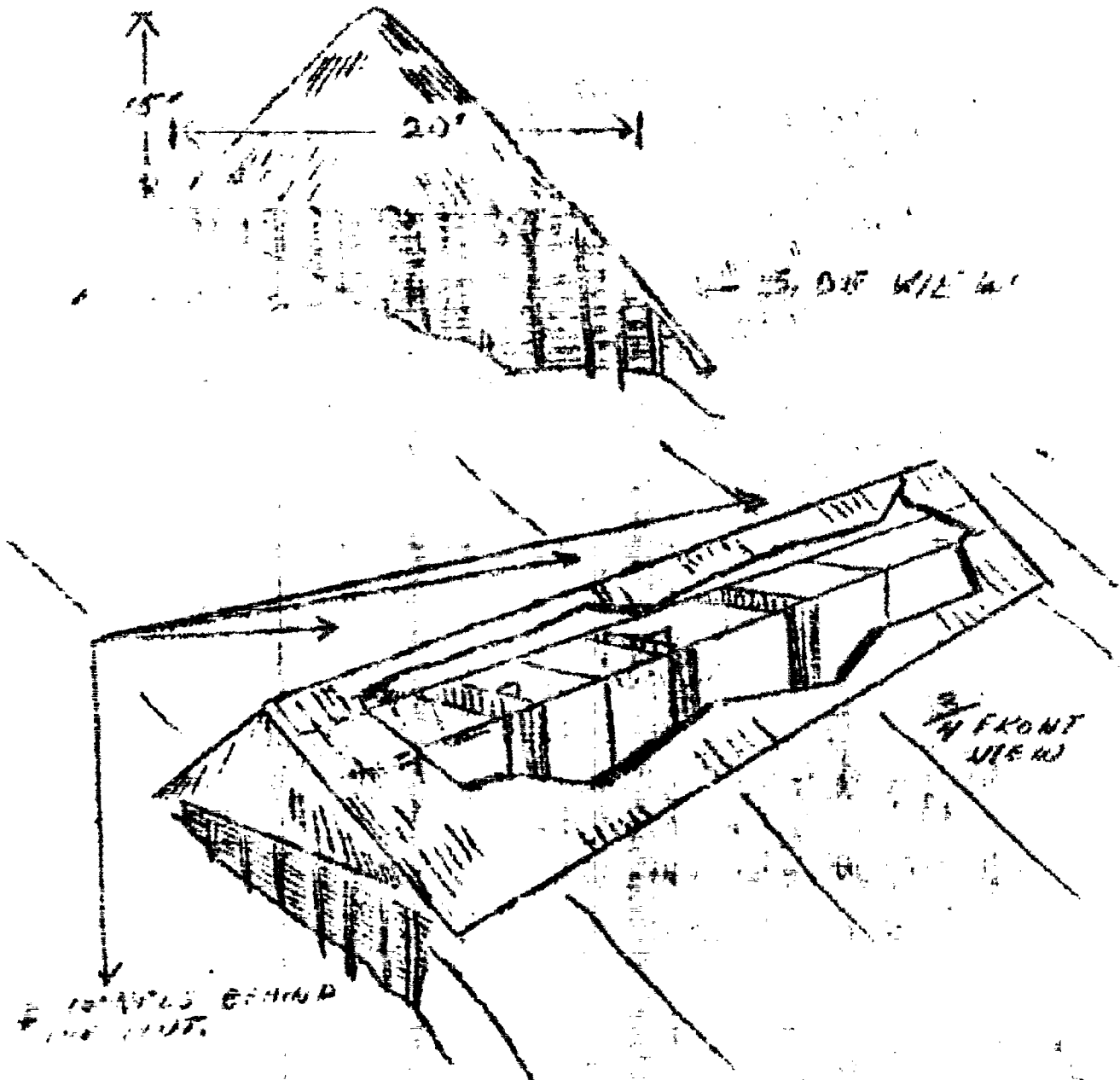
12. Additional comments by Debriefor: None

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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
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171900H April 1966 (w/Encl 224)



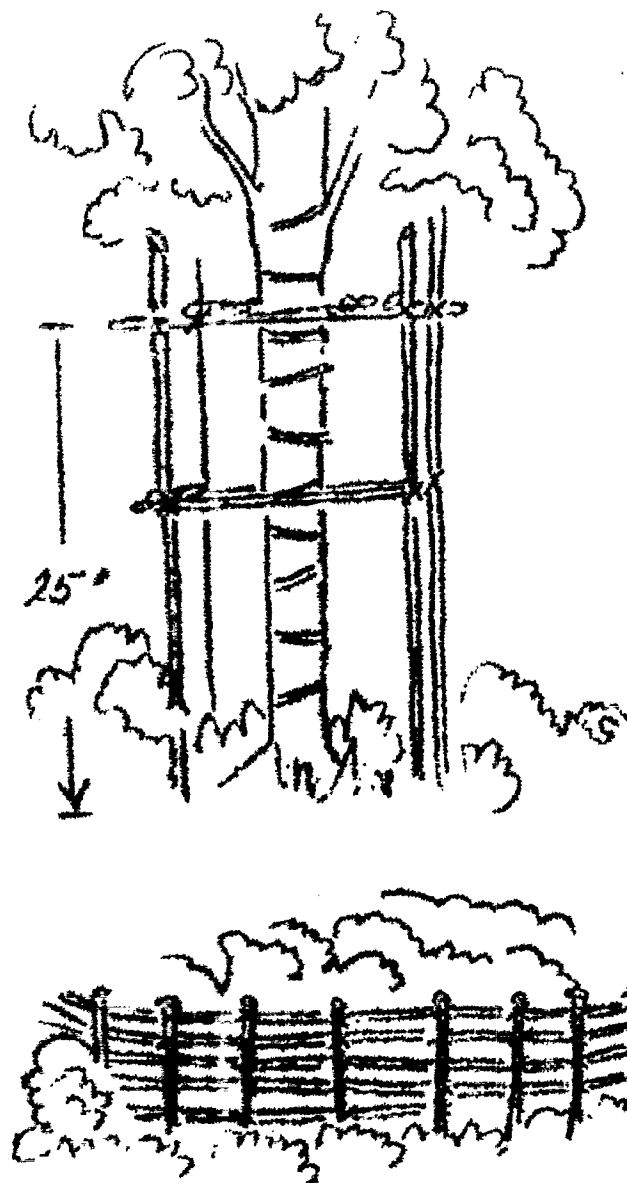
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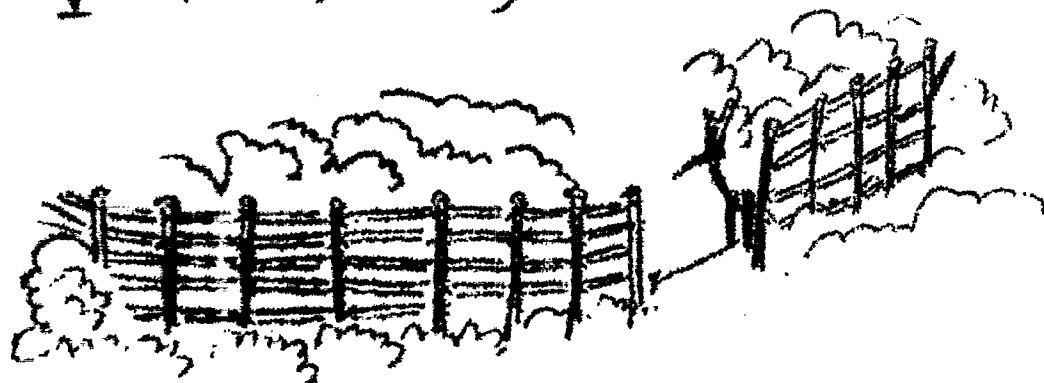
This structure was 60' long by 20' wide. It had 7 rooms connected by a long passageway to the rear. Between each two rooms, there was another passageway. Three tunnels were dug evenly spaced at the rear or uphill side of the structure. All entrances to the hut were at the rear.

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Frame work of saplings lashed together around a tree formed this observation platform. Vines wrapped around the tree seemed to facilitate climbing.



Fences found along patrol route varied in height from 2' to 7'. Sketch above shows one type which was 5' high and had openings every 50 meters. These openings have 'malaya whip' type traps obviously intended for animals. Other fences were 6-7' high, well constructed and very durable. Two vertical saplings in pairs spaced 3" apart and imbedded 8" in the ground. 22 saplings 6-10' long made up the vertical bars.

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 301200H April 1966

Frag Order 6-66
 Team: 1st Plt, Co "D" (CHESTER WHITE)
 Debriefed: SSgt WILLIAMS
 Maps: VIETNAM, 1:50,000 AMS, L701
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PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 2 Off, 22 Enl, 1 USN
2. Mission: Conduct a ground reconnaissance between Hill 661 West (BS 438987), Hill 661 East (BS 453989) and the area located vicinity (BS 464991) to determine feasibility of establishing a radio relay site vicinity Hill 661 East or BS 464991.
3. Time of Departure: 241800H April 1966
4. Time of Return: 281130H April 1966
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 89½ hours with one (1) sighting of four (4) VC. The four VC were taken under fire by the point man of the patrol, killing one VC and wounding another. A rifle, bolt, and 9 rounds of ammo were taken from the dead VC and have been forwarded to higher authority. A well used trail was found in the vicinity of BS 434985. This trail contained punji stakes, malayan whip traps, and arrow type traps operated by trip wires. All punji stakes were pointing east.
7. Observation: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
251005H	BS 438987	Patrol met 4 VC moving on trail wearing black PJ's, and carrying one rifle. Point man fired on VC, killing one and wounding another. Other VC escaped into the brush. The dead man's weapon and ammo were brought in by the patrol.

8. Other information. A cave was found in the vicinity BS 438987. The entrance was 3' wide, and the cave went down 5', then branched off in both directions. At BS 439991 a harbour site large enough for 100 men was found, but did not appear to have been used for at least a month. At BS 463996 a harbour site large enough for 5-10 people was found, this site had been used within the past week. A large clearing was found at BS 438987, which appeared to have been used as an outdoor classroom.

9. Results of encounters with the enemy: One VC KIA and one VC WIA.

10. Condition of Patrol: Good, PFC REAGLE, slightly wounded by a malayan whip trap, but continued with the patrol.

11. Conclusions and recommendations: Hill #701 would be a good site for a radio relay location. Water re-supply was difficult throughout the area of operation.

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Patrol Leader

12. Additional comments by debriefer: None

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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

1st Lt, "B" Co, 1st Recon Bn

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Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000 AMS, LT01

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1st Lt HUGHES - Patrol Leader

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Frag Order 7-66

Team: 2nd Plt, "D" Co (AVERAGE)

Debriefers: SSgt WILLIAMS

Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000 AMS, L791st Sgt

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PATROL REPORT

1. Size and composition: 1 Off, 20 Enl, 1 UIN
2. Mission. Establish surveillance of the THO AN Valley (vic BS 4795) and the area surrounding PHUOC BINH TAY (1) (vic BS 5095).
3. Time of Departure: 161700H Apr 66
4. Time of Return: 211813H Apr 66
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 121 hours with 7 sightings for a total of 28 VC. A booby trapped M-26 grenade was found at BS 479966 and was blown in place by the patrol. Most of the movement observed seemed to come from the village of PHUOC BINH TAY (1) BS 508955. The village of PHUOC BINH TAY (2) BS 498979 seems to be deserted, because a large herd of wild pigs was observed in the area and they are normally not found around people. An extensive network of punji traps and stakes was found in the vicinity of BS 477966, area looked to be several months old. Several shallow fighting holes were found, they were 1'-2' deep with rocks piled around the front and sides for added protection.
7. Observation. (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
161830H	BS 479966	Patrol found a M-26 grenade along side the trail. The pin had been pulled and then re-inserted slightly and placed beside the trail, where someone would kick it, causing the pin to fall out and the grenade to explode. The grenade was blown in place by the patrol.
171240H	BS 468959	One VC came into a rice paddy, dropped his pack and rifle by a rice paddy dike and then sat in the paddy. Two rounds were fired at him by the scout sniper causing him to run from the area, leaving his pack and rifle.
171800H	BS 523948	Four VC moving on trail, all carried rifles. The 1st man wore black PJ's and was walking 20 meters ahead of the others. The last three men wore green uniforms (similar to USMC utilities) and were off to the

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side of the trail, in the hedge rows. Arty was called with good coverage.

180800H	BS 512954	Four VC moved into the wood line. 1st man wore black PJ's, others wore green uniforms, 3rd man carried a rifle.
181700H	BS 496966	Patrol was fired upon by 12 VC, wearing green uniforms, green covers, with 2 automatic weapons and three carbines. Fire returned, with unknown results.
181800H	BS 489964	Two VC wearing black PJ's were fired upon by the patrol. Results unknown.
191915H	BS 472952	Two VC moving across rice paddy, carrying packs and rifles, wearing green uniforms with soft covers. Packs were large and looked like Marine Corps rucksacks. Arty called with good coverage on target.
201330H	BS 472951	Three VC moving on trail, wearing green uniforms, carrying rifles and packs.

8. Other information. A light was observed in the village of THO AN all night on the night of 19 April. Three fires were also observed in the village around 2300, but went out when two helos flew over.

9. Results of Encounters with the enemy. No friendly casualties or confirmed VC casualties.

10. Condition of patrol. Good

11. Conclusions and Recommendations. Patrol leader feels that he should know when H&I fires are going to be fired close to his area. Also H&I fire should cease at 0400, H&I fire has continued as late as 0800 in some cases. M-14 ammo was found on Hill 282, BS 479967, along with many C-ration cans. Patrol leader also feels that the booby trap they found was a grenade that had been left in the area by Marines and found by the VC. When this patrol was inserted, the helos circled the LZ for 20 minutes and finally marked the LZ with red smoke, alerting the whole countryside to the fact people were going into the area.

P. B. Goodwin
1st Lt. P. B. GOODWIN
Patrol Leader

12. Additional comments by the Debriefers. None

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion(-)
CHU LAI, RVN
011400H May 1966

Frag Order 8-66

Team: 2nd Plt, "D" Co (CROSSTIDE)

Debriefing: SSgt WILLIAMS

Maps: VIETNAM, 1:50,000 AMS, L701

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PATROL ROUTE

1. Size and composition: 1 Off, 22 Enl, 1 USN
2. Mission: Conduct reconnaissance OP's between the two battalion TAOR's.
3. Time of Departure: 260900H April 1966
4. Time of Return: 301430H April 1966
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1.)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 101½ hours with 4 sightings for a total of 9 VC. It was noted by the patrol that as infantry units moved through the villages at BT 318137 and BT 310123 all movement would cease, but after the infantry left the area, the people would re-appear and carry on normal activities. In the vicinity of BT 361039 numerous foxholes and ambush sites were found as well as a small cave. This area did not appear to have been used for 3-6 months.
7. Observations: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
261100H	BT 328137	One VC wearing black PJ's, coolie hat, and carrying a rifle moved into the brush.
270820H	BT 321134	Two VC wearing black PJ's and carrying packs and rifles went into a house. They came out 10 minutes later with 4 other VC, a fire mission was called, good coverage observed.
271840H	BT 306125	Four VC wearing black PJ's, carrying rifles moving across rice paddy. Fire mission called, rounds right on target only one VC seen moving after mission.
281100H	BT 353103	Helicopter received SA fire from the rice paddy as it came into the LZ.
301320H	BT 356092	Two VC fired on the patrol with a carbine and either an M-1 or an M-14, patrol returned fire with unknown results.

8. Other information: All VC sightings were between the hours of 8-11

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or after 1500, little or no movement observed, during the heat of the day. A utility jacket was found on 27 April at BT 319135, belonging to LCpl GYER who was KIA on 13 March while on a recon patrol at BT 319135. At the time GYER was KIA his cloths and equipment were taken from his body by the VC. Among the items taken was the brevity code, shackle, thrust line points and radio frequencies for OP Order 39-66. When the jacket was found the above items were still in the jacket pocket.

9. Results of Encounters with the Enemy: None.

10. Condition of Patrol: 7 heat casualties, (4 med-evac, 261500H) and 1 man with convulsion and severe headaches, Med-evac 271710.

11. Conclusions and Recommendations: It was noted by the patrol leader that the VC always seem to move in a column with a 20 meter interval between men. If recon patrols are to cover large areas the load of the individual marine must be lighter. Better and lighter 782 gear should be developed, as will as long range rations which do not require a lot of water to prepare.

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Patrol Leader

12. Additional Comments by Debriefers: None.

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2nd Platoon "D", 1st Bn. 1st Regt. (A)
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