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To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

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Ref: (a) DivO 5750.2A  
(b) DivBul 5750 of 14 Mar 66

Encl: (1) 1st Recon Bn Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) for the month of May 1966 is submitted.

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## 1. Organizational Data

## A. Location:

(1) "A" (-)(Rein), "C", "D" and H&S Companies - CHU LAI, Republic of Viet Nam.

(2) One platoon, Company "A" - HUE PHU BAI, RVN. Company "B" (-) - Camp Schwab, Okinawa (RLT-5) from 1 May to 23 May; Enroute USS RENVELLE from 23 May to 27 May; CHU LAI, RVN from 27 May to 1 June 1966.

B. Period covered by this report: 1 May - 31 May 1966.

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

(1) Commanding Officer	LtCol A. J. SULLIVAN
(2) Executive Officer	Maj A. S. HARRIS
(3) Commanding Officer, Company "A" (Rein)	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. LUEDKE
(9) S-2 Officer	Capt M. W. HOWARD
(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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## D. Personnel strength breakdown:

	<u>By T/O</u>	<u>On Hand</u>
USMC Officers	31	24
USMC Enlisted	414	355
USN Officers	1	2
USN Enlisted	11	24

2. COMMANDERS NARRATIVE SUMMARY of Significant Events

During the period of 1-31 May 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) Twenty-three (23) platoon size reconnaissance patrols were conducted resulting in fifty-one (51) sightings totaling one hundred and forty-one (141) VC, forty-four (44) VCS, six (6) VC KIA, four (4) VC WIA, five (5) weapons captured, one (1) VC captured and one (1) VCS captured. Two (2) fire missions were called with unknown results.

b. Direct Support Missions. Battalion (-) size operations and platoon size operations were conducted in support of specific operations resulting in the following data:

(1) Two (2) Battalion (-) size operations were conducted in support of regimental size operations (Montgomery and Mobile).

(a) In Operation Montgomery the reconnaissance effort resulted in one hundred twenty-six (126) sightings for three hundred fifty-one (351) VC, six hundred twenty-two (622) VCS, one (1) VC KIA. Thirty-three (33) fire missions were called for thirty-three (33) VC KIA (possible). Three (3) VCS were captured. Due to a thorough map reconnaissance, the recon plan was effectively established utilizing the terrain to maximum advantage in aiding the infantry units in Operation Montgomery.

(b) In Operation Mobile the reconnaissance effort resulted in twenty (20) sightings for two hundred and one (201) VC. Eleven (11) fire missions and two (2) Naval Gun Fire missions were called for ten (10) VC KIA and twenty-four (24) VC KIA (possible). It is noteworthy to mention two (2) seven (7) man rubber boat teams were successfully inserted at night producing most of the sightings in Operation Mobile. High speed patrol boats were used as jump off crafts for the rubber boat teams. The highly successful amphibious entry proved outstanding as a clandestine means of recon insertion.

(c) One platoon size operation in direct support of Operation Morgan (3/7) resulting in one (1) sighting of three (3) VC. One (1) fire mission was called with unknown results.

c. During this reporting period numerous VC installations were found (i.e. rest areas, training areas) and destroyed, also trail networks were plotted, rice caches were found and destroyed, medical supplies and ammunition were found and returned to higher headquarters. It should also be noted that the permanent OP, established at BS 515780, QUANG NGAI, RVN in support of a USMC 155 Battery has successfully challenged the VC's reoccupation of the SONG TRA KHU~~U~~ Valley by continual observation and the calling of artillery fire on any VC movement.

d. Friendly casualties during this reporting period were fourteen (14) WIA's. The WIAs were not serious and remained in country, three (3) were fragmentation wounds and eleven(11) were punji stake wounds. No friendly KIAs during this period.

e. A Reconnaissance Indoctrination Program (RIP) was established to train new 0311 and 0302 Marines reporting to 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, enabling them to perform the basic reconnaissance skills necessary to properly perform the reconnaissance mission.

f. The personnel and equipment of this Battalion remain prepared to perform any reconnaissance mission assigned.

### 3. DETAILED DESCRIPTION of Significant Events

a. Company "A". Company "A", eight (8) platoon sized patrols in general support resulting in twenty-seven (27) sightings totaling sixty-four (64) VC and twenty-five (25) VCS. One (1) fire mission was called with unknown results.

3 May	Four (4) VC were observed in two (2) sightings. One group of three (3) appeared to be carrying a wounded man. <u>1/</u>
9 May	Fifteen (15) VC were observed in three (3) sightings. Two (2) artillery missions were called with good coverage but unknown results. <u>2/</u>
17 May	Three (3) large buildings were found. TPQ-10 strikes were later dropped at these points. <u>3/</u>

#### FOOTNOTES

- 1/ Patrol Report for Company "A" Frag Order 56-66, 5 May 1966  
2/ Patrol Report for Company "A" Frag Order 57-66, 13 May 1966  
3/ Patrol Report for Company "A" Frag Order 60-66, 21 May 1966

b. Company "C". Company "C" conducted three (3) platoon size patrols in general support resulting in six (6) sightings for sixteen (16) VC, fourteen (14) VCS, and one (1) VCS captured.

20 May Sixteen (16) VC were sighted in two (2) groups of eight (8), some wore camouflage, rifles and one (1) pistol were noted. 1/

Company "C" conducted three (3) operations in direct support of specific operations.

9-13 May Operation Montgomery (See paragraph 2.b.(1)(a)).

19-20 May Operation Morgan (See paragraph 2.b.(1)(b)).

25-27 May Operation Mobile (See paragraph 2.b.(1)(d)).

c. Company "D". Company "D" conducted twelve (12) platoon size patrols in general support resulting in eighteen (18) sightings for sixty (60) VC, five (5) VCS, seven (7) VC KIA, three (3) VC WIA, five (5) weapons captured and one (1) VC captured, one (1) VCS captured and 1500 lbs of rice destroyed.

1 May Four (4) VC ambushed, resulting in one (1) VC KIA, 3 VC WIA. 2/

4 May 1000 lbs of rice found and destroyed. 3/

5 May Eight (8) VC moved into village, rifles and one (1) sub-machine gun noted. 3/

8 May Four (4) VC ambushed, three (3) VC KIA, one (1) VC captured, four (4) rifles captured, one was high powered rifle with scope. Captured VC turned out to be VC Platoon Leader. 4/

15 May Two (2) VC ambushed resulting in one (1) VC KIA, 40 lbs of salt and 200 lbs of rice found and destroyed. 5/

18 May Three (3) VC ambushed resulting two (2) VC KIA and one (1) captured rifle. 5/

28 May Seven (7) VC moving south west with packs and rifles. 5/

FOOTNOTES:

1/ Patrol Report for Company "C" Frag Order 10-66, 24 May 1966

2/ Patrol Report for Company "D" Frag Order 9-66, 4 May 1966

3/ Patrol Report for Company "D" Frag Order 11-66, 8 May 1966

4/ Patrol Report for Company "D" Frag Order 15-66, 18 May 1966

5/ Patrol Report for Company "D" Frag Order 20-66, 28 May 1966

d. 1st Force Reconnaissance Company. On 10 May 1966 this battalion released operational control of 1st Force Reconnaissance Company less two (2) platoons, which remain under 1st Reconnaissance Battalion operational control. 1/

(1) Force Recon platoons were used in direct support of two specific operations.

(a) Operation Montgomery

(b) Operation Mobile

(2) Force Recon platoons also were used for a permanent observation post in the QUANG NGAI Province, RVN, before, during and after Operation Montgomery with the following results (less Operation Montgomery data): fifty-six (56) sightings for three hundred and nine (309) VC, eighty (80) VCS, twenty-six (26) fire missions called, eight (8) confirmed VC KIA and four (4) confirmed VC WIA. 2/

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

FOOTNOTES:

1/ CG, 1st MarDiv msg 101350Z May 66

2/ Patrol Report for Force Recon Co 323-66, 14 May 1966

## Appendix A (List of References) to Command Chronology

1. Plans and Orders

1st Recon Bn Operation Order 321-66 of 30 March 1966  
 1st Recon Bn Administration Order 322-66 of 14 April 1966  
 1st Recon Bn Operation Order 323-66 w/ch 1 of 2 May 1966  
 1st Recon Bn Frag Order 2-66 of 22 May 1966  
 1st Recon Bn Operational Order Supplement 6-66 of 1 May 1966  
 1st Recon Bn Operational Order Supplement 7-66 of 9 May 1966  
 1st Recon Bn Operational Order Supplement 8-66 w/ch 1,2 of 16 May 1966  
 1st Recon Bn Operational Order Supplement 9-66 of 21 May 1966

2. Debriefing Reports

Company "A" Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 56-66  
 Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 57-66  
 Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 58-66  
 Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 59-66  
 Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 60-66  
 Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 61-66  
 Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 62-66  
 Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 63-66

Company "C" Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 7-66  
 Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 8-66  
 Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 9-66  
 Patrol Report of Company Operation Order 1-66  
     (a) Carnival Time           (d) Combine  
     (b) Chester White         (e) Killer Kane  
     (c) Average                 (f) Punctuate Relay

Company "D" Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 9-66  
 Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 10-66  
 Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 11-66  
 Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 12-66  
 Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 13-66  
 Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 14-66  
 Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 15-66  
 Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 16-66  
 Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 17-66  
 Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 18-66  
 Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 19-66  
 Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 20-66

3. Unit Diaries

H&S Company Unit Diaries: 83-66 thru 106-66  
 Company "A" Unit Diaries: 33-66 thru 55-66  
 Company "B" Unit Diaries: 52-66 thru 53-66  
 Company "C" Unit Diaries: 37-66 thru 55-66  
 Company "D" Unit Diaries: 61-66 thru 79-66

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4. Messages

CG, 1st Mar Div (Rein) 101350Z May 1966

CG, 9th MAB 092350Z May 1966

CG, 1st Mar Div (Rein) 260112Z May 1966

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Appendix B (Documentation) to Command Chronology

- 1st Recon Bn Operation Order 323-66 w/ch 1 of 2 May 1966
- 1st Recon Bn Operation Supplement 6-66 of 1 May 1966
- 1st Recon Bn Operation Supplement 7-66 of 9 May 1966
- 1st Recon Bn Operation Supplement 8-66 w/ch 1,2 of 16 May 1966
- 1st Recon Bn Operation Supplement 9-66 of 21 May 1966
- 1st Recon Bn Frag Order 2-66 of 22 May 1966
  - Company "A" Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 56-66
  - Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 57-66
  - Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 58-66
  - Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 59-66
  - Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 60-66
  - Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 61-66
  - Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 62-66
  - Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 63-66
  - Company "C" Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 8-66
  - Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 9-66
  - Patrol Report of Company Frag Order 10-66
  - Patrol Report of Company Operation Order 1-66  
(Operation Montgomery)
    - (a) Carnival Time
    - (b) Chester White
    - (c) Average
    - (d) Combine
    - (e) Killer Kane
    - (f) Punctuate Relay
  - Patrol Report of Company Operation Order 2-66  
(Operation Mobile)
    - (a) Combine
    - (b) Hateful
    - (c) Bookcover
  - Company "D" Patrol Report Company Frag Order 9-66
  - Patrol Report Company Frag Order 10-66
  - Patrol Report Company Frag Order 11-66
  - Patrol Report Company Frag Order 12-66
  - Patrol Report Company Frag Order 13-66
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Operation Order 323-66 *ch 4*

- Ref: (a) 7th Marines OpO 329-66
- (b) 1st Force Recon Co OpO 8-66
- (c) FmOpO 321-66
- (d) Maps: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS 11701  
Sheet 6756 I, II, III & IV

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

1st Reconnaissance Battalion (-)(rein)

Command Group (Special)

Company "C" (Rein)

1st Force Reconnaissance Company (-)

- 1. SITUATION *Det 1st Force Recon Co. (2 Plts)*  
*PLT CO "A"*

a. Enemy forces

- (1) Reference (a) (Intelligence Annex).
- (2) As briefed by Battalion S-2.

b. Friendly forces. Reference (a) (Task Organization).

c. Attachments and Detachments

- (1) H&S Company (-) continues in general support of the 1st Marine Division (-)(Rein).
- (2) Company "A" <sup>(-)</sup> continues in general support of the 1st Marine Division (-)(Rein).
- (3) Company "D" continues in general support of the 1st Marine Division (-)(Rein).
- (4) <sup>DET</sup> 1st Force Reconnaissance Company (-) <sup>4th + 5th Plts</sup> attached.

2. MISSION. To conduct ground reconnaissance/observation in support of RLT-7 prior to and during Operation MONTGOMERY.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation

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1stLt S. W. CHEFF

Capt R. B. TIFFANY

Major D. A. COLBY

Lt PAUL

Lt JONES

(1) A radio relay will be established vicinity Hill 177 (BS 5177) utilizing the existing PF Camps for security. The recon platoons will report sightings and information of intelligence value directly to the 7th Marines CGC via the radio relay. Reference (b) details this portion of the operation.

(2) On order, prior to L-hour, the Battalion Command Group, Company "C" (Rem) and ~~1st Force Reconnaissance Company (-)~~ <sup>1st Plt Co + 1st Plt Co</sup> will displace to the QUANG NGAI air field. Contact with the 7th Marines Headquarters will be maintained via the Recon Liaison Group previously established at the 7th Marines.

(3) On D-Day, on order, three platoons, Company "C" and one platoon 1st Force Reconnaissance Company (-) will be inserted by helicopter to provide observation of the routes of egress and entry within the planned operation area.

b. Company "C"

(1) On D-Day, on order, 1st Platoon (Chester White) will be inserted by helicopter in the vicinity of Hill 162 (BS 443788) and establishes observation of the SONG GIANG Valley (BS 4378 and BS 4379), TAN AN THOU (1) (BS 444799) and TAN AN THOU (2) (BS 434798).

(2) On D-Day, on order, 2nd Platoon (Combine) will be inserted by helicopter in the vicinity of Hill 263 (BS 429714) and establishes observation of the SONG TRA KHUC Valley between BS 441740 and BS 455710.

(3) On D-Day, on order, 3rd Platoon (Average) will be inserted by helicopter in the vicinity of BS 406734 and establishes observation of THICH NHAM (2) (BS 415740) and the valley located between BS 406724 and BS 422739.

(4) Company "C" Headquarters (Crankcase "C") remains with the Battalion Command Group and maintains communications in accordance with Annex B. (5) 4th Plt (CARNIVAL TIME) REMAINS w/ CO "C" (Rem) HQ + Reserve

c. 1st Force Reconnaissance Company (-)

(1) Establish radio relay/observation post (Punctate Relay) in accordance with reference (b).

(2) On D-Day, on order, 4th Platoon (Killer Kane) will be inserted by helicopter in the vicinity of BS 395771 and establishes observation of the areas contained in grid squares BS 4075, BS 4176, BS 4277, the area generally to the east and southeast of the above mentioned grid squares and the SONG GIANG Valley between BS 400795 and BS 420794.

(3) <sup>1st</sup> 1st Force Reconnaissance Company ~~Headquarters (Inactivate)~~ <sup>5th Plt (HAT FULL)</sup> remains with the Battalion Command Group and maintains communications in accordance with Annex B (Comm-Flec). REMAINS IN RESERVE AT QUANG NGAI

1. ~~(1) 1st Platoon (Night Sticker), 2nd Platoon (Princess) and 3rd Platoon (Galloon) and 5th Platoon (Hatchling) remain in reserve. Be prepared, on order, to support Operation Montgomery.~~

d. Battalion Command Group (Special)

(1) The Command group will be made up of the following:

(a) Battalion Commander

(b) S-3 Assistant

(1) S-3 Chief

(2) Clerk (1).

(c) S-4 representative

(d) Radio Chief

(1) Radio operator/driver (3)

(e) Corpsman (1)

(2) **(F) 1st PLT CO "A" (BURGANDY)**  
On order, the following vehicles will shift in conjunction with the artillery and other supporting elements, from CHU LAI to the QUANG NGAI airfield.

(a) Two (2) MRC-38's

(b) One (1) MRC-83

(c) One (1) M-35

(d) One (1) M-37

(e) One (1) M-422

(3) On order prior to L-hour, the Command Group will shift from CHU LAI to QUANG NGAI airfield. Departure will be from MAG-36 (KY HA).

(4) Upon displacement of RLT-7 Headquarters (forward) to Hill 108 (BS 659754) the Command Group will join the said Headquarters and provide support for the reconnaissance effort.

**(5) ON ORDER BE PREPARED TO ESTABLISH PLT SIZE OP IN GS 5485 + 4781**

f. Coordinating Instructions

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

(2) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire on targets of opportunity. Direct communications will be established with artillery FDC (Annex B (Comm-Elec)).

(3) All companies will submit rosters of personnel participating in the subject operation to the S-1 prior to departure. Two rosters will also be provided to the Command Group.

(4) When reporting utilize SALUTE form and make clear concise reports. Reports of contact must be detailed, report complete information as soon after the contact as possible, and designate nearest extraction LZ.

(5) The following safe areas are available for use in only most dire situations:

(a) Special Forces Camp located at BS 385705. Call sign is SWINGY BARRAGE 14 on P-43.9 MC; A-47.8 MC.

(b) Special Forces Outpost located at BS 393695. Call sign is SWINGY BARRAGE 14 Outpost on P-43.9 MC; A-47.8 MC.

(6) See reference (c) for additional instructions.

#### 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. General. All administrative and logistic procedures previously established within the Battalion by the Supply and Logistics SOP (BnO P4000.2C) and Administrative Order 322-66 still apply.

##### b. Supply

(1) All initial issues of all classes of supply will be accomplished within the Battalion.

(2) All patrols will be prepared to operate for a five day period.

(3) All resupply requests will be made and coordinated through 1st Reconnaissance Battalion (-)(rein) Command Group.

(4) Requests for special equipment will be made through the S-4 on D-2. Special equipment available:

(a) Grenade, Hand , Tear CS-1.

(b) Grenade, Rifle, white phosphorous.

(c) Launcher, Grenade, 40mm, M-79.

(d) Rifle, M-16

(e) Shotgun, M-12

c. Evacuation. All requests for medical evacuation will be approved by the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion Command Group.

##### d. Transportation.

(1) All requests for helicopter support will be made and coordinated through the S-3 prior to D-Day. On D-Day all requests will be submitted through the Command Group.

(2) On order, the following vehicles will move in conjunction with the other supporting elements from the CHU LAI Combat Base to the QUANG NGAI area:

(a) B&S Company provides: One (1) MRC-38; One MRC-83; One (1) M-35; One (1) M-422, one (1) M-37.

(b) Company "C" provides: One (1) MRC-38; One (1) M-422

~~(c) 1st Force Reconnaissance Company (a) provides: One (1) M-3841; One (1) M-37.~~

(3) ~~Det~~ 1st Force Reconnaissance Company ~~(a)~~ will provide one platoon for convoy security on D-1.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. See Annex B (Communications-Electronics).

b. The following couple system will be used by all patrols:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
E	L	O	F	M	C	H	J	L	E
P	Q	N	U	G	K	R	T	I	
Z	V	X	Y	S					
		D		W					

d. The following thrust points are established:

(1) Company "C"

(a) 1st Platoon - BS 4476

(b) 2nd Platoon - BS 4372

(c) 3rd Platoon - BS 4173

(2) 1st Force Reconnaissance Company - BS 3977.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL SULLIVAN

*A. S. Harris*  
A. S. HARRIS

Major U. S. Marine Corps

Executive Officer

ANNEXES

A - Operations Overall

B - Command and Communications-Electronics

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A KILLER KANE

NOTE: OP POSITIONS ARE APPROXIMATE.  
OP LOCATIONS WILL BE DETERMINED  
AFTER IFS ACTION

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL SULLIVAN

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ANNEX A

A AVERAGE

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A COMBINE

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Annex B (Communication-Electronics) to Operation Order 323-66

Ref: (a) RLT-7 Operation Order 301-66  
 (b) DivO Po2000, 2B GEOI  
 (c) Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS, Series L701, Sheets 6656 I, II, III,  
 & IV, 6657 II & III, 6756 III & IV and 6757 III.

Time Zone: HOTEL

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) Reference (a). Intelligence Annex
- (2) Active and passive enemy ECM expected on all assigned circuits.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) Reference (a).
- (2) First Force Reconnaissance Company is attached for operations.
- (3) VMO-6 provides radio relay on request.

c. Command Posts.

1st Reconnaissance Bn (-)	BT 561048
Company "C", 1st Recon Bn	BT 561047
<i>Det</i> 1st Force Reconnaissance Co.	BT 561048

Above CP locations effective from D-3 to D-1. Command Post locations established in the field on D-1 will be reported when established.

2. MISSION. Battalion communication elements establish, operate and maintain communications facilities in support of RLT-7 operations.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Communications Platoon, H&S Co., 1st Recon Bn (-).

(1) Radio Section. On order establish and maintain communication facilities as set forth in Appendix 1 (Radio Guard Chart) to Annex B (Comm-Elect) to OpOrder 323-66.

(2) On D-3 provide augmentation personnel to Force Recon Co. RLT-7 liaison team.

(3) On D-1 be prepared to deploy communication support team with \_\_\_\_\_ Bn Cnd Group.

(4) On order be prepared to activate radio relay facilities on HILL 39, BT 572964, on M-363.

b. Company "C" 1st Recon Bn.

(1) Establish and maintain communications in accordance with Appendix 1 (Radio Guard Chart) to Annex B (Comm-Elect) to OpOrder 323-66.

(2) Be prepared to provide personnel and equipment augmentation to Bn Cmd Group upon request.

~~c.~~ <sup>Det</sup> First Force Reconnaissance Co.

~~(1) Establish and maintain communications as in b. above.~~

(U) ~~(2)~~ On D-3 establish radio relay facilities on Hill 177 (BT 517778). See Appendix 1 for guard assignments.

~~(2)~~ ~~(3)~~ Provide communication personnel to RLT-7 liaison team and activate M-30 and M-464 for operations on D-3. Personnel augmentation will be provided upon request this headquarters.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Reporting Schedule.

<sup>TWD</sup> (a) Company "C" Platoons will report at least once every ~~four~~ hours and maintain a continuous guard.

<sup>Det</sup> (b) First Force Recon Co. Platoons will report at least once each hour and maintain a continuous guard.

(2) Numeral Code. Currently established numeral codes are authorized and will appear in supplementary operation orders. Thrust line position reports will be utilized to the maxim extent possible.

(3) Artillery Support Requests. Requests for fire support will be accomplished utilizing the code word WINSTON for all pre-planned concentrations. They will be suffixed with the assigned concentration number. Other requests will be processed utilizing normal request procedures.

(4) Call Signs and frequencies of participating units are established by reference (a).

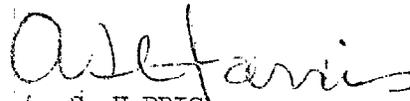
(5) Suspected enemy counter measures will be reported to this headquarters utilizing the Code word SALEM.

(6) Visual. Visual communications will be in accordance with reference (b). Signal mirrors will be employed to alert aircraft when appropriate.

4. ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS.

- a. Dry Cell Batteries. Upon deployment a five day supply of dry cell batteries will accompany the Command Group. Resupply will be provided upon request.
- b. BB-451. Resupply of BB-451's will be requested through RLT-7 LSA facilities. Requests should be submitted at least 24 hours in advance of requirements.
- c. Emergency spare parts or equipment replacements will be made upon request. Sufficient back-up equipment will be deployed where possible.

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APPENDIXES

- 1 - Radio Plan
- 2 - Call Signs and Frequencies

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Appendix 1 (Radio Guard Chart) to Annex B (Comm-Elect) to OpOrder 323-66

Time Zone: HOUEI

SYMBOLS X - Guard O - As required W - When directed	/ / / / /				
	Bn Comd #1	Bn Tag	Co #1 Comd	Force Recon Co Comd	DAO
1st Recon Bn(-)(Forward)	X	W			O
Company "C"		W	X		O
* 1st Plt			X		O
2nd Plt			X		O
3rd Plt			X		O
* 4th Plt Force Recon Co		W		X	O
<del>1st Plt</del>				X	O
<del>2nd Plt</del>				X	O
<del>3rd Plt</del>				X	O
4th Plt				X	O
5th Plt				X	O
Force Recon Co (Relay)	O			X	
RLT-7 In Team	X			X	
1st Recon Bn(-)(Rear)	X				

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Appendix 2 (Call Signs & Frequencies) to Annex B (Comm-Elect) to OpOrder  
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Time Zone: HOTEL

1. The following call signs are assigned.

1st Recon Bn (-)	CRANKCASE
Company "C" 1st Recon Bn	CRANKCASE CHARLIE
1st Plt	CHESTERWHITE
2nd Plt	COMBINE
3rd Plt	AVERAGE
<del>1st Force Recon Co.</del>	<del>CRANKCASE</del>
<del>1st Plt</del>	<del>NIGHT STICKER</del>
<del>2nd Plt</del>	<del>FRIMNESS</del>
<del>3rd Plt</del>	<del>GALLON</del>
4th Plt	HATEFUL
5th Plt	KILLER KANE
First Force Recon Co. (Relay)	PUNCTUATE RELAY
RLT-7 Recon In Tm	PUNCTUATE XRAY
1ST PLT CO "A"	BURGUNDY

Note: Call signs of participating units are set forth in reference (a)

2. The following frequencies are assigned:

	<u>FREQ</u>	<u>DESIG</u>	<u>EMISSION</u>
1st Recon Bn Comd	(P)2585 KC	M-30	3A3J
	(S)2448 KC	M-199	3A3J
1st Recon Bn TAG	39.4 MC	M-363	36F3
Company "G" Comd #1	(P)51.85 MC	M-475	36F3
	(S)44.1 MC	M-410	36F3
Force Recon Co TAG	(P)50.8 MC	M-464	36F3
	(S)54.6	M-495	36F3
Det Division Air Obs #1	39.6 MC	M-365	36F3

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization

<u>1st Reconnaissance Battalion (-)(Rein)</u>	LtCol A. J. SULLIVAN
<u>H&amp;S Company</u>	Capt T. J. GERAGHY
<u>Company "A"</u>	Capt C. D. SMALL
<u>Company "C"</u>	Capt R. B. TIFFANY
<u>Company "D"</u>	Capt H. C. COOPER Jr.
<u>1st Force Reconnaissance Company (-)</u>	Major D. A. COLBY

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) 1st Force Reconnaissance Company (-) attached.

2. MISSION. Reference (b).

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Reference (b).

b. Company "A"

- (1) From 011800H to 051730H May 1966, conduct observation of grid squares BS 4091, BS 4191, BS 4190, BS 4289 and BS 4288. Particular emphasis is to be placed on observing grid square BS 4288 and the area to the south

of the grid square and contained in the SONG TRA BONG Valley. 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 051800 to 091730H May 1966, conduct ground reconnaissance of grid squares BT 4001, BT 4000, and BT 3900. Emphasis is to be placed on locating and plotting new trails with particular emphasis on locating any trails leading into the valley located vicinity of BT 405000. On D+4, by first light, establish observation of the village of DONG CO (BT 410017). Utilize 1/3 of available forces for this operation. Annex B establishes the No-Fire Zones.

(3) From 071830H to 111730H May 1966, conduct ground reconnaissance of grid squares BS 3996, BS 3997, BS 3997 and BS 3898 in that order. Emphasis is to be placed on locating and plotting possible VC lines of communications. Be prepared to utilize Company "D" patrol (paragraph d.(2) below) as radio relay. At 111730H you will attempt to utilize a LZ located in grid square BS 3799 for extraction. The purpose of this maneuver is to deceive the VC into believing that all the platoons operating in that vicinity have been extracted (paragraph (4) below). Utilize 1/3 of available forces for this operation. Annex C establishes the No-Fire Zone.

(4) From 081700H to 121630H 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. Coordinate with platoon carrying out assigned mission, paragraph (3) above, to facilitate deception of VC. Utilize 1/3 of available forces for this operation. Annex D establishes the No-Fire Zone.

c. Company "C". On order, be prepared, to support special operations of the 7th Marines.

d. Company "D"

(1) From 041700H to 081730H May 1966, establish observation of THACH BIEM (1)(BS 4588), LOC THANH (1)(BS 4788) and the area south of the SONG TRA DONG River between grid lines BS 45 and BS 48. Particular emphasis is to be placed upon locating a possible VC hospital reportedly established in that area after Operation HOT SPRINGS. Utilize 1/3 of available forces for this operation. Annex E establishes the No-Fire Zone.

(2) From 071800H to 121700H May 1966, conduct ground reconnaissance of the valley in grid squares BS 4099, BS 4199, BS 4198, BS 4298 and BS 4299. Establish a radio relay on Hill 707 (BS 4199). Be prepared to relay for Company "A" platoons operating to the west of Hill 707. Emphasis is to be placed upon locating possible VC lines of communications. Utilize 1/3 of available forces for this operation. Annex F establishes the No-Fire Zone.

e. 1st Force Reconnaissance Company (-). On order, be prepared to support special operations of the 7th Marines.

f. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Scout sniper teams will be attached for all operations.
- (2) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire.
- (3) EMI's: Annex A to reference (b).
- (4) On call concentrations will be planned, and requested, through S-3 48 hours prior to patrol.
- (5) Helo requests will accompany rough patrol order.
- (6) When reporting status and there is no message traffic involved and the patrol is secure, utilize the "SIERRA SIERRA" brevity code words.
- (7) When reporting, utilize "S.L. FORM" form whenever possible. Make complete clear reports. Reports of contacts and med-evac requires details as soon 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. COMBAT AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. See reference (b).

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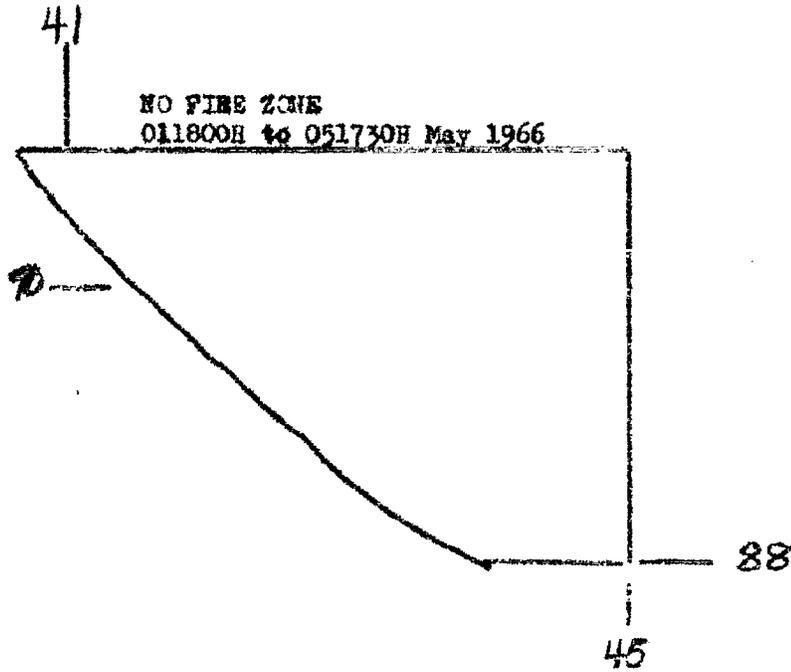
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- A - No Fire Zone (011800H to 051730H)
- B - No Fire Zone (051800H to 091730H)
- C - No Fire Zone (071830H to 111730H)
- D - No Fire Zone (081700H to 121630H)
- E - No Fire Zone (041700H to 081730H)
- F - No Fire Zone (071800H to 121700H)

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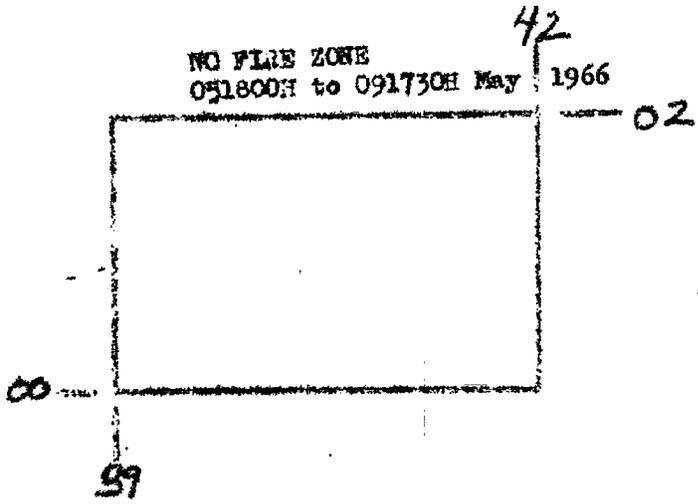
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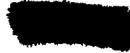
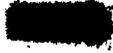
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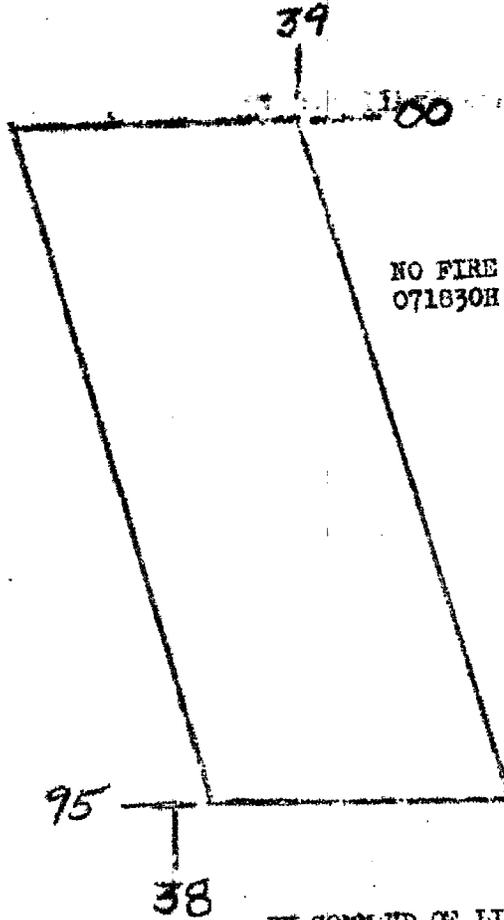
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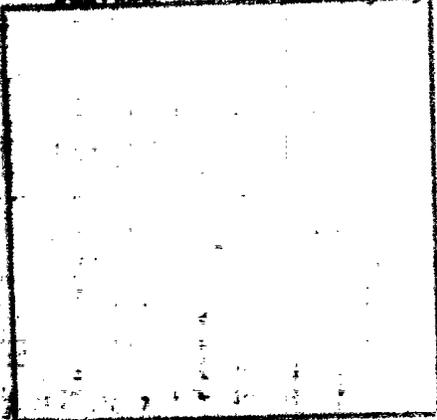
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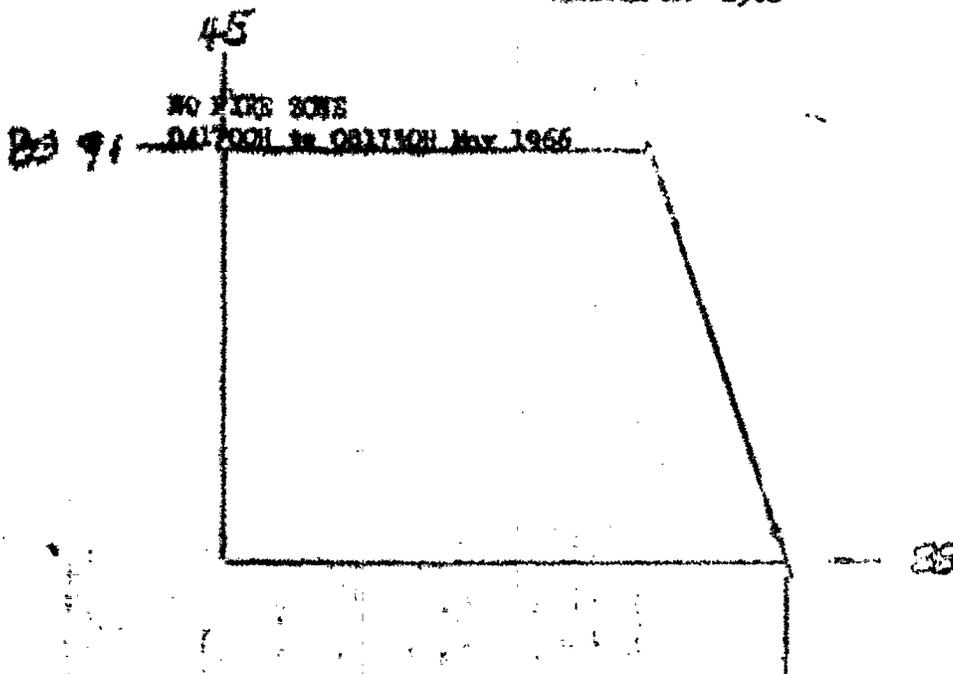
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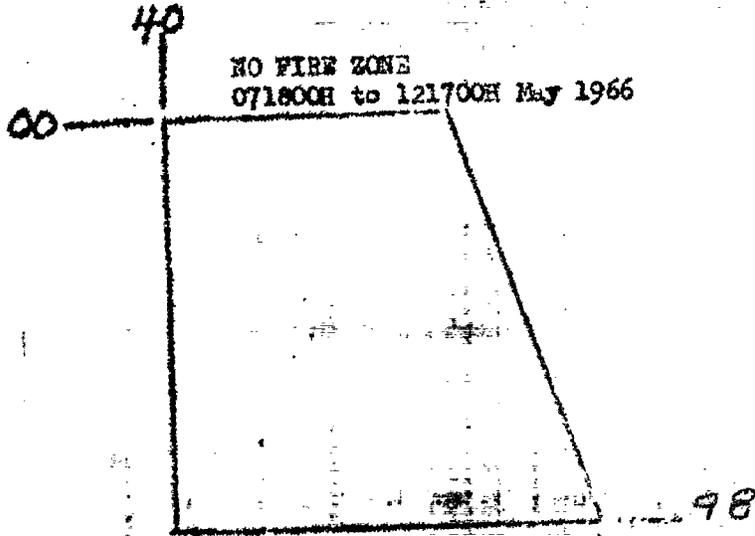
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(5) On call concentrations will be planned and requested through the G-3 48 hours prior to the patrol.

(6) Holo requests will accompany rough patrol order.

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

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

(9) See reference (b) for additional information.

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

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

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ANNEXES:

A - No-Fire Zone (1621730H to 201730H)

B - No-Fire Zone (1221630H to 171630H)

C - No-Fire Zone (131830E to 171730E)

D - No-Fire Zone (161730H to 201730H)

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization: 1st Recon Bn (-) (Rein)  
H&S Company  
Company "A"  
Company "C" (Rein)  
Company "D"  
Det, 1st Force Recon Co

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 Capt T.J. GERRAGHTY  
 Capt C.D. SMITH  
 Capt R.B. TIFFANY  
 Capt H.C. COOPER JR  
 Lt PAUL

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy forces  
 (1) Reference (b); Annex (Intelligence).  
 (2) As briefed by Battalion S-2.
- b. Friendly forces. Reference (b).
- c. Attachments and Detachments.  
 (1) Reference (b).  
 (2) Det, 1st Force Recon Co (4th and 5th Platoons) attached.

2. MISSION. Reference (b).

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation. Reference (b).  
 b. Company "A"

(1) From 161730H to 201730H May 66 conduct ground reconnaissance of grid squares BS 3597, BS 3498, BS 3398 and BS 3399. Particular emphasis is to be placed upon developing the trail network in that area (see Patrol Report, Company "D" Frag Order 9-66). Determine capability of observing valley area to the west (BS 300976 to BT 320024). Utilize 1/3 of available forces for this operation. Annex A establishes the no-fire zone. (Special EEL: Determine if trail network to the northwest of Hill 1362 is being utilized as VC LOC.)

c. Company "C" (Rein)

(1) Company "C" (Rein) continues in support of the 7th Marines special operation (Montgomery).

d. Company "D"

(1) From 121630H to 171800H May 66 establish observation of PHUOC KHACH Valley (Grid squares BT 3606, BT 3605 and BT 3705). Be prepared to act as radio relay for mission contained in paragraph (2) below. Utilize platoon (-) for this operation. Annex B establishes the no-fire zone. (Special EEI: Determine if VC are valley for assembly and/or training area.)

(2) From 131800H to 171730H May 66 establish observation of PHU THO (BT 310013) and TRUNG CHANH (BT 323010). Particular emphasis is to be placed upon locating possible VC supply dump and lines of communications (See Patrol Report, Company "A" Frag Order 50-66). Be prepared to utilize Company "G", 1st Platoon (Company "E"), paragraph c.(2) above, for radio relay. Utilize 1/3 of available forces for this operation. Annex C establishes the no-fire zone. (Special EEI: Determine if VC supply dump is located vic of PHU THO (BT 3001). Determine if north-south valley is a VC LOC.)

(3) From 161700H to 201700H May 66 conduct ground reconnaissance of grid squares BS 4095, BS 4196 and BS 4296. Emphasis is to be placed upon determining the trail network in this area. When possible during the conduct of the patrol, establish observation of the area to the south and southeast of the above mentioned grid squares. Utilize 1/3 of available forces for this operation. Annex D establishes the no-fire zone. (Special EEI: Determine if VC LOC exist in objective area. Determine if VC have re-infiltrated TINH TRUNG BS 4395.)

e. Detachment 1st Force Recon Co (-). 1st Force Recon Co continues in support of the 7th Marines special operation (Montgomery).

f. Coordinating Instructions

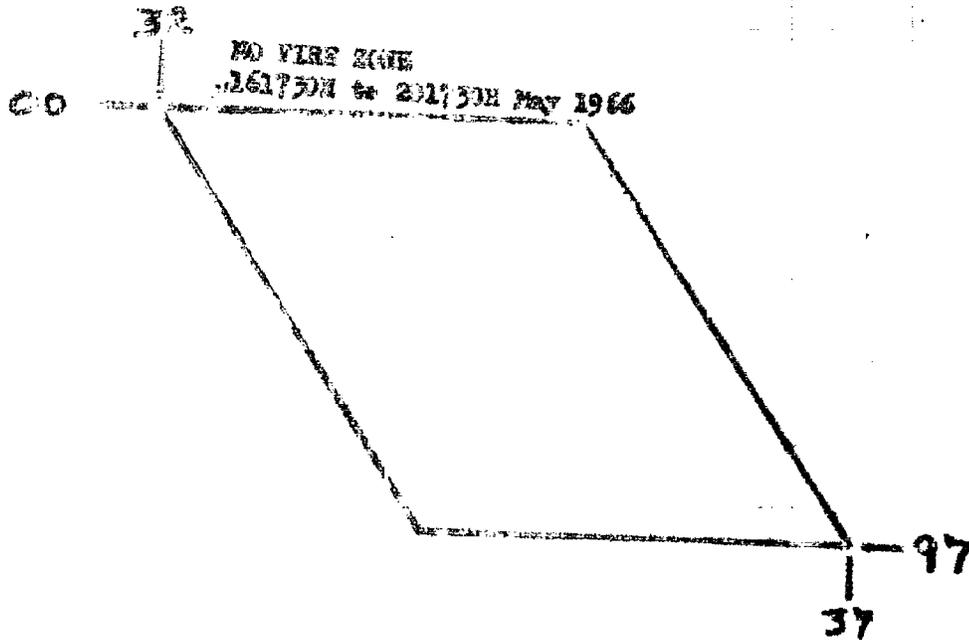
(1) Scout sniper teams will be attached for all operations.

(2) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire on targets of opportunity.

(3) Patrols will report status and position (if changed) every two hours. Nets will be monitored continuously.

(4) When reporting, utilize "SALUTE" form when ever possible. Make complete clear reports. Reports of contacts and med-evacs require details as soon as possible.

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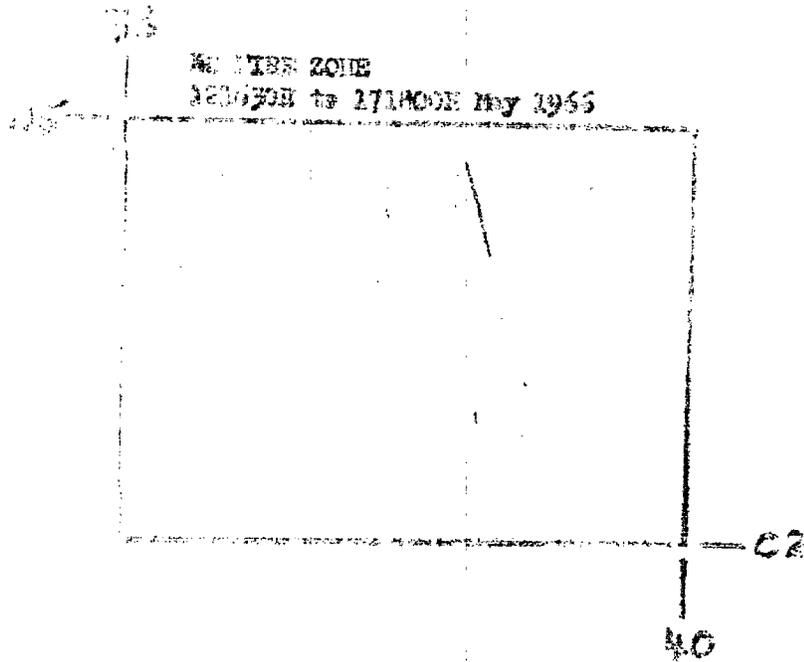
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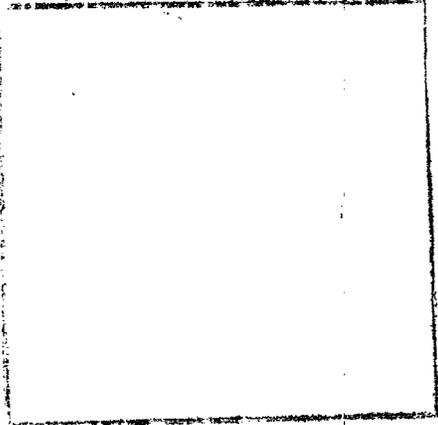
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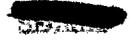
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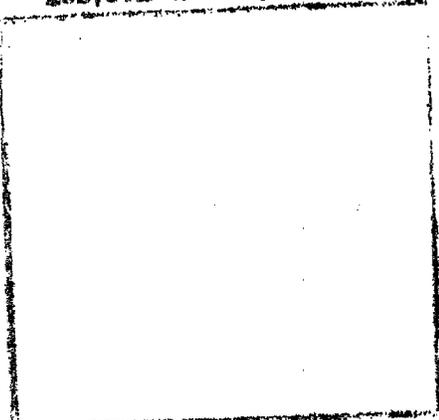


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Time Zone: H

## Task Organization

<u>1st Reconnaissance Battalion (-)(Rein)</u>	LtCol A. J. SULLIVAN
<u>H&amp;S Company</u>	Capt T. J. GERAGHTY
<u>Company "A"</u>	Capt C. D. SMALL
<u>Company "C" (Rein)</u>	Capt R. B. TIFFANY
<u>Company "D"</u>	Capt H. C. COOPER Jr
<u>Det, 1st Force Recon Co</u>	1stLt PAUL

1. SITUATIONa. 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) Det, 1st Force Recon Co (4th & 5th Platoons) attached.

2. MISSION. Reference (b).3. EXECUTIONa. Concept of Operations. Reference (b).b. Company "A"

- (1) From 191700H to 231800H May 1966, conduct ground reconnaissance of the TRUNG TIN and PHUOC KHACH Valleys and the grid square

ajoining these valleys (BT 3507, 3508, 3608 & 3607). Emphasis to be placed on the trail network, evaluate the recent GPQ 10 strikes, and check the traffic flow in those areas. (Special EET: Determine if VC are developing tunnel via GS 3508. Determine if VC are using area for training).

c. Company "C"

(1) From 201630H to 241730H May 66 conduct ground reconnaissance in the grid squares BJ4390, 4590, 4388 and 4588, checking for enemy activity in the THACH BICH (1) & (2) and AN THANH areas. (Special EET: Determine numbers and areas of VC crossings of the SONG TRA DONG river with in this zone).

d. Company D.

(1) From 221700H to 261800H May 66 conduct ground reconnaissance in the vic of hill 848, grid squares BJ4193, 4393, 4191, and 4391. Check hill 848 for possible perminate radio relay, check it for observation of the SONG TRA DONG RIVER to the South and South East and determine usage data of the trail network in flat area.

(2) From 231730H to 271700H May 66 conduct observation of the THANH HOU Valley and the PHU DUC Valley West of grid squares BT3114 and 3211 to determine enemy movement. Check the East West trail network across the North South ridge in grid squares BS 3314, 3413, and 3512 for usage data. (Special EET: Check for any evidence of reported extensive tunnel networks running in that area.)

e. Detachment 1st Force Recon Co (-)

(1) On order be prepared to assume the missions of Companies 'A', 'C' and or 'D'.

(2) On Order, be prepared to conduct reconnaissance in support of the Division recon effort.

(3) Conduct training in the following areas (verbal report of training accomplished submitted by 2000 daily):

- (a) FO procedures
- (b) Communications procedures to include; message preparations and SALUTE form reporting
- (c) Map Reading
- (d) Observation Posts

f. Coordinating Instructions

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

(2) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire on target of opportunity.

(3) Patrols will report status and positions (if changed) every two (2) hours. Nets will be monitored continuously.

(4) When reporting, utilize "SALUTE" form when ever possible.

(5) On call concentrations will be planned and requested through the S-3 48 hours prior to the patrol.

(6) Helo requests will accompany rough patrol orders.

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

(8) Supply caches found will be destroyed. Samples (1qt) of rice and its contents will be kept and brought in with patrol for further evaluation, record DTG, location and circumstances.

(9) EET's: Annex A to reference (b).

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

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

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

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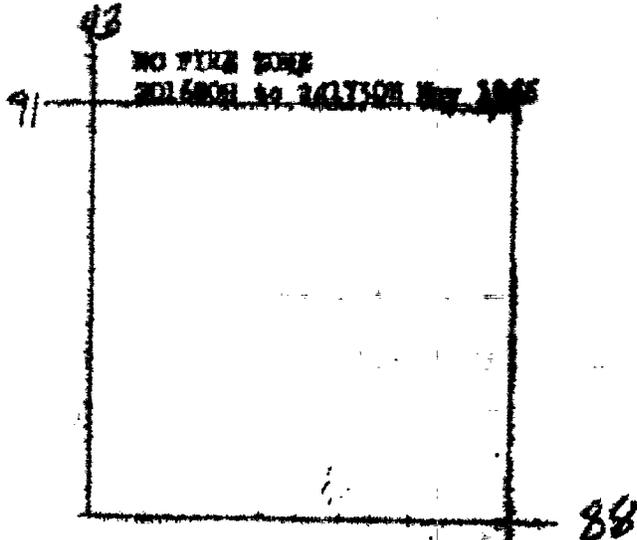
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- C - No Fire Zone (221700H to 261800H May 66)
- D - No Fire Zone (231730H to 271700H May 66)

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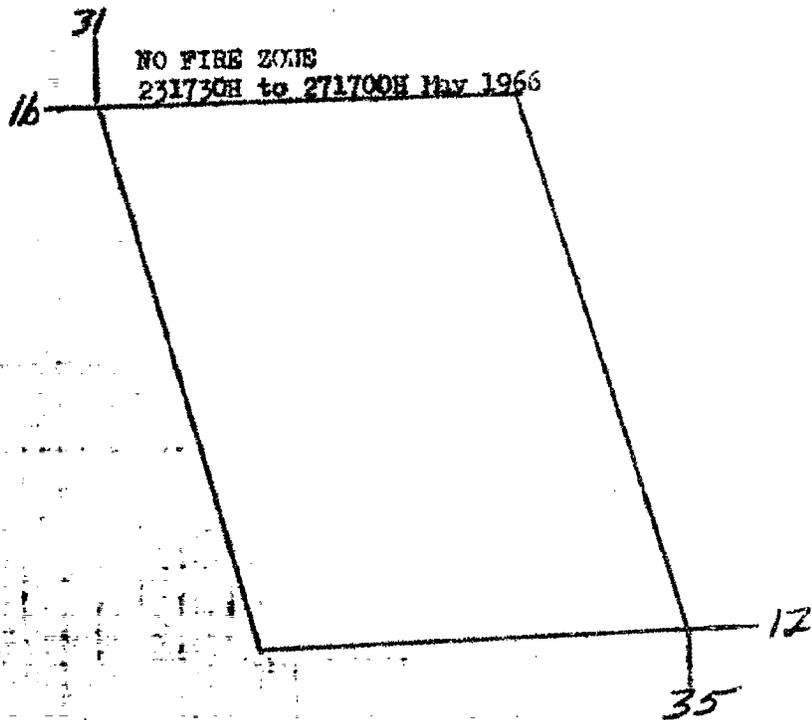
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1. Make the following changes to the basic order:

a. Paragraph 3.d.(1): Change "From 221700H to 261800H May '66" to  
Read "From 251700H to 291800H May 66";

b. Insert paragraph 3.d.(3): From 200630H to 241730H May 66 will  
conduct ground reconnaissance to and and observation of the PHUOC LAM (1)  
area (vic grid square 4791).

2. Make the following changes to the annexes.

a. Annex C: Change "221700H to 261800H" to read "251700H to 291800H".

b. Add Annex E.

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Time Zone: H

1. Make the following changes to the basic order:

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

b. Paragraph 3.d.(2): Delete entire paragraph.

c. Insert paragraph 3.d.(4): From 211200H to 231700H May 1966, conduct detailed ground reconnaissance of the South West slope of Hill 410 (vicinity BT 3803) and of the connecting East West valley between MY SON/TU CHANH complex and DONG CO (vicinity BT 3701, BT 3801, BT 3901, and BT 4001). (Special EEI: A VC company has been reported to have moved into this area within the past 48 hours.)

(1) Shackle: P U N J I S T A K E  
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

(2) Frequencie: P-45.3; A 39.4

(3) Call sign: CROSSSIDE

(4) Thrust Point: 3600

2. Make the following changes to the Annexes:

a. Cancel Annex C

b. Cancel Annex D

c. Add Annex F.

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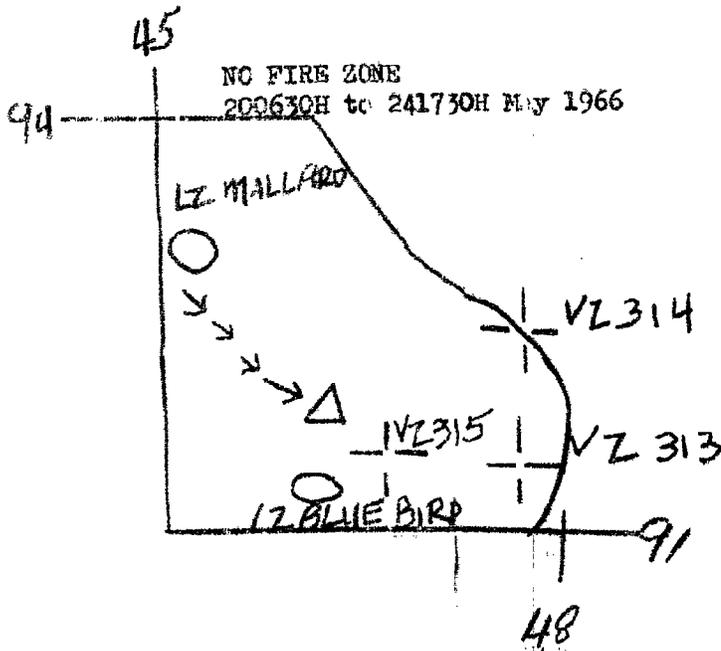
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ANNEX E (OPERATIONS OVERLAY)



COMMAND CRYPTOLOGY

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- Refs: (a) Maps: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS, L701, Sheets 6656 I & II, 6657 I & II, 6756 I, II, III & IV, 6757 II, III & IV
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Time Zone: H

Task Organizations:

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|--|----------------------|
| 1st Reconnaissance Battalion (-)(Rein) | 1st MAR DIV. CAM PEN |
| E&S Company                            | LtCol A.J. SULLIVAN  |
| Company "A"                            | Capt T.J. GERRAGHTY  |
| Company "C" (Rein)                     | Capt C.D. SMALL      |
| Company "D"                            | Capt R.B. TIFFANY    |
| Det, 1st Force Recon Co                | Capt E.C. COOPER JR  |
|  | 1stLt PAULL          |

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) Det, 1st Force Recon Co (4th and 5th Platoon) attached.

2. MISSION, Reference (b).

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation, Reference (b).

b. Company "A"

(1) From 241700H to 281730H May 1966, conduct observation of the HOA MY THUONG Village complex. (BT 3105). Particular emphasis is to be placed upon observing the Hill mass at BT 312051. See Patrol Report, Frag Order 50-66 for background intelligence. Annex A establishes the no-fire zone. (Special EENT: Determine if VC are using objective area as resupply base and/or rendezvous area.)

(2) From 271730H to 311800H May 1966 conduct ground reconnaissance on the south slope of Hill 1362 in grid squares BS 3894, BS 3895 and BS 3795. Particular emphasis is to be placed upon determining and plotting the trail network and locating VC harbour sites. Destroy all buildings and caves discovered. Annex B establishes the no-fire zone. (Special EMI: Determine if the VC are using the area as part of their LOC. Determine if the VC are using the area to harbour or as way stations.)

(3) From 011800H to 051700H June 1966 conduct ground reconnaissance/observation of grid squares BT 3307, BT 3308 and BT 3408. Particular emphasis is to be placed on trail networks and the extent of VC activity in the area. Annex C establishes the no-fire zone. (Special EMI: Determine if the VC are using the area as an infiltration and supply route. Determine if the VC are using the area for training.)

(4) Be prepared to support Operation Mobile with one platoon.

c. Company "C".

(1) Be prepared to support Operation Mobile with one platoon and the Company Headquarters.

(2) From 291730H May to 021800H June 66 conduct ground reconnaissance/observation of LOC THANH (1) and (2) (BS 4788 & 4789) and TUI MY (1) (BS 904399). Be prepared to recommend strike force LZ's and to provide assistance to any offensive strike force action. Annex D establishes the no-fire zone. See the S-2 for patrol reports of previous patrols in this area. (Special EMI: Determine if LOC THANH area still contains VC platoon.)

(3) From 011700H to 051730H June 1966 conduct extensive ground reconnaissance of the eastern slope of Hill 848 grid squares BS 4291, BS 4292 and BS 4293. Particular emphasis is to be placed upon developing the trail network. Be prepared to establish a radio relay on Hill 848 to maintain comm. Annex E establishes the no fire zone. (Special EMI: Determine if VC are using area as part of LOC between LOC THANH area (BS 4788) and the west (BS 3994). Determine if TRU BUNG Valley can be observed from Hill 848.)

d. Company "D".

(1) From 231700H to 281830H May 1966 provide a squad size radio relay on Hill 410 north (BT 3803) also conduct observation of the MY SON area (BT 3601). Annex F establishes the no fire zone. (Special EMI: Determine if the VC are utilizing PHUOC KHACH Valley and MY SON Valley.)

(2) From 261800H to 301700H May 1966 conduct observation of the THANH NGU Valley and the PHU BUC Valley west of grid squares BT 3212 and 3213. Particular emphasis is to be placed on developing the trail networks and extent of VC activity in the area. Annex G establishes the no fire zone. (Special EMI: Check for any evidence of reported

extensive tunnel network in that area.)

(3) From 281800H May to 011730H June 1966 conduct ground reconnaissance of grid squares BS 4297, BS 4198, BS 4098, BS 4099 and BS 3999. Particular emphasis is to be placed on developing the trail network and determining the extent of VC activity in the area. Annex H establishes the no fire zone. Be prepared to utilize the radio relay on Hill 410 to maintain comm. (Special EMI: Determine if the VC are using the area as an infiltration route, resupply area, training area and/or harbouring area.

e. Detachments 1st Force Recon Co.

(1) Be prepared to support Operation Mobile.

f. Coordinating Instructions

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

(2) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire on targets of opportunity.

(3) Patrols will report status and positions (if changed) every two (2) hours. Nets will be monitored continuously.

(4) When reporting, utilize "SALUTE" form when possible.

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(6) Echo requests will accompany rough patrol orders.

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

(8) Supply caches found will be destroyed. Samples (1 lb) of rice and its container will be kept and brought in with the patrol for further evaluation, record DTG, location and circumstances.

(9) EMI's: Annex A to reference (b).

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

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

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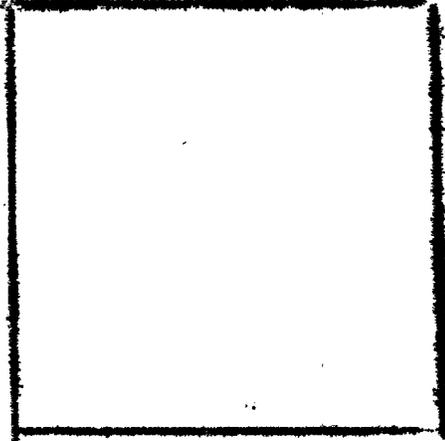
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- B - No fire zone (271730H to 311800E May 1966)
- C - No fire zone (011800H to 051700E May 1966)
- D - No fire zone (291730H May to 021800H June 1966)
- E - No fire zone (011700H to 051730E June 1966)
- F - No fire zone (231700H to 281830E May 1966)
- G - No fire zone (261800H to 301700E May 1966)
- H - No fire zone (281800H May to 011730E June 1966)

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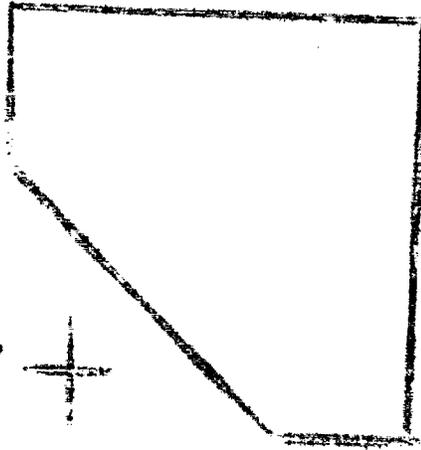
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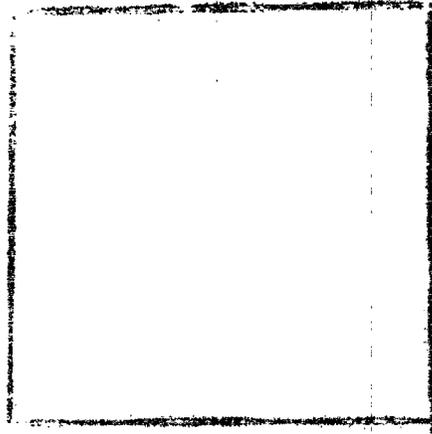
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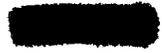
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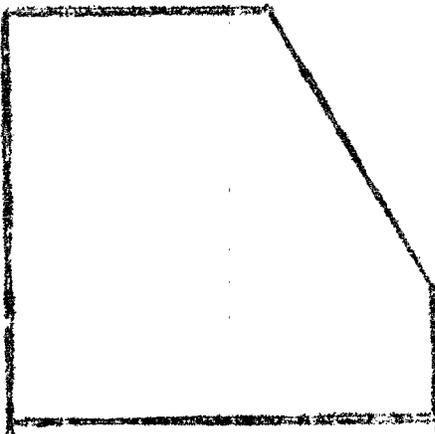
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CHU LAI, RVN  
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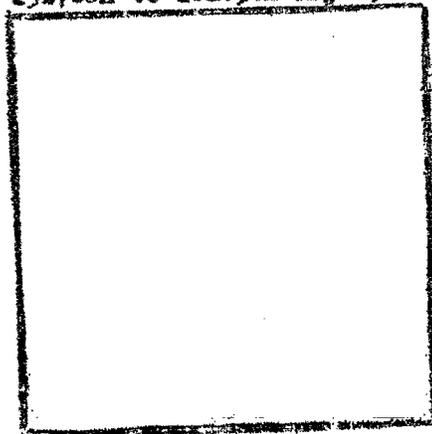
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CHU LAI, RVN  
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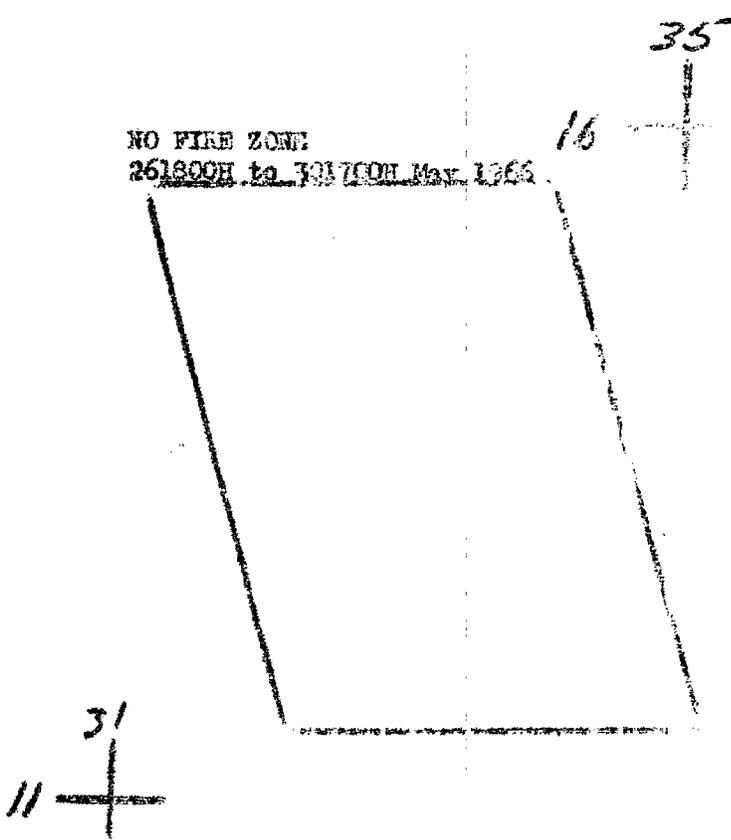
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1ST RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION (-) (RVN)  
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261800H to 301700H May 1966



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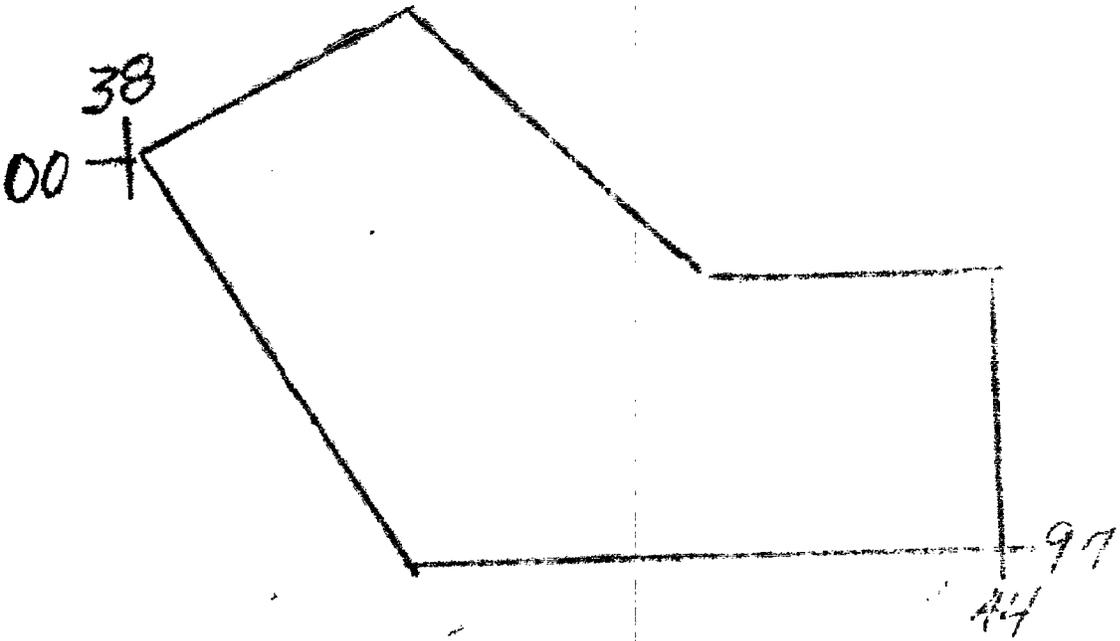
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1st Reconnaissance Battalion (-)  
CHU LAI, RVN  
051930H May 1966

Frag Order 56-66  
Team: 3rd Plt, Co "A" (BOOKCOVER)  
Maps: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS L701  
Sheet 6756 IV  
Debriefed: SSgt WILLIAMS

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 20 Enl, 2 USN.
2. Mission: 3rd Platoon, Company "A" will establish observation of grid squares BS 4190, BS 4189, BS 4288 and BS 4287 with special emphasis placed on the area within and surrounding BS 4288 and BS 4287.
3. Time of Departure: 011800H May 1966.
4. Time of Return: 051730H May 1966.
5. Route: See attached overaly (enclosure (1)).
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 95½ hours with four sightings of 23 VC/VCS. At 050025H drum signals were heard consisting of 40 slow beats, 18 fast beats and 20 real fast beats, from the vicinity of Hill 141 (BS 473864). Machine Gun fire was heard from this same area ½ hour later. At BS 425895 a hole 8' x 8' x 8' was found at the apex of two 3' high, 15' long fences, possibly some type of animal trap.
7. Observation: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
021755H	BS 453876	4 men with packs, wearing black PJ's, moving through rice paddy area. No weapons observed.
030700H	BS 432880	1 VC moving west, wearing blue top, black bottom, coolie hat, and carrying a rifle.
031245H	BS 411887	3 VC moving north, wearing black PJ's, carrying one rifle. One VC appeared to be wounded and was being helped along by the others. These VC came from the area BS 398868 where air strikes took place from 030800H to 031200H.
031515H	BS 424893	15 men sitting in circle in a rice paddy. After 15-20 minutes men left, going in all directions.

8. Other Information: At BS 428897 four sheets of corrugated tin 6' x 4' were found along trail. The river at BS 433881 and BS 437881 was 1½-2' deep and was used by the people in the area as a fording site.

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A gas fire was observed from 031920H - 031925H in the vicinity of GS 4286, the fire appeared to be in the middle of a rice paddy. Two possible trail markers were found consisting of a 4' long piece of grass with a knot tied in it.

9. Results of Encounter with Enemy: None

10. Condition of Patrol: Good.

11. Recommendations and Conclusions: Trails in the area were good trails and appeared well used. The patrol leader feels they are primarily used by wood cutters as the area in the vicinity of GS 4190 and 4290 is burned off in places, possibly to make charcoal. The LZ at BS 435893 is large enough for 10-12 helos, and other landing areas are available in the area.

*J. D. Bone*

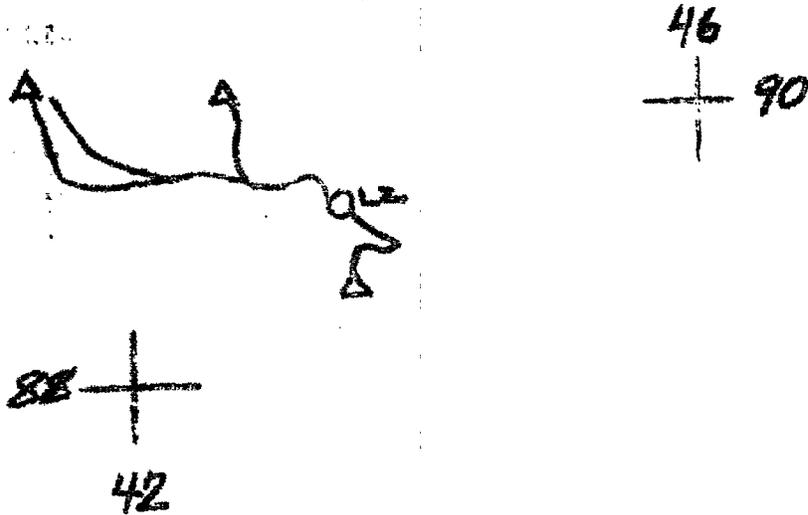
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3rd Plt, Co "A"  
Patrol Leader

12. Comments by the Debriefer: None

*G. E. Williams*

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SSgt USMC  
Debriefer

PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY  
3rd Plt, Co "A", 1st Recon Bn (-)  
Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS 15701,  
Sheet 6756 IV  
Team: BOCKCOVER  
2ndLt BONE, Patrol Leader  
051930R May 1966



Enclosure (1)  
(Patrol Route Overlay  
to Frag Order 56-66)

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion (A)  
CHU LAI, RVN  
111120H May 1966

Frag Order 58-66  
Team: 2nd Plt, "A" Co (GARBWALK)  
Debriefers: SSgt WILLIAMS  
Map: VIENTIAN, 1:50,000, AMS, 1701  
Sheet 6756 IV

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 16 FMF, 1 USN
2. Mission: Conduct ground recon of CS BS 3996, BS 3997, BS 3897 and BS 3898.
3. Time of Departure: 081000H May 66
4. Time of Return: 111900H May 66
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 81 hours with two sightings for a total of 6 VC/VCS. At 091100H at BS 3996 the patrol found a complex of 2 20x40' houses, and 6 storage houses. As the patrol moved into the area to search, the houses, they were fired upon by what sounded like a BAR. Fire was returned with M-14, AR-15, M-79, and grenades resulting in 2 VC KIA, 2 VC escaped. A search of the houses revealed approximately 400 lbs of rice, 10 lbs of salt, punji stakes, and fresh vegetables, all of which were destroyed by the patrol. Two other complexes were found like the one mentioned above at BS 380966 and BS 385957. Drawings of the houses found are shown on Enclosure (2).
7. Observation: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
081020H	BS 388952	Heard 2 shots fired E of LZ, possible warning shots.
081100H	BS 385957	Patrol found 2 20'x40' houses, 3 6' square storage houses (built in trees), and 5 caves. The houses were well built with leaves interwoven into the roof for camouflage so they were not visible from the air. The houses were partially destroyed along with 300 lbs of rice, 32 bundles of punji stakes (12 each bundle). When the houses were burned many secondary explosions were heard. These houses had been used very recently and there were pigs and chickens in the area. As the patrol moved into the area, two VCS were observed moving NW.

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081430H BS 385964 Slash and burn area found with corn growing. Four 4' long punji stakes were found in the area.

081530H BS 385964 A deadfall was found on the trail, buried approximately 10" in the deck. Looked to be very old.

091100H BS 389969 4 large houses, 6 storage houses and 3 caves were found. VC fired on patrol as they entered area, fire returned resulting in 2 VC KIA. 400 lbs of rice, 10 lbs of salt, and a basket of corn found and destroyed. Several documents were found and have been forwarded to 9th ITT.

100800H BS 385984 Found abandon houses and cave. Bear trap found in the house.

100900H BS 382981 Found 2 houses and 2 storage houses. Area had not been used for long time.

100935H BS 381992 Found 1 abandon house.

101630E BS 380996 Found 2 20'x40' houses, could sleep up to 45 people. Houses located 20 meters from stream. Good trail leading out of the area. This area did not appear to have been used recently.

8. Other Information: Trees, with vines wrapped around the trunk to help in climbing, were observed around each of the housing complexes found.

9. Encounters with Enemy: 2 VC KIA

10. Condition of Patrol: Good

11. Recommendations and Conclusions: Patrol leader feels the VC he encountered are guides or caretakers for larger bodies of VC moving through the area. Recommend a company size reconnaissance operation be conducted in this area.

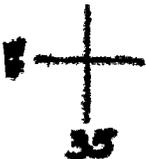
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 R. G. WALKER  
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12. Additional Information by Debriefers: None

*G. E. Williams*  
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 SSgt USMC  
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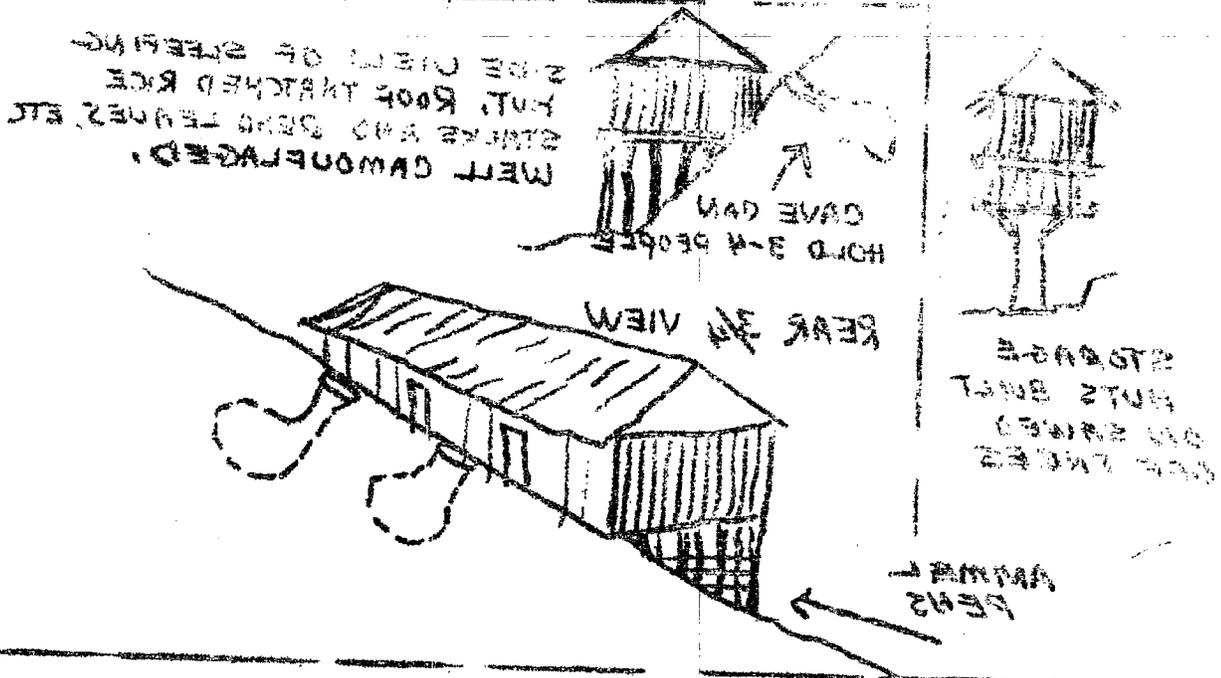
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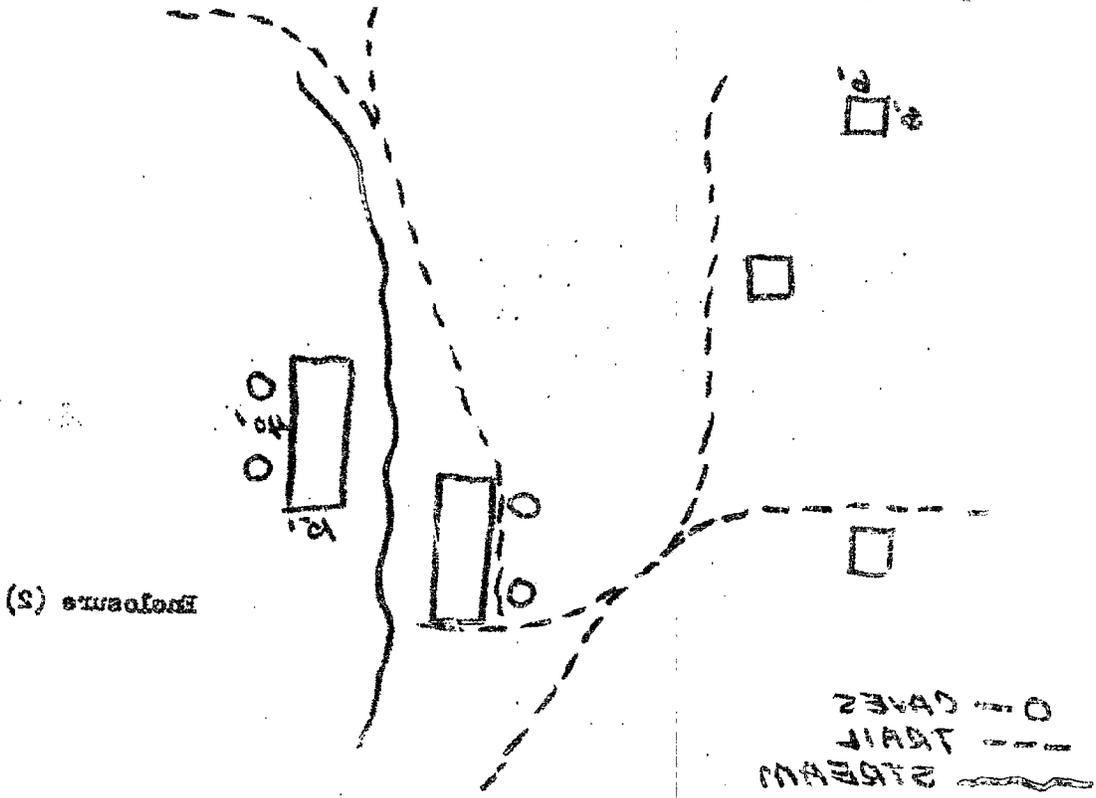


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1st Reconnaissance Battalion  
 CHU LAI, RVN  
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Frag Order 59-66  
 Team: 3rd Plt, "A" Co (CANTILEVER)  
 Debriefed: SSgt WILLIAMS  
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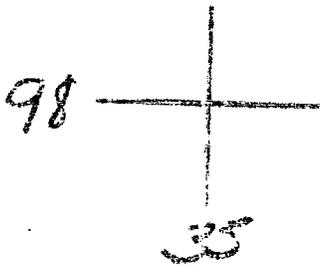
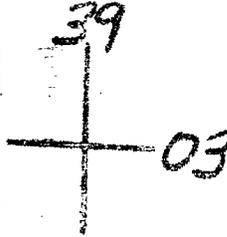
PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 18 Enl and 1 USN
2. Mission: Conduct ground recon of GS BS 3599, BS 3699 and BT 3500 and establish observation of the valley contained in GS BT 3700 and BT 3701.
3. Time of Departure: 081100H May 66
4. Time of Return: 121730H May 66
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  hours with no VC sightings. The trails in the area were old and did not appear to have been used for several months. Several old huts were found, but they were not in good repair and did not appear to have been used for at least six months. At 111405H at BS 366005 the patrol found a 250 lb dud bomb. This bomb was blown in place by EOD personnel on 12 May.
7. Observation: None
8. Other Information: None
9. Encounters with the Enemy: None
10. Condition of Patrol: Good
11. Recommendations and Conclusions: This patrol attempted to locate a hospital reported in this area. No signs of a hospital or any other signs of habitation were found. At present there are no VC using this area, recommend this area not be checked for at least a month. The EOD personnel did an outstanding job on the blowing of the dud bomb.
12. Additional Comments by Debriefed: None

*J. D. Bone*  
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 3rd Plt, "A" Co.

*G. H. Williams*  
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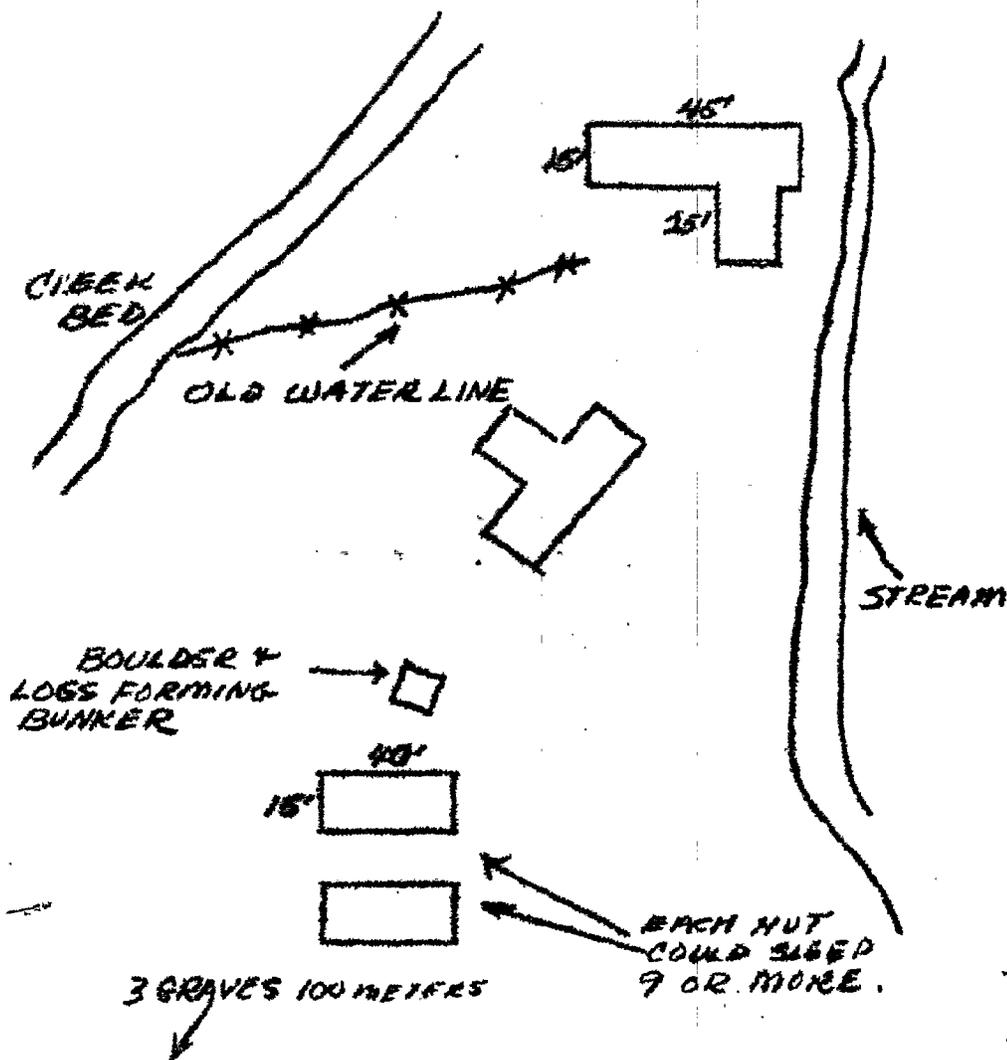
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3rd Plt, "A" Co, 1st Recon Bn  
CHU LAI, RVN  
Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000 1964  
1701, Sheet 6756 IV  
Lt. BONE - Patrol Leader  
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1st Reconnaissance Battalion  
CHU LAI, RVN  
072000H May 1966

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Frag Order 57-66  
Team: 1st Plt, "A" Co (BURGUNDY)  
Debriefers: SSgt WILLIAMS  
Maps: VIETNAM, 1:50,000 AMS, L701  
Sheet 675W III

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and composition: 1 Off, 24 enl, 1 USN
2. Mission: Act as radio relay for Delicatessen after their extraction, make a point recon of BS 415925 with emphasis on finding suitable sites for a radio relay as a southerly observation position.
3. Time of Departure: 051800H May 1966
4. Time of Return: 071800H May 1966
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 48½ hours with no sightings.
7. Observation: None
8. Other Information: In the vicinity of BE 406945, IZ's are plentiful and need only a minimum of clearing to be used.
9. Results of Encounters with the Enemy: None
10. Condition of Patrol: Good
11. Conclusions and Recommendations: None
12. Additional comments by Debriefers: None

*A. W. Jones*  
G. W. JONES  
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1st Plt, "A" Co

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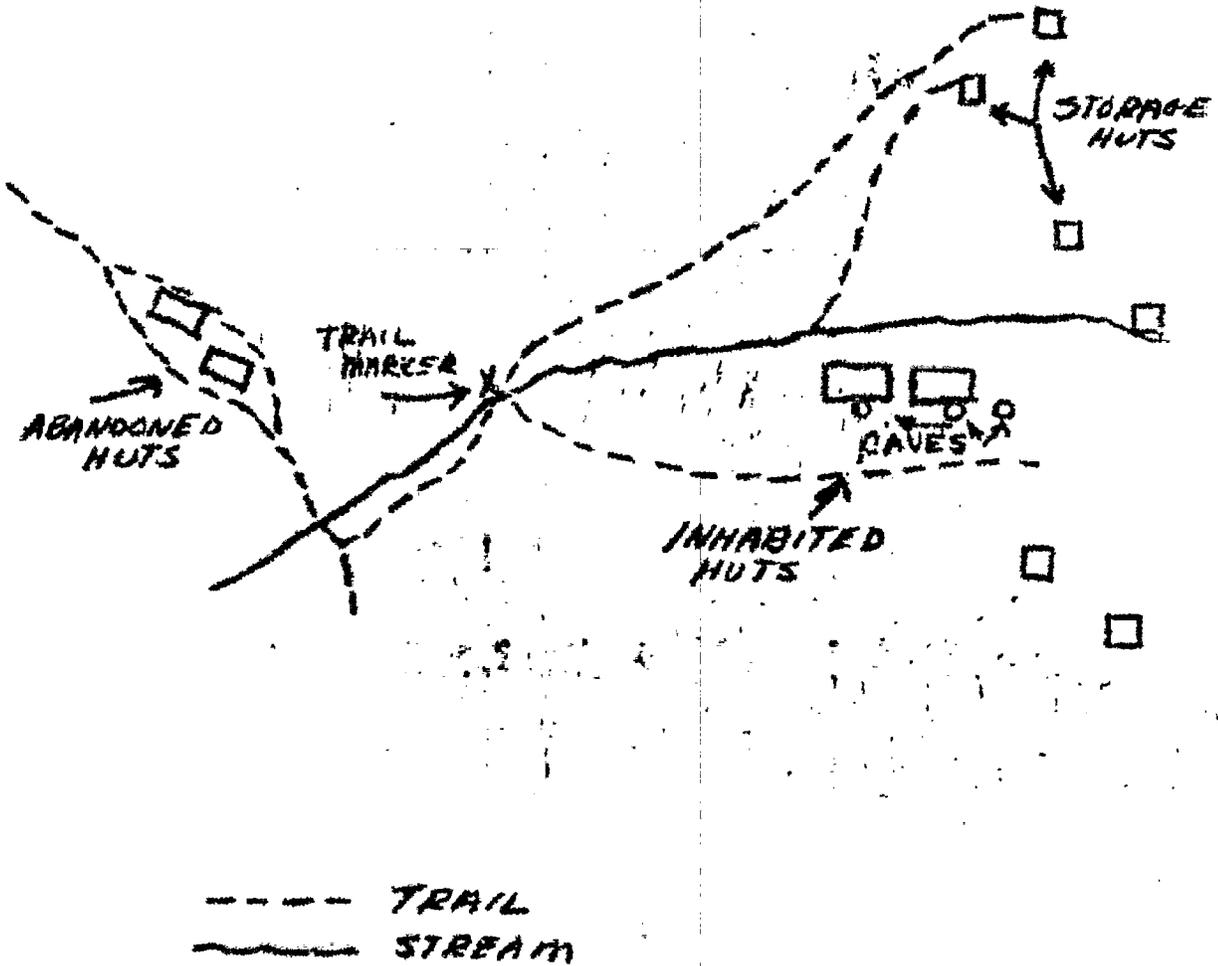
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CHU LAI, RVN  
Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, 1701  
1701, Sheet 6757 III  
Lt. JONES - Patrol Leader  
072000H May 1966

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 221200H May 1966

Battalion Frag Order 2-66

Ref: (a) BnOpO 321-66  
 (b) 7th Marine Regiment OpOrder 14-66 (Operation Mobile)  
 (c) Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS L731, Sheets 6757 II and  
 6756 I.

Time Zone: H

Task Organization

<u>1st Reconnaissance Battalion (-) Command Group</u>	Major A. S. HARRIS
<u>Company "C" (-)</u>	Capt T. J. GERAGHTY
<u>2nd Platoon, Company "C"</u>	1stLt J. L. TAYLOR
<u>3rd Platoon, Company "C"</u>	2ndLt J. D. BONE
<u>Det, 1st Force Recon Co</u>	2ndLt J. T. PAULL

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy forces

- (1) As briefed by Battalion S-2 on 22 May 1966.
- (2) As briefed by Battalion S-2 on 23 May 1966.

b. Friendly forces

- (1) 1/7 on 50.4 with call sign CONSTRUE, see reference (b).
- (2) 3/1 on 45.2 with call sign CIRCUMFERENCE, see reference (b).
- (3) Naval Gun Fire Support on 47.2 with call sign COMPUTATION 26.
- (4) AO on 39.6 with call sign BLACKCOAT.
- (5) Artillery on 35.5 with call sign CHRISTIE MATHEWSON.
- (6) Two ARVN Battalion operate vicinity BS 7194 and generally sweep west.
- (7) Armed UH1E helicopters on 39.2 with call sign KLONDIKE.

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c. Attachments and Detachments

- (1) Two platoons remains in general support of the Division.
- (2) Two scout-snipers and one corpsman attached to each platoon.
- (3) One NCF Spotter attached to the 3rd Platoon, Company "A".

2. MISSION. Conduct observation of the critical routes of entry/egress in support of Operation Mobile. Be prepared to call artillery and NCF on targets of opportunity.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. At 240200H May 1966, one platoon will make an amphibious entry and establish an CP in the vicinity of BT 662044. On order, at L-Hour, in conjunction with insertion of elements of 1/7, one platoon will be helo inserted to establish an CP in the vicinity of BS 675985. On order, Det, 1st Force Recon Co will be helo inserted to establish an CP in the vicinity of BS 690875 or BS 653936. Company Headquarters and Battalion Command Group remains with the Regimental CP.

b. 2nd Platoon, Company "C" (COMBINE). On order, at L-Hour, 2nd Platoon departs 1/7 landing zone (ROM CAI) to be inserted vicinity of Hill 77 (BS 675985) and establish an OP on Hill 77 to observe LE THUY (1) (BS 6896), PHUOC HOA village complex (BS 6697, BS 6727, and BS 6698) and the BAN CUI CAI Valley area (BS 6799).

c. 3rd Platoon, Company "A" (BOCKCOVER).

(1) On D-Day at 240200H May 1966, 3rd Platoon makes an amphibious entry on NUI NAM TRAM vicinity of BT 659048 and moves overland to establish an OP in the vicinity of BT 662044 to observe the peninsula (BT 6405), NUI CAY TAE (BT 6702) and the SONG CAU river area (BT 6502).

(2) The entry will be made utilizing LCR's launched from U. S. Navy Swift's. Day light and night rehearsals will be conducted 23 May. Coordinate with OIG, Naval Support Facility, CHU LAI to establish times and location of rehearsals.

(3) Upon landing LCR's will be concealed and recovered at a later date or if practical, returned to the Swift boats.

(4) Particular emphasis is to be placed upon possible water-borne VC entry or exit. Be prepared to extensively utilize NCF support.

d. Det, 1st Force Recon Co (HATEFUL). On order, Det 1st Force Recon Co departs designated LZ to be inserted vicinity BS 690875 or [REDACTED] 36 (insertion location dependent upon 2 or 4 battalion operation). Establish an OP vicinity of insertion point to observe the areas to the east and west of the CP.

e. Company "C", Headquarters. Establish a liaison team with the 7th Marines CCG prior to the insertion of the 3rd Platoon, Company "A". Maintain communications with operating platoons. Establish radio net in artillery FDC to facilitate direct requests for fire missions. Submit a SIEREP at 0600, 1400 and 2200 daily to 1st Reconnaissance Battalion S-3 via the recon tac net or land line.

f. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Report status and positions (if changed) every two hours, monitor net continuously. A report of "ALPHA SIERRA" indicates "all secure" with no traffic to pass.

(2) When reporting, use "SALUTE" form whenever possible. Give complete details, including results, of all contacts.

(3) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire on targets of opportunity, utilize artillery net established in FDC's.

(4) D-Day is 24 May 1966.

(5) L-Hour is 0700.

(6) Be prepared for 5 days of operations.

(7) When feasible to do so, OP's will fire concentration in area as soon as possible after arrival. They will ask for a number for this concentration. Subsequent targets will be made in one major shift from the concentration, artillery will fire battery at target. This precludes many adjustments and facilitates hitting running or fleeting targets.

(8) Tide Data

23 May: High, 1125H (5.9ft); Low, 2032H (0.6ft)  
 24 May: High, 1205H (6.0ft); Low, 2130H (0.6ft)  
 25 May: High, 1252H (5.9ft); Low, 2231H (0.7ft)

(9) Astronomical Data

<u>Date</u>	<u>BMOT</u>	<u>SR</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>EMNT</u>	<u>MR</u>	<u>MS</u>	<u>M Phase</u>
23 May	0553	0615	1909	1931	0840	2208	1/4
24 May	0553	0615	1909	1931	0939	2307	1/4
25 May	0552	0614	1909	1931	1040	2359	1/4

(10) One PRC-25 and two PRC-10 radios will be carried by each patrol.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Bn AdminO 322-66

b. Reference (b).

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c. Patrols will request resupply thru the Command Group, who in turn will make request thru the 7th Marines.

d. Anticipated special requirements will be requested prior to departure thru the Reconnaissance S-4.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Reference (a) and (b).

b. Frequencies: P-44.1 (M-410); A-39.4 (M-563)

c. Call signs

- (1) 2nd Platoon, Company "C": COMBINE
- (2) 3rd Platoon, Company "A": BOOKCOVER
- (3) Det, 1st Force Recon Co: HATEFUL
- (4) Headquarters, Company "C": CRANECASE "C"
- (5) 1st Recon Bn (-), Command Group: CRANECASE 5

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e. Thrust Points:

- (1) 6603
- (2) 6701
- (3) 6895
- (4) 6890

f. 1st Recon Bn (-), Command Group will be located with 7th Marines CP. Company "C" provides communications facilities. Request for additional communications support will be made to the Battalion Communications Officer. The Command Group will consist of the following

- (1) Battalion Executive Officer
- (2) Battalion S-3 Assistant.
- (3) One S-3 Clerk.

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*A. S. Harris*  
A. S. HARRIS

Major U. S. Marine Corps

Executive Officer

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion  
 CHU LAI, RVN  
 211800H May 1966

Operation Order 60-66  
 Teams 2nd Plt, "A" Co (CARNIVAL TIME)  
 Debriefers: SSGT WILLIAMS  
 Map: VEERAM, 1:50,000, AMS, 1701,  
 Sheets 6656 I, 6657 II, 6756 IV, 6757 III

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 15 MIA, 1 USF
2. Mission: Conduct ground patrol of GS BS 3597, BS 3498, BS 3398 and BS 3399. Additionally determine the capability of observing the valley area to the west (BS 300976 to BS 320024).
3. Time of Departure: 170930H May 1966
4. Time of Return: 211400H May 1966
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 100½ hours with 2 sightings of 4 VC. At BS 336990 the patrol was able to observe the valley area to the west, but because of the distance could not make out details. A well marked new trail, starting in the vic of BS 367990 was found and is shown on enclosure (1). This trail was about 1' wide and where the canopy did not cover it, grass and vines had been tied over the top to prevent observation from the air.

7. Observation. (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
171640H	BS 366974	Found 3 houses, 2 40'x20', 1 5'x5' and 5 small caves. Area had not been used for 6-12 months.
191600H	BS 336990	1 man, 1 boy, moving W, man wearing black PJ's, white hat, boy wearing shorts. Man carried pack and rifle.
191700H	BS 336990	1 man, 1 boy moving NE, man wearing black PJ's, white hat, boy wearing shorts. Man carried a pack and rifle, boy carried basket of green leaves and a cane knife.

8. Other Information: With the exception of the new trail found by the patrol, trails are almost non-existent in the area. The terrain is steep, stream beds are covered with large rocks, and the vegetation is very thick. From 1100-1430 is the only good time for helicopter insertion in this area. Low clouds and ground fog move into the area around 1500 and usually do not lift in the morning until around 1100.

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9. Encounters with Enemy: None

10. Condition of Patrol: Fair

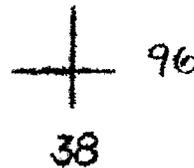
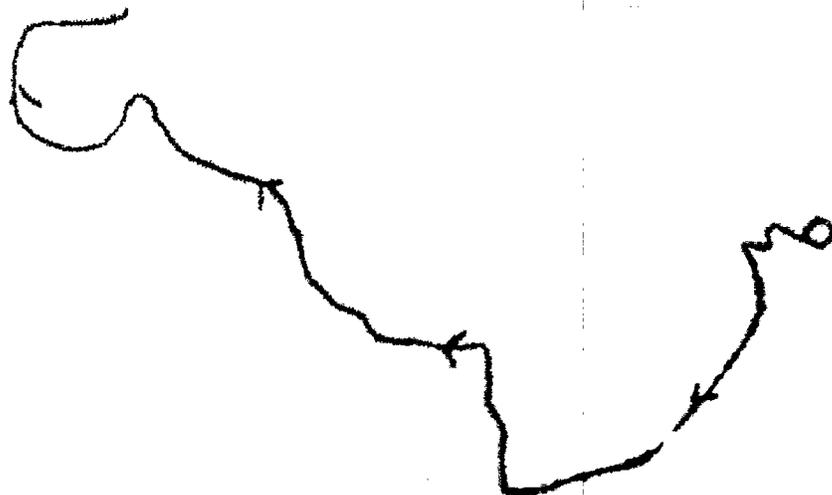
11. Conclusions and Recommendations: Although the patrol saw few VC, the patrol leader feels the VC are using this area, the new trail found was well marked and appeared to be well used. Patrols operating in this area should carry sleeping bag covers for night use.

*R.G. Walker*  
GySgt R.G. WALKER  
2nd Plt, "A" Co

12. Additional Comments by Debriefee: None

*G.E. Williams*  
Sgt G.E. WILLIAMS

ROUTE OVERLAY  
2nd Plt, "A" Co, 1st Recon Bn  
OHU LAI, RVN  
Maps VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS  
L701, Sheet 6657 I,  
6657 II, 6756 IV and  
6757 III  
Capt W. J. ... - Patrol Leader  
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 252000H May 1966

Frag Order 61-66  
 Team: 1st Plt "A" Co (CHUSHERWETTE)  
 Debriefer: Captain EDWARD  
 Map: VINHAM, 1:50,000, AMS, L701  
 Sheet 8757 III

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 CTR, 23 Enl, 1 USN
2. Mission: 1st Platoon Company "A" will conduct ground reconnaissance of the TRUNG TIN and MUONG KEANG Valleys and the grid squares adjoining the valleys. (BT 3507, BT 3508, BT 3607 and BT 3608).

Time of Departure: 191700H

Time of Return: 251800H

5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure I)

6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 97 hours with one sighting of 2 VC. The patrol found no signs of organized enemy activity in the area. Several holes brush gates and punji stakes were found along the trail vicinity BT 372066, BT 371065 and BT 371064. Sixteen emplacements 25 yards apart, 3' - 5' deep, and 2' - 3' wide were located along the trail vicinity BT 364070 to BT 358078. At 221400H observed and entered a cave at BT 356089. A bamboo curtain covered the entrance to the cave. At 230800H vicinity BT 361086 another cave found along with a building apparently used as a classroom. A blackboard was found on one of the walls with the words CHIN H - T. The letter between H & T was not legible. The classroom had not been used recently.

7. Observations (Enemy and Terrain)

TIME      COORDINATES

OBSERVATION

211433H      BT 354076

One VN male and one VN female moving W toward village, both wearing black P's. Female observed OP as she was sitting grass. The woman departed scene and returned shortly thereafter with another man armed with a rifle. Marines did not fire and VC left area immediately. VC with rifle was dressed with brown camouflage.

211730L      BT 354084

Observed VN female and female child walking W on trail, dressed in black clothing. Taken under fire, resulting in woman KIA, child KIA. Child was med-evac at 211830H.

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221400H BT 356089

Observed 1 man in rice paddy for approximately 2½ hours. Carried a brown package under his arm. At 221600H met a younger man and turned the package over to him. Both left the area immediately.

8. Other Information: At 211900H patrol ran into an animal trap in the vicinity of BT 356089. Trap was 10' x 20', with punji stakes protruding from the bottom. Could have been used to contain water buffalo.

9. Results of Encounters with Enemy: None

10. Condition of patrol: Good

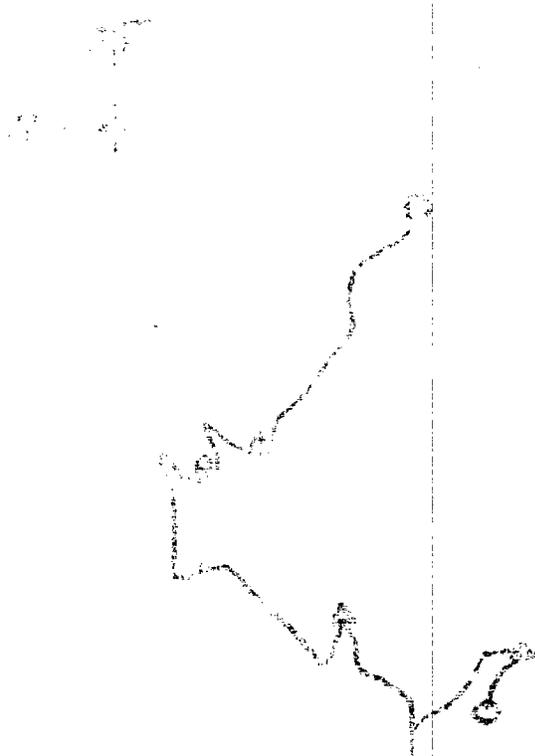
11. Recommendations and Conclusions: None

*G. W. Jones*  
 2nd Lt. G. W. JONES  
 1st Plt "A" Co

12. Additional Information by Debriefers: None

1st Lt. W. HOWARD

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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY  
2nd Plt, "A" Co, 1st Recon Bn  
CHU LAI, RVN  
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Lt. WALKER - Patrol Leader  
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1st Reconnaissance Battalion  
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## Frag Order 62-66

Team: 2nd Plt "A" Co (CHESTERWHITE)

Debriefer: SSgt WILLIAMS

Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS L70L,

Sheet 6757 III

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 11 Enl, 2 USN
2. Mission: 2nd Platoon, Company "A" will conduct observation of the HOA MY THUONG Village complex.
3. Time of Departure: 241715H
4. Time of Return: 281600H
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 94½ hours with nine sightings of 27 VC/VCS. The rice paddies in the area are being worked, with 9-12 people working in them all day long. At 281300H at BT 315047, SSgt Joiner set off a booby trap as he was sitting his pack down, resulting in minor shrapnel wounds to his right leg. Two more booby traps were found in the LZ and blown in place. Booby traps were VC cylindrical homemade fragmentation mines type with trip wires. One of the mines was set on top of a either 105mm or 155mm artillery shell.
7. Observation (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
261500H	BT 310053	3 VCS, moving around village. Wore khaki shorts, no equipment observed.
261545H	BT 313047	1 VC sitting on trail, black PJ's, rifle and cartridge belt.
261725H	BT 309055	4 VC moving NW on trail, 3 wearing black PJ's, 1 wearing black jacket, black trousers, 3 rifles, 3 packs.
261755H	BT 309055	6 VCS standing around trail for approximately 30 minutes. Wore assorted khaki uniforms and black PJ's, no equipment observed.
271335H	BT 308054	3 VC walking SE on trail, black PJ's, white coolie hats, all carried rifles.
271640H	BT 309054	1 VCS, talking to 15-20 people on trail for 10 minutes. Wore khaki shorts, no equipment observed.

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271730H BT 309057 1 VC moving SE on trail, wore khaki uniform and carried a rifle.

271740H BT 306056 2 VC moving W along river bank, black PJ's white hats, 2 rifles.

280705 BT 313047 6 VC walking SE on trail, black PJ's, 5 rifles 6 packs.

8. Other Information: A church located at BT 309054 seems to be the meeting place for the people in the area. The VC in the area move with complete confidence, and seem to have control of the area.

9. Encounters with Enemy: 1 USMC WIA, non med - evac.

10. Condition of Patrol: Good

11. Recommendations and Conclusions: None

*R. G. Walker*  
2nd Lt R. G. WALKER  
2nd Plt "A" Co

12. Additional Information: None

*G. E. Williams*  
SSgt G. E. WILLIAMS

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 Map; VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS  
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 311900H May 1966

Frag Order 63-66  
 Team: 1st Plt "A" Co (AVERAGE)  
 Debriefed: SSgt WILLIAMS

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 2 Off, 20 Enl, 1 USN
2. Mission: 1st Platoon Company "A" will conduct ground reconnaissance of the south slope of Hill 1362 in grid squares BS 3894, BS 3895 and BS 3795.
3. Time of Departure: 271730H
4. Time of Return: 311800H
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 96½ hours with 1 sighting of 1 VC. Several tree houses were destroyed along with 2 large houses 66' X 15' and 12,500 punji stakes. The facilities found were old and trails in the area did not appear to have been used recently. Along the trail from BS 393946 - BS 382952 eleven punji traps were found. The traps were in series of three approximately 5' apart, except for the first two at the beginning of the trail. The traps were in the middle of the trail, well camouflaged, but with logs laid across them to present anyone from stepping into them.
7. Observation (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
281230H	BS 378953	Destroyed 4' X 5' house.
281430H	BS 391949	Destroyed 6' X 6' tree house and an op platform.
290840H	BS 390957	Destroyed 30 bundles of punji stakes found along trail. 100 punji stakes in each bundle.
291100H	BS 387958	Destroyed tree house, which contained four large empty baskets.
291400H	BS 379959	1 VC walking W on trail, wearing black clothing and carrying a rifle.
291530H	BS 386959	Destroyed tree house, which contained four large baskets. Also destroyed the entrance of a cave found in the same vicinity.

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300845H

BS 579959

Destroyed a 15' X 66' house and 6000 -  
7000 punji stakes found in and around the  
house.

301200H

BS 385959

Destroyed a 15' X 60' house and 2,500  
punji stakes found in and around the house.

8. Other Information: None

9. Encounter with the Enemy: None

10. Condition of the Patrol: Good

11. Recommendations and Conclusions: None

*G. W. Jones*  
1st Lt. G. W. JONES  
1st Plt "A" Co.

12. Additional comments by Debriefer: None

*G. E. Williams*  
SSgt G. E. WILLIAMS

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion (-)(Pain)  
CHU LAI, RVN  
211400H May 1966

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Oral Report

Team: 2nd Plt, Co "C" (COMBINE)  
Debriefed: SSgt WILLIAMS  
Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS L701,  
Sheets 6757 III, 6756 IV

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1. Size and Composition: 1 CPT, 15 Enl, 1 USN
2. Mission: Establish Op on Hill 90 (BS 52929) and observe to the south.
3. Time of Departure: 192000H May 1966
4. Time of return: 211230H May 1966
5. Route: See attached overaly.
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 40 1/2 hours with 1 sighting of 1 VC. Large amounts of white smoke was observed on 20 May in the vicinity of grid squares BS 4791, BS 4792 and BS 5295.
7. Observations: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
201630H	BS 551931	1 VC moving in rice paddy, wearing black PJ's, cartridge belt, and carrying a rifle. Fire mission called, with good coverage, VC was seen leaving area after fire mission.

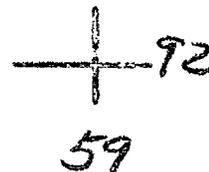
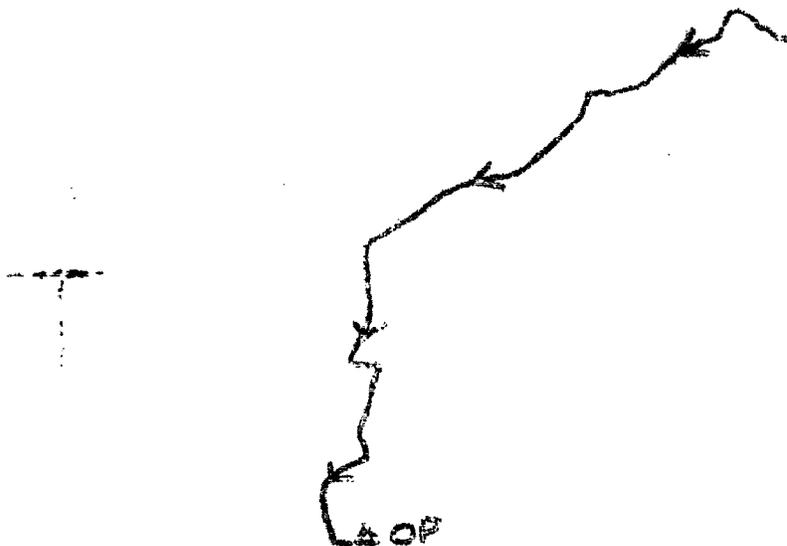
8. Other Information: None.
9. Results of Encounter with Enemy: None
10. Condition of Patrol: Good.
11. Recommendations and Conclusions: None.

*J. L. Taylor*  
 J. L. TAYLOR  
 1stLt USMC  
 2nd Plt, Co "C"  
 Patrol Leader

12. Additional Information by Debriefed: None.

*G. E. Williams*  
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 SSgt USMC  
 Debriefed

PANH ROUTE OF ESCAPE  
2nd Plt, "C" Co, 1st Recon Bn  
CHU LAI, RVN  
Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS,  
L701, Sheet 6757 III & 6756 IV  
Lt. TAYLOR - Patrol Leader  
211300H May 1966



Reference (1)

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion (-)  
 QUU LAI, RVN  
 241930H May 1966

Frag Order 10-66  
 Team: 1st Plt, "C" Co. (BURGUNDY)  
 Debriefed: SSgt WILLIAMS  
 Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS, L701  
 Sheet 6757 III

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 14 Enl, 2 USN
2. Mission: Conduct ground recon of (3 BS 4590, BS 4590, BS 4388 and BS 4568 determining enemy activity in the TEACH BICH (1) and (2) and AN THANH areas from 20-24 May 1966.
3. Time of Departure: 201430H May 1966
4. Time of Return: 241800H May 1966
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 99 $\frac{1}{2}$  hours with 5 sightings of 26 VC/VCS of whom 12 carried weapons. At 211100H at BS 428885 the patrol captured a VCS who was probing their position. VCS was evacuated to IIT at 211830H. A 12'x12' storage house was found in the vic of BS 444886. House was full of freshly cut rice stalks, apparently storage house for civilians in the area. Trails in the area appeared to be well used.
7. Observations: (Enemy and Terrain)

TIME	COORDINATES	OBSERVATION
211100H	BS 428885	1 VCS captured while probing OP site. Two children later came into the OP site. VCS evacuated to IIT at 211830H. Children released and OP moved out of area.
211350H	BS 457903	8 VC moving west along trail, wearing black PJ's, seven with vines tied on their backs for camouflage. First three men carried rifles.
211430H	BS 457903	8 VC moving east along trail, wearing black PJ's. All carried rifles and three VC wore burlap type camouflage.
221700H	BS 453690	6 VCS herding cattle, three adults, three children. All wearing black PJ's, one man carried a pistol in his hand.

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221855H. BS 453889

3 VCS, hunched over, sneaking along woodline,  
well spread out.

8. Other Information: When the patrol landed in the LZ, 50-75 civilians  
were observed tanning NE. Few people were observed working the fields  
at any time.

9. Encounters with Enemy: None

10. Condition of Patrol: Good

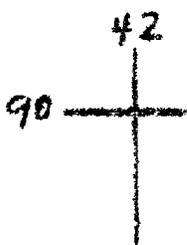
11. Recommendations and Conclusions: New maps are needed of this area.  
Many rice paddies are overgrown and not shaped like the map indicates.  
This area was very easy to move through, good trails and very little  
vegetation to hamper movement. Japanese long range rations were used  
and found to be very good, as well as light and easy to carry.

*C.E. Braly*  
1stLt. C.E. BRALY  
1stPlt, "C" Co, 1st Recon Bn

12. Additional Comments by Debriefers: None

*G.E. Williams*  
SSgt G.E. WILLIAMS

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion (-)  
CHU LAI, RVN  
231800H May 1966

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ORAL REPORT

Team: 3rd Plt, "C" Co (GAKIMALK)  
Debriefers: Capt EDWARD  
Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS, 1701  
Sheet 6757 III

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PATROL REPORT - 9-66

1. Size and Composition: 10 Mal
2. Mission: Establish radio relay on Hill 410 (BT 389035)
3. Time of Departure: 191530H May 1966
4. Time of Return: 211730H May 1966
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 19<sup>1/2</sup> hours with no sightings.
7. Observations: None
8. Other Information: At 222200H three rounds of arty hit 200 yards from radio relay position. (BT 389035)
9. Encounters with Enemy: None
10. Condition of Patrol: Good
11. Recommendations and Conclusions: That closer coordination be established with responsible units to prevent M&I fire from being fired into no fire zones unless called for.

*[Signature]*  
SSgt. G.P. ROSENBERG  
3rd Plt, "C" Co

12. Additional Comments by Debriefers: None

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Capt M.W. HOWARD

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion  
 CHU LAI, RVN  
 131600H May 1966

Operation Order 323-66 w/Ch 1  
 Teams: 4th Plt, "B" Co (CARNIVAL TIME)  
 Debriefers: SSgt WILLIAMS  
 Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS, 1701  
 Sheet 6736 IV

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PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 17 Pal and 1 UEN
2. Mission: Establish an OP on Hill 167 (BS 49055) and observe to the south.
3. Time of Departure: 101730H May 1966
4. Time of Return: 131200H May 1966
5. Routes: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1.)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 66 $\frac{1}{2}$  hours with three sightings of 19 VC. At 130100H 15 rounds of SA fire were received in the OP, no casualties resulted and fire was not returned.
7. Observations: (Enemy and Terrain)

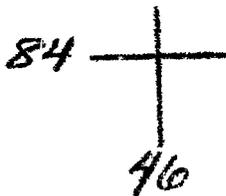
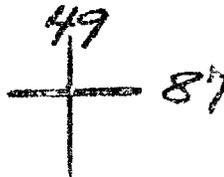
<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
111040H	BS 490863	1 VC moved into tree line, wore black PJ's, carried pack and rifle.
111205H	BS 504895	15 VC moving SW, wearing black PJ's, some wore white shirts. ARVN platoon made contact with VC; resulting in 3 VC KIA, 5 VGC.
111250H	BS 496864	3 VC moving SE, wearing black PJ's, coolie hats, all carried rifles.

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

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 1st Lt. E. S. VEJTASA

*G. E. Williams*  
 SSgt. G. E. WILLIAMS

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Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS  
1701, Sheet 6756 IV  
Lt. VEJTASA - Patrol Leader  
131600H May 1966



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1st Reconnaissance Battalion  
 CHU LAI, NVN  
 131500H May 1966

Operation Order 323-66 w/Ch 1  
 Team 1st Plt, "C" Co, (CHESLERWHITE)  
 Debriefer: SSgt WILLIAMS  
 Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000 AMS, 1701  
 Sheet 6756 IV

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 3 OCS, 15 Pvl, 2 USN
2. Mission: Insert the vic HLL 162 (BS 443788) and establishes observation of the SONG GIANG Valley (BS 4378 and BS 4379), TAN AN TRU (1) (BS 444799) and TAN AN TRU (2) (BS 424798).
3. Time of Departure: 091030H May 1966
4. Time of Return: 131100H May 1966
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 36 1/2 hours with 25 sightings of 133 VC/VCS. All of the patrol sightings took place after the infantry had swept through the area. Many VC were observed with camouflage tied to their back to make them hard to observe from the air. Several fire missions were requested, resulting in good coverage of the target, however from the patrol OP results were hard to see because of the vegetation. A well constructed 5 strand barbed wire fence was found running N-S in the vic of BS 443788. The posts and wire were not rusty and appeared new, however vines and trees had grown into the wire as though it had been there for some time.
7. Observations (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
091730H	BS 460806	7 VCS moving NW, black PJ's with vines tied to their backs for camouflage. No weapons observed.
111620H	BS 434796	21 VC moving on trail into village, black PJ's, some with bush for camouflage, 15 weapons, 14 packs. Fire mission requested, AO's made adjustment, good coverage on target.
111705H	BS 427795	12 VC on trail, black PJ's, 1 wearing khaki uniform and black shiny helmet, 11 weapons. Fire mission requested, good coverage, 4 bodies being dragged away after first "fire for effect". After 2nd "fire for effect" 3 more bodies being dragged away. Man in khaki uniform one of those hit. (7 possible KIA)

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111730H BS 431796 3 VC walking S, black PJ's, rifles and packs. All appeared to be wearing army black helmets.

120615H BS 430796 20 VCS moving E on trail, black PJ's with camouflage on backs. 1st, middle, and last man carried weapons. AO's called fire mission, good coverage of target.

120620H BS 430796 5 VC moving S on trail, black PJ's, 3 weapons, 2 large packs.

120740H BS 429796 3 VC moving E on trail, black PJ's, all carried weapons.

120750H BS 429796 2 VC moving E on trail, black PJ's and rifles. Fire mission called and before rounds came, 2 more VC wearing black PJ's, carrying rifles came into the area. Good target coverage.

120830H BS 431795 2 VC moving S on trail, black PJ's, both carried rifles.

120840H BS 431795 2 VC running E, black PJ's, both carried rifles.

121025E BS 434796 10 VCS carrying 2-3 bodies, appeared to be burial detail. 9 VC around area, black PJ's, camouflage, 3 rifles. Fire mission called, with good coverage.

121020H BS 438799 2 VC moving E on trail, black PJ's, with camouflage on backs, no weapons observed.

121030H BS 438799 2 VC moving E on trail, black PJ's, with camouflage. No weapons observed.

121127H BS 431795 8 VCS moving S, black PJ's, 1 man had green shirt. No weapons observed.

121145H BS 428795 8 VC running along stream, black PJ's, four had camouflage tied on their backs, 2 weapons. Fire mission called, good coverage.

121335H BS 438775 11 VC moving E, black PJ's with vines for camouflage. 1 man appeared to be carrying a rifle.

121445H BS 431798 3 VC moving E, black PJ's with camouflage, all carried rifles. Fire mission called, with good coverage on target.

121607H BS 431798 1 VC moving E on trail, black PJ's, with rifle.

121800H BS 420793 7 VC moving E on trail, black PJ's with camouflage. No weapons observed. Fire mission called with good coverage, only 5 VC observed leaving area after fire mission.

- 121810H BS 430795 5 VC's running E, wearing black PJ's.
- 121915H BS 430795 12 VC's moving S, black PJ's, four with camouflage. It was too dark to observe weapons or equipment.
- 130625H BS 435795 10 VC's moving E, black PJ's, seven had camouflage on their backs. One had a rifle.

8. Other Information: None

9. Results of Encounters with Enemy: None

10. Condition of Patrol: Good

11. Recommendations and Conclusions: AO's flying over area helped call fire missions, and probably were responsible for the CP not being found, as the VC probably thought the AO's were calling all the fire missions. Leaving Recon units in the area after the infantry units sweep through, results in many sightings, as the VC feel free to move after the infantry leaves the area. Maps of the area are not accurate in their contour lines and rice paddy areas. Japanese long range rations were used and were very good as well as light to carry. Patrols should be equipped with the 2 quart Army canteens.

*C.E. Brady*  
1st Lt. C.E. BRADY

12. Additional Information by Subject: None

*C. Williams*  
SSgt C.E. WILLIAMS



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1st Reconnaissance Battalion  
CHU LAI, RVN  
131500H May 1966

Operation Order 323-66 w/Ch 1  
Team: 3rd Plt, "G" Co (AVERAGE)  
Debriefers: SSgt WILLIAMS  
Maj: VILHELM, 1550000, AMS, 4701  
Sheet 6756 III

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 16 Eml and 1 USN
2. Mission: Establish observation of TRACH NEAM (2) (BS 415740) and the valley located between BS 406724 and BS 422732.
3. Time of Departure: 091050H May 1966
4. Time of Return: 131100H May 1966
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 96 hours with three sightings of 3 VC/VCS, 1 VC KIA in an ambush at 130910H at BS 452827. The trails in the area did not appear to have been used for several months.
7. Observations: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
091115H	BS 404742	3 VCS moving across rice paddy dike, wearing maroon colored clothing. No weapons observed.
120725H	BS 454830	4 VC moving NE, all wearing black PJ's, two had camouflage cloth over their clothing. Carried 4 rifles and 1 pack.
130910H	BS 452827	1 VC KIA in ambush. Wore black PJ's and carried a bush knife.

8. Other Information: None
9. Encounters with Enemy: One VC KIA
10. Condition of Patrol: Good
11. Recommendations and Conclusions: Close coordination between planners and the ARVN is needed. This patrol was assigned an OP near a supposedly abandoned ARVN outpost. The outpost turned out to be occupied and while no fire was exchanged, serious consequences could have resulted.

12. Comments by Debriefers: None

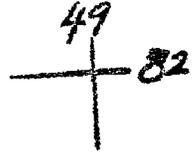
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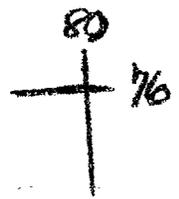
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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY  
3rd Plt, Co "C", 1st Recon Bn  
CHU LAI, RVN  
Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS,  
1701, Sheet 6756 III  
Lt. IRVIN - Patrol Leader  
131600H May 1966

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion  
 GIU LAI, RVN  
 131530H May 1966

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Operation Order: 323-66 w/Ch 1  
 Teams: 2nd Plt, Co "O" (COMBINE)  
 Debriefers: SSgt WILLIAMS  
 Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS, 1701, Sheet 6756 III and IV

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 16 Enl and 1 USN
2. Mission: Insert via of Hill 263 (BS 429714) and establish observation of the SONG TRA KHUC Valley between BS 441740 and BS 455710.
3. Time of Departure: 091100H May 1966
4. Time of Return: 131245H May 1966
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 97 $\frac{1}{2}$  hours with 12 sightings of 56 VC/VCS. Four members of the patrol suffered punji stake wounds and one man was wounded by shrapnel from a hand grenade, no one required medical evacuation.
7. Observations: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
101000H	BS 445732	5 VCS were seen on a small island in the river. A camouflaged bunker was also observed when the people would go when A/C flew over the area.
101145H	BS 445733	2 VC walking S, black PJ's with vines tied on back for camouflage, carried one rifle. Fire mission called with good coverage on target.
101145H	BS 446716	3 VC wearing black PJ's, 1 with camouflaged cover, fired into OP, fire returned along with grenades. All VC carried rifles. No friendly or enemy casualties.
101230H- 101800H	BS 453714	Water detail picked up 3 VCS, 1 walking along bank, 2 walking in river. VCS were evacuated to higher authority at 101900H.
101600H	BS 442730	3 VC moving S, black PJ's with vines for camouflage, carrying 3 rifles. Fire mission called with good coverage on target, but VC had left area.

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101730H BS 447731 5 VC moving N, black PJ's with vines for camouflage, five rifles.

101445H BS 456714 7 VC moving N, black PJ's with vines for camouflage, no weapons observed.

120945H BS 540860 10 VC moving in column E on trail, black PJ's, 3 rifles. 1st man in column looked much bigger than the average Vietnamese.

120952H BS 547861 7 VC moving E on trail, no weapons observed.

121630H BS 548866 2 VC moving E on trail, black PJ's, 2 rifles.

130715H BS 548868 2 VCS moving E in tree line just off trail, possible rifle.

130730H BS 550870 7 VC moving N in column into tree line, last two men carried rifles and packs.

8. Other Information: None

9. Encounters with Enemy: 4 men with punji stake wounds, 1 with grenade fragment in shoulder, none required med-evac.

10. Condition of Patrols: Good

11. Recommendations and Conclusions: None

*J. L. Taylor*  
1st Lt, J. L. TAYLOR  
2nd Plt, "C" Co

12. Additional Information by Debriefers: None

*G. E. Williams*  
SSgt G. E. WILLIAMS  
Debriefers

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Enclosure (1)

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Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, A13  
1701, Sheet 8756 III & IV  
Lt. TAYLOR - Patrol Leader  
131530N May 1966

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— PATROL ROUTE (1)



1st Reconnaissance Battalion  
 CHU LAI, RVN  
 131800H May 1966

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 Operation Order 323-66 w/Ch 1  
 Team 4th Plt, 1st Force Recon Co (KILLER BANS)  
 Detainer: SSgt WILLIAMS  
 Base VIETNAM, 1,50,000, AMS, L701, Sheets 6756 III & IV

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 10 Enl, 1 USN
2. Mission: 09-11 May: OPUGS 4179, 4279, 4176, 4277 and 4075; 11-13 May: OP N, W & E of GS 4883.
3. Time of Departure: 091130H May 1966
4. Time of Return: 131200H May 1966
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 96½ hours with 6 sightings of 65 VC. From 091800H-091830H approximately 50 VC were observed in a harbour site in the vicinity of BS 399797, an arty mission was requested, but the target was out of range, air was also requested but there was none available.
7. Observations: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
091705H	BS 399797	3 VC moving W down river, Black PJ's, equipment observed, VC would take cover when A/C flew over the area.
091800- 091830	BS 399797	50 VC, wearing black PJ's, grey, green and khaki uniforms, with a least 25 weapons, were observed moving in and out of the treeline, washing pots and pans in the river, and bathing in the river. Fire mission requested, but not fired because of range.
100716H	BS 399797	5 VC wearing green and khaki uniforms, all carried weapons, moving out of treeline.
111130H	BS 484835	Harbour site for 15-20 men, four AA holes, 4' deep, 8' in diameter, had been used within the last 4-5 days. A homemade VC cylindrical fragmentation mine was also found in this area.

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120700H

BS 471839

1 VC running W on road near  
BS 475843. Wore black PJ's and carried a  
rifle and pack.

120715H

BS 475843

5 VC standing in village, then moved E. Wore  
mixed green and black shirts, w/black shorts.  
All carried SMG's.

120700H

BS 475843

2 VC moved W out of village. Wore black PJ's,  
rifles. Fire mission called, with good cover-  
age.

8. Other Information: Patrol observed that village would be practically  
deserted as infantry would sweep through, but as soon as infantry would  
leave area, people would re-appear.

9. Encounters with Enemy: None

10. Condition of Patrol: 2 men med-evac, 1 (battle fatigue) and 1 (heat  
exhaustion).

11. Recommendations and Conclusions: That Recon units have communications  
with units that are conducting the sweeps of the villages, in order to  
inform unit of potential trouble spots.

*M. Jacques*

CySgt M. JACQUES

4th Flt, 1st Force Recon Co.

12. Additional Comments by Debriefer: None

*G.E. Williams*  
SSgt G.E. WILLIAMS  
Debriefer

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion (-)  
 CHU LAI, RVN  
 120900H May 1966

Operation Order 323-66 w/Ch 1  
 Team: 5th Plt, 1st Force Recon Co (HATEFUL)  
 Debriefed: SSgt WILLIAMS  
 Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS, L701  
 Sheet 6756 IV

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 11 Enl, 1 USN
2. Mission: To observe and report VC activity and movement to SE and W of Hill 99 in GS 5685.
3. Time of Departure: 091620H May 66
4. Time of Return: 111830H May 66
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 50 hours with two sightings of 5 VC all of whom carried weapons. On top of Hill 99, fighting holes were found along with many C-ration cans and boxes.
7. Observation: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
101630H	BS 575848	Four VC walking W along dike, black PJ's, white hats, all carried rifles.
111640H	BS 575848	One VC walking W along dike, wore black PJ's and carried a rifle.
111643H	BS 570847	Heard 1 shot fired, apparently some type of signal.
111755H	BS 569857	Several shots fired in the vicinity of LZ, not able to observe sources of fire.

8. Other Information: Normal civilian activity was observed throughout the duration of the patrol.
9. Encounters with the Enemy: None
10. Condition of Patrol: Good
11. Recommendations and Conclusions: Limit OP teams to four men in this area. The cover and concealment is not adequate for a platoon sized OP

and puts the patrol in danger of being compromised.

*J. T. PAULL*  
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1st Lt USMC  
5th Plt, 1st Force Recon Co  
Patrol Leader

12. Additional Comments by Debriefers: None

*G. E. WILLIAMS*  
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SSgt USMC  
Debriefers

PATROL ROUTE CHART  
2nd Platoon, 1st Paratrooper Co  
QUU LAI, RVN  
Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000 AMS,  
L701, Sheet 6756 IV  
1st Lt PAULL - Patrol Leader  
120900H May 1966

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Enclosure (1)

FORCE

1st Reconnaissance Battalion  
 CHU LAI, RVN  
 261800 May 66

Bn frag Order 2-66  
 Team: 2nd Plt "C" Co. (COMBINE)  
 Debriefed: SSgt WILLIAMS  
 Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000 AMS, L701  
 Sheet 6756 I

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 14 Inf, 2 USN
2. Mission: Conduct observation of the critical route of entry/egress in support of Operation Mobile. Be prepared to call artillery and NGF on targets of opportunity.
3. Time of Departure: 251100H
4. Time of Return: 261100H
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 24 hours with one sighting of 10 VC. Civilians were observed leaving the area where the infantry was sweeping.
7. Observations: (Enemy and Terrain)

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATE</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
251400H	BS 675960	10 VC in fighting holes. Some wearing black PJ's, other in camouflaged uniforms. VC fired at Helos flying in area, helos returned rocket and MG fire.

8. Other Information: None
9. Encounters with Enemy: None
10. Condition of Patrol: None
11. Recommendations and Conclusions: None

*J L Taylor*  
 1stLT J. L. TAYLOR  
 2nd Plt "C" Co.

12. Additional Comments by Debriefed: None

*G. E. Williams*  
 SSgt. G. E. WILLIAMS

*BN. CO.*

1st Reconnaissance Battalion  
 CHU LAI, RVN  
 261800 May 66

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Bn frag Order 2-66  
 Team: 2nd Plt "C" Co. (COMBINE)  
 Debriefor: SSgt WILLIAMS  
 Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,00 AMS, L701  
 Sheet 6756 I

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PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 14 Enl, 2 USN
2. Mission: Conduct observation of the critical route of entry/egress in support of Operation Mobile. Be prepared to call artillery and NGF on targets of opportunity.
3. Time of Departure: 251100H
4. Time of Return: 261100H
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 24 hours with one sighting of 10 VC. Civilians were observed leaving the area where the infantry was sweeping.
7. Observation: (Enemy and Terrain)

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATE</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
251400H	BS 675960	10 VC in fighting holes. Some wearing black PJ's, other in camouflaged uniforms. VC fired at Helos flying in area, helos returned rocket and MG fire.

8. Other Information: None
9. Encounters with Enemy: None
10. Condition of Patrol: None
11. Recommendations and Conclusions: None

*J L Taylor*  
 1stLT J. L. TAYLOR  
 2nd Plt "C" Co.

12. Additional Comments by Debriefor: None

*G. E. Williams*  
 SSgt. G. E. WILLIAMS

PATROL SOUTS OVERSET  
2nd Plt, "C" Co, 1st Recon Bn  
CHU LAI, RVN  
Lt. TAYLOR - Patrol Leader  
261800H May 1966

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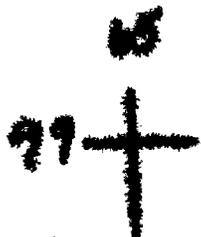
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Enclosure (1)

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion  
 CHU LAI, RVN  
 270900H May 1966

Oral Report

Team: 5th Plt, 1st Force Recon Co (HATEFUL)  
 Debriefed: Capt HOWARD  
 Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS L701  
 Sheet 6756 J

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 15 Enl, 1 USN
2. Mission: Establish OP Hill (BS 645898)
3. Time of Departure: 251430H May66
4. Time of Return: 261500H May66
5. Route: See attached overlay (enclosure 1)

*enclosure*

6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 24 hours with three (3) sightings of eight (8) VC. One (1) fire mission was called; patrol unable to determine results. After debarkation in the landing zone at 251500H vicinity BS 646903 the patrol proceeded to BS 645898 moving directly east where an OP was established and the patrol remained until 252000H. At 252000H the patrol moved south along ridge line to BS 646902. At 252115H the patrol ran into a VC ambush. (See number 9). The patrol covered a period of 24 1/2 hours.

7. Observation: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
251645H	BS 644910	Six (6) VC sighted, two (2) had rifles. One (1) rifle appeared to be an M-1 rifle. At this time a VN female pointed out the position of the patrol to six (6) VC. Immediately thereafter the patrol received five (5) rounds S/A fire. Patrol called fire mission and VC ran after first round impacted.
251710H	BS 644909	One (1) VC sighted with rifle.
251850H	BS 644910	One (1) VC sighted with rifle.

8. Other Information: None

9. Encounter with the Enemy: At 252000H the patrol moved south along ridge line to OP position at BS 646898. At 252115H the patrol ran into a VC ambush at BS 646903. The patrol returned fire immediately with S/A and hand grenades. The VC broke contact and moved eastward shortly thereafter.

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The VC were believed to have had a BAR as part of their weaponry. There was no determination of VC casualties. The patrol leader was the only USMC casualty. Med - evac was not required and the patrol leader continued on. The patrol moved back to BS 647904 where they remained until extraction at 251500H.

10. Condition of Patrol: Good other than 1 USMC WIA, Med - evac not required.

11. Conclusions and Recommendations:

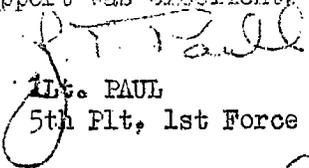
a. Artillery fire be called on the conduct of fire net rather than having to relay through the Reconnaissance net. Using the present procedure causes undue delay.

b. Insertions should be effected just prior to dark or early in the morning. Patrol was under observation immediately after landing.

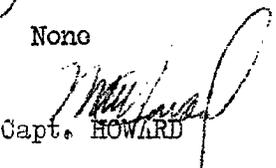
c. The OP used in this operation offered little concealment and it is recommended that in the future OP sites be selected that offer more concealment.

d. OP patrols consist of four (4) men instead of platoon size. The undersigned feels that it is easier to conceal Recon personnel using this size patrol.

e. Conclusions: Artillery support was excellent.

  
1LT. PAUL  
5th Plt, 1st Force Recon

12. Additional comments by Debriefers: None

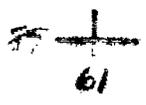
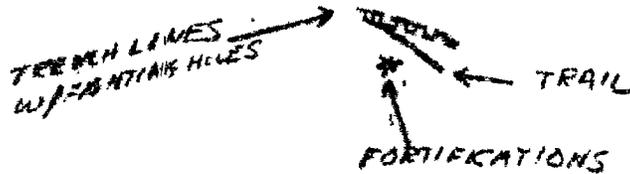
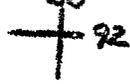
  
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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY  
5th Plt, 1st Force Recon Co  
CHU LAI, RVN  
Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS,  
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MAP CORRECTIONS  
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Enclosure (1)

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion (\*)  
CHU LAI, RVN  
041900H May 1966

Frag Order 9-66  
Team: 1st Plt, Co "D" (Carnival Time)  
Debriefing: SSgt WILLIAMS  
Maps: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS L701,  
Sheet 6757 III

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 17 Enl, 1 USN.
2. Mission: From 301730H April - 041800H May 1966, conduct area reconnaissance in south half of grid squares BS 3596, BS 3695 and BS 3796. Emphasis is to be placed on locating and plotting trails with particular interest in the area vicinity Hill 1362. Destroy any buildings discovered prior to extraction. Use platoon size patrol for this mission.
3. Time of Departure: 301730H April 1966
4. Time of Return: 041800H May 1966
5. Route: See attached overlay (enclosure (1)).
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 94½ hours with three sightings for a total of 8 VC. At 010830H at BS 384963 the point of the patrol fired on 4 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA and 3 VC WIA. The body of the KIA was found and his equipment has been forwarded higher authority. Three huts were found at BS 387958, are described under item #8 and shown on enclosure (2). What appeared to be a frame for a house, wooden sticks tied together with vines 15' long and 8' wide, was found at BS 386957. A drawing of this frame is shown on enclosure (2).
7. Observations: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
301750H	BS 386953	1 VC camouflaged with brush was observed in the LZ. 7 rounds SA, 1 M-79 fired at VC who moved west.
010830H	BS 384963	4 VC moving E on trail, lead man carrying a rifle and wearing a blue uniform, others wore assorted clothing. Point man fired 7 rds 12 gauge shotgun, resulting in 1 VC KIA, 3 VC WIA. Four blood trails were found and search revealed the body of 1 VC.
041100H	BS 367977	3 VC heading S. These VC were only seen for a brief time and the patrol was unable to tell their uniforms or equipment.

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8. Other Information: At BS 387958 three huts were found built in the trees approximately 15' from the ground. The huts were starting to fall apart and did not appear to have been used recently. A ladder led from the ground to one hut, which contained two large straw baskets. Within 200 meters of those huts, what appeared to be three small graves were found, with a small bowl by each grave. A cave was also found in this area. The entrance was 24" by 36" with a 8' square room, a smaller cave led off from the main room approximately 12' into the hillside. The cave was reinforced with logs, but was not in good repair.

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

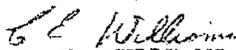
10. Condition of Patrol: Good.

11. Conclusions and Recommendations: The trails in the area are good trails, up to 5' wide in places, but did not appear to have been used recently. Observation from Hill 1300 is outstanding, providing observation from TAM KY in the north to south of the SONG TRA BONG river mouth on the south. All of CHU LAI Combat Base was easily observed. From 1000-1400 observation was excellent, but before 1000 and after 1400 visibility was obscured by low clouds and fog. From 031530H until 040900H rain fell in the area cutting visibility to less than 50 meters. The weather was very cool and patrols going into this area should carry ponchos and sleeping bag covers for night use.



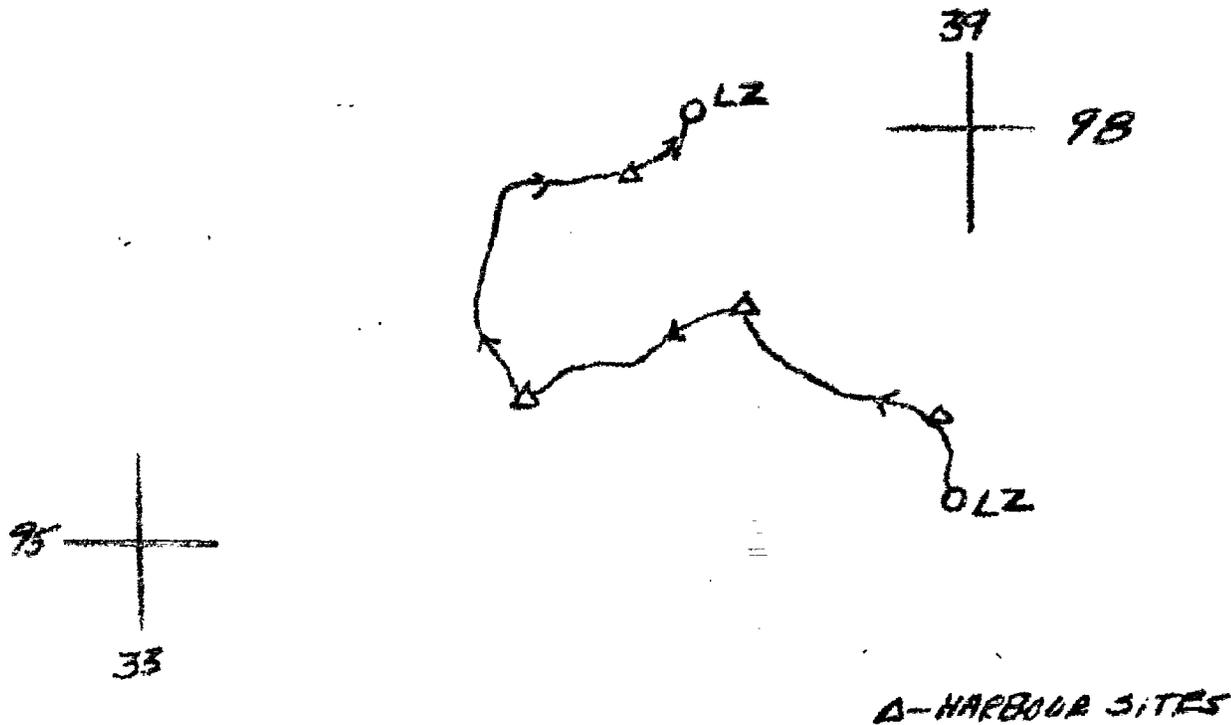
W. L. HUGHES  
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1st Plt, Co. "D"  
Patrol Leader

12. Additional comments by debriefers: None.



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SSgt USMC  
Debriefer

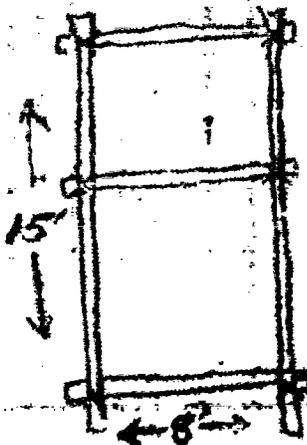
PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY  
1st Plt Co "D", 1st Recon Bn (-)  
CHU LAI, RVN  
Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS L701,  
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041900H May 1966



Enclosure (1)



One of 3 tree houses found at  
BS 387958.



Wood frame found at same location

Enclosure (2)

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion  
CHU LAI, RVN  
061500H May 1966

Frag Order 10-66  
Team: 3rd Plt, "D" Co (DELICATESSEN)  
Debriefer: SSgt WILLIAMS  
Maps: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS, L701  
Sheet 6756 IV

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and composition: 1 Off, 20 Enl, 2 USN
2. Mission: Conducts an area recon of GS BS 4091, 4191 and the NE corner of BS 3991 and SE corner of BS 3992, emphasising the location of trails.
3. Time of departure: 041700H May 1966
4. Time of return: 061315H May 1966
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1).
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 44 hours with no sightings. Two punji traps were found on a trail at BS 401914, traps were old and broken down. Few trails were found in the area and movement was very difficult. The river which runs from BS 396925 to BS 403906 is from 10-60 meters wide, 1'-20' deep, with a rocky bottom, and very steep banks. Water re-supply was no problem anywhere in the area.
7. Observation: None
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 debriefer: None

*D. J. Anderson*  
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3rd Plt, "D" Co

*G. E. Williams*  
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SSgt USMC  
Debriefer

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion  
 CHU LAI, RVN  
 081030H May 66

Frag Order 11-66  
 Team: 2nd Plt, "D" Co (CROSSTIDE)  
 Debriefer: Ssgt WILLIAMS  
 Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS, 1701  
 Sheet 6755 IV

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 19 Enl, 2 USN
2. Mission: Establish surveillance of TRACH BICH (1) BS 4583, LOC THANH BS 4788 and the area just south of the SONG TRAM BONG river between BS BS 45 and BS 48. Emphasis will be placed upon locating a VC hospital reported in that area.
3. Time of Departure: 041730H May 66
4. Time of Return: 080900H May 66
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 87½ hours with seven sightings of 25 VC. At 051430H the patrol captured a VCS who was trying to find their harbour site. VCS was evacuated to ITH at 051630H. At 080740H patrol ambushed 4 VC at BS 474093, resulting in 3 VC KIA and 1 VCG. Four weapons, plus ammo and hand grenades were captured and have been forwarded to higher authority. The VCS was evacuated at 080900H to ITH. At BS 4689 an extensive network of caves and bunkers were found, along the trail from BS 467896 to BS 471395. The caves and bunkers were found and appeared to have been recently dug. Punji pits were found at BS 469897, which contained 4<sup>s</sup> stakes sticking out of the holes, possible anti-hole stakes.
7. Observation: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
042100H	BS 469896	A large well built bunker was found, containing a bag of clothing, documents, and an estimated 1,000 lbs of rice in large pottery crocks. The clothes and documents were brought in by the patrol and have been forwarded to higher authority.
051430H	BS 475892	8 VC moving SW into village, 3 wore shorts and black Tj's, 5 wore green trousers, black shirts and camouflaged rain hats. The three wearing shorts appeared to be children. Six rifles and 1 Thompson sub-machine gun observed.

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051430H BS 458888 One VCS was captured, while sneaking around the harbour site. VCS was evacuated to IIT at 051800H.

051730H BS 475892 Six VC moving NW from village, wearing black PJ's, camouflaged rain hats, 4 weapons and 4 cartridge belts observed. VC were using hand and arm signals as they moved, avoiding observation from helos that were flying over the area at this time. Red smoke was dropped into the village by the helos and shortly thereafter women were observed leaving the village with their belongings, probably expecting an airstrike.

061000H BS 454896 A 12' deep hole was found containing an estimated 300 lbs of rice. Two caves were also found in the area, along with a one-man sleeping site, which appeared to have been used very recently.

061100H BS 456886 Patrol came upon an old VN man in the woods. This man was very cooperative and indicated, through the use of sign language and some Vietnamese, to a member of the patrol that there were 8 VC in both the village complexes at BS 455887 and BS 457884. The man was released after questioning.

061730Z BS 475899 One VC moving SE on trail, wearing black PJ's, coolie hat, and carrying a rifle.

070855H BS 475899 Five VC moving W out of village, wearing black PJ's, camouflaged rain hats, all carried rifles. One rifle had a scope on it.

080740H BS 474893 Four VC were ambushed, resulting in 3 VC KIA, 1 VCS. Four weapons captured along with ammo and grenades. One of the weapons captured was a Soviet 7.62 MM rifle M1891/30 with a scope attached. The other weapons were one M-1 rifle, one M-1 carbine, and 1 Chicom 7.62 MM carbine model 53.

8. Other Information. Numerous VC trail markers were observed throughout the area. A new, well used trail was found running from BS 469890 to BS 469886. At BS 470891 on the outskirts of the village of LOC THANH (1), a OP was observed 50' up in a large tree, with a vine ladder leading to it. On 5 May all civilian traffic was moving into the village carrying heavily loaded baskets, but on 6 & 7 May people would leave the village with heavily loaded baskets and return 1 1/2-2 hours later with empty baskets.

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

10. Condition of Patrol: Good

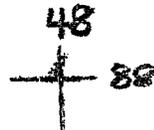
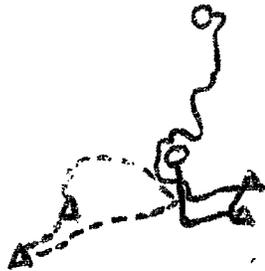
11. Recommendations and Conclusions: The VC in this area are well armed and are digging caves, treachlines, and preparing ambush sites. The majority of the patrol's movement was done at night, however unless patrol members are familiar with the area, movement is very difficult at night when there is no moon. The village of LOC THANH (1) appears to contain many VC, as the majority of enemy sightings were in the vicinity of this village. A EPQ strike at 052000Z landed 150-200 meters from the village of LOC THANH (1).

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

12. Comments by the Debriefers: None

*G. E. Williams*  
 G. E. WILLIAMS  
 SSgt USMC  
 Debriefers

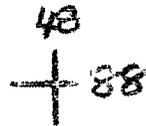
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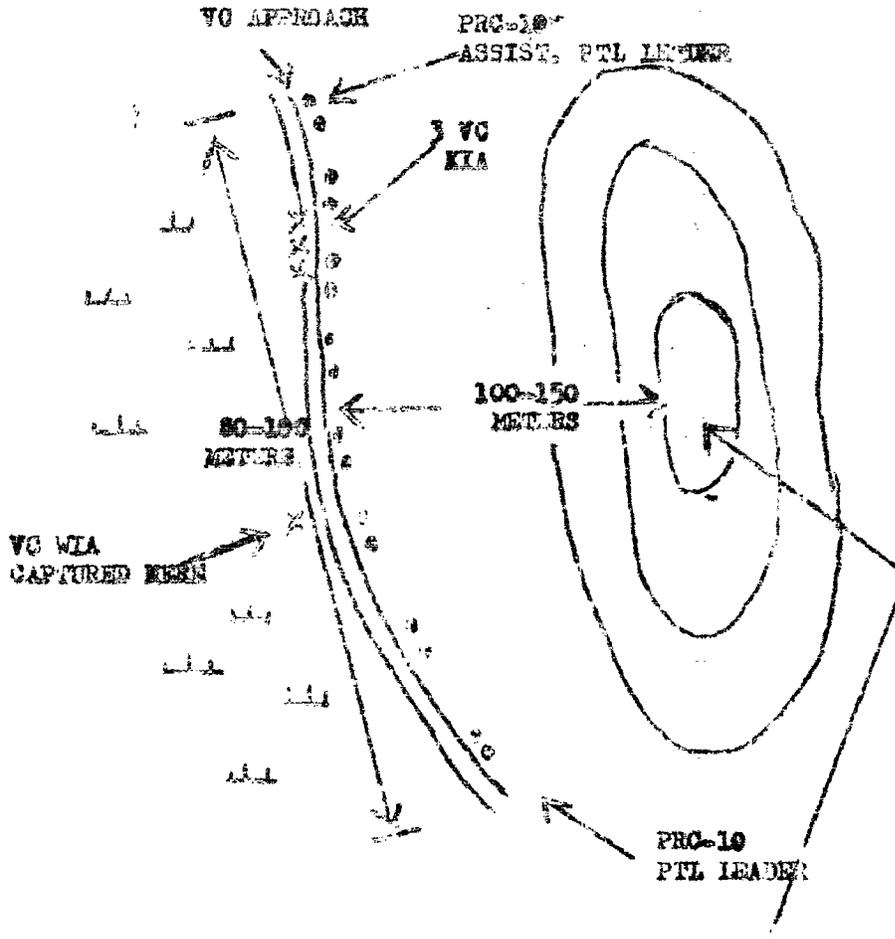


NEW TRAIL

Enclosure (1)

450 METERS TO FORM UP ON OPPOSITE END OF VC APPROACH. TEAM IN TREE WANTED PATROL  
TO BE WALKING INTO KILL ZONE. AMBUSH NOT SPRUNG UNTIL ALL VC INTO KILL ZONE.  
THIS FORCES THEM TO GET WHOLE LENGTH INTO TWO AUTO WEAPONS AT END FORMING BLOCK.

AMBUSH

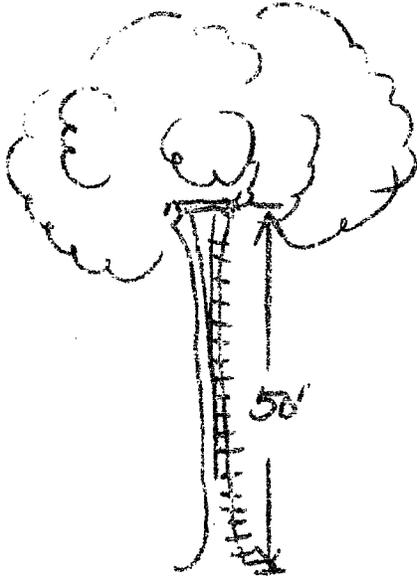


VC  
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ON TRAIL WITH PRC-25 & REAR SECURITY PATROL  
IN LINE HAS OBSERVATION OF TRAIL @ 200  
METERS BEFORE END OF AMBUSH SITE

Enclosure (2)

PARENT OBSERVATIONS  
2nd Flt, Co "D", 1st Recon Bn  
033030H May 1968



TREE OP AT  
BS 476891

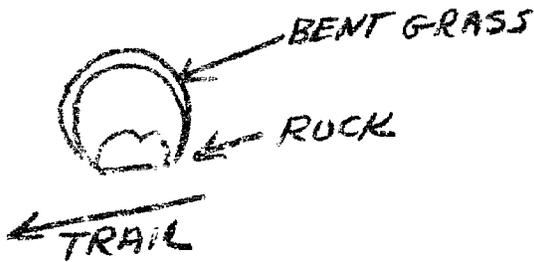
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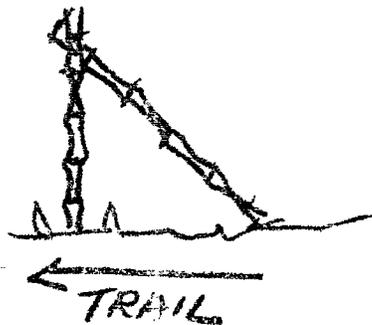
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VARIOUS TRAIL  
MARKERS SIGHTED.



15" LENGTHS OF STRIPPED  
STICKS 5 METERS OFF TRAIL



Enclosure (3)

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion (-)  
 CHU LAI, RVN  
 120900H May 1966

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## Frag Order 12-66

Team: 1st Plt, "D" Co (COVERTOUS)

Debriefed: SSgt WILLIAMS

Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS, L701  
 Sheet 6757 IIIPATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 14 Enl and 1 USN
2. Mission: Establish a radio relay on Hill 707 on D-1 and conduct a ground recon of the valley in GS BS 4099, BS 4199, BS 4198 and BS 4298.
3. Time of Departure: 081115H May 66
4. Time of Return: 111800H May 66
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 79½ hours with 2 sightings of 10 VC/VCS. Many large well used trails were found in the area, all of which seemed to go in the general direction of BS 421986. At this location the patrol observed what appeared to be a large hole in the brush as though a trail leads up the hill. The patrol was observing this location from over 1,000 meters away so they couldn't be real sure.
7. Observation: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
081315H	BS 396997	The point of the patrol observed 5 VC with packs standing in a stream bed and 2 VC coming down a trail into the stream bed carrying rifles. All wore different colored PJ's. The patrol was informed and an ambush was set, but no contact resulted.
110852H	BS 414993	Three VCS moving E on trail wearing black PJ's. All carried large baskets which appeared to be empty.

8. Other Information: At BS 406984, punji traps, punji stakes, and five malayan whip traps were found. All were right on the trail and were pointing downhill. These traps appeared to be at least a month old. 8-10 trees were found in the area which had been used as OP sites, they were cleared to a height of 25' with vines wrapped around them for climbing purposes. In the vicinity of BS 407985 two harbour sites were found, each capable of holding 100 men. They appeared to be 1-2 months old and are not visible from the air because of the canopy. Trails were found around Hills 800 and 824 which were freshly cut, well worn and well traveled.

9. Results of Encounters with Enemy: None

10. Condition of patrol: Good

11. Recommendations and Conclusions: This area should be checked again, because of the abundance of well used trails, and the fact that someone is going to the trouble of keeping the trails open, the patrol leader feels that the VC are definitely using this area heavily.

*W. L. Hughes*

W. L. HUGHES  
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1st Plt, "D" Co

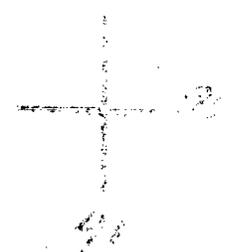
12. Additional Information by Debriefer: COB carries the 94th Bn (LF) as a probable unit located at BT 4000. Since the 94th is supposedly a headquarters control element for local and guerrilla forces in this area, they are probably responsible for keeping the trails open for movement of supplies, etc. The findings of this patrol; well used trails, freshly cut trails, two large harbour sites, indicates a well organized guerrilla local force unit operating in this area.

*G. E. Williams*

G. E. WILLIAMS  
SSgt USMC  
Debriefer

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion  
 GIU LAI, RVN  
 132000H May 1966

Frag Order 13-66  
 Team: 3rd Plt, "D" Co (DELIBERATE) (DELIBERATE)  
 Debriefing: SSgt WILLIAMS  
 Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, ADF, E701, Sheet 6756 IV

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 18 Enl, 3 USN
2. Mission: Establish surveillance of AN GIANG, TAY MY (1) and THACH BINH (1).
3. Time of Departure: 111700H May 1966
4. Time of Return: 131800H May 1966
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 49 hours with no VC sightings. Two small caves were found in the vicinity of BS 477898, one large enough for 1-2 persons, the other large enough for 4-5 persons. 400 lbs of rice was found in the larger cave and was destroyed by the patrol. A well constructed bridge is being built at BS 437395. This bridge is 5' wide with 4'x4' as supports. 60 mm mortar fire was heard in the area on the night of 12 May 1966.
7. Observations: None
8. Other Information: None
9. Encounters with Enemy: None
10. Condition of Patrol: Good
11. Recommendations and Conclusions: None
12. Additional Comments by Debriefing: None

*D. J. Anderson*  
 2nd Lt, D. J. ANDERSON  
 3rd Plt, "D" Co

*G. E. Williams*  
 SSgt G. E. WILLIAMS  
 Debriefing

PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY  
3rd Plt, "D" Co, 1st Bn, 1st Regt  
CHU LAI, RVN  
Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS:  
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Lt. ANDERSON - Patrol Leader  
152000H May 1966

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion  
CHU LAI, RVN  
172000H May 1966

Frag Order 14-66  
Team: 1st Plt, "D" Co (-) (Covetous)  
Debriefer: SSgt WILLIAMS  
Map: VIETNAM, 1,50,000, AMS, L701, Sheet 6757 IV

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 10 enl, 1 USN
2. Mission: 1st Plt(-) will establish observation of the PHOUC KHACH Valley and act as a radio relay for 2nd Plt, Company "D".
3. Time of Departure: 121600H
4. Time of Return: 171800H
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 126 1/2 hours with no VC sightings. An extensive well used trail network was found in the vicinity of BT 390040. These trails appeared to head N N W and were well kept and well traveled. A dud M-26 grenade was found at BT 389034. No attempt was made to blow it as the patrol leader felt that it might be booby trapped.
7. Observations: None
8. Other Information: None
9. Encounters with Enemy: None
10. Condition of Patrol: Fair, patrol members tired, only had 24 hours rest between patrols
11. Recommendations and Conclusions: That the trails found in the vicinity of BT 390040 be checked out. That Marines using this area maintain better trash discipline, C-ration cans found throughout the O.P. site

*K.C. Parks*  
Sgt. K.C. PARKS  
1st Plt "D" Co

12. Additional Information by Debriefer: None

*G.E. Williams*  
SSgt G.E. WILLIAMS  
Debriefer

PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY  
1st Plt, Co "D", 1st Recon Bn  
CHU LAI, RVN  
Map: VIBENAM, 1:50,000, AMS  
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Sgt K. S. PARKS, Patrol Leader  
172000H May 1966

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion  
 CHU LAM, RVN  
 181500 May66

Frag Order 15-66  
 Team: 2nd Plt "D" Co (CROSSTIDE)  
 Debriefer: SSgt WILLIAMS  
 Map: VIETNAM, 1,50,000 AMS, L701,  
 Sheets 6765 III & 6655 II


PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 18 enl, 1 USN
2. Mission: 2nd Platoon will establish surveillance of PHU THO (BT 310003) and TRUNG GIANH (BT 323010).
3. Time of Departure: 141800H
4. Time of Return: 181330H
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 9 1/2 hours with 4 sightings of 12 VC. At 151710H at BT 314010, 1 VC was KIA by the rear security element of the patrol. At 181130H at BT 311014 3 VC came into the patrol ambush, resulting in 2 VC KIA, 1 Model 1903 Springfield rifle captured, along with other material which has been forwarded to G-2. Three houses 8' x 25' were found and burned at BT 315009. Several items were taken from the houses and have been forwarded to G-2. When the houses were burned, several small secondary explosions were heard.
7. Observations: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
151710H	BT 314010	2 VC walked into the rear security element of the patrol. Patrol fired upon VC resulting in one VC KIA. In the same area 30-40 lbs of salt and 200 lbs of rice were found and destroyed.
161045H	BT 313015	2 VC moving NW in rice paddy. Wore black PJ's, both carried rifles.
161430H	BT 313015	5 VC moving S, wore black PJ's, shorts, all wore cartridge belts and carried rifles.
181130H	BT 311014	3 VC came into ambush. 2 VC KIA, 1 escaped. Patrol captured 1 Model 1903 Springfield rifle and a bag of documents, both of which were forwarded to higher authority.

8. Other Information: In GS 3101 & 3100 an extensive network of caves, bunkers, and trails were found. Each house in the area had a bunker near it. Most of the caves appeared to be 3-6 months old. There was very little civilian activity noted in the area.

9. Results of Encounters with Enemy: 3 VC KIA
10. Condition of the Patrol: Good
11. Recommendations and Conclusions: Area should be checked again.  
Marine Corps long range rations were used and found satisfactory,  
provided plenty of water in available.

*P. B. Goodwin*  
1st Lt. P. B. GOODWIN  
2nd Plt "D" Co

12. Additional Information by Debriefers: None

*G. E. Williams*  
SSgt G. E. WILLIAMS

PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY  
2nd Plt, 40th Co, 1st Regt. RM  
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Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, 48S,  
4701, Sheet 5765 I & 6615 II  
Lt. GOODALE - Patrol Leader  
181500H May 1966

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion  
CHU LAI, RVN  
201800 May66

Frag Order 16-66  
Team: 3rd Plt "D" Co (DELICATESSEN)  
Debriefed: SSgt WILLIAMS  
Map: VIETNAM, 1,50,000 AMS, L701,  
Sheet 6756 IV & 6757 III

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 20 enl, 1 USN
2. Mission: To conduct a ground reconnaissance of grid squares BS 4095, BS 4196, and BS 4296 to determine trail network in that area.
3. Time of Departure: 161700H
4. Time of Return: 201500H
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 94 hours with no VC sightings. The rice paddies in the area are not being worked and the village of TINH TRUNG (BS 435952) appears to be deserted. Trails in the area are old and did not appear to have been used for at least a month.
7. Observations: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
180930H	BS 406961	5 houses, poorly constructed of sticks were found. All were built 3ft off the ground and did not appear to have been used for 3-6 months. Fourteen marks were found on a tree near the houses, as though someone had been counting days.
181000H	BS 406963	8 houses and 9 caves were found. Houses were well constructed, but had not been used for 1-3 months. The caves were old and had not been used for 1-3 months.
190845H	BS 415968	3 houses, 40' X 10', 10' X 10', and 5' X 5' were found and destroyed by burning. The largest house could sleep 30-35 people, and contained double bunk. The houses were beginning to fall apart and had not been used for 2-4 months. 5 caves were found in the area. Four of the caves connected with one another, but the caves had not been used recently.

8. Other Information: None
9. Results of Encounters with Enemy: None
10. Condition of Patrol: Good

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11. Recommendations and Conclusions: That the village of TINH TRUNG not be used as a target for H & I fire, village is deserted and H & I fire is a waste of ammunition. That patrols be issued long range rations to lighten the load and cut down the bulkiness.

*D. J. Anderson*  
2ndLt. D.J. ANDERSON  
3rd Plt "D" Co.

12. Additional Information by Debriefers None

*G. E. Williams*  
SSgt G.E. WILLIAMS

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion  
 CHU LAI, RVN  
 241800H May 1966

Frag Order 17-66  
 Team: 1st Plt "D" Co (GOVETOUS)  
 Detrierer: SSgt WILLIAMS  
 Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS 1701  
 Sheet 6756

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 13 Enl, 1 USN
2. Mission: Establish observation of PHUCC LAM (1), and surrounding valley.
3. Time of Departure: 201400H
4. Time of Return: 241730H
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 99 $\frac{1}{2}$  hours with no VC sightings. The trails in the area are not being used and the rice paddies are not being worked. At BS 463921 3 huts, 5' X 5' built of sticks were found. Huts were old and had been blown apart by artillery. In the same vicinity 2 old rifles and 1 shotgun were found, all were old and rusty and had been damaged by artillery fire. Also found in the same area were what appeared to be parts of a human skeleton.
7. Observation (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATE</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
221130H	BS 474924H	1 VCS, 20-25 years old working in stream bed. VCS ran upon sighting the patrol, 7 shots were fired by the patrol. A search of the area revealed blood stains, but no other sign of the VCS.

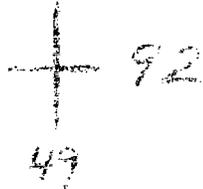
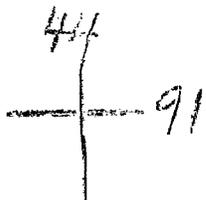
8. Other Information: At BS 467927 a large building 41' X 10' was found. Building was well constructed but was very old and starting to fall apart. At BS 458931 a used racket pod was found which appeared to be 1-3 months old.
9. Encounters with Enemy: None
10. Condition of Patrol: Good
11. Recommendations and Conclusions: None

*W. L. Hughes*  
 1stLt. W. L. HUGHES  
 1st Plt "D" Co.

12. Additional Comments by Debriefee: The fact that the trails in the area are not being used, and the rice paddies are not being worked indicates that the VC are not operating in this area.

*G. E. Williams*  
SSgt. G. E. WILLIAMS

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FILE

1st Reconnaissance Battalion  
 CHU LAI, RVN  
 290900H May 1966

Frag Order 18-66

Team: 3rd Plt (-), "D" Co (CASTILLIAN)

Debriefed: SSgt WILLIAMS

Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS, L701, Sheet 6757 III

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 8 Enl, 1 USN.
2. Mission: Establish a radio relay on Hill 410 vic BT 389035.
3. Time of Departure: 231700H.
4. Time of Return: 281800H.
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1).
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 121 hours with no VC sightings. Primary mission of patrol was to establish a radio relay.
7. Observation: None
8. Other Information: None
9. Encounters with Enemy: None
10. Condition of Patrol: Good
11. Recommendations and Conclusions: That units using this area as an OP site maintain better trash discipline. Many C-ration cans and boxes found on and around OP site.
12. Additional Comments by Debriefed: None

*Joseph Valdez*  
 Sgt. J. VALDEZ  
 Patrol Leader

*G.E. Williams*  
 SSgt G.E. WILLIAMS

PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY  
3rd Plt, "D" Co, 1st Bn, 1st A  
CHU LAI, RVN  
Map VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS, LTC  
Sheet, 6757 III  
Sgt VALDEZ - Patrol Leader  
290900H May 1966

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion  
 CHU LAI, RVN  
 301900H May 1966

Frag Order 19-66  
 Team: 2nd Plt "D" Co. (CROSSTIDE)  
 Debriefed: SSgt WILLIAMS  
 Map: VIETNAM, 1,50,000, AMS L701  
 Sheets 6657 I,II, 6757 III & IV

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 19 Enl, 1 USF
2. Mission: The 2nd Platoon will conduct surveillance of the PHU THEO Valley and conduct a ground reconnaissance of grid squares BT 3100, BT 3000, BT 2900 and BT 2901.
3. Time of Departure: 261730H
4. Time of Return: 301730H
5. See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 96 hours with 2 sightings of 8 VC. The village of PHU THEO appears to be VC controlled, the VC sighted moved freely through the area. A harbor site consisting of three huts capable of sleeping 12-17 people was found 70 meters from the village hidden in the woodline. It was noted that the people working in the rice paddies would leave the paddies and hide when helicopters would fly over the area. At 291300H at BT 295018 patrol found a harbor site large enough for 10-12 people. Site consisted of a large rock with the area hollowed out underneath for use as a cooking area. Two bamboo frames for use as lean-to shelters were found along with cooking utensils and other items. Several documents were found and have been forwarded to 9th ITT. Ashes found at this harbor site were still warm.
7. Observation (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
281355H	BT 304017	7 VC moving SW in rice paddy. Wore black PJ's, coolie hats, carried five rifle and one pack.
281443H	BT 307016	1 VC moving NW across rice paddy. Wore black PJ's and carried rifle and pack.
291300H	BT 295018	Found VC harbor site consisting of a large rock, with hollowed out area underneath for cooking and shelter. Two bamboo lean-to frames, cooking utensils, document, and other items were found. The ashes of a fire in the area were still warm indicating recent use. Harbor site was large enough for 10-12 people.

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8. Other Information: A new trail was found running from BT 303012 BT 304016. Trail was well used and concealed from air observation. In the vicinity of BT 295020, two five gallon cans were placed in trees approximately 400 meters apart. These cans were new and contained writing paper and fountain pens, wrapped in cloth and then wrapped in plastic, possibly some type of VC re-supply or message pick-up system.

9. Results of Encounter with the Enemy: None

10. Condition of Patrol: Good

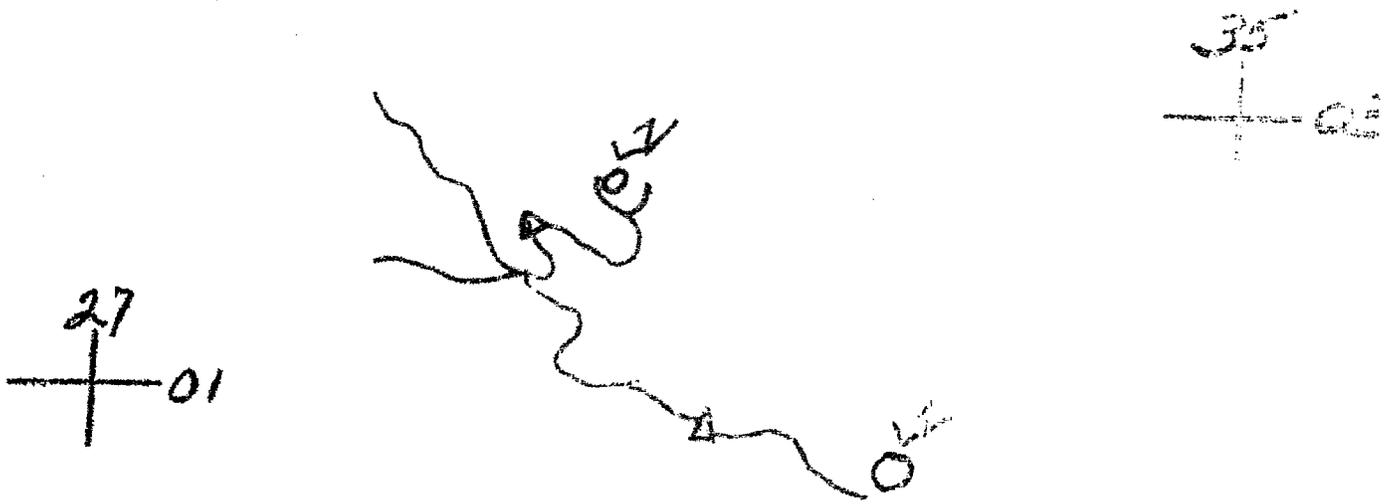
11. Recommendations and Conclusions: That this area be checked again, VC seem to control the area, especially the village of PHU THO. Patrol leader feels that the VC may be running a patrol SW down the valley from the village of XUAN BINH (BT 319020) to the village of PHU THO (BT 310014). On this mission, the patrol observed 7 VC carrying rifles, moving SW at BT 304017 at 201355H. On a previous mission in the same general area, 5 VC carrying rifles and moving SW were observed at BT 313015 at 161430H. The VC do not generally move at this time of day & the possibility exist that they run a patrol through the area periodically to scare the people and maintain their control.

*P. B. Goodwin*  
1st Lt P. B. GOODWIN  
2nd Plt "D" Co

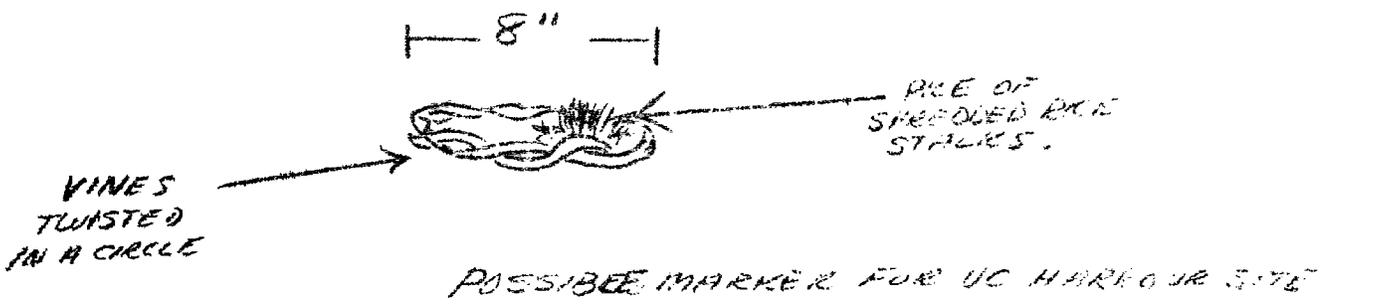
12. Additional Information by Debriefer: None

*G. E. Williams*  
SSgt G. E. WILLIAMS

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion  
 CEU LAI, RVN  
 291000H May66

Frog Order 20-66  
 Team: 1st Plt "D" Co. (COVEROUS)  
 Debriefor: SSgt WILLIAMS  
 Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS L701,  
 Sheet 6757 III

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 18 Enl, 1 USN
2. Mission: Conduct a ground reconnaissance of grid squares BS 4297, BS 4193, BS 4098, BS 4099, and BS 3999.
3. Time of Departure: 281800H
4. Time of Return: 281930H
5. Route: See attached overlay (Enclosure 1)
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 1½ hours with two sightings of at least 3 VCS. AS the patrol moved out of the LZ 8 members were WIA by punji stakes, including the patrol leader. Mod - evac was requested for 3 WIA and at this time it was decided to extract the whole patrol and abort the mission. The punji stakes were 18" - 24" long and covered a large area. Drum signals were heard from the time the patrol landed until they were extracted. Two rounds of SA fire were heard as the patrol landed.
7. Observation (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
281830H	BS 436984	1 VCS standing in rice paddy as helos landed. Black PJ's, no equipment observed.
281925H	BS 436984	2 VCS standing in rice paddy as patrol was extracted. Too dark to observe uniform or equipment.

8. Other Information: The trail leading out of the rice paddy had been recently used, but the rice paddy was overgrown and not being worked.

9. Results of Encounters with the Enemy: 8 USMC WIA by punji stakes, 3 mod - evac.
10. Condition of the Patrol: Fair
11. Recommendations and Conclusions: None
12. Additional Comments of Debriefor: None

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 1st Plt "D" Co.

*G. E. Williams*  
 SSgt G. E. WILLIAMS

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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY  
1st Plt, "D" Co, 1st Recon Bn  
CHU LAI, RVN  
Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS,  
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Lt. HUGHES - Patrol Leader  
291000H May 1966

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