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1st Reconnaissance Battalion

1. Organizational Data:

a. Location: 1st Reconnaissance Battalion (-)(Rein)
CHU LAI, Republic of Vietnam.

b. Period covered by this report: 1-31 December 1966

c. Name and grade of Executive Officer, Staff and Chief Subordinates:

- (1) Executive Officer Major F. RINEY
- (2) Officer in charge Detachment 1st Force Reconnaissance Company Major M. D. CHERETA
- (3) Commanding Officer Company "A" Capt E. J. CONNELLY
- (4) Commanding Officer Company "D" Capt R. A. CARNES
- (5) Officer in charge Detachment 3rd Plt, 3rd Force Reconnaissance Company 1stLt G. E. STERN
- (6) Commanding Officer H&S Company Capt L. K. NELSON
- (7) Adjutant/S-1 Sgt/Major J. H. FILLBACK
- (8) S-2 Officer Gy/Sgt J. L. WILLIAMS
- (9) S-3 Officer Major G. R. JOHNSTON
- (10) Assistant S-3 Officer 1stLt G. W. JONES
- (11) S-4 Officer Gy/Sgt W. G. BAPTIST
- (12) Supply Officer 1stLt D. J. LITTLEJOHN
- (13) Motor Transport Officer 1stLt J. P. EMMI
- (14) Communications Officer Capt L. K. NELSON
- (15) Battalion Sergeant Major Sgt/Major J. H. FILLBACK

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Personnel, CHU LAI

2. Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events:

a. Personnel. During December 20 enlisted personnel and no officers detached from the Battalion at Chu Lai. A total of 32 personnel were joined to the Battalion in Chu Lai. A critical shortage exists in supply personnel.

b. Administration. During the reporting period, one marine was tried for violation of Article 134.

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c. Intelligence. During the period, intelligence information disseminated by the 1st Marine Division has been a major factor in the employment of reconnaissance units. By the same token, intelligence gathered by elements of this battalion is immediately forwarded to Division for action or further dissemination to significant units.

d. Training. The Battalion NBC NCO conducted classes in NBC warfare and a gas mask exercise was given. Additionally, training in military subjects continue to be conducted on the company level.

3. Miscellaneous. There were 4 purple heart medals awarded to personnel of this command during the reporting period.

4. Operations.

a. The 1st Reconnaissance Battalion(-)(Rein) in general support of Task Force X-Ray maintained its elements deployed outside periphery of the CHU LAI TAOR. Additionally deep reconnaissance was conducted in the TIN PHUOC area of QUANG TIN Province and the MO DUC area of QUANG NGAI Province. Direct Support Missions were as follows:

(1) Command group "A" consisting of "A" Company Headquarters, 3rd Plt, "A" Company, 3rd Plt, "D" Company, 2nd Plt, 1st Force Recon Company and 3rd Plt, 3rd Force Recon Company were in Support of Operation SUMMER during the period of 2 - 7 December 1966.

(2) 1st Plt, "D" Company, and 4th Plt, 1st Force Recon Company were in Support of Operation CORTEZ during 7 - 9 December 1966.

(3) "A" Company Cmd Grp, "D" Company Cmd Grp, 2nd Plt "A" Company, 1st and 3rd Plt "D" Company, 2nd and 6th Plt 1st Force Recon Company and 1st Plt 3rd Force Recon Company participated in Operation SIERRA during the period 12 - 31 December 1966.

b. General Support Missions.

(1) During the reporting period 44 platoon size patrols were conducted resulting in 79 sightings totaling 925 VC/VCS. 20 VC were confirmed KLA's; 58 VC KLA probable; 19 VC WIA confirmed; 4 VC WIA probable; and 3 VC captured. 3 weapons were captured. 10 USMC were wounded in action during the period.

(2) Appendix B contains the patrol report numbers for the period.

(3) During the period 4 - 5 December 1966, 3rd Plt Company "A" was in support of 7th Marines for an Arc Light Assessment vicinity BS 4185.

(4) During the period 6 - 7 December 1966 2nd Plt Company "A" was in support of K Company 3/5 for an Arc Light Assessment vicinity BT 1519.

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(3) During the period 6-7 November 1966, "D" Company headquarters, 1st Platoon, "D" Company and 3rd Platoon, "C" Company assessed the damage of a B-52 strike vicinity M' 9818.

5. Communications. 1st Reconnaissance Battalion continues to maintain personnel at strategic locations in the CMU LAL, TAOB to act as radio relay for elements deployed on deep reconnaissance missions.

6. Civil Affairs/Civil Action. This Battalion in conjunction with the 3rd Amphibian Tractor Battalion continues to provide an adequate civil affairs program. Twice a week (Monday and Friday) the Civil Affairs Officer, doctors and corporals coordinate their efforts with the village chief of M' 9818 to provide a timely and efficient Civil Affairs Program. In this connection reconnaissance elements have established cordial relations at MINE BONG and the Montagnard outpost at BS 635588, mainly by the judicious use of corporals administering to the basic medical needs of local inhabitants.

APPENDICES:

A - References

B - Patrol reports

C - Daily Summary of Significant Events

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UNIT DIARY

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Appendix A to Enclosure (2)

DOCUMENTATION

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Appendix B to Enclosure (1) to Commanding Officer 1st Recon Bn

Annex 1 ✓	(Bn Frag Order 37-66)
Annex 2 ✓	(Bn Frag Order 38-66)
Annex 3 ✓	(Bn Frag Order 39-66)
Annex 4 ✓	(Bn Frag Order 40-66)
Annex 5 ✓	(Patrol Report of 3 Dec 66- 2/A 1/A)
Annex 6 ✓	(Patrol Report of 4 Dec 66-2/D)
Annex 7 ✓	(Patrol Report of 4 Dec 66-2/A)
Annex 8 ✓	(Patrol Report of 5 Dec 66-2/1st Force)
Annex 9 ✓	(Patrol Report of 5 Dec 66-6/1st Force)
Annex 10 ✓	(Patrol Report of 6 Dec 66-4/1st Force)
Annex 11 ✓	(Patrol Report of 6 Dec 66-2/A)
Annex 12 ✓	(Patrol Report of 8 Dec 66-3/3rd Force)
Annex 13 ✓	(Patrol Report of 9 Dec 66-1/D)
Annex 14 ✓	(Patrol Report of 12 Dec 66-3/A)
Annex 15 ✓	(Patrol Report of 12 Dec 66-6/1st Force)
Annex 16	(Patrol Report of 12 Dec 66-3/A) missing
Annex 17 ✓	(Patrol Report of 13 Dec 66-2/1st Force)
Annex 18 ✓	(Patrol Report of 13 Dec 66-4/1st Force)
Annex 19 ✓	(Patrol Report of 13 Dec 66-2/D)
Annex 20 ✓	(Patrol Report of 13 Dec 66-3/D)
Annex 21 ✓	(Patrol Report of 14 Dec 66-2/A)
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Annex 23 ✓	(Patrol Report of 16 Dec 66-1/D)
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Annex 30 ✓	(Patrol Report of 21 Dec 66-1/A)
Annex 31 ✓	(Patrol Report of 23 Dec 66-3/A)
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Annex 34 ✓	(Patrol Report of 26 Dec 66-3/D)
Annex 35 ✓	(Patrol Report of 27 Dec 66-1/D)
Annex 36 ✓	(Patrol Report of 27 Dec 66-1/A)
Annex 37 ✓	(Patrol Report of 27 Dec 66-3/3rd Force)
Annex 38 ✓	(Patrol Report of 28 Dec 66-2/D)
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Annex 40 ✓	(Patrol Report of 29 Dec 66-2/1st Force)
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Patrol Report of 10 Dec 66 1/A
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Appendix "B"

1st Recon Bn (-)
1st MAR Div

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion
CHU LAI, RVN
051630H November 1966

Bn Frag Order 34-66
Team: 2nd Plt, Co "C"
Debriefed: Gysgt WILLIAMS
Maps: AMS Series L7014
Sheet 6639 I

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Officer, 16 enlisted, 1 USN
2. Mission: Establish an OP on Hill 679 vic BT 071099.
3. Time of Departure: 021645H November 1966
4. Time of Return: 051600H November 1966
5. Route: See attached overlay.
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 71 hours with 4 sightings of 11 VC/VCS. Two fire missions were called, good coverage on target. 1 VC KIA (Prob).
7. Observations: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATIONS</u>
041430H	BT 071098	Received 3 rds of S/A fire, saw possible VC in bush.
051520H	BT 078099	Received 20 rds A/W fire. Fire returned by patrol.
050730H	BT 070099	Found small blood trail.
050930H	BT 097085	5 VCS, blk PJ's. They split up with 1 running to the East and 1 running to the West into the bush.
051100H	BT 077097	1 VC, blk PJ's, M-1 rifle, approached patrol OP. Patrol fired, 1 VC KIA (Prob).
051130H	BT 075099	3 VC, blk PJ's, moved into tree line. 1 rifle. Fire mission, excellent coverage of area.

8. Other Information: Insert LZ, good 1 bird zone vic BT 071105, 5' -6' Kuni grass. Area primary and secondary growth jungle. Extract LZ, good 2 bird zone vic BT 071099, good defensive area. Large creek not shown on map from vic BT 070101 to BT 082084.

9. Results of Encounters with the Enemy: 1 VC KIA (Prob)
10. Condition of Patrol: Good
11. Conclusions and Recommendations: No late inserts be made.

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L. P. WOODBURN
1st Lt USMC
Patrol Leader

12. Comments by Debriefers: None

J. L. Williams

J. L. WILLIAMS
Capt USMC
Debriefers

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CHU LAI, RVN
101700H November 1966Bn Frag Order 35-66
Teams: 1st Plt, Co "A"
Debriefers: GySgt WILLIAMS
Maps: AMS L7014 Sheet 6739 III

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 1 Off, 26 Enl, 1 USMC
2. Mission: Conduct Arc Light assessment vicinity of BS 435855. Patrol will be OTCON to A/1/5.
3. Time of Departure: 091450H November 1966
4. Time of Return: 101450H November 1966
5. Route: See attached overlay
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 24 hours. Patrol was OTCON to CO A/1/5. Patrol covered assigned area for Arc Light assessment. 36 craters were covered, average size 6-8 feet in depth, 30 feet in diameter, with a 40-60 meter blast area. Craters averaged 200 meters apart.
7. Observations: There was no evidence of VC in the area. Paddies in the area uncultivated. Canopy to 35' high. Rocky terrain, stream to 30' wide, 6' to 6" deep. On flat ground coverage was good. 36 craters were covered in area assigned to patrol. Craters ranged from 3' to 20' deep, 30' diameter, 40-80 meter blast area. Craters were from 20-500 meters apart.
8. Other Information: Insert L4 vic BS 446841, large dry uncultivated paddy, to 16 bird zone. This area is terraced. Patrol found 2 man made holes, 1 round hole 15' diameter, 18-20 feet deep. 1 square hole 15'x15', 18-20 feet deep.
9. Results of Encounters with the Enemy: None
10. Condition of Patrol: Good
11. Conclusions and Recommendations: Possible OP site vic BS 434850.

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1st Plt, Co "A"
Patrol Leader

12. Additional Comments by Debriefers: None

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Chu Lai, RVN
291300H November 1966

Bn Frag Order 36-66
Team: 3rd Plt, Co "A"
Debriefed: GySgt WILLIAMS
Maps: AMS Series L701
Sheet 6755 I

PATROL REPORT

1. Size and Composition: 15 enlisted, 1 USN, 3 NGF Spot Team.
2. Mission: Establish OP in Montagnard village via BS 635588. Provide scty and assistance for NGF Spot Team.
3. Time of Departure: 211530H November 1966
4. Time of Return: 291600H November 1966
5. Route: None
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 8 days with 3 sightings of 6 VC. 1 NGF mission was called on fortified position spotted by AO. 1 Arty mission and 3 NGF mission were called resulting in 5 VC KIA(Prob), 1 sampan destroyed and 1 house destroyed.
7. Observations: (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATIONS</u>
230815H	BS 644572	1 VC moving E on trail, blk pj's, coolie hat, 1 rifle. NGF called, results unk.
231400H	BS 608547	2 VC-1 sampan. NGF called, 1 sampan destroyed, 2 VC (Prob).
231740H	BS 685555	NGF mission on fortified position reported by AO. 30 rounds on target, results unk.
240840H	BS 659565	3 VC coming out of house, blk pj's, coolie hats, 2 rifles. Called fire mission and NGF, excellent coverage of target. 1 house destroyed, 3 VC KIA (Prob).

8. Other Information: The outpost is made up of 2 camps. There are 100 Montagnards in the two camps with 10 ARVN, possible advisors. The local force was impressed with the Med-Cap and Civic Action held by the patrol. The Montagnards are friendly, but speak no english.

9. Results of Encounters with the Enemy: 5 VC KIA(Prob), 1 Sampan destroyed, 1 house destroyed.

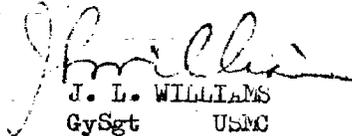
10. Condition of Patrol: Good

11. Conclusions and Recommendations: Next patrol take rat traps, disinfectant for the heads, Med-Cap kit.



V. C. POLK
SSgt USMC
Patrol Leader

12. Comments by Debriefer: None



J. L. WILLIAMS
GySgt USMC
Debriefer

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DAILY SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1 November

1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHOUC via BT 111141. Neg sightings dur pd.
2. 1 Sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" was extracted at 010900H after 475 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs of providing sety at Ha THANH via BS 395700. Neg sightings dur pd.
3. 3rd Plt, Co "C" was inserted at 010630H to conduct grd recon/obser via BS 595554.
 - (a) 011355H 8 VC milling around stream via BS 602548, blk PJ's, and poncho's. Carrying 2 rifles (type unk). Remarks; NGF called, VC dispersed, neg results.
4. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG via BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide sety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.
5. 1st Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser via BS 535515. Neg sightings dur pd.

2 November

1. 4 man radio-relay tm fm "A" Co & H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHOUC via BT 111141. Neg sightings dur pd.
2. 3rd Plt, Co "A" was inserted at 021730H to conduct grd recon/obser via BS 437722. Neg sightings dur pd.
3. 2nd Plt, Co "C" was inserted at 021700H to conduct grd recon/obser via BT 068101. Neg sightings dur pd.
4. 3rd Plt, Co "C" was extracted at 021100H after 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs of conducting grd recon/obser via BS 595554. 4 sightings were made with a total of 57 VC reported. 1 Fixed wing strike was called with unk results.
 - (a) 020850H Med-Evac; marine stepped on mine. 2 USMC WIA.
 - (b) 021019H 45 VC to W, taking small arms and auto wpns fire. Req air strike.
 - (c) 021030H probed fm rear by est 5 VC, patrol opened fire, HUIE made pass at area. Upon extraction, helo's received sniper fire.
5. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG via BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide sety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.
6. 1st Plt, Co "D" was extracted at 021430H after 222 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs of conducting grd recon/obser via BS 535515. 3 sightings were made with a total of 27 VC reported. Neg sightings dur pd.

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7. 2nd Plt, Co "B" was inserted at 021600H to conduct grd recon/obser vic BT 013145. Neg sightings dur pd.

8. 3rd Plt, Co "D" was inserted at 021300H to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 535515. Neg sightings dur pd.

3 November

1. 4 man radio-relay tm fm "A" Co and H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHOUC vic BT 111141. Neg sightings dur pd.

2. 3rd Plt, Co "A" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 437722.

(a) 031020H 6 VC, 3 walking N and 3 walking S on trail vic BS 453726. Green, blk, grey utilities, 6 packs and 3 rifles camouflaged. FM called with neg results.

(b) 031055H 1 VC walking N on trail vic BS 453726. Blk PJ's, pack and rifle (type unk). No FM called.

(c) 031210H 1 VC moving N on trail vic BS 448727, green PJ's, pack and rifle (type unk). No FM called.

(d) 031400H 20 VC moving N on trail vic BS 446733, mixed green and blk PJ's. Carrying packs and rifles (type unk); Remarks: FM delayed due to clearance, target moving out of sight. Poor coverage of target area when FM fired.

3. 2nd Plt, Co "C" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BT 068101. Neg sightings dur pd.

4. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide sety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

5. 2nd Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BT 013145. Neg sightings dur pd.

6. 3rd Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 535515. Neg sightings dur pd.

4 November

1. 4 man radio-relay tm fm "A" Co and H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHOUC vic BT 111141. Neg sightings dur pd.

2. 1st Plt, Co "A" was inserted at 040800H to conduct grd recon/OP on Hill 338 vic BS 415848.

(a) 041425H 1 VC and 5 rice coolies moving w carrying rice w/VC guard, vic BS 414871, 4 blk PJ's, 1 blk PJ bottom, white top, 1 rifle, cartridge belt, went into village. At 1445H 5 rice coolies heading east along rd w/out rice or VC guard.

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3. 3rd Plt, Co "A" was extracted at 041600H after 46½ hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic BS 437722. 12 sightings were made with a total of 103 VC reported. 7 FM were called, 10 VC KIA (prob) results. 1 fixed wing strike was called with unk results.

(a) 031030H LATE ENTRY 16 VC digging trench vic BS 435742, mixed gray, green and blk PJ's, carrying packs, rifles (type unk), and shovels. FM called, good coverage, 10 VC KIA (prob).

(b) LATE ENTRY 031640H 3 VC moving N on trail vic BS 445735, green and blk PJ's, carrying 1 pack and 1 rifle (type unk). No FM called.

(c) LATE ENTRY 031715H 4 VC watching arty strike vic BS 435740, mixed PJ's. FM called, VC dispersed.

(d) LATE ENTRY 031750H 2 VC moving N vic BS 448740, blk, green and khaki PJ's, carrying 2 packs. No FM called, target moved out of sight too fast.

(e) 040735H 1 VC moving E on trail vic BS 453725, khaki shirt, blk trousers, carrying 1 pack. No FM called, arty refused mission because of size of target.

(f) 040805H 2 VC moving NW vic BS 431742, blk PJ's, carrying cartridge belt, rifle (type unk). No FM called.

(g) 040930H 7 VC, 3 moving S, 4 moving N vic BS 448730, blk and green mixed PJ's, carrying 4 packs, and 3 rifles (type unk). FM clearance took too long, got 1 rd, but was 1500 meters off target.

(h) 041300H plt strength VC approaching our position. Camouflage utilities, equip unk. No fire fight yet. We saw first and fired mines. 1 friendly WIA fm mines, not serious. This is only avenue out of our position. We are against the cliff. No way of breaking contact. Req extraction, LZ this position.

4. 2nd Plt, Co "C" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BT 068101.

(a) 041320H 1 auto wpn firing into position vic BT 078099, uniform unk, 1 auto wpn.

(b) 041430H 1 or more VC shooting into position vic BT 071098, uniform unk, 1 or more rifles.

(c) 041520H 2 or more VC firing at patrol vic BT 072088 and BT 074098, uniform unk, 1 rifle, 1 auto wpn.

5. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (dein), 1/7 cont to provide scy and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

6. 2nd Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BT 013145.

(a) 041400H 1 VC limping badly on left leg crossing stream vic BT 015119, blk shorts, no hat or shirt, carrying small bundle.

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7. 3rd Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 535515. Neg sightings dur pd.

5 November

1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHOUC vic BT 111141. Neg sightings dur pd.

2. 1st Plt, Co "A" cont to conduct grd recon/OP on Hill 338 vic BS 415848.

(a) 051335H 6 VC, 2 VC signaling with pyrotechnics in treeline. VC gathering at signal, vic BS 408867, 2 khaki, 4 blk PJ's, 4 rifles, 4 cartridge belts. FM called, VC conversed for a few minutes, then 1 VC ran N, 2 VC ran S. after 1st arty rd VC scattered except for two. Good coverage, 2 VC KIA (prob)

3. 1st Plt, Co "B" was inserted at 051400H to conduct grd recon/OP on Hill 488 vic BT 131203. Neg sightings dur pd.

4. 2nd Plt, Co "B" was inserted at 051430H to conduct grd recon/OP on Hill 488 vic BT 131203. Neg sightings dur pd.

5. 2nd Plt, Co "C" was extracted at 051530H after 70½ hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic BT 068101. 4 sightings were made with a total of 6 VC reported.

(a) 051120H 1 VC fired into patrol vic BT 077097, returned fire, 1 KIA (prob). No FM called.

(b) 051130H 3 VC or more moved into treeline vic BT 075099, blk PJ's, carrying 1 rifle (type unk). FM called, excellent coverage, unable to observe results.

6. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scy and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

7. 2nd Plt, Co "D" was extracted at 051430H after 70½ hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic BT 013145. 2 sightings were made with a total of 3 VC reported. 2 FM were called, resulting in 1 VC KIA (prob).

(a) 051225H 2 VC moved into house vic BT 009129, blk PJ's, 1 rifle. Called FM, good effect, 1 VC KIA (prob).

8. 3rd Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 535515. Neg sightings dur pd.

6 November

1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHOUC vic BT 111141. Neg sightings dur pd.

2. 1st Plt, Co "A" was extracted at 061500H after 55 hrs of conducting grd recon/OP on Hill 338 vic BS 415848. 4 sightings were made with a total of 9 VC reported. 1 FM was called, resulting in 2 VC KIA (prob).

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- (a) 060755H 40 VCS standing on road in column vic BS 403873, mixed PJ's. Spotter plane requested, VCS scattered when spotter plane made run.
3. 1st Plt, Co "B" cont to conduct grd recon/OP on Hill 488 vic BT 131203. Neg sightings dur pd.
4. 2nd Plt, Co "B" cont to conduct grd recon/OP on Hill 488 vic BT 131203. Neg sightings dur pd.
5. Co "D" Hq with attachments, 1st Plt, Co "D" and 3rd Plt, Co "C" was inserted at 060530H to conduct grd recon/damage assessment for Aro Light vic AT 9918. Neg sightings dur pd.
6. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic PS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide sety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.
7. 3rd Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 535515. Neg sightings dur pd.

7 November

1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHOUC vic BT 111141. Neg sightings dur pd.
2. 1st Plt, Co "B" cont to conduct grd recon/OP on Hill 488 vic BT 131204.
- (a) 070650H 1 VC standing in draw vic BT 129204, patrol engaged with small arms, unk results.
3. 2nd Plt, Co "B" cont to conduct grd recon/OP on Hill 488 vic BT 132203.
- (a) LATE ENTRY 062200H 1 to 3 VC moving up gully vic BT 130200. VC set off defensive trip flare, patrol threw 3 grenades, enemy dispersed.
- (b) 070150H unk no of VC, threw 2 grenades into patrols defensive position vic BT 311201. Patrol threw 4 grenades, plus 2 illumination grenades. No friendly casualties, enemies unk.
- (c) 070215H 1 VC crawling E into OP vic BT 131204, green utilities, with bushes for camouflage, carrying rifle (type unk). FM called, good coverage, also patrol fired small arms and threw 5 grenades. Results: found no signs of body in morning.
- (d) 070400H 6 to 8 VC moving up NE slope on line to our position vic BT 138202, green uniforms, carrying cartridge belts and rifles (type unk). Patrol engaged with small arms fire, grenades, and M-79. FM called, enemy dispersed with unk results. No friendly casualties.
4. 3rd Plt, Co "B" was inserted at 070730H to conduct grd recon/OP vic BS 635588.

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(a) 071145H 1 VC moved fm N along trail into village vic BS 659572, dark clothing, carrying pack and rifle (type unk). No FM called.

5. Co "D" Hq with attachments, 1st Plt, Co "D", and 3rd Plt, Co "C" was extracted at 071600H after 3 1/2 hrs of conducting grd recon/damage assessment of Arc Light vic AT 9918. Neg sightings dur pd.

6. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay at MLNH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide acty and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

7. 3rd Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 535515. Neg sightings dur pd.

8 November

1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEM PHOUC vic BT 111141. Neg sightings dur pd.

2. 3rd Plt, Co "A" was inserted at 081000H to conduct grd recon/OP on Hill 990 vic BT 058166. Neg sightings dur pd.

3. 1st Plt, Co "B" was extracted at 081500H after 71 hrs of conducting grd recon/OP on Hill 488 vic BT 131204. 1 sighting was made with a total of 1 VC reported. Neg sightings dur pd.

4. 2nd Plt, Co "B" was extracted at 081500H after 71 1/2 hrs of conducting grd recon/OP on Hill 488 vic BT 132203. 7 sightings were made with a total of 26 VC reported. 4 FM were called.

(a) 072130H LATE ENTRY 2 VC climbing up hill fm S into patrols position vic BT 132202, carrying rifles (type unk). Patrol fired M-79 and used illumination grenade, VC dispersed.

(b) 072230H LATE ENTRY 5 VC approaching OP fm NE, vic BT 134205 wearing green utilities and carrying rifles (type unk). Patrol req illumination fm arty, also engaged enemy with small arms and M-79. VC observed running back down hill. No friendly casualties, enemy unk.

(c) 080200H to 080430H 5 VC attempted to infiltrate patrols defensive position fm S vic BT 132201, blk PJ's, carrying rifles (type unk). Patrol requested illumination fm arty, also engaged enemy with small arms and M-79. Enemy dispersed, no friendly casualties, enemy casualties unk.

5. 3rd Plt, Co "B" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 635588.

(a) 071835H LATE ENTRY 4 VC in two sampans moving SW on river vic BS 656580. FM called, unable to determine results due to darkness. Good coverage.

(b) 081430H 15 VC moving E along trail vic BS 629561, blk PJ's, carrying weapons (type unk). Remarks: patrol took enemy under fire with .50 cal, then called NGF on target. Good coverage, 10 VC KIA (proc).

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(c) 081535H 3 VC moving E on trail vic BS 635170, blk PJ's, no covers. Patrol took enemy under fire with .50 cal then called NGF. Excellent coverage, 2 VC KIA (conf).

6. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scy and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

7. 2nd Plt, Co "D" was inserted at 081130H to conduct grd recon/OP on Hill 542 vic BT 078169.

(a) 081300H to 081400H 8 VC moving along trail, 5 VC moving S, 3 moving N. Uniforms are mixed PJ's, 1 grey green uniform, carrying 1 rifle (type unk). 2 VC carrying boots in hand, and 1 VC had 1 small bundle in hand. No FM called.

(b) 081440H 3 VC moving on trail, 1 VC going N, 2 VC going S, vic BS 044183, blk PJ's, 1 with white top, 1 carrying large pack, and 1 with small pack. Request AO-E to check out area at vic BS 044183 for probable harbor site or hospital.

8. 3rd Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 535515. Neg sightings dur pd.

9 November

1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHOUC vic BT 111141. Neg sightings dur pd.

2. 1st Plt, Co "A" OPCON to Co "A" 1/5 was inserted at 091500H to conduct grd recon/damage assessment for Arc Light vic BS 435855. Neg sightings dur pd.

3. 3rd Plt, Co "A" cont to conduct grd recon/OP on Hill 590 vic BT 058166. Neg sightings dur pd.

4. 3rd Plt, Co "B" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 635588.

(a) 081745H 3 VC crossing river vic BS 773582, carrying 1 rifle (type unk). Patrol took VC under fire with .50 cal. Results unk.

(b) 090725H 3 VC crossing river vic BS 775583, blk PJ's, carrying 1 rifle (type unk). Patrol took VC under fire with .50 cal. Results unk.

5. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scy and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

6. 2nd Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/OP on Hill 542 vic BT 038169.

(a) 081715H 5 VCS moving down trail, 1 going N, 4 going S, vic BS 038188, blk PJ's, and 1 white PJ top. 1 VC going N carrying large white sack over shoulders. 5 VC traveling carrying pole, and heavy bundles.

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(b) 081630H 6 VC moving S on trail vic BT 038188, blk PJ's, coolie hats, carrying 1 large green pack, 2 VC with cartridge belts, 1 VC with pots in net pack. Remarks: VC entering area vic BT 044183. VC coming from the N use stream bed, and VC going N used trail E side of stream. No FM called.

(c) 081700H 2 VCS moving S on trail vic BT 038188, blk PJ's, white hats carrying long pole with large white bag on foot, and large deep basket in rear. No FM called.

(d) 081700H 4 VC moving S on trail vic BT 028188, 3 with blk PJ's, and 1 with light grey, carrying 1 rifle (type unk) and 1 ruck sack. Remarks: VC ducked into bush on sighting HULE. No FM called.

(e) 081745H 4 VC moving N on trail vic BT 038188, 3 blk PJ's, 1 green utilities, and 1 white top, blk PJ's carrying 2 rucksacks, 1 large pack and 1 bag. No FM called.

(f) 081730H 1 VC moving S on trail vic BT 038188, blk PJ's, carrying white cloth in hand. No FM called.

(g) 081745H 6 VC (2 women) moving S on trail vic BT 038188, blk PJ's 2 VC women carrying poles with bundles, men carrying packs, and 1 rifle (type unk). No FM called.

(h) 081747H 1 VC moving S on trail vic BT 038188, blk PJ's, coolie hat, carrying pack and large bundle. No FM called.

(i) 081800H 3 VC moving N on trail vic BT 038188, blk PJ's, 1 with grey top, carrying 3 poles, No FM called.

(j) 081805H 5 VCS moving N on trail vic BT 038188, 3 blk PJ's, 2 blk bottoms and white tops. No FM called.

(k) 081813H 9 VC moving N on trail vic BT 038188, 7 blk PJ's, 2 khaki uniforms. No FM called.

(l) 081815H 6 VC moving S on trail vic BT 038188, 1 full khaki uniform, with a (Sam Browne) belt, 1 khaki top and blk bottom, and 4 blk PJ's, carrying stick with bundles; 1 carbine (type unk), 1 grp of 4 men, 1 has hands tied behind his back, last man in full khaki's. No FM called.

(m) 081825H 3 VCS moving S on trail vic BT 038188, blk PJ's, no FM called.

(n) 090735H 10 VC moving N on trail vic BT 038188, 7 blk PJ's, 3 khaki, carrying 3 cartridge belts. No FM called.

(o) 091020H 4 VC moving S on trail vic BT 031188, 2 blk PJ's, 1 green utilities, 1 pack 1 carbine (type unk). 2 VC in blk PJ's, carrying VC in hammock slung on pole. No FM called.

(p) 091100H 2 VC moving N on trail vic BT 038188, grey/green utilities. Carrying 1 small pack. No FM called.

(q) 091120H 2 VC moving N on trail vic BT 038188, blk PJ bottoms, green tops. Remarks: both walking with pole; as came. No FM called.

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(r) 091340H 2 VC moving S on trail vic BT 038188, blk tops, white shorts, white hats. No FM called.

(s) 091400H 2 VC moving N on trail vic BT 038188, green utilities, carrying 1 rifle (type unk), 2 cartridge belts. No FM called.

(t) 091425H 1 VC female moving S on trail vic BT 038188, blk shirt, green utility blouse, coolie hat, carrying 1 rifle (type unk). No FM called.

(u) 091550H 11 VC moving N on trail vic BT 038188, blk PJ's, carrying 1 pole with green bundle on front, white bundle on rear. No FM called.

(v) 091550H 6 VC moving S on trail, 2 VC carrying man on stretcher vic BT 038188, blk PJ's, 1 with blk bottoms and green utility top, carrying 2 packs no FM called.

(w) 091630H 5 VC moving S on trail vic BT 038188, 3 blk PJ's, 1 in white shorts w/ green utility shirt, 1 in grey, carrying 1 pack, cartridge belt, 1 small bundle. No FM called.

(x) 091640H 2 VC moving N on trail vic BT 038188, 1 in PJ's, 1 in green utilities. No FM called.

7. 3rd Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 535515. Neg sightings dur pd.

(a) 3rd Plt, Co "D" will leave MINH LONG vic BS 535515 at 100200H and proceed by foot patrol to vic BS 512485 to establish 2 Co size CIDG patrols. will leave MINH LONG and patrol in 3rd Plt, Co "D" area. 3rd Plt, Co "D" will act as FO for CIDG patrols plus maintain obser of surrounding area.

10 November

1. 3 mai radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHOUIC vic BT 111141. Neg sightings dur pd.

2. 1st Plt, Co "A" was released fm OPCON Co "A" 1/5 at 101430H after 21 1/2 hrs of conducting grd recon/damage assesment for Arc Light vic BS 435855. Neg sightings dur pd.

3. 3rd Plt, Co "A" was extracted at 101530H after 53 1/2 hrs of conducting grd recon/OP on Hill 590 vic BT 058166. No sightings were made. Neg sightings dur pd.

4. 3rd Plt Co "B" was extracted at 101430H after 77 1/2 hrs of conducting grd recon/observic BS 635588. 8 sightings were made with a total of 31 VC reported. 3 FM were called. Naval Gun Fire and patrol using .50 cal reported 3 VC KIA (conf).

(a) 101150H 2 VC in sampan (boat) moving across river vic BS 648575, blk PJ's. Patrol took target under fire with .50 cal, damaging sampan and 1 VC WIA (prob).

(b) 101240H 2 VC in sampan (boat) moving equipment across river vic BS 646574, dark clothing. Patrol took target under fire with .50 cal damaging sampan and 1 VC KIA (conf).

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5. 2d Plt, Co "C" was inserted at 101400H to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 635588. Neg sightings dur pd.

6. 3rd Plt, Co "C" was inserted at 100730H to conduct grd recon/OP on hill 253 vic BT 181205.

(a) 100800H patrol has found 3 booby-traps, 1 appears to be a helicopter booby-trap vic BT 181205.

7. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scty and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

8. 1st Plt, Co "D" was inserted at 100730H to conduct grd recon/OP on Hill 406 vic BT 169203.

(a) 101120H VC sniping at patrol vic BT 175193, weapon 1 rifle. Remarks: FM called, good coverage. Unable to determine damage due to foliage.

9. 2nd Plt, Co "D" was extracted at 101530H after 52 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic BT 038169. 34 sightings were made with a total of 134 VC reported. 6 FM were called.

(a) 091715H 3 VC moving S on trail vic BT 039189, blk PJ's, carrying packs, rifles (type unk) and 1 basket with vegetables. FM called, good coverage. Results not determined due to foliage.

(b) 091740H 2 VC moving S on trail vic BT 038188, blk PJ's, carrying 2 packs, and 2 rifles (type unk). FM called, excellent effect on target. Results not determined due to foliage in target area.

(c) 091830H 2 VC moving S in stream bed vic BT 039189, blk PJ's, carrying 2 packs and 2 rifles (type unk). FM called, excellent coverage on target. Results 2 VC KIA (prob)

(d) 101030H 3 VC moving S in stream bed vic BT 039189, 1 blk PJ's 2 in shorts. Remarks: 1 man carrying another man piggyback; FM called, good coverage, lost target in tree line. Results unk.

(e) 101055H 6 VC moving N in stream bed vic BT 038189, blk PJ's, carrying 2 packs, 2 rifles (type unk). FM called, target moved into tree line, results unk.

(f) 101105H 4 VC women moving N in stream bed vic BT 038189, blk PJ's carrying 3 packs. No FM called.

(g) 101115H 1 VC moving S in stream bed vic BT 038189, camouflage utilities, carrying 1 rifle (type unk). No FM called, aircraft in area.

(h) 101220H 3 VC, 2 moving N and 1 moving S in stream bed vic BT 038189, 2 blk PJ's, 1 green gray utilities. No FM called.

(i) 101230H 1 VCS moving N in stream bed vic BT 038189, blk PJ's.

10. 3rd Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 535515.

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(a) 3rd Plt, Co "D" departed base camp, MINH LONG vic BS 535515 at 100410H, by foot patrol moved to establish OP via BS 514493 for 2 CIDG Co size patrols. CIDG patrols swept paddies and commanding terrain to S. As CIDG patrols were returning they received fire from E. CIDG returned fire, VC fled. 1 CIDG WIA. 3rd Plt, Co "D" returned to vic BS 535515 at 101510H.

11 November

1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHOUIC vic BT 111141. Neg sightings dur pd.

2. 2nd Plt, Co "C" cont to conduct grd recon/observ vic BS 635588.

(a) 110808H 3VC moving across river in boat vic BS 605536, blk PJ's, 1 rifle. FM called, results unk.

(b) 111111H 4 VC walking N on trail vic BS 643570, blk PJ's, carrying packs, FM called, due to range and foliage unable to determine results.

3. 3rd Plt, Co "C" cont to conduct grd recon/observ vic BT 181205.

(a) 101805H 3 VC moving SW on trail vic BT 202191, blk PJ's, carrying packs. Remarks: target moved out of sight before FM could be called.

(b) 111415H 5 VC moving SW on trail vic BT 201191, blk PJ's, light green uniforms, carrying pack, 1 rifle (type unk), and what appeared to be 1 81mm mortar tube. FM called, good coverage, unable to observe, target moved into wood line.

4. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scty and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

5. 1st Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/observ vic BT 169203.

(a) 111230H 3 VC walking E on road vic BT 194225, 2 blk PJ's, 1 green uniform, carrying 2 packs, 3 rifles (type unk). Out of range for arty.

6. 3rd Plt, Co "D" will conduct grd recon patrol out of base camp at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. Commencing 120400H to 121800H, 3rd Plt, Co "D" will patrol to B 505490 and back to base camp.

12 November

1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHOUIC vic BT 111141. Neg sightings dur pd.

2. 1st Plt, Co "B" was inserted at 121530H to conduct grd recon/observ vic BT 21914. Neg sightings dur pd.

3. 2nd Plt, Co "B" was inserted at 121700H to conduct grd recon/observ vic BT 22813. Neg sightings dur pd.

4. 2nd Plt, Co "C" cont to conduct grd recon/observ vic BS 635588. Neg sightings dur pd.

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5. 3rd Flt, Co "A" was extracted at 121600H after 5 hrs of conducting grd recon/observ vic BT 181205. 2 sightings were made with a total of 8 VC reported. 1 FM was called. Neg sightings dur pd.

6. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide soty and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

7. 1st Flt, Co "D" was extracted at 121630H after 57 hrs of conducting grd recon/observ vic BT 169203. 1 sighting was made with a total of 3 VC reported. 1 FM was called. Neg sightings dur pd.

8. 3rd Flt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 535515. Neg sightings dur pd.

13 November

1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHOUC vic BT 111141. Neg sightings dur pd.

2. 1st Flt, Co "B" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BT 219149. Neg sightings dur pd.

3. 2nd Flt, Co "B" cont to conduct grd recon/observ vic BT 228139.

(a) 131215H Patrol received 3 rds of small arms sniper fire vic BT 231148. No friendly casualties.

4. 2nd Flt, Co "C" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 635588. Neg sightings dur pd.

5. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide soty and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

6. 3rd Flt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 535515. Neg sightings dur pd.

14 November

1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHOUC vic BT 111141. Neg sightings dur pd.

2. 2nd Flt, Co "A" was inserted at 141400H to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 635588. Neg sightings dur pd.

3. 1st Flt, Co "B" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BT 219149.

(a) 141050H 2 VC attempted to snipe at OP, fired approx 8 rds SA at vic BT 224151, blk FJ's and rifles. Awaiting more activity, holding position.

4. 2nd Flt, Co "B" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BT 228139. Neg sightings dur pd.

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5. 2nd Plt, Co "C" was extracted at 141430H after 90½ hrs of conducting grd recon/obser via BS 635588. 4 sightings were made with a total of 16 VC reported. 3 FM were called, resulting in UNK VC KIA.

(a) 141303H 10 VC walking SW on trail via BS 611548, blk PJ's and packs. FM called. Fog obscured target.

6. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG via BS 535515. 1 sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide sety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

7. 3rd Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser via BS 535515. Neg sightings dur pd.

15 November

1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHOU via BF 111141. Neg sightings dur pd.

2. 2nd Plt, Co "A" cont to conduct grd recon/obser via BS 635588. Neg sightings dur pd.

3. 1st Plt, Co "B" cont to conduct grd recon/obser via BF 219149. Neg sightings dur pd.

4. 2nd Plt, Co "B" cont to conduct grd recon/obser via BF 228139. Neg sightings dur pd.

5. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG via BS 535515. 1 sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide sety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

6. 3rd Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser via BS 535515. Neg sightings dur pd.

16 November

1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHOU via BF 111141. Neg sightings dur pd.

2. 1st Plt, Co "A" was inserted at 161000H at TIEN PHOU via BF 111141. Unable to carry out assigned mission due to weather. Neg sightings dur pd.

3. 2nd Plt, Co "A" cont to conduct grd recon/obser via BS 635588.

(a) 160820H 4 VC walking NE on trail via BS 630566, blk PJ's and 1 rifle. No FM called.

(b) 160900H 2 sampans 3 VC beaching sampans via BS 609548, blk PJ's, 1 sampan heavily loaded. NGF called. Light effect. Good coverage.

(c) 160940H 1 VC sniping from via BS 644587, blk PJ's, 1 carbine. Returned 9/A fire. results unk.

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4. 1st Plt, Co "B" was extracted at 161100H after 90 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic BT 219149. 1 sighting was made with a total of 2 VC reported. Neg sightings dur pd.
5. 2nd Plt, Co "B" was extracted at 161100H after 90 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic BT 228139. 1 sighting was made with a total of 1 VC reported. Neg sightings dur pd.
6. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scy and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.
7. 3rd Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 535515. Neg sightings dur pd.

17 November

1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHOU vic 11114. Neg sightings dur pd.
2. 1st Plt, Co "A" was returned to QUALL due to bad weather.
3. 2nd Plt, Co "A" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 635588.
 - (a) 171115H 5 sampans 3 VC loading sampans vic BS 625556, blk PJ's. Sunk 3 sampans with .50 cal. MG. 2 escaped S in small creek.
 - (b) 171305H 1 VC walking SW on trail vic BS 613557, blk PJ's, 1 pack. Disappeared in bush.
 - (c) 171350H 2 VC in small boat vic BS 658574, blk PJ's, 1 rifle. NGF called. 1 VC KIA (Conf) other escaped.
4. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scy and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.
5. 1st Plt, Co "D" was inserted at 171500H to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 535515. Neg sightings dur pd.
6. 2nd Plt, Co "D" was inserted at 171445H to conduct grd recon/obser vic BT 013145. Neg sightings dur pd.
7. 3rd Plt, Co "D" was extracted at 171600H after 387 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic BS 535515. Neg sightings dur pd.

18 November

1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHOU vic BT 11114. Neg sightings du pd.
2. 2nd Plt, Co "A" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 635588.
 - (a) 180910H 2 VC walking NE on trail vic BS 631567, blk pj's, coolie hats, carrying 2 rifles (Type Unk).
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(b) 180925 1 VC in sampan moving W on river via BS 625556. Wearing white shirt.

(c) 181030H 3 VC moving W through paddies via BS 633569, wearing pj's, carrying 1 rifle (Type Unk).

3. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG via BS 535515. 1 sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings du pd.

4. 1st Plt, Co "D" will leave base camp at 190500H via BS 535515, to conduct grd recon/obser via BS 508484. Patrol will return to base camp by 191800H. Neg sightings du pd.

5. 2nd Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser via BT 038188. Neg sightings du pd.

19 November :

1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHOUOC via BT 111141. Neg sightings du pd.

2. 2nd Plt, Co "a" cont to conduct grd recon/obser via BS 635588.

(a) 191220H 2 VC, 1 sampan on river via BS 625556, blk pj's, taken under fire by .50 cal. MG, disappeared into foliage on bank. Damage Unk.

3. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG via BS 535515. 1 sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings du pd.

4. 1st Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser via BS 535515.

(a) 191300H Undetermined number of VC sniping fm W and SW fm approx 600 meters via BS 512498. Unk uniforms, M-1 rifles.

5. 2nd Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser via BT 038188.

(a) 191510H 1 VC moving N in stream bed via BT 038189, foliage attached to body, no wpn observed. Moved N at dead run.

20 November

1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHOUOC via BT 111141. Neg sightings du pd.

2. 2nd Plt, Co "a" cont to conduct grd recon/obser via BS 635588. Neg sightings du pd.

3. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG via BS 535515. 1 sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings du pd.

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4. Co "D" Hq. with 3rd Plt, Co "D" and 1st Plt, Co "A", commencing 200630H are OPCON 7th Marines for Operation Rio Blanco.
5. 1st Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser via BS 535515.
- (a) 201505H 92 VC walking NE over ridge line via BS 563487, unk uniforms, w/uns, caliber unk. Fixed wing called.
6. 2nd Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser via BT 038188.
- (a) 201010H 2 VCS moving N in stream bed via BT 038189, 1 blk pj's, 1 green jacket. 1 has bundle under arm.
- (b) 201045H 2 VCS moving S in stream bed via BT 038189, blk pj's, 2 poles, baskets on ends. Baskets appeared empty.
- (c) 201015H 1 VCS moving S in stream bed via BT 038189, blk pj's, large white hat.
- (d) 201100H 2 VCS moving S in stream bed via BT 038189, blk pj's, large bundle wrapped in poncho.
- (e) 201120H 1 VCS moving S in stream bed via BT 038189, grey top, blk pj, carrying small bundle.
- (f) 201155H 8 VCS moving N in stream bed via BT 038189, mixed blk pj's, khaki, 5 coolie hats, 4 packs, 1 long bundle, 1 bundle like WP bag.
- (g) 201335H 2 VC moving N in stream bed via BT 038189, blk pj's, 1 rifle, 1 poncho or plastic raincoat.
- (h) 201405H 1 VCS (FEMALE) moving S in stream bed via BT 038189, blk pj's, carrying two baskets, vegetables.

21 November

1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at PHU THOU via BT 111141. Neg sightings du pd.
2. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG via BS 535515. 1 sqd(Rein), 1/7 cont to provide sety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings du pd.
3. 2nd Plt, Co "A" was extracted at 211630H after 168 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs of conducting grd recon/obser via BS 635588. 10 sightings were made with a total of 22 VC reported. 3 NGF missions were called, resulting in 1 VC KLA(Conf). Neg sightings du pd.
4. 3rd Plt, Co "A" was inserted at 211600H to conduct grd recon/obser via BS 635588. Neg sightings du pd.
5. Co "D" Hq. with 3rd Plt, Co "D" and 1st Plt, Co "A" cont OPCON to 7th Marines for Operation Rio Blanco.

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6. 1st Plt, Co "M" cont to conduct grd recon/obser via BS 535515. Neg sightings dur pd.

7. 2nd Plt, Co "D" was extracted at 211500H after 96 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser via BT 038188. 12 sightings were made with a total of 33 VCS reported.

(a) 210820H 4 VCS, 3 moving N, 1 moving S in stream bed via BT 038189, blk pj's, no equipment.

(b) 210840H 8 VCS moving N in stream bed via BT 038189, blk pj's, coolie hats, 4 packs, 1 small bundle.

(c) 210910H 4 VC moving S in stream bed via BT 038189, 3 blk, 1 grey, 2 large packs, 1 rifle.

(d) 211250H 1 VC moving N in stream bed via BT 038189, blk pj's, coolie hat. Carryin' 1 rucksack.

8. 4th Plt, 1st Force was inserted at 211400H to conduct grd recon/obser via BT 071099. Neg sightings dur pd.

9. 3rd Plt, 3rd Force was inserted at 211600H to conduct grd recon/obser via BT 172058. Neg sightings dur pd.

22 November

1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm hqs Co cont to maintain radio-relay at MIKH LANG via BT 111141. Neg sightings dur pd.

2. 3 man radio-relay tm fm hqs Co cont to maintain radio-relay at MIKH LANG via BS 535515. 1 sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scy and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

3. 3rd Plt, Co "A" cont to conduct grd recon/obser via BS 635588. Neg sightings dur pd.

4. Co "D" Hq cont OPCON to 7th Marines for Oper RIO BLANCO. 1st Plt, Co "A" and 3rd Plt, Co "D" terminated OPCON at 221700H for Oper RIO BLANCO. 6th Plt, 1st Force commencing OPCON at 221730H for Oper RIO BLANCO.

5. 1st Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser via BS 535515. Neg sightings dur pd.

6. 2nd Plt, 1st Force was inserted at 220700H to conduct grd recon/obser via BT 3212.

(a) 221230H two men, VCS entering house, left a few minutes later heading W via BT 325123, green fatigues.

7. 4th Plt, 1st Force cont to conduct grd recon/obser via BT 071099.

(a) 220500H to 220630H patrol reported hearing S/A and .50 cal fire fm via BT 096091.

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23 November

1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at FLEM PHOUC vic BF 111141. Neg sightings dur pd.
2. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at FLEM LONG vic BS 535515. 1 sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.
3. 3rd Flt, Co "A" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 635588.
 - (a) 230815H 2 VC moving E on trail vic BS 644572, blk PJ's, coolie hat, 1 rifle. WCF called, results unk.
4. Co "D" Hq with 6th Flt, 1st Force cont ORCON to 7th Marines for Oper RIO BLANCO.
5. 1st Flt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 535515.
 - (a) 231400H 2 VC sniping at patrol vic BS 554913, blk PJ's, carbine, rifle. Captured one, one got away. Captured one M-1 US Carbine.
6. 2nd Flt, 1st Force cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BF 328126. Neg sightings dur pd.
7. 4th Flt, 1st Force cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BF 071099. Neg sightings dur pd.

24 November

1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at FLEM PHOUC vic BF 111141. Neg sightings dur pd.
2. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at FLEM LONG vic BS 535515. 1 sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.
3. 3rd Flt, Co "A" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BF 635588/
 - (a) 240840H 3 VC coming out of grass hut, BS 659565, blk PJ's, coolie hats. Carrying 2 rifles (Type unk). FM called called with arty and WCF, good effect on area, results unknown.
4. Co. "D" Hq, with 6th Flt, 1st Force cont ORCON to 7th Marines for Oper RIO BLANCO.
5. 1st Flt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 535515. Neg sightings dur pd.
6. 2nd Flt, 1st Force was extracted at 241700H after 58 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic BF 328126. 1 sighting was made with a total of 2 VCS reported. Neg sightings dur pd.
7. 4th Flt, 1st Force was extracted at 241615H after 74½ hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic BF 071099. Neg sightings dur pd.

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8. 3rd Plt, 3rd Force was inserted at 240900H to conduct grd recon/obser via BT 182205. Neg sightings du pd.

25 November

1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHOUIC via BT 111141. Neg sightings du pd.
2. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG via BS 535515. 1 sqd(Rein), 1/7 cont to provide soty and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings du pd.
3. 3rd Plt, Co "A" cont to conduct grd recon/obser via BS 635588. Neg sightings du pd.
4. Co "D" Hq with 6th Plt, 1st Force released fm OPCON 7th Marines OPERATION RICO BLANCO.
5. 1st Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser via BS 535515. Neg sightings du pd.
6. 3rd Plt, 3rd Force was extracted at 250900H after 24 hours of conducting grd recon/obser via BT 182205. Neg sightings du pd.

26 November

1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHOUIC via BT 111141. Neg sightings du pd.
2. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG via BS 535515. 1 sqd(Rein), 1/7 cont to provide soty and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings du pd.
3. 3rd Plt, Co "A" cont to conduct grd recon/obser via BS 635588. Neg sightings du pd.
4. 1st Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser via BS 535515. Neg sightings du pd.

27 November

1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHOUIC via BT 111141. Neg sightings du pd.
2. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG via BS 535515. 1 sqd(Rein), 1/7 cont to provide soty and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings du pd.
3. 3rd Plt, Co "A" cont to conduct grd recon/obser via BS 635588. Neg sightings du pd.
4. 1st Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser via BS 535515. Neg sightings du pd.

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28 November

1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHOUG via BT 111141. Neg sightings du pd.
2. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG via BS 535515. 1 sqd(Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings du pd.
3. 3rd Plt Co "A" cont to conduct grd recon/obser via BS 635588. Neg sightings du pd.
4. 1st Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser via BS 535515. Neg sightings du pd.

29 November

1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHOUG via BT 111141. Neg sightings du pd.
2. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG via BS 535515. 1 sqd(Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings du pd.
3. 1st Plt, Co "A" was inserted at 291430H to conduct grd recon/obser via BT 237142. Neg sightings du pd.
4. 2nd Plt, Co "A" was inserted at 291530H to conduct grd recon/obser via BS 535515. Neg sightings du pd.
5. 3rd Plt, Co "A" was extracted at 291600H after 192 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser via BS 635588. 2 sightings were made with a total of 3 VC reported. 3 FM were called. Neg sightings du pd.
6. 1st Plt, Co "D" was extracted at 291600H after 312 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser via BS 535515. 2 sightings were made with a total of 94 VC reported. 1 Fixed wing strike was called resulting in Unk VC KIA. Neg sightings du pd.
7. 2nd Plt, Co "D" was inserted at 291515H to conduct grd recon/obser via BT 236062. Neg sightings du pd.
8. 3rd Plt, Co "D" was inserted at 291400H to conduct grd recon/obser via BT 3407. Neg sightings du pd.
9. 4th Plt, 1st Force was inserted at 291500H to conduct grd recon/obser via BS 635588. Neg sightings du pd.

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1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TILM PHOUO vic BT 111141. Neg sightings du pd.

2. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at MLNH BONG vic BS 535515. 1 sqd(Rein), 1/7 cont to provide sety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings du pd.

3. 1st Lt, Co "A" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BT 237142.

(a) 300150H Patrol receiving semi-auto and automatic fire fm 3 different sides of our position.

(b) 300230H Patrol called arty, results unk. Patrol also fired M-79 resulting in 1 KIA (Conf), 1 WIA (Prob). Bodies fell in visual sight of patrol. 1 VC managed to crawl away during the night. Second VC still laying where fell.

(c) 300700H Body of VC KIA disappeared during darkness.

(d) 301130H 1 VC walking along trail escorting two heavily loaded civilians vic BT 241159, blk pj's with white top and 1 rifle.

(e) 301510H 6 VC heading SE vic BT 247157, blk pj's, rain coats, packs and rifles. FM called but cancelled due to rain and fog.

(f) 301515H 2 VC snipers to W and N. Uniform and equipment unk. Two rifles.

(g) 301525H 7 VC heading SW vic BT 247155, blk pj's, rain coats, packs and rifles. FM called but cancelled due to rain and fog.

4. 2nd Plt, Co "A" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 535515. Neg sightings du pd.

5. 2nd Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BT 236062. Neg sightings du pd.

6. 3rd Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BT 3407. Neg sightings du pd.

7. 4th Plt, 1st Force cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 635588.

(a) 301045H 1 VCS moving South on trail vic BS 628560, blk pj's, straw hats, packs and no wpns.

(b) 301200H 1 VC in sampan vic BS 608548, ferried 3 persons across river, no equipment observed.

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