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

10 February 1967

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
(Attn: Field Historian)

Subj: Command Chronology for 010001H January 1967 to 312400H January 1967.

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2b

Encl: (1) ✓ Command Chronology, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein)
for January 1967.

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

010001H to 312400H January 1967

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PART I

Organizational Data

1. Designation

1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein)

Commander

LtCol. D. N. McKeon

6 Aug 1966

Subordinate Units

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

Attached Units

1st Force Reconnaissance Company Maj. B. G. LOWREY 5Sep67
3rd Plt., 3rd Force Reconnaissance Company

2. Location

1 Jan 67 to 31 Jan 67: Company "B", Company "C", Battalion Command Group (Forward), elements of Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Platoon, 3rd Platoon, and 5th Platoon of 1st Force Reconnaissance Company, at Da Nang, RVN.

1 Jan 67 to 31 Jan 67: Company "A", Company "D", Battalion Command Group (Rear), elements of Headquarters and Service Company (Rear), 2nd Platoon, 4th Platoon, and 6th Platoon of 1st Force Reconnaissance Company, at Chu Lai, RVN. Additionally, the 3rd Platoon, 3rd Force Reconnaissance Company was attached during the reporting period.

3. a.

STAFF OFFICERS

1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein)(Forward) DA NANG

Executive Officer (Acting)	Maj. B. G. LOWREY	Nov 66
Adjutant/ S-1	2dLt. D. J. COLLINS	Jul 66
S-2	1stLt. R. S. ROBERTS, Jr.	Sep 66
S-3	Maj. C. M. WELZANT	Oct 66
S-3A (Acting)	Capt. W. S. OSTRIE	Dec 66
S-4	1stLt. C. D. MADDEN	Oct 66
Supply Officer (Acting)	2dLt. C. J. LONG	Oct 66
Communications Officer	2dLt. R. B. SWICK	Jun 66
Motor Transport Officer	1stLt. C. D. MADDEN	Oct 66
Battalion Sergeant Major	SgtMaj. W. C. DAVIS	Aug 66

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STAFF OFFICERS

1st Force Reconnaissance Company

Executive Officer	Maj. M. D. CERRETA, Jr.	Oct 66
S-2	UNFILLED	
S-3	Capt. W. S. OSTRIE	Jul 66
S-4	2dLt. C. J. LONG	Aug 66
Communications Officer	1stLt. M. C. HENRY	Sep 66

4.

Average Monthly Strength

a. 1st Reconnaissance Battalion; Forward and Rear Combined.

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
31	455	2	30

1st Force Reconnaissance Company (Combined).

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
11	163	0	8

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PART II

Narrative Summary

The 1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein) conducted normal patrolling activities in general support of the 1st Marine Division (Rein) in the month of January, 1967. The results of this activity is documented in Part IV.

PART III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

1. A data collection team working for the Advanced Research Projects Agency, Research and Development Field Unit, Vietnam, visited the Battalion on 8 January.
2. On 19 January, the 1st Force Reconnaissance Company reconnaissance team in support of the Special Landing Force returned OPCON to the parent unit.
3. LtCol. D. N. McKeon, USMC, attended a III MAF Air Support Conference on 26 January.

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PART IV

Chronology of Subordinate Command and Supporting Documents

- ✓ a. Statistical coverage of 1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein)
(Forward); with supporting documents.
- ✓ b. Command Chronology of 1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein)
(Rear); with supporting documents.

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1st RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION STATISTICS

1 January 1967 - 31 January 1967

	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>CHU LAI</u>
Number of Patrols	40	47
Number of Sightings	141	256
Total VC Observed	1030	2418
VC KIA (Confirmed)	30	45
VC KIA (Probable)	33	59
VC WIA (Confirmed)	6	6
VC WIA (Probable)	0	8
Artillery Fire Missions	38	96
Naval Gunfire Missions	0	4
Air Strikes	1	17
Prisoners Captured	0	1
VC Weapons Captured	7	2
USMC KIA	1	1
USMC WIA	14	16

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Operation Orders and Patrol Reports

010001H January 1967 to 312400H January 1967

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#1: Bn OpOrder 68-66 dtd 21 Dec 66
 #2: 2-C Patrol Report dtd 10 Jan 67
 #3: Bn OpOrder 71-66 dtd 26 Dec 66 W/ Ch 1-3
 #4: 3-F Patrol Report dtd 4 Jan 67
 #5: Bn OpOrder 72-66 dtd 26 Dec 66
 #6: 3-C Patrol Report dtd 3 Jan 67
 #7: Bn OpOrder 74-66 dtd 26 Dec 66 W/ Ch 1
 #8: 1-C Patrol Report dtd 8 Jan 67
 #9: Bn OpOrder 75-66 dtd 29 Dec 66 W/ Ch 1
 #10: 3-B Patrol Report dtd 5 Jan 67
 #11: Bn OpOrder 76-66 dtd 29 Dec 66
 #12: 2-B Patrol Report dtd 6 Jan 67
 #13: Bn OpOrder 77-66 dtd 30 Dec 66 W/ Ch 1
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 #28: Bn OpOrder 8-67 dtd 8 Jan 67
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 #30: Bn OpOrder 9-67 dtd 9 Jan 67
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 #48: Bn OpOrder 19-67 dtd 18 Jan 67

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#77: Bn OpOrder 35-67 dtd 29 Jan 67
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#80: F-3-2 Patrol Report dtd 31 Jan 67

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OPERATION ORDER #60-66

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM 1:50,000; Sheet 6659 III
 (b) BnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1stMarDivO P3000.1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) BnFragOrder Msg # 60-66

UNIT C-2 CALL SIGN COVENTRY PATROL LEADER Lt. WOLBURN

NO. PERS. 18 INSERTION TIME 251000H COORDINATES AT 837827

EXTRACTION TIME 311000H COORDINATES AT 837827

1. SITUATION.

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

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 251000H and inserts at vic. AT 837827, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 311000H, on 31 December 1966, vic. AT 837827.

b. Patrol:

- (1) Conduct ground reconnaissance, as feasible, within assigned area and maintain surveillance of surrounding area.
- (2) The primary direction of observation is to the ⁰360 of assigned area. Annex "A" establishes patrol's NO FIRE ZONE.

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

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

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

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

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

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary; Holo; A.O Net 36.4
 - (2) Alternate Net 45.1
 - (3) Artillery (1) 37.3 (REDWOOD), (2) 37.4 (PIED PIPER FOXTROT)
- c. Shackle and Brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Sign: Net Control:
 - BEACON LIGHT- 1st Recon Bn.
 - BEACON LIGHT COVENTRY :
 - REDWOOD- arty
 - PIED PIPER FOXTROT - arty
 - BLACK COAT - A.O.
- e. Command Post:
 - (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein); vic. LT 9597: 2.

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

D. N. MCNEON
Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps
Commanding

ANNEXES:

1. Operation Overlay

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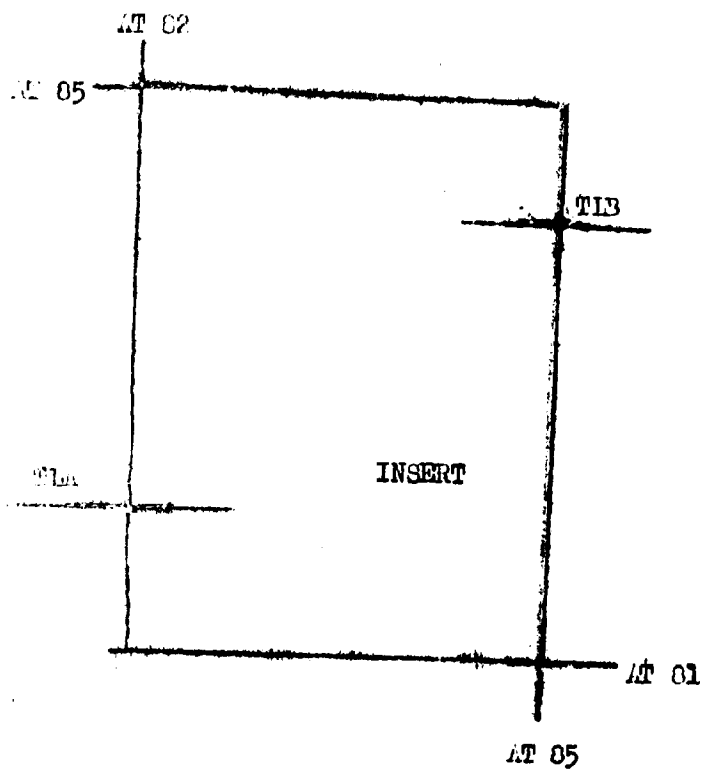
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Radio Co S-3	(4)
Patrol Company	(2)
3/9 S-3	(2)

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Operation Order 60-66 Annex "A"
1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein)
Da NANG, RVN
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Operation Order: 60-66
Patrol: 2-C Coventry
Debriefed: Cpl. E.S. Waters
Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000;
AMS L7014; Sheet 6641 III

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101300H, January 67

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 15 EN, 1 USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 2 7x50's.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-60 MG; 2 M-79's; 1 M-76 w/2 WP RIF. GREN;
1 CS GREN; 4 CLAYMORES.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS OF THE AREA ASSIGNED, AS DIRECTED.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 281430H/100900H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 330 HOURS PROVIDING OBSERVATION AND SECURITY FOR THE PERMANENT OP AT DONG DEN, WITH NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS OF VC.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY: NONE.
 - B. TERRAIN: THIS OP SITE IS ON A HILL COVERED WITH THICK PRIMARY AND SECONDARY JUNGLE.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT AND EXTRACT WERE MADE BY HELICOPTER VIC. ATG37627.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: RECOMMEND THAT THE FOLLOWING BE PROVIDED FOR THIS OP:
 - a. CANS FOR DISPOSAL OF TRASH AND GARBAGE.

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- b. A PERIODIC TURNOVER OF ALL AMMUNITION.
- c. 6 NEW COTS TO REPLACE THOSE THAT ARE UNSERVICABLE.
- d. RAT TRAPS.
- e. SEVERAL CANVAS COVERS AND APPROX. 1000 SANIBAGS FOR THE
REPAIR OF BUNKERS.

ALSO RECOMMEND THAT THIS SITE BE INSPECTED PERIODICALLY BY THE
S-4 OR ONE OF THE COMPANY COMMANDERS.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A.

LT. L. P. WOODBURN
2nd PLT. CO. C
PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

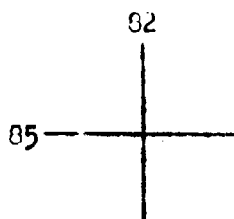
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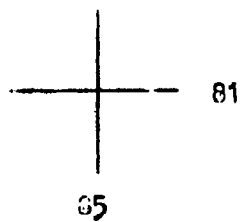
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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY



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On Page 1: substitute INSERTION TIME 011320H., COORDINATES AT9083.
EXTRACTION TIME 041600H., EXTRACTION COORDINATES SAME.

Sec. 3.a.(2); Platoon departs CP by vehicle at 1330H., inserts vic.
AT9083, extract 1600H., 04 Jan 67.

On Page 5: substitute new overlay (attached).

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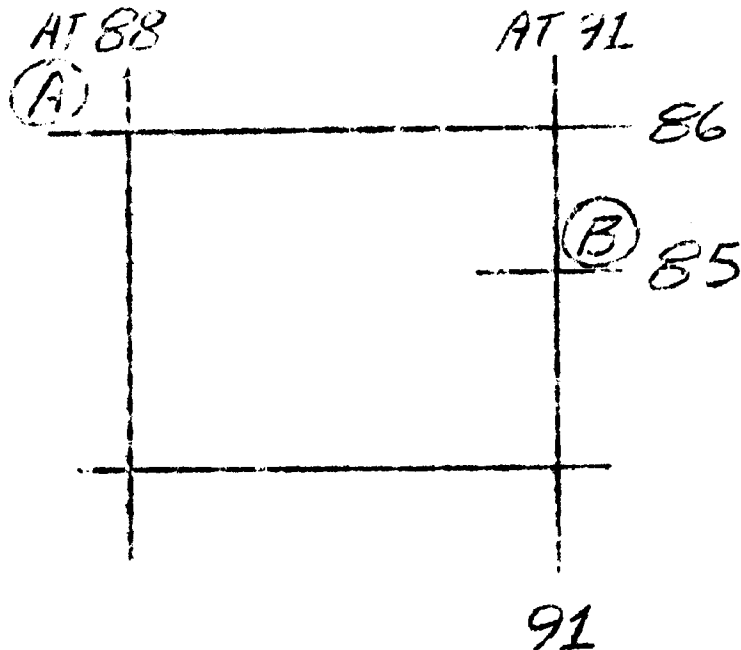
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 EXTRACTION TIME 041600H.

Sec. 3.a.(2); Platoon depart CP at 0900H, insert vic. AT799324,
 extract 1600H, 04 Jan 67.

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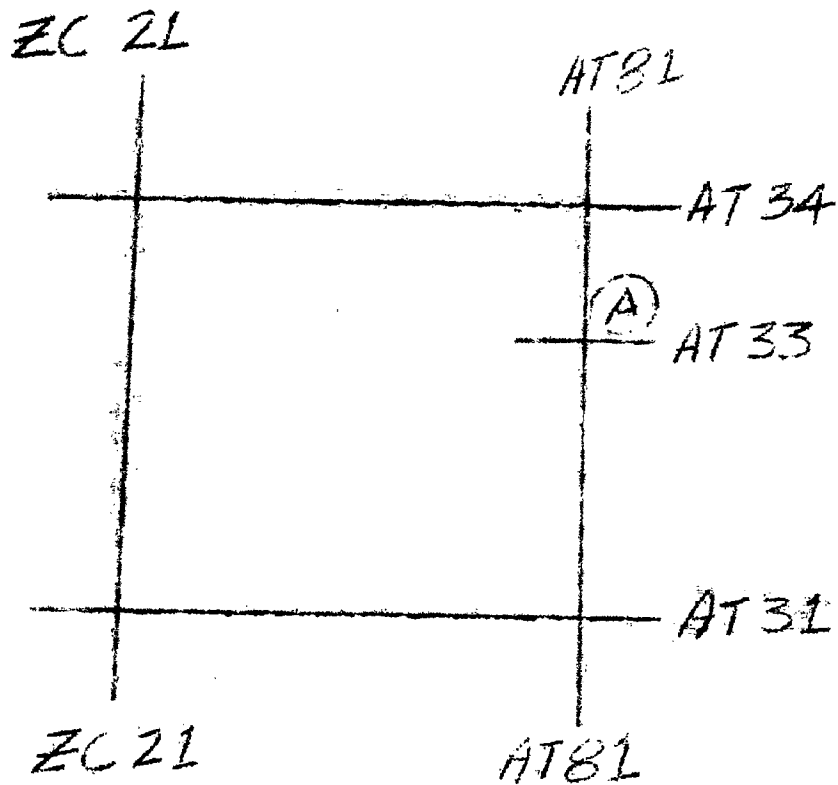
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CHANGE 1 to OPERATION ORDER 71-66 (CORE BREAD)On Page 1; substitute INSERTION TIME 301400H, COORDINATE AC 205464
EXTRACTION TIME 021500H.Sec. 3.e.(2); Platoon depart CP at 1400H, insert vic. AC 205464,
extract 1500H, 02 Jan 67.On Page 5; substitute new overlay(attached).*C.M. Helant*
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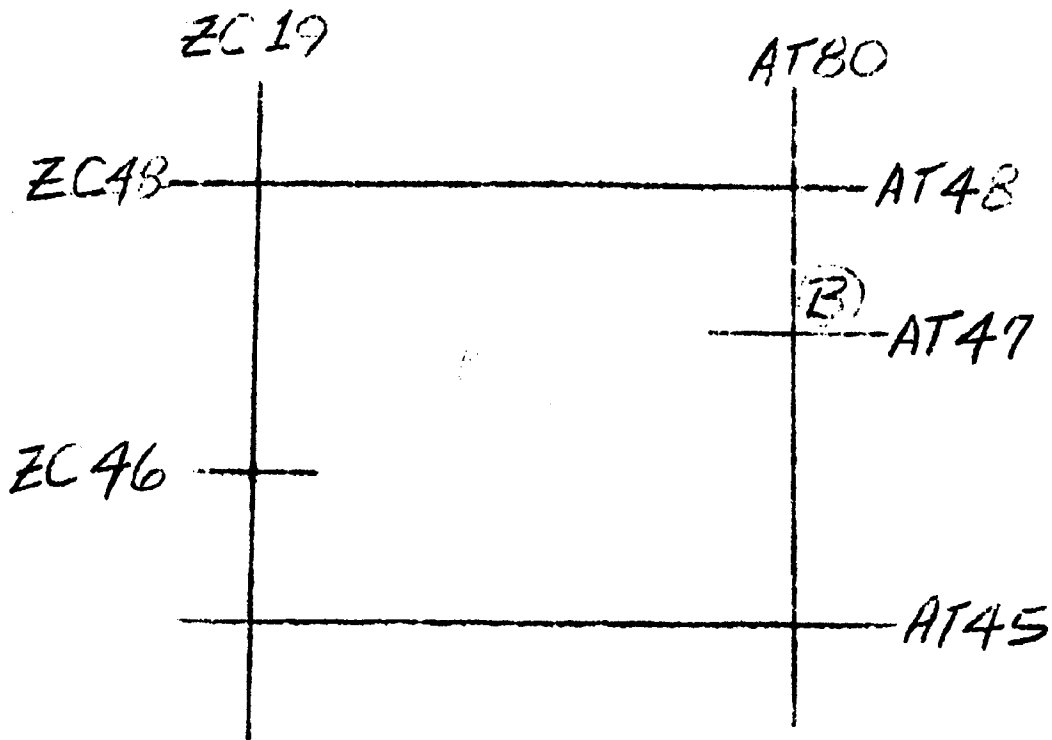
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OPERATION ORDER # 71-66

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM 1:50,000; Sheet 6540 I, 6540 II, 6640 II & 6640 III
 (b) BnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) BnFragOrder Msg # 71-66

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

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

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

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

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

b. Patrol:

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

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

- (a) Routes of egress and entry.
- (b) Lines of communications.
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- (d) Verifying the order of battle.
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- (1) Ref. (b).
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- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of the patrol.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. AO will come on an patrol net, and should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol log, list of all serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 1600 to any succeeding patrol.

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- a. REFERENCE (b).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operations, (to include one day extra rations in the event of extension).
- c. Carry basic allowance of class V plus at least 2 blocks C-4 per squad, 5 feet of detonating cord per block, 10 feet of time fuse, sufficient fuse lighters and blasting caps to dual prime each block or C-4.
- d. Patrol leader will carry, or have carried, such other special equipment as he may deem necessary.
- e. Necessary med-evacs will be performed in accordance with previous instructions.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

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

b. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 37.2
- (2) Alternate Net 36.4
- (3) Artillery (1) 39.8 - ARNICA ECHO
(2) 37.3 - REDWOOD SOUTH

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

d. Call Signs: Net Control:

DECON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 DECON LIGHT CORN BREAD - Patrol
 DECON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
 BLACK COAT - AO
 ARNICA ECHO - Arty
 REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty

e. Command Posts:

- (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rain); vic. AT 959752.

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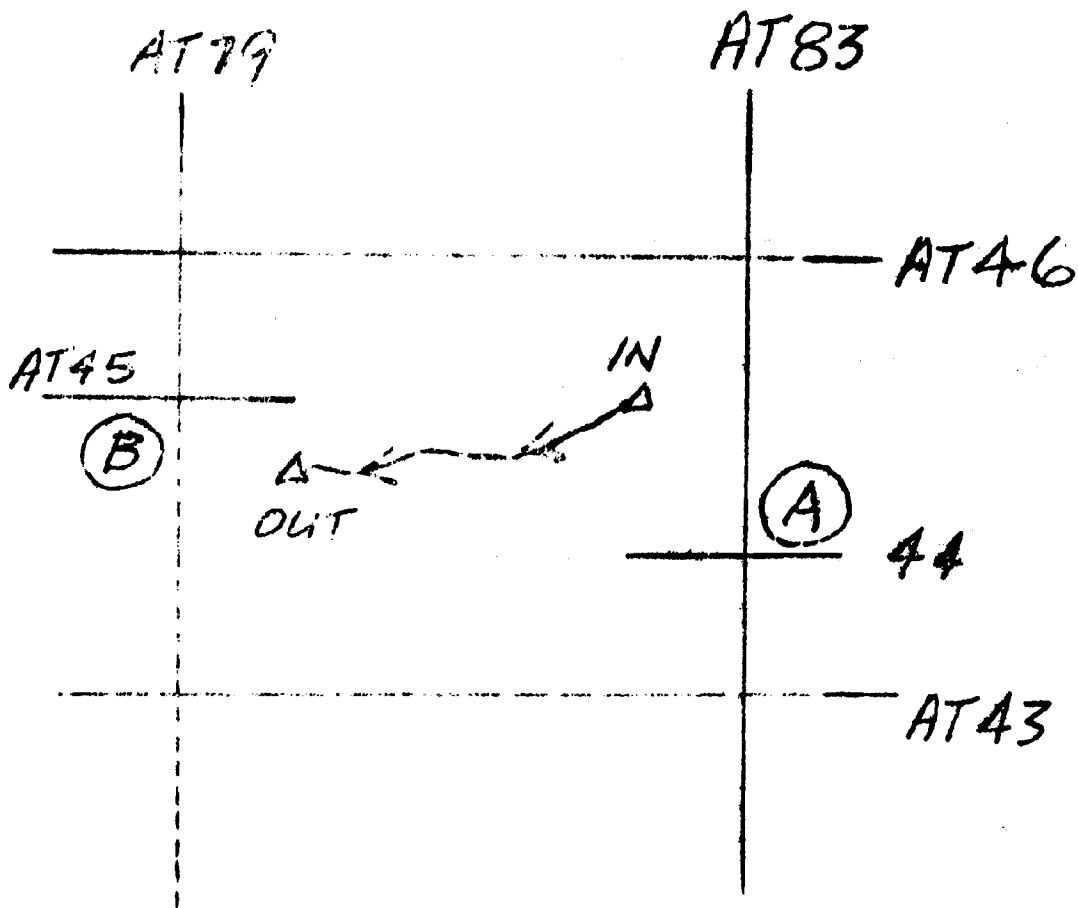
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1OFF., 11EN., AND 1USN.
 - B. ATTACHMENTS: 2 SCOUT DOG TEAMS.
 - C. COMM. & OBSERVATION EQUIP.: 2 PRC 25's; 2 7X50's.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-60; 2 M-79; 6 CS Grenades; 13 gas masks.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN THE AREA ASSIGNED, AS DIRECTED.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 011330H/041330H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: RECONNAISSANCE PATROLLING AND OBSERVATION FOR THE DURATION OF 96 HRS. RESULTED IN NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS OR CONTACTS WITH THE ENEMY.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY: NONE.
 - B. TERRAIN: THE TERRAIN IN THIS AREA CONSISTS OF KNEE-DEEP RICE PADDIES AND SPARSE VEGETATION THROUGHOUT THE LOWLANDS; AND THICK 7' to 8' SECONDARY JUNGLE GROWTH WITH SMALL INTERMITTENT TREES IN THE HIGHLANDS.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: THE PATROL WAS INSERTED AND EXTRACTED BY TRUCK, VIC. AT 924848 AND AT 929480, RESPECTIVELY.
 NO ENEMY ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED IN THE OBJECTIVE AREA, ALTHOUGH THE PATROL DID FIND WHAT APPEARED TO BE THREE OLD HARBOUR SITES OR SHELTER AREAS THAT WOULD ACCOMMODATE FROM 1 TO 2 MEN EACH. THESE SITES CONSISTED ENTIRELY OF MATTED SPOTS IN THE ELEPHANT GRASS.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THERE WERE NO VC IN THE AREA PATROLLED. THIS VICINITY IS SLIGHTLY RESTRICTED BY THE BRUSH AND SECONDARY GROWTH, AND "ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE" IS THE MOST COMPETENT METHOD FOR CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE OF THIS AREA.
 NO MORE PATROLS ARE NEEDED IN THIS AREA IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

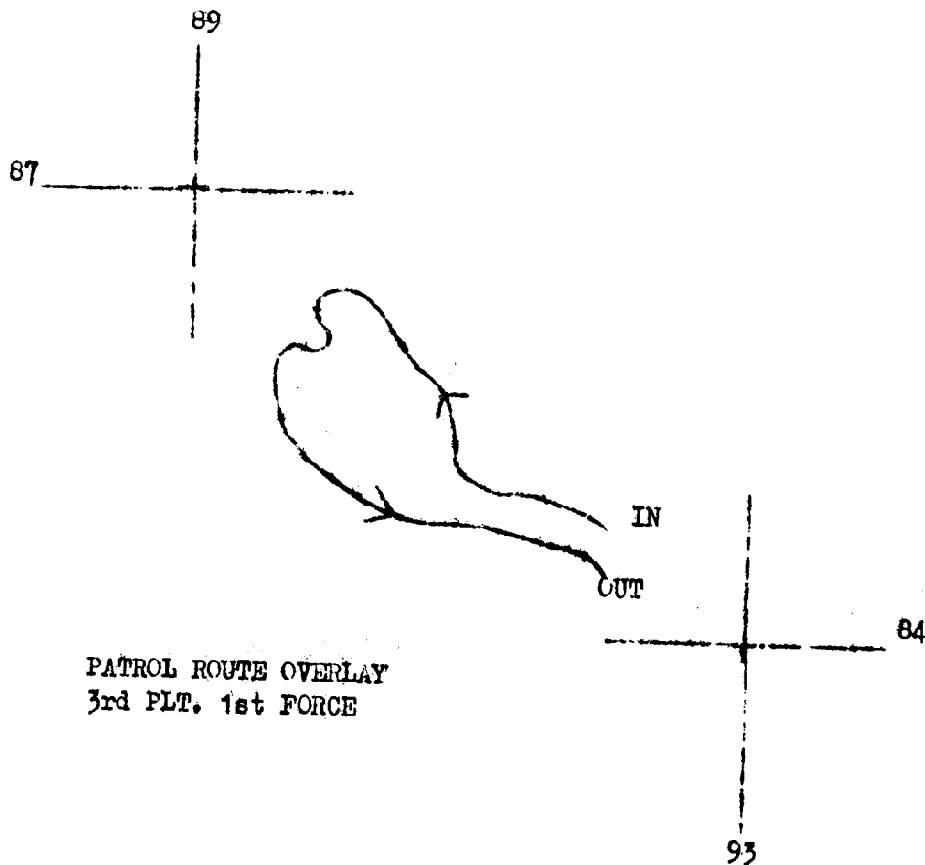
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11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A.

LT. J.O. KING
3rd PLT. 1st FORCE
PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

13. PATROLS MEMBERS: KING, 231 WEBB, 658
CARSON, 619 LONG, 186
BEAUTON 878 RODRIQUE, 981
GEE, 181 LOCKETT, 026
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 (c) 1stMarDivOrder P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) BnFragOrder Msg # 72-66

UNIT C-3CALL SIGN EYELETPATROL LEADER Lt. KINGNO. PERS. INSERTION TIME 280730HCOORDINATES AT 837378EXTRACTION TIME 031100HCOORDINATES AT 8373781. SITUATION.a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S-2).b. Friendly Forces: Current OTSUM's and PIR's.c. Attachments and Detachments:2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed.3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

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

(2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 280730H and inserts at vic. AT 837378, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1100H on 3 Jan 1967, vic. AT 837378.

b. Patrol:

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

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

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

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

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

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

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

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 34.6
 - (2) Alternate Net 37.9
 - (3) Artillery (1) REDWOOD SOUTH 37.3
(2) ARNICA ECHO 39.8
- c. Shackle and Brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs:
 - BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 - BEACON LIGHT EYELET - Patrol
 - BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
 - BLACK COAT - AO
 - REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
 - ARNICA ECHO - Arty
- e. Command Post:
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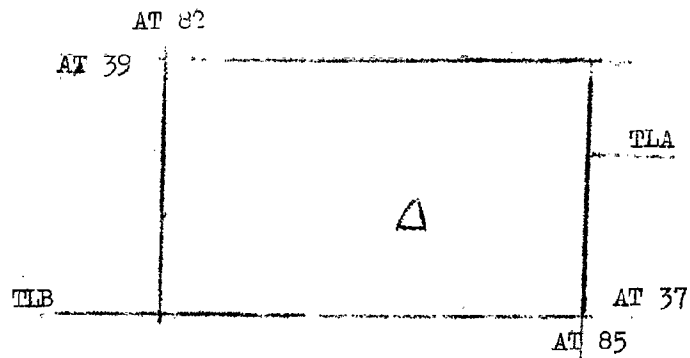
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On Page 1; substitute INSERTION TIME 281500H., COORDINATES AT8560,
EXTRACTION TIME 311500H.

Sec. 3. a. (2); Platoon departs CP by vehicle 281500H, insert vic.
AT8560, extract 1500H, 31 Dec 66.

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CHINSTRAP CHARLIE, 39.75

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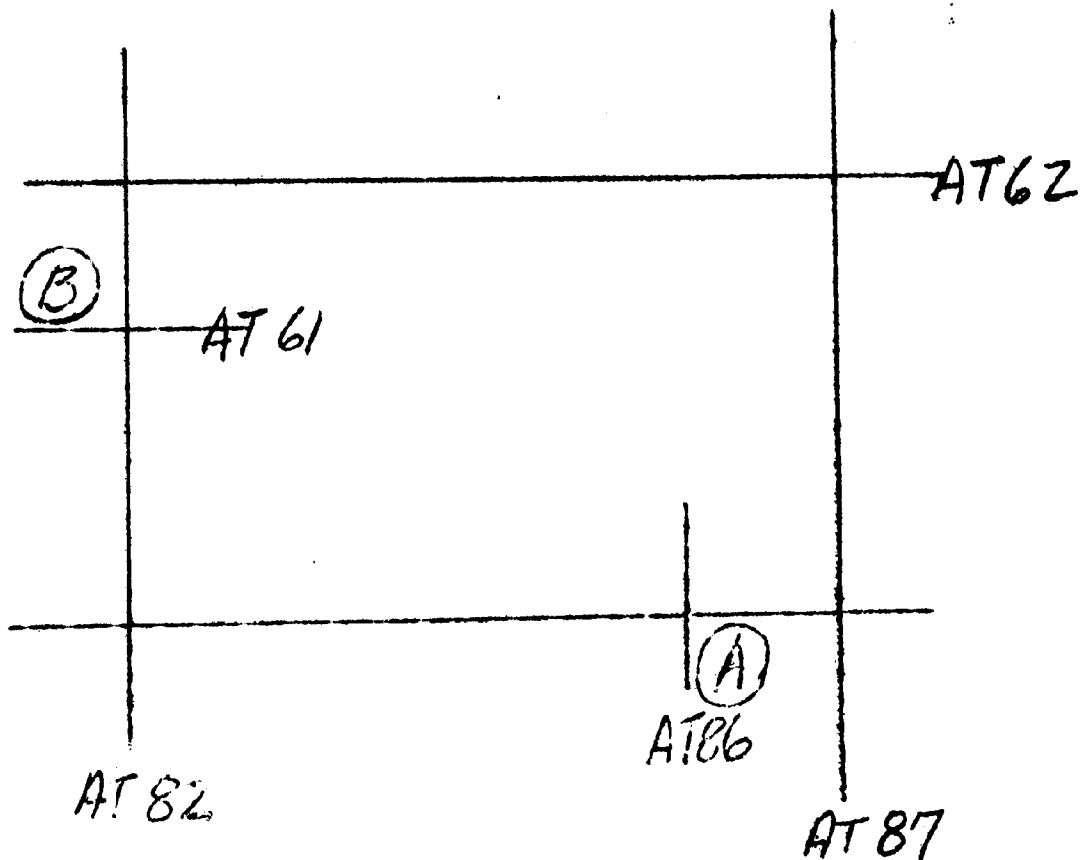
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 CFF, 17 EN, 1 USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 7X50's, 2 IRC 25's
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 2 BLKS. C-4 1 M-60 MG. 2 M-79's 6 WI RIFLE
 GRE. 6 CLAYMORE AIR MINES.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS OF AREA ASSIGNED, AS DIRECTED.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 291230H/021830H
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY
5. SYNOPSIS: DURING 102 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE PATROLLING AND OBSERVATION, THE PATROL FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY WITHIN THEIR OBJECTIVE AREA.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY: NONE
 - B. TERRAIN: THE TERRAIN THROUGHOUT THIS AREA IS CHARACTERIZED BY STEEP SLOPES AND RIDGELINES COVERED WITH VEGETATION THAT RANGES FROM, KNEE HIGH ELEPHANT GRASS ON THE RIDGES TO 4' TO 8' DENSE VEGETATION FARTHER DOWN IN THE VALLEYS. SPARSE THICKETS OF 15' TREES WERE INTERMINGLED AMONG THE JUNGLE GROWTH, ALLOWING VERY LIMITED COVER FROM AIR OBSERVATION.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: THE PATROL WAS INSERTED AND EXTRACTED BY TRUCK IN THE VICINITY OF HILL 65, AT880578.

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OF HILL 722 LOCATED AT AT840614. THE PATROL CAME UPON TWO LEVEL AREAS COVERED WITH 1' TO 2' ELEPHANT GRASS, CAPABLE OF ACCOMODATING EITHER 2 H-46's OR 3 H-34's APiece.

MAR CORRECTIONS: THE PATROL FOLLOWED A TRAIL NOT INDICATED ON THE MAP THAT RAN FROM AT855598, UP THE RIDGE MOVING NORTHWEST TO AT835613. THIS TRAIL WAS ABOUT 1' WIDE AND COULD NOT BE DETERMINED IF IT HAD BEEN RECENTLY USED DUE TO THE CONSTANT RAINS.

3RD BATTALION, 7TH MARINES, WHO HAVE AN EXCELLENT OBSERVATION POINT OF THE ENTIRE WESTERN VALLEY AREA FROM ATOP HILL 65, WERE VERY HELPFUL AND CONSIDERATE OF OUR RECONNAISSANCE ELEMENT.

3. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL LEADER DOES NOT RECOMMEND ANY NEAR FUTURE PATROLS BE RUN IN THIS GENERAL VICINITY DUE TO THE LACK OF ENEMY ACTIVITY, AND LIMITED COVER AND CONCEALMENT AFFORDED FRIENDLY OPERATIONS WITHIN THIS AREA.
11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: NONE

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3RD PLT. CO. "C"
PATROL LEADER

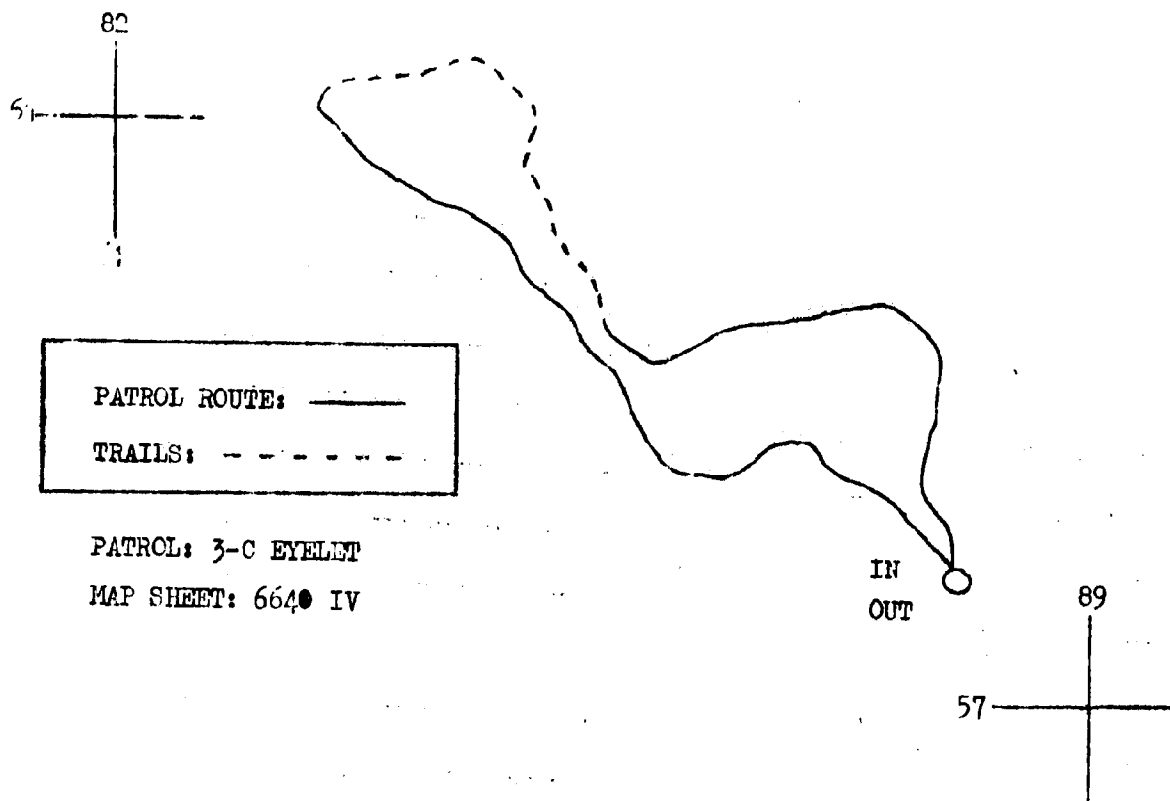
12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL PERSONNEL:

KING	232	CORMIER	021
WRIGHT	136	WILSON	125
BUTLER	253	BREEDLOVE	733
ADCOX	448	SLEETER	559
ANDERSON	520	FISH	553
REASON	165	SMOLEN	156
WHITNEY	884	IRINDLE	006
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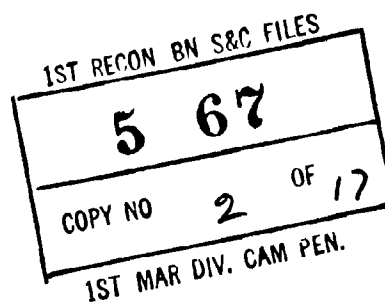
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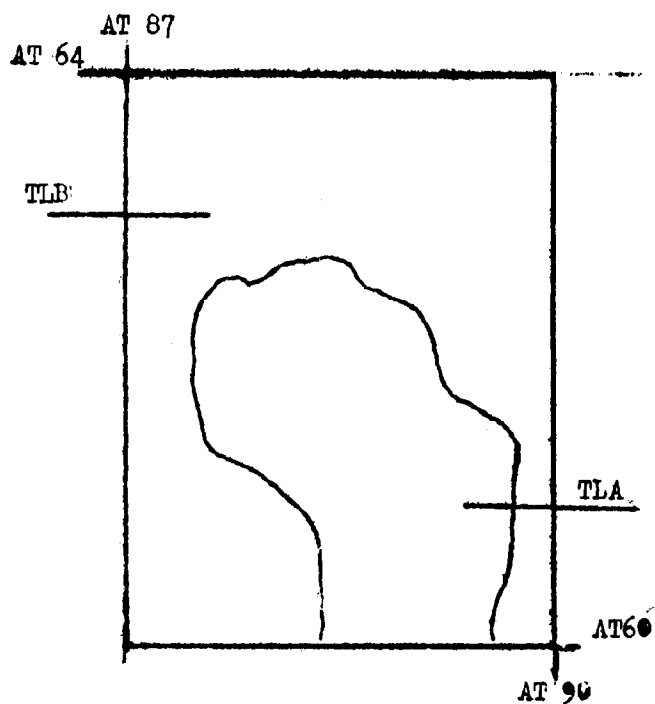
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(c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1F (Intelligence SOT)
(d) BnFragOrder Msg # 74-66

UNIT C-1 CALL SIGN CIRCUMSTANCE PATROL LEADER LT. FABLE

NO. 1860. INSERTION TIME 300700H COORDINATES BT009448

EXTRACTION TIME 021600H COORDINATES BT022469

1. SITUATION.

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

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH AT 300700H and inserts at vic. BT009448, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 021600H, on 2 December 1966, vic. BT022469.

b. PATROL:

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

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

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

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Ref. (b).
- (2) Submit SITREP to BEACON LIGHT every hour.
- (3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.
- (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
- (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fires. Shackle OT azimuth at the discretion of the patrol leader.
- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertain to your mission.
- (8) Caution all troops to be alert for AP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger lives of patrol members to investigate same.
- (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference (c).
- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of the patrol.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. AO will come up on patrol net, and should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol report, list of all serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 0600 hours preceding patrol.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. FREQUENCIES:
 - (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 34.6
 - (2) Alternate Net 37.9.
 - (3) Artillery (1) 37.3 - REDWOOD SOUTH
- c. Shackle and Brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs: Net Control:

BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 BEACON LIGHT CIRCUMSTANCE - Patrol
 BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Relay
 BLACK COAT - AO
 REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty

e. Command Posts:

- (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein); via. AT 959752

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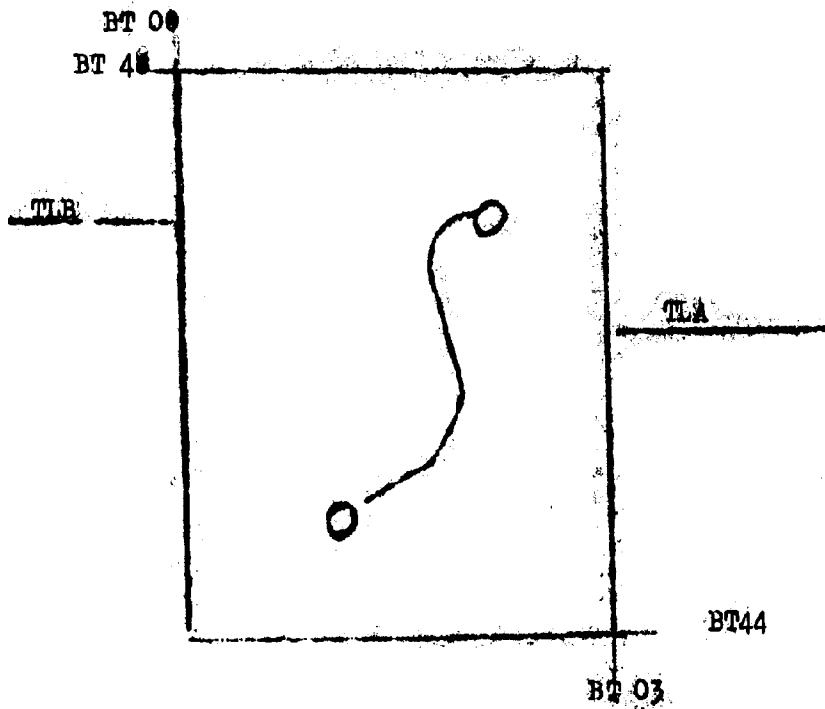
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 14 EN, 1 USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: 1 SCOUT DOG TEAM.
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 2 7x50's.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79; 1 CLAYMORE.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS OF THE AREA ASSIGNED, AS DIRECTED.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 040700H/080815H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 97 HOURS WITH NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS OF VC AND NO INDICATIONS OF VC ACTIVITY IN THE AREA.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY: NONE.
 - B. TERRAIN: STEEPLY SLOPED IN MOST PLACES, AND COVERED WITH THICK SECONDARY GROWTH CONSISTING MAINLY OF SCRUB AND ELEPHANT GRASS GROWING, AT TIMES, TO HEAD HEIGHT AND ABOVE.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT WAS MADE BY TRUCK VIC. AT881579. A HELICOPTER EXTRACT WAS MADE VIC. AT878515.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THE ABSENCE OF ANY VC ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA WOULD INDICATE THAT THE CONDUCTING OF PATROLS HERE IS OF LITTLE VALUE.
11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A.

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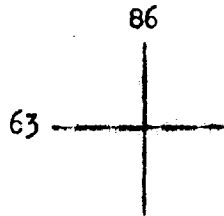
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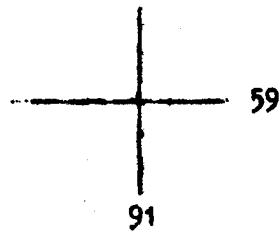
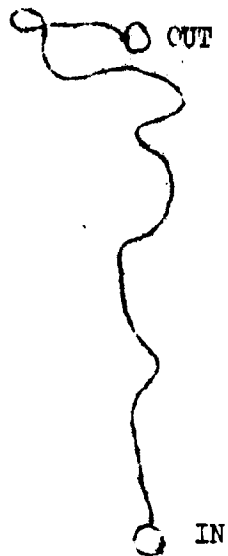
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On Page 1; substitute INSERTION TIME 01130H at COORDINATES AT9087.
EXTRACTION TIME 1630H, on 04 January 1967, at same coordinates.

Sec. 3.a. (2); Platoon departs CP by vehicle at 1330H, inserts via.
AT9087, extract 1630H, 04 Jan 67.

On Page 5; substitute new overlay (attached).

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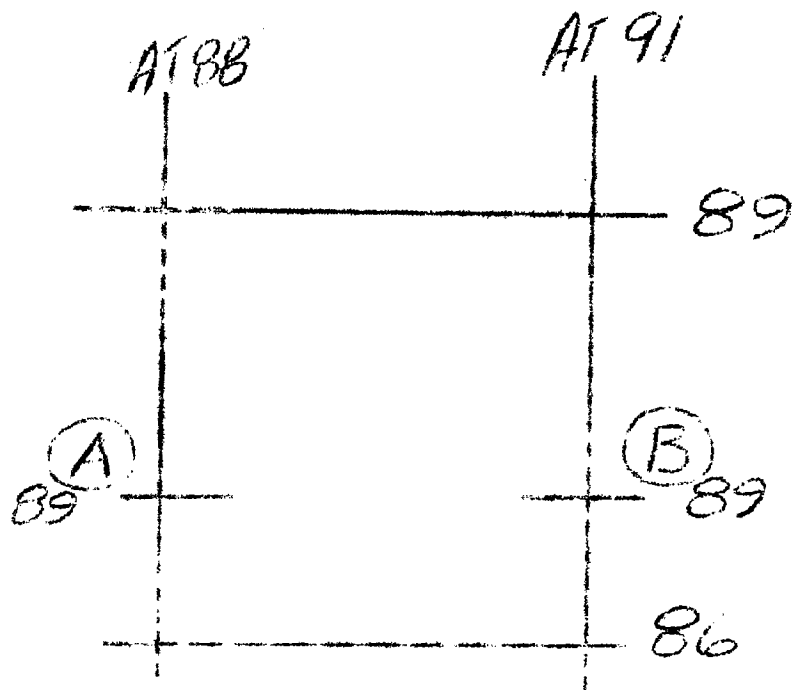
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UNIT 3-BCALL SIGN BULL RUSHPATROL LEADER CySgt STONENO. PERS. 22INSERTION TIME 010800HCOORDINATES AT 969379EXTRACTION TIME 041500HCOORDINATES AS DESIGNATED1. SITUATION.

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

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

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
 (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 010800H and inserts at vico. AT 969379, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1500H, on 4 January 1967 vico. AS DESIGNATED.

b. Patrol:

- (1) Conduct ground reconnaissance, as feasible, within assigned area and maintain surveillance of surrounding area.
 (2) The primary direction of observation is to the 360° of assigned area, Annex "A" establishes patrol's N. FIRE ZONE.

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

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

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

- (5) Capture and return to U.S. control VO and/or VOS.

c. Coordinating Instructions:

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

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

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

b. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 36.4
- (2) Alternate Net 34.6
- (3) Artillery (1) 37.3 REDWOOD SOUTH
(2) 39.8 ARNICA ECHO

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

d. Call Signs:

BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 BEACON LIGHT BULLPUSH - Patrol
 BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
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 ARNICA ECHO - Arty

e. Command Post:

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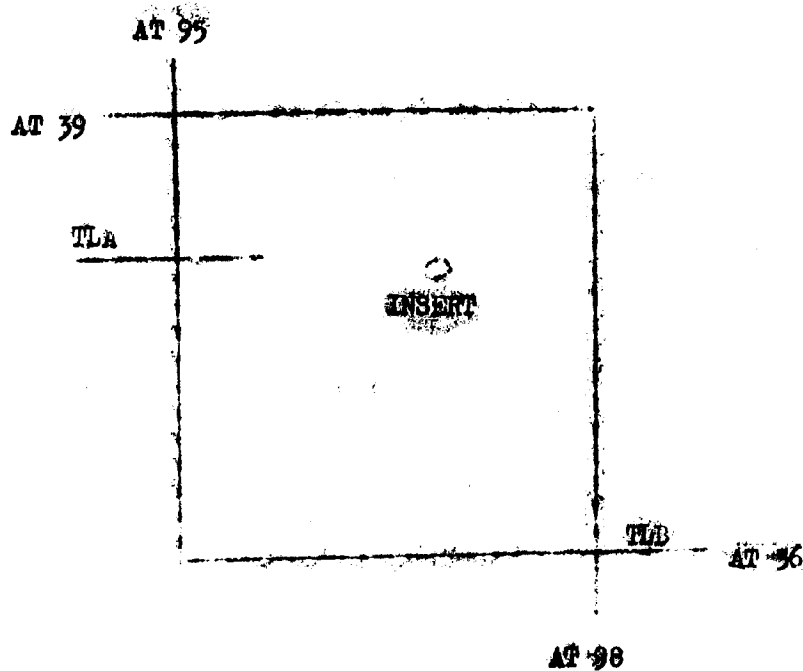
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Operation Order 75-66 Annex "A"
1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein)
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Operation Order: 75-66 1
 Patrol: 3-B BULLRUSH
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 21 EN, 1 USN
- B. ATTACHMENTS: 1 SCOUT DOG TEAM.
- C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's, 3 6X30's.
- D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 6 CLAYMORES; 6 CS GRENADES, 1 M-60 MG;
 2 M-79; 1 SHOTGUN.

MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN THE AREA ASSIGNED, WITH PRIMARY OBSERVATION TO THE EAST AND SOUTHEAST.

TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 001300H/051500H.

ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.

SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 96 HRS. WITH ONE CONTACT WITH APPROX 10 VC; SMALL ARMS FIRE AND M-79 RDS. WERE EXCHANGED, AND AN ARTY FM CONDUCTED RESULTING IN 2 VC KIA PROB. NO USMC CASUALTIES.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY:

041100H AT899875 APPROX. 10 VC MADE CONTACT WITH PATROLS
 FT.; BKG. PJs; SEMI. & AUTO. WPNS.; SMALL
 ARMS & M-79 RDS. EXCHANGED; VC BROKE
 CONTACT; ARTY FM CONDUCTED RESULTING IN
 2 VC KIA PROB.; SEARCH OF AREA FOUND CAR-
 BINE BRASS.

B. TERRAIN: VEGETATION ON TOP OF RIDGELINE IS 3'-10' HIGH AND EX-
 TREMELY THICK ALL OVER THE FINGER; VINES, BUSHES, AND TREES OF
 ALL SIZES ARE PRESENT. AS YOU DROP OFF THE FINGER TO THE EAST,
 THE TERRAIN BECOMES THICKER AND LOWER.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT WAS BY TRUCK VIC. AC925845; EXTRACTION WAS BY HELICO. VIC. AC921877, A BANANA GROVE AND UNCULTIVATED RICE PADDIES.

TRAILS ARE AS SHOWN ON THE MAP; VERY LARGE MAIN TRAIL 4'-5' WIDE WITH INTERMITTENT CLEARED AREAS 8'-10' WIDE. HLZ'S COULD BE QUICKLY MADE ANYPLACE ALONG THE TOP OF THE HIGHGROUND, BUT NOT ONCE YOU DROP OFF THE RIDGE.

INFANTRY TROOPS HAVE USED THIS AREA QUITE FREQUENTLY AND THERE IS ASSORTED TRASH SCATTERED ALL OVER THIS AREA.

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

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THE VC WHO MADE CONTACT WITH THIS PATROL WERE MOVING SOUTH ON THE MAIN TRAIL, TOWARD THE VILLAGE VIC. AT925857. 3/9 COMPANY POSITION HAD RECEIVED SNIPER RDS. THE NIGHT BEFORE AND THESE VC COULD HAVE BEEN THE SNIPERS RETURNING TO THEIR VILLAGE. THEY WERE PROBABLY OF LOCAL ORIGIN BUT SEEMED TO HAVE PLUNTY OF AMMUNITION.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: VERY GOOD ARTY. SUPPORT, RAPID AND ACCURATE, DURING THE ONE TM CONDUCTED.

SGT. J. W. BELOW
3RD PLT. CO. B
PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DESPATCHER: AFTER EXTENSIVE PATROLLING IN THIS AREA FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, THIS IS THE FIRST CONTACT EXPERIENCED BY ANY PATROL.

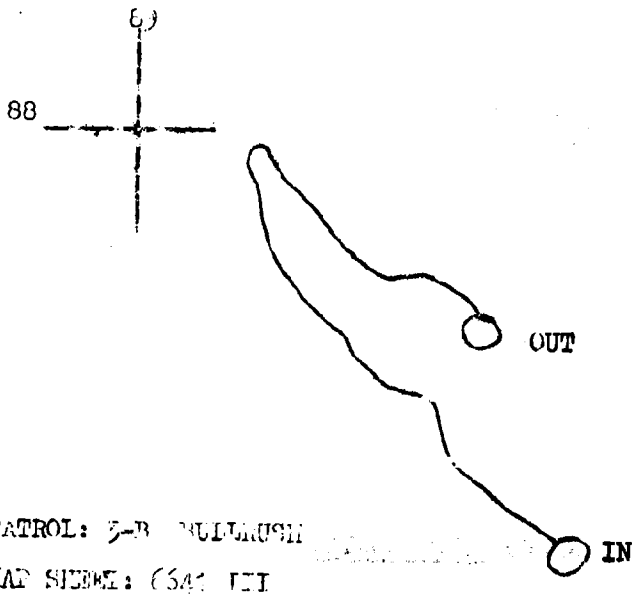
13. PATROL MEMBERS:

BELOW	1899549	CLAY	2144851
ARBuckle	2040494	JONES	2073938
GRADY	2156487	BINGHAM	2184486
SLITH	2214782	ROSTON	2075397
ANTERSON	2152304	WASHINGTON	1946210
DRAHIT	2198646	OLIVSON	2290653
LINSON	2163267	ROTHWELL	2150392
STEWART	2290028	ROTHWELL	2263364
SHOENING	1957326	STANSON	2099750
WROG	2211015	STUBBS	2137096
WATSON	2104270	STUBBS	2111040

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 (d) BaFragOrder msg #76-56

UNIT 2-3 CALL SIGN DUTCH EYEN PATROL LEADER Lt. DUNN

NO. PERS. 20 INSERTION TIME 010700H COORDINATES AT837378

EXTRACTION TIME 061500H COORDINATES AT837378.

1. SITUATION.

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

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

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs IZ FINCH at 010700H and inserts at vic. AT 837378, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1500, on 06 January 1967 via AT837378.

b. Patrol:

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

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

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

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

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

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 36.4
 - (2) Alternate Net 34.6
 - (3) Artillery (1) 37.3 REDWOOD SOUTH
 - (2) 39.8 ARNICA ECHO
- c. Shackle and Brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs:

BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 BEACON LIGHT DUTCH CVFN - Patrol
 BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Pelay
 BLACK COAT - AO
 REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
 ARNICA ECHO - Arty

e. Command Post:

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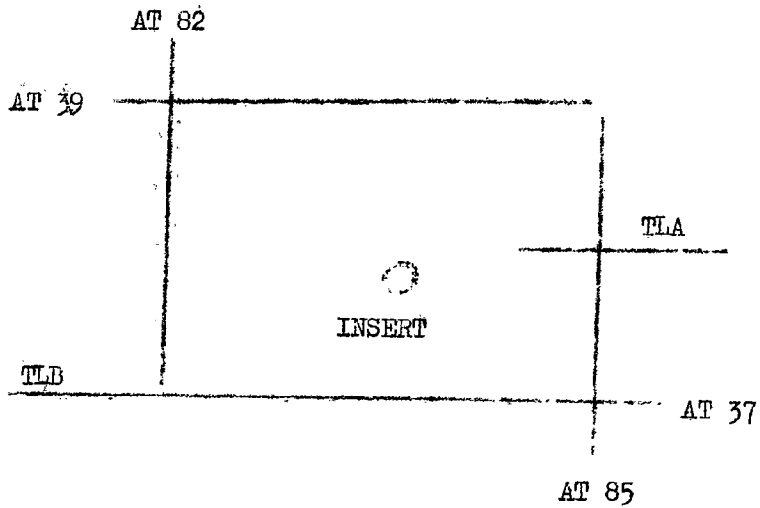
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 21 EN, 1 USN.
 - B. ATTACHMENTS: NONE
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 3 7x50's; 1 M-49 SPOTTER SCOPE.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 CASE C-4; 1 M-60; 2 M-79's; 6 CLAYMORES.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE FROM THE PERMANENT OP WITH PRIMARY DIRECTION OF OBSERVATION TO THE SOUTH.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 310735H/061055H.
4. ROUTE: INSERT, EXTRACT, AND OP LOCATED VIC. AT836378, HILL 452.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED 147 HOURS OF OBSERVATION WITH NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS OF VC.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY: NONE
 - B. TERRAIN: SEE PREVIOUS PATROL REPORTS.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: THE LLZ IS NOW COMPLETED; IT MEASURES 150 YARDS BY 100 YARDS, BUT WITH A 12 TO 15 DEGREE SLOPE SO THAT THE HELICOPTERS MUST HOVER AND THE TEAMS JUMP 3 OR 4 FEET TO THE DECK. NO WORK ON THIS LLZ SHORT OF A BULLDOZER CAN MAKE IT ANY BETTER.
 THE PATROL FAM-FIRED ALL WEAPONS.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: 2/5 IS NOW ACTIVELY PATROLLING THIS ENTIRE AREA AND THE RECON. OP ON THIS HILL IS OF NO VALUE; THE RECON.

TEAMS CANNOT CONDUCT FM's WITH ARTILLARY OR EVEN FAM-FIRE SMALL ARMS
BECAUSE OF FRIENDLIES ALL OVER THE AREA.

CO. F IS ESTABLISHED IN A BASE CAMP VIC. AT8138 AND PATROLS THE
AREA IN CONJUNCTION WITH PF's AND RF's.

RECOMMEND THAT RECON. PATROLS MUST OPERATE FARTHER SOUTH AND
ESTABLISH AN OP VIC. AT8032.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A.

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2nd PLT. CO. B
PATROL LEADER

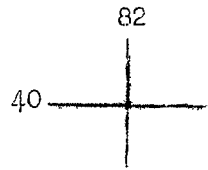
12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

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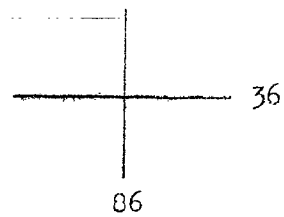
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EXTRACTION TIME 1530H, on 7 January 1967, at SAME COORDINATES.

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AT8686, extracts 1530H, 07 Jan 67.

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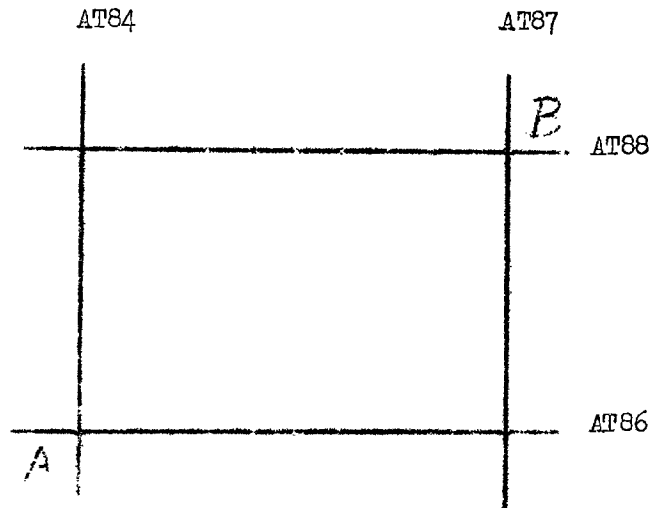
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 (d) BnFragOrder Mag. # 77-66

UNIT 1-FCALL SIGN CHICKEN PIEPATROL LEADER Lt. BARNESNO. PERS. 13/2 dogsINSERTION TIME 030700HCOORDINATES ZC 166506EXTRACTION TIME 061600HCOORDINATES ZC 1584751. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with 8-2).
- b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
- c. Attachments and Detachments: (2) Scout Dog Teams

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

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LE FINCH at 030700H and inserts at vic. ZC 166506, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H, on 6 January 67 vic. ZC 158475.

b. Patrol:

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

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

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- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol log, list of all serialized equipment and roster to patrol by 1600 hours preceding patrol.

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- a. Reference (b).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operation, (to include one day extra rations in the event of extension).
- c. Carry basic allowance of Class V plus at least 2 blocks C-4 per squad, 8 feet of detonating cord per block, 10 feet of time fuse, sufficient fuse lighters and blasting caps to dual prime each block of C-4.
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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

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

b. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 34.6
- (2) Alternate Net 37.9
- (3) Artillery 37.3

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

d. Call Signs:

BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
BEACON LIGHT CHICKEN PIE - Patrol
BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
BLACK COAT - AO
REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty

e. Command Post:

- (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein); vic. AT 959752.

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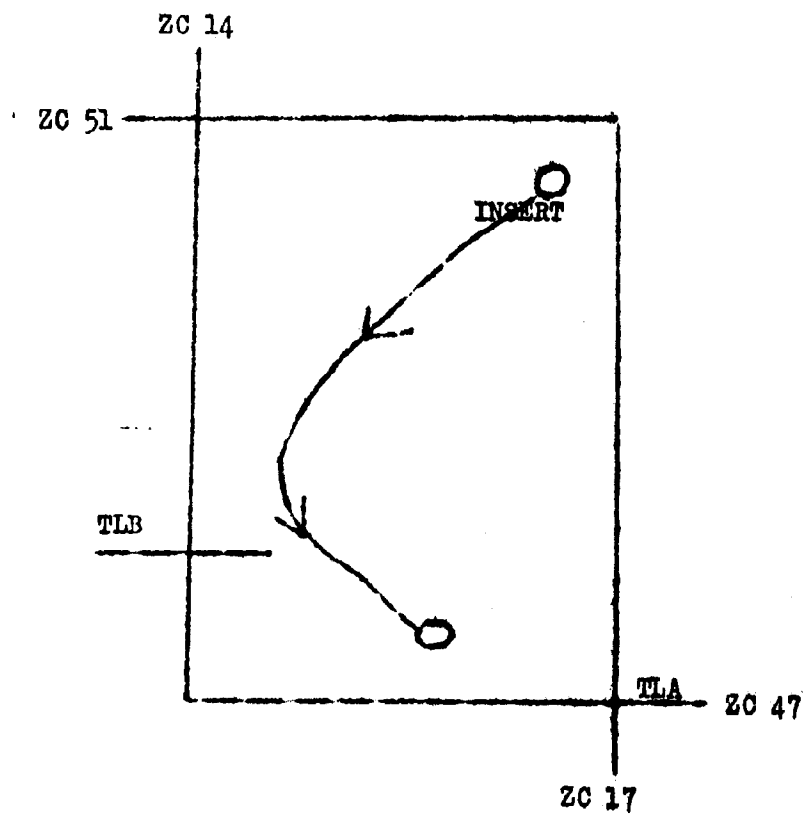
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 10 FN, 1 USN.
- B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
- C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25; 2 7x50; 1 6x35; 1 7x35.
- D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79; 2 CLAYMORES; 3 BLKS. C-4; 1 CS GREN.
 PER MAN W/MASKS; 1 M-76 W/2 WP RIFLE GREN; 2 WP HAND GREN; 2 FLARES.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS IN THE AREA ASSIGNED, AS DIRECTED.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 041555H/071630H.

4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.

5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 72 1/2 HOURS WITH NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS OF VC BUT SOME INDICATIONS OF RECENT ENEMY ACTIVITY.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY: NONE.

- B. TERRAIN: STEEP SLOPES, COVERED WITH A THICK SECONDARY GROWTH, COMPOSED MAINLY OF VINES, AND 6 TO 8 FEET IN HEIGHT. THERE IS A DENSE CANOPY RANGING ANYWHERE FROM 30 TO 90 FEET IN HEIGHT. MOVEMENT IS SLOW AND NECESSITATES CUTTING IN MANY PLACES. THE RIVER, AT THE POINT WHERE IT WAS CROSSED, WAS 30 FEET WIDE, ABOUT 4 1/2 FEET DEEP, AND WAS RUNNING AT A SPEED OF 5 TO 10 KNOTS. IT CAN BE EXPECTED TO SWELL WITH THE RAIN.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT WAS MADE BY AMTRAC VIC. AT681831; EXTRACT, BY HELICOPTER, WAS IN SOME RICE PADDIES VIC. AT855863; FOOTING WAS SOLID ALTHOUGH THE AREA WAS FLOODED WITH ABOUT 6" OF WATER.

THE AREA IS COVERED WITH TRASH FROM PAST INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

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FIGURE 3-RATIONS, LPR's, AND AN OLD FARMHOUSE, VIC. AT854867.

AT881839: 1st NIGHTS HARBOUR SLIT; CONTAINED TRASH LEFT BY INFANTRY.

AT878348. FOUND A VILLAGE, DESERTED, BUT IN GOOD REPAIR AND SHOWING SIGNS OF ACTIVITY (FOOTPRINTS, CULTIVATION).

AT876248: FOUND NUMEROUS SMALL BEDS OF MATTED GRASS, PERHAPS MADE BY ANIMALS.

AT876852: FOUND VIETNAMESE LIGHTER.

AT865356. FROM HERE TO THE TOP OF HILL 744 (AT889865) THERE IS A WELL USED TRAIL ABOUT TWO FEET WIDE; SHOWS SIGNS OF USE BY ANIMALS.

AT875364; A NUMBER OF SANDAL AND BARE FOOTPRINTS WERE OBSERVED ALONG THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE STREAM; ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT 24 HOURS OLD (061345H).

AT848358: OBSERVED THE VILLAGE OF NAM YEN WITH NO SIGNS OF ENEMY ACTIVITY; THERE WERE SOME TRAMPLED AREAS IN THE NEARBY PADDY GRASS WHERE SOMEONE HAD MOVED THROUGH.

AT853064. OBSERVED SOME OLD BROKEN DOWN STONE WALLS.

AT853064: FOUND 3 SMALL TUNNELS, BUT COULD NOT FOLLOW THEM TO THEIR SOURCE.

AT854849: FOUND TWO OLD FRENCH BLOC HOUSES MADE OF CONCRETE, FACING NORTHWEST.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THIS AREA SHELTERS SMALL GROUPS OF VC BUT NOTHING ON A COMPANY LEVEL; THEY WOULD BE LIKELY TO TRAVEL ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE RIVER RATHER THAN THE NORTH BECAUSE THERE THEY WOULD BE MASKED FROM ARTILLERY AND OBSERVATION.

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TARGET IS TOO MUCH COVERED SHOULD THE VILLAGE BE USED FOR
EFFECTIVE OBSERVATION FROM THE AIR OR THE CP: IT SHOULD BEST BE IN-
VESTIGATED BY INFANTRY CONDUCTING A HOUSE TO HOUSE SEARCH.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SIGHTING ARMS: N/A

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12. COMMENTS BY OPERATOR: NONE

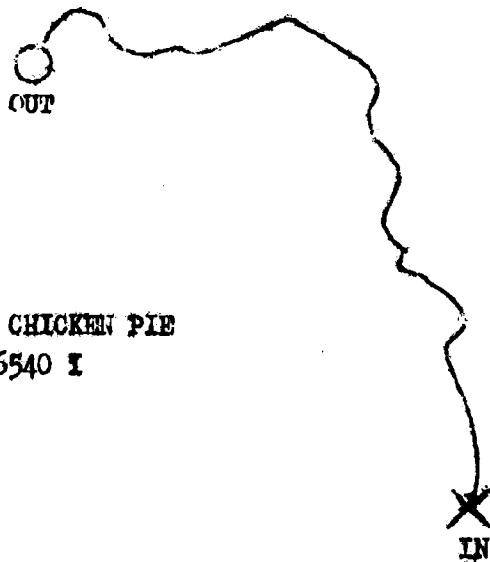
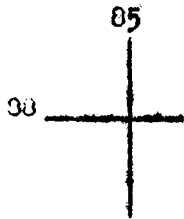
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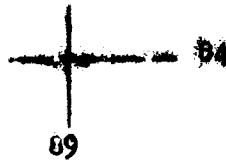
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UNIT B-1 CALL SIGN CHARGE SHEET PATROL LEADER Lt. CAMBELLNO. PERS. 23 INSERTION TIME 050000H COORDINATES AT917314EXTRACTION TIME 081600H COORDINATES AT8973141. SITUATION.

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

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

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 050000H and inserts at vic. AT 917314, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H on 8 January 1967, vic. AT 897314.

b. Patrol:

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

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

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

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

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Ref. (b).
- (2) Submit SITREP to BEACON LIGHT every hour.
- (3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.
- (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
- (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fires. Shackle OT azimuth at the discretion of the patrol leader.
- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertains to your mission.
- (8) Caution all troops to be alert for AP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger lives of patrol members to investigate same.
- (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference (c).
- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of the patrol.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. AO will come up on patrol net, and should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of all serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 0600 hrs on/ preceding patrol.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 37.9
 - (2) Alternate Net 34.6
 - (3) Artillery (1) 37.3 REDWOOD SOUTH
- c. Shackle and brevity code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs:
 - BEACON LIGHT-1st Recon Bn.
 - BEACON LIGHT-CHARGE SHEET Patrol
 - BEACON LIGHT DELTA- Radio Relay
 - BLACK COAT-AO
 - REDWOOD SOUTH-Arty
- e. Command Post:
 - (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein); v/c. AT 959752.

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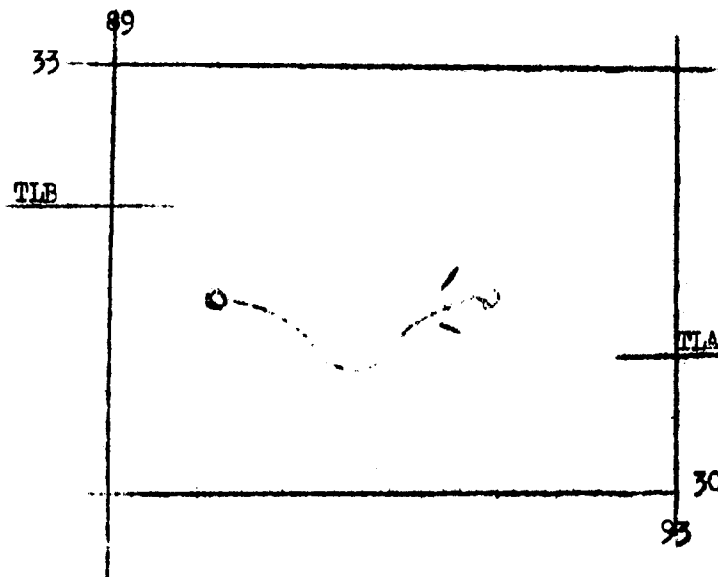
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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 18 EN, 1 USN.
- B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
- C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 2 7x50's.
- D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-60; 2 M-79's; 1 M-16; 6 BLK. C-4.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS OF THE AREA ASSIGNED, AS DIRECTED.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 061045H/111030H.

4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.

5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 120 HOURS WITH ONE ENEMY CONTACT RESULTING IN 4 VC KIA.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY:

090930H

AT909319

MADE CHANCE CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED 10 VC RESULTING IN 4 VC KIA AND THE CAPTURE OF 1 U.S. M-1 RIFLE, 1 U.S. M-1 CARBINE, 1 SMITH & WESSON CAL. .38 REVOLVER, 2 HAND GRENADES, AND ONE LOCAL TYPE AP MINE. VC WORE KHAKI SHIRTS, ASSORTED TYPES OF CUT-OFF TROUSERS OR SHORTS, AND HO CHI MINH SANDALS. THEY CARRIED NO DOCUMENTS OR IDENTIFICATION OF ANY KIND.

- B. TERRAIN: THE AREA IS STEEPLY SLOPED IN MOST PLACES WITH A MODERATE UNDER GROWTH AND A THICK CANOPY 30-40 FEET IN HEIGHT; THE TOP OF HILL 760 VIC. AT917374 IS COVERED WITH SHORT GRASS 1' TO 2' HIGH.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT AND EXTRACT WERE MADE VIC. AT919300, A FAIRLY GOOD ONE BIRD ZONE COVERED WITH 6' TO 12' SCRUB.

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TRAILS, AS DEPICTED ON THE MAP ARE ACCURATE, ALL ARE FAIRLY WIDE AND APPEAR TO BE WELL USED.

THE PATROL OBSERVED AN OLD HARBOUR SITE VIC. AT902312 WHICH CONSISTED OF THE REMAINS OF EIGHT HOOCHES; ESTIMATED TO BE 1-2 MONTHS OLD.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 4 VC KIA (CONF); 3 WEAPONS, 2 GRENADES AND 1 AP MINE CAPTURED.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: MEMBERS EXPERIENCING VARYING DEGREES OF IMMERSION FOOT FROM FIVE DAYS EXPOSURE TO WATER; OTHERWISE GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: JUDGING FROM THEIR UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT, THE VC WHICH WERE ENCOUNTERED WERE OF THE LOCAL FORCE VARIETY.
11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: ACCURACY WAS VERY POOR ON THE FIRE MISSION CALLED AT THE TIME OF CONTACT AND ON THE REGISTRATION FIRES AT NIGHT. THE PATROL WAS AT MAXIMUM RANGE OF THE 8" HOWITZERS OF REDWOOD SOUTH.

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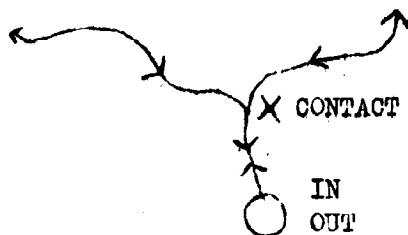
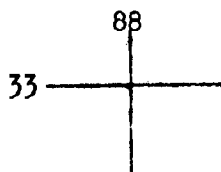
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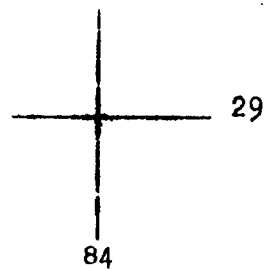
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UNIT 5-FCALL SIGN CONFECTIONPATROL LEADER Lt. GUTTERMANNO. PERS. 14INSERTION TIME 050700HCOORDINATES AT 970387EXTRACTION TIME 081500HCOORDINATES AT 9693701. SITUATION.

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

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

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 050700H and inserts at vic. AT 970387, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1500H on 08 January 1967, vic. AT 969370.

b. Patrol:

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

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

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- (3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.
- (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
- (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fires. Shackle OT azimuth at the discretion of the patrol leader.
- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertains to your mission.
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- (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference (c).
- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of the patrol.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. AO will come in on patrol net, and should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol report, list of all serialized equipment and roster to patrol by 1800 hours of preceding patrol.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

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

- b. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 37.9
- (2) Alternate Net 34.6
- (3) Artillery (1) 37.3 REDWOOD SOUTH
(2) 39.8 ARNICA ECHO

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

- d. Call Signs:

BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 BEACON LIGHT CONFECTION - Patrol
 BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
 REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
 ARNICA ECHO - Arty
 BLACK COAT - AO

- e. Command Post:

- (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein); vic. AT 959752.

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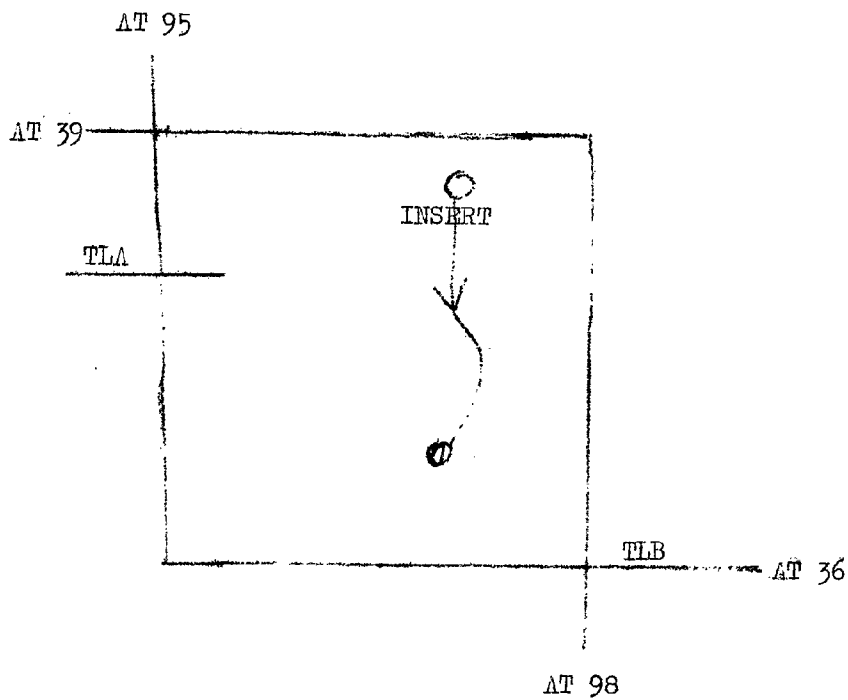
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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 11 EN, 1 USN, 1 USA.
- B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: 1 SCOUT DOC TEAM, 1 USSF.
- C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 1 7x50; 1 6x30.
- D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 2 M-79's, 1 M-60; 1 DEMO KIT; 6 CLAYMORES.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS OF THE AREA ASSIGNED, AS DIRECTED.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 060940H/100940H.

4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.

5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 95 HOURS WITH NUMEROUS SIGHTINGS TOTALING 23 VC AND 83 VCS. ONE ARTY. FM WAS CONDUCTED RESULTING IN 5 VC KIA (CONF) AND 5 VC KIA (PROB).

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

A. ENEMY:

061115H	AT954364	OBSERVED A TOTAL OF 20 VCS MOVING WEST ON ROAD; MINGLED WITH LOCAL TRAFFIC; UNABLE TO DETERMINE WPNS. OR EQUIP.
061130H	AT954364	MADE SIGHTINGS TOTALING 17 VCS; ALL WERE MOVING WEST ALONG ROAD; SOME WERE CARRYING GEAR OF UNKN. NATURE.
061230H	AT943363	OBSERVED TOTAL OF 22 VCS MOVING WEST ALONG ROAD; BLK. PJ's, SOME PACKS AND BASKETS.
061330H	AT943363	OBSERVED A TOTAL OF 17 VCS AND 2 VC MOVING WEST ALONG ROAD; VC WEARING KHAKI AND TIGER STRIPES; SOME VCS WITH PACKS OR BASKETS.
061500H	AT955364	OBSERVED TOTAL OF 19 VC TRAVELLING WEST IN A DISPERSED COLUMN; INTERVALS OF 15-20 METERS; BLK. PJ's; RIFLES; PACKS.

CALLED ARMY. FM's AT BOTH ENDS OF GOURGE, VIC. 950360 AND 950365, WITH GOOD COVERAGE, RESULTING IN 3 VC KIA AND 5 VC KIA PROB.

061800H AT950365

OBSERVED 2 VC AND 12 VCS MOVING WEST; VC IN KHAKI WITH UNDETERMINED GEAR; MOVED OFF ROAD INTO BUSH VIC. 950365. REQUESTED FM BUT WAS UNABLE TO GET IT CLEARED.

062200H AT8938

OBSERVED A STRING OF FLASHLIGHTS OVER A PERIOD OF ABOUT ONE HOUR; WERE MOVING ALONG VALLEY FLOOR GOING SE AND TURNING INTO THE HILLS AT AN UNDETERMINED POINT, POSSIBLY THE TRAIL VIC. AT900364. MAY HAVE BEEN COMPANY SIZED UNIT IN A LONG, DISPERSED COLUMN.

B. TERRAIN: THE GROUND IS REASONABLY CLEAR ATOP THE RIDGES, CONTAINING MOSTLY SCRUB. THE SLOPES ARE CONSIDERABLY THICKER WITH PATCHES OF CANOPY UP TO 20 FEET IN HEIGHT

7. OTHER INFORMATION: THE VC SIGHTED BY THE PATROL CAME WESTWARD IN A THIN, STEADY STREAM, ALONG THE ROAD, WHICH ALSO CARRIED A LARGE VOLUME OF LOCAL CIVILIAN TRAFFIC. FOR THIS REASON, NO FM's WERE CONDUCTED UNTIL LATE IN THE DAY WHEN THE LOCAL TRAFFIC HAD LESSENERED. THOSE VC WITHOUT PACKS OR WEAPONS COULD BE DISTINGUISHED FROM THE MAINSTREAM BY THE FACT THAT THEY TENDED TO MOVE FASTER AND WEAVE IN AND OUT OF THE REST OF THE TRAFFIC.

INSERT WAS MADE VIC. AT957378, A GOOD LZ CHOPPED BY A PREVIOUS PATROL AND SUITABLE FOR AT LEAST 2 UH-34's OR 1 UH-46. EXTRACT WAS MADE VIC. AT957370, ALSO A GOOD AREA. TO THE WEST, THE PATROL OBSERVED SEVERAL MORE POSSIBLE HLZ's VIC. AT9430.

TRASH IN THE AREA INDICATED PAST OPERATIONS BEYOND THAT CONDUCTED BY THE PREVIOUS RECON. PATROL. A PAIR OF CANTEENS, FULL OF WATER, AND FOUND ABANDONED, WOULD INDICATE THAT THE VC HAVE NOT BEEN THROUGH THIS AREA TOO THOROUGHLY IN THE RECENT PAST.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 3 VC KIA AND 5 VC KIA PROBABLE.

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9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GENERALLY GOOD WITH SOME OF THE NEW PERSONNEL EXPERIENCING FOOT TROUBLE.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THE LARGE NUMBER OF VC MOVING THROUGH THIS AREA PRESENTS GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR AMBUSH AND FM's. RECOMMEND THAT FUTURE PATROLS DO NOT FORM A HABIT OF USING THE SAME LZ's AND OP SITES; OTHERS CAN BE FOUND ALONG THE SAME ROAD.
11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: COVERAGE ON THE FIRST FM WAS GOOD; CONFUSION AMONG THE ARTILLERY PEOPLE PREVENTED THE SECOND FROM BEING CLEARED.

12.

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5th ILT. 1st FORGE
PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

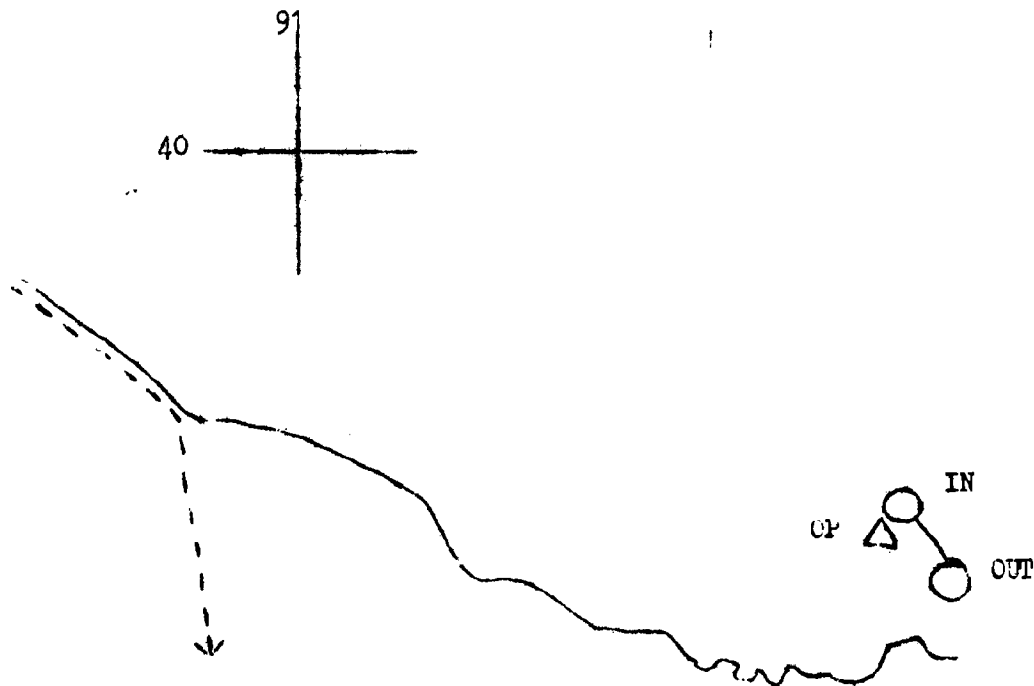
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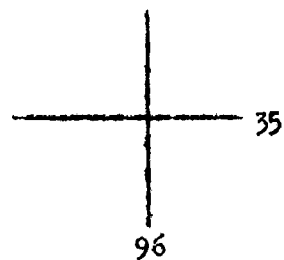
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 (b) BnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) BnFragOrder Msg # 03-67

UNIT C-3CALL SIGN EYELETPATROL LEADER Lt. KINGNO. PERS. 22INSERTION TIME 061000HCOORDINATES AT 837378EXTRACTION TIME 121000HCOORDINATES AT 8373781. SITUATION.

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

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

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 061000H and inserts at vic. AT 837378, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1000H, on 12 January 1967 vic. AT 837378.

b. Patrol:

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

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

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

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

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

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

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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

. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

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

b. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 36.4
- (2) Alternate Net 34.6
- (3) Artillery (1) 37.3 REDWOOD SOUTH
(2) 39.8 ARNICA ECHO

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

d. Call Signs:

BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 BEACON LIGHT EYELET - Patrol
 BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
 BLACK COAT - AO
 REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
 ARNICA ECHO - Arty

e. Command Post:

- (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein); vic. AT 959752.

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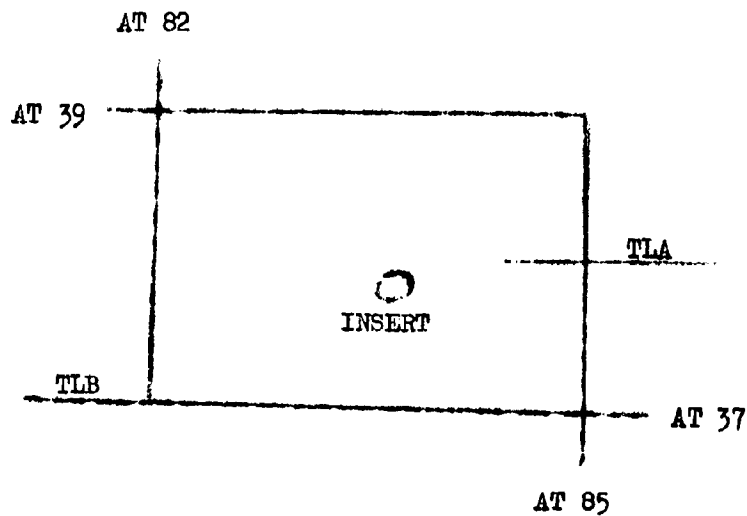
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 Debriefing: Cpl. E. S. Waters
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 18 EN, 1 USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 1 BC SCODE; 1 M-49 SPOTTER
 SCOPE; 2 7x50's; 2 PRC 25's.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-60 MG; 2 M-79's; 10 CLAYMORES; 4 LAAW's;
 8 BLKS. C-4.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS OF THE
 AREA ASSIGNED, AS DIRECTED.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 061030H/130830H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 166 HOURS WITH 7 SIGHTINGS
 TOTTALLING 47 VC. 4 FIRE MISSIONS WERE CONDUCTED RESULTING IN 3 VC KIA
 (CONF) AND 3 VC KIA (PROB).
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY:

101110H	AT838362	4 VC RUNNING SOUTHEAST ALONG STREAM; BLK. PJ's, 2 RIFLES; F/2/5 ADVISED.
101115H	AT885376	5 VC MOVING SOUTHWEST ALONG TRAIL; BLK. PJ's, UNDETERMINED GEAR.
111050H	AT875372	15 VC MOVING EAST ON TRAIL; BLK. PJ's, KHAKI, LIGHT GREEN UNIFORMS, PACKS AND RIFLES; 2 CARRYING A POLE WITH A BUNDLE APPEARING TO BE A BODY. VC JUMPED INTO BUSH WHEN ARTY. HIT, LEAVING BODY ON TRAIL; NOT ALL CAME OUT; 3 KIA (PROB).
111645H	AT875372	SHIFT IN THE FOG REVEALED 3 VC ATTEMPTING TO REMOVE BODY ON TRAIL; BLK. PJ's, LIGHT GREEN UNIFORMS; CALLED FM WITH INCONCLUSIVE RESULTS.

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121050H AT874373 11 VC MOVING WEST; BLK. PJ's, KHAKI, PACKS
AND RIFLES; CALLED FM WITH GOOD COVERAGE;
1 VC KIA (CONF).

121150H AT841360 1 VC MOVING INTO VILLE; BLK. PJ's, RIFLR;
ENTERED VILLE BEFORE FM COULD BE CON-
DUCTED.

121630H AT875372 8 VC MOVING EAST ON TRAIL; BLK. PJ's,
LIGHT GREEN UNIFORMS, PACKS, RIFLES, AND
2 SHORT WEAPONS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN SUB-
MACHINE GUNS. CONDUCTED FM WITH GOOD
COVERAGE; 2 VC KIA (CONF)

7. OTHER INFORMATION: THE HLZ OF INSERT AND EXTRACT WAS IMPROVED SOME-
WHAT WITH C-4; HOWEVER, THE PILOTS STILL PREFER TO HOVER OFF THE DECK
RATHER THAN LAND ON THE SLIGHT INCLINE (VIC. AT836378).

IT WAS NOTICED THAT THE VC AND VCS ENTERING THE VILLE DIRECTLY
BELOW THE OP WERE USUALLY TRAVELLING LIGHTER THAN WHEN THEY LEFT.

ASSUME THAT THE VC ARE OBTAINING RICE AND OTHER SUPPLIES FROM HERE.

THE PATROL TEST FIRED THE LAAW WITH GOOD RESULTS AT UP TO 1300
METERS.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 3 VC KIA (CONF) AND 3 VC KIA
(PROD).

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THIS IS AN EXCELLENT OP WITH RE-
SPECT TO BOTH THE OBSERVATION IT PROVIDES AND THE AMOUNT OF VC
ACTIVITY IN THE AREA. IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SITE MIGHT INCLUDE SOME
CONCERTINA WIRE AND A .50 CAL. MACHINE GUN.

RECOMMEND THAT MORE WORK BE DONE ON THE LZ.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR FIRE
MISSIONS WAS SLOW AT FIRST BUT TENDED TO IMPROVE LATER ON. THE
COVERAGE ON THESE MISSIONS WAS GOOD TO EXCELLENT.

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3rd PLT. CO. C
PATROL LEADER

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12. COMMENTS BY DEFEER: THE ADDITION OF A .50 CALIBER MACHINE GUN AS WELL AS IMPROVED OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT IS PLANNED FOR THIS OP IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

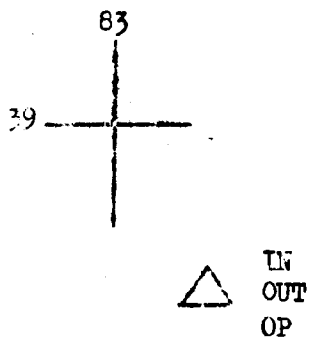
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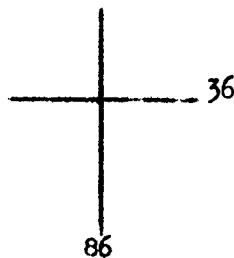
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 (c) LHMALD.VO P3800.JF (Intelligence S&P)
 (d) Message Order: Msg # 04-67.

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CALL SIGN CORN FLEAD

PATROL LEADER Lt. KING

LZ PTF 12

INSERTION TIME 071000H

COORDINATES AT 837827

EXTRACTION TIME 131000H

COORDINATES AT 837827

1. SITUATION.

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

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

3. EXTRACTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 071000H and inserts at vic. AT 837827, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1000H, on 13 January 1967, vic. AT 837827.

b. Patrol:

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

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c. Coordinating Instructions:

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- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol report, list of all serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 1800 on day preceding patrol.

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

COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

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

b. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net ~~36.4~~ 34.0
- (2) Alternate Net 45.2
- (3) Artillery (1) 37.3 REDWOOD NORTH
(2) 37.4 PLED PIPER FOXTROT

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

d. Call Signs:

BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 BEACON LIGHT CORN BREAD - Patrol
 BLACK COAT - AO
 REDWOOD NORTH - Arty
 PLED PIPER FOXTROT - Arty

e. Command Post:

- (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein); vfo. AT 959752.

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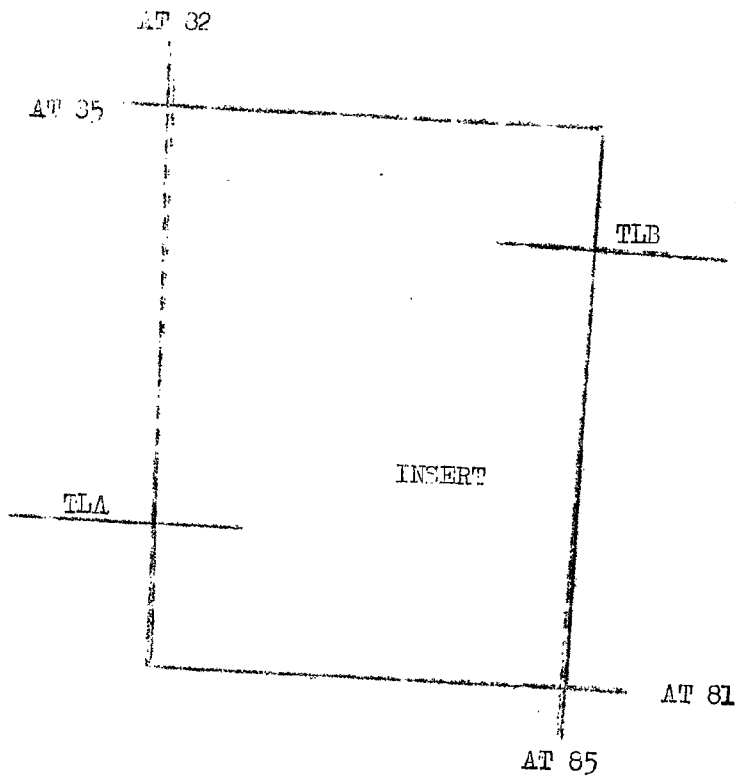
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On Page 1; substitute INSERTION TIME 091300H at COORDINATES AT9085,
EXTRACTION TIME 1600H, on 12 January 1967, at COORDINATES AT8785.

Sec. 3. a. (2); Platoon departs CP by vehicle at 1300H, inserts via
AT0785, extracts 1600H, 12 January 1967.

On Page 3; sec. 5. b. (1), (2), and (3):

Primary, Helo, and AO Net 34.0

Alternate Net 34.6

Artillery (1) Redwood North 37.3 (O/F)

(2) Redwood North 36.9 (Admin)

(3) Polish Hotel 37.4 (105's)

Infantry (2/4) "Ridge Beam" Bn. Tac. 34.0

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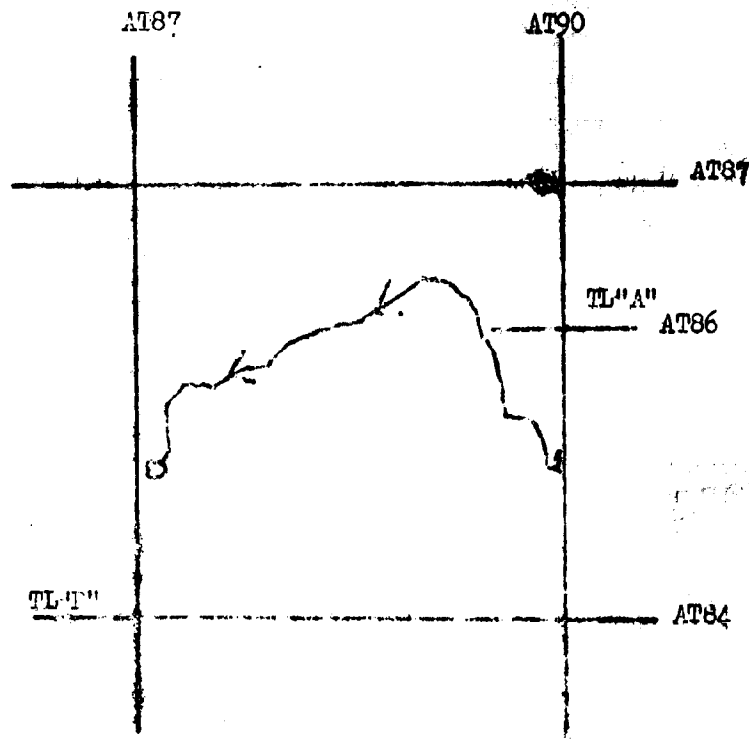
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 (d) BnFragOrder Msg # 05-67

UNIT 3-BCALL SIGN BULL RUSHPATROL LEADER Sgt. BELOWNO. PERS. 25INSERTION TIME 080700HCOORDINATES ZC 166506EXTRACTION TIME 111600HCOORDINATES ZC 1584751. SITUATION.

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

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed.3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
 (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 080700H and inserts at vic. ZC 166506, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H, on 11 January 1967 via. ZC 158475.

b. Patrol:

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

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c. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Ref. (b).
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- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of all serialized equipment and roster to patrol by 1600 hrs on preceding patrol.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operation, (to include one day extra rations in the event of extension).
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- d. Patrol leader will carry, or have carried, such other special equipment as he may deem necessary.
- e. Necessary med-evacs will be performed in accordance with previous instructions.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

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

b. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary, Helo; AO Net 34.6
- (2) Alternate Net 35.4
- (3) Artillery (1) 37.3 REDWOOD SOUTH
(2) 39.8 ARNICA ECHO
(3) 38.90 STANLEY LOOKER

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

d. Call Signs:

BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 BEACON LIGHT BULL RUSH - Patrol
 BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
 BLACK COAT - AO
 REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
 ARNICA ECHO - Arty
 STANLEY LOOKER - Arty

e. Command Post:

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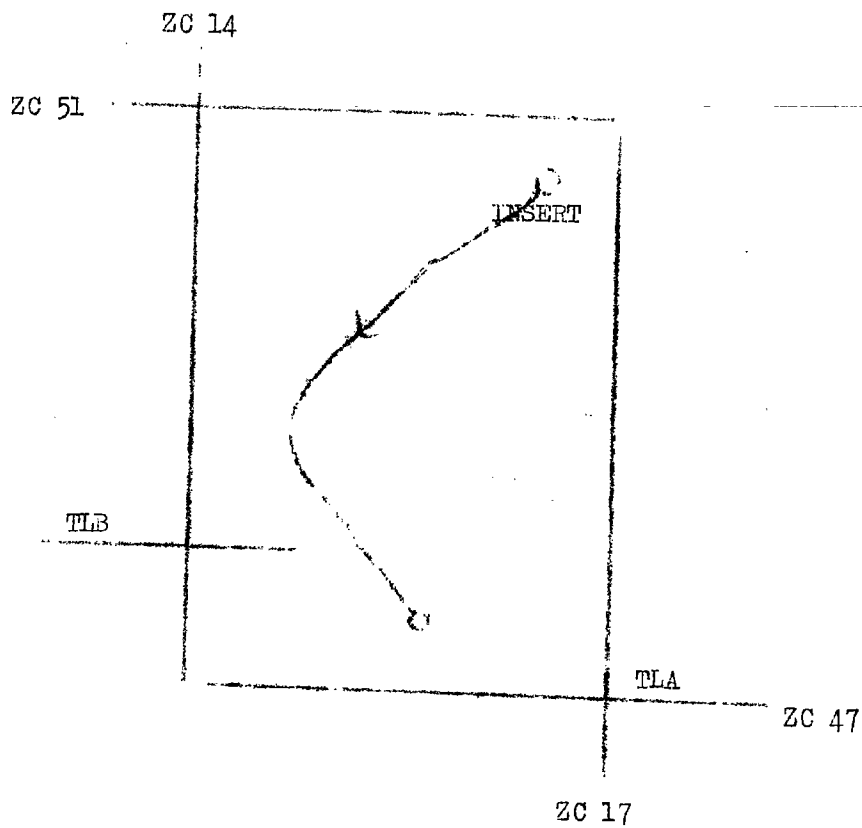
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 23 EN, 1 USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: 1 SCOUT DOG TEAM.
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 3 7x50's.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 2 M-79's; 1 M-60 MG; 2 SHOTGUNS; 4 CS GREN;
 8 CLAYMORES; 1 50' LINE.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS OF THE AREA ASSIGNED, AS DIRECTED.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 091230H/121600H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 76 HOURS, WITH NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS OF VC AND NO INDICATIONS OF RECENT VC ACTIVITY.
6. OBSERVATIONS OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY: NONE
 - B. TERRAIN: THIS AREA IS COVERED BY EXTREMELY DENSE SECONDARY GROWTH BLENDING INTO A CANOPY ABOUT 30 FEET IN HEIGHT. THE VEGETATION IS COMPOSED OF BOTH SCRUB AND VINES. THE PATROL ENCOUNTERED NO TRAILS.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERTION WAS MADE BY VEHICLE, VIC. AT935845.
 EXTRACTION WAS MADE FROM AN HLZ BLOWN FROM THE BUSH VIC. AT868848. THE ZONE WAS CONSTRUCTED LARGE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE AT LEAST ONE AND PERHAPS TWO UH-46's.
 THE PATROL FOUND THE REMAINS OF A SMALL HOOTCH WHICH APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN BURNED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, AND STILL CONTAINED SOME HOUSE-

HOLD EFFECTS AS WELL AS A CHARRED AND RUSTED CLIP OF U.S. 7.62mm
ROUNDS.

THE MAP WAS DISCOVERED TO HAVE SOME DISCREPANCIES IN THE VICINITY
OF GRID SQUARE 8885. THE TERRAIN IS MUCH ROUGHER THAN INDICATED AND
HILL 208 IS CONSIDERABLY HIGHER.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: FURTHER EMPLOYMENT OF RECON. PATROLS
IN THIS AREA CONTINUES TO BE OF LITTLE VALUE, SINCE ALL HAVE RETURNED
WITH ESSENTIALLY NEGATIVE RESULTS.
11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A.

SGT. J. W. BELOW
3rd PLT. Co. B
PATROL LEADER

2. COMMENTS BY LEMRIEFER: NONE.
13. PATROL MEMBERS:

BELOW, 1889549
ARBUCKLE, 2040484
JONES, 2073936
GRADY, 2156427
FOSSUS, 2148395
BINGHAM, 2184486
SMITH, 2214732
POSTON, 2075397
ANDERSON, 2152304
BRANDT, 2198648
HANSON, 2163267
GUTIERREZ, 2153392

SULLIVAN, 2290018
COTTERMAN, 2269364
BROWNING, 1933316
BROWN, 2211015
PETERS, 2117926
WIMER, 2174276
SPARKS, 2265996
WITMER, 2265313
BAROS, 1475350
SHANNON, 9995530
MILLER, 2059520

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UNIT 1-FCALL SIGN NIGHT STICKERPATROL LEADER Lt. BARNESNo. PERS. 17INSERTION TIME 110700HCOORDINATES AT 812436EXTRACTION TIME 140600HCOORDINATES AT 7994151. SITUATION.

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

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

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 110700H and inserts at vic. AT 812436 to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H, on 14 January 1967 via AT 799415.

b. Patrol:

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

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

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

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

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

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

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operation, (to include one day extra rations in the event of extension).
- c. Carry basic allowance of Class V plus at least 2 blocks of C-4 per squad, 0 feet of detonating cord per block, 10 feet of time fuse, sufficient fuse lighters and blasting caps to dual prime each block of C-4.
- d. Patrol leader will carry, or have carried, such other special equipment as he may deem necessary.
- e. Necessary med-evacs will be performed in accordance with previous instructions.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary; Holo; AO Net 37.2
 - (2) Alternate Net 34.6
 - (3) Artillery (1) 37.3 REDWOOD SOUTH
(2) 39.8 ARNICA ECHO
- c. Shackle and Brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs:

BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 BEACON LIGHT NIGHTSTICKER - Patrol
 BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
 BLACK COAT - AO
 REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
 ARNICA ECHO - Arty

e. Command Post:

- (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein); via. AT 959752.

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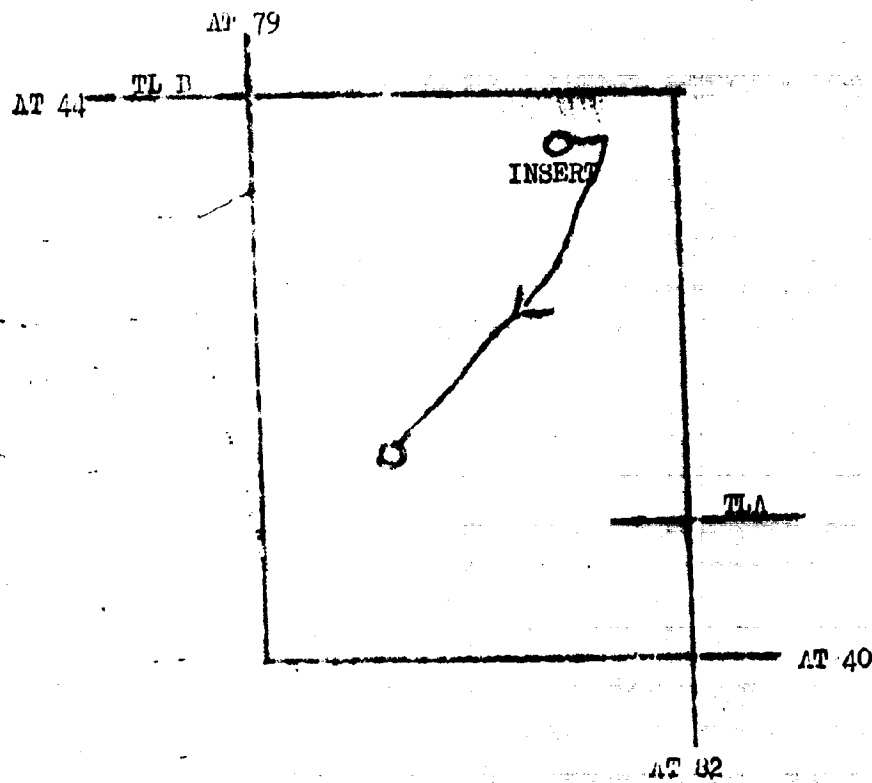
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PATROL REPORT

1. **SIZ, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:**
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 10 EN, 1 USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 1 7x50; 1 7x35; 1 6x30.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79; 1 M-76 w/2 WP RIF. GRFN; 4 BLKS. C-4;
8 TRIP FLARES; 1 RED AIR PANEL; 2 MACHETES; 2 INCINDIARY GRFN;
1 CS GRENADE AND 1 GAS MASK PER MAN.
2. **MISSION:** CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OF THE AREA ASSIGNED,
AS DIRECTED.
3. **TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN:** 111107H/111115H.
4. **ROUTE:** SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. **SYNOPSIS:** THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF APPROX. 8 MINUTES WITH NEG-
ATIVE SIGHTINGS OF VC. ONE PATROL MEMBER TRIPPED AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE
RESULTING IN 5 USMC WIA.
6. **OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:**
 - A. ENEMY: NONE.
 - B. TERRAIN: THE AREA IMMEDIATELY AROUND THE HLZ. CONSISTED OF LOW CAN-
OPY MODERATLY HEAVY SECONDARY SCRUB GROWTH.
7. **OTHER INFORMATION:** INSERT AND EXTRACT WERE MADE VIC. AT013439, A GOOD
ONE BIRD ZONE ABOUT 20m x 30m. A PATH, SHOWN ON THE MAP, RUNS THROUGH
THE CENTER OF THE ZONE WHICH IS THE ONLY ONE IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA.

THE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WHICH CAUSED THE CASUALTIES WAS DESCRIBED
AS BEING DETONATED BY A TRIP WIRE, PLACED ON A STUMP ABOUT 4" OFF THE
GROUND, AND HAVING A FLAT SOUND SOMETHING LIKE A .50 CAL. DISCHARGE.

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TINY METAL FRAGMENTS WERE FOUND IMBEDDED IN GEAR WORN BY ONE OF THE PATROL MEMBERS WHICH APPEARED TO BE CAST IRON.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE 5 WIA, ONLY ONE OF WHICH WAS SERIOUS.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THE FACT THAT HALF OF THE TEAM HAD MOVED THROUGH THE AREA BEFORE THE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS DETONATED INDICATES THAT THE AREA WAS NOT TOO HEAVILY MINED. RECOMMEND THAT FUTURE PATROLS LAND FURTHER TO THE SOUTH AND WORK NORTH TO BETTER AVOID OBSERVATION; ALSO THAT THEY BE WARY OF MORE POSSIBLE MINES OR BOoby TRAPS IN THEIR LZ's.
11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A.

LT. E. BARNES
1st PLT, 1st FORCE
PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE

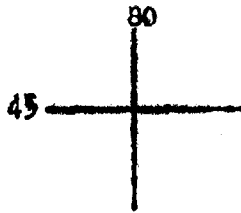
13. PATROL MEMBERS:

BARNES 089006
JENNINGS 1550826
OTT 9178086
PISTORINO 2282996
MAISOET 2190606
BLANKENSHIP 1912460

CHAMBERS 2152863
DERMONT 2111518
HAUKHURST 2137259
OARTER 2102450
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MONEMAR 2090196

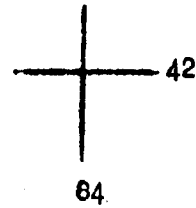
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UNIT 1-CCALL SIGN CIRCUMSTANCEPATROL LEADER Lt. FADIENO. PERS. 21INSERTION TIME 120700HCOORDINATES AT 799322EXTRACTION TIME 151530HCOORDINATES AT 7993221. SITUATION.

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

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

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FENCHU at 120700H and inserts at vic. AT 799322, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1530H, on 15 January 1967, via AT 799322.

b. Patrol:

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

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

- (a) Routes of egress and entry.
- (b) Lines of communications.
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- (d) Verifying the order of battle.
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- (4) Report the capture of all documents and weapons with description to BEACON LIGHT as soon as possible.

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

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

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operations, (to include one day extra rations in the event of extension).
- c. Carry basic allowance of Class V plus at least 2 blocks of C-4 per squad, 6 feet of detonating cord per block, 10 feet of time fuse, sufficient fuse lighters and blasting caps to dual prime each block of C-4.
- d. Patrol leader will carry, or have carried, such other special equipment as he may deem necessary.
- e. Necessary med-evacs will be performed in accordance with previous instructions.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 37c9
 - (2) Alternate Net 34.6
 - (3) Artillery (1) 37.3 REDWOOD SOUTH
(2) 39.3 ARNICA ECHO
- c. Shackle and Brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs:

DEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 BEACON LIGHT CIRCUMSTANCE - Patrol
 BEACON LIGHT DEBIA - Radio Relay
 BLACK COAT - AO
 REDWOOD SOUTH - Artillery
 ARNICA ECHO - Artillery

e. Command Posts:

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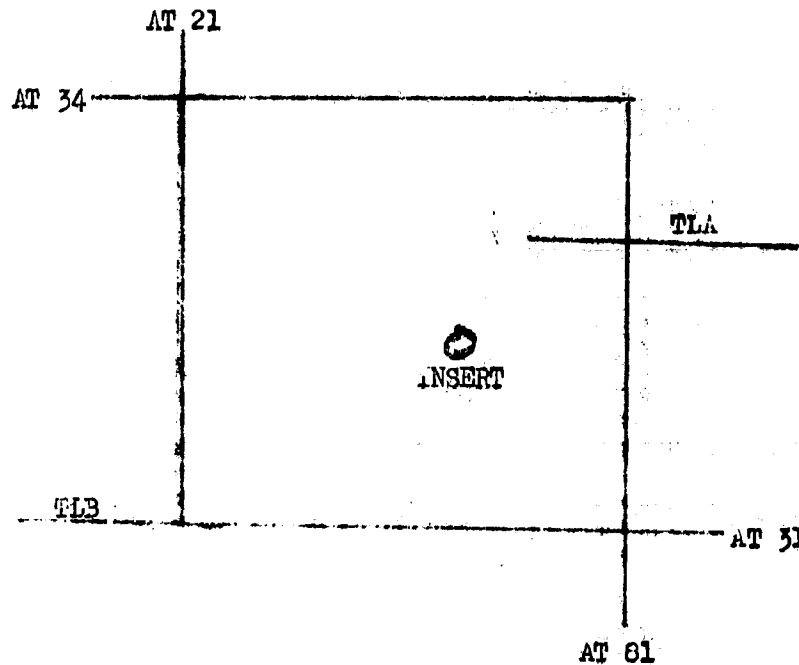
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 2 OFF, 19. EN, 1 USN.
- B. ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
- C. COMM. & OBSERVATION EQUIP.: 2 PRC 25's; 3 7x50's.
- D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 2 M-79's, 1 M-60 MG, 1 50 CAL MG, 4 CLAYMORES.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE FROM THE STATIONARY OP ASSIGNED WITH
PRIMARY OBSERVATION TO THE WEST AND SOUTH.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE / RETURN: 120900H/171100H.

4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.

5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 122 HRS. WITH 83 SIGHTINGS
TALLING 420 VC; 2 ARTY. FM'S WERE CALLED AND EXTENSIVE AIR STRIKES
CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AO; THE CENTER OF VC ACTIVITY WAS
FOCUSED AROUND THE VILLAGE VIC. ZC213333, WHICH IS NOW DESTROYED FR.
AIRSTRIKES. PATROL HAD ONE NON-BATTLE CASUALTY (MEDEVAC) FR. THE
DETONATION OF A WP GRENADE.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY:

121310H	AT797329	9 VC WALKING E, ON TRAIL; BLK. PJS, & COOLIE HATS; PACKS & RIFLES.
121615H	ZC217316 &	
121630H	ZC218336	35 VC IN VILLAGE; MIXED UNIF. ALL PACKS & SCATTERED RIFLES.
121630H	AT218336	4 VC WALKING W, ON TRAIL; 3 BLK. PJS, & 1 KILAKI; 1 RIFLE, 4 PACKS
130755H	ZC2133	23 SIGHTINGS TALLING 132 VC OBSERVED
131800H		MOVING ON TRAILS IN GRID SQUARES (ZC2132) (AT7333) (AT8033) (AT7933)

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140945H	ZC2133	(ZC2134) (ZC2035); NO PREDOMINANT DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT; MIXED BLK. PJS. GRAY, & KHAKI UNIFORMS; PACKS & WPNS.
141710H	AT7933	6 SIGHTINGS TOTALLING 87 VC MOVING IN AREA WITH NO PREDOMINANT DIRECTION; BLK. PJS. CAMS. UTILITIES, GRAY & KHAKI UNIF.
	AT8033	40 DIRECTED EXTENSIVE AIRSTRIKES OF ENTIRE AREA; 60% DESTRUCTION FR. STRIKE VIC. ZC213333 & 50% DESTRUCTION VIC. ZC210330 OBSERVED; 2 ARTY. FM's WITH UNKN. RESULTS.
141400H	ZC213333 &	53VC TOTAL MOVING ABOUT IN VILLAGE AREA
141900H	ZC210330	MOST SIGHTINGS OF 3 VC OR LESS; MIXED UNIF. PACKS, RIFLES, & SHOULDER POLES AIR STRIKES ABOVE CONDUCTED.
141400H	AT801331	24 VC IN 1'S & 2'S MOVING BOTH E. & W. ON TRAIL; MIXED UNIFS. PACKS, SHOULDER POLES, & RIFLES.
141900H		
150900H	AT795334	5 VC MOVING WEST ON TRAIL; 4 BLK. PJS, 1 KHAKI; 5 PACKS, 5 RIFLES.
151000H	ZC210333	3 SIGHTINGS TOTALLING 5 VC WALKING WEST; 3 BLK. PJS, 2 GRAY, 4 PACKS, 2 RIFLES.
151030H		
150930H	AT795334	TOTAL OF 11 VC IN 7 SIGHTINGS MOVING E. & W. ON TRAIL; MIXED UNIFORMS, PACKS RIFLES AND SHOULDER POLES.
160630H		
152400H	AT801333	APPROX. 40 MOVING LIGHTS BOTH E. & W. ON TRAILS THIS AREA; APPEARED TO BE LANTERNS.
160630H		
160730H	AT795334	3 VC WALKING WEST ON TRAIL; BLK. PJS. & COOLIE HATS; 3 PACKS, 1 RIFLE.

B. TERRAIN: THE GROUND COVER IS AS SHOWN ON THE MAPS; THE OP ITSELF IS TALL ELEPHANT GRASS 6'-8' TALL, MIXED WITH SCRUB GROWTH; THERE IS NO JUNGLE CANOPY. HLZ CAN BE PREPARED WITH LITTLE EFFORT ALMOST ANYWHERE.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: THERE ARE TWO OBVIOUS BOAT LANDINGS IN AREA, VIC. AT790320 AND ZC215327 WHERE BOATS LOAD & UNLOAD CONSTANTLY; RIVER TRAFFIC IS CONTINUING IN ALL DIRECTIONS, CARRYING BOTH PERSONNEL & GEAR. THERE WAS A SMALL BOAT TIED UP VIC. AT790314 WHICH APPEARED TO BE CHECKING ALL RIVER TRAFFIC.

ON THE MORNING OF 15 JAN., FIRES WERE STILL BURNING VIC. ZC210336 FR. THE AIRSTRIKES THE DAY BEFORE; A LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOSION COOKED OFF IN ONE OF THESE FIRES, THE SIZE OF A MORTAR RD.

THERE IS NOW A VERY GOOD IMPROVED POSITION ON TOP OF THIS OP VIC. AT799324 WITH FOX HOLES, FIELDS OF FIRE ETC., ALSO AN HLZ CHOPPED OUT AT THIS LOCATION FOR UH-46's ONLY, DON'T USE UH-34's.

PATROL SUFFERED ONE USMC NON-BATTLE CASUALTY (EVAC) FROM

THE ACCIDENTAL DETONATION OF A WP GRENADE.

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8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: AS EVIDENCE THE NUMEROUS SIGHTINGS THIS OP IS LOCATED IN AN AREA OF CONCENTRATED VC ACTIVITY; EVEN WITH THE ARTY. FM'S AND AIR STRIKES, THE VC CONTINUED TO MOVE AND OPERATE AS IF UNCONCERNED WITH IT ALL. THIS IS ONE OF "CHARLIE 'S" MAIN AREAS AND HE DIDN'T SEEM TO MIND IF A RECON. TEAM WAS OBSERVING.

IT WAS UNUSUAL THAT NO TREND OR PATTERN TO THE VC MOVEMENT COULD BE DISTINGUISHED; LOADS WERE NOT HEAVIER IN ONE DIRECTION THAN ANOTHER, THE MAJORITY OF MOVEMENT WAS NOT IN ONE DIRECTION, ETC. THE VC SEEMED TO BE OPERATING THROUGHOUT THIS AREA LIVING OPENLY IN THE VILLAGES. THERE IS ONE POSSIBLE CAVE LOCATION VIC. AT804337, WHERE VC ACTIVITY WAS CONCENTRATED.

THE PATTERN OF THE SIGHTINGS INDICATE THAT THERE WAS MUCH VC ACTIVITY UP UNTIL THE EXTENSIVE AIR STRIKES OF 14 JAN., AND THEN THE SIGHTINGS DECREASED AS THE VC LEFT THE AREA OR WERE CONCEALED IN THEIR MOVEMENTS. THERE APPEARED TO BE A MASS EXODUS ON THE NIGHT OF 14 JAN. AS INDICATED BY THE NUMEROUS MOVING LIGHTS. WOULD ESTIMATE THAT THE VC MOVED NORTH TO THE VILLAGE VIC. AT7935 AND SOUTH TO THE VILLAGE VIC. AT7831.

RECOMMEND THAT IF OBSERVATION IS DESIRED IN THIS AREA AGAIN, THAT AN OP BE ESTABLISHED ON HILL VIC. AT799315, WHICH HAS GOOD OBSERVATION AND A HLZ RIGHT ON TOP. DO NOT USE THE OP THIS PATROL OCCUPIED AGAIN.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: AT THIS RANGE, IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO MAKE FINE, ACCURATE ADJUSTMENTS WITH THE 155 GUNS.

LT. E. FABLE
1st PLT. CO. C
PATROL LEADER

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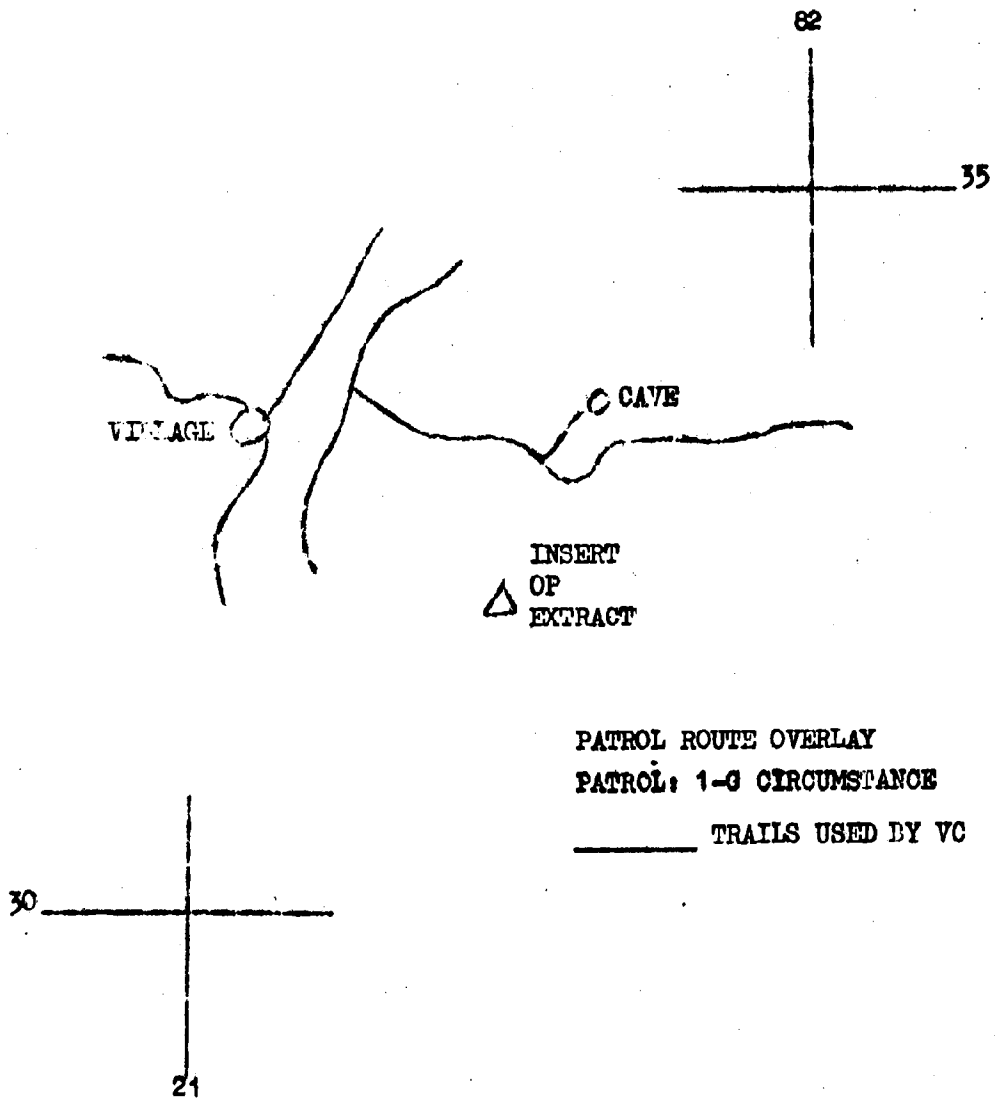
12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIER: THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT A RECON. OP. HAS OPERATED IN THIS AREA; THE NUMBER OF SIGHTINGS AND TOTAL VC OBSERVED INDICATE THE HIGH LEVEL OF VC ACTIVITY HERE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

FABLE, 009593
HINSHAW, 1632238
BALANGUE, 1307566
O'CONNELL, 2031520
RUD, 2211409
MAGEY, 2119142
SIMCOX, 2221206
BOLD, 2209956
SADDLER, 2105793
BLEISMAN, 2212757
CISNEROS, 2269655

LAMPKIN, 2105382
BROTZMAN, 2226368
DOWNING, 2271114
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GRASER, 6923875
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UNIT 2-0CALL SIGN GOVETREXPATROL LEADER Lt. WOODBURNNO. PERS. 23INSERTION TIME 120600HCOORDINATES AT 838612EXTRACTION TIME 151600HCOORDINATES AT 8126021. SITUATION.

- Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with 3-2).
- Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and FIK's.
- Attachments and Developments:

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed.3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- Platoon departs LZ FIVCH at 120600H and inserts at vico. AT 838612, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H, on 15 January 1967 vico. AT 812602.

b. Patrol:

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

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1. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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

2. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

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

b. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary; Holo; AO Net 34.0
- (2) Alternate Net 36.4
- (3) Artillery (1) 39.75 CHINSTRAP CHARLIE
(2) 37.3 REDWOOD SOUTH
(3) 39.8 ARNICA ECHO

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

d. Call Signs:

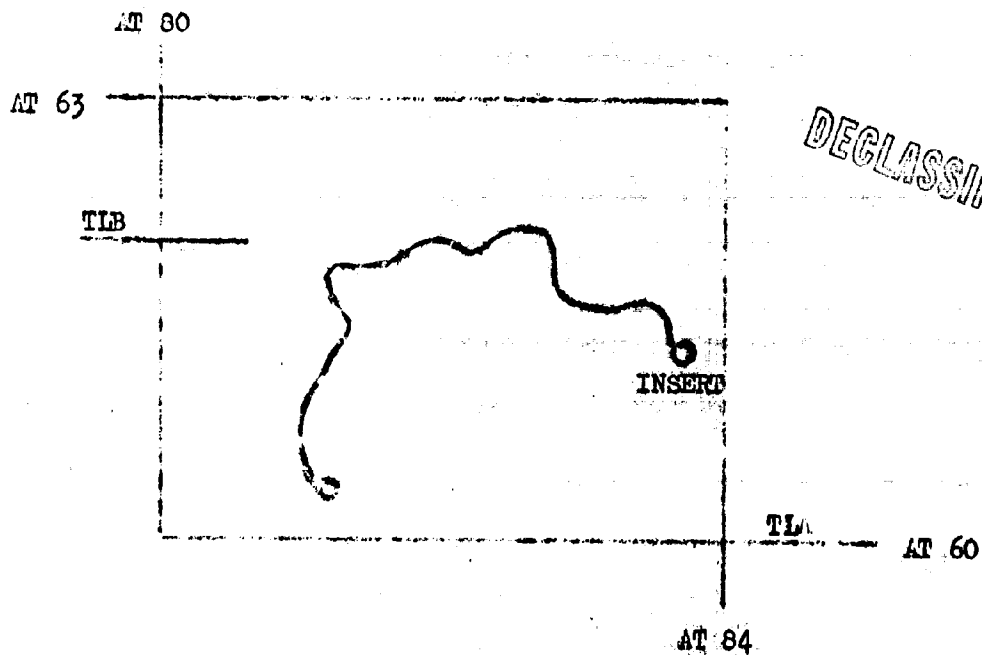
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 ARNICA ECHO - Arty

e. Command Post:

- (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Reln); v13. JT 959752.

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein)
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 17 EN, 1 USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: 1 SCOUT DOG TEAM.
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 2 7x50's.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 2 M-79's; 1 M-60 MG.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS OF THE AREA ASSIGNED, AS DIRECTED.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 130730H/181315H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 126 HOURS WITH FOUR SIGHTINGS TOTALLING 23 VC. THE MAJORITY OF THESE WERE CENTERED AROUND AN ENEMY BASE CAMP DISCOVERED BY THE PATROL. TWO FIRE MISSIONS WERE CONDUCTED WHICH RESULTED IN DAMAGE TO SEVERAL HOOTHES AND UNDETERMINED ENEMY CASUALTIES.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY:

141100H	AT814621	DISCOVERED A PLATOON-SIZED VC BASE CAMP CONSISTING OF 9 THATCHED STRUCTURES AND A PIG PEN. OBSERVED 10 VC, INCLUDING ONE WOMAN, INSIDE CAMP; MIXED KHAKI, UTILITIES AND BLK. PJ's; NO GEAR OBSERVED.
141200H	AT814621	OBSERVED 2 ADDITIONAL VC MOVING INTO CAMP; KHAKIES, RIFLES.
141230H	AT814621	OBSERVED 10 MORE VC MOVING INTO CAMP; MIXED KHAKI, GREEN UTILITIES, BLK. PJ's; PACKS, RIFLES, CARTRIDGE BELTS WITH GRENADES. FIRE MISSION CALLED AT THIS TIME WHICH DETONATED IN THE CANOPY WITH LITTLE DAMAGE TO THE ENEMY CAMP. SCREAMS FROM THE CAMP INDICATED SOME PROBABLE VC CASUALTIES.

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ONE VC STUMBLED ON PATROL'S HARBOUR SITE; GREEN UTILITIES, GREASE GUN, NO OTHER GEAR. VC IMMEDIATELY RAN AWAY YELLING. ASSUME HE WAS THE POINT MAN OF A VC PATROL AS MEMBERS HEARD OTHERS MOVING AWAY. A FIRE MISSION WAS CONDUCTED WITH UNDETERMINED RESULTS.

B. TERRAIN: THIS AREA WAS VERY STEEPLY SLOPED WITH A PRIMARY JUNGLE OF 80 TO 120 FEET IN HEIGHT. SECONDARY GROWTH, WHERE IT EXISTED AT ALL, CONSISTED OF OCCASIONAL BAMBOO THICKETS.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT WAS MADE VIC. AT829616; A VERY GOOD ZONE CONSISTING OF LOW GRASS, AND MEASURING APPROX. 100m x 60m. THE EXTRACT LZ, VIC. AT813603, WAS IN AN AREA PREVIOUSLY BURNED OVER BY A FRIENDLY UNIT; WAS SLIGHTLY SLOPED WITH A COVERING OF GRASS AND SOME LOW SCRUB.

THE VC BASE CAMP OBSERVED BY THE PATROL WAS SET IN A HOLLOW UNDER HIGH CANOPY WHERE IT COULD NOT BE OBSERVED FROM THE AIR. THE PATROL SAW SEVEN THATCHED STRUCTURES DUG INTO THE SIDE OF A SLOPE, AND MEASURING ABOUT 15' x 15' AS WELL AS TWO SMALLER ONES OF SIMILAR CONSTRUCTION AND A PEN, PRESUMABLY FOR ANIMALS (SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY). EXCEPT FOR ONE WOMAN, ALL OF THE VC WERE MEN. ALL APPEARED TO BE RESTING OR MILLING ABOUT THE CAMP WITH LITTLE REGARD FOR SECURITY, AND THE PATROL WAS ABLE TO APPROACH TO WITHIN 30 METERS. THE PATROL DID FIND SOME DRY, BRITTLE BAMBOO PLACED ALONG THE APPROACHES TO THE CAMP, POSSIBLY TO WARN THE OCCUPANTS OF ANY INTRUSIONS; ALSO SOME STAKES DRIVEN INTO THE GROUND AND STICKS ON THE TRAILS AS SIGNS POINTING OUT THE LOCATION OF THE CAMP. GENERALLY, THE INSTALLATION APPEARED TO BE PERMANENT AND FAIRLY SOPHISTICATED. IT WAS WELL ESTABLISHED ALTHOUGH NO ESTIMATION OF ITS AGE COULD BE MADE.

FOLLOWING THE FIRE MISSION, THE PATROL AGAIN APPROACHED THE CAMP IN ORDER TO ASSESS THE DAMAGE; THEY FOUND THE CANOPY BLOWN OPEN AND DAMAGE TO FIVE OF THE BUILDINGS; ALSO HEARD RIFLE SHOTS AND BLASTS FROM SOME KIND OF HORN, WHICH WERE ASSUMED TO BE THE SCATTERED VC SIG-

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NAILING TO ONE OTHER.

THE AREA AROUND THE CAMP WAS LACED WITH TRAILS, ALL OF WHICH WERE WELL-WORN. NONE, HOWEVER, SHOWED SIGNS OF RECENT, HEAVY USE (SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY).

AT VIC. AT806605, THE PATROL FOUND AN ABANDONED BASE CAMP CONSISTING OF 2 THATCHED STRUCTURES APPROX. 15' x 15', A COOKSHACK, HEADS, AND A FORTIFIED AREA WITH SIX COVERED FOXHOLES AND A TRENCH SYSTEM ON THE SOUTH AND WEST SIDES; THERE WERE ALSO MANY PUNJII PITS IN THE AREA. THERE WERE SHELL CRATERS AND SIX GRAVES IN THE CAMP WHICH APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN VACATED FOR AT LEAST THREE WEEKS. THE CAMP SEEMED TO BE FROM 3-6 MONTHS OLD AND WAS STILL BEING DEVELOPED AT THE TIME IT WAS ABANDONED AS EVIDENCED BY THE FRAMES OF SEVERAL SMALL, PARTIALLY CONSTRUCTED HUTCHES.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 5 STRUCTURES DAMAGED; UNDETERMINED VC CASUALTIES:
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: SLIGHTLY FOOTSORE; OTHERWISE GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THERE ARE MANY VC IN THIS AREA AND THEY APPEAR TO FEEL SAFE FROM OBSERVATION AND ATTACK. THEY SEEM TO KNOW THE LOCATIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF OUR ARTILLARY AND TEND TO SET THEIR BASE CAMPS IN HOLLOWS, HELPING TO MASK THEM FROM FROM FIRE.
11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: COVERAGE ON BOTH FIRE MISSIONS WHICH THE PATROL CONDUCTED WAS GOOD. ALTHOUGH DELAY FUZE WAS SPECIFIED ON THE BASE CAMP, THE ROUNDS DETONATED IN THE CANOPY AND CAUSED ONLY SLIGHT DAMAGE.

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2nd PLT. CO. C
PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

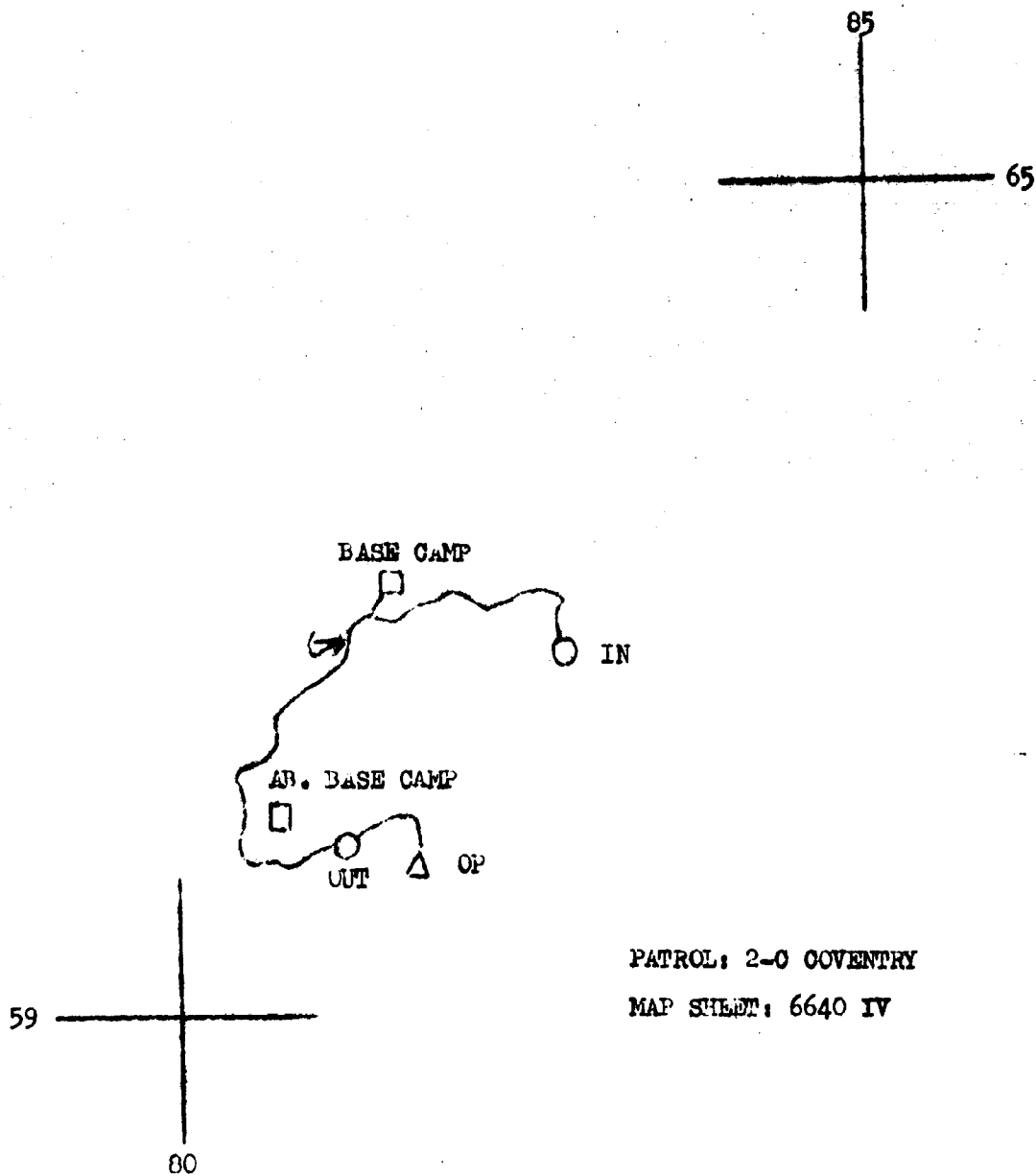
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 GORREA, 2030893
 GEORGE, 2239816
 ROLLO, 2250179
 SMITH, 2185450
 BROWN, 6962492

REEP, 2098624
 FISHER, 2158306
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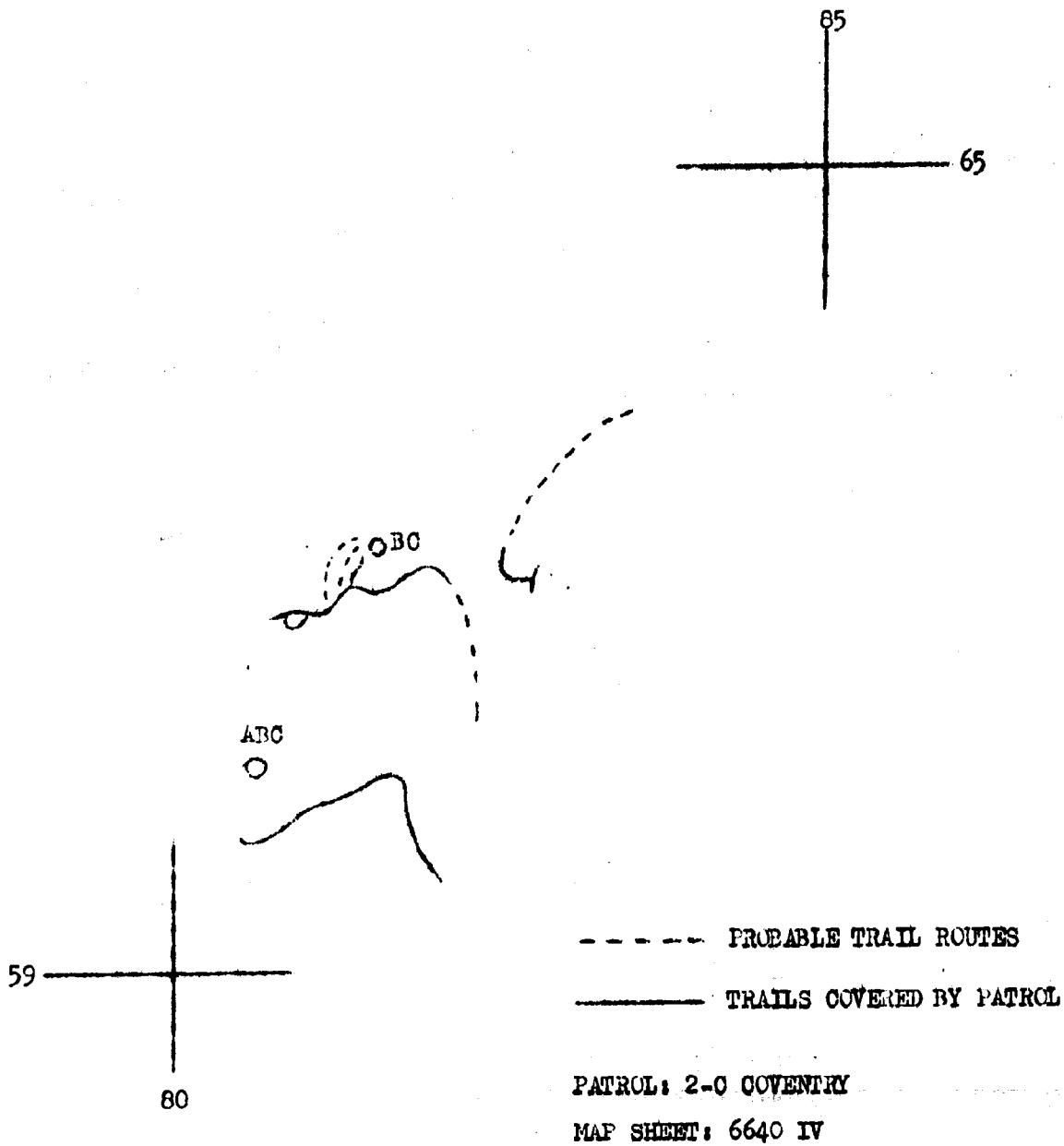


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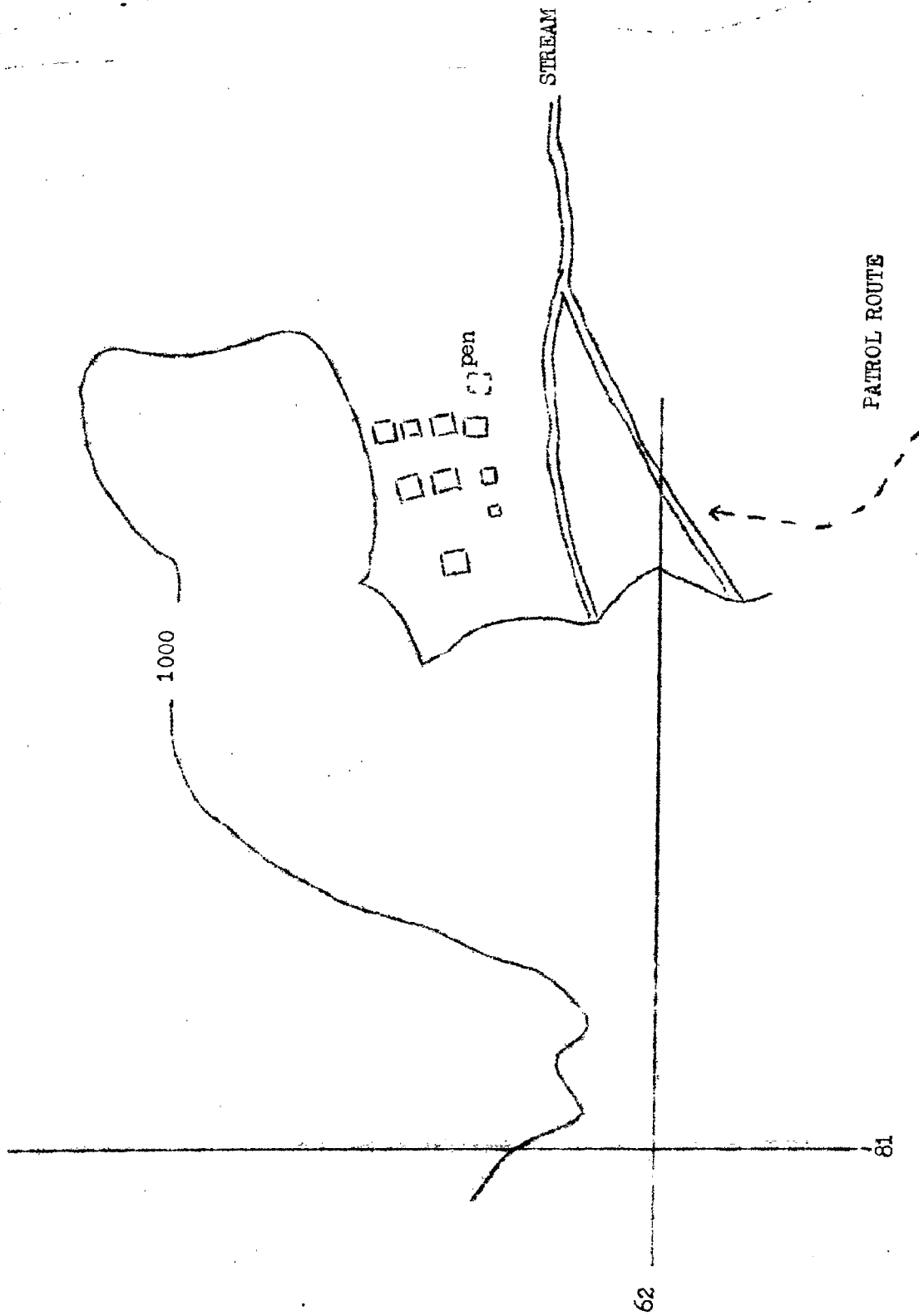
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BASE CAMP DIAGRAM



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UNIT 2-B CALL SIGN DUTCH OVEN PATROL LEADER LT. DUNN 1ST MAR DIV: CAM PEN, I

NO. PERS. 10 INSERTION TIME 091530H COORDINATES AT919450.

EXTRACTION TIME 141400H COORDINATES SAME AS ABOVE.

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces; Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S-2)
- b. Friendly Forces; Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
- c. Attachments and Detachments; NONE

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

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation;

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 091530H and inserts at vto. AT919450, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1400, on 14 January 1967 vto. AT 919450.

b. Patrol:

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

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

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

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

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

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

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

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

b. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 36.4
- (2) Alternate Net 34.6
- (3) Artillery (1) 38.7 REDWOOD SOUTH
(2) 39.8 ARNICA ECHO

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

d. Call Signs:

DEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 DEACON LIGHT DUTCH OVEN - Patrol
 DEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
 BLACK COAT - AO
 REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
 ARNICA ECHO - Arty

e. Command Post:

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

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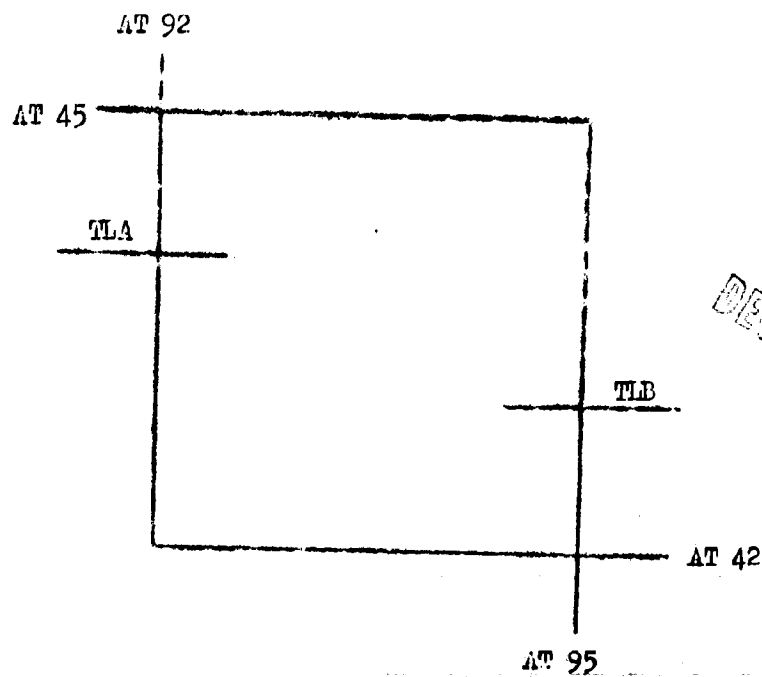
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 8 IN, 1 USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 2 7x50's.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79; 1 M3A1; 2 GIATMORES.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS OF THE AREA ASSIGNED, AS DIRECTED.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 091530H/141515H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 120 HOURS WITH ONE SIGHTING OF 5 VC AND ALSO SLIGHT INDICATIONS OF VC ACTIVITY IN THE AREA. ONE FIRE MISSION WAS CONDUCTED RESULTING IN ONE VC KIA (CONF) AND TWO VC KIA (PROB).
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY:

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5 VC MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL; RUCKSACKS, BLK. PJ's, 1 CANO. SHIRT. FIRE MISSION CONDUCTED RESULTING IN 1 VC KIA (CONF) AND 2 VC KIA (PROB).

- B. TERRAIN: ALONG THE ROUTE FOLLOWED BY THE PATROL THE VEGETATION WAS SPARSE, ALLOWING EASY MOVEMENT. THE ONLY TRUE JUNGLE CANOPY ENCOUNTERED BY THE PATROL WAS ON THE SLOPES OF NOI MAT MA, VIC. AT934434. HERE ALSO THE SECONDARY GROWTH WAS THICK ENOUGH TO NECESSITATE CUTTING OF A TRAIL. THE TOP OF THE HILL, CONTRARY TO THE MAP IS COVERED WITH ELEPHANT GRASS 4'TO5' IN HEIGHT.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: THE PATROL INSERTED ITSELF IN CONTACT FROM AT870465; EXTRACT WAS BY HELICOPTER, VIC. AT937429, A GOOD ZONE FOR ONE UH-46.

THE TOP OF NUI MAT MA PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT LZ, HARBOUR SITE, AND OF ALL IN ONE, WITH GOOD COVER, CONCEALMENT, AND OBSERVATION TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH. HILL 523, VIC. AT937429, WAS USED AS AN OP, BUT BECAUSE OF THE SPARSE VEGETATION MAKES A POOR HARBOUR SITE. THERE ARE WATER BUFFALO ROAMING WILD ALL ABOUT THE VALLEY AREAS.

THE PATROL FOUND FRESH FOOT PRINTS IN AN OLD, ABANDONED VILLAGE VIC. AT930428 AND A CEMENT FOOTBRIDGE SPANNING A STREAM VIC. AT909455. IN THE VICINITY OF AT939438 WERE OBSERVED SOME FRESHLY CUT BAMBOO AND THE REMAINS OF AN OLD SMOKE FIRE.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 1 VC KIA (CONF) AND 1 VC KIA (PROB).
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: RECOMMEND THAT IF A CONCENTRATED EFFORT WERE TO BE MADE TO DETECT ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA THAT OP's COULD BEST BE ESTABLISHED AT NUI MAT MA (AT933434), HILL 454 (AT902413), HILL 452 (AT937370), AND HILL 160 (AT908323). THESE OP's TOGETHER PROVIDE FOUR GOOD DEFENDABLE POSITIONS WITH A VIEW OF THE ENTIRE LOCAL TRAIL NETWORK. WOULD RECOMMEND A BC SCOPE FOR AN OP ON NUI MAT MA.
11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: EXCELLENT, ON-CALL, CONCENTRATIONS WERE REGISTERED, AND, WHEN CALLED, WERE QUITE RESPONSIVE AND GAVE EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF THE TARGET AREA.

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

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

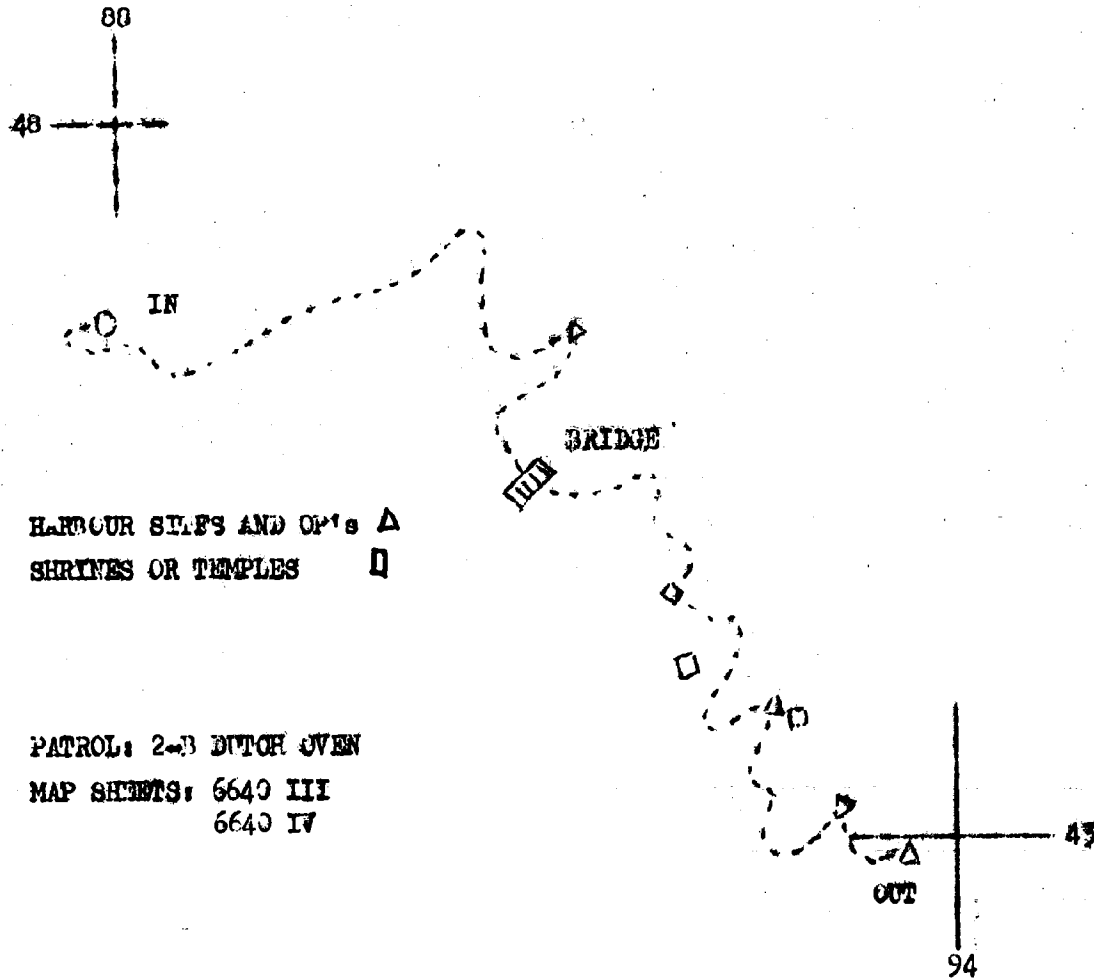
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UNIT 5-FCALL SIGN KILLER KANEPATROL LEADER Lt. GUTERMANNO. PERS. 13INSERTION TIME 130800HCOORDINATES AT 837378EXTRACTION TIME 191600HCOORDINATES AT 8373781. SITUATION.

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

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

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
 (2) Platoon departs LZ FIFCH at 130800H and inserts at vic. AT 837378. We conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H on 19 January 1967, vic. AT 837378.

b. Patrol:

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

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

- (a) Routes of egress and entry.
- (b) Lines of communications.
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- (4) Report the capture of all documents and weapons with description to BEACON LIGHT as soon as possible.

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Ref. (b).
- (2) Submit SITREP to BEACON LIGHT every hour.
- (3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.
- (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
- (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fires. Shackle OT azimuth at the discretion of the patrol leader.
- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertain to your mission.
- (8) Caution all troops to be alert for IP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger lives of patrol members to investigate same.
- (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference (c).
- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of the patrol.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. AO will come up on patrol net, and should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of all serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 0600 the day preceding patrol.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary; Net; AO Net 36.4
 - (2) Alternate Net 34.6
 - (3) Artillery (1) 36.7 REDWOOD SOUTH
(2) 52.85 ARNICA ECHO
- c. Shackle and Brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs:

BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 BEACON LIGHT KILLER KANE - Patrol
 BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
 BLACK COAT - AO
 REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
 ARNICA ECHO - Arty

e. Command Post:

- (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Recon); vfo. AT 955752.

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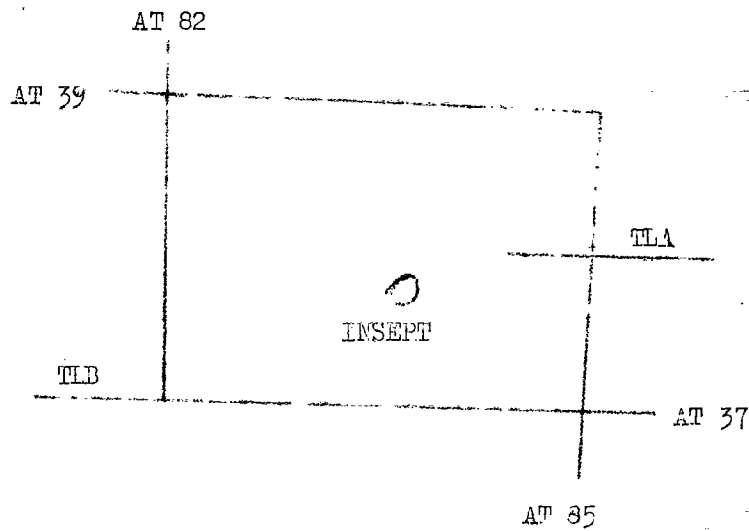
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 12 EN, 1 USN.
- B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
- C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 1 7x50; 1 STARLIGHT SCOPE.
- D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 2 M-79's; 1 M-60 MG; 1 .50 CAL. MG.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS OF THE AREA ASSIGNED, AS DIRECTED.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 130800H/200930H.

4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.

5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 169 HOURS WITH 3 SIGHTINGS TOTALING 20 VC. TWO FIRE MISSIONS WERE CONDUCTED RESULTING IN 1 VC KIA (CONF) AND 9 VC KIA (PROB).

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY:

131440H	AT861381	7 VC MOVING SW ON TRAIL; BLK. PJ's; 2 PACKS, 1 RIFLE, SACKS ON POLE. NO FM CALLED AS PATROL LOST SIGHT OF VC.
141340H	AT863373	OBSERVED 7 VC MOVING WEST ON TRAIL; BLK. PJ's, PACKS. FM CALLED AND ONE ROUND LANDED DIRECTLY AMONG THEM. 5 VC KIA (PROB).
141800H	AT871385	6 VC MOVING EAST ON TRAIL; BLK. PJ's, 1 PACK, 1 RIFLE; CONDUCTED FIRE MISSION WITH GOOD COVERAGE; 1 VC KIA AND 4 VC KIA (PROB).

B. TERRAIN: SEE PREVIOUS PATROL REPORTS.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT AND EXTRACT WERE MADE VIC. AT836368 (SEE PREVIOUS PATROL REPORTS). TWICE DURING THE PATROL, THE MEMBERS OBSERVED LIGHTS: ONCE AT 131930 MOVING NORTHWEST ON THE TRAIL VIC. AT878379 AND AGAIN TO THE SOUTHEAST AT 141940. BOTH TIMES THE PATROL CONDUCTED H&I FIRES DURING THE NIGHT.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 1 VC KIA (CONF) AND 9 VC KIA (PROB)
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: SIGHTINGS OF ENEMY BY THIS PATROL WERE LIMITED BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER.

RATHER THAN USE THE OLD LZ NEAR THE OP THE PATROL BLEW A NEW ONE APPROX. 100 YARDS TO THE EAST ON THE FINGER.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A.

LT. J. GUETERMAN
5th PLT. 1st FORCE
PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

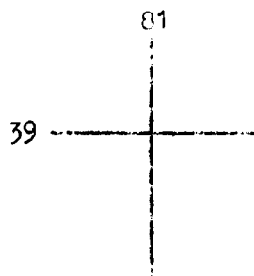
13. PATROL MEMBERS:

GUETERMAN, 090838
WATSON, 2047228
LONG, 2005909
PRESTON, 2078075
ELLISON, 2030135
COBB, 2101639
KOYT, 2160350

ALLEN, 2170846
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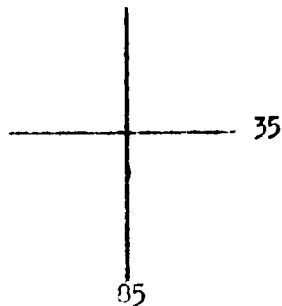
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PATROL: 5-F KILLER KANE

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OPERATION ORDER # 11-67.

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM 1:50,000; Sheet 6540 I.
 (b) BnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) BnFragOrder Msg # 11-67

UNIT 1-F CALL SIGN GROUCHO MARX PATROL LEADER Lt. BARNES
 NO. PERSONS. 13/1dog INSERTION TIME 120930H COORDINATES ZC166507
 EXTRACTION TIME 151600H COORDINATES ZC157475.

1. SITUATION.

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

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

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operations:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 120930H and inserts at vic. ZC166507, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H on 15 January 1967, vic. ZC157475.

b. Patrol:

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

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

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

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

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Ref. (b).
- (2) Submit SITREP to BEACON LIGHT every hour.
- (3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.
- (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
- (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fires. Shackle OT azimuth at the discretion of the patrol leader.
- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertaining to your mission.
- (8) Caution all troops to be alert for IP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger lives of patrol members to investigate same.
- (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference (c).
- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of the patrol.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. AO will come up on patrol net, and should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol roster, list of all serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 0600 the day preceding patrol.

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in an area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 37.2
 - (2) Alternate Net 36.4
 - (3) Artillery (1) REDWOOD SOUTH 36.7, ARNICA ECHO 52.85
- c. Shackle and Brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs:
 - BEACON LIGHT- 1st Recon Bn.
 - BEACON LIGHT GROUCHO MAPX- Patrol
 - BEACON LIGHT DELTA- Relay
 - STANLEY LOOKER- 38.90 (USSF; Thuong Duc)
 - BLACK COAT- AO
- e. Command Post:
 - (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein); vic. AT959752.

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1. Operation Overlay

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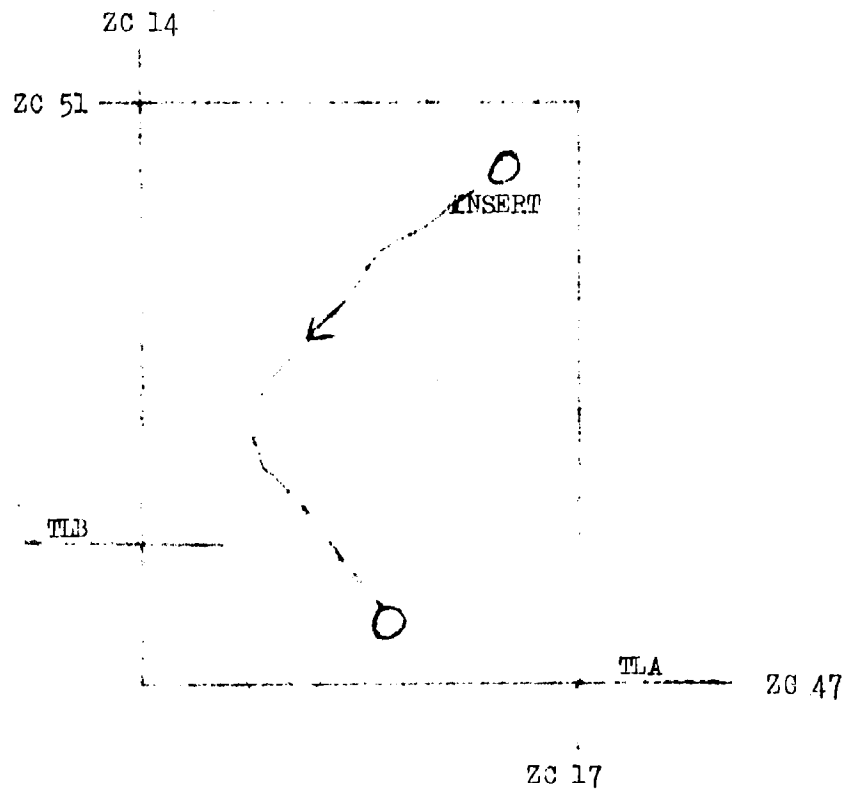
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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 10 EN, 1 USN, 1 USSF.
- B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: 1 SCOUT DOG TEAM, 1 USSF.
- C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 1 7x50; 1 7x35;
1 6x30.
- D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79; 1 M-76 w/2 WP RIFLE GRENADES; 10 BLKS.
C-4; 13 CS GRENADES w/MASKS; 2 CLAYMORES; 2 ILLUMINATION GRENADES;
2 INCENDIARY GRENADES.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN THE AREA
ASSIGNED WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON LOCATING THE REPORTED VC CAMPS IN
THIS AREA.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 121020H/151535H.

4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.

5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 77 HOURS WITH ONE SIGHTING
OF 10 VC. A LARGE VC BASE CAMP WAS ALSO LOCATED VIC. ZC153483, CON-
SISTING OF 10-20 TENCHET STRUCTURES SITUATED IN A DRAW ALONG A STREAM;
ALTHOUGH NO VC WERE ACTUALLY SIGHTED IN THE CAMP, NOISES WERE HEARD
AND COOKING FIRES SMELLED INDICATING VC ACTIVITY IN THIS VICINITY.
THERE ARE LARGE, WELL-USED TRAILS ALL OVER THE AREA PATROLLED.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY:

131410H ZC153487 10 VC LYING AROUND THE TRAIL; KHAKI
UNIFORMS, PITH HELMETS; 1 PACK, 10 WPNS;
10 CARTRIDGE BELTS. PATROL SET UP
HASTY AMBUSH BUT VC NEVER CAME THROUGH.

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1409 H ZC155477 HEARD VOICES NEAR TOP OF HILL 1026;
3 OR 4 GROUPS OF 2 OR 3 TO EACH GROUP;
VC TALKING OUT LOUD, AT LEAST ONE
FEMALE IN GROUP; 2 FRESHLY MATTED DOWN
AREAS FOUND THIS VICINITY.

141145H-
141245H ZC153483 FOUND VC BASE CAMP CONSISTING OF 10-20
THATCHED STRUCTURES, LOCATED IN DEEP
DRAW ALONG STREAM BANK; NO VC OBSER-
VED BUT SMOKE FROM COOKING FIRE COULD
BE SMELLED. PATROL WITHIN 100 m OF
CAMP; 2 VERY LARGE STRUCTURES 40'x15'
10' WITH WOODEN FRAMEWORK AND THATCHED
ROOFS AND SIDES.

CAMP LOCATED GENERALLY SE TO NW
ALONG STREAM; BAMBOO CONDUITS FROM
STREAM TO VILLAGE. ONE STRUCTURE WAS
CHECKED OUT PHYSICALLY BY PATROL: SEEMED
RECENTLY ABANDONED WITH ASSORTED MATER-
IAL AROUND AREA (BOTTLES, VIALS, SCRAPS
OF PAPER) THAT HADNT BEEN POLICED.

STRUCTURE ENTERED WAS 20'x20'x15'
AND CONTAINED A BLACKBOARD, SLEEPING
PLATFORMS, BOOKCASES, AND ONE TEXTBOOK
(TURNED OVER TO G-2).

B. TERRAIN: 60' TO 100' CANOPY OF PRIMARY JUNGLE THROUGHOUT MOST
OF THE AREA; SOME VERY LARGE TREES 5' TO 6' IN DIAMETER WITH
SECONDARY GROWTH ONLY MODERATE. WHERE SECONDARY GROWTH IS THICK,
IT IS COMPOSED OF BAMBOO THICKETS AS INDICATED ON THE MAP; THE
PLATEAU, VIC. ZC1550 AND ZC1650 WHERE THE ONLY LZ'S IN THE AREA
ARE LOCATED IS SCRUB GROWTH AND BAMBOO.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: THE VC BASE CAMP DESCRIBED ABOVE CANNOT BE SEEN
FROM THE AIR BECAUSE IT IS SO WELL CONCEALED IN THE DRAW; FOR THE
SAME REASON, ARTY. CANNOT EFFECTIVELY HIT THIS CAMP. ONCE IN THE
CAMP ITSELF, ROUTES OF EGRESS ARE VERY LIMITED.

THERE IS EVIDENCE OF EXTENSIVE LOGGING OPERATIONS AND WOODCUTTING
THROUGHOUT THIS AREA. THERE EXISTS A SOPHISTICATED AND WELL-USED
TRAIL NETWORK ALSO (SEE TRAIL OVERLAY); TRAILS ARE COMPLETE WITH
WOODEN STEPS, BRIDGES AND HAND RAILINGS; THEY HAVE BEEN RECENTLY USED
AS THEY WERE STILL MARKED WITH SANDAL AND SNEAKER FOOTPRINTS.

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BLOWING LZ IN THIS AREA WOULD REQUIRE MUCH WORK BECAUSE OF THE VERY LARGE TREES AND PRIMARY JUNGLE GROWTH; HLZ's NOW EXIST ONLY ABOVE GRID LINE #50; THERE ARE MANY SMALL CLEARINGS MADE BY WOOD-CUTTERS WHERE A TEAM COULD BE HOISTED OUT IN AN EMERGENCY, BUT WHERE HELICOPTERS CANNOT LAND. UP ON TOP OF HILL 1026 A PATROL COULD MAKE AN LZ WITH ABOUT ONE DAY'S WORK AS THE BRUSH THINS OUT SOMEWHAT.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY; NONE.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: ALTHOUGH THE SECTION OF THE VC BASE CAMP CHECKED OUT APPEARED TO BE RECENTLY ABANDONED, THIS CAMP IS DEFINITELY STILL BEING USED AND THERE ARE NUMEROUS VC IN THIS VICINITY. (EVIDENCE, THE NOISE HEARD AND THE COOKING FIRES). THIS BASE CAMP IS SOPHISTICATED AND PERMANENTLY CONSTRUCTED, NOT RUSTIC OR TEMPORARY (SEE ATTACHED DIAGRAM).

THE TEN VC SIGHTED APPEARED TO BE OUTPOSTED ON TOP OF THE RIDGE-LINE FOR SECURITY. THE SCOUT DOG WAS CONSTANTLY ALERTING THROUGHOUT THIS AREA INDICATING MUCH HUMAN SCENT ALWAYS PRESENT.

RECOMMEND ARMY. H&I FIRES AND AIR TPQ-10 STRIKES THROUGHOUT GRID SQUARES ZC1548, ZC1547, ZC1448, AND ZC1648. THESE SHOULD BE FOLLOWED BY LARGER COMBAT PATROLS, POSSIBLY AN INFANTRY COMPANY, WHICH ARE CAPABLE OF DIRECTLY ENTERING AND DESTROYING THIS CAMP.

FUTURE PATROLS IN THIS AREA SHOULD TAKE ROPES AND CLIMBING SPURS IN ORDER TO CLIMB THE LARGE TREES IN THE AREA, BOTH FOR OBSERVATION PURPOSES AND TO FIX THEIR POSITION. NAVIGATION IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT IN THIS AREA DUE TO THE PRIMARY JUNGLE GROWTH; IT IS SOMETIMES EVEN NECESSARY FOR A PATROL TO USE THE AO TO OBTAIN A FIX ON ITS LOCATION.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: THE ARMY. SUPPORT AND OVERALL COOPERATION IN RELAYING MESSAGES ETC. FROM THE SPECIAL FORCES CAMP AT

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THONG DUC WAS OUTSTANDING. 105 ARTY. FM's WERE BOTH FAST AND ACCURATE.

LT. E. BARNES
1st PLT. 1st FORCE
PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: THE VC BASE CAMP LOCATED BY THIS PATROL VIC. ZC153483 IS WITHIN 400 m OF A REPORTED VC PCW CAMP OR HOLDING AREA VIC ZC150485; THIS WAS AN UNEVALUATED AGENT REPORT OF 22 OCT. 66 (REFERENCE III MAF COC MESSAGE 221231Z OCT 66).

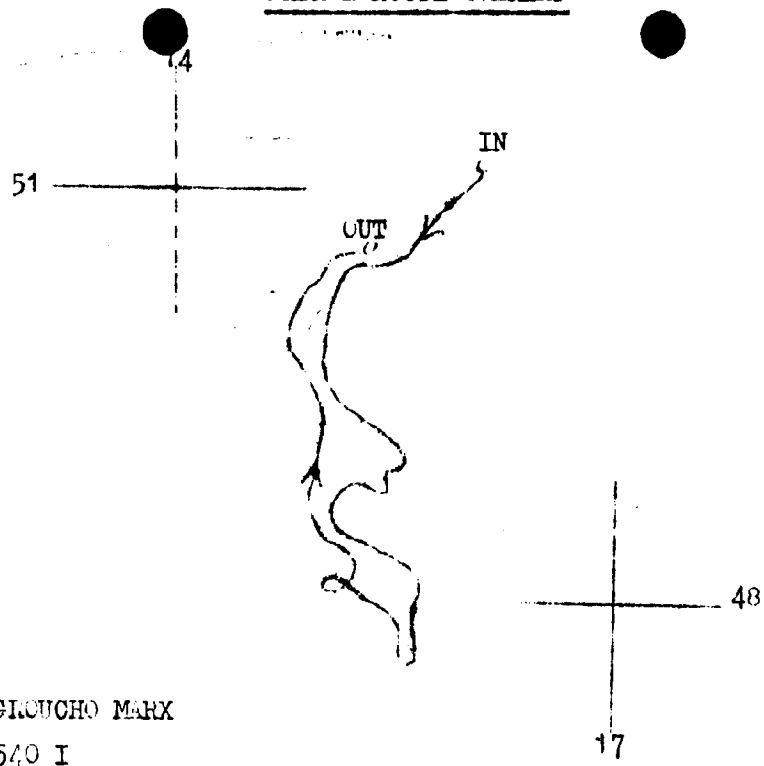
13. PATROL MEMBERS:

BARNES, 08996
RUSS, 2091718
JOHNSON, 2096869
MONEMAR, 2090186
CHAMBLESS, 2152863
MAISENET, 2190686
CARTER, 2192856

CANTU, 2184167
PISTORINO, 2282976
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GOODMAN, RA10816787
KING (SKY), 7X37

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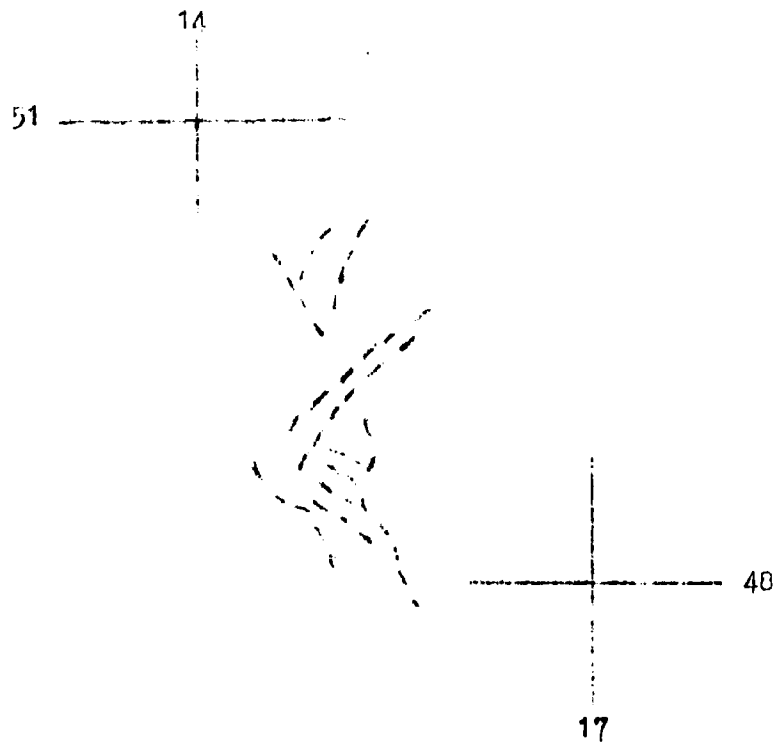
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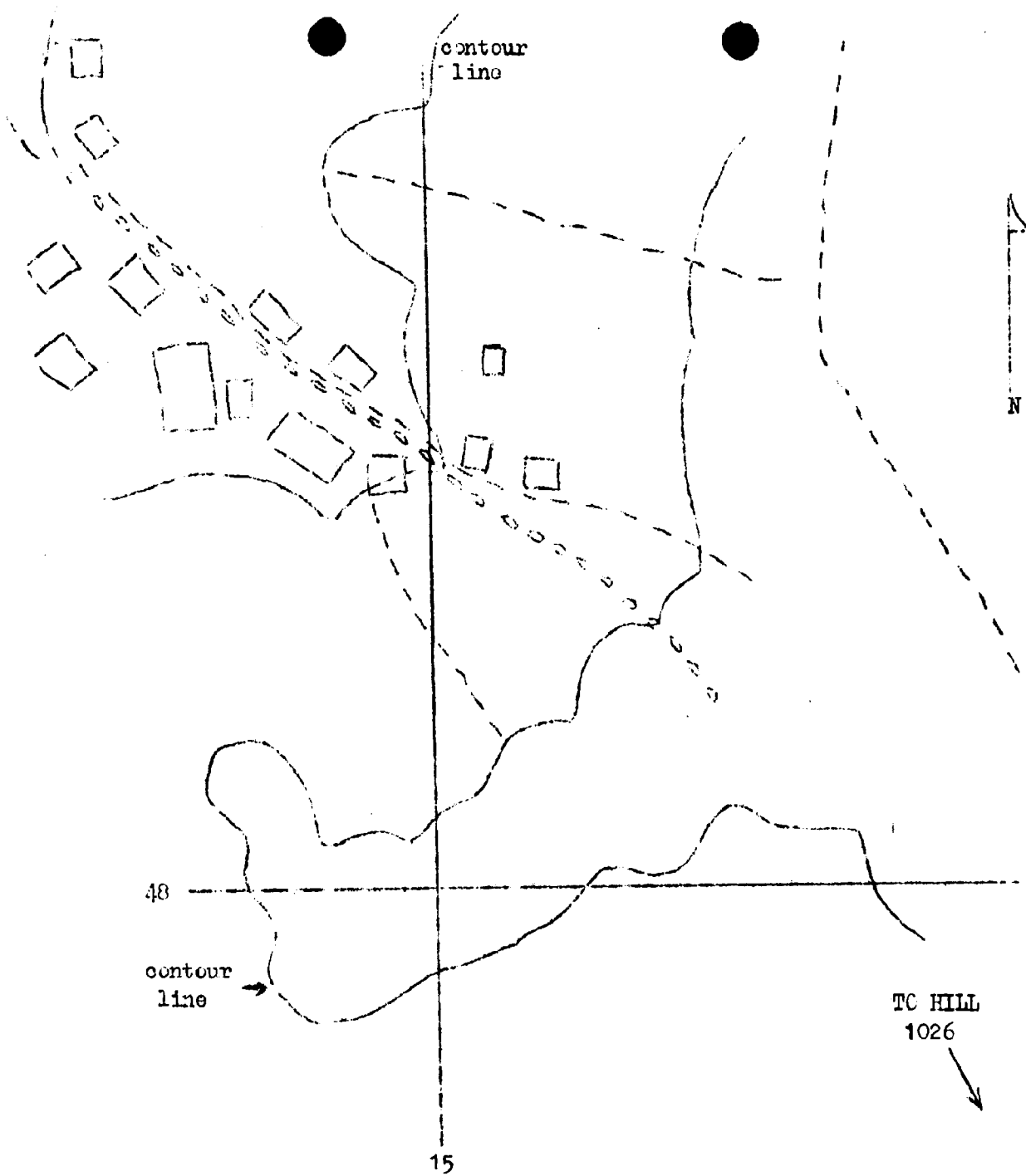
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VC BASE CAMP DIAGRAM



- STREAM AS INDICATED ON MAP
- - - - ACTUAL CONTINUATION OF STREAM
- - - - TRAILS

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(b) BnOpO 323-66
(c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)
(d) BnFragOrder lsg # 12-67.

UNIT 2-B CALL SIGN DUTCH OVEN PATROL LEADER CPL.R.H.TAYLOR

NO. PERSONS 14 INSERTION TIME 141500H COORDINATES AT9247

EXTRACTION TIME 191400H COORDINATES AT9247

1. SITUATION.

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

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operations Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LE FINCH at 141500H and inserts at vic. AT9247, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1400H on 19 January 1967, vic. AT vic. 9247.

b. Patrol:

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

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

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

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

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Ref. (b).
- (2) Submit SITREP to BEACON LIGHT every hour.
- (3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.
- (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
- (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fires. Shackle OT azimuth at the discretion of the patrol leader.
- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertaining to your mission.
- (8) Caution all troops to be alert for AP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger lives of patrol members to investigate same.
- (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, *1st MAR DIV GPO 301, ANNEX* ~~AW reference (a).~~
- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of the patrol.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. AO will come up on patrol net, and should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol roll, list of all serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 0600 the day preceding patrol.

CONFIDENTIAL4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 36.4
 - (2) Alternate Net 37.9
 - (3) Artillery (1) FELWOOD SOUTH 36.7
 - (2) ARNICA ECHO 52.85
- c. Shackle and Brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs:
 - BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 - BEACON LIGHT PURCH OVEN - Patrol
 - BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
 - BLACK COAT - AO
 - FELWOOD SOUTH - Arty
 - ARNICA ECHO - Arty
- e. Command Post:
 - (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein), vic. AT 959752.

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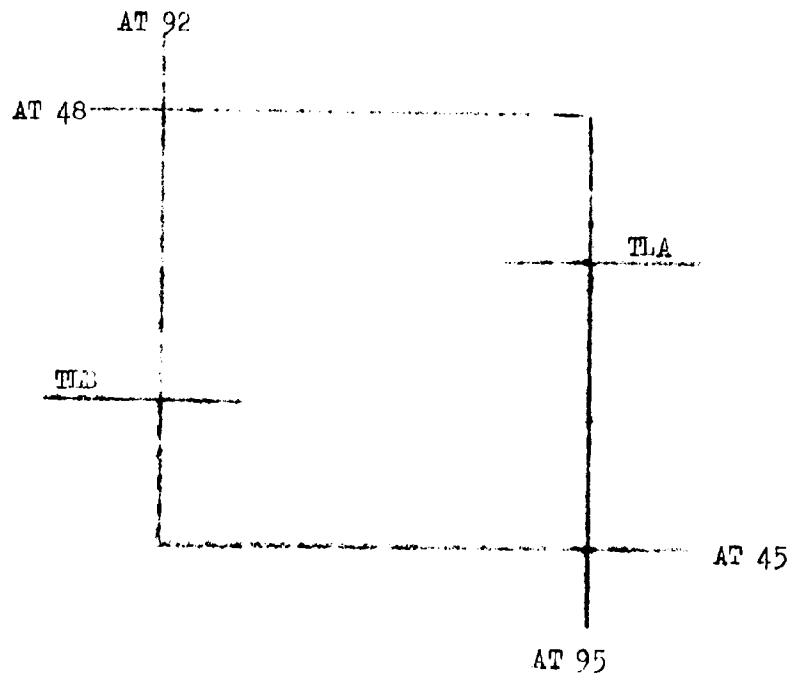
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 9 EN, 1 USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 1 M-49 SPOTTER SCOPE;
1 7x50.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79; 1 M-60 MG; 4 CLAYMORES; 120 FT. OF
CLIMBING ROPE.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT AREA RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OF THE AREA
ASSIGNED, AS DIRECTED.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN; 141515H/191415H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 119 HOURS WITH NEGATIVE
SIGHTINGS OF VC OR OF EVIDENCE OF SIGNIFICANT VC ACTIVITY IN THE AREA.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY: NONE.
 - B. TERRAIN: THIS AREA HAS NO OVERHEAD CANOPY ALTHOUGH THE SECONDARY
GROWTH IS FAIRLY LIGHT. CONSEQUENTLY, MOVEMENT THROUGH THE AREA
IS EASY.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT AND EXTRACT WERE MADE VIC. AT870465.

THE PATROL FOUND AN M-26 FRAG GRENADE RIGGED AS A BOOBY TRAP
IN A C-RATION CAN. THE GRENADE HAD APPARENTLY BEEN TRIPPED AND HAD
FAILED TO EXPLODE .

THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF EXTENSIVE FRIENDLY ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE

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AREA: A FIVE POUND CLIP OF 7.62 MM AMMO FOUND A STREAM VIC. AT 941472; 100 BELTED ROUNDS OF M-60 MG AMMO FOUND VIC. AT932455; AND TRASH (C-RATS, LAR'S, ETC.) FOUND ALONG A TRAIL VIC. AT920462-AT950480. THAT AMMO WAS LEFT TO LIE IN THE OPEN WOULD INDICATE THAT THE AREA HAS NOT BEEN COVERED TOO THOROUGHLY BY THE VC.

IN GENERAL, THIS AREA IS UNINHABITED, WITH UNCULTIVATED RICE PADDIES AND UNTENDED WATER BUFFALO. THE EXTENSIVE TRAIL NETWORK APPEARS TO BE USED MAINLY BY WOODCUTTERS.

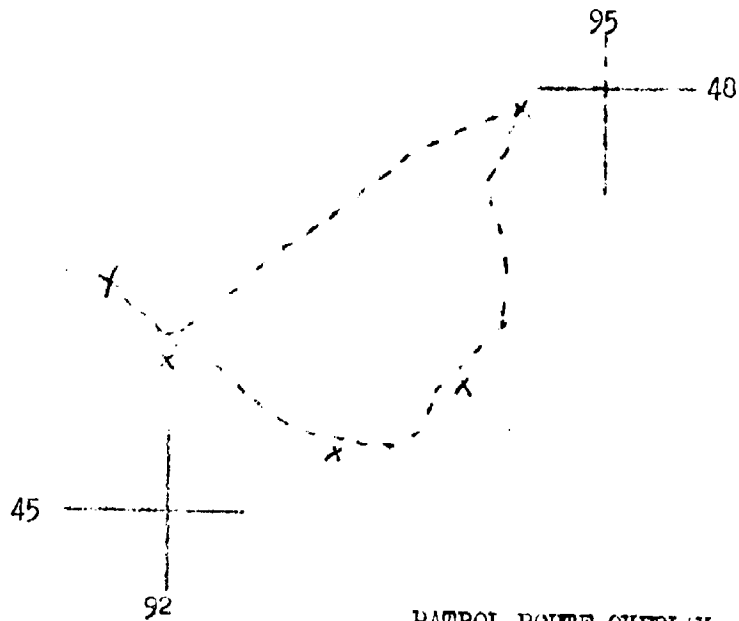
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THAT HILL 675, VIC. AT916419, BE RECONNEED BY AIR TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT IT PROVIDES A SUITABLE LZ FOR A FUTURE OP. THIS HILL IS THE DOMINANT TERRAIN FEATURE OF THE ENTIRE AREA; IN GOOD WEATHER IT WOULD PROVIDE EXCELLENT OBSERVATION IN ALL DIRECTIONS, ESPECIALLY TO THE SOUTH.
11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: EXCELLENT. ARTILLARY RESPONDED QUICKLY AND ACCURATLY ON NIGHT DEFENSIVE FIRES.

SSGT. W. ALEXANDER
2nd PLT. CC. B
PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: CONCUR WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ABOVE.
13. PATROL MEMBERS:

SSGT. ALEXANDER
CPL. MCINTOSH
LCPL. GUGICH
LCPL. NAZARE
LCPL. STONE

LCPL. ROBINSON
LCPL. REYNA
PFC. MACCA
PFC. SMITH
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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

PATROL: 2-B DUTCH OVEN

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UNIT 1-1CALL SIGN CHARGE SHEETPATROL LEADER Lt. CAMPBELLNO. PERS. 20INSERTION TIME 161000HCOORDINATES AT 837827EXTRACTION TIME 221000HCOORDINATES AT 837827.. SITUATION.

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- b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
- c. Attachments and Detachments:
- d. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed.

.. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 161000H and inserts at vic. AT 837827, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1000H on 22 January 1967, vic. AT 837827.

b. Patrol:

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

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

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- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of all serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 1600 the day preceding patrol.

CONFIDENTIAL4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 34.6
 - (2) Artillery (1) POLISH HOTEL 37.4
(2) REDWOOD NORTH 37.3 (FDC-FDN) 36.9 (Admin Net)
- c. Shackle and brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs:
 - BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 - BEACON LIGHT CHARGE SHEET - Patrol
 - BEACON LIGHT X-RAY - Radio Relay
 - BLACK COAT - AO
 - POLISH HOTEL - Arty
 - REDWOOD NORTH - Arty
- e. Command Post:
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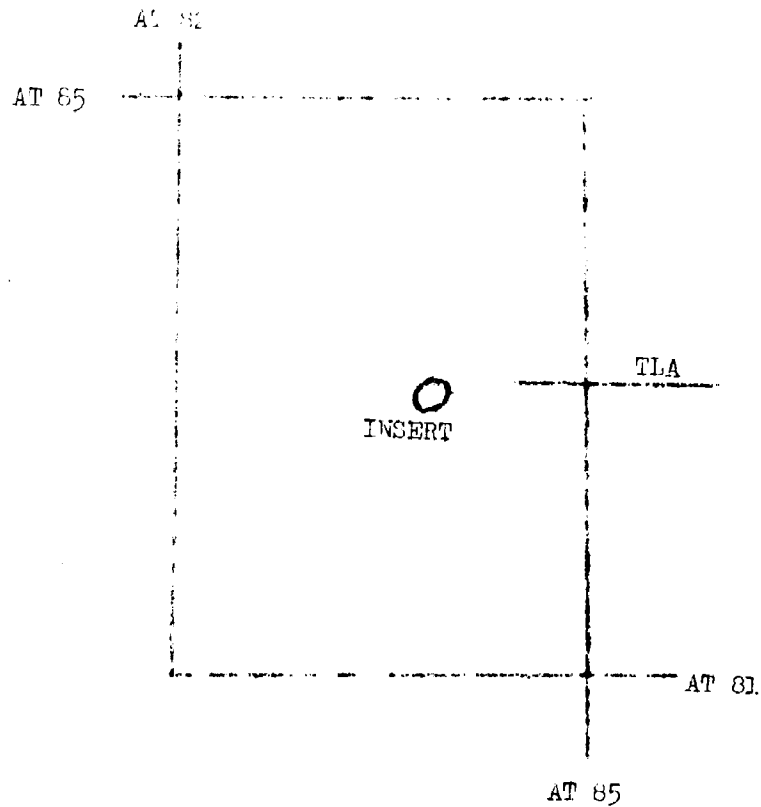
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CALL SIGN BULL RUSHPATROL LEADER Cy/Sgt STOWENO. PERS. 21INSERTION TIME 160730HCOORDINATES AT 867333EXTRACTION TIME 191600HCOORDINATES AT 8663221. SITUATION.

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

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

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 160730H and inserts at vic. AT 867333, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H on 14 January 1967, vic. AT 866322.

b. Patrol:

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

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- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertain to your mission.
- (8) Caution all troops to be alert for AP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger lives of patrol members to investigate same.
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- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of the patrol.
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- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of all serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 0600 the day preceding patrol.

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

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

b. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 37.9
- (2) Alternate Net 36.4
- (3) Artillery (1) REDWOOD SOUTH 36.7
(2) ARNICA ECHO 52.85

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

d. Call Signs:

BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 BEACON LIGHT BUIL PUSH - Patrol
 BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
 BLACK COAT - AO
 REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
 ARNICA ECHO - Arty

e. Command Post:

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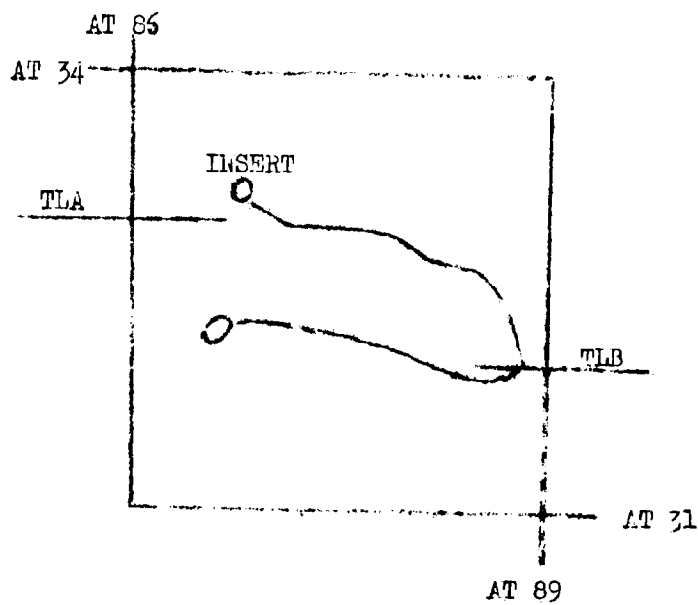
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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 20 EN. 1 USN.
- B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: 2 SCOUT DOG TEAMS.
- C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 2 7x50's.
- D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 2 M-79's; 1 M-60 MG; 2 SHOTGUNS; 2 CARBINES;
1 M241; 3 CLAYMORES; 20 BLKS. 0-4.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS OF THE
AREA ASSIGNED, AS DIRECTED.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 160800H/201400H.

4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.

5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 102 HOURS WITH NEGATIVE
DIRECT SIGHTINGS OF VC, BUT WITH INDICATIONS OF SIGNIFICANT VC
ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE AREA.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY:

171015H AT889338

PATROL HEARD THE BEATING OF A HIGH-
PITCHED DRUM WITHIN 300-400 METERS OF
THEIR POSITION. FIRE MISSION TERMINATED
DRUMMING.

171430H-
171600H AT892332

HEARD NOISES, ESTIMATED TO BE COMPANY-
SIZED UNIT, FROM VARIOUS DIRECTIONS
AROUND PATROL'S POSITION, SOME AT A DIS-
TANCE OF ONLY 25-30 METERS. THE NOISES,
CONVERSATION, LAUGHTER, ETC., SEEMED TO
CENTER IN ONE SPOT WHERE VC WERE BELIEVED
TO BE SETTING UP HARBOUR SITE. CALLED
FIRE MISSION AND FOUND AREA DESERTED THE
FOLLOWING MORNING.

B. TERRAIN: THIS IS AN AREA OF EXTREMELY STEEP SLOPES. THE CANOPY,

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RANGING IN HEIGHT FROM 200 -250 FEET, WAS THE HIGHEST MOST OF THE PATROL HAD EVER SEEN. SECONDARY GROWTH VARIED FROM MODERATE TO HEAVY IN SOME PLACES. STREAMS, SHOWN AS INTERMITTANT ON THE MAP, WERE RUNNING FREELY THIS TIME OF YEAR.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT WAS MADE VIC. AT881349, APPROX. 900 METERS NORTH OF THE SCHEDULED LANDING AREA, ON ACCOUNT OF BAD VISIBILITY FARTHER SOUTH. EXTRACT WAS MADE VIC. AT883338, A FAIR ZONE ON THE SLOPE OF A RIDGE AND COVERED WITH 3' TO 4' BRUSH. THE PATROL OBSERVED SEVERAL MORE AREAS WHICH COULD POSSIBLY BE USED AS LANDING ZONES (SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY).

THERE IS A WELL DEVELOPED NETWORK OF TRAILS IN THE AREA, SOME OF WHICH ARE AS WIDE AS 4'-5', AND ALL OF WHICH SHOW SIGNS OF RECENT USE (SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY).

THE PATROL FOUND FOUR ABANDONED ENEMY HARBOUR SITES (SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY), THE LARGEST OF WHICH WOULD ACCOMMODATE AN ESTIMATED 100 MEN (SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY). THIS SITE ALSO CONTAINED BURNED-OUT FIRES, ONLY A MATTER OF HOURS OLD, AND BAMBOO CUTTINGS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN FOR PUNJII STAKES. THE SITE APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN USED MORE THAN ONCE.

THE TWO SCOUT DOGS WERE MANY TIMES ALERTED TO THE SCENT OF VC THROUGHOUT THE PATROL.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THIS AREA IS INFESTED WITH VC WHO APPARENTLY FEEL QUITE SAFE BENEATH THE HIGH CANOPY, AS EVIDENCED BY THE FIRES FOUND IN THE HARBOUR SITES. THE OLD SITES WERE ALL PLACED ON THE SLOPES RATHER THAN THE MORE COMFORTABLE AREAS HIGHER UP, PRESUMABLY FOR PROTECTION AGAINST ARTILLERY.

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LZ'S ARE AT PREMIUM IN THIS AREA AND BLASTING WAS OF LITTLE USE, AS THE TREES WERE TREMENDOUS. 5 POUNDS OF C-4 FAILED TO HAVE ANY EFFECT WHATSOEVER ON A SINGLE TREE.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A.

SGT J. W. BELOW
3rd PLT. CO. B
PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

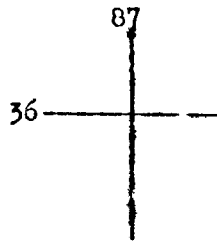
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AURBUCKLE, 2040494
JONES, 2073938
GRALY, 2156487
BINGHAM, 2184486
SMITH, 2214782
ANDERSON, 2152304
LAWSON, 2290053
HANSON, 2163267
SULLIVAN, 2290018
COTTERMAN, 2269364

BROWNING, 1933316
BROWN, 2211015
PETTERS, 2117926
WITMER, 2174276
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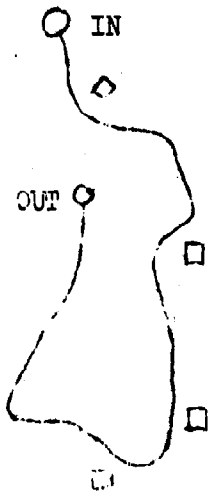
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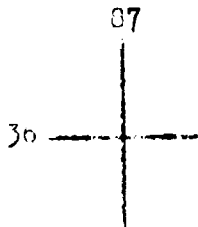
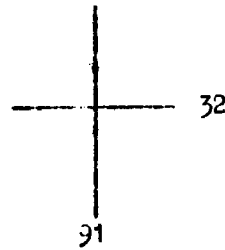


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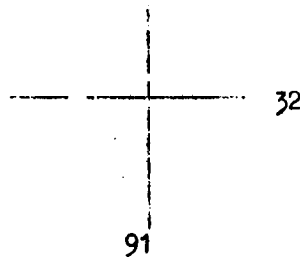
□ OLD VC HARBOUR SITES.



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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

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b. Frequencies:

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- (2) Alternate Net 34.6
- (3) Artillery (1) 37.3 REDWOOD SOUTH
(2) 52.85 ARNICA ECHO

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

d. Call Signs:

TEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 DRAGON LIGHT EYELET - Patrol
 BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
 BLACK COAT - 40
 REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
 ARNICA ECHO - Arty

e. Command Post:

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

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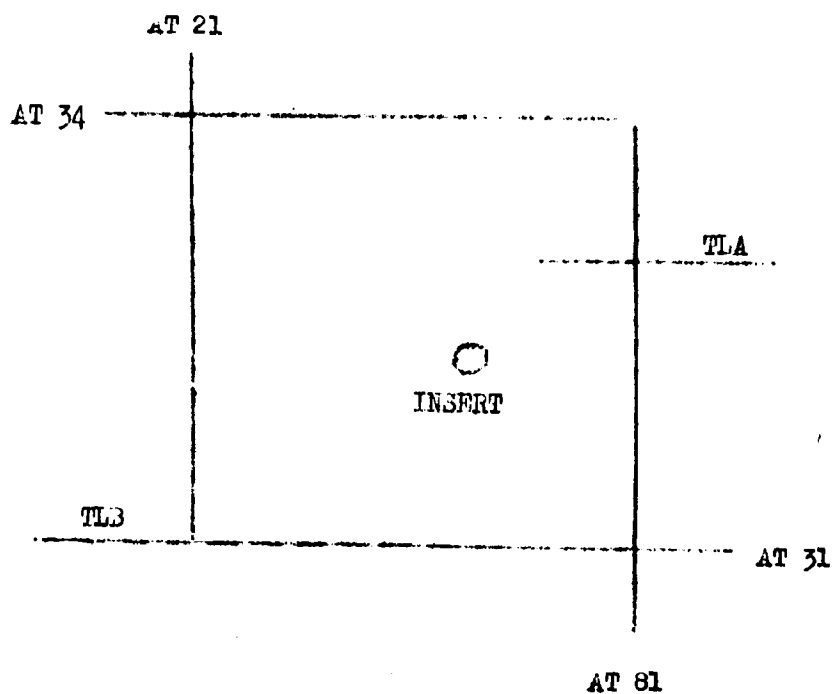
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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 18 EN, 1 USN.

B. ATTACHMENTS: NONE.

C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 3 7x50; 1 BC SCOPE;
 1 M-49 SPOTTER SCOPE.

D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 2 M-79's; 1 M-60 MG; 1 .50 CAL. MG; 10
 CLAYMORTS; 3 BLKS. C-4; 2 WP RIFLE GREN; 30 HAND-HELD ILLUM.

2. MISSION: REVEAL CIRCUMSTANCE 2-C IN PLACE ON THE STATIONARY OP AND
 CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE OF THE SURROUNDING AREA, WITH PRIMARY OBSERVATION
 TO THE WEST AND SOUTHWEST.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 171030H/191030H.

4. ROUTE: INSERT, EXTRACT AND OBSERVATION FROM THE STATIONARY OF VIC.
 AT799324.

5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 48 HOURS WITH 10 SIGHTINGS
 TALLING 104 VC. ONE AIR STRIKE WAS CONDUCTED AND 11 ARTY FM's,
 RESULTING IN THE DESTRUCTION OF VILLE, VIC. ZC215333, 1 VC KIA PROB,
 AND 5 VC KIA CONF. FROM 190100H UNTIL 190630H THE PATROL'S POSITION
 WAS PROBED BY AN ESTIMATED 25-30 VC; EXCHANGE OF SMALL ARMS AND GRENADES
 RESULTED IN 1 VC KIA(CONF), 2 VC KIA (PROB) AND 5 VC WIA (CONF). THERE
 WERE 2 USMC WIA (SUPERFICIAL).

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY:

171430H ZC215333

4 VC MOVING AROUND VILLE; BLK. PJ'S:
 FM RESULTED IN 2 VC WIA.

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171535H	AT803345	8 VC MOVING SE ON TRAIL; BLK. PJ's; 8 RIFLES; FM CALLED WITH UNKN. RESULTS.
180800H	ZC215333	31 VC MOVING AROUND IN VILLE; BLK. PJ's AND KHAKI; 1 PACK; ARTY. FM CALLED WITH UNKN. RESULTS; AIR STRIKE CONDUCTED RESULTING IN DESTRUCTION OF VILLE VIC. ZC215333.
181305H	AT788352	11 VC MOVING NW ON TRAIL; BLK. PJ's AND 1 GREEN UNIFORM; PACKS AND RIFLES; FM CANCELED BECAUSE OF FRIENDLIES IN AREA.
181430H	AT215333	4 VC MOVING AROUND THE VILLE; BLK. PJ's AND ONE KHAKI; 2 RIFLES; FM RESULTED IN 2 VC WIA PROB.
181535H	AT803345	8 VC MOVING SE ON TRAIL; MIXED BLK. PJ's AND KHAKI; 8 RIFLES; FM CALLED WITH UNKN. RESULTS.
181605H	ZC215336	21 VC MOVING SE ACROSS PADDIES; BLK. AND GREEN UNIFORMS; MIXED PACKS AND RIFLES; FM CALLED WITH UNKN. RESULTS.
181750H	AT800345	6 VC MOVING NW ON TRAIL; BLK. AND GREEN UNIFORMS; PACKS AND RIFLES; FM CALLED RESULTING IN 1 VC KIA CONF. AND 1 VC WIA PROB.
181850H	AT785325	11 VC MOVING N ON TRAIL; BLK. PJ's AND KHAKI; PACKS AND RIFLES; CALLED ARTY. FM WITH UNKN. RESULTS.
190100H- 190630H	AT799322	PATROL'S POSITION PROBED BY AN ESTIMATED 25-30 VC; 10 VC ACTUALLY OBSERVED; DARK UNIFORMS AND FATH HELMETS; WFNS; CAMO. VC THREW ROCKS AND GRENADES; PATROL RETURNED SA, M-79, AND GRENADES. ARTY. FM CALLED AND FLARESHIP ILLUMINATED AREA; SEARCHED AT FIRST LIGHT AND FOUND BLOOD TRAILS AND DRAG MARKS. RESULTS OF CONTACT WERE 1 VC KIA CONF, 2 VC KIA PROB, 5 VC WIA CONF, AND 2 USMC WIA (SUPERFICIAL).

B. TERRAIN: AS SHOWN ON THE MAP, THIS IS ESSENTIALLY A "BALD" OF COVERED ONLY WITH 6'-8' ELEPHANT GRASS AND SCRUB GROWTH.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: THE VILLAGE VIC. ZC215333 IS STILL BEING USED; NO MATTER HOW MUCH ORDNANCE IS PLACED THERE, THE VC STILL MOVE AROUND OR THROUGH THIS VILLE CONSTANTLY. THE VC APPEAR TO BE MOVING GEAR FROM THIS DESTROYED VILLAGE NORTH INTO OTHER STRUCTURES WHICH ARE STILL LEFT STANDING.

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THE CAVE REPORTED BY CIRCUMSTANCE VIC. AT809335 IS STILL THERE AND IS DEFINATELY BEING USED; IN ADDITION, THERE IS ANOTHER CAVE BEING USED VIC. AT808332, AS SMOKE WAS OBSERVED COMING FROM IT'S MOUTH.

MANY BOATS CROSS THE RIVER VIC. AT800345, WHICH MUST BE A FERRY OR A CHECKPOINT. VC ALWAYS MOVE QUICKLY IN OPEN AREAS AS IF THEY KNEW THAT THEY WERE BEING OBSERVED. THE ONLY TREND OR PATTERN OBSERVED SEEMED TO BE THAT THE VC WERE MOVING FROM THE NORTH INTO THE VILLE WITH EXTREMELY HEAVY PACKS.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 1 VC KIA CONF, 2 VC KIA PROB, 5 VC WIA CONF, AND 2 USMC WIA (SUPERFICIAL).
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: EVEN THOUGH CIRCUMSTANCE HAD CONDUCTED MANY AIR STRIKES AND FIRE MISSIONS IN THIS AREA, AND THIS PATROL HAD DONE THE SAME, THE VC CONTINUE TO MOVE ABOUT FREELY; THEY WERE CONCERNED ENOUGH ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF A RECON. TEAM IN THIS AREA TO SEND PEOPLE TO GET RID OF THEM.

THE VC WHO CONDUCTED THIS PROBE WERE NOT OF THE LOCAL FORCE VARIETY. THEIR UNIFORMS WERE DARK AND TAILORED, NOT BLACK PJ'S ; PITH HELMATS WERE WORN COMPLETE WITH BRUSH CAMOFLAGE; FACES WERE "BLACKENED". ANOTHER INDICATION OF THEIR STATUS WAS THE OBVIOUS DISCIPLINE AND TRAINING OF THE ATTACKERS- THE DEFENSIVE BOOBY TRAPS HAD THEIR WIRES CUT; VC MOVEMENT WAS EXCELLENT AS THEY ADVANCED TO WITHIN 50 METERS OF THE PATROL'S POSITION BEFORE THEY WERE DETECTED; THEIR FIRE DISCIPLINE WAS ALSO EXCELLENT AS THEY NEVER FIRED A ROUND, BUT ONLY THREW GRENADES. FROM THE ABOVE, IT IS SURMISED THAT THE ATTACKING FORCE WERE EITHER HIGHLY TRAINED MAIN FORCE OR NVA.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARM: THE CLOSE DEFENSIVE FIRES OF 155 LONG GUNS WERE EXCELLENT; ALSO, ONCE "SPOOKY" GOT ON TARGET, HIS ILLUMINATION WAS CONTINUOUS AND EFFECTIVE.

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12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: "CHARLIE" AGAIN PROVED TRUE TO FORM BECAUSE THE PRESENCE OF A RECON. TEAM IN HIS AREA FOR EIGHT DAYS BEGAN TO HURT; THE VC THEREFORE SENT UP A SMALL HARRASSING FORCE TO PROBE THE RECON. POSITION, KNOWING THAT THIS ACTION WOULD CAUSE THE TEAMS IMMEDIATE EXTRACTION.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

KING, 093232
HALL, 1365314
WRIGHT, 1869136
BUTLER, 1518253
FISHER, 2148533
SLEEPER, 2249559
PRINDLE, 2288006
SMOLEN, 2197156
LANHAM, 2294739
CORNIER, b102021

GIRVIN, 2291446
ADCOX, 2223448
WILSON, 2168690
PODSCHELNE, 2100447
REASON, 2172165
ANDERSON, 2233520
WHITNEY, 2212884
BREEDLOVE, 2201733
HOFFMAN, 2164259
ROSES, 1648675

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Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM 1:50,000; Sheets 6540 I; 6540 II; 6640 III;
 (b) BnOpO 323-66 6640 IV
 (c) 1stMarDiv P3600.1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) BnFragOrder Msg # 16-67

UNIT 1-F CALL SIGN GROUCHO MARX PATROL LEADER Lt. BARNESNO. PERSONS 14/1 dog INSERTION TIME 190730H COORDINATES ZC209478EXTRACTION TIME 221600H COORDINATES ZC202454.1. SITUATION.

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

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

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operations:

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

- (2) Platoon departs 12 VINH at 190730H and inserts at vic. ZC202472, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H on 22 February 1967, vic. ZC202454.

b. Patrol:

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

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

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

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

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Ref. (b).
- (2) Submit SITREP to BEACON LIGHT every hour.
- (3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.
- (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
- (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fires. Shackle OT azimuth at the discretion of the patrol leader.
- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertains to your mission.
- (8) Caution all troops to be alert for AP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger lives of patrol members to investigate same.
- (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference (c).
- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of the patrol.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. AO will come up on patrol net, and should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of all serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 0600 the day preceding patrol.

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

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

b. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 37.9
- (2) Alternate Net 36.4
- (3) Artillery (1) REDWOOD SOUTH 37.3, ANNICA ECHO 52.85

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

d. Call Signs:

BEACON LIGHT- 1st Recon Bn.
 BEACON LIGHT CHOUCHO MAMA- Patrol
 BEACON LIGHT DELTA- Helo
 BLACK COAT- AO

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

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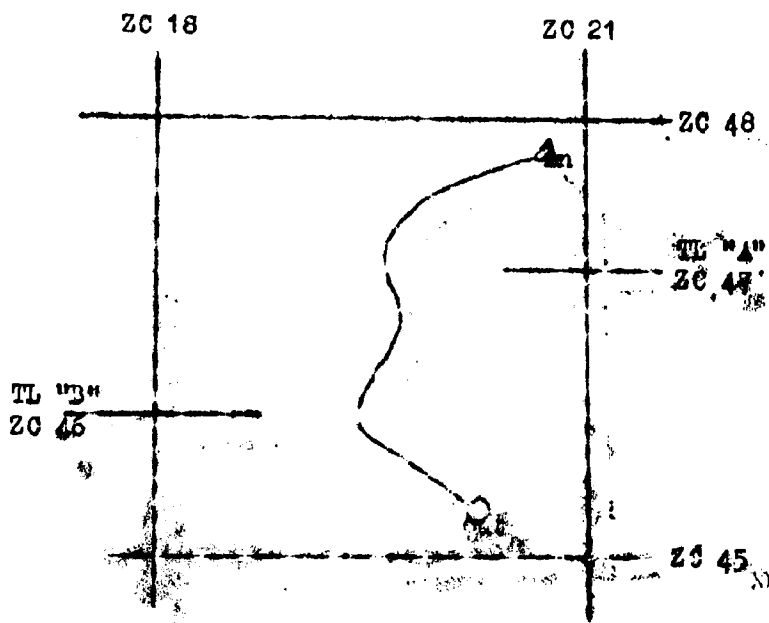
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Debriefed: Cpl. E. S. Waters
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Sheets 6540 I,II, 6640 III,IV.

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1. PLAN, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 10 FM, 1 USN, 1 USA.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: 1 SCOUT DOG TEAM, 1 USSF.
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 1 7x50; 1 7x35;
1 6x30.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79; 1 M-76 w/2 WP RIF. GREN; 10 LAUNCHER
ADAPTERS; 4 WP HAND GREN; 26 CS GREN w/MASKS; 2 HAND-HELD PARACHUTE
FLARES; 2 MACHETES; 2 INCINDIARY GREN; 2 BLKS. C-4.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS OF THE
AREA ASSIGNED, AS DIRECTED.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 190130H/230930H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 98 HOURS WITH ONE SIGHTING
OF 10 VC. ONE FIRE MISSION WAS CONDUCTED WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY:

221050H	AT003449	10 VC MOVING SOUTH UP A DRAW; BLK. PJ's, COOLIE HATS; HEAVY PACKS; FM REQUESTED BUT WAS TOO LONG IN ARRIVING AS FOG VEILED THE TARGET AREA AFTER TWO ROUNDS.
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 - B. TERRAIN: THE RIDGELINE IS GENERALLY COVERED WITH 6'-10' ELEPHANT
GRASS WHICH LAPSES INTO A LOW CANOPY OF 20'-50' WITH MODERATE
SECONDARY GROWTH DOWN ON THE SLOPES. TO THE SOUTH OF HILL 262 VIC.
ZC197471, THE CANOPY TENDS TO BECOME HIGHER AND THICKER WHILE
THE SECONDARY GROWTH THINS SOMEWHAT.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT WAS MADE VIC. ZC 200475 AND EXTRACT VIC. ZC208462. THIS ENTIRE AREA TO THE EAST OF THE RIDGELINE IS COVERED WITH SIMILAR GOOD, SMALL, LANDING ZONES, CONSISTING OF LOW HILLTOPS COVERED WITH 6'-10' ELEPHANT GRASS.

TRAILS, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP, ARE ACCURATE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE TRAIL DISCOVERED BY THE PATROL (SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY); TRAILS ARE FAIRLY WELL-DEVELOPED BUT SHOW NO SIGNS OF RECENT USE. FROM A GOOD OP, VIC. ZC203463, THE PATROL WAS ABLE TO OBSERVE A LARGE PORTION OF THE AREA TO THE SOUTH, INCLUDING THE TRAIL, VIC. ZC200453-ZC210456, WHICH APPEARED TO BE 6 FEET WIDE OR BETTER. THIS SAME OP SHOWED SIGNS OF RECENT FRIENDLY USE (C-RATS, LPR's, ETC.).

THE PATROL NOTICED A NUMBER OF OLD BIVOUAC SITES THROUGHOUT THE AREA; ALSO TWO LARGE FIGHTING HOLES HIDDEN IN THE ELEPHANT GRASS. NONE OF THE ABOVE SHOWED SIGNS OF RECENT USE.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: ALL INDICATIONS POINT TO THE FACT THAT THE VC HAVE ABANDONED THEIR ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA, POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF RECENT HEAVY AIR STRIKES; UNLESS THERE IS OTHER EVIDENCE RECEIVED INDICATING RENEWED VC ACTIVITY HERE, THERE IS LITTLE VALUE IN PATROLLING.

RECOMMEND THAT DURING PERIODS WHEN THE WEATHER MAKES EXTRACTS UNCERTAIN, THAT THEY BE PLANNED FOR THE MORNING OF THE 5th DAY RATHER THAN THE AFTERNOON OF THE 4th. THIS WOULD GIVE THE TEAM ADDED PATROLLING TIME IN THE AFTERNOON AS WELL AS MORE TIME TO ARRANGE AN EXTRACT ON THE LAST DAY.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: ALTHOUGH REDWOOD SOUTH CAME THROUGH FASTER THAN USUAL, IT WAS NOT BEFORE THE TARGET WAS OBSCURED BY FOG.

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1st PLT. 1st FORCE
PATROL LEADER

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12. COMMENTS BY INTERVIEWER: NONE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

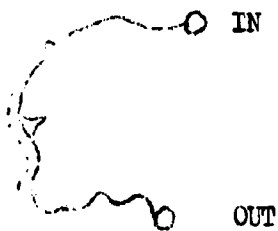
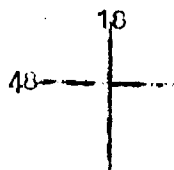
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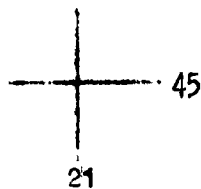
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(b) BrOpO 325-66
(c) 1st Mar Div P3000.1F (Intelligence SOP).
(d) BrFragOrder Mag # 17-67

UNIT B-2 CALL SIGN DUTCH OVEN PATROL LEADER Lt. DUENNO. PERSONS 10 INSERTION TIME 191500H COORDINATES vic. AT9145EXTRACTION TIME 231400H COORDINATES vic. AT91451. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make final check with S-2).
- b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
- c. Attachments and Detachments: None.

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

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operations:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs Company "B" CP, AN HOA, on foot at vic. 191500H, to patrol area vic. AT9145, reconnaissance and surveillance to continue until extraction, scheduled at 231400H, vic. AT9145.

b. Patrol:

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

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

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

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

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

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

b. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net ~~37.2~~ 36.4
- (2) Alternate Net ~~36.4~~ 37.9
- (3) Artillery (1) REDWOOD SOUTH 37.3; ARNICA ECHO 52.85

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

d. Call Signs:

BEACON LIGHT- 1st Recon Bn.
 BEACON LIGHT-DUTCH OVEN- Patrol
 BEACON LIGHT DELTA- Relay
 BLACK COAT- AO

e. Command Post:

- (1) 1st Recon Bn. (kei); vlc. AT959752.

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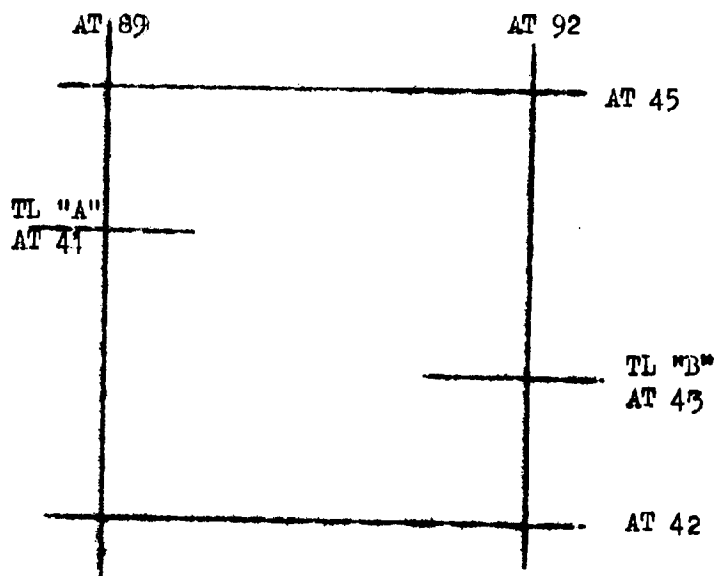
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 2 OFF., 9 EN., 1 USN.
 - B. ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
 - C. COMM. & OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 2 7X50's.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-60; 1M-79; 2 CLAYMORES; 1 M3A1.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN THE AREA ASSIGNED.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 191500H/202140H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 33 1/2 HRS. WITH ONE CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED 10-15 VC VIC. AT 895445. DURING THE CONDUCT OF AN ARTY. FM ON THESE VC, AN ARTY. SHORT ROUND RESULTED IN 1 USMC KIA AND 4 USMC WIA (ONE SERIOUS). PATROL HAD AN EMERGENCY EXTRACTION UNDER FLARESHIP ILLUM. AT 202140H.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY:

201055H:	AT 898447	UNKN. NUMBER OF VC FIRED 2 SNIPER RDS. AT PATROL.
201945H TO 202150H	AT 895443	PATROL'S HARBOUR POSITION PROBED BY ESTIMATED 10-15 VC FR. VIC. AT 896443; SEMI. AUTO. S/A FIRE RECEIVED FR. VC 50 m. FR. PATROL; PATROL RETURNED S/A, GRENADES, M-79, FIRED 2 CLAYMORES, AND CALLED ARTY. FM; DURING CONDUCT OF FM, SHORT ROUND LANDED IN PATROL'S POSITION RESULTING IN 1 USMC KIA AND 4 USMC WIA; ILLUM. PROVIDED BY FLARESHIP AND PATROL EXTRACTED AT 202140H.
 - B. TERRAIN: NETWORK OF WELL-USED TRAILS 3'-4' WIDE; VEGETATION IS SCRUB-GROWTH FR. 2' TO 6' HIGH; MANY ROCKS OF ALL SIZES SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THIS AREA.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION: MANY SMOKE FIRES HAD BEEN OBSERVED FR. AN HOA COMING FR. THE AREA WORKED BY THIS PATROL. THERE WERE ALSO MANY SANDAL AND BARE FOOTPRINTS ALONG THE TRAILS, INDICATING MUCH RECENT MOVEMENT IN THIS AREA.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: ARTY SHORT ROUND RESULTED IN 1 USMC KIA AND 4 USMC WIA.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: SATISFACTORY

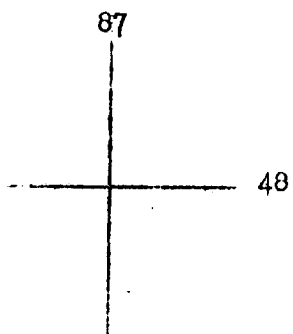
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: FUTURE PATROLS SHOULD NOT BE WALKED INTO THIS AREA; THE INFANTRY UNITS PATROL ALL OF THIS AREA ANYWAY AND ARE BETTER EQUIPPED TO DO SO. THE AREA IS TOO OPEN AND CLEAR TO PREVENT OBSERVATION OF ANY INSERTION ATTEMPT. THERE IS ONE MAIN TRAIL THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED INTO THIS AREA AND PATTERNS ARE BEING SET; THE VC ARE SURE TO AMBUSH EVENTUALLY.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: ARTY. SHORT ROUND.

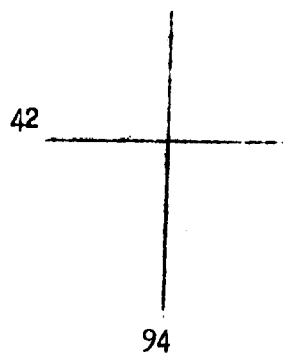
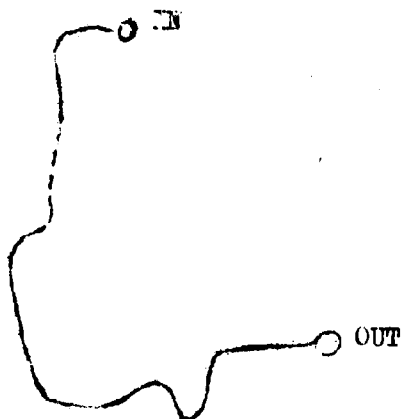
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PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: THE SIZE AND NATURE OF THE VC FORCE OPERATING IN THIS AREA REMAINS UNKN.

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 (b) BnOpO 323-66
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1ST MAR DIV. CAM PEN.

UNIT 3-FCALL SIGN HATEFULPATROL LEADER Lt. KINGNO. PERS. 12INSERTION TIME 200800HCOORDINATES AT 837378EXTRACTION TIME 260830HCOORDINATES AT 8373781. SITUATION.a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S-2).b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.c. Attachments and Detachments:2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed.3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

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

(2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 200800H and inserts at vic.
AT 837378, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of
 assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 0830H on
26 January 1967, vic. AT 837378.

b. Patrol:

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

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

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

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

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

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

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

CONFIDENTIAL4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in an area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary; Helo; AC Net 36.4
 - (2) Alternate Net 34.6
 - (3) Artillery (1) 37.3 REDWOOD SOUTH
(2) 52.85 ARNICA ECHO
- c. Shackle and Brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.

d. Call Signs:

BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 BEACON LIGHT UPLATEFUL - Patrol
 BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
 BLACK COAT - AC
 REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
 ARNICA ECHO - Arty

6. Command Post:

- (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Patr); vic. AT 954752.

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1. Operation Overlay

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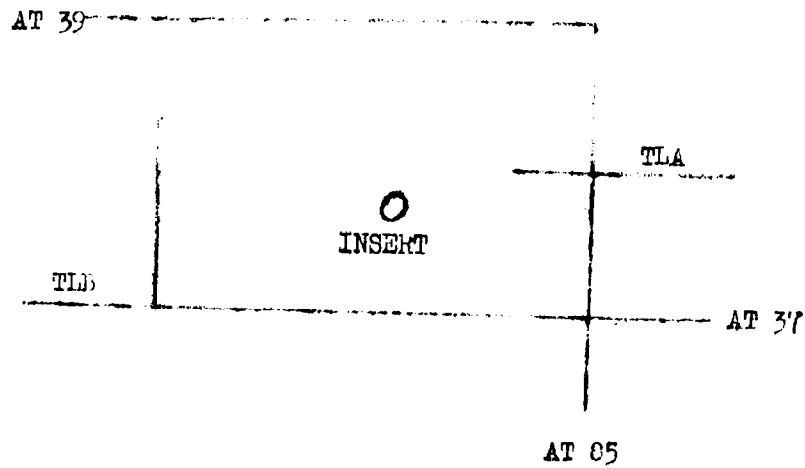
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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 12 EN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 3 7x50's.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 2 M-79's; 1 M-60 MG; 12 CS GRENADES w/MASKS.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS FROM THE PERMANENT OP ON HILL 452, AS DIRECTED.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 200830H/261000H.
4. ROUTE: ALL OPERATIONS CONDUCTED FROM THE PERMANENT OP VIC AT836378.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 146 HOURS WITH 4 SIGHTINGS TOTALLING 45 VC. 2 FIRE MISSIONS WERE CALLED RESULTING IN 8 VC KIA (PROB).
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY:

210900H	AT855376	8 VC EMERGING FROM HILLS AND MOVING NE; BLK. PJ's; 3 PACKS; 2 WPNS; 1 GREY UNIFORM; VC DISPERSED SHORTLY AFTER THE SIGHTING.
211120H	AT846358	8 VC TRAVELLING NNW ALONG CREEK; BLK. PJ'S 2 PACKS; 2 RIFLES; FM CONDUCTED RESULTING IN 2 VC KIA (PROB).
241500H	AT829368	10 VC HIDING IN BUSH FROM FRIENDLY UNITS IN AREA; CONDUCTED FM WITH GOOD COVERAGE AFTER WHICH HEARD SMALL ARMS AND OBSERVED ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION; 6 VC KIA (PROB).
241645H	AT865349	19 VC MOVING OUT OF HILLS; BLK. PJ'S; VERY HEAVY PACKS; DISPERSED WHEN AO APPEARED.
 - B. TERRAIN: SEE PREVIOUS PATROL REPORTS.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT AND EXTRACT WERE DELETED (SEE PREVIOUS PATROL REPORTS).

THE ONLY NOTICABLE TREND IN VC ACTIVITY WAS THAT THEY SEEMED TO BE USING THE TRAILS INTO THE HILLS TO THE EAST AND SOUTHEAST OF THE PATROL POSITION.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 8 VC KIA (PROB).
 9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
 10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THAT SINCE THIS AREA HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY MARINE INFANTRY, THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAINTAINING THIS OF SHOULD BELONG TO THEM.
 11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: RESPONSE AND COVERAGE ON BOTH FIRE MISSIONS WAS GOOD.

SSGT. D. L. ARNOLD
 3rd PLT 1st FORCE
 PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

ARNOLD, 1850661
 TUCCI, 2104645
 RICHARDSON, 2211306
 GARDEN, 2140771
 COMBS, 2163752
 RODRIQUE, 2159981

LONG, 2128186
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 (b) DnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1F(Intelligence SOP)
 (d) DNFragorder Msg # 19-67

UNIT 1#CCALL SIGN CIRCUMSTANCEPATROL LEADER LT. FABLENO. PERS. 11INSERT TIME 211200HCOORDINATES vic. AT8140EXTRACTION TIME 251600HCOORDINATES vic. AT81401. SITUATION.a. ENEMY FORCES: Current INTSUM's (Make final check with S-2).b. FRIENDLY FORCES: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.c. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS:

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

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3. EXECUTION:

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1ST MAR DIV. CAMP. PEN.

a. CONCEPT OF OPERATION:

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

(2) Platoon departs CP NANG SON ON FOOT and inserts at
vic. AT8140, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance
 of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H
 on 25 January 1967, vic. AT8140.

b. PATROL

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

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

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

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

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

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

a. Coordinating Instructions:

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

CONFIDENTIAL4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS:

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

b. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary; Melo; AO Net 37.9
- (2) Alternate Net 36.4
- (3) Artillery (1) 37.3 REDWOOD SOUTH
(2) 52.85 ARNICA ECHO

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

d. Call Signs:

BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 BEACON LIGHT CIRCUMSTANCE - Patrol
 BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
 BLACK COAT - AO
 REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
 ARNICA ECHO - Arty

e. Command Post:

- (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein); vico. AT 959752.

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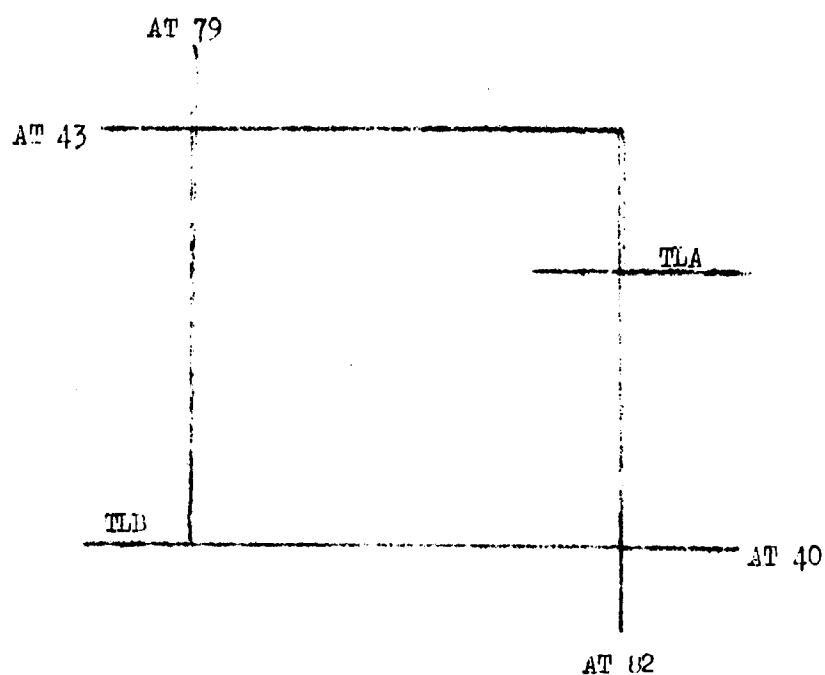
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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 8 EN, 1 USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 1 PRC 25; 1 7x50.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79; 22 BLKS. C-4.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OF THE AREA ASSIGNED, AS DIRECTED.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 211200H/241700H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 77 HOURS WITH NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS OF VC AND NO INDICATIONS OF RECENT VC ACTIVITY IN THE AREA.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY: NONE
 - B. TERRAIN: EXTREMELY ROUGH AND HILLY THROUGHOUT. SECONDARY GROWTH IS MODERATE BECOMING THICKER TOWARD THE HIGHER GROUND.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: THE TOP OF THE RIDGE VIC. AT797410 WAS FOUND TO BE STREWN WITH BOULDERS AND UNSUITABLE AS AN LZ, EVEN WITH BLASTING; FURTHERMORE, THE RIDGE IS AS NARROW AS 10 METERS IN PLACES. TRAILS IN THE LOW AREAS APPEAR TO BE USED MAINLY BY WOODCUTTERS; THOSE GOING UP THE FINGERS TOWARD HILL 575, VIC. AT793406, WERE WIDER BUT SHOWED NO SIGNS OF RECENT USE.

THERE WAS A STRONG ODOR, IC. AT804400, WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN ROTTING FLESH; POSSIBLE VC BURIAL SITE NEARBY.

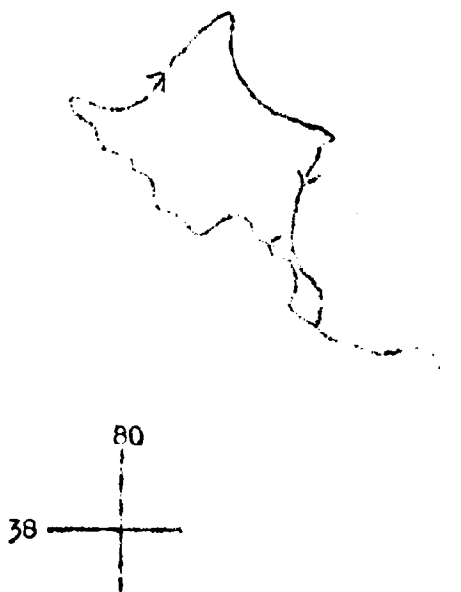
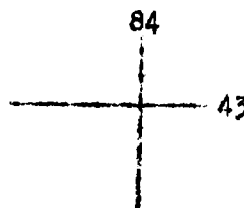
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8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THAT IF THERE IS ANY VC ACTIVITY IN THE AREA IT IS LOCATED FARTHER TO THE WEST OF GRID LINE 20.
11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A.

LT E. FABLE.
1st PLT. CO. C
PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY LEBRIEFER: NONE.

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 (b) BnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) EnfragOrder Msg # 20-67

UNIT 3-CCALL SIGN ~~DRAGON LIGHT X RAY~~ CREW CUTPATROL LEADER Sgt. WRIGHTNO. PERS. 10INSERTION TIME 220800HCOORDINATES AT 837827EXTRACTION TIME 280800HCOORDINATES AT 8378271. SITUATION.

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

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

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 220800H and inserts at vic. AT 837827, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 0800H on 28 January 1967, vic. AT 837827.

b. Patrol:

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

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- (3) Emphasis throughout the reconnaissance effort will be placed upon:
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 - (b) Lines of communications.
 - (c) LZ's suitable for exploitation forces.
 - (d) Verifying the Order of Battle.
 - (e) Location of major installations and facilities to include rest areas, command posts, communications facilities, and prisoner of war camps.
- (4) Report the capture of all documents and weapons with description to BEACON LIGHT as soon as possible.
- (5) Capture and return to U.S. control VC and/or VCS.
- c. Coordinating Instructions:
- (1) Ref. (b)
 - (2) Submit BRAVO report every two hours
 - (3) Submit SITREP to BEACON LIGHT every hour.
 - (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
 - (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Shackle OT azimuth at the discretion of the patrol leader.
 - (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
 - (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertains to your mission.
 - (8) Caution all troops to be alert for AP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger the lives of patrol members to investigate same.
 - (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference (c).
 - (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of the patrol.
 - (11) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. AO will come up on patrol net, and should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
 - (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 1600 the day preceding patrol.

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 34.0
 - (2) Artillery (1) ~~POLISH HOTEL 37.4~~ *Ripic Peak B" 37.1*
(2) REDWOOD NORTH 37.3 (FDC-FDN) 36.9 (Admin Net)
- c. Shackle and Brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs:
 - BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 - BEACON LIGHT X-RAY - Patrol
 - BLACK COAT - AO
 - POLISH HOTEL - Arty
 - REDWOOD NORTH - Arty
- e. Command Post:
 - (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein); vic. AT 959752.

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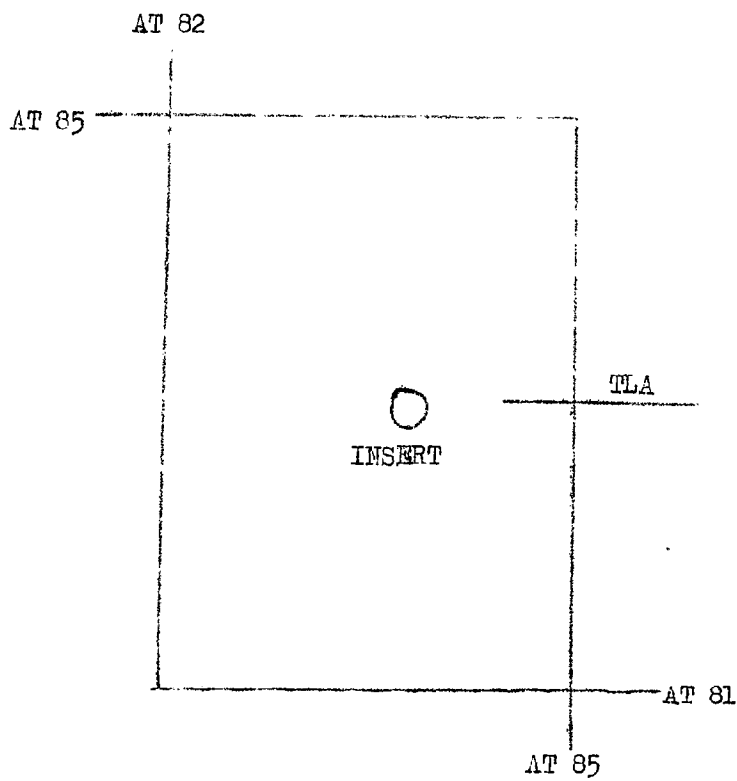
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 (b) BnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1stMarDivO P3000.1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) BnFragOrder Msg # 21-67

UNIT 2-BCALL SIGN DUTCH OVEN PATROL LEADER S/Sgt ALEXANDERNO. PERS. 10INSERTION TIME 211400COORDINATES vic. AT 8844EXTRACTION TIME 261600HCOORDINATES vic. AT 88441. SITUATION.a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S-2).b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.c. Attachments and Detachments:2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed.3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

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

(2) Platoon departs Company "B" CP, AN HOA, on foot at 231100H, to patrol area vic. AT 8844, reconnaissance and surveillance to continue until extraction, scheduled at 1600H on 26 January 1967, vic. AT 8844.

b. Patrol:

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

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

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

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

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Ref. (b).
- (2) Submit SITREP to BEACON LIGHT every hour.
- (3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.
- (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
- (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fires. Shackle OT azimuth at the discretion of the patrol leader.
- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertains to your mission.
- (8) Caution all troops to be alert for AP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger lives of patrol members to investigate same.
- (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference (c).
- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of the patrol.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an IO will be dispatched to patrol's reconnaissance area. AC will come up on patrol net, and should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of all serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 0600 the day preceding patrol.

CONFIDENTIAL4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

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

b. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 36.4
- (2) Alternate Net 37.2
- (3) Artillery (1) REDWOOD SOUTH 37.3
(2) ARNICA ECHO 52.85

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

d. Call Signs:

BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 BEACON LIGHT DUTCH OVEN - Patrol
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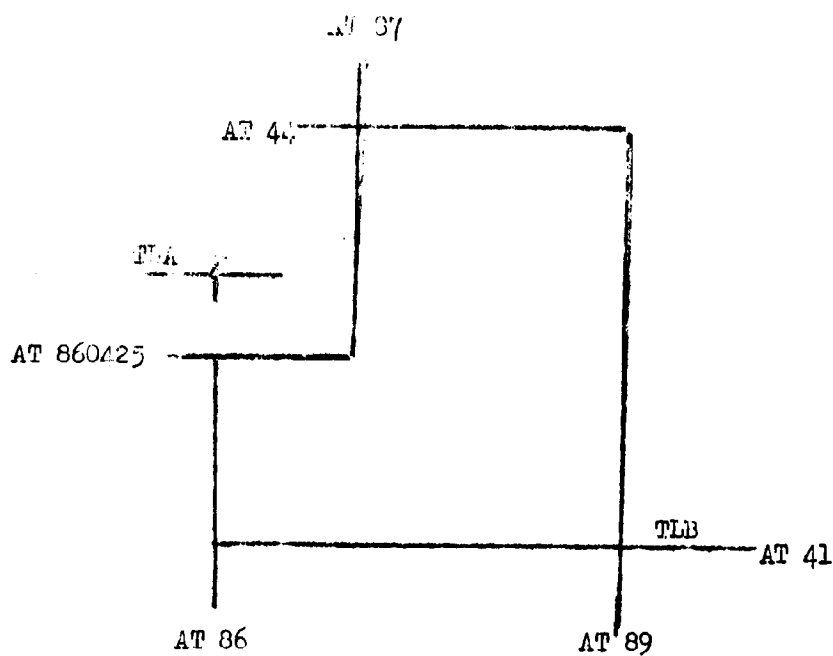
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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 9 EN, 1 USN.
- B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
- C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 1 7x50.
- D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79; 2 CLAYMORES.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OF THE AREA ASSIGNED,
AS DIRECTED.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 211445H/251715H.

4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.

5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 99 HOURS WITH ONE SIGHTING
OF ONE VC. NUMEROUS SMOKE FIRES IN THE PATROL'S VICINITY INDICATED THE
PRESENCE OF MORE VC.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY:

231000H AT051430 1 VC MOVING EAST TOWARD VILLAGE; KHAKI
UNIFORM; PACK, RIFLE,

B. TERRAIN: THIS ENTIRE AREA IS CHARACTERIZED BY THICK SECONDARY
GROWTH FROM 4' TO 6' IN HEIGHT AND VERY LITTLE CANOPY. MOVEMENT,
EXCEPT ON THE TRAILS, IS VERY DIFFICULT.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: THE PATROL INSERTED ITSELF BY FOOT FROM AT070465,
AROUND HILL 230, VIC. AT069427, THERE ARE NUMEROUS UNMAAPPED TRAILS,
NONE OF WHICH SHOW ANY SIGNS OF RECENT USE. THE PATROL ALSO NOTED AN
UNMAAPPED STREAM VIC. AT065425 WHICH IS 10'-15' WIDE AND RUNS EAST TO
WEST. AT VIC. AT070420, (THE DANGER ZONE) AN OLD STEEL BARREL, STILL

IN GOOD CONDITION.

AN OP WAS ESTABLISHED AT AT863422 WHICH PROVIDED GOOD OBSERVATION IN ALL DIRECTIONS BUT SOUTH, GOOD CONCEALMENT BUT POOR COVER. THERE IS A GOOD ONE-BIRD (UH-46) LZ LOCATED HERE AS WELL.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE.
11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: EXCELLENT. PREPLANNED CONCENTRATIONS WERE REGISTERED WITH FINE RESPONSE AND ACCURACY.

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PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

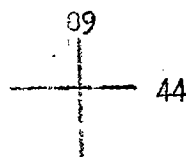
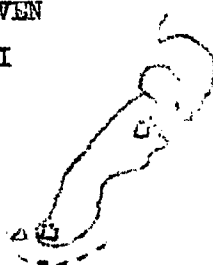
13. PATROL MEMBERS:

ALEXANDER, 1666200
McINTOSH, 2101082
THOMAS, 2149845
FERGUSON, 2100266
NAZARE, 2141536

REYNA, 2226673
GUGLICH, 2217026
THIELEN, 2114100
NELSON, 2267456
JOHNSON, 5247645

PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

PATROL: 2-B DUTCH OVEN
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UNIT 3-CCALL SIGN EYELETPATROL LEADER Lt. KINGNO. PERS. 12INSERTION TIME 220730HCOORDINATES AT 947345EXTRACTION TIME 251530HCOORDINATES AT 9603601. SITUATION.

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

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

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

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

(2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 220730H and inserts at vic. AT 947345, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1530H on 25 January 1967, vic. AT 960360.

b. Patrol:

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

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

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

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

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

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

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS *ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in an area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. FREQUENCIES:
 - (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 34.6
 - (2) Alternate Net 36.4
 - (3) Artillery (1) REDWOOD SOUTH 37.3; ARNICA ECHO 52.85
- c. Shackle and Brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs:
 - BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 - BEACON LIGHT EYELET - Patrol
 - BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Relay
 - BLACK COAT - AO
 - REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty.
 - ARNICA ECHO - Arty.
- e. Command Post
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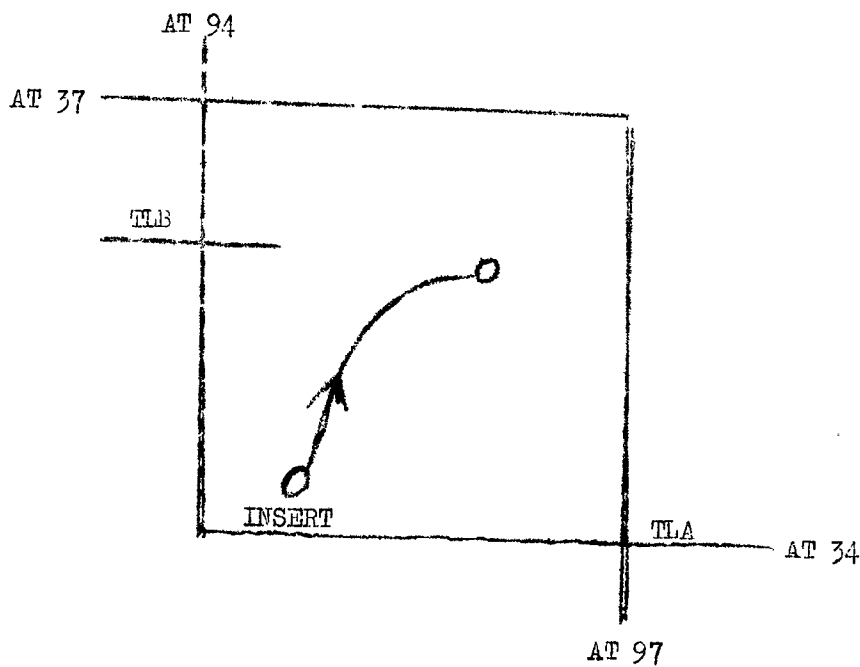
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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: 2 OFF, 9 EN, 1 USN.

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.

C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 2 7x50's.

D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79; 1 M-76 w/6 WP RIFLE GREN; 4 CLAYMORES;
 3 BLKS. G-4; MASK AND 2 CS GREN. PER MAN.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS OF THE
 AREA ASSIGNED, AS DIRECTED

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/ RETURN: 240830H/281700H.

4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.

5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 105 HOURS WITH 6 SIGHTINGS
 TOTALLING 26 VC. THE PATROL CONDUCTED ONE FIRE MISSION AND MADE ONE
 CONTACT RESULTING IN 3 VC KIA (PROB).

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY:

261050H	AT943345	3 VC MOVING NORTH; BLUE UTILITIES; RIFLES; CARTRIDGE BELTS; VC DISAPPEARED OVER HILL BEFORE FM COULD BE CONDUCTED.
261224H	AT943345	10 VC; APPEARED TO BE DOING WORK OF SOME KIND; BLUE UTILITIES AND ONE KHAKI; RIFLES; CARTRIDGE BELTS; CONDUCTED FM WITH GOOD COVERAGE; 2 VC KIA (PROB); BELIEVE POSS. HARBOR SITE OR TUNNEL THIS VICINITY.
271455H	AT943345	WHILE MOVING TO ASSESS RESULTS OF FM, MADE CONTACT WITH 5 VC APPROX 40m AWAY; UNIFORM D EQUIPMENT UNKN; RCD. AUTOMATIC AND MIAUTOMATIC CARBINE FIRE; VC BROKE CON- TACT; 1 VC KIA (PROB).

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280753H AT943345 3 VC STANDING AROUND; RIF. PJ's. 1 KIAKI; RIFLES. ONE OF WHICH APPEARED TO BE RUSS. OR GERMANY CARBINE; WERE TOO CLOSE TO CONDUCT FM SAFETY.

280935H AT949349 3 VC; APPEARED TO BE MAKING BREAK; BLK. PJ's. 1 GRAY UNIFORM; RIFLES (1 AK-47); CARTRIDGE BELTS: TOO CLOSE FOR FM, AND NATURE OF TERRAIN PRECLUDED POSS. AMBUSH; MOVED TO AVOID CONTACT.

281630H AT955353 2 VC HEADED EAST; TIGER STRIPES; PACKS; RIFLES.

3. TERRAIN: THE CANOPY IN THIS AREA IS COMPOSED OF SMALL TREES AVERAGE 20' IN HEIGHT. THE SECONDARY GROWTH OF SCRUB AND VINES IS EXTENSIVE AND ALMOST IMPASSABLE IN SOME PLACES. THE AREA IS SURROUNDED BY RICE PADDIES ABOUT 20-40' ACROSS.

OTHER INFORMATION: WILF WAS MADE VIC. AT955356, IN A GOOD ONE-BIRD HUNT COMPOSED OF 20-40' SCRUB. EXTRACT WAS MADE VIC. AT964353, IN SOME OPENED, UNFENCED RICE PADDIES.

THE TRAIL NETWORK, WHILE FAIRLY EXTENSIVE, APPEARS TO BE USED MAINLY BY THE NUMEROUS COWS WHICH ROAM, FREELY AND UNFENCED, THROUGHOUT THE AREA. TRAILS NEAR THE SUSPECTED VC HARBOUR SITE, VIC. AT943345, DID, HOWEVER, SHOW SIGNS OF HUMAN TRAFFIC.

AT AT947334 THE PATROL FOUND 2 UNINHABITED THATCHED STRUCTURES, WELL CAMOUFLAGED. BOTH CONTAINED A SINGLE SLEEPING PLATFORM AND EATING UTENSILS. BUT BENEATH ONE WAS A CAVE APPROX. 10'x10'. BOTH APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN UNUSED FOR A MONTH OR MORE.

WHILE MOVING TO INVESTIGATE THE SUSPECTED VC HARBOUR SITE ON WHICH THE FM HAD BEEN CONDUCTED, THE PATROL FOUND A CARTRIDGE BELT AND SANDAL; THE BELT WAS SEVERED, POSSIBLY BY SCISSORS, AND HAD STAINS BELIEVED TO BE BLOOD. ALSO DISCOVERED JUST ABOVE THE AREA OF THE FM WAS EVIDENCE OF WOODCUTTING (1.5" DIA. LOGS, SAWDUST, SHAVINGS ETC.).

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE VC: 3 VC KIA (KIA).
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.

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10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THE NUMBER AND NATURE OF THE VC SIGHTED (SMALL GROUPS, NO PACKS, ETC.) SUGGESTS THAT THEY ARE MORE OR LESS AT HOME HERE AND ARE PROBABLY OPERATING OUT OF HARBOUR SITES OR BASE CAMPS IN THE AREA.

CS PROVED INEFFECTIVE AS AN OFFENSIVE WEAPON DURING CONTACT, FOR EVEN A LIGHT BREEZE DISPERSED IT WITHIN A MINUTE OR TWO. FURTHERMORE, GAS MASKS ARE A GREAT HINDERANCE IN SUCH A SITUATION. BELIEVE CS WOULD PROVE EXCELLENT IN THE DEFENSE OR FOR USE IN CAVES, HOWEVER.

RECOMMEND THE USE OF SCOUT DOGS IN THIS AREA.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: WHILE COVERAGE ON THE ONE FIRE MISSION WAS GOOD, THE RESPONSE WAS SLOW, REQUIRING 4-5 MINUTES BETWEEN ADJUSTMENTS.

BELIEVE THAT ONE TUBE OUT OF THOSE UTILIZED WAS OLD AND HIGHLY INACCURATE. FOR THIS REASON, FIRE MISSIONS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE PATROL'S POSITION WERE DEEMED UNSAFE.

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PATROL LEADER

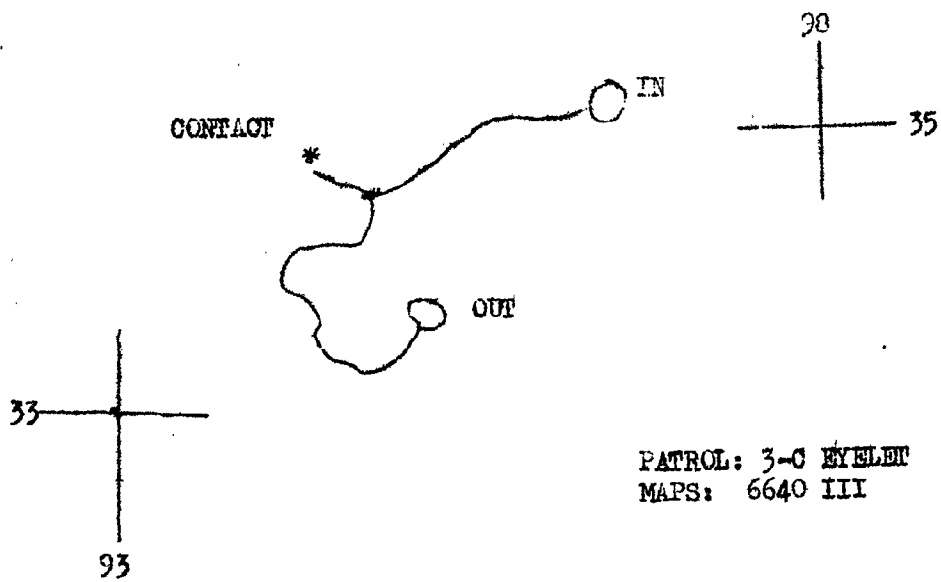
12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

KING, 093232
YOUNG, 094373
HALL, 1365314
BUTLER, 1518253
FISH, 2148533
SLEEPER, 2249559

CORMIER, D102021
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(d) BN Frag Order Mag #23*67

UNIT 2-C

CALL SIGN COVENTRY

PATROL LEADER LT. WOODBURNNO. PERS. 2072 Dogs INSERTION TIME 220830H COORDINATES AT804597EXTRACTION TIME 251600COORDINATES AT7905951. SITUATION.

- a. ENEMY FORCES: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S*2)
- b. FRIENDLY FORCES: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
- c. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS: TWO DOG TEAMS

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

3. EXECUTION:a. CONCEPT OF OPERATION:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 220830H and inserts at vic. AT804597, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H on 25 January 1967. Vic. AT790595.

b. PATROL:

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

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

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

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

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

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

b. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary; Helo: AO Net 37.9
- (2) Alternate Net 36.4
- (3) Artillery (1) REDWOOD SOUTH 36.7
- (2) ARNICA ECHO 52.85

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

d. Call Signs:

BEACON LIGHT ___ 1st Recon Bn.
 BEACON LIGHT COVENTRY ___ Patrol
 BEACON LIGHT DELTA ___ Radio Relay
 BLACK COAT ___ AO
 REDWOOD SOUTH ___ Arty
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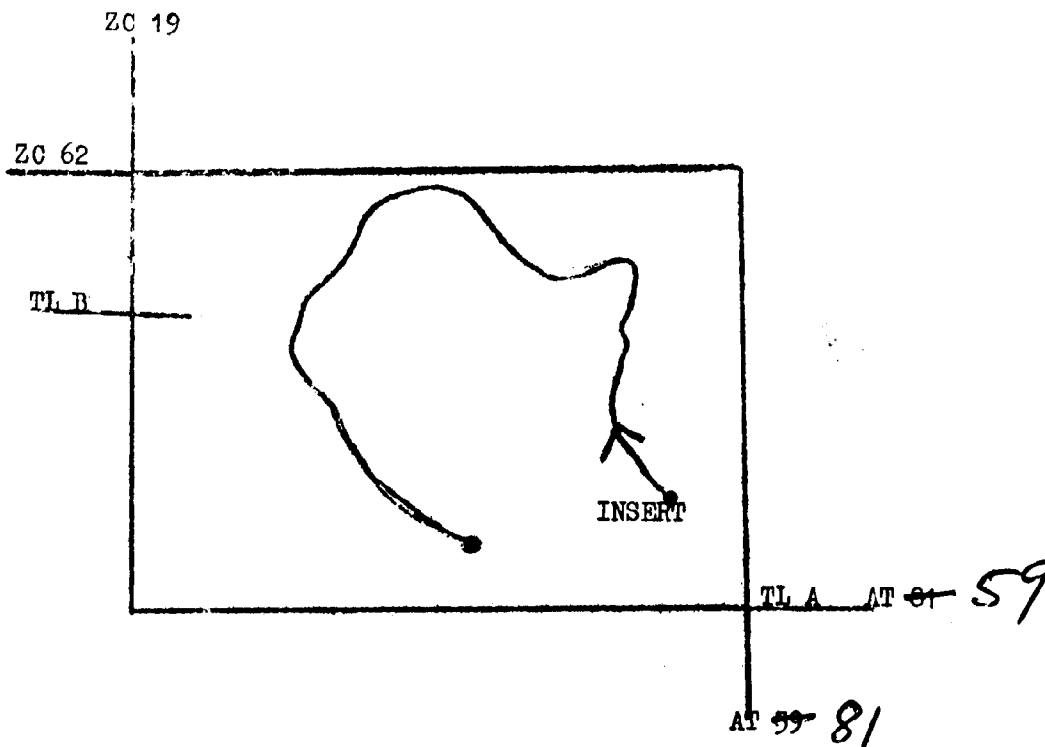
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF., 15 EN., 1 USN.
 - B. ATTACHMENTS: 1 SCOUT DOG TM.
 - C. COMM. & OBSERVATION EQUIP.: 2 PRC 25's; 2 7X50's.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-60 MG; 2 M-79; 3 CS GRE.; 17 GAS MASKS.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN THE AREA ASSIGNED, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON LOCATING VC/NVA BASE CAMPS IN THIS AREA.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 220830H/231900H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 35 HRS. WITH FOUR SIGHTINGS TOTALLING 11 VC; TWO CONTACTS WERE MADE, THE RESULTING EXCHANGE OF SMALL ARMS CAUSING 2 USMC WIA (MED-EVAC), 1 SCOUT DOG WIA, AND 1 VC KIA CONF.; CAPTURED EQUIP. INCLUDED 1 AK-47, 3 MAG. & CART. BELT; 3 ARTY. FM's WERE CONDUCTED WITH UNKN. RESULTS.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY:

231000H	AT 799611	ESTIMATED 6 VC MOVING S. ON MAIN TRAIL COMING OFF HILL 1025; 2 KHAKI, 4 BLK. PJ's; 6 PACKS & 6 RIFLES; FM CALLED WITH UNKN. RESULTS.
231015H	AT 799605	1 VC MOVING SW ON MAIN TRAIL; BELIEVED TO BE POINT OF LARGER UNIT; BLK. PJ's & STRAW HELMET; PACK & RIFLE.
231225H	AT 792604	CONTACT MADE WITH AN ESTIMATED 5-10 VC; BURST OF AUTO. WPNS. FIRE RESULTED IN 2 USMC WIA & 1 SCOUT DOG WIA; PATROL RETURNED FIRE WITH UNKN. RESULTS.

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231445H

AT 793606

CONTACT MADE WITH ESTIMATED 25-40 VC; NOISE & MOVEMENT ALL AROUND PATROL'S POSITION; PATROL RECEIVED AUTO. WPNS. FIGHT & RETURNED SAME RESULTING IN 1 VC KIA CONF.; UNIF. OF GREEN KNIT TROUSERS & SHIRT; CAPTURED EQUIP. INCLUDED 1 AK-47, CART. BELT & 3 MAG./ 54 RDS.; 2 CHICOM STICK GRENADES; 1 JET. FM CALLED WITH UNKN. RESULTS.

D. TERRAIN: AS INDICATED ON MAP, CANOPY BEGINS PART WAY UP THE RIDGE- LINE; BELOW THIS LINE, THE ONLY HLZ's IN THIS AREA CAN BE FOUND. THE VEGETATION IS PRIMARY JUNGLE WITH A THICK CANOPY OF 100'-150' HIGH. THE SECONDARY UNDERGROWTH IS MINIMAL. A WELL-USED TRAIL NETWORK EXISTS THROUGHOUT THIS AREA.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT VIC. AT 903598 IN A GOOD ONE-BIRD ZONE; EX- TRACT VIC. AT 790005 FR. A SIMILAR TYPE ZONE. THESE ARE THE ONLY HLZ's IN THE AREA; NONE CAN BE FOUND NOWH. UNDER THE CANOPY.

THE TWO MED-EVACS WERE HOISTED OUT AT 231600H WITH ONE IN SERIOUS CONDITION WITH A HEAD WOUND.

A MAIN TRAIL NETWORK EXISTS IN THIS AREA; THE TRAIL WHICH COMES SOUTH OFF OF HILL 1025 IS 3'-4' WIDE & VERY WELL USED. A STRAW HELMET WITH WIRE FRAM WAS FOUND ALONG SIDE THIS TRAIL VIC. AT 797605. A GRAVE, NOT FRESHLY DUG, WAS FOUND VIC. AT 795608.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 1 VC KIA CONF.; 2 USMC WIA (MED-EVAC) & 1 SCOUT DOG WIA; CAPTURED EQUIP. INCLUDED 1 AK-47 RIFLE, 3 MAG/54 RDS., 2 CHICOM STICK GRE., 1 CART. BELT & PONCHO.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THIS AREA IS A CENTER OF CONCENTRATED VC ACTIVITY WITH NUMEROUS BASE CAMPS & A WELL-USED TRAIL NETWORK. FUTURE RECON. PATROLS MUST BE EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS REGARDING CON- TACT WITH THE VC FOR TWO REASONS: FIRST, BECAUSE OF HIS BASE CAMPS IN THE AREA, "CHARLIE" HAS THE CAPABILITY TO REINFORCE HIM- SELF VERY QUICKLY; SECONDLY, ONCE UNDERNEATH THE 100'-150' CANOPY, THERE ARE NO AREAS SUITABLE FOR EITHER MED-EVAC OR EXTRACTION, EVEN WITH A POIST.

THIS IS A SUITABLE AREA FOR A SMALL INFANTRY OPERATION, OF REINFORCED COMPANY SIZE. THERE IS ENOUGH VC ACTIVITY HERE TO KEEP SUCH A FORCE BUSY; ENGINEERS SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO BLOW SOME HLZ's etc.

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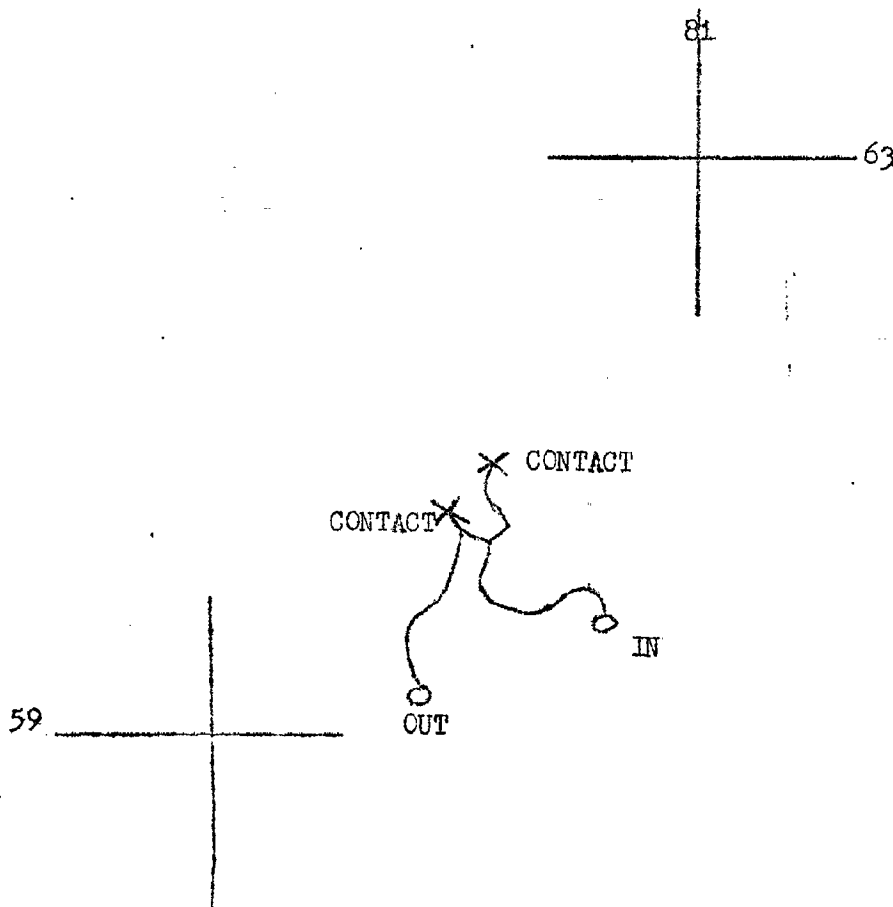
11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: THE UH-46 PILOTS WHO PERFORMED THE MED-EVACS BY HOIST, WHILE FLYING IN THICK CLOUD COVER, WERE OUTSTANDING-- BOTH IN THEIR EXPERTISE IN FLYING THE HELICOPTERS, AND IN THEIR AGGRESSIVENESS IN FLYING THROUGH ADVERSE WEATHER TO EVAC THE WOUNDED.

LT. L. WOODBURN
2nd PLT. CO. C
PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:	WOODBURN	025	REEF	624
	KENDRICK	140	CORREA	893
	WILLIAMS	007	SMITH	451
	SPORES	779	RAY	805
	FRANKS	480	STANFORD	404
	ANGUS	361	ROLLO	179
	LOPEZ	266	BROWN	492
	GEORGE	896	HELD	759

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1ST MAR DIV. CAMP PEN.

OPERATION (REF) # 24-67

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM 1:50,000; Sheet 6641 III, 6541 II
 (b) BnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1F (Intelligence S(P))
 (d) BnFragOrder Msg # 24-67

UNIT 3-BCALL SIGN BULRUSHPATROL LEADER Sgt. BELCWNO. PERS. 21INSERTION TIME 240730HCOORDINATES ZC 203840EXTRACTION TIME 271600HCOORDINATES ZC 1938311. SITUATION.

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

b. Friendly Forces: Current (PSUM's and PIR's).

c. Attachments and Detachments:

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation:

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

(2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 240730H and inserts at vic. ZC 203840, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H, on 27 January 1967 vic. ZC 193831.

b. Patrol:

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

(2) The primary direction of observation is to the 350° of assigned area. Annex "A" establishes patrol's NO FIRE ZONE.

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

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

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

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

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

CONFIDENTIAL4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

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

b. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 34.0
- (2) Alternate Net 36.4
- (3) Artillery REDWOOD NORTH 37.3 (FDC) 36.9 (FDN)

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

d. Call Signs:

BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 BEACON LIGHT BULRUSH - Patrol
 BEACON LIGHT X-RAY - Radio Relay
 BLACK COAT - AO
 REDWOOD NORTH - Arty

e. Command Post:

- (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein); vico. AT 959752.

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ANNEXES:

A. Operation Overlay

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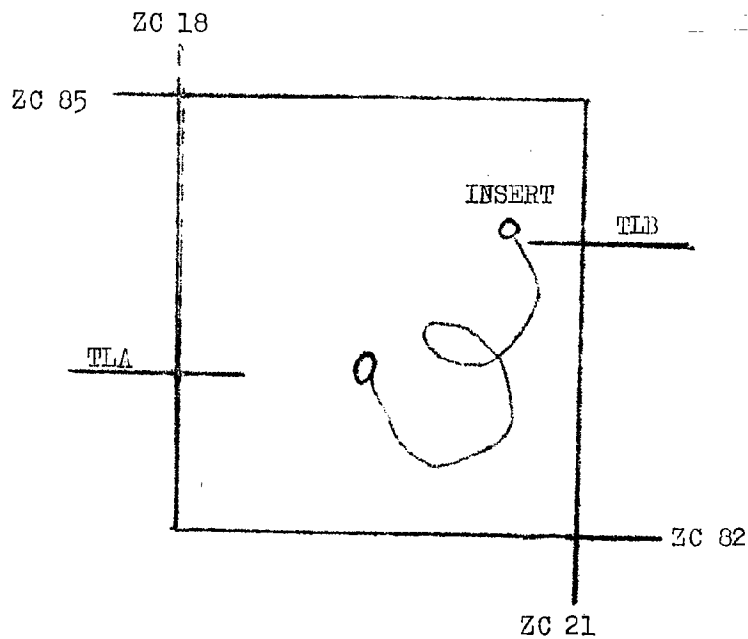
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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 18 EN, 1 USN.
 B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
 C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 3 7x50's.
 D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 2 M-79's; 1 M-60 MG; 20 BLKS. C-4; 12 CS GREN.
 W/MASKS.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS OF THE AREA ASSIGNED, AS DIRECTED.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 241000Z/271600H.

4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.

5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 78 HOURS WITH ONE SIGHTING OF TWO VC AND THREE ELEPHANTS; TWO FIRE MISSIONS WERE CONDUCTED RESULTING IN ONE ELEPHANT WIA. THERE WERE OTHER INDICATIONS OF ELEPHANTS IN THE AREA AS WELL.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY:

252019H ZC202843

HEARD NOISES FROM ESTIMATED 4-5 ELEPHANTS AND UNKN. NO. OF PEOPLE. CONDUCTED FM WITH GOOD COVERAGE AFTER WHICH VOICES AND ELEPHANT TRUMPETING CEASED.

261540H ZC200845

2 VC AND 3 ELEPHANTS MOVING ALONG RIVER; VC WEARING BLK. PJ's; CONDUCTED FM AND OBSERVED ONE ELEPHANT FALL; SEARCHED AREA LATER AND FOUND LARGE QUANTITY OF BLOOD; ONE ELEPHANT WIA.

B.

TERRAIN: THIS IS AN AREA OF HIGH CANOPY AND LIGHT SECONDARY GROWTH. THE CANOPY BECOMES HIGHER AND DENSER IN THE LOW AREAS BETWEEN THE HILLS. MOVEMENT IS NOT TOO DIFFICULT.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT AND EXTRACT WERE MADE VIC. ZC208842, AN EXCELLENT ZONE FOR UP TO 4 BIRDS AND COVERED WITH 2-3 FOOT GRASS. THIS IS THE BEST AND ABOUT THE ONLY LZ IN THE AREA; THE SCHEDULE EXTRACT ZONE, VIC. ZC1982, WAS FOUND TO BE UNSUITABLE AND SHOWED SIGNS OF A RECENT PREVIOUS ATTEMPT TO BLOW AN LZ.

AT 201800H THE PATROL SAW AN AO FLY OVER THE EASTERN EDGE OF THEIR ~~NO FIRE ZONE~~ AND AT THE SAME TIME HEARD AN EXPLOSION FROM THE FINGER IN GRID SQUARE 2164. ON THE FOLLOWING NIGHT THERE WERE JET AIRCRAFT IN THE VICINITY AND ANOTHER EXPLOSION WAS HEARD FROM THE SAME AREA. NO EXPLANATION OF THIS ACTIVITY COULD BE OBTAINED.

THERE ARE SEVERAL TRAILS IN THE AREA, BUT ALL ARE NARROW AND SHOW LITTLE USE; ARE PERHAPS ANIMAL PATHS WHICH ARE USED ON OCCASION BY THE VC. THERE WERE FOOTPRINTS VISIBLE IN A FEW PLACES ON THESE.

- THE AREA BY THE RIVER WHERE THE SECOND FIRE MISSION WAS CONDUCTED SHOWED SIGNS THAT THE ELEPHANTS HAD BEEN BATHING AND RESTING, Matted AREAS IN THE GRASS, ELEPHANT PRINTS ON THE RIVER BANKS, AND MUD ON THE TREES WHERE THEY HAD BEEN SCRATCHING THEIR BACKS.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 1 ELEPHANT KIA.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: IN GENERAL, SIGNS OF VC ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA ARE FEW; WHAT LITTLE INDICATION WAS OBSERVED SEEMED CENTERED AROUND THE ELEPHANTS, AND WAS ESSENTIALLY NON-HOSTILE.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: FIRE MISSIONS WERE CONDUCTED WITH GOOD RESPONSE AND COVERAGE AND RESPONSE.

SGT J. W. BELOW
3rd PLT. CO. B
PATROL LEADER.

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: AN AGENT REPORT OF 2 JANUARY 67 PLACES A VC UNIT IN THIS AREA WITH 4 ELEPHANTS. IT WAS REPORTED THAT THEY HAD BEEN BROUGHT HERE FOR FEEDING PURPOSES.

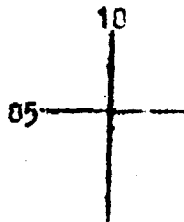
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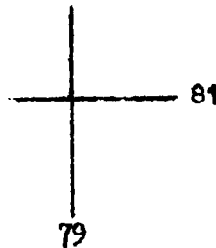
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PATROL: 3-B DULRUSH
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OPERATION ORDER # 25-67

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(b) BnOpO 323-66
(c) 1stMarDivO F3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)
(d) BnFragOrder Msg # 25-67

UNIT 5-F

CALL SIGN KILLER KANE

PATROL LEADER Lt. GUETERMAN

NO. PERS. 14

INSERTION TIME 250730H

COORDINATES BT 002426

EXTRACTION TIME 281600H

COORDINATES AT 992402

1. SITUATION.

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

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 250730H and inserts at vic. BT 002426, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H, on 28 January 1967 vic. AT 992402.

b. Patrol:

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

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

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 - (b) Lines of communications.
 - (c) LZ's suitable for exploitation forces.
 - (d) Verifying the Order of Battle.
 - (e) Location of major installations and facilities to include rest areas, command posts, communications facilities, and prisoner of war camps.
- (4) Report the capture of all documents and weapons with description to BEACON LIGHT as soon as possible.
- (5) Capture and return to U.S. control VC and/or VCS.

c. Coordinating Instructions:

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

CONFIDENTIAL4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 34.6
 - (2) Alternate Net 36.4
 - (3) Artillery (1) REDWOOD SOUTH 37.3
 - (2) ARNICA ECHO 52.85
- c. Shackle and Brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs:
 - BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 - BEACON LIGHT KILLER KANE - Patrol
 - BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
 - BLACK COAT - AO
 - REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
 - ARNICA ECHO - Arty
- e. Command Post:
 - (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein); vic. AT 95975.

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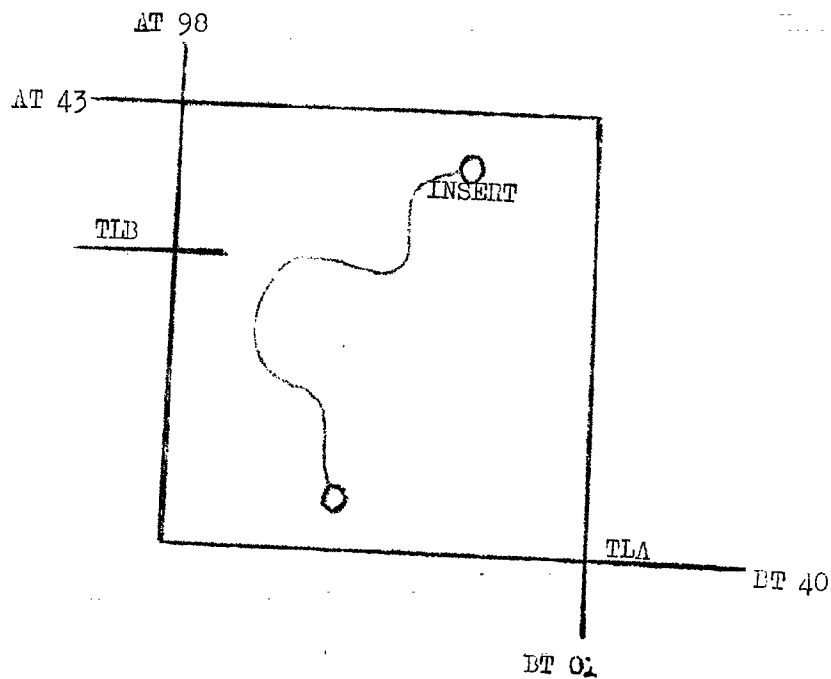
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 DEBRIEFER: LT. R.G. ROBERTS
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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, & EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: 12 EN., 1 USN.

B. ATTACHMENTS: NONE.

C. COMM. & OBSERVATION EQUIP.: 2 PRG 25's; 2 7X50's, 1 6X30.

D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 3 M-79; 1 M-60; 2 CLAYMORES; 13 CS GRE./MASKS.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT SECURE RECONNAISSANCE & SURVEILLANCE OF THE AREA ASSIGNED.
 PUT PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON LOCATING REPORTED CACHES IN VC/NVA
 BASE AREA 116.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 250800H/281600H.

4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.

5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 90 HRS, WITH NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS
 OF VC; NO EVIDENCE OF RECENT VC ACTIVITY WAS FOUND IN THE AREA
 PATROLLED.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY & TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY: NONE.

B. TERRAIN: RIDGELINES ARE GENERALLY OPEN, COVERED ONLY WITH 10'-12'
 SCRUB UNDERBRUSH; IN THE DRAWS, HOWEVER, THERE IS THICK
 SECONDARY GROWTH WITH A 20'-30' JUNGLE CANOPY. ONCE
 UP ON TOP OF THE RIDGELINE, WATER IS VERY SCARCE &
 DIFFICULT TO FIND.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT ON HILL 200 VIC. BT 005397; THE AREA CRISSCROSSED
 WITH MANY SMALL GAME TRAILS; THERE WERE APPROX. 20 WATER BUFFALO &
 SOME CHICKENS IN THE AREA; THERE WAS ALSO SOME FRESHLY CUT VEGETATION
 NOT MORE THAN TWO DAYS OLD. EXTRACT WAS VIC. AT 992440, A GOOD ONE-
 BIRD ZONE.

THERE WERE SEVERAL NATURAL CAVES ALONG THE STREAMED VIC. BT004402
 TO AT995409, BUT NO EVIDENCE OF VC ACTIVITY AROUND THEM. TWO OLD
 HARBOR SITES WERE FOUND IN THIS SAME AREA, TO ACCOMMODATE LESS THAN
 10 PEOPLE, BUT THESE SITES APPEARED TO BE AT LEAST ONE MONTH OLD.

AT 270600H, PATROL HEARD AUTO. WPNS. FIRE FR. VIC AT9739, NOT
 DIRECTED AT THE PATROL; ABOUT 25-30 RDS. WERE EXPENDED.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.

10. CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS: A PATROL SHOULD BE INSERTED IN THE IZ THAT

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THIS PATROL WAS EXTRACTED FR., TO WORK NORTH UP THE RIDGELINE.

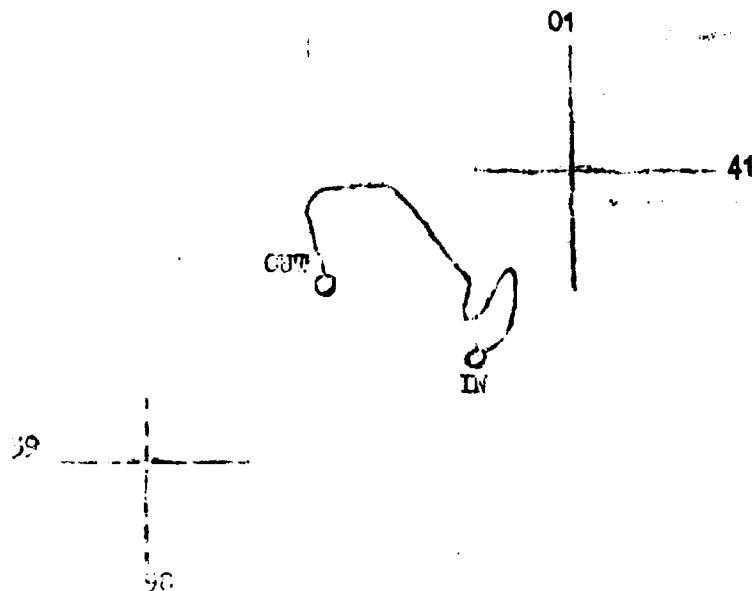
11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A.

Sgt. WATSON
5th plt, 1st FORCE RECON.
PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER. NONE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:	WATSON	728	QUINCY	103
	PRESTON	875	RUSSEL	100
	COBB	639	STOWICK	768
	ELIOTON	135	GLOR	423
	LEVILLE	301	GASTON	737
	WATTS	250	MOULAIN	132

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OPERATION ORDER # 26-67

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 (b) BnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) BnTragOrder Msg # 26-67

UNIT B-1-2CALL SIGN CHARGE SHEETPATROL LEADER Lt. CAMPBELLNO. PERS. 11INSERTION TIME 260730HCOORDINATES BT 011441EXTRACTION TIME 291600HCOORDINATES BT 0134651. SITUATION.

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

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

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 260730H and inserts at vic. BT 011441, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H on 29 January 1967, vic. BT 013465.

b. Patrol:

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

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

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

(4) Report the location of all documents and weapons with descriptions to LFACON FIGHT as soon as possible.

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Para. (b).
- (2) Submit BRAVO report every two (2) hours.
- (3) Submit SIREP to LFACON FIGHT every hour.
- (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
- (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Shackle CT azimuth at the discretion of the patrol leader.
- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertains to your mission.
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CONFIDENTIAL4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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- c. Carry basic allowance of Class V plus at least 2 blocks C-4 per squad, 8 feet of detonating cord per block, 10 feet of time fuse, sufficient fuse lighters and blasting caps to dual prime each block of C-4.
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(2) ARNICA ECHO 52.85
- c. Shackle and Brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs:
 - BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 - BEACON LIGHT CHARGE SHEP - Patrol
 - BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
 - BLACK COAT - 10
 - REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
 - ARNICA ECHO - Arty
- e. Command Post:
 - (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein); via AT 959752.

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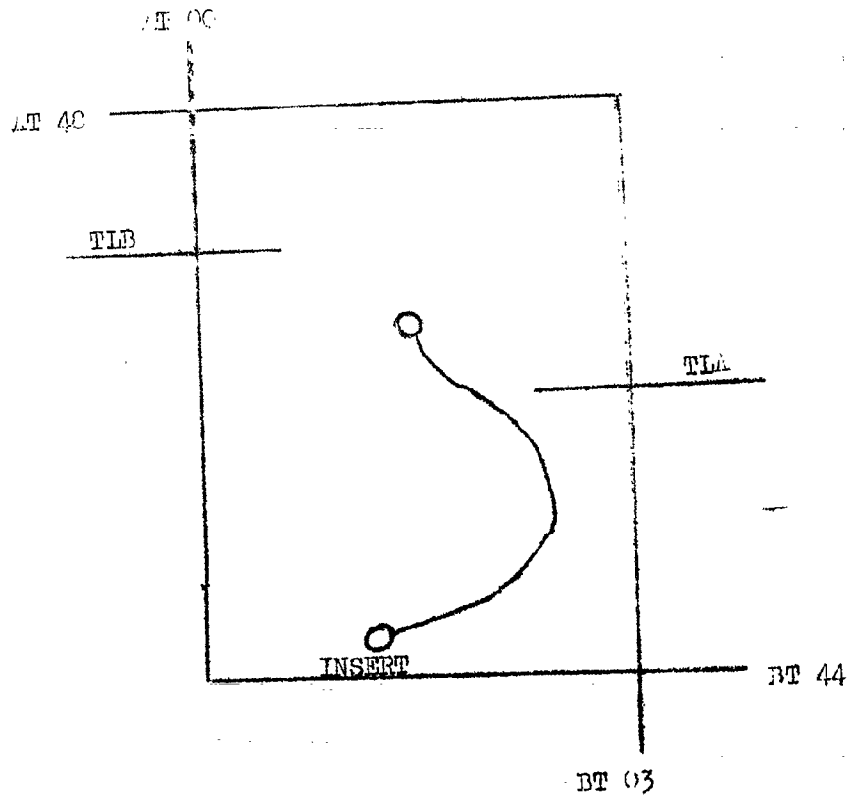
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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 10 PN, 1 USN.
 B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
 C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 2 7x50's.
 D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 12 CS GREEN MASKS; 2 CLAYMORES; 1 M-79; 1 M-60;
 4 BLKS. C-4.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS OF THE AREA ASSIGNED, WITH EMPHASIS ON LOCATING REPORTED VC HOSPITAL IN AREA; PRIMARY DIRECTION OF OBSERVATION IS NORTH AND NORTHWEST.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 260815H/271815H.

4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 34 HOURS WITH 3 SIGHTINGS TOTALLING 19 VC; ONE FIRE MISSION ON THESE SIGHTINGS RESULTED IN 1 VC KIA (CONF). AN UNKN. NUMBER OF VC PROBED THE PATROL'S POSITION WITH SEMI. AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM 271420H TO 271630H; FIXED WING AIR STRIKES WERE CONDUCTED BY THE AQ AND THE PATROL WAS EXTRACTED WITHOUT CASUALTIES.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY:

271100H	BTO10487	7 VC MOVING WEST INTO VILLAGE; BLK. PJ SHORTS; KHAKI AND GREEN SHIRTS; PACKS; RIFLES;
271120H	BTO10487	5 VC MOVING WEST INTO VILLAGE; BLK. PJ SHORTS; PACKS; RIFLES.

271110 BT010437 7 VC MOVING INTO VILLAGE; BLK. PJ
 REPORTS; KHLK AND OTHER TOPS, PACKS AND
 RIFLES; ARRY. FM CONDUCTED ON THIS VILLAGE
 WITH 1 VC KIA (CONF), 4 STRUCTURES DES-
 TROYED, AND 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.

271420H BT017455 PATROL'S POSITION VIC. BT016469 RECEIVED
 APPROX. 15 ROUNDS SEMI-AUTOMATIC SNIPER
 FIRE.

271445H BT020469 PATROL RECEIVED 20-25 RDS. SEMI AND AUTO
 WPNS. FIRE FROM UNKN. NUMBER OF VC 30-
 50 METERS FROM PATROL; 4 VC IN BLK. PJ'S
 ACTUALLY OBSERVED; PATROL RETURNED M-79,
 GRENADES AND SMALL ARMS.

271500-
 1630H BT020470 PATROL RECEIVED SPORADIC SNIPER FIRE INTO
 THEIR POSITION; AC CHECKED OUT AREA AND
 RECEIVED 30-40 ROUNDS; MARKED WITH SMOKE
 AND EXTENSIVE FIXED WING STRIKE CONDUCTED-
 ROCKETS, BOMBS, AND STRAFING; PATROL
 EXTRACTED AT 271615H.

D. TERRAIN: VEGETATION IS NOT AS INDICATED ON THE MAP; THERE IS NO
 CANOPY GENERALLY EAST OF GRID LINE 00 IN THIS AREA. SCRUB GROWTH
 COVERS MOST OF AREA; ABOUT 10'-12' HIGH; THERE ARE MANY CREEKS
 AND LARGE BOULDERS, WITH THICK SECONDARY UNDERBRUSH. ON TOP OF
 HILL 484 VIC. BT015465, THERE IS ONLY LOW BRUSH, 3'-4' HIGH,
 BUT MANY BOULDERS 30' HIGH. THERE ARE NATURAL CAVES IN THE LOW
 GROUND ALONG THE STREAM BEDS.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT VIC. BT017455 IN AN EXCELLENT 2-3RD
 ZONE OF SHORT GRASS; UPON INSERTION, THE PATROL OBSERVED 4 VN
 DRESSED IN BLK. PJ'S WHO WATCHED THE INSERTION AND THEN RAN AWAY.
 EXTRACT WAS MADE VIC. BT016467 ON A "BALD" FINGER OF HILL 484.

THERE WERE FRESHLY CUT SAPLINGS ALL OVER THE AREA PATROLLED.;
 ESPECIALLY ON HILL 484 WHERE THERE WERE FRESH SANDAL PRINTS OF
 AN ESTIMATED 10-20 PEOPLE; STICKS 2'-3' LONG WERE LAID OUT IN
 ROWS OF ABOUT 100 STICKS EACH; UNDER ONE OF THESE PILES WAS
 APPROX. ONE POUND OF FRESH C-4.

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A SYMMETRICAL HOLE, 20" IN DIAMETER AND 30" DEEP WAS FOUND NEAR THE TOP OF HILL 484, VIC. BT015465; THERE WAS VERY LITTLE DIRT AROUND THE OUTSIDE, AS IT HAD BEEN THROWN OVER A GLEET; WERE ROPE MARKS ON SIDE OF HOLE AND AROUND A NEARBY TREE; THE GROUND AROUND THE HOLE WAS VERY SPONGY; PATROL SEARCHED THE HOLE AND THEN FILLED IT UP.

THERE ARE MANY TRAILS RUNNING N-S DOWN THE DRAWS IN THIS AREA; ALSO, ON THE NIGHT OF THE 26th, THE WIRE ON ONE OF THE PATROL'S CLAY-MORE MINES WAS CUT, LEAVING ONLY ABOUT 12" OF WIRE INTACT.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: UNKNOWN.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THE VC IN CONTACT WITH THE PATROL SEEMED TO BE VERY AGGRESSIVE AND DIDN'T DEPART WITH THE AIR STRIKES; PLANES MAKING PASSES ON THE STRIKES RECEIVED AUTOMATIC AND SEMI-AUTOMATIC GROUND FIRE.

HILL 484 PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT OP WITH OBSERVATION FOR 2500m TO THE NORTH AND NORTHEAST; BUT IT IS ANOTHER BALD OP WITH LZ'S RIGHT IN THE AREA AND NOWHERE TO HIDE; TEAMS GOING INTO THIS AREA SHOULD GO HEAVY ON PEOPLE AND AMMO; TAKE A BC SCOPE AND A STARLIGHT SCOPE.

THERE ARE GOOD LZ'S VIC. BT015470

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: AIR STRIKES CONDUCTED BY THE AO WERE ON TARGET AND EFFECTIVE IN SUPPRESSING FIRE.

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PATROL LEADER

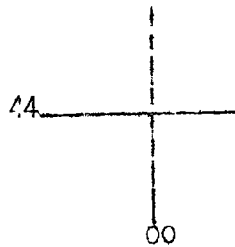
12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

CAMPBELL, 096323
FITTS, 2160286
ST. CLAIR, 2198122
KERSTETTER, 2096398
BRYSON, 2101174
ARNOLD, 2177559

KELLY, 2244516
HESS, 2034566
KNAPP, 2198631
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UNIT B-1-1CALL SIGN COMANCHEPATROL LEADER S/Sgt. YOUNGNO. PPRS. 11INSERTION TIME 260800HCOORDINATES AT 837378EXTRACTION TIME 010830HCOORDINATES AT 8373781. SITUATION.

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

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

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 260800H and inserts at vico. AT 837378, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 0830H on 01 February 1967, vico: AT 837378.

b. Patrol:

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

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

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

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

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

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

4- ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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

5. COMMAID AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

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

(b) Frequencies:

- (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 36.4
- (2) Alternate Net 34.6
- (3) Artillery (1) 37.3 REDWOOD SOUTH
(2) 52.85 ARNICA ECHO

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

(d) Call Signs:

BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 BEACON LIGHT COMANCHE - Patrol
 BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
 BLACK COAT - AO
 REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
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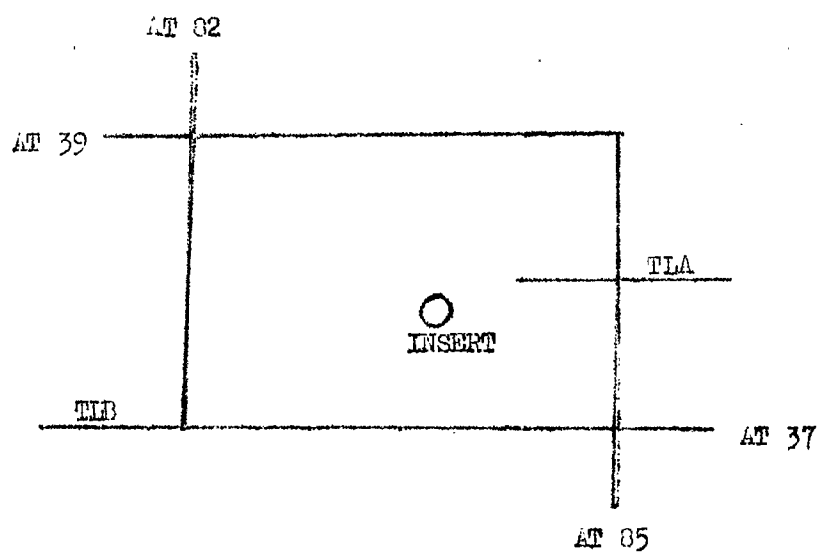
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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 13 BN, 1 USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRG 25's; 2 7x50's; 1 BC SCOPE.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-70; 2 LAW's; 3 E-8 GAS DISPENSERS; 1 .50 CAL. M7; 5 BLKS. C-4.
2. MISSION: FROM THE PERMANENT OP ON HILL 452, CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE OF THE AREA ASSIGNED.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 260830H/011100H.
4. ROUTE: SURVEILLANCE CONDUCTED FROM THE PERMANENT OP ON HILL 452 VIC. AT837378.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 147 HOURS WITH 8 SIGHTINGS TOTALING 25 VC. TWO FIRE MISSIONS WERE CONDUCTED RESULTING IN 1 VC KIA (PROB).
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY:

261700H	AT847362	3 VC MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL; BLK. PJ's; HLD IN BRUSH WHEN AC FLEW OVER.
281045H	AT849366	2 VC MOVING SOUTHWEST ON TRAIL; BLK. PJ's; COOLIE HAT; 1 RIFLE.
281130H	AT849366	1 VC MOVING SOUTHWEST ON TRAIL; BLK. PJ's; COOLIE HAT; PACK; FM CALLED WITH UNKN. RESULTS.
281320H	AT849368	1 VC MOVING NORTHEAST ON TRAIL; BLK. PJ's; RIFLE; DISAPPEARED INTO BRUSH.

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291600Z	AT051371	1 VC MOVING NORTHEAST ON TRAIL; KILAT TROUSERS AND GREY SHIRT; PACK.
301235L	AT059364	12 VC MOVING WEST ALONG TRAIL INTO VILLAGE; BLK. PJ'S; 1 FILE; ONE UNIDENTIFIED, HEAVY LOAD; TRAVELING AT INTERVAL OF 15 METERS.
340905H	AT053373	3 VC MOVING EAST ALONG TRAIL; BLK. PJ's; 1 PACK; 1 RIFLE; NO FM BECAUSE OF FOG.
311045H	AT050368	4 VC HIDING IN TIMELINE FROM AC; BLK. PJ's; 1 RIFLE; CONDUCTED FM WITH ONE VC KIA (PROB).

B. TERRAIN: SEE PREVIOUS LANTION REPORTS.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: AT 290000H A TRIP FLARE WAS SET OFF APPROX. 60M FROM THE PATROL'S POSITION; BELIEVE IT TO BE ONE LEFT BY A PREVIOUS PATROL AND TO HAVE PERHAPS BEEN TRIPPED BY A MONKEY.

IN GENERAL, THERE WAS NO OBVIOUS PATTERN TO THE SIGHTING MADE BY THIS PATROL.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 1 VC KIA (PROB).

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THIS POSITION COULD BE IMPROVED BY THE ADDITION OF CONCRETE WIRE ON THE NORTHERN SLOPE; WORK NEED NOT BE DONE BY ENGINEERS.

REPORTED THAT PATROLS PLAN TO INSERT AND EXTRACT ON THE FINGER ON THE EASTERN SLOPE OF THE HILL, RATHER THAN ON THE PREPARED HLA. WHEN PILOTS REFUSE TO SET DOWN ON THE LZ, THE MOVEMENT OF TROOPS AND GEAR TO THE FINGER REQUIRES A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND EFFORT.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: RESPONSE AND COVERAGE ON BOTH FIRE MISSIONS WAS GOOD.

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PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

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13. DISTRICT MEMBERS:

YOUNG,	1576342
JONES,	2147520
FEAR,	2242520
HITCHCOCK,	2101555
BYRNE,	2075475
GERTSON,	2132194
GELPMAN,	2231155

WINKELMAN,	2174213
VILLER,	2030708
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UNIT C-1-2CALL SIGN DREADFULPATROL LEADER S/Sgt. HINSHAWNO. PERS. 10INSERTION TIME 260800HCOORDINATES vio. AT 8039EXTRACTION TIME 011700HCOORDINATES vio. AT 80391. SITUATION.

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

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

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
 (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 260800H and inserts at vio. AT 8039, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1700H on 01 February 1967, vio. AT 8039.

b. Patrol:

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

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

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

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- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertains to your mission.
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- (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference (c).
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- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 1800 the day preceding patrol.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS:

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

b. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 37.9
- (2) Alternate Net 36.4
- (3) Artillery (1) 37.3 REDWOOD SOUTH
(2) 52.86 ARNICA ECHO

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

d. Call Signs:

DEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 DEACON LIGHT DREADFUL - Patrol
 DEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
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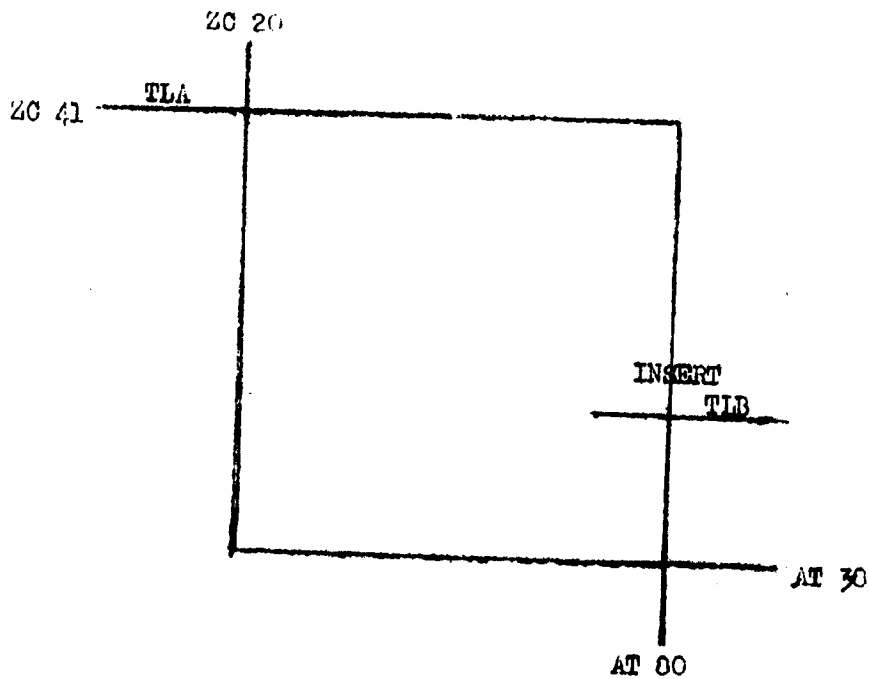
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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 9 EN, 1 USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRO 25's; 2 7x50's.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79; 11 CS GREEN. W/MASKS.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OF THE AREA ASSIGNED, WITH EMPHASIS ON CLEARING AN HLZ IN A SUITABLE AREA.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 260745H/281200H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 53 HOURS WITH NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS OF VC, OR OF RECENT EVIDENCE OF VC ACTIVITY IN THE AREA PATROLLED.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY: NONE.
 - B. TERRAIN: EXTREMELY THICK UNDERBRUSH AND EXTREMELY STEEP TERRAIN; MOVEMENT IS VERY SLOW AS THE TRAIL MUST BE CHOPPED; AREA IS COVERED WITH SECONDARY GROWTH, MOSTLY VINES; CANOPY RANGES FROM 30-100 FEET; WATER IS SCARCE IN THE HIGH GROUND.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: AN HLZ WAS CLEARED VIC. ZC213399; IT IS NOT SUFFICIENT FOR A HELICOPTER TO SET DOWN, BUT ONE COULD HOVER 3'-4' OFF THE DECK AND ALLOW THE PATROL TO JUMP.

 WHAT APPEARED TO BE A FORMER MAIN TRAIL WAS FOUND VIC. ZC215397; IT RAN EAST TO WEST AND HAD NOT BEEN USED FOR AT LEAST A MONTH AS VINES

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ENVELOPED. AT ONE TIME IT WAS ENVELOPED WITH WOODEN STEPS ETC.

THERE IS AN ARVN OP LOCATED VIO. 20214390 WHICH COULD BE USED AS A JUMPING-OFF PLACE FOR PATROLS WORKING SOUTHWEST.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS-RECON. SHOULD NOT WORK OUT OF THE NONG SON CAMP DUE TO THE HILLS IN THIS AREA, THE EXACT WHEREABOUTS OF WHICH ARE KNOWN. A PATROL MUST MOVE ON ONE TRAIL FROM NONG SON CAMP TO GET BEYOND THE MINIFIED, WHICH MEANS THAT A PATROL MUST TRAVEL OVER 3 CLIMBS JUST TO GET INTO THE FOOTHILLS.

THIS AREA CAN BEST BE PATROLLED BY USING THE "BASE CAMP" METHOD: THE TERRAIN IS SO ROUGH AND MOVEMENT SO LIMITED, AND THIS METHOD ALLOWS HEAVY PACKS AND GEAR TO BE LEFT IN THE BASE CAMP. MOST OF THE VC ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA IS PROBABLY LOCATED WEST OF GRID LINE 20.

IN THIS PARTICULAR AREA, A GOOD RECON FLYOVER SHOULD BE SCHEDULED TO FIND HLZS TO THE WEST AND SOUTHWEST.

TEAMS WITH EXPLOSIVES AND SAWS COULD BE LOWERED ONTO THE TOPS OF HILLS 455 OR 575 TO CLEAR HLZ'S IN THESE AREAS.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A.

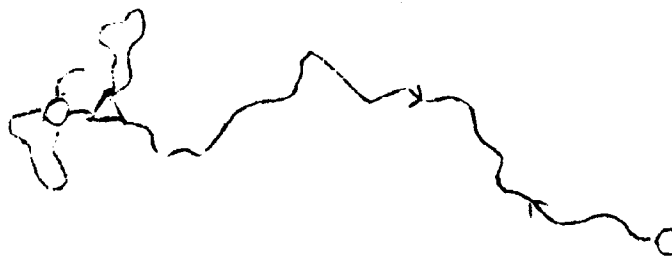
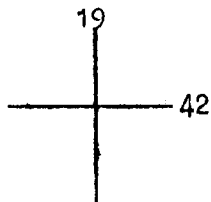
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12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

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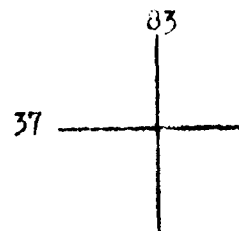
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— PATROL ROUTE

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UNIT 2-B-1

CALL SIGN CRABTREE

PATROL LEADER SSCT. ALEXANDER

NO. PERSONS 11

INSERTION TIME 290800H

COORDINATES AT837827

EXTRACTION TIME 040800H

COORDINATES AT837827

1. SITUATION.

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

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation:

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

(2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 290800H and inserts at vic. AT837827, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 0800H on 04 February 1967, vic. AT837827

b. PATROL:

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

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

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

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

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

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

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

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

b. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary: Held; 1st Net 36.0
- (2) Alternate Net 45.1
- (3) Artillery (1) ~~Polish Hotel~~ 37.4 *Cyber Patch "B" 37.1*
(2) ~~Redwood North~~ 37.3 (FDC-FLN)
36.9 (Admin. Net)

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

d. Call Signs:

DEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 DEACON LIGHT GUARANTEE - Patrol
 DEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
 BLACK COAT - AO
 POLISH HOTEL - Arty
 REDWOOD NORTH - Arty

e. Command Post:

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

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ANNEXES:

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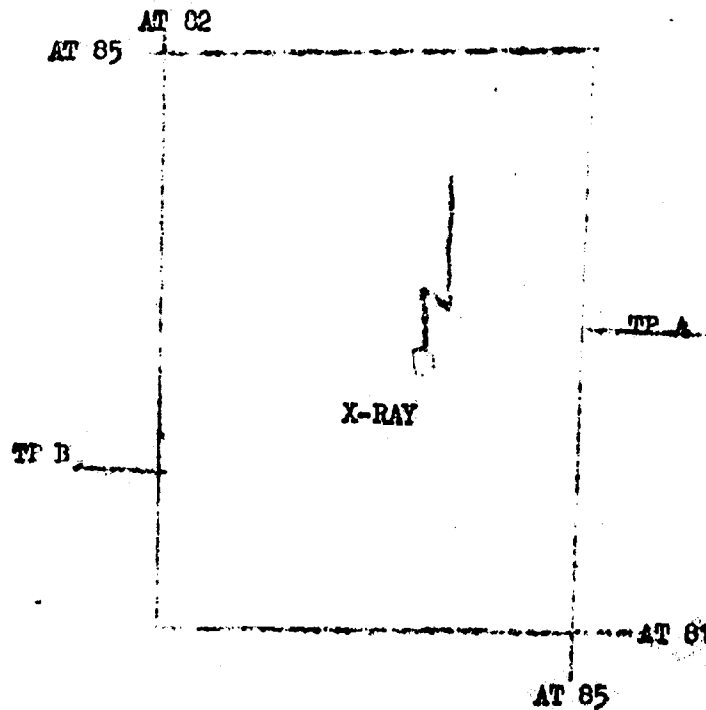
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UNIT 2-C

CALL SIGN COVENTRY

PATROL LEADER LT. WOODBURN

NO. PERSONS 48

INSERTION TIME 270730H

COORDINATES AT051350

EXTRACTION TIME 301600H

COORDINATES AT061342

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with 8-2).
- b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
- c. Attachments and Detachments:

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

3. EXTRACTION.

a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operations Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 270730H and inserts at vic. AT051350, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H on 30 January 1967, vic. AT061342.

b. Patrol:

- (1) Conduct ground reconnaissance, as feasible, within assigned area and maintain surveillance of surrounding area.
- (2) The primary direction of observation is to the 3500 of assigned area. Annex "A" establishes patrol's NO FIRE ZONE.

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

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

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

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

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

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

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

b. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 37.9
- (2) Alternate Net 36.4
- (3) Artillery (1) REDWOOD SOUTH 37.3
(2) ARNICA ECHO 32.85

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

d. Call Signs:

BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 BEACON LIGHT COVERTLY - Patrol
 BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
 BLACK COAT - PC
 REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
 ARNICA ECHO - Arty

e. Command Post:

- (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein). Vic. AT959752

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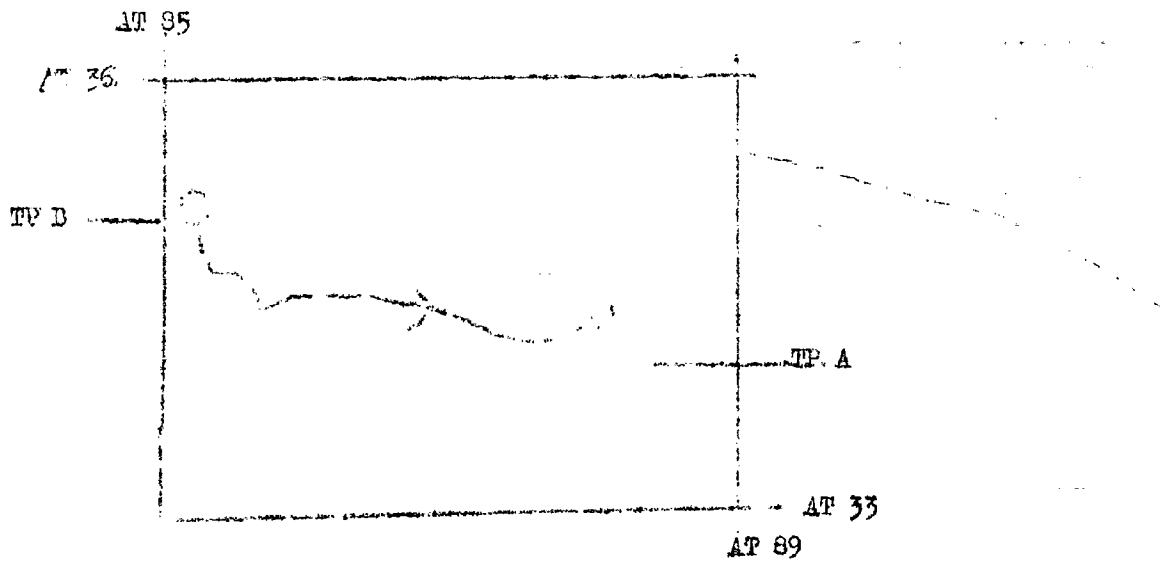
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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 14 EN, 1 USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: 1 SCOUT DOG TEAM.
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRO 25's; 2 7x50's.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79; 1 M-60 MG; 1 SHOTGUN; 4 CLAYMORES;
16 CS GREN/MASKS.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OF THE AREA ASSIGNED, AS DIRECTED.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 271230H/311600H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 100 HOURS WITH ONE CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED 8-10 VC, RESULTING IN 2 VC KIA (CONF) AND 2 WPNS. CAPTURED. ALTHOUGH NO OTHER SIGHTINGS WERE MADE, THERE WAS MUCH EVIDENCE OF RECENT VC ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA- HARBOUR SITES AND A WELL-USED TRAIL NETWORK.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY:
280835H AT850345 CONTACT MADE WITH ESTIMATED 8-10 VC; PATROL SET UP IMMEDIATE AMBUSH; FIRED SA, M-79 AND GREN. RESULTING IN 2 VC KIA (CONF); VC WEARING BLK. PJ's; CAPTURED 2 US M-1 CARBINES, 2 CART. BELTS, 1 GAS MASK; ARMY. FM CALLED TO CLEAR SURROUNDING AREA.
 - B. TERRAIN: VEGETATION IN THE AREA IS EXTREMELY THICK AND MOVEMENT IS SLOW AND DIFFICULT; IT CONSISTS OF SECONDARY JUNGLE GROWTH AND CANOPY AVERAGING 30'-40' IN HEIGHT ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SOME LARGE TREES RISING TO AS HIGH AS 100 FEET. THE SCUB GROWTH IS APPROX. 8'-

12' HIGH AND NECESSITATES CUTTING OFF OF THE TAILS. WATER IS PLENTIFUL FROM MANY CREEKS IN THE AREA.

7. OTHER INFORMATION; INSERT VIC. AT851350, NOT A VERY GOOD LZ BECAUSE OF A SLOPE; COVERED WITH 10' ELEPHANT GRASS; SNIPER FIRE RECEIVED UPON INSERTION FROM VIC. AT8335. EXTRACT MADE VIC. AT875353 FROM THE BALD RIDGELINE WHERE ZONES CAN BE FOUND ANYWHERE.

THIS AREA IS COVERED WITH AN EXTENSIVE TRAIL NETWORK- FROM 3'-4' WIDE AND WELL-USED TO SMALLER OVERGROWN TRAILS NOT RECENTLY USED (SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY). THESE WELL-USED TRAILS WERE MOST OFTEN BLAZED WITH WEDGE-SHAPED CHIPS CUT OUT OF INTERMITTANT TREES.

THERE ARE MANY FREQUENTLY USED HARBOUR SITES IN THE AREA, USUALLY PLACED ALONGSIDE THE TRAILS; THESE SITES CONSIST OF MATTED-DOWN GRASS AND HASTY DEFENSIVE POSITIONS; MANY CAMPFIRES WERE FOUND ALTHOUGH THE WETNESS OF THE GROUND PRECLUDED ANY DETERMINATION OF AGE. THE STREAM-BED FROM AT850338 TO AT 872340 IS LINED WITH SMALL HARBOUR SITES, MOST CAPABLE OF HANDLING 10-15 MEN. AT VIC. AT873339, THERE IS A MORE ELABORATE HARBOUR SITE CAPABLE OF HOLDING AN ESTIMATED 100 MEN.

A GOOD LZ COULD BE CONSTRUCTED VIC. AT873339 BY CHOPPING DOWN THREE SMALL TREES, BUT A PATROL HAS NEGATIVE COMM. WHILE IN THIS AREA.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 2 VC KIA (CONF); CAPTURE OF 2 US M-1 CARBINES AND 2 CARTRIDGE BELTS WITH CANTEENS, MAGAZINE POUCHES AND CHICOM STICK GRENADES.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THIS RIDGELINE APPEARS TO BE A TRANSIT AREA FOR THE VC/EVA BECAUSE OF THE WELL-USED TRAILS AND THE TEMPORARY HARBOUR SITES. RECOMMEND ARTY. H&I FIRES AND TPC-1C STRIKES ALONG THE STREAM VIC. AT850338 TO AT872340 WHERE THERE ARE MANY HARBOUR SITES. FUTURE PATROLS SHOULD ATTEMPT TO WORK INTO THIS AREA FROM THE EAST AND SOUTHEAST.

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11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A.

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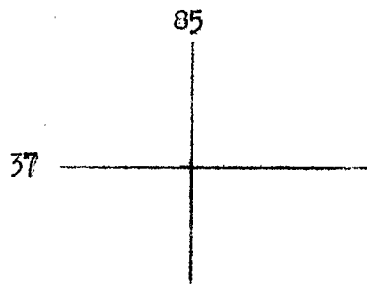
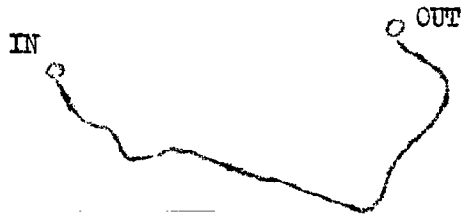
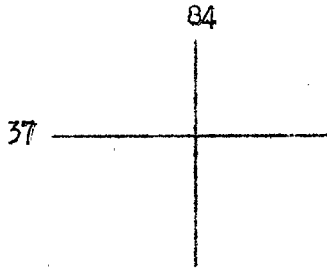
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13. PATROL MEMBERS:

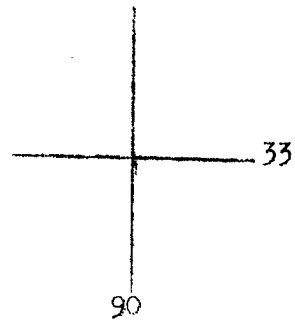
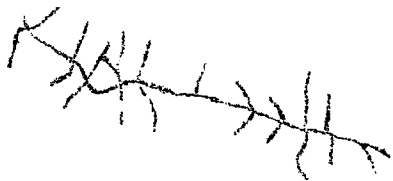
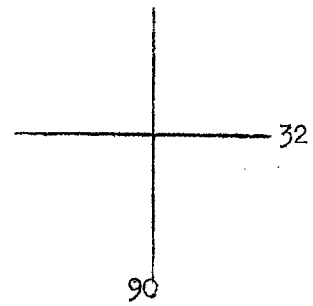
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 (c) 1st Mar Div O P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)
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UNIT B-2-2

CALL SIGN DUTCH OVENPATROL LEADER LT. DUNNNO. PERSONS 11INSERTION TIME 281530HCOORDINATES AT950437EXTRACTION TIME 311600HCOORDINATES AT9594141. SITUATION.a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S-2)b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.c. Attachments and Detachments:2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed.3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

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

(2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 281530H and inserts at vic. AT950437, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H on 31 January 1967; Vic AT959414.

b. Patrol:

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

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

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

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c. Coordinating Instructions:

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary: Helo: AO Net 34.6
 - (2) Alternate Net 36.4
 - (3) Artillery (1) Arnica Echo 52.85
(2) Redwood South 37.3
- c. Shackle and Brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs:

BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.

BEACON LIGHT DUTCHOWEN - PATROL
 BEACON LIGHT DEULA - RADIO RELAY
 BLACK COAT - AO
 REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
 ARNICA ECHO - Arty

e. Scout Post:

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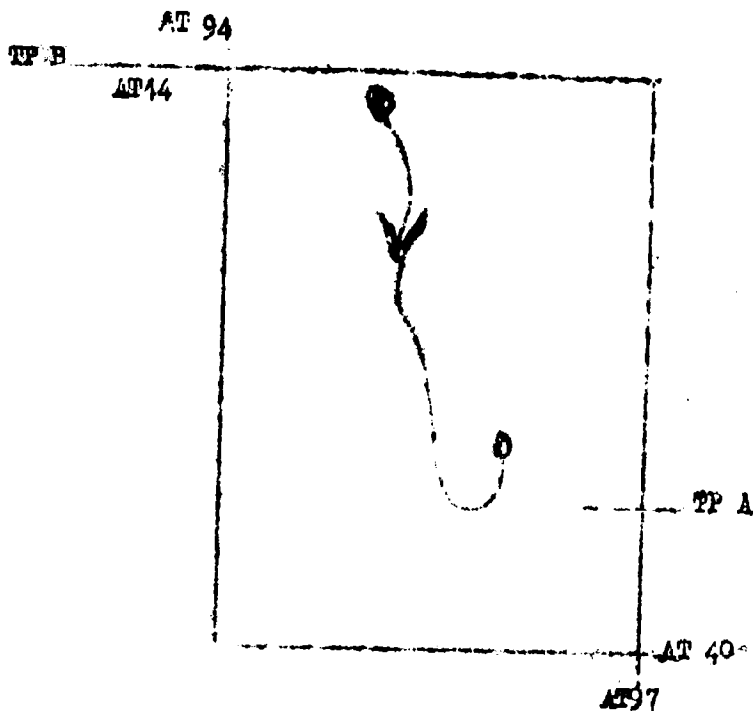
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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 9 EN, 1 USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 2 7x50's.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79; 1 M-60 MG; 3 CLAYMORES; 11 CS GREN/MASKS.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OF THE AREA ASSIGNED, WITH PRIMARY OBSERVATION TO THE NORTH.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 281650H/311635H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 72 1/2 HOURS WITH NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS OF VC; ON TWO OCCASIONS, NOISES FROM GROUPS OF VIETNAMESE WERE HEARD, BUT NO OBSERVATIONS COULD BE MADE.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY: NONE.
 - B. TERRAIN: EXTREMELY THICK SECONDARY GROWTH THAT MUST BE CUT IN ORDER TO MOVE; RATE OF MOVEMENT IS ABOUT 300m/HR.; CANOPY IS USUALLY ABOUT 30' HIGH; VEGETATION IN THE VICINITY OF HILL 107 IS OPEN WITH 6'-10' GRASS.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT VIC. AT942421 IN A VERY GOOD ONE-BIRD ZONE OF 8' ELEPHANT GRASS; EXTRACT VIC. AT954419 WHERE SEVERAL SMALL SAPLINGS HAD TO BE CUT. THE AREA VIC. AT940413 CANNOT BE USED AS AN HLZ BECAUSE IT IS NOT OPEN AS INDICATED ON THE MAP; THERE IS 10'-15' CANOPY IN THIS AREA. GOOD HLZ'S CAN BE FOUND VIC. AT959415, AT938430, AT949404, AT945403, AT953430, AT949430, AT938430, AND AT954434.

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THERE WAS A WELL-DEFINED TRAIL NETWORK IN THIS AREA AS INDICATED ON THE OVERLAY; THESE WERE WELL-CONSTRUCTED WITH STEPS AND BRIDGES IN SOME AREAS, BUT HAD NOT BEEN USED RECENTLY BECAUSE THEY WERE ALL OVERGROWN IN MOST PLACES.

AT 301330H VIC. AT945411, A WELL-CONSTRUCTED STRUCTURE WAS FOUND; IT WAS APPROX. 9'x11' AND APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN USED FOR STORAGE RATHER THAN LIVING; THERE HAVE BEEN MANY TPQ-10 STRIKES AND ARTILLERY H&I'S IN THIS AREA WHICH PROBABLY CAUSED THE STRUCTURE TO BE ABANDONED.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD, BUT SOME OF THE TROOPS HAVE SERIOUS CHEST COLDS WHICH CAUSE MUCH COUGHING; THESE COLDS MUST BE CLEARED UP BEFORE THESE PEOPLE CAN PATROL AGAIN.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THIS AREA IS NOT TOO WELL USED RECENTLY EXCEPT MAYBE BY WOODCUTTERS; THERE HAVE BEEN MANY TPQ-10 STRIKES AND ARTY. H&I FIRES IN THE AREA DURING THE PAST, AS EVIDENCED BY MANY CRATERS. RECOMMEND THAT A PATROL INSERT VIC. AT953437, IN UH-34'S, AND MOVE NORTH TO THE OP ON HILL 107; THE PATROL WOULD THEN MOVE BACK SOUTH TO HARBOUR AT NIGHT. RECOMMEND THAT ALL INSERTIONS IN THIS AREA BE FROM 0630-0730 OR FROM 1730-1830. WHEN NAVIGATING IN THIS AREA, USE HILL 675 AS REFERENCE POINT.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A.

LT. J. DUNN
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PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

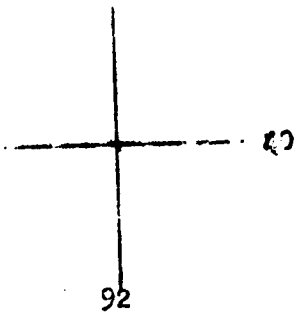
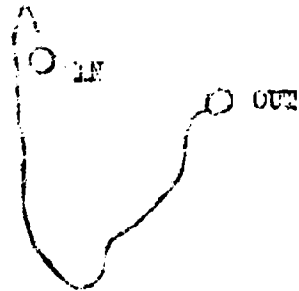
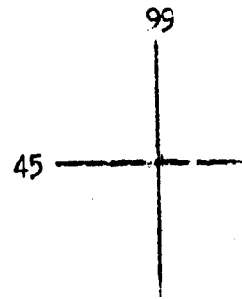
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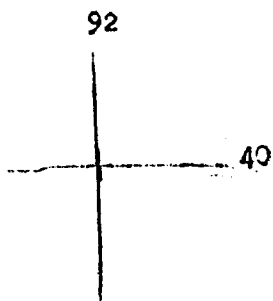
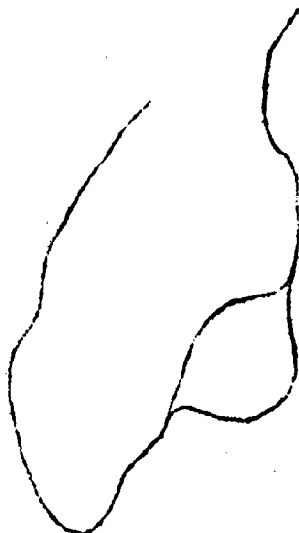
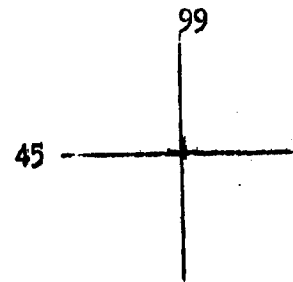
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PATROL LEADER Sgt. BLANKENSHIP

NO. PERSONS 13/1 dog INSERTION TIME 281530H COORDINATES Z0185515

EXTRACTION TIME 311630H COORDINATES Z0213522

3. a. (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 281530H, and inserts at vic. Z0185515, to conduct ground reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1630H on 31 January 1967. vic. Z0213522.

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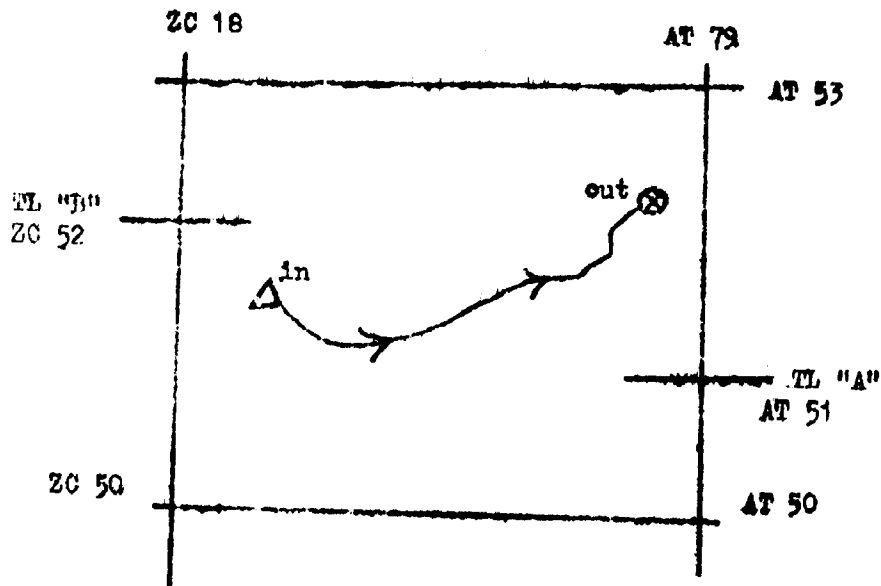
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OPERATION ORDER #32-67.

- Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM 1:50,000; Sheet 6540I; 6540II; 6640III; 6640IV
(b) BnOpO 323-66
(c) 1stMarDivO P3800. 1F (Intelligence SOP)
(d) BnFragOrder Msg #32-67.

UNIT 1-F CALL SIGN GROUCHO MARX PATROL LEADER 1st Lt. DAWNES
NO. PERSONS 13 / dog INSERTION TIME 280730H COORDINATES ZC186448
EXTRACTION TIME 311600H COORDINATES ZC191433

1. SITUATION.

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

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operations Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 280730H and inserts at vic. ZC186448, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600 on 31 January 1967, vic. ZC191433.

b. Patrol:

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

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

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

(4) Report the capture of all documents and weapons with descriptions to BFACON FIGHT as soon as possible.

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

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

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary; Holo; AO Net 36.4
 - (2) Alternate Net 37.9
 - (3) Artillery (1) RENNOC SOUTH 37.3
 - (2) ARNICA ECHO 52.85
- c. Shackle and brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs:
 - DEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 - DEACON LIGHT GROUCHO MARX - Patrol
 - DEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
 - BLACK COAT - AO
 - REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
 - ARNICA ECHO - Arty
- e. Command Post:
 - (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein), via. AT959752

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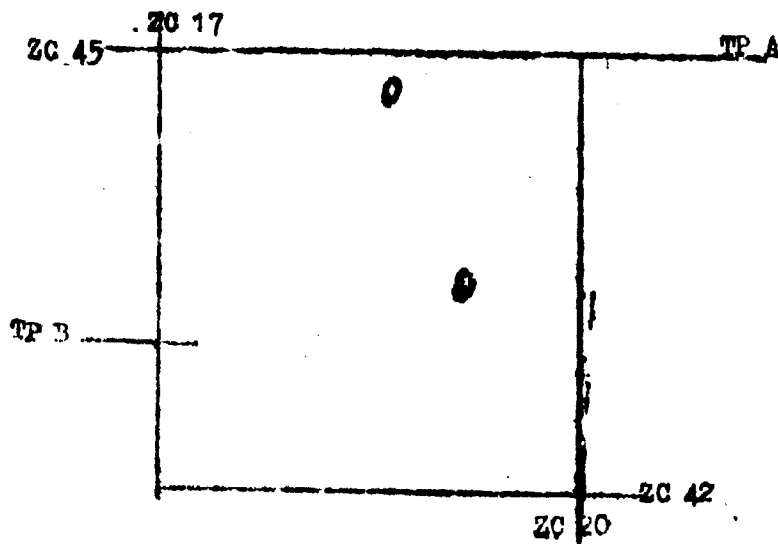
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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - a. COMPOSITION: 12 EN, 1 USN
 - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: 1 Scout Dog TM.
 - c. COMMUNICATIONS & OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 2 7x50's.
 - d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79; 13 CS GRE./Masks;
2. MISSION: Conduct ground recon. & surveillance of the area assigned.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 280810H-280850H.
4. ROUTE: Insert & extract Vic. ZC183437; Security set up on the H12 when fire received.
5. SYNOPSIS: This patrol covered a period of 40 min. with 2 sightings totalling 4 VC; immediately upon landing, patrol received heavy automatic wpns. fire from three directions from an estimated 30 VC; fixed wing air strikes conducted, and patrol extracted with helos receiving fire.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY & TERRAIN:
 - a. ENEMY:

280810H-ZC182444	Received autol wpns. fire from estimated 6 VC; 1VC observed wearing BLK. PJS & coolie hats.
280815H-ZC186432	Received heavy auto. wpns. fire from estimated 15-20 VC; 3 VC observed wearing green uniforms;
280840H-ZC188437	Auto. wpns. fire at helos during extraction

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6. TERRAIN: HLZ used is covered with 2'-3' tall elephant grass; surrounding area covered with thick secondary undergrowth 10'-15' tall.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: Immediately upon patrol being hit with auto. wpns. fire, the escort UH-1E gunships and fixed wing conducted extensive airstrikes on targets marked by patrol.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: UNKN.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Immediately upon landing, patrol was taken under heavy auto. wpns. fire from three directions. VC were right in the immediate area.
11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: Quick reaction from escort gunships & fixed wing in conducting airstrikes on VC positions.

SGT.G. BLANKENSHIP
1st PLT. 1st FORCE RECON
PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 12 EN, 1 USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: 1 SCOUT DOG TEAM.
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 1 7x50; 2 7x35's.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79; 1 M-76 w/4 WP RIF. GREN; 2 CS GREN/
LAUNCHER ADAPTERS/ MASK PER MAN; 4 BLKS. C-4; 4 OLAYMORES;
2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS OF THE AREA ASSIGNED, AS DIRECTED.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 281530H/301530H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 48 HOURS; ONE CONTACT WAS MADE WITH AN ESTIMATED 10-12 VC WHICH RESULTED IN 3 VC KIA (CONF) AND 1 USMC WIA; ONE WEAPON WAS CAPTURED; IN ADDITION, THERE WERE MORE INDICATIONS OF VC ACTIVITY IN THE AREA.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY:

301130H ZC204516

AN ESTIMATED 10-12 VC, HEADED EAST, WALKED INTO PATROL'S POSITION; 3 VC ACTUALLY OBSERVED; BLK. COTTON UNIFORMS; RIFLES; 1 PACK; 3 VC KILLED BY SMALL ARMS AND GRENADES; ENEMY HASTILY BROKE CONTACT, DRAGGING DEAD AND LEAVING BEHIND VARIOUS PIECES OF GEAR INCLUDING 1 US M-1 CARBINE W/10 RDS. AMMO, 1 BAG MEDICAL SUPPLIES, A SUPPLY OF RICE, AND SEVERAL DOCUMENTS; 1 FM CONDUCTED WITH UNKN. RESULTS; 3 VC KIA (CONF) AND 1 USMC WIA.
 - B. TERRAIN: THIS AREA IS CHARACTERIZED BY A THICK SECONDARY GROWTH OF SCRUB AND VINES WITH A VERY THIN CANOPY FROM 40'-60' IN HEIGHT.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT WAS MADE VIC. ZC193522, IN A ONE-BIRD ZONE CONSISTING OF HEAD HIGH ELEPHANT GRASS. EXTRAOT WAS MADE VIC. ZC204516. THIS POSITION WAS OCCUPIED BY THE PATROL AS AN OP; IT PROVIDES EXCELLENT OBSERVATION TO THE EAST AND SOUTHEAST, WAS A GOOD DEFENSIVE POSITION, AND POSSESSED AN LZ SUITABLE FOR 2 OR 3 UH-46's AND COVERED WITH 2'-3' SCRUB GROWTH.

THE PATROL DISCOVERED TWO THATCHED STRUCTURES; ONE, LOCATED VIC. ZC195516, WAS ABOUT 6'x6' AND HAD A FLOOR OF POLES; THE OTHER STRUCTURE WAS LOCATED ON A STREAM VIC. ZC194517, AND FROM A DISTANCE APPEARED TO MEASURE ABOUT 12'x12' AND TO CONTAIN FURNIATURE; NEITHER APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED RECENTLY.

AT 291930H WHILE THE PATROL WAS HARBOURED VIC. ZC192154, THEY HEARD MOVEMENT NEAR THEIR POSITION; AT THIS TIME THE DOG BEGAN TO ALERT AS WELL. THE PATROL REMAINED IN AN ALERTED CONDITION THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT, ALTHOUGH NO SIGHTINGS OF ENEMY WERE MADE.

AT 300730H AND AGAIN FOLLOWING THE FIRE FIGHT JUST PRIOR TO THE EXTRACTION, THE PATROL HEARD TO SOUND OF DRUMS, POSSIBLY COMING FROM ONE OF THE VILLAGES IN THE VALLEY TO THE NORTH.

TRAILS IN THIS AREA DO NOT SHOW ANY SIGNS OF RECENT, HEAVY USE.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 3 VO KIA (CONF) AND 1 USMC WIA.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE.
11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: EXCELLENT. THE 105mm HOWITZERS AT STANLEY LOOKER PROVIDED RESPONSIVE AND ACCURATE.

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1st PLT. 1st FORCE
PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

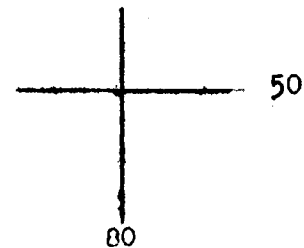
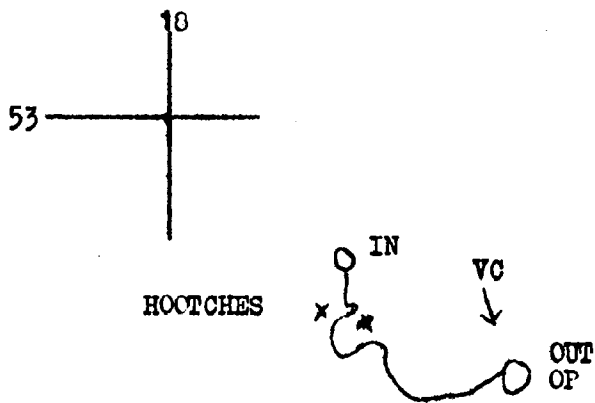
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ROSS	2091718
CHAMBLESS	2152863
HAUXHURST	2137259
PISTORINO	2282996
WALLACE	2244124
JOHNSON	2096869

SITA	2109251
CANTU	2184167
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1D-3 CALL SIGN INTLUSH PATROL LEADER SGT DELAY

PERSONS 15 INSERTION TIME 010730H COORDINATES AT830647

EXTRACTION TIME 041500H COORDINATES AT838636

MISSION.

Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S-2)

Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's

Attachments and Detachments:

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

EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations

(a) Annex "A" (Operations Overlay).

(2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH AT 010730H and inserts at vic. AT830647, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1500H on 04 February 1967 vic. AT838636

b. Patrols

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

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

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Ref. (b).
- (2) Submit BRAVO report every two (2) hours.
- (3) Submit SITREP to BEACON LIGHT every hour.
- (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
- (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Shackle OT azimuth at the discretion of the patrol leader.
- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertains to your mission.
- (8) Caution all troops to be alert for AP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger the lives of patrol members to investigate same.
- (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference. 1stMar Div OpO 301-66 Annex "G".
- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of the patrol.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an AO will come up on patrol net, and should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to its initial LZ.
- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of serialized equipment and roster of patrol, by 1800 the day preceding patrol.

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ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Sufficient class I to sustain operation, (to include one day extra ration in the event of extension).
- c. Carry basic allowance of Class V plus at least 2 blocks C-4 per squad, 8 feet of detonating cord per block, 10 feet of time fuse, sufficient fuse lighters and blasting caps to dual prime each block of C-4.
- d. Patrol leader will carry, or have carried, such other special equipment as he may deem necessary.
- e. Necessary med-evacs will be performed in accordance with previous instructions.
- f. Patrols will ensure that each man is equipped with the M Protective Mask. Each patrol will carry at least two M742 CS Grenades.

AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

Patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.

Channels:

- (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 36.4
- (2) Alternate Net 34.0
- (3) Artillery (1) CHIN STRAP CHARLIE 32.75
- (2) REDWOOD SOUTH 37.3
- (3) ARNICA ECHO 52.05
- (4) STANLEY LOOKER 41.2

- a. Shackle and Brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- b. Call Signs:

BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 BEACON LIGHT BULRUSH - Patrol
 BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
 STANLEY LOOKER - Radio Relay
 BLACK GOAT - AO
 CHIN STRAP CHARLIE - Arty
 REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
 ARNICA ECHO - Arty

- c. Command Post:

(1) 1st Recon Bn. (Main) Vio. 59732

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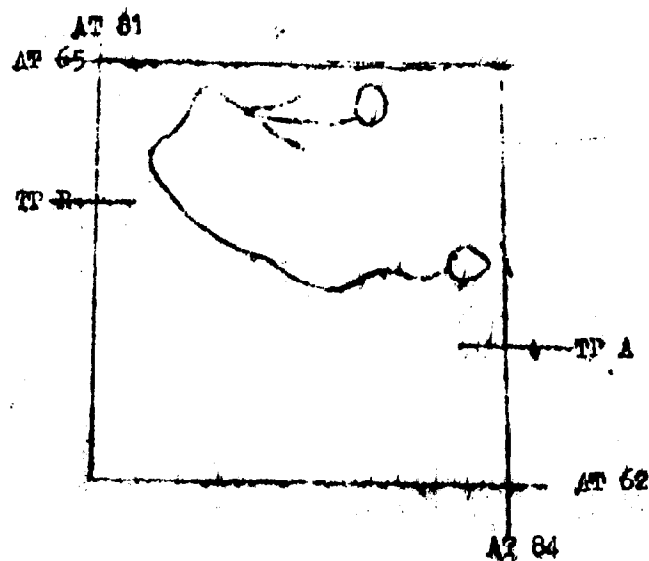
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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 14 EN, 1 USN.
- B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
- C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 2 7x50's.
- D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 45 CS GREN/MASKS; 4 CLAYMORES; 2 SHOTGUNS;
1 M-79.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS OF THE AREA ASSIGNED, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION ON LOCATING TRAILS IN THE AREA

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 011610H/041030H.

4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.

5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 66 HOURS WITH ONE SIGHTING OF 15 VC AND 3 CONTACTS WITH APPROX. 36 VC; EXCHANGE OF SMALL ARMS AND GRENADES DURING THESE CONTACTS RESULTED IN ONE VC KIA (CONF) AND ONE WEAPON CAPTURED. FOUR ARTY FM's WERE CONDUCTED RESULTING IN 12 VC KIA (PRCB). CS GAS WAS USED ON 2 OCCASIONS TO BREAK CONTACT. THE AO CONDUCTED ONE AIR STRIKE FOR THE PATROL'S SUPPORT. DURING THE EXTRACTION THE SECOND HELO CRASHED IN THE HLZ; SPARROWHAWK WAS SENT IN AND PROVIDED SECURITY ALONG WITH THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE PATROL, UNTIL EXTRACTION ON THE FOLLOWING DAY.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY:

021310H AT023643

HEARD VOICES OF 2 VC; PATROL SET IMMEDIATE AMBUSH RESULTING IN 1 VC KIA (CONF) AND THE CAPTURE OF 1 FRENCH MAS 1936 7.5mm RIF VC WORE BLK. TROUSERS AND KHAKI SHIRT AND COVER; USED GAS TO CHECK OUT AREA PRIOR TO CHECKING OUT BODY.

021350H	AT022642	APPROX. 5-10 VC MADE CONTACT WITH PATROL FIRING AUTOMATIC WPNS; PATROL RETURNED SA AND M-79 AND CALLED ARTY. FM TO BREAK CONTACT.
021430H	AT029641	ESTIMATED 15 VC FOLLOWING PATROL (4 VC ACTUALLY OBSERVED); BLK. BOTTOMS AND KHAKI TOPS; WPNS; SA EXCHANGED; ARTY. FM CALLED RESULTING IN 2 VC KIA (PROB); OS GAS USED TO BREAK CONTACT.
031515H	AT030640	20-25 VC MADE CONTACT WITH PATROL; AUTO. WPNS. FIRE RECEIVED; BLK. PJ BOTTOMS AND KHAKI TOPS; AUTOMATIC WPNS; CONTACT WAS MADE AT 100m-150m; ATTEMPTED TO BREAK CONTACT WITH OS GAS; ARTY FM CONDUCTED RESULTING IN 10 VC KIA (PROB).
031630H	AT029639	AO ARRIVED ON STATION AND CONDUCTED FIVE WING AIR STRIKES IN SUPPORT OF PATROL.
031730H	AT029639	1st HELICO EXTRACTED HALF OF PATROL; 2nd HELICO CRASHED ON LZ; SPARROWHAWK ARRIVED FOR NIGHT SECURITY; PATROL SUCCESSFULLY EXTRACTED AT 041030H.

B. TERRAIN: AS IS DEPICTED ON THE MAP; MANY WOODOUTTERS HAVE WORKED THE AREA RESULTING IN CLEARED SPOTS THROUGHOUT THIS VICINITY WHICH COULD BE TURNED INTO GOOD LZ'S WITH A MINIMUM OF WORK. CANOPY IN THIS AREA IS FROM 40'-50' WITH THICK SECONDARY UNDERBRUSH.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT WAS MADE VIC. AT030640 IN A ZONE COVERED WITH MANY OLD PUNJI PITS WHICH WERE ABOUT 2 OR 3 MONTHS OLD; EXTRACT WAS MADE VIC. AT029639 IN A GOOD ONE-BIRD ZONE OF SHORT GRASS; THERE WERE A FEW LARGE ROCKS IN THIS HLZ.

THERE WERE SEVERAL WELL-USED TRAILS IN THIS AREA AS DEPICTED ON THE OVERLAY; THESE WERE WELL WORN WITH SOME STEPS IN APPROPRIATE SPOTS.

LOG FENCES WERE FOUND IN SEVERAL AREAS; FENCES WERE 1'-2' HIGH WITH CLEARED AREAS BETWEEN; BECAUSE OF THE ABSENCE OF ANY ANIMALS, THESE FENCES APPEARED TO BE CONSTRUCTED FOR DEFENSIVE PURPOSES.

A HARBOUR SITE AREA WAS FOUND VIC. AT027645, LARGE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE 45-50 PEOPLE; MANY ROCKS ARE DUG OUT UNDERNEATH AS NATURAL SHELTERS; CANDLES AND STRAW MATS WERE ALSO FOUND. AT THESE SAME

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COORDINATES, A TRENCHLINE FROM 3'-6' DEEP AND 10' LONG WAS FOUND; THIS APPEARED TO BE VERY OLD. THIS POSITION PROVIDED AN EXCELLENT OP FOR THE VC AS THE HARBOUR, THE AIRFIELD, AND THE DIVISION ROAD CAN ALL BE OBSERVED. THERE COULD BE A HOSPITAL IN THIS VICINITY AS EXCESSIVE BLOOD STAINS WERE FOUND ON THE TRAILS, MORE BLOOD THAN SHOULD HAVE COME FROM ONE MAN.

THREE TUNNELS WERE FOUND VIC. AT829641 WHICH APPEARED TO BE LESS THAN TWO WEEKS OLD; TUNNELS WERE 8'-9' DEEP AND 5'-6' IN WIDTH; THEY WERE FOUND AT 021500H WHILE BREAKING CONTACT WHICH PRECLUDED CHECKING THESE OUT.

AT 022300H VIC. AT833643, APPROX. 100 LIGHTS WERE OBSERVED MOVING WEST ALONG THE RIDGELINE TOWARD HILL 1025; LIGHTS APPEARED TO BE LANTERNS.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 1 VC KIA (CONF), 12 VC KIA (PROB) AND ONE WEAPON CAPTURED.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD. THIS POSITION PROVIDED AN EXCELLENT OP FOR
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THERE SEEMED TO BE MANY VC IN THIS AREA, AS THE PATROL WAS IN CONTACT ALMOST CONSTANTLY FOLLOWING INSERTION. THE NUMEROUS BLOOD TRAILS IN THIS AREA ARE ESPECIALLY WORTHY OF NOTE. RECOMMEND A SMALLER PATROL (5-10 MEN) BE INSERTED IN THIS AREA FOR MORE CLANDESTINE OPERATIONS. THE PATROL COULD LAND IN THE SAME VICINITY IN WHICH THIS PATROL LANDED, BUT SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO MOVE IN THEIR OWN DIRECTION AND AT THEIR OWN PACE, AND TO CHOOSE AN EXTRACTION LZ FROM THE MANY OPEN AREAS AVAILABLE.
11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: ARTY. FM'S WERE ACCURATE; THE AO'S RESPONSE TIMELY, AND THE AIR STRIKES EFFECTIVE.

SGT. J. W. BELOW
3rd FLT. CO. B

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: FUTURE PATROLS IN THIS AREA ARE PLANNED.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

BELLOW,	1009540	WIMER,	2265313
WITMER,	2174276	PEETERS,	2117926
SMITH,	2214702	SHANNON,	9999530
BRANDT,	2190640	JONES,	
SULLIVAN,	2290018	CONNERMAN,	2269364
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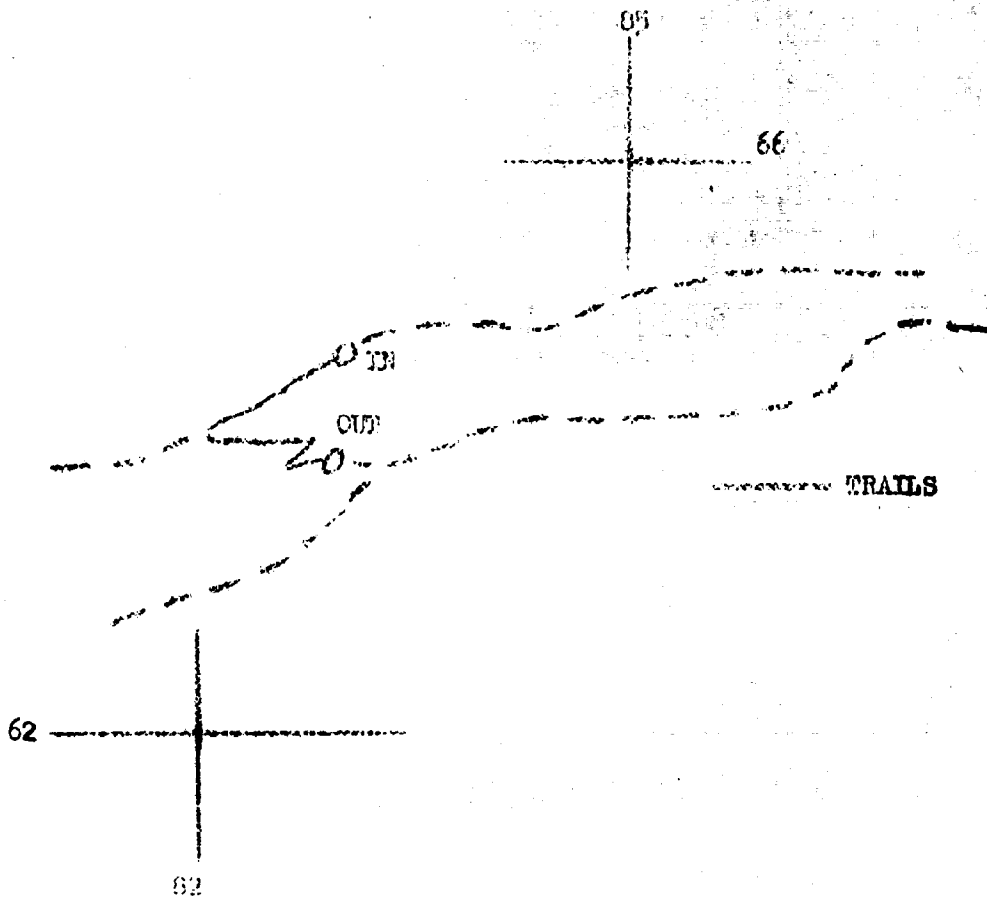
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 (b) EnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1stMarDiv 13800. 1P (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) IntFragOrder Reg #35-67

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CALL SIGN CHARGE SHEETPATROL LEADER L. CRIBBELLPERSONS 12INSERTION TIME 010800HCOORDINATES AT037378ACTION TIME 070830HCOORDINATES AT037378MISSION.a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S-2)b. Friendly Forces: current USUM's and FIC'sc. Attachments and Detachments:MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed.EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

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

(2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 010800H and inserts at vic. AT037378, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 0830H on 07 February 1967, vic. AT037378.b. Patrol:

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

(2) The primary direction of observation is to the 3600 of assigned area. Annex "A" establishes patrol's NO FIRE ZONE.~~CONFIDENTIAL~~~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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

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

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

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Ref. (a).
- (2) Submit BRAVO report every two (2) hours.
- (3) Submit SITREP to BEACON LIGHT every hour.
- (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
- (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Shackle OT azimuth at the discretion of the patrol leader.
- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
- (7) Be familiar with call signs and brevity codes currently in use as pertains to your mission.
- (8) Caution all troops to be alert for AP mines and booby traps. Do not endanger the lives of patrol members to investigate same.
- (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference. 1stMar Div OpO 301-66 Annex "G".
- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and camouflaged to prevent compromise of the patrol.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an AO will come up on patrol net, and should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to its initial LZ.
- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of serialized equipment and roster of patrol, by 1800 the day preceding patrol.

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- a. Reference (b).
 - b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operation, (to include one day extra ration in the event of extension).
 - c. Carry basic allowance of Class V plus at least 2 blocks C-4 per squad, 8 feet of detonating cord per block, 10 feet of time fuse, sufficient fuse lighters and blasting caps to dual prime each block of C-4.
 - d. Patrol leader will carry, or have carried, such other special equipment as he may deem necessary.
 - e. Necessary med-evacs will be performed in accordance with previous instructions.
- All patrols will ensure that each man is equipped with the Field Protective Mask. Each patrol will carry at least ten (10) M7A2 CS grenades.

LAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

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

b. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 36.4
- (2) Alternate Net 34.6
- (3) Artillery (1) REWARD SOUTH 37.3
- (2) ARNICA ECHO 52.85

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

d. Call Signs:

BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 BEACON LIGHT CHARGE SHEET - Patrol
 BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
 BLACK COAT - AC
 REWARD SOUTH - Arty
 ARNICA ECHO - Arty

e. Command Post:

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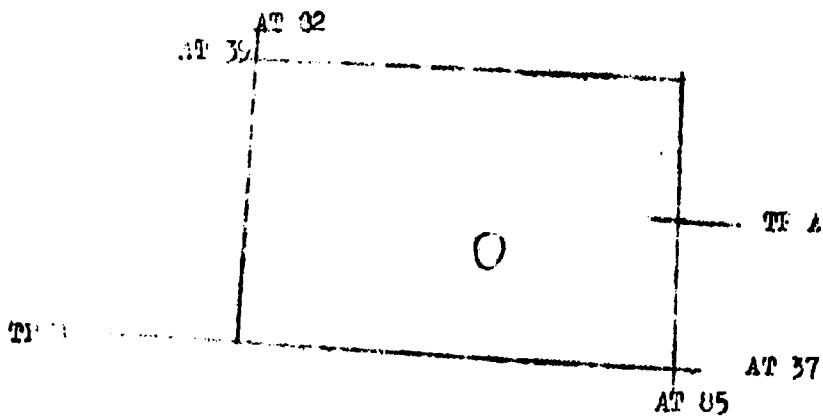
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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 2 OFF, 8 EN, 1 USN.
- B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
- C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRO 25's; 2 7x50's; 1 BC SCOPE.
- D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-60 MG; 1 M-2 .50 CAL. MG; 3 M-3 GAS DISPENSERS; 11 CS GREN/MASKS; 1 M3A1 W/SILENCER.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS FROM THE PERMANENT OP ON HILL 452, AS DIRECTED.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 010000H/070045H.

4. ROUTE: ALL OBSERVATION OPERATIONS CONDUCTED FROM THE PERMANENT OP ON HILL 452 VIC. AT036370.

5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 145 HOURS WITH 4 SIGHTINGS TOTALLING 10 VC AND 15 VCS; THERE WAS NO NOTICEABLE TREND IN ENEMY ACTIVITY.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY:

031050H	AT040365	15 VCS IN MIXED NATIVE DRESS MOVING ALONG TRAIL TO THE NORTHEAST; MOVING VERY RAPIDLY AT 75-100 METER INTERVALS WITH PACKS.
051200H	AT023372	1 VC WALKING AROUND IN VILLAGE; OTHER CONDITIONS CAME TO; ALTERNATELY APPEARED VERY CAUTIOUS AND VERY UNCOORDINATED IN HIS MOVEMENTS; ALSO OBSERVED 3 OTHERS IN SIMILAR UNIFORM BUT WITH NO WEAPONS.
051440H	AT047362	1 VC WALKING SW ON TRAIL; KHAKI AND COOLIE HAT; PACK; NO FM.
061035H	AT056376	0 VC MOVING NORTHEAST ON TRAIL; BLK. PJ's; PACKS; RIFLES; PATROL CONDUCTED FM WITH POOR RESULTS.

B. TERRAIN: SEE PREVIOUS PATROL REPORTS.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT AND EXTRACT WERE MADE VIC. AT036370; AS HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY NOTED, THIS IS CONSIDERED A POOR LZ BY THE PILOTS.
IT WAS OBSERVED THAT THE PACKS CARRIED BY THE VC WERE VERY HEAVY; POSSIBLY A NUMBER OF THEM WERE COOLIE LABORERS.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: IF THIS POSITION IS TO BE A PERMANENT ONE, THERE WOULD BE ADVANTAGES IN IMPROVING IT AND PLACING UPON IT SOME SORT OF OFFENSIVE WEAPONS; IT COULD FOR ONE THING ENABLE A SMALL NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO KEEP THE SOUTHERN VALLEY RELATIVELY CLEAR OF VC, AND WOULD PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR SMALL TEAMS TO ENTER THE VALLEY AND CAPTURE PRISONERS. THE SUPPORT PROVIDED BY ARTILLERY OR AIR IS NOT TIMELY ENOUGH TO BE REALLY EFFECTIVE HERE SINCE IT MUST BE CALLED AND ADJUSTED OVER THE RADIO.

THIS OP WOULD BE HIGHLY DEFENDABLE BY A FEW MEN WITH IMPROVEMENTS. AMONG THESE SHOULD BE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PLATFORM FOR THE LANDING OF HELICOPTERS, CONCERTINA WIRE, MINES, AND SANIBAGS SINCE THE GROUND IS TOO ROCKY FOR DIGGING.

RECOMMEND A 106 MM RR AS A WEAPON FOR THIS OP; ALSO A STARLIGHT SCOPE FOR THE .50 CAL. MG NOW BEING USED.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: VERY POOR. ONE FIRE MISSION WAS CONDUCTED ON A PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED CONCENTRATION, AND THERE WAS A DISPERSION OF ABOUT 400 m.

LT. J. CAMPBELL
1st FLT. CO. B
PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

CAMPBELL, 096323
FITTS, 2160206
KERSTENDER, 2096390
DRYSON, 2101174
ARNOLD, 2177939
KELLY, 2244516

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1. (a) Map: VIETNAM 1:50,000; Sheet 6640 IV
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CALL SIGN CLASSEMATEPATROL LEADER: S/SGT. ARNOLDPERSONS 11INSERTION TIME 300800HCOORDINATES AT812600EXTRACTION TIME 021630H COORDINATES AT792593SITUATION:

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

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

EXECUTION:a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (Operations Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH AT 300800H and inserts at vic. AT812600, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1630 on 02 February 1967, vic. AT792593.

b. Patrol:

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

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

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- (3) Submit SITREP to BEACON LIGHT every hour.
- (4) Report all sightings and contacts in SALUTE format.
- (5) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Shackle OT azimuth at the discretion of the patrol leader.
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- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 1800 the day preceding patrol.

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ADMINISTRATION LOGISTICS.

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operation, (to include one day extra ration in the event of extension).
- c. Carry basic allowance of Class V plus at least 2 blocks C-4 per squad, 8 feet of detonating cord per block, 10 feet of time fuse, sufficient fuse lighters and blasting caps to dual prime each block of C-4
- d. Patrol leader will carry, or have carried, such other special equipment as he may deem necessary.
- e. Necessary medical services will be performed in accordance with previous instructions.
- f. All patrols will ensure that each man is equipped with the Field Protective Mask. Each patrol will carry at least ten (10) M7A2 CS grenades.

COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. No patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.
- b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary: Helo: AO Net 36.4
 - (2) Alternate Net 34.0
 - (3) Artillery (1) CHIN STRAP CHARLIE 39.75
 - (2) REDWOOD SOUTH 37.3
 - (3) ARNICA ECHO 52.85
 - (4) STANLEY LOOKER 41.2
- c. Shackle and Previtv Code: Issued by Battalion Corps Officer.
- d. Call Signs:

BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 BEACON LIGHT CLASSMATE - Patrol
 BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
 STANLEY LOOKER - Radio Relay
 BLACK COAT - AO
 CHIN STRAP CHARLIE - Arty
 REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
 ARNICA ECHO - Arty

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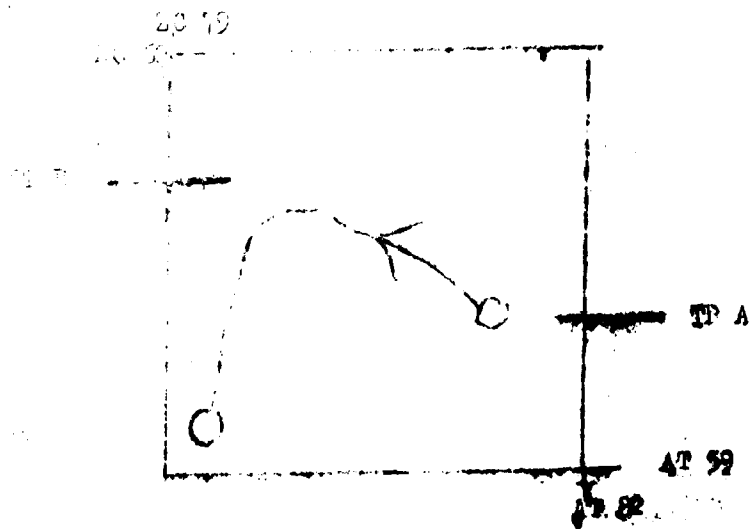
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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 7 USMC INF.
- B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
- C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRG 25's; 1 7x50.
- D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-19; 7 CS GREN/MASKS.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OF THE AREA ASSIGNED.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 301230H/311930H.

4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.

5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 31 HOURS WITH TWO CONTACTS. WITH AN ESTIMATED 10-15 VC; AN EXCHANGE OF SMALL ARMS AND GRENADES RESULTED IN 1 VC KIA (CONF) AND ONE VC WIA (CONF). AFTER CONTACT WAS BROKEN, THE PATROL RECEIVED SPORADIC SMALL ARMS AND GRENADES FROM AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC PURSUING THE PATROL TOWARD THEIR EXTRACTION LZ. ARTY FM CONDUCTED ON SURROUNDING AREA AND PATROL SUCCESSFULLY EXTRACTED.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY:

301530H ATC08603

FOUND VC REST OR HARBOUR AREA OF LARGE ROCKS AND A NATURAL CAVE; MANY FOOD AND BANDAGE WRAPPERS; RAGS WITH BLOOD STAINS; APPROX. 5-10 MAN SIZE; MANY REMAINS OF CAMPFIRE, EMPTY CARTRIDGE CASINGS; 2 CHAIRS APPROX. ONE MONTH OLD; ENTIRE AREA HAD NOT BEEN USED FOR PAST 2 WEEKS TO 1 MONTH.

311315H AT809596

CONTACT WITH 2 VC MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL; BLK. PJ's, COOLIE HATS; 1 RIFLE; PATROL OPENED FIRE RESULTING IN ONE VC WIA (PROB). SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED BLOOD STAINS AND HOLES IN COOLIE HAT.

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31170	AT798595	ESTIMATED 10 (4 ACTUALLY OBSERVED) MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL; KHAKI UNIFORMS; EXCHANGE OF GRENADES AND SMALL ARMS AT APPROX. 25 METERS; VC USING AUTO. WPNS.; 1 VC KIA (CONF).
311745H	AT796585	FOUND FLATTENED OUT LOGS BEING USED TO BUILD BUNKER; 20' LONG AND 18" IN DIAMETER; SEVERAL DUG OUTS AND TRENCHES IN THIS AREA; REMAINS OF CAMPFIRES.
311730- 311900H	AT798582	PATROL RECEIVED SPORADIC S/A AND GREN. FROM UNKN. NUMBER OF VC PURSUING PATROL DOWN SLOPE TO EXTRACTION LZ; AO ARRIVED ON STATION; ARTY. FM CALLED ON SURROUNDING AREA; PATROL EXTRACTED WITH HELOS TAKING FIRE.

B. TERRAIN: TALL JUNGLE CANOPY 50'-100' WITH THICK SECONDARY UNDER-
BRUSH; MANY ROCKS OF ALL SIZES THROUGHOUT AREA; VERY STEEP CLIFFS
COMING SOUTH OFF THE RIDGELINE.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT VIC. AT 013601 IN A VERY GOOD HLZ LARGE
ENOUGH FOR 3 OR 4 UH-46's; VERY SHORT GRASS. EXTRACT VIC. AT 790502
IN GOOD ONE-BIRD ZONE. THERE ARE SEVERAL WELL-USED TRAILS THAT RUN
NORTH TO SOUTH DOWN THE RIDGELINE IN THIS VICINITY (SEE OVERLAY).
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 1 VC KIA (CONF) AND 1 VC WIA
(CONF).
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD; SEVERAL TWISTED KNEES BUT NONE SERIOUS.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROLS THAT RETURN TO WORK IN THIS
AREA SHOULD TRAVEL LIGHTER WITH ONLY AN ASS-PACK; THE THICKNESS OF THE
TERRAIN AND THE STEEPNESS OF THE SLOPES MAKES MOVEMENT DIFFICULT AND
DANGEROUS.
11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A.

SSGT. ARNOLD
3rd PLT. 1st FORCE
PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

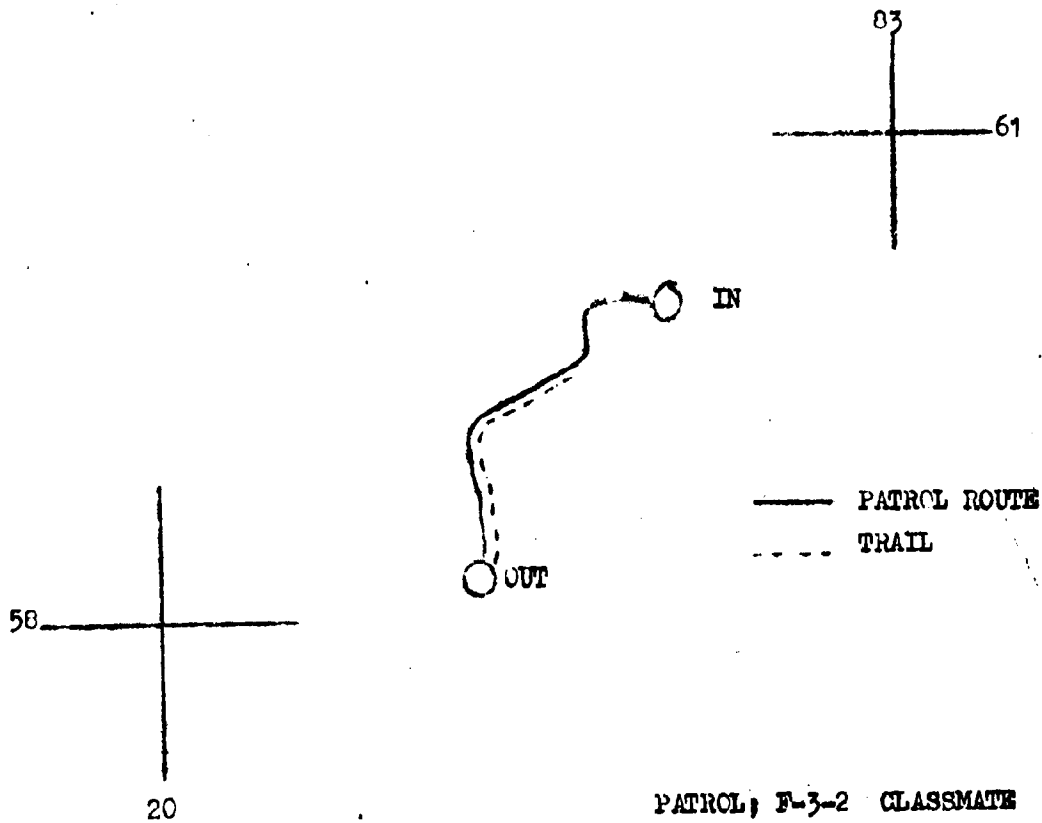
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13. PATROL MEMBERS:

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LOCKETT	2172026
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MATHIS	2233073
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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY



PATROL, F-3-2 CLASSMATE
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