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1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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10 February 1967

From: Commanding Officer 0078
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF 67
(Attn: Field Historian)

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

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPac0 5750.8
(c) Div0 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 Data1. 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 OFFICERS1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein) (Forward) DA NANG

Executive Officer (Acting)	Maj. B. G. LOWREY	Nov 66
Adjutant/ S-1	2dLt. D. J. COLLINS	Jul 66
S-2	1stLt. R. S. ROBERTS, Jr.	Sep 66
S-3	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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b.

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

as 1st Reconnaissance Battalion; Forward and Rear Combined.

USMC ENL 455 OFF 31 USN ENL 30 OFF 2

1st Force Reconnaissance Company (Combined).

USMC ENL 163 USN ENL 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
- #14: 1-F Patrol Report dtd 7 Jan 67
- #15: Bn OpOrder 1-67 dtd 2 Jan 67
- #16: 1-B Patrol Report dtd 11 Jan 67
- #17: Bn OpOrder 2-67 dtd 2 Jan 67
- #18: 5-F Patrol Report dtd 10 Jan 67
- #19: Bn OpOrder 3-67 dtd 4 Jan 67
- #20: 3-C Patrol Report dtd 13 Jan 67
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- #22: Bn OpOrder 5-67 dtd 6 Jan 67 W/ Ch 1
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- #24: Bn OpOrder 6-67 dtd 8 Jan 67
- #25: 1-F Patrol Report dtd 11 Jan 67
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- #28: Bn OpOrder 8-67 dtd 8 Jan 67
- #29: 2-C Patrol Report dtd 18 Jan 67
- #30: Bn OpOrder 9-67 dtd 9 Jan 67
- #31: 2-B Patrol Report dtd 14 Jan 67
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#76: 3-B Patrol Report dtd 4 Feb 67
#77: Bn OpOrder 35-67 dtd 29 Jan 67
#78: 1-B Patrol Report dtd 7 Feb 67
#79: Bn OpOrder 36-67 dtd 29 Jan 67
#80: F-3-2 Patrol Report dtd 31 Jan 67

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 DA NANG, RVN
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OPERATION ORDER #68-66

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM 1:50,000; Sheet 6659 III
 (b) BnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) BnFragOrder Msg # 68-66

UNIT 6-2 CALL SIGN COVENTRY PATROL LEADER Lt. WOODBURNNO. PERS. 18 INSERTION TIME 251000H COORDINATES AT 037827EXTRACTION TIME 311000H COORDINATES AT 0378271. 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 037827, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 311000H, on 21 December 1966, vic. AT 037827.

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 patrols.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an AC will be dispatched to the patrols reconnaissance area. AC will come up on patrol net, and should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort the mission and proceed to friendly lines.
- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol log, list of all serialized equipment and roster to headquarters by 0600 for any 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 Signs: 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. AF 9597 2.

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

ANNEXES:

** Operation Overlay

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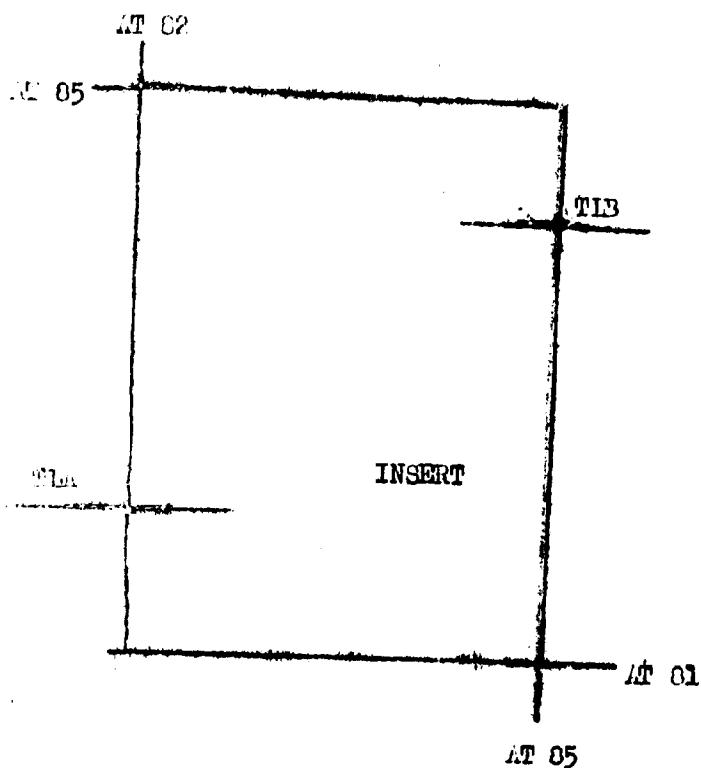
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	Recon Bn S-3	(4)
	Patrol. Company	(2)
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Operation Order 60-66 Annex "A"
1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein)
DA NANG, RVN
21 December 1966



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Operation Order: 60-66
 Patrol: 2-C Coventry
 Debriefer: 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 CB 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. CTEER INFORMATION: INSERT AND EXTRACT WERE MADE BY HELICOPTER VIC. AT637827.
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 SANDBAGS 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

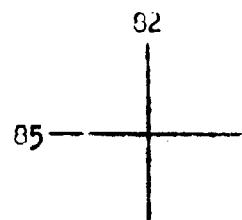
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13. PATROL MEMBERS:

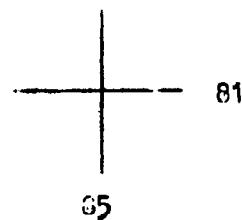
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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY



PATROL: 2-C COVENTRY
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On Page 1: substitute INSERTION TIME 011300H., COORDINATES AT9083.
 EXTRACTION TIME 041600H., EXTRACTION COORDINATES SAME.

Sec. 3.a.(2); Platoon departs CP by vehicle at 1330H, inserts via.
AT9083, extract 1500H, 04 Jan 67.

On Page 5; substitute new overlay (attached).

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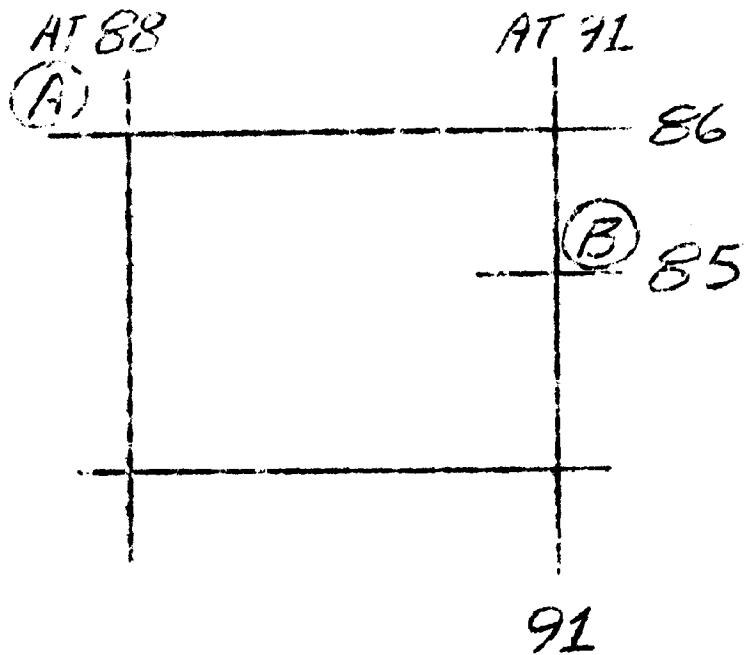
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CHANGE 2 to OPERATION ORDER 71-66 (CORN BREAD)

On Page 1; substitute INSERTION TIME 010900 H, COORDINATES AT799324
 EXTRACTION TIME 041600L.

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

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C. ALTA 1 to OPERATION ORDER 71-66 (COP. READ)On Page 1; substitute Reservation TI # 301400L, COORD AT AC 205464
EXTRICATION TIME 021500H.Sec. 3.a.(2); Platoon depart CP at 1400H, insert vic. AC 205464,
extract 1500H, 02 Jan 67.

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 C.I. 11A
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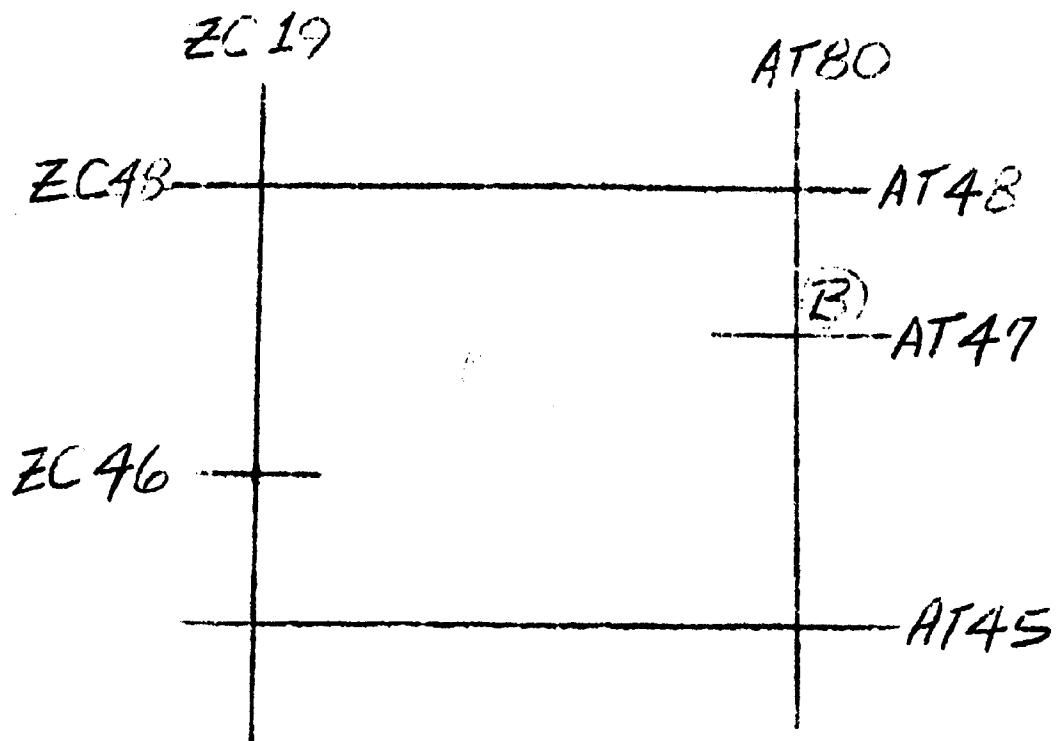
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DA NANG, RVN

26 December 1966

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 BEEF

PATROL LEADER Lt. KING

NO. PERS. 14INSERTION TIME 220700HCOORDINATES 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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c. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Ref. (b).
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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 enter 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 to patrol by 0600 to any preceding patrol.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operations, (to include one day extra rations in the event of extraction).
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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 37.9
- (2) Alternate Net 36.4
- (3) Artillery (1) 39.8 - ARNICA ECHO
(2) 37.3 - REDWOOD SOUTH

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

d. Call Signs: Net Control:

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

e. Command Posts:

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

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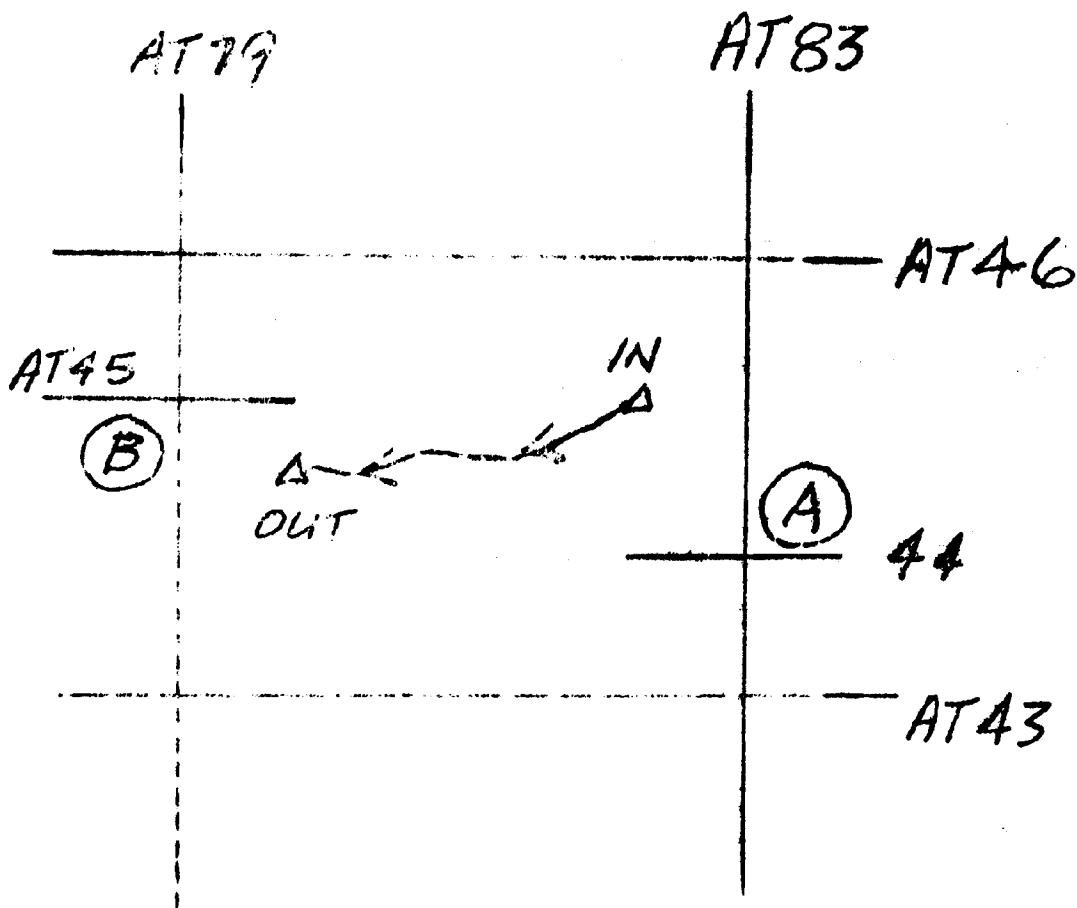
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1st Recon Bn
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OPERATION ORDER: 71-66
 PATROL: 3-F CORNBREAD
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 10FF., 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 ACCOMODATE 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.

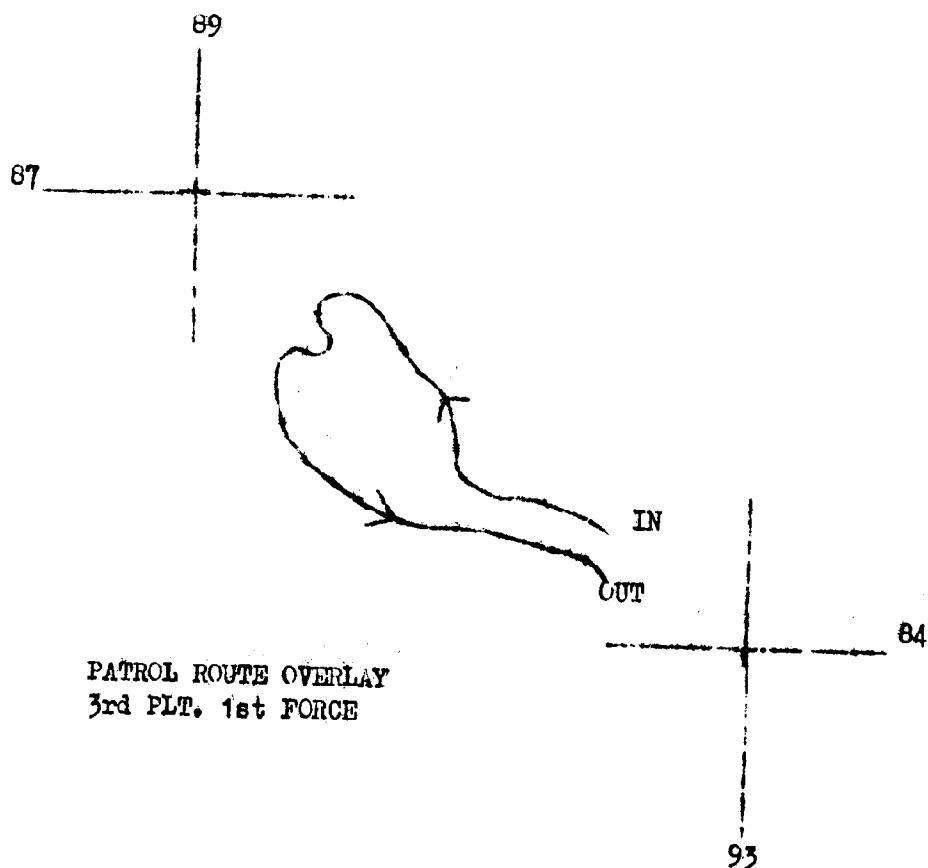
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11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A.

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
GORREN, 771 FAGAN, 858
COMBS, 752 LUCAS, 318
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 (b) BnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1stMarDivOrder P3800.1F (Intelligence SUP)
 (d) BnFragOrder Msg # 72-66

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UNIT C-3 CALL SIGN EYELET PATROL LEADER Lt. KINGNO. PERS. — INSERTION TIME 280730H COORDINATES AT 837378EXTRACTION TIME 031100H COORDINATES 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.

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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.

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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 NC 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 the 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 patrols by 1600 to any 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; AC 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:

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

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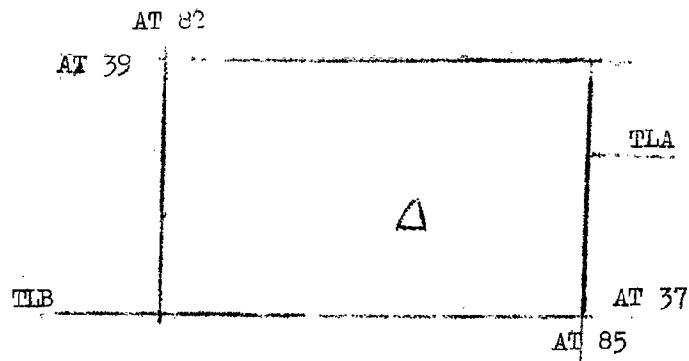
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EXTRACTION TIME 311500H.Sec. 3. a. (2); Platoon departs CP by vehicle 281500H, insert vic.
AT8560, extract 1500H, 31 Dec 66.On Page 3; substitute 5. b. (1), Primary Net 34.6, Artillery is
CHINSTRAP CHARLIE, 39.75

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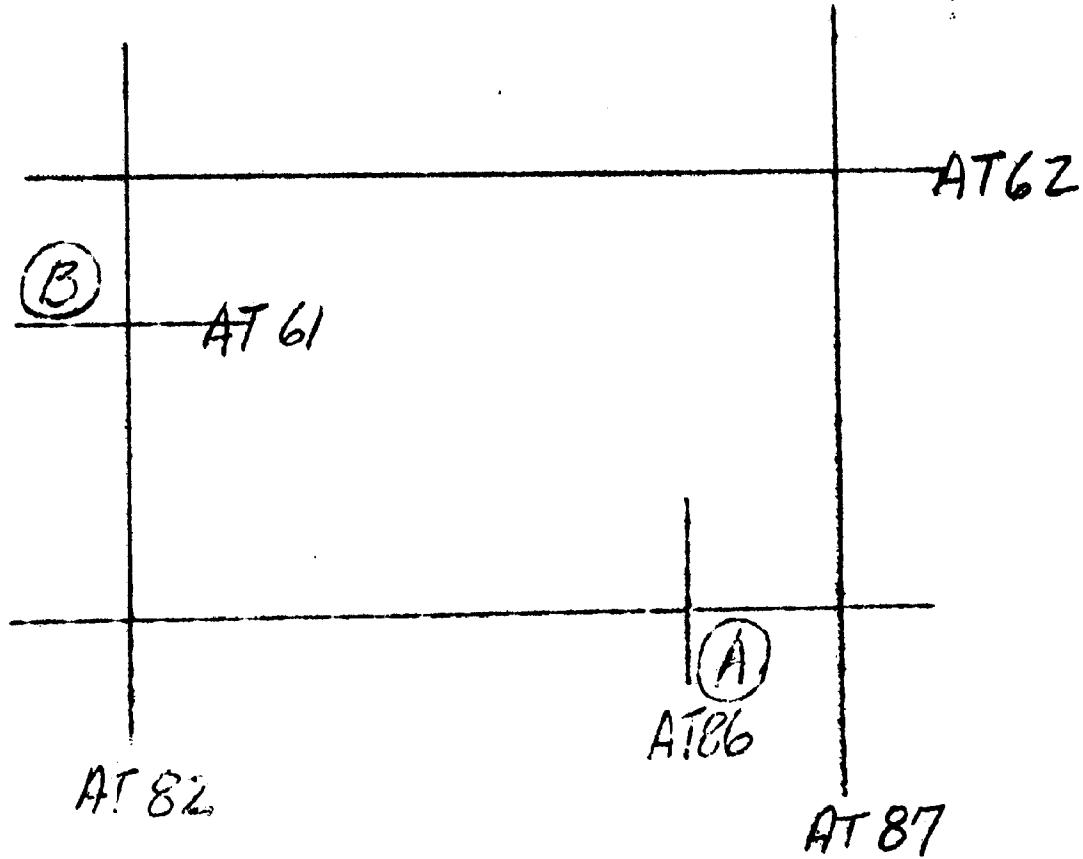
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OPERATION OILSPOT 76-66
PATROL: 2 C ELEMENT
CAPTAIN: 1/CIL R. F. GAC
VADS: VIETNAM 1:50,000
AMS L7014, 6640 IV

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1st RECONNAISSANCE BN.
DAN NG, RVN
0300 JANUARY 1967

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 IRG 25's
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 2 BLKS. C-4 1 M-60 MG. 2 M-79's 6 WI RIFLE GRE. 6 CLAYMORE AND 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 THICKETTS 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, AT 880578.

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AT 01 OF HILL 722 LOCATED AT AT84061'. THE PATROL CAME UP ON TWO LEVEL AREAS COVERED WITH 1' TO 2' ELEPHANT GRASS, CAPABLE OF ACCOMODATING EITHER 2 H-46's OR 3 H-34's APiece.

MAP 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
4. 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

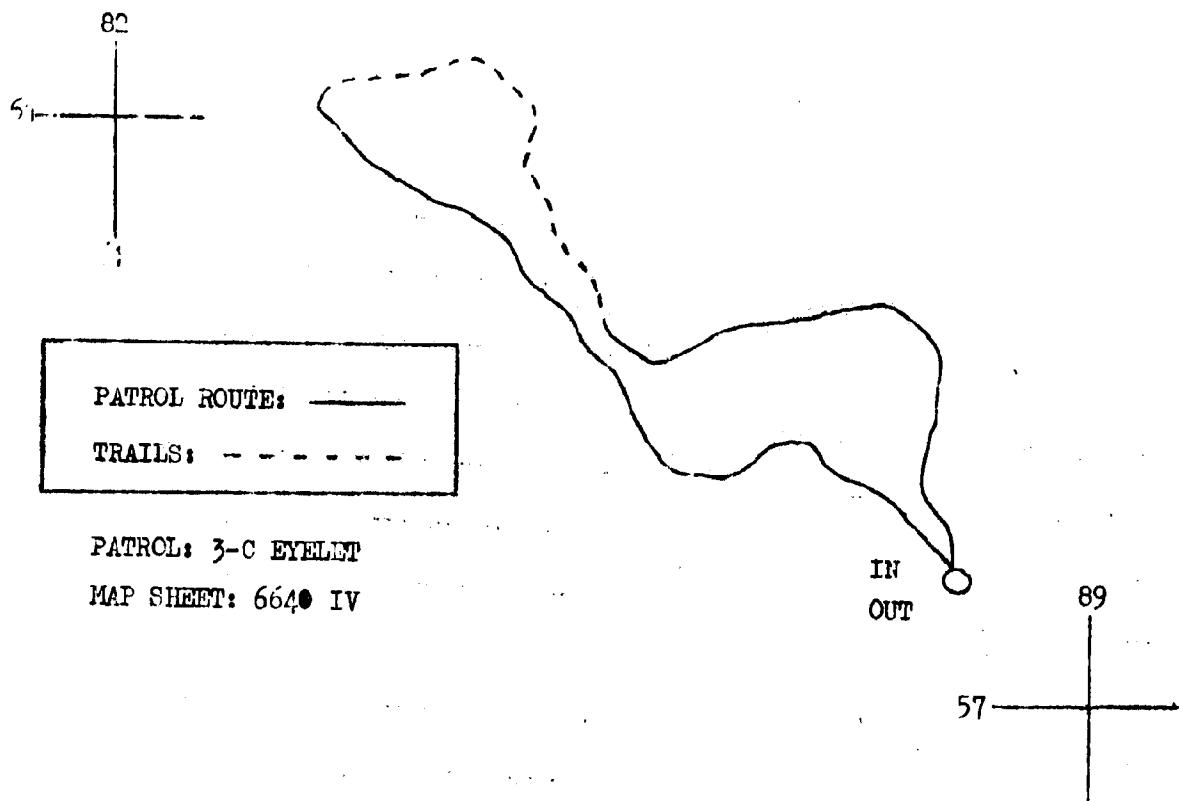
12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE

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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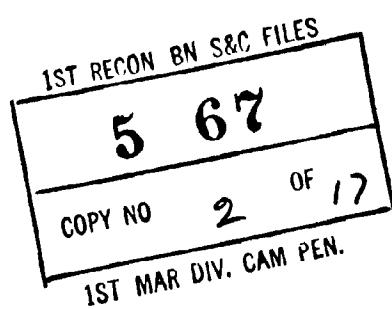
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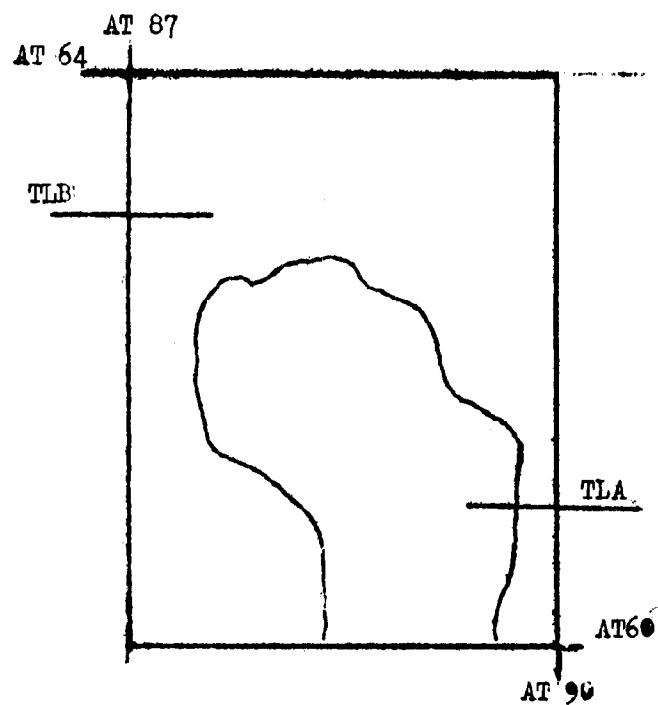
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 (b) BnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1stMrDivO P3800.1F (Intelligence SOT)
 (d) BnFragOrder Msg # 74-66

UNIT C-1 CALL SIGN CIRCUMSTANCE PATROL LEADER Lt. FABLENO. 1006 INSERTION TIME 200700H COORDINATES BT009448EXTRACTION TIME 021600H COORDINATES BT0224691. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces: Current IIPSUM's (Make a final check with S-2).
 b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
 e. 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 200700H 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.
 - (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, LAW 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 report, list of all serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 1600, to any preceding patrol.

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

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

b. FREQUENCIES:

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

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

- 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); v/o. AT 959752

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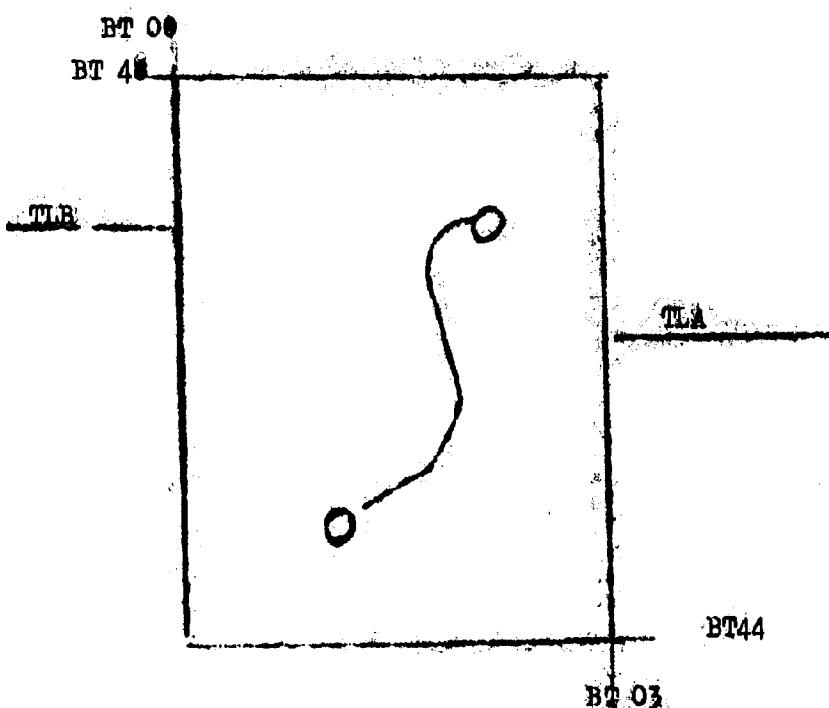
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PATROL REPORT

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 NC 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 HEED EIGHT AND ABOVE.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT WAS MADE BY TRUCK VIC. AT881579. A HELICOPTER EXTRACT WAS MADE VIC. AT878615.
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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 PATROL LEADER

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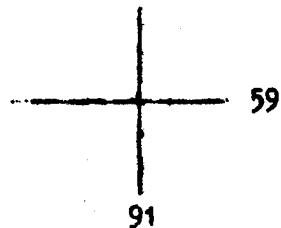
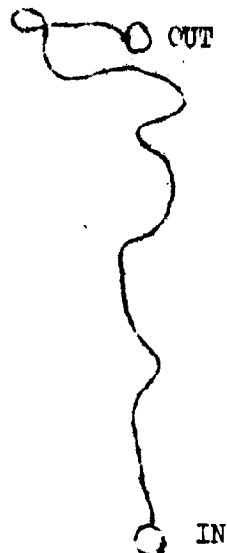
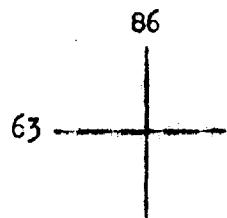
12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

FABLE, 089598	JORGENSEN, 2148368
HINSHAW, 1632238	PIPPET, 2129816
WYNNE, 2140720	RINZMAN, 2226368
BIBLE, 2209956	SIMONS, 2233475
BLIESMAN, 2212757	DOWNING, 2271144
MACEY, 2119142	SIMCOX, 2221206
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 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.

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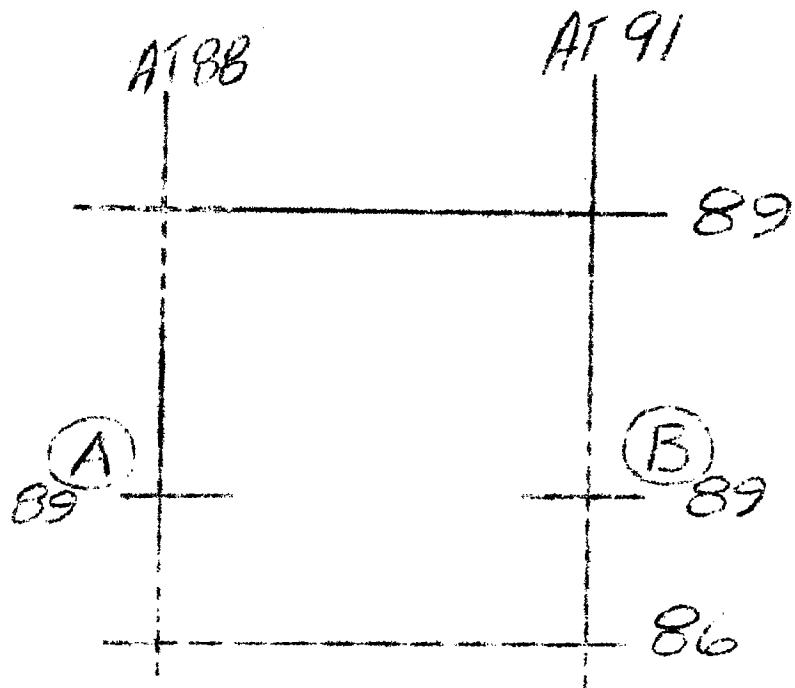
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OPERATION ORDER # 75-66

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 (b) BnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1stMarDivO P3800, LF (Intelligence SUP)
 (d) BnFragOrder msg # 75-66

UNIT 3-B CALL SIGN BULL RUSH PATROL LEADER Cpl SGT STOWENO. PERS. 22 INSERTION TIME 010800H COORDINATES AT 969379EXTRACTION TIME 041500H COORDINATES AS DESIGNATED1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S-2).
 b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
 c. Attachments and Detachments: 2 Scout 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 v/c. AT 969379, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1500H, on 4 January 1967 v/c. 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 VC 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 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 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 personnel list, list of all serialized equipment and number of patrols by 1600 of any 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; Heli; 10 Net 36.4
- (2) Alternate Net 34.6
- (3) Artillery (1) 37.3 REDWOOD SOUTH
(2) 39.8 ARNICA ECHO

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

- d. Call Signs:

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

- e. Command Post:

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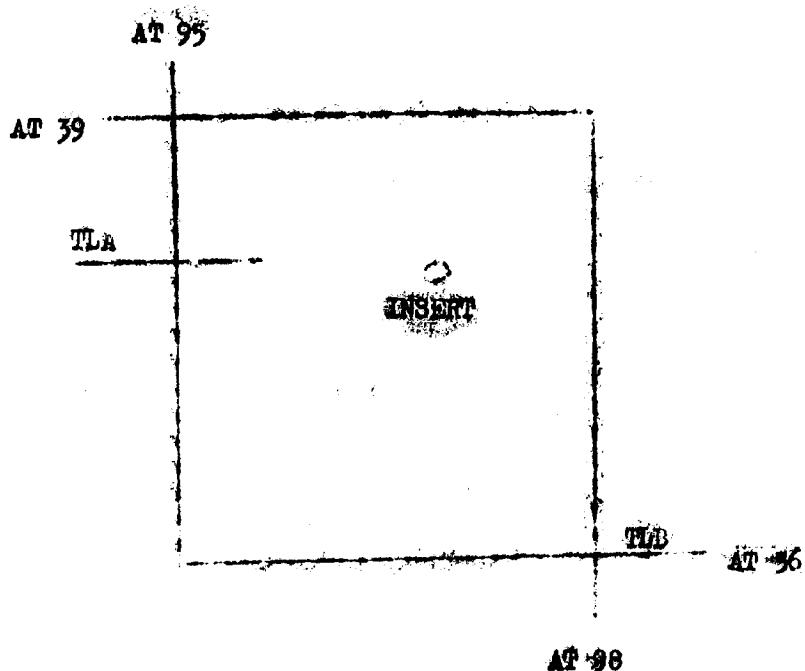
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PATROL REPORT

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.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN THE AREA ASSIGNED, WITH PRIMARY OBSERVATION TO THE EAST AND SOUTHEAST.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 041300H/051500H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. 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 PATROL'S PT's; BLK. PJ's; 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 CARBINE BRK'S.
 - B. TERRAIN: VEGETATION ON TOP OF RIDGELINE IS 3'-10' HIGH AND EX- PLELY THICK ALL OVER THE FINGER; VINES, BUSHES, AND TREES OF ALL SIZES ARE PRESENT. AS YOU LOP OFF THE FINGER TO THE EAST, THE FOREST BECOMES SPICER AND LAYERED.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT WAS BY TRUCK VIC. AT 925845; EXTRACTION
WAS BY HELO. VIC. AT 1877, A BANANA GROVE AND UNCULTIVATED RICE PADDLES.

TRAILS ARE AS SHOWN ON THE MAP; VERY LARGE MAIN TRAIL 4'-5' WIDE
WITH INTERMITTENT CLEARED AREAS 8'-10' WIDE. HILL'S COULD BE QUICKLY
MADE ANYPLACE ALONG THE TOP OF THE HIGHER GROUND, 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.
AT 925857, 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
PLenty OF AMMUNITION.

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

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

12. COMMENTS BY DELIVERER: AFTER EXECUTIVE PATROULING IN THIS AREA FOR
SEVERAL WEEKS, THIS IS THE FIRST CONTACT EXPERIENCED BY ANY PATROL.

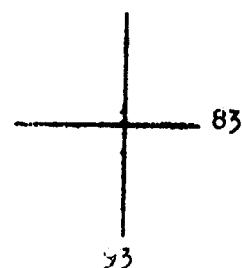
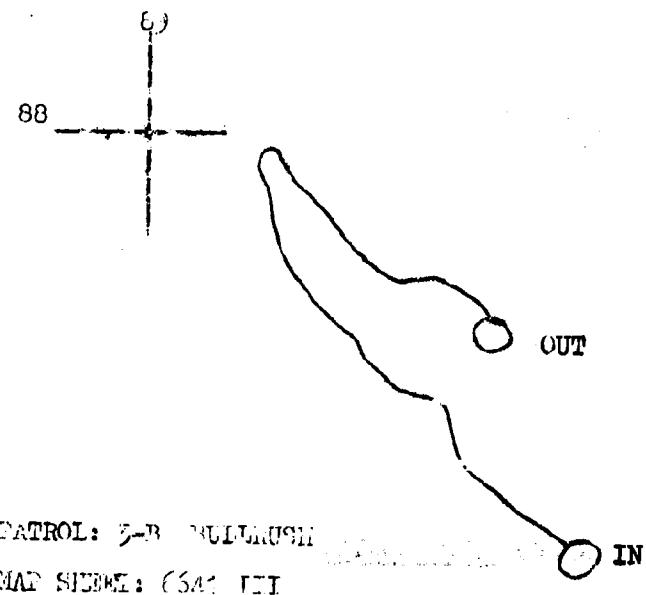
13. PATROL MEMBERS:

BELOW	189549	CITY	2144851
ABBUCKLE	204049	JONES	2073933
GRADY	2156487	BINGHAM	2184486
SUTTHI	2214782	POSITION	2075197
ANDERSON	2152304	WASHINGTON	1946210
DRAKE	2106648	ELVISON	2290653
JENKINS	2163267	PUTTHIBET	2153392
STEVENS	2200018	GOTTWALD	2269364
BLAULD	1907346	SHARON	209953
WILSON	2211615	SPURGEON	2137796
DET INF	2174216	SIMPSON	2111040

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UNIT 2-3

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PATROL LEADER Lt. DUNN

NO. PERS. 20INSERTION TIME 010700HCOORDINATES AT837378EXTRACTION TIME 061500HCOORDINATES 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 area assigned, as directed.

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Annex "A" (operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs LZ 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.
- (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.
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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.
- (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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- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol log, list of all serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 1600 on any 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 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 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 OVEN - Patrol
BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
BLACK COAT - AO
REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
ARNICA ECHO - Arty

e. Command Post:

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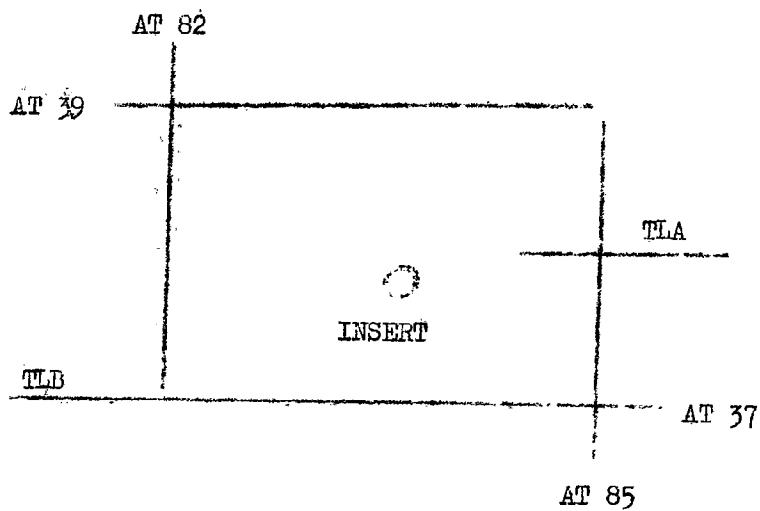
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PATROL REPORT

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. AT 236378, 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 LZ 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 LZ 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. #12

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.

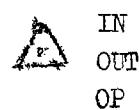
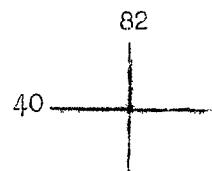
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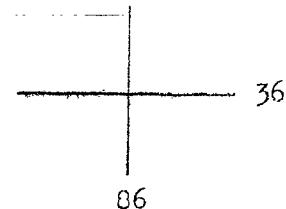
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DUNN 096578	MARTIN 2320061
ALEXANDER 1666200	MCINTOSH 2101082
FERGUSON 2100266	ROYAL 2101054
GUGICE 2217826	REYNA 2226673
COOK 2079558	CARLISLE 2247580
TAYLOR 2073220	ROBINSON 2067888
BURNS 2118089	THOMAS 2149845
RODRIGUEZ 2192985	THIelen 2114100
GREENE 2225272	SMITH 2168419
FAIR 2073561	STONE 2137611
BRIESCH 2185374	SMTTH 2136570
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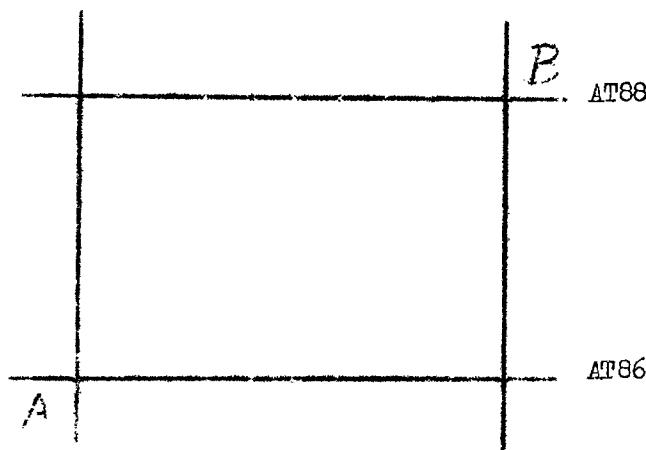
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UNIT 1-F CALL SIGN CHICKEN PIE PATROL LEADER Lt. BARNESNO. PERS. 13/2 dogs INSERTION TIME 030700H COORDINATES ZC 166506EXTRACTION TIME 061600H COORDINATES ZC 1584751. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S-2).
- b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's.
- c. Attachments and Detachments: (2) 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 LC FINCH at 030700H and inserts at vtc. ZC 166506, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H, on 6 January 67 vtc. 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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- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol log, list of all serialized equipment and roster to patrol by 1600 in 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 34.6
- (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:

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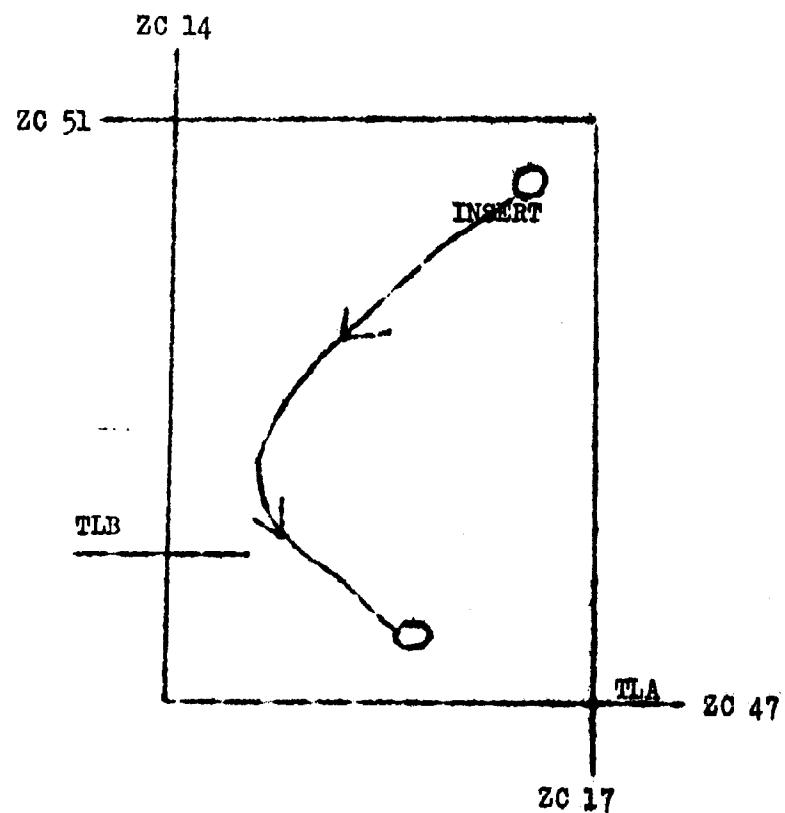
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PATROL REPORT

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. SITCOPIS: 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. AT881831; 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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ENCOUNTERS, PATROLS, AND OF OLD FARMING, VIC. AT&54867.

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

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

AT876248: FOUND NEARBY SMALL BITS OF MATTED GRASS, PERHAPS MADE BY ANIMALS.

AT876852: FOUND VIETNAMESE LIGHTER.

AT865356. FROM HERE TO THE TOP OF HILL 444 (AT889865) THERE IS A WELL USED TRAIL ABOUT 10 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).

AT848350: 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.

AT853364. OBSERVED SOME OLD BROKEN DOWN STONE WALLS.

AT8053064: FOUND 3 SMALL TUNNELS, BUT COULD NOT FOLLOW THEM TO THEIR SOURCE.

AT854849: FOUND TWO OLD FRENCH BLOCKHOUSES 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 NOTTING 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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TYPE IT TOO MUCH COPY PRACTICALLY ALMOST THE WHOLE OF THE YEAR FOR
EFFECTIVE OBSERVATION FROM THE AIR OR THE GROUND IT SHOULD BEST BE IN-
VESTIGATED BY INFANTRY CONDUCTING A HOUSE TO HOUSE SEARCH.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

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1st PLT. 1st FORCE
PATROL LEADER

12a. COMMENTS BY OPERATOR: N/A

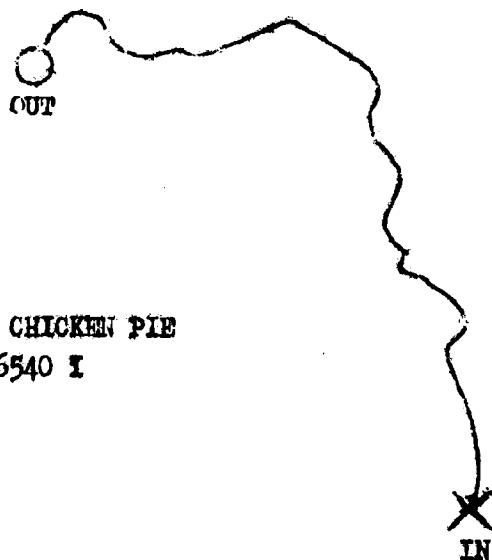
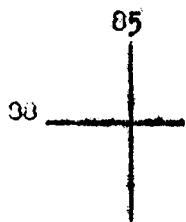
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JENNINGS, 1558826
LARMENT, 2111518
CHAMBERS, 2152186
ROSS, 2091718
HONEYMAN, 2090194

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UNIT B-1 CALL SIGN CHARGE SHEET PATROL LEADER Lt. CAMPBELLNO. PERS. 23 INSERTION TIME 050800H COORDINATES AT 917314EXTRACTION TIME 031600H COORDINATES AT 8973141. 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 050800H 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 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 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 order, list of all serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 0600 hrs any 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 Codes: 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/o. AT 959752.

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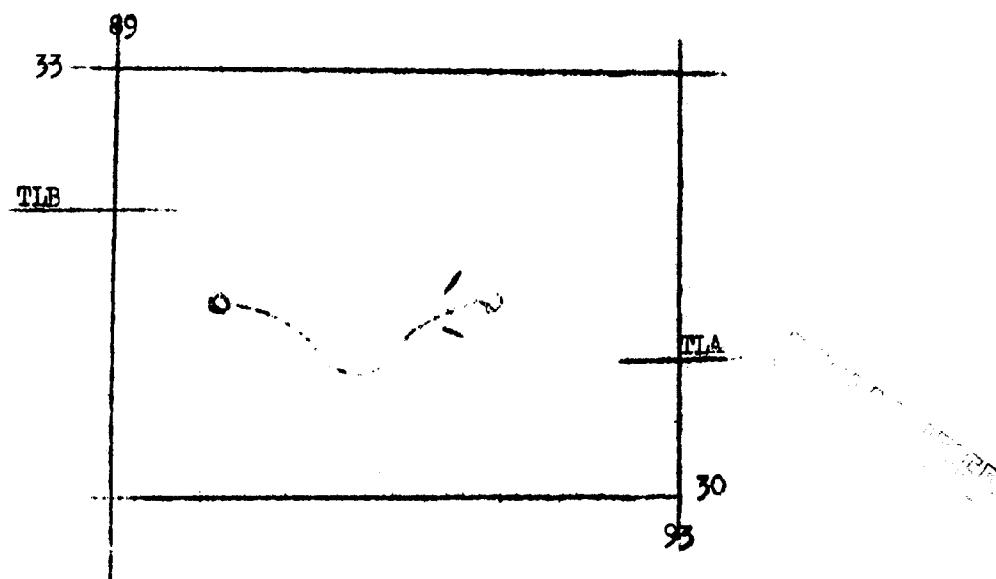
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 18 EN, 1 USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
 - C. COM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 2 7x50's.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-60; 2 M-19'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:

090930F	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 NO CHI MINH SANDALS. THEY CARRIED NO DOCUMENTS OR IDENTIFICATION OF ANY KIND.
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 - 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. AT 902312 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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1st PLT. CO. B
PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

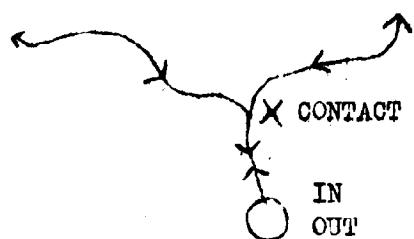
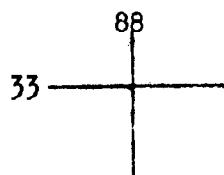
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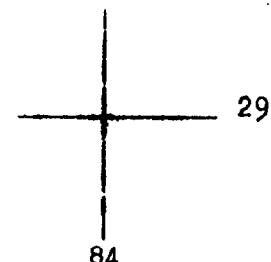
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UNIT 5-F

CALL SIGN CONFETIONPATROL LEADER Lt. GUTERMANNO. 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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(3) Emphasis throughout the reconnaissance effort will be placed upon:

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- (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 VC and/or VCS.

c. Coordinating Instructions:

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- (3) Submit BRAVO report every two hours.
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- (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 the 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 log, list of all serialized equipment and number of patrols by 1600 hrs to the 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 CONFETION - 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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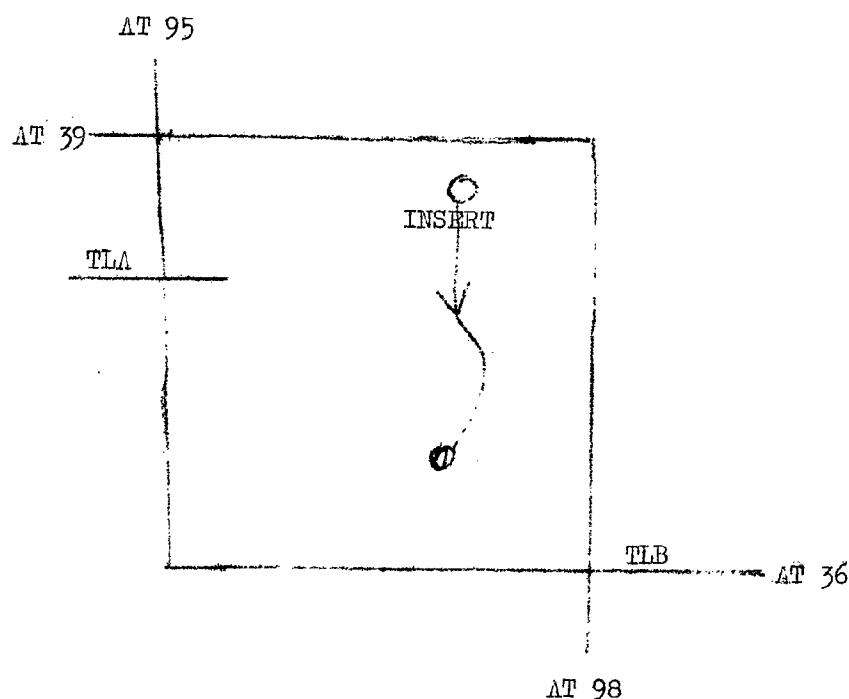
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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- 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 PRACTICE 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 TOTALLING 23 VC AND 83 VCS. ONE ARMY. FM WAS CONDUCTED RESULTING IN 3 VC KIA (CONF) AND 5 TO 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	AT954354	MADE SIGHTINGS TOTALLING 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; ELK. 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.

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CALLED ARMY. FM's AT BOTH ENDS OF GEORGE, VIC. 950350 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	AT90384	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. AT900384. 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 LESSENED. THESE 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 CHOSEN 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 LZ's VIC. AT9438.

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 OPPERTUNITY 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 ARTILLIARY PEOPLE PREVENTED THE SECOND FROM BEING CLEARED.

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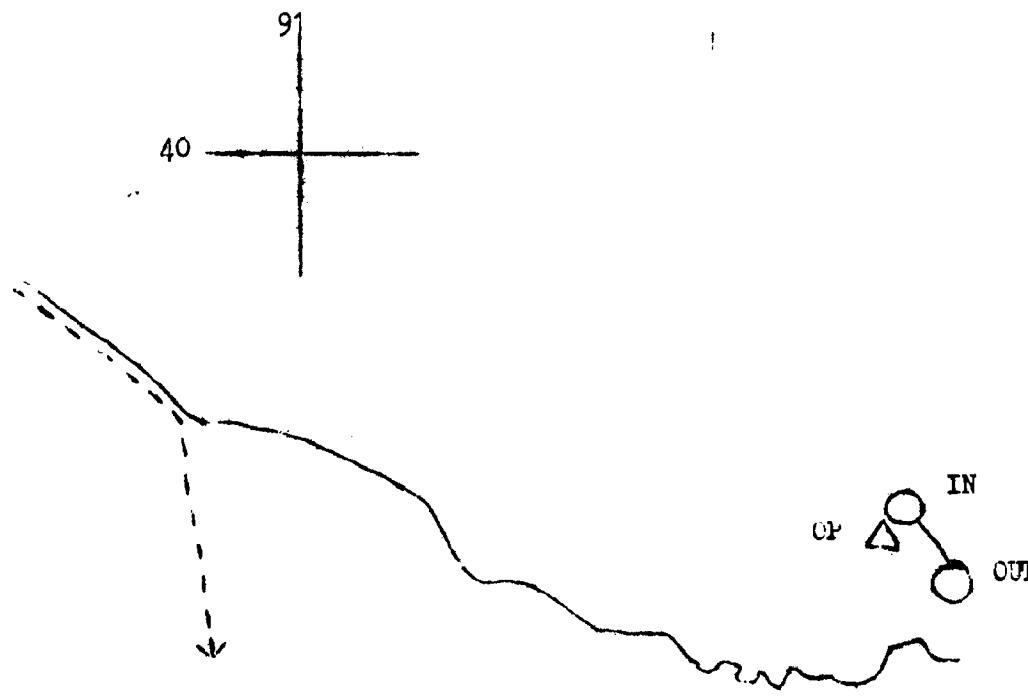
12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

GUETERMAN	096830	GLOR	2259423
WATSON	2047728	SLOWICK	2279768
COBB	2101639	GARDNER	2277301
BOWE	2029612	WILLIS	3507405
PUGH	2147226	ELLISON	2030135
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Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM 1:50,000; Sheet 6640 III
 (b) BnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)
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UNIT C-3 CALL SIGN EYELET PATROL LEADER Lt. KINGNO. PERS. 22 INSERTION TIME 061000H COORDINATES AT 837378EXTRACTION TIME 121000H COORDINATES 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. EXECUTIONa. Concept of Operations:

- (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 (o).
- (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 order, list of all serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 1600 hrs on 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 En. (Rein); vic. AT 959752.

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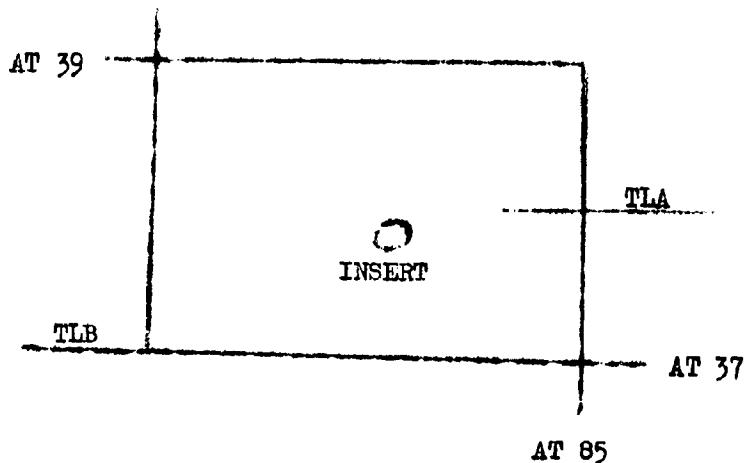
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 18 EN, 1 USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 1 BC SCOPE; 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 LAAM'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 TOTALLING 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 CONDUCTED.
121630H	AT875372	8 VC MOVING EAST ON TRAIL; BLK. PJ's, LIGHT GREEN UNIFORMS, PACKS, RIFLES, AND 2 SHOT WEAPONS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN SUB-MACHINE GUNS. CONDUCTED FM WITH GOOD COVERAGE; 2 VC KIA (CONF)

7. OTHER INFORMATION: THE LZ OF INSERT AND EXTRACT WAS IMPROVED SOMEWHAT 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 (PROB).

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THIS IS AN EXCELLENT OP WITH RESPECT 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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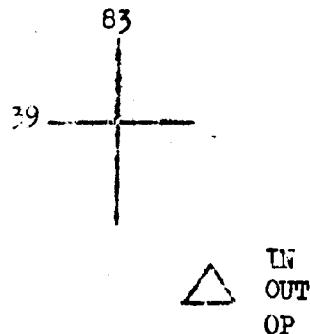
12. COMMENTS BY DE [REDACTED] REFER: THE ADDITION OF A .50 C [REDACTED] MACHINE GUN AS WELL AS IMPROVED OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT IS PLANNED FOR THIS OP IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

KING, 092232	GIRVIN, 2291446
MAIL, 1365314	ADCOX, 2223446
WRIGHT, 1869136	WILSON, 2169680
WILSON, 2046125	PODSCHELNE, 2190747
BUTLER, 1518253	REASON, 2172165
FISH, 2148533	HAYES, 2135328
SLEEPER, 2249559	ANDERSON, 2244520
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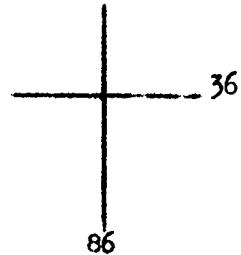
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CALL SIGN CORN PLEAD

PATROL LEADER Lt. KING

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INSERTION TIME 0700H

COORDINATES AT 837827

EXTRACTION TIME 1300H

COORDINATES AT 837827

1. INITIATION.

a. Enemy Forces: Current ENEMY's (Make a final check with S-2).
 b. riendly Forces: Current ONSUM's and PIR's.
 c. Attachments and Detachments:
 d. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed.

2. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation:

(1) Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
 (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 0700H 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:

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

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AMMUNITION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Reference (u).
- 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 red-evacs will be performed in accordance with previous instructions.

COMM AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

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

b. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary; Helo; AD Net: ~~36-4~~ 34.0
- (2) Alternate Net ~~45.1~~
- (3) Artillery (1) 37.3 REDWOOD NORTH
(2) 37.4 PIED PIPER FOXTROT

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

d. Call Signs:

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

e. Command Posts:

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

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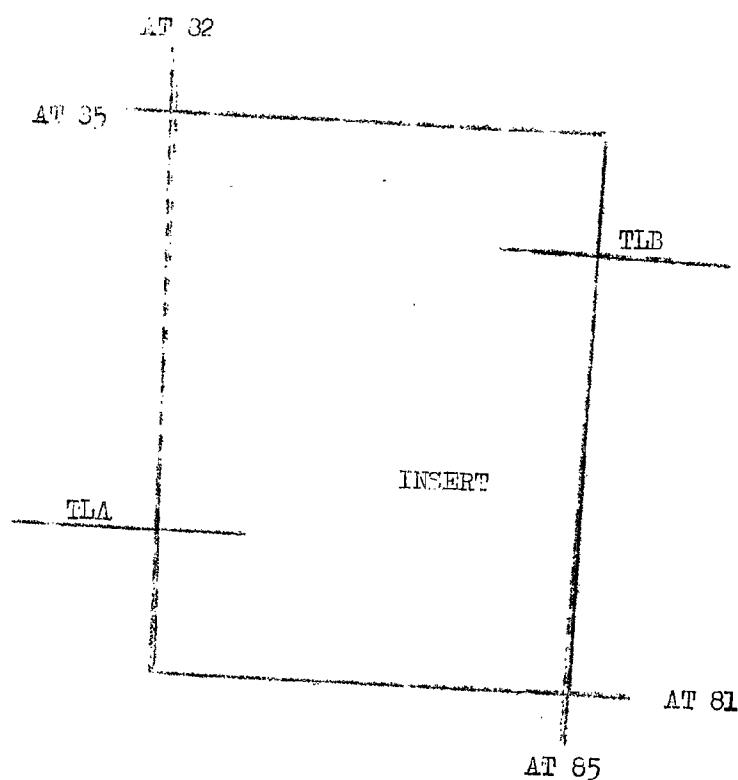
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On Page 1; substitute INSERTION TIME 091300H at COORDINATES A19085,
EXTRACTION TIME 1600H, on 12 January 1967, at COORDINATES A18785.

Sec. 3. a. (2); Platoon departs CP by vehicle at 1300H, inserts 1100,
A10785, extracts 1600H, 12 January 1967.

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

Primary, Helo, and AO Net 34.0

Alternate Net 34.5

Artillery (1) Redwood North 37.3 (OOF)
 (2) Redwood North 36.9 (Admin)
 (3) Polish Hotel 37.4 (105's)

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

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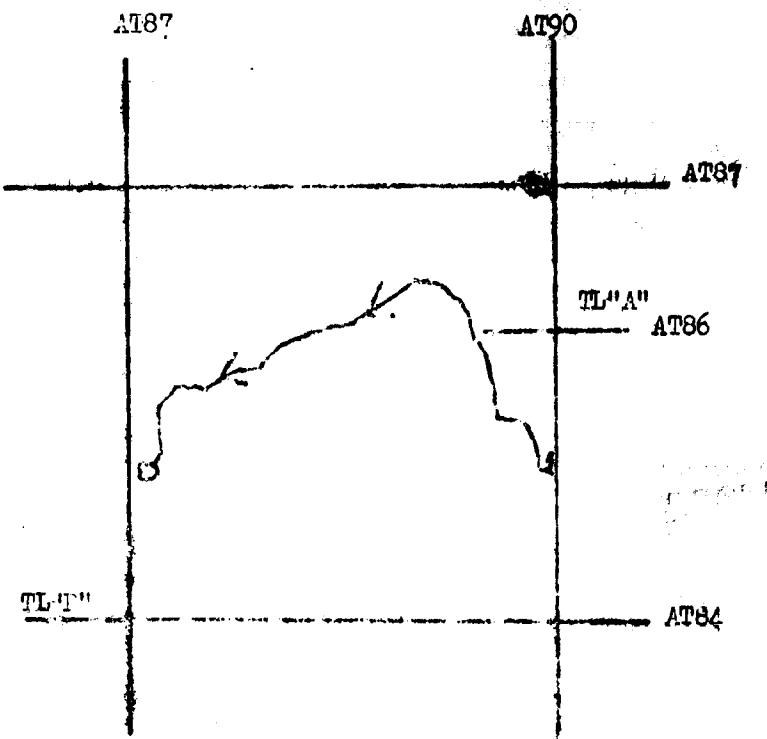
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UNIT 3-B CALL SIGN BULL RUSH PATROL LEADER Sgt. BELOWNO. PERS. 25 INSERTION TIME 080700H COORDINATES ZC 166506EXTRACTION TIME 111600H COORDINATES ZC 1584751. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S-2).
 b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIR's. ~~DECLASSIFIED~~
 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 vic. ZC 158475. ~~DECLASSIFIED~~

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.

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 (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 order, list of all serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 1600 hrs on 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 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
PEDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
ARNICA ECHO - Arty
STANLEY LOOKER - Arty

- e. Command Post:

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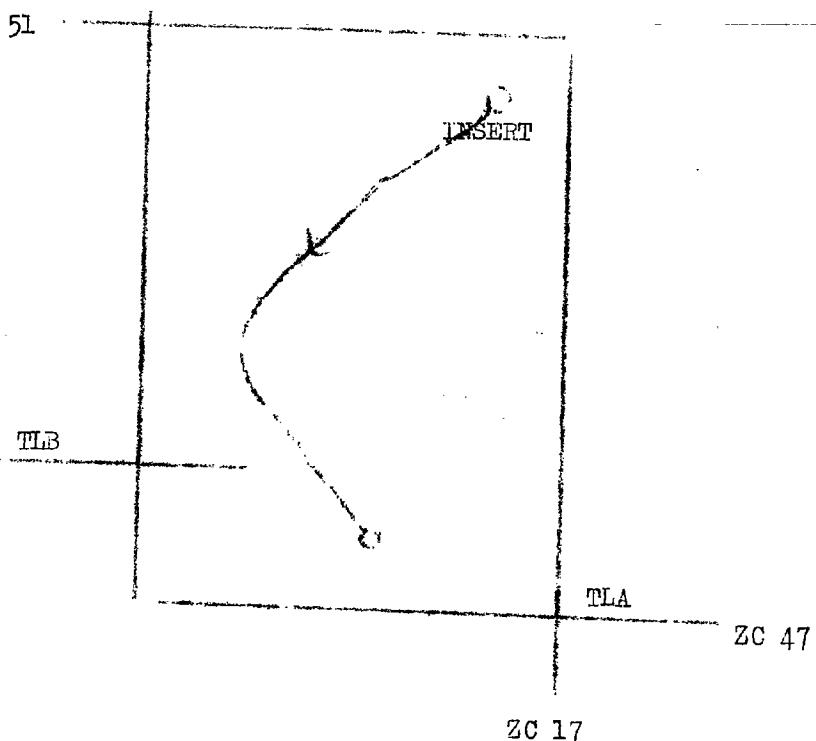
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PATROL REPORT

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 HIZ 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-

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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 LEADER: NONE.
13. PATROL MEMBERS:

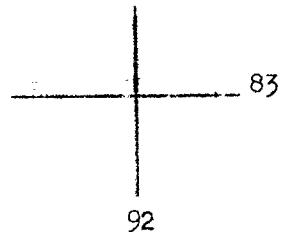
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PATROL: 3-B BULLRUSH

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(b) BnPlt 323-66
(c) 1stMarDiv0 P3800.1F (Intelligence SUP)
(d) BnFragOrder Msg # 06-67

UNIT 1-F CALL SIGN NIGHT STICKER PATROL LEADER Lt. BARNES

NO. PERS. 17 INSERTION TIME 110700H COORDINATES AT 012436

EXTRACTION TIME 14000H COORDINATES AT 799415

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUL's (Make a final check with S-2).
- b. Friendly Forces: Current CPSUM's and FIRL'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 012436, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H, on 14 January 1967 vic. AT 799415.

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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 560° 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 (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 order, list of all serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 0600 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, 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.

• COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

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

- b. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary; Holo; AG Net 27.2
- (2) Alternate Net 34.6
- (3) Artillery (1) 37.3 REDWOOD SOUTH
(2) 32.8 ARNICA ECHO

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

- d. Call Signs:

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

- e. Command Post:

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

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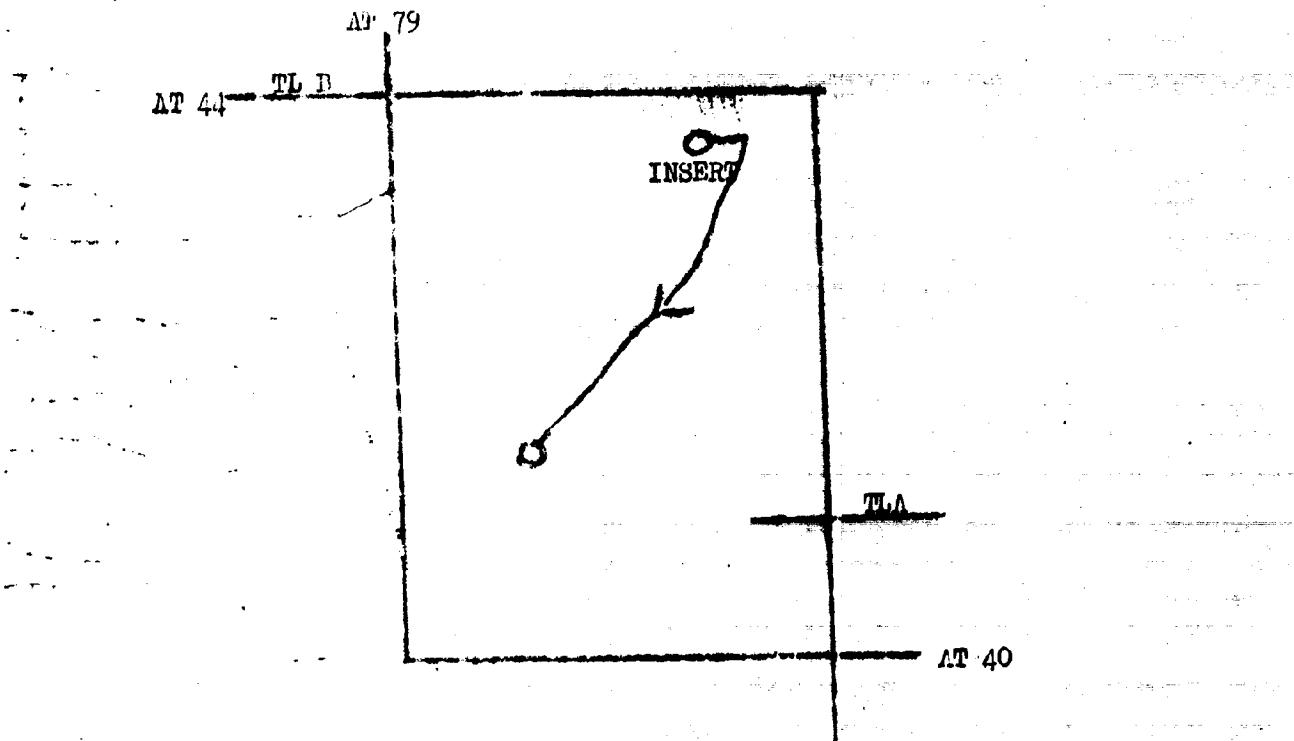
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, 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. GRPN; 4 BLKS. C-4;
 8 TRIP FLARES; 1 RED AIR PANEL; 2 MACHETES; 2 INCINDIARY GREN;
 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. SYNCPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF APPROX. 8 MINUTES WITH NEGATIVE 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 COPY MODERATLY HEAVY SECONDARY SCRUB GROWTH.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT AND EXTRACT WERE MADE VIC. AT313439, 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 BODY 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

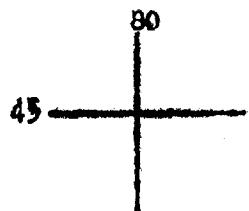
13. PATROL MEMBERS:

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JENNINGS 1558826
OTT 9178086
PISTORINO 2282996
MAISOET 2190606
BLANKENSHIP 1912460

CHAMBLES 2152063
DERMONT 2111518
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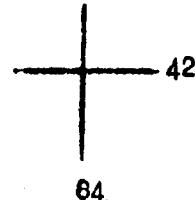
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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY



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UNIT 1-C

CALL SIGN CIRCUMSTANCEPATROL LEADER Lt. FABLE10. PERS. 21INSERTION TIME 120700HCOORDINATES AT 799322EXTRACTION TIME 151530HCOORDINATES AT 799322I. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S-2).
 b. Friendly Forces: Current CPSUM'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 FUNDII at 120700H and inserts at vto. AT 799322, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1530H, on 15 January 1967, vto. 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 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, 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 to any preceding patrol.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operations, (to include one day extra rations in the event of extension).
- c. Carry basic allowance of Class V plus at least 2 blocks 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; AD Net 37-9
- (2) Alternate Net 34-6
- (3) Artillery (1) 37-3 REDWOOD SCUTH
- (2) 39-3 ARNICA ECHO

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

d. Call Signs:

BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recom Pn.
BEACON LIGHT CIRCUMSTANCES - Patrol
BEACON LIGHT DEMIA - Radio Relay
BLACK COAT - AD
REDWOOD SCUTH - Ar'y
ARNICA ECHO - Ar'ty

e. Command Posts:

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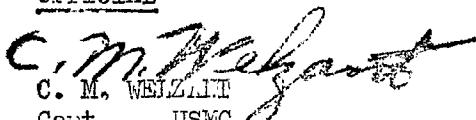
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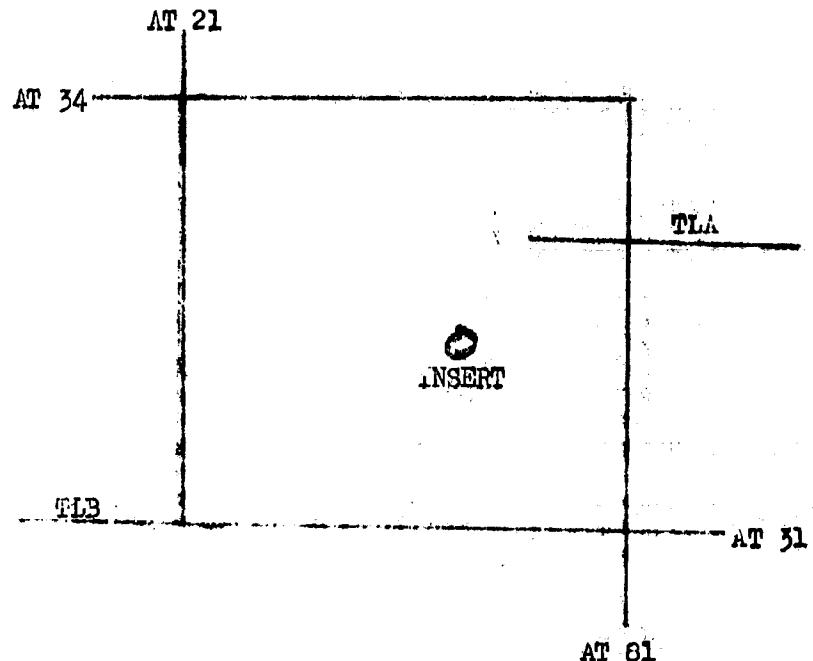
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PATROL REPORT

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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 TOTALLING 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. Z0213333, 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 121630H	ZC214316 & ZC210336	35 VC IN VILLAGE; MIXED UNIF. ALL PACKS; SCATTERED RIFLES.
121630H	AT218336	4 VC WALKING W, ON TRAIL; 3 BLK. PJS, & 1 KHLAKI; 1 RIFLE, 4 PACKS
130755H 131800H	ZC2133	23 SIGHTINGS TOTALING 132 VC OBSERVED MOVING ON TRAILS IN GRID SQUARES (Z02132) (AT7333) (AT0033) (AT7933)

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(ZC2134) (ZC2035); NO PREDOMINANT DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT; MIXED BLK. PJS. GRAY, & KHAKI UNIFORMS; PACKS & WPNS.

140945H ZC2133
141710H AT7933
AT8033

6 SIGHTINGS TOTALLING 87 VC MOVING IN AREA WITH NO PREDOMINANT DIRECTION; BLK. PJS. CAMS. UTILITIES, GRAY & KHAKI UNIF. AO 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 &
141900H ZC210330

53VC TOTAL MOVING AROUND IN VILLAGE AREA MOST SIGHTINGS OF 3 VC OR LESS; MIXED UNIF. PACKS, RIFLES, & SHOULDER POLES AIR STRIKES ABOVE CONDUCTED.

141400H AT801331
141900H

24 VC IN 1'S & 2'S MOVING BOTH E. & W. ON TRAIL; MIXED UNIF. PACKS, SHOULDER POLES, & RIFLES.

150900H AT795334

5 VC MOVING WEST ON TRAIL; 4 BLK. PJS, 1 KHAKI; 5 PACKS, 5 RIFLES.

151000H ZC210333
151030H

3 SIGHTINGS TOTALLING 5 VC WALKING WEST; 3 BLK. PJS, 2 GRAY, 4 PACKS, 2 RIFLES.

150930H AT795334
160630H

TOTAL OF 11 VC IN 7 SIGHTINGS MOVING E. & W. ON TRAIL; MIXED UNIFORMS, PACKS RIFLES AND SHOULDER POLES.

152400H AT801331
160630H

APPROX. 40 MOVING LIGHTS BOTH E. & W. ON TRAILS THIS AREA; APPEARED TO BE LANTERNS.

160730H AT795334

3 VC WALKING WEST ON TRAIL; BLK. PJS. & COTTON 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. HLTZ 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 CONTINUOUS 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 HLTZ 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 TEND 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

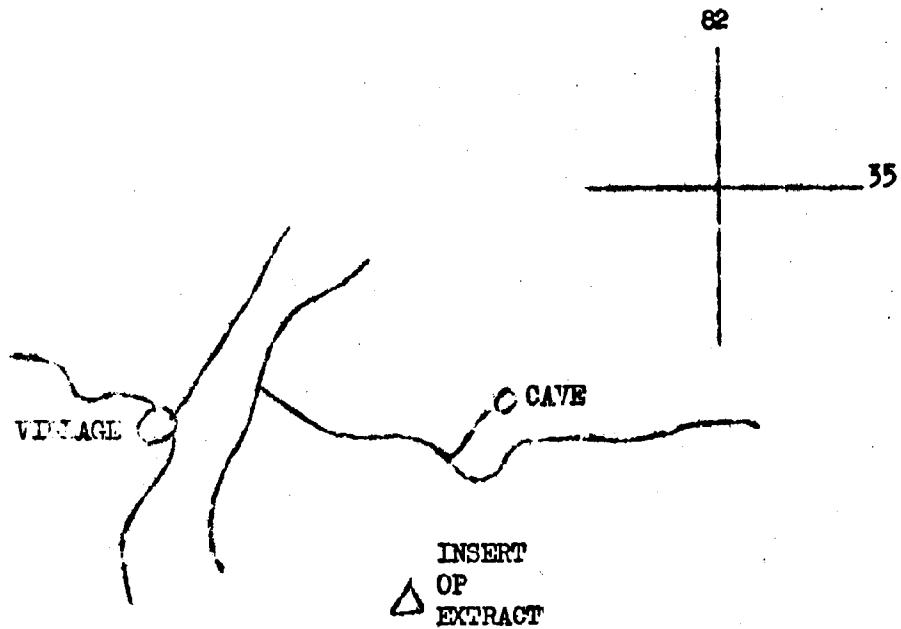
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12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: THIS IS THE FIRST TIME TH[REDACTED]A RECON. OP. HAS OPERATED IN THIS AREA; THE NUMBER OF SIGHTINGS AND TOTAL VC OBSERVED INDICATE THE HIGH LEVEL OF VC ACTIVITY HERE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

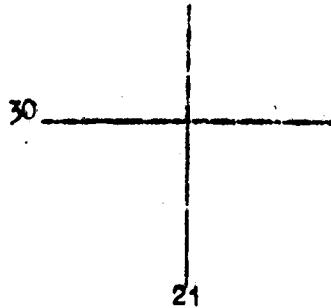
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RUPP, 2211409	SIMONS, 2233475
MACEY, 2119142	LIGGETT, 2296366
SIMCOX, 2221206	GRASER, 6923875
BIDLE, 2209956	WEICHENS, 2269707
SADDLER, 2105793	MATTHEWS, 2264959
BLEISMAN, 2212757	KING, 2101390
CISNEROS, 2269655	NEUBAUR, 091195

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PATROL: 1-G CIRCUMSTANCE

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UNIT 2-0 CALL SIGN COVENTRY PATROL LEADER LT. WOODBURN

NO. PERS. 23 INSERTION TIME 120600H COORDINATES AT 838612

EXTRACTION TIME 151600H COORDINATES AT 812602

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S-2).b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM's and PIK's.c. Attachments and Developments: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 FNUH at 120600H and inserts at vic. AT 838612, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H, on 15 January 1967 vic. AT 812602.

b. Patrol:

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

(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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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.

• COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

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

b. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary; Heli; A0 Net 34.0
- (2) Alternate Net 36.4
- (3) Artillery (1) 30.75 CHINSTRAP CHARLIE
- (2) 37.3 REDWOOD SOUTH
- (3) 35.8 ARNICA ECHO

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

d. Call Signs:

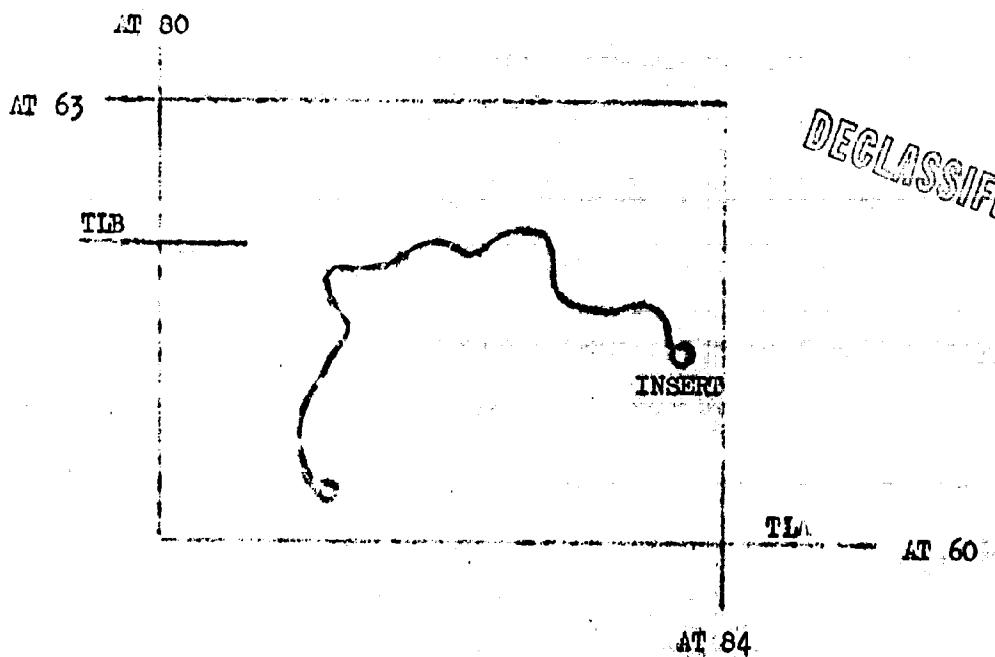
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BEACON LIGHT COVENTRY - Patrol
BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
BLACK COAT - A0
CHINSTRAP CHARLIE - Arty
REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
ARNICA ECHO - Arty

e. Command Plt:

- (1) 1st Recon Bn. (ReLi); vi36.0 959752.

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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 HOOCHES 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 A 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-

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 ARTILLERY AND TEND TO SET THEIR BASE CAMPS IN HOLLOWES, HELPING TO MASK THEM 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.

Lt. L. F. WOODBURN
2nd PLT. CO. C
PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

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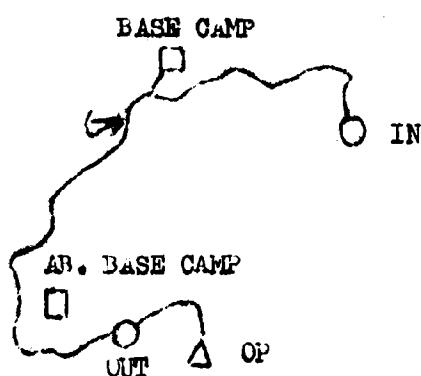
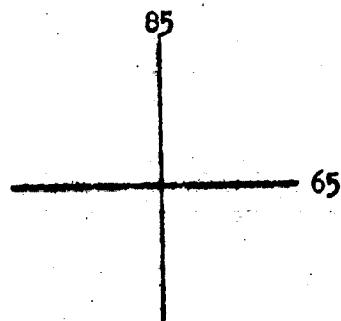
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STANFORD, 2147404
CORREA, 2030893
GEORGE, 2239816
ROLLO, 2250179
SMITH, 2185450
BROWN, 6962492

REEP, 2098624
FISHER, 2158306
ANZER, 2205348
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PATROL: 2-0 COVENTRY

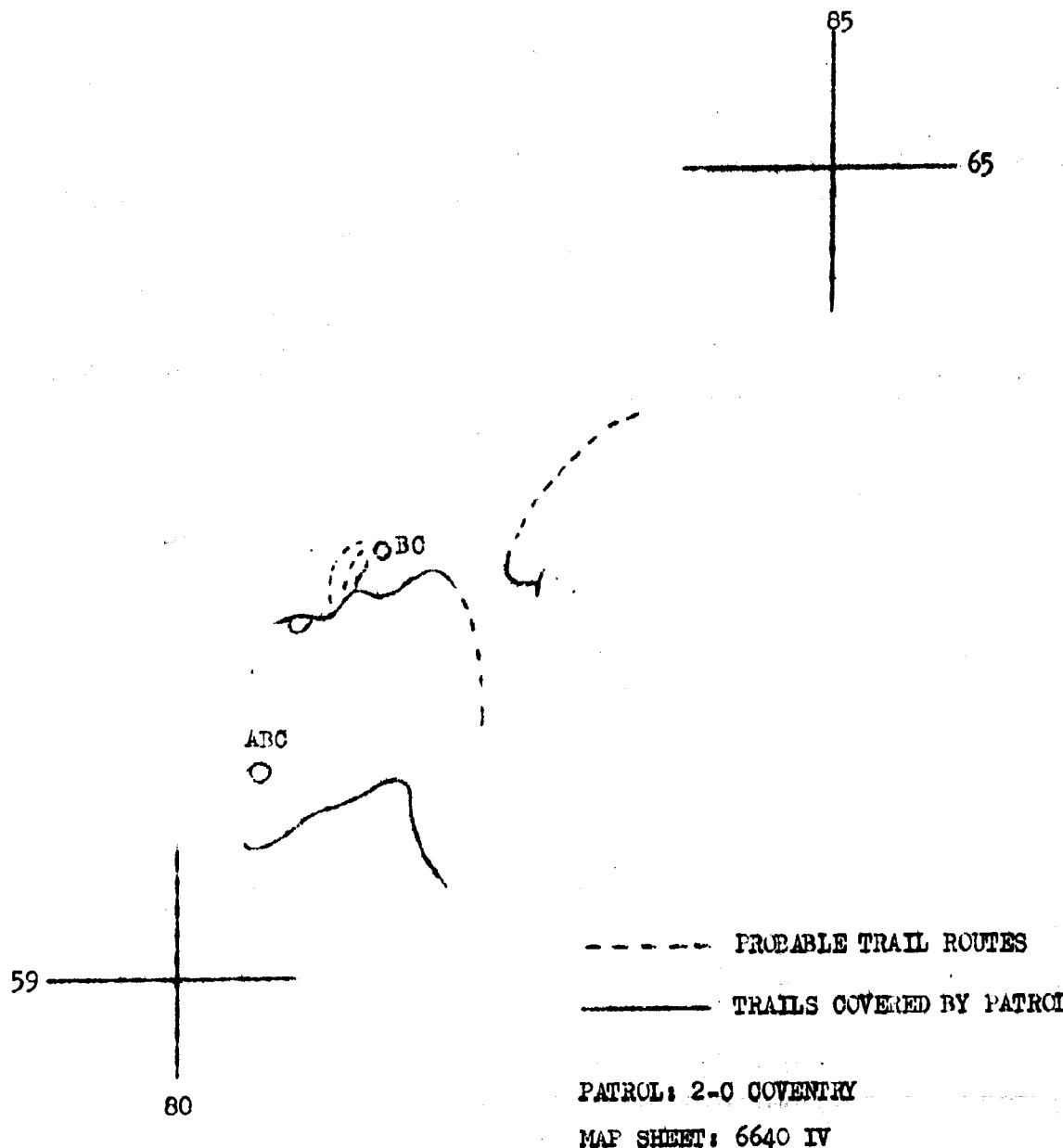
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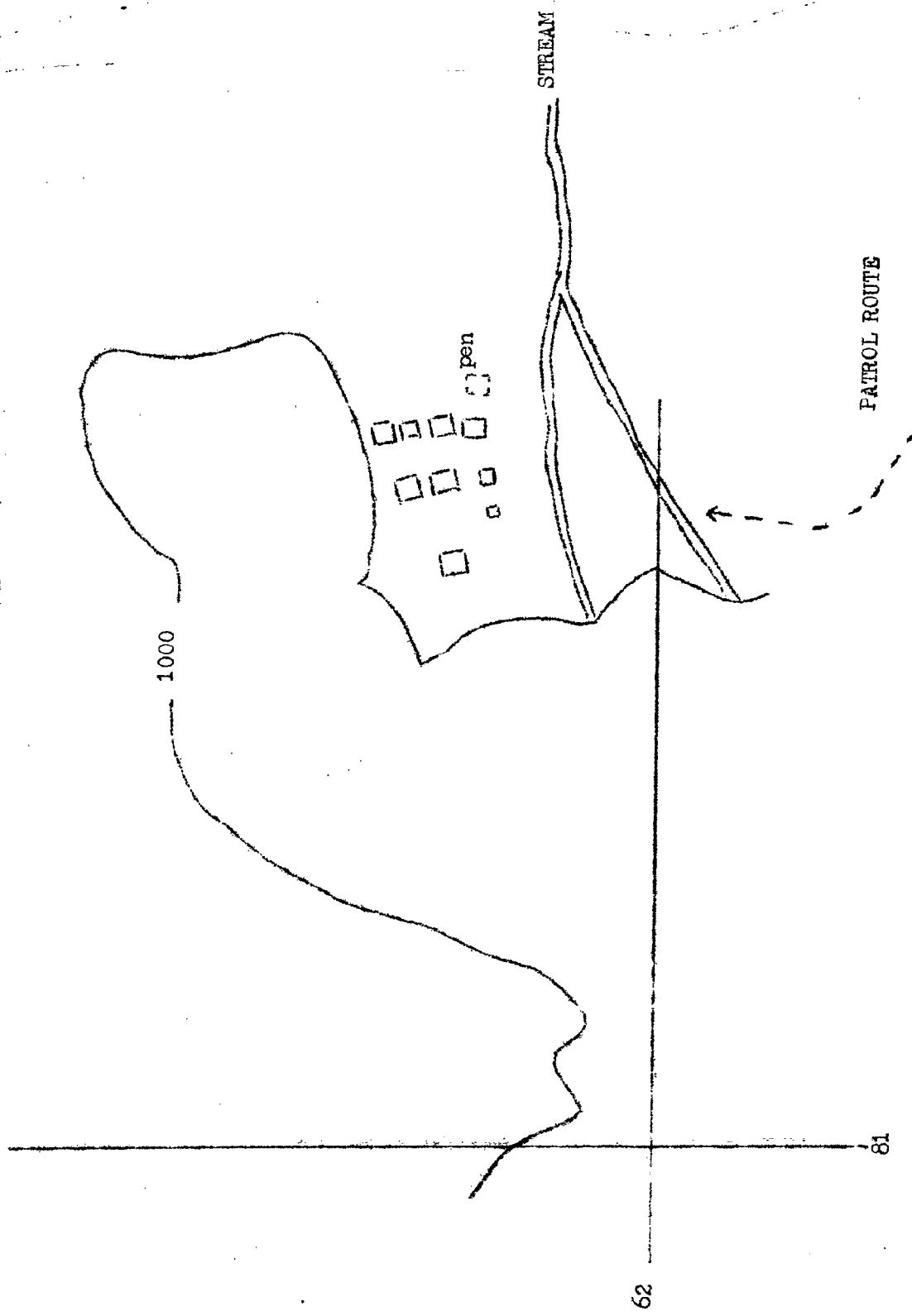
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UNIT 2-D CALL SIGN DUTCH OVEN PATROL LEADER LT. DUNN 1ST MAR DIV CAM PEN 8NO. PERS. 10 INSERTION TIME 091530H COORDINATES AT919450.EXTRACTION TIME 141400H COORDINATES SAME AS ABOVE.1. SITUATION.

- 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 FIDCH at 091530H and inserts at vio. AT919450, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1400, on 14 January 1967 vio. 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 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 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; Halo; AO Net 26.4
- (2) Alternate Net 34.6
- (3) Artillery (1) 30.7 REDWOOD SOUTH
(2) 39.9 ARNICA ECHO

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- 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 - Radiac Relay
BLACK CAT - AO
REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
ARNICA ECHO - Arty

- e. Command Post:

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

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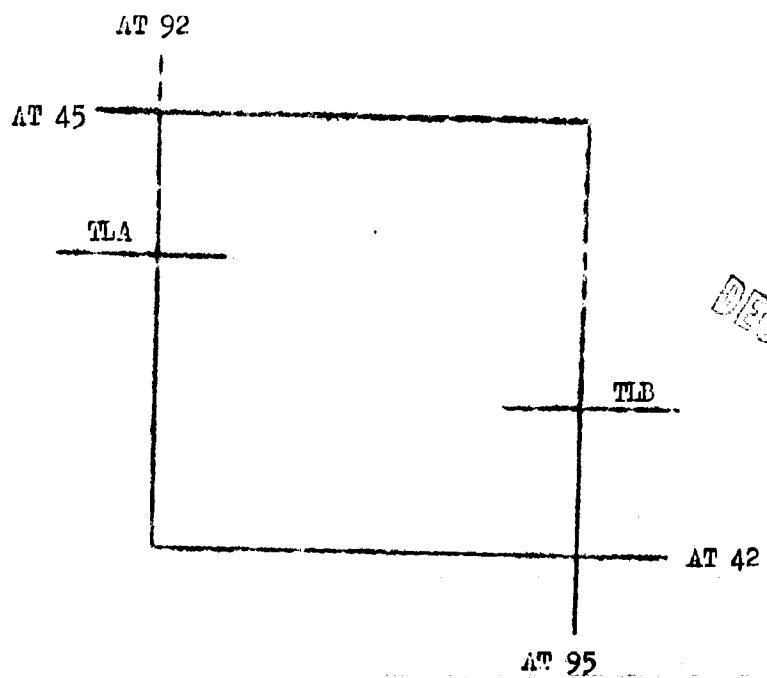
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 8 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 M6A1; 2 CLAYMORES.
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:

131540H 10878455 5 VC MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL; RUCKSACKS, BLK. PJ's, 1 CAMO. 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 NUI MAT MA, VIC. AT 10834434. 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' TO 5' IN HEIGHT.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION: THE PATROL INSERTED ITSELF BY RCT FROM AT878465; 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 WEPE 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 (AT937378), AND HILL 160 (AT98323). 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:

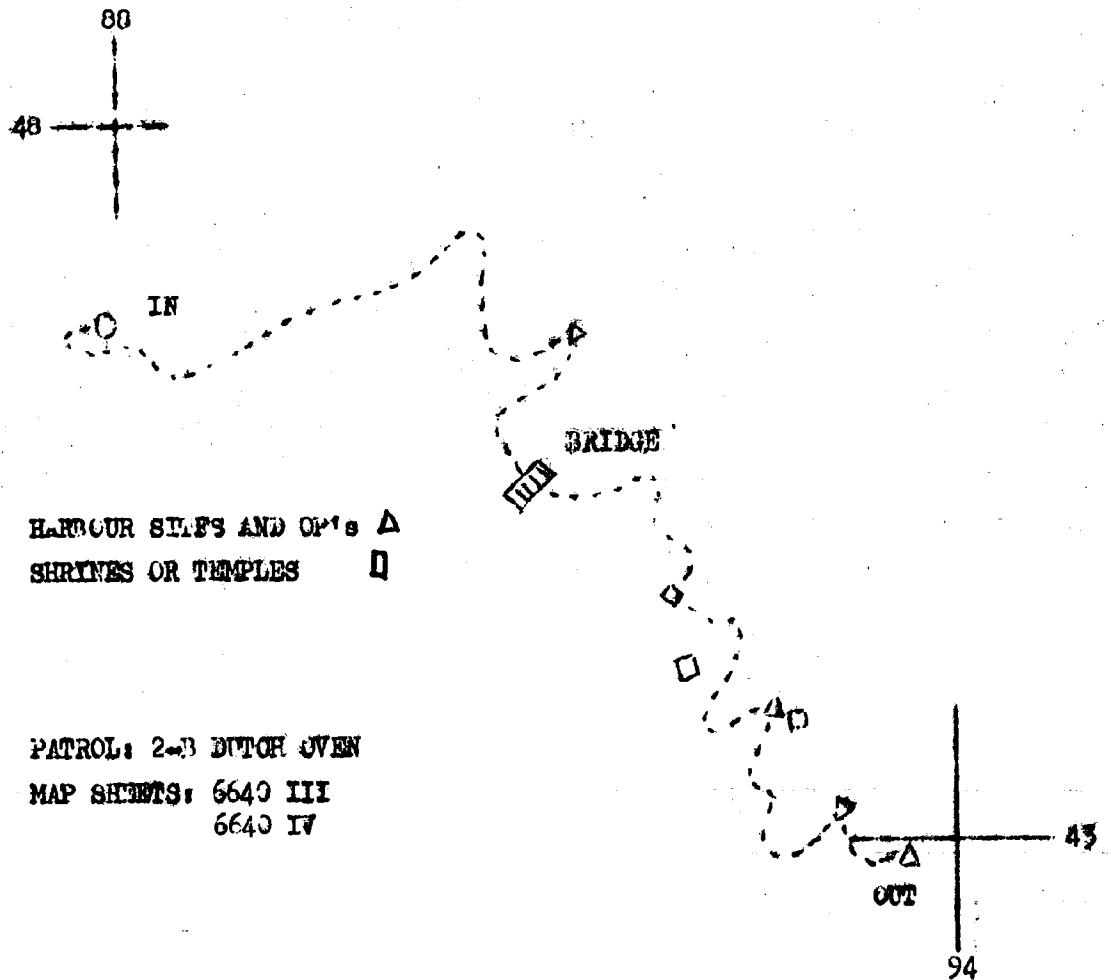
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UNIT 5-F CALL SIGN KILLER KANE PATROL LEADER Lt. GUTTERMANNO. PERS. 13 INSERTION TIME 130800H COORDINATES AT 837378EXTRACTION TIME 191600H COORDINATES AT 8373781. SITUATION.

- 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 130800H and inserts at vic. AT 837378. To 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.
- (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 (o).
- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and/or covered 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 0000 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 area where communications cannot be effected.

- b. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary; Helic; AO Net 36.4
- (2) Alternate Net 34.6
- (3) Artillery (1) 36.7 REDWOOD SOUTH
(2) 52.85 ARNICA ECHO

- c. Sharkle 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); v/o. AT 959752.

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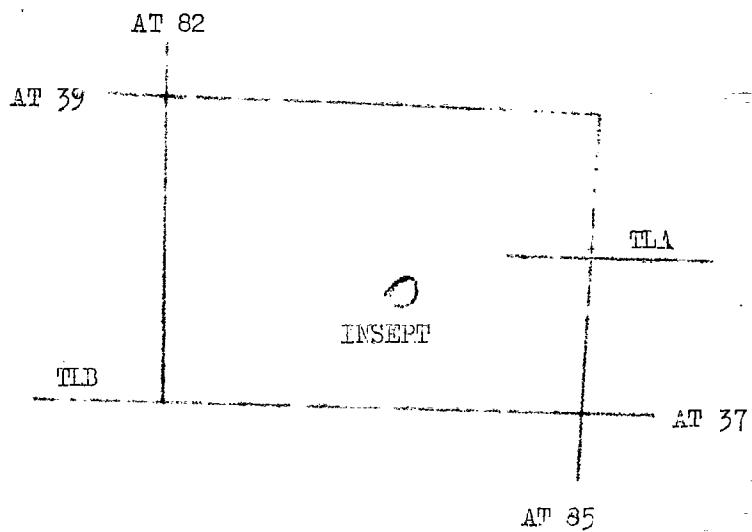
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PATROL REPORT

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: 130300H/200930H.
4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 169 HOURS WITH 3 SIGHTINGS TOTALLING 20 VC. TWO FIRE MISSIONS WERE CONDUCTED RESULTING IN 1 VC KIA (CONF) AND 9 VC KIA (PRCB).
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	OBERVED 7 VC MOVING WEST ON TRAIL; BLK. PJ's, PACKS. FM CALLED AND ONE ROUND LANDED DIRECTLY AMONG THEM. 5 VC KIA (PRCB).
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 (PRCB).
 - B. TERRAIN: SEE PREVIOUS PATROL REPORTS.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT AND EXTRACT WERE MADE VIC. AT 836368 (SEE PREVIOUS PATROL REPORTS). TWICE DURING THE PATROL, THE MEMBERS OBSERVED LIGHTS: ONCE AT 131930 MOVING NORTHWEST ON THE TRAIL VIC. AT 878379 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.

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PATROL LEADER

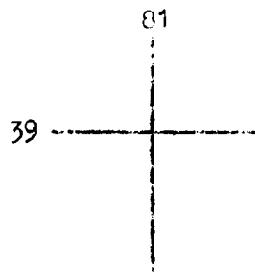
12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

GUETERMAN, 090838	ALLEN, 2170846
WATSON, 2047228	PUGH, 2147221
LONG, 2005309	RUSSEL, 2254100
PRESTON, 2078075	LOWICK, 2279768
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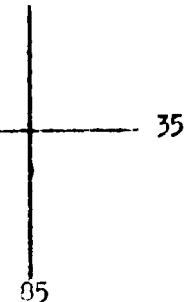
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 (b) BnOpO 323-66
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UNIT 1-F CALL SIGN GROUCHO MARK PATROL LEADER Lt. BARNESNO. PERSONS. 13 / 1dog INSERTION TIME 120930H COORDINATES ZC166507EXTRACTION TIME 151600H COORDINATES ZC157475.1. SITUATION.

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 AP mines and booby traps. Do not order your drivers or patrol members to investigate suspicious items.
- (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/or muffled to prevent compromise of the patrol.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an AC will be dispatched to the patrol's reconissance area. If AC fails to join 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 000 hours 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 extention).
- 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 tine 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)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. 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, CONSISTING OF 10-20 THATCHED STRUCTURES SITUATED IN A DRAW ALONG A STREAM; ALTHOUGH NO VC WERE ACTUALLY SIGHTED IN THE CAMP, NOISES WERE HEARD AND CLOCKING FLIES SWILLED 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 2C155477 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.

141145 H 141245 H 2C153483 FOUND VC BASE CAMP CONSISTING OF 10-20
THATCHED STRUCTURES, LOCATED IN DEEP
DRAW ALONG STREAM BANK; NO VC OBSERVED
BUT SMOKE FROM CO. KING FIRE COULD
BE SMELLED. PATROL WITHIN 100 m OF
CAMP; 2 VERY LARGE STRUCTURES 40'x15'x
10' WITH WOODEN FRAMEWORK AND THATCHED
ROOFS AND SIDES.
CAMP LOCATED GENERALLY SE TO NW
ALONG STREAM; BAMBOO CONDUITS FROM
STREAM TO VILLE. ONE STRUCTURE WAS
CHECKED OUT PHYSICALLY BY PATROL: SEEMED
RECENTLY ABANDONED WITH ASSORTED MATER-
IAL AROUND AREA (BOTTLES, VIALS, SCRAPS
OF PAPER) THAT HADN'T BEEN POLICED.
STRUCTURE ENTERED WAS 20'x20'x15'
AND CONTAINED A BLACKBOARD, SLEEPING
PLATES, 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. 2C1550 AND 2C1650 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, APTY. 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; LZ'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 ARTY. 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 ARTY. SUPPORT AND OVERALL COOPERATION IN RELAYING MESSAGES ETC. FROM THE SPECIAL FORCES CAMP AT

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

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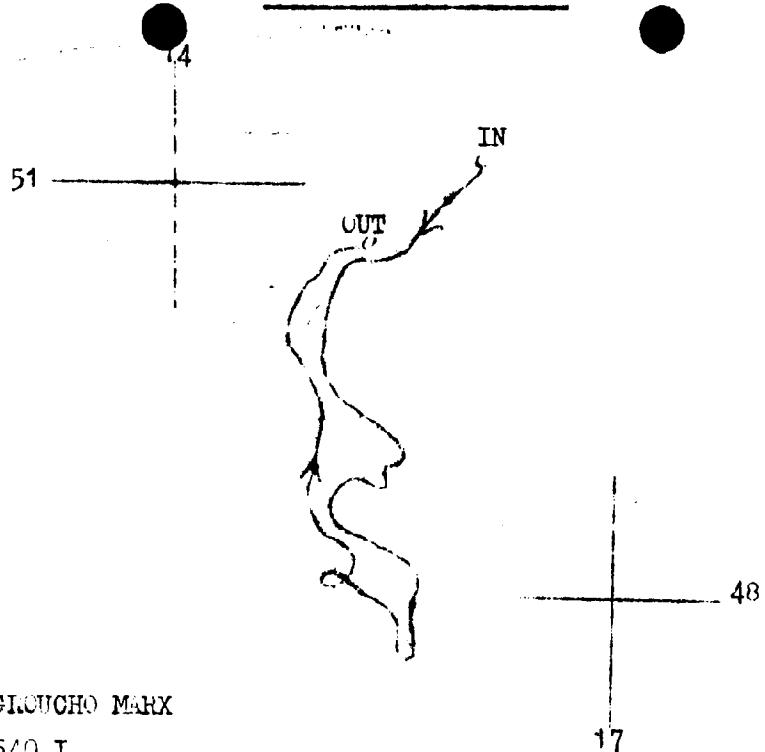
12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: THE VC BASE CAMP LOCATED BY THIS PATROL VIC. ZC153483 IS WITHIN 400 m OF A REPORTED VC POW CAMP OR HOLDING AREA VIC ZC150485; THIS WAS AN UNEVALUATED AGENT REPORT OF 22 OCT. 66 (REFERENCE III MAF COG MESSAGE 221231Z OCT 66).

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

BARNES, 08996	CANTU, 2164167
ROSS, 2091718	PISTORINO, 2282976
JOHNSON, 2096869	OTT, 917886
McNEMAR, 2090186	HUXHUST, 2137259
CHAMBLESS, 2152863	MORAN, 2101770
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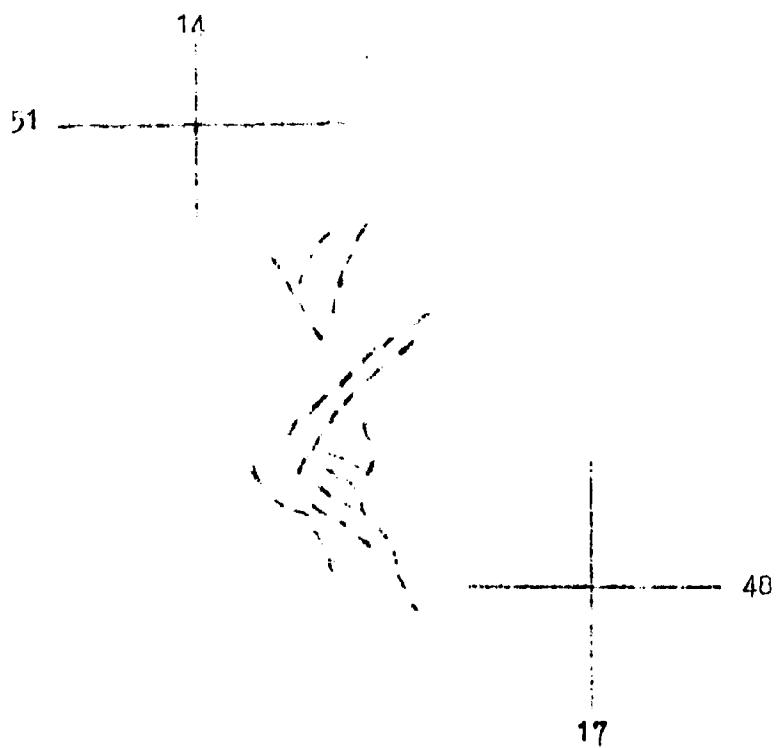
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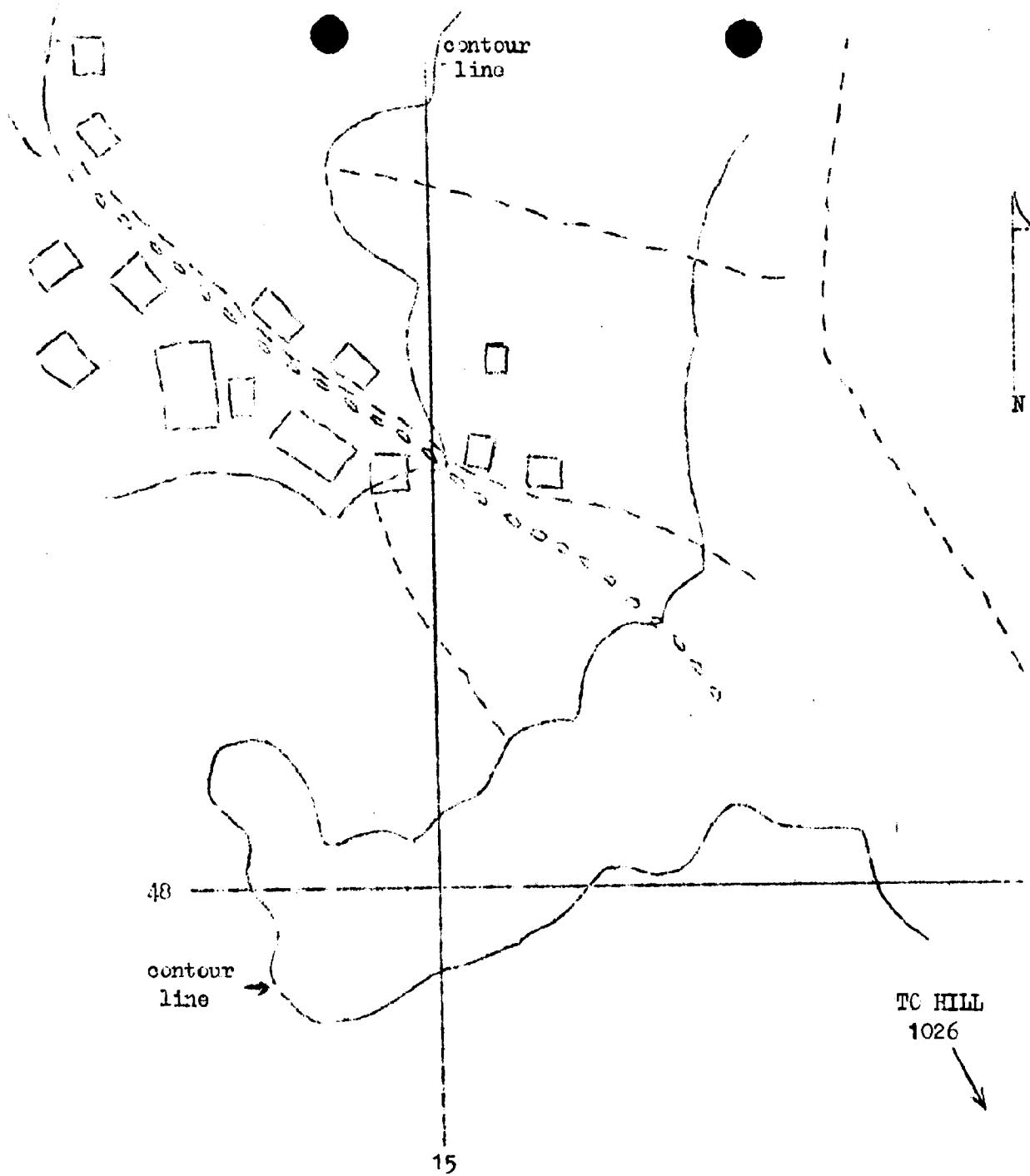
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VC BASE CAMP DIAGRAM



— STREAM AS INDICATED ON MAP

— · · · · ACTUAL CONTINUATION OF STREAM

— - - - TRAILS

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 (c) 1st Inf Div O P3800.1F (Intelligence S-2)
 (d) Bnfrag Order msg # 12-67.

UNIT 2-3 CALL SIGN DUTCH OVEN PATROL LEADER CPL. R. H. TAYLORNO. PERSONS 14 INSERTION TIME 141500H COORDINATES AT9247EXTRACTION TIME 191400H COORDINATES AT92471. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSULL'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 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.
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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. *DO NOT CALL IN DIRECTLY*
- (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, *EW reference (e)* *12th MAR DIV OP O 301, ANNEX*
- (10) Carry at least one entrenching tool to bury trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and/or buried to prevent compromise of the patrol.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an AC will be dispatched to the 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 report, 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 area where communications cannot be effected.

- b. Frequencies:

- (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 36.4
- (2) Alternate Net 57.9
- (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 FUNCH OVEN - 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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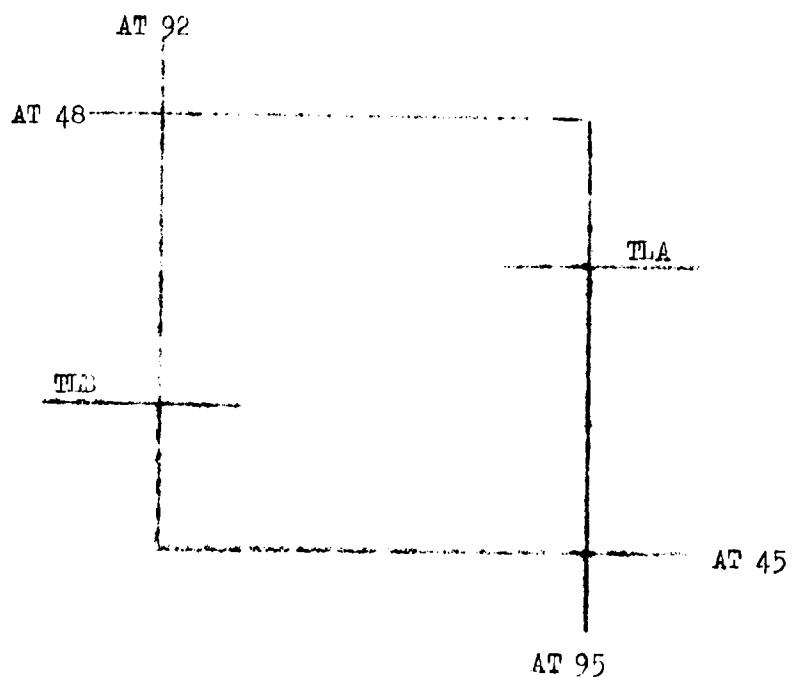
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PATROL REPORT

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. AT 070465. 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 ROUND CLIP OF 7.62 MM AMMO FOUND A STREAM VIC. AT 941472, 100 BELTED ROUNDS OF M-60 MG AMMO FOUND VIC. AT 932455; AND TRASH (C-RATS, M.R.'S, ETC.) FOUND ALONG A TRAIL VIC. AT 920462-AT 950400. 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. AT 916419, BE RECONNED 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 ACCURATELY ON NIGHT DEFENSIVE FIRES.

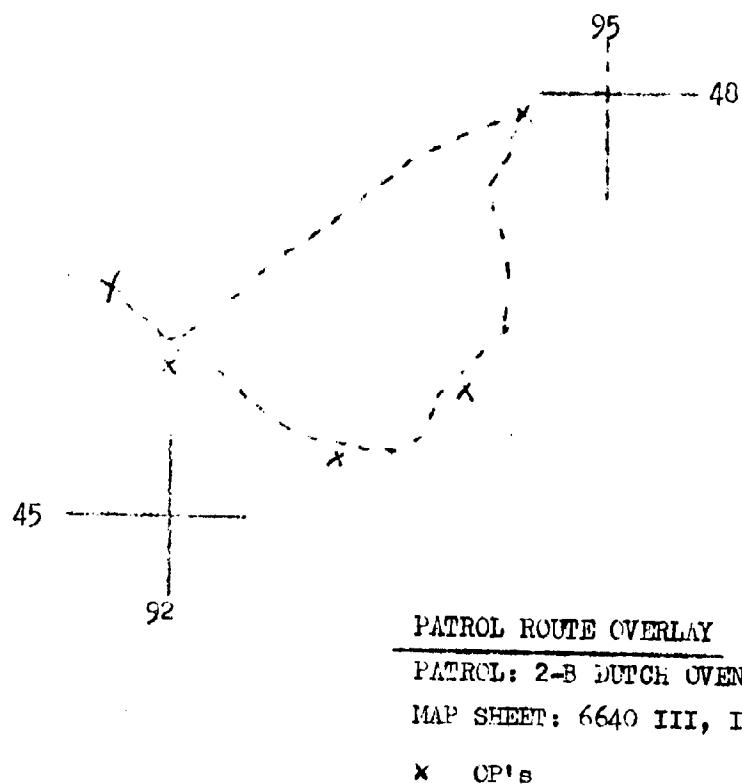
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PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: CONCUR WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ABOVE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

SSGT. ALEXANDER	LCPL. ROBINSON
CPL. McINTOSH	LCPL. REYNA
LCPL. GUGICH	PFC. MACCA
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UNIT 1-1 CALL SIGN CHARGE SHEET PATROL LEADER Lt. CAMPBELLNO. PERS. 20 INSERTION TIME 161000H COORDINATES AT 037827EXTRACTION TIME 221000H COORDINATES AT 837827a. 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:

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

b. 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 100000H 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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(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 I.P. 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 AG will be dispatched to the patrol's reconnaissance area. AG will come upon patrol net, and should contact be lost for a period of 6 hours, the patrol will abort its mission and proceed to initial LZ.
- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of all serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 1600 the day preceding patrol.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain 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 34.0
 - (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:
 - (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein); vic. AT 959752.

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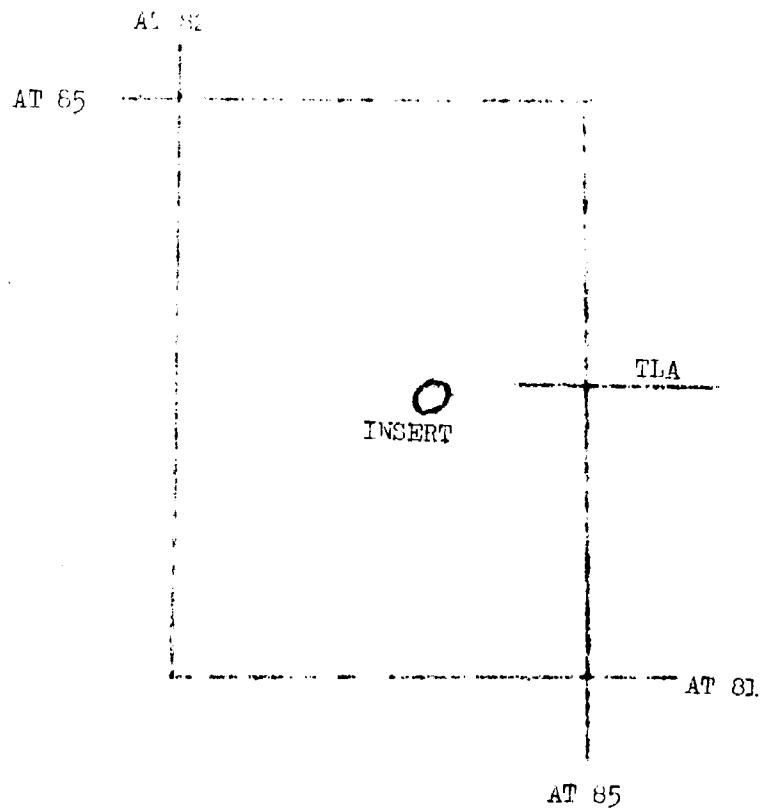
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HT 3-3CALL SIGN BULL RUSHPATROL LEADER Cy/Sgt STOWENO. PERS. 21INSERTION TIME 160730HCOORDINATES AT 867333EXTRACTION TIME 191600HCOORDINATES AT 8663221. SITUATION.

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

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

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 160730H and inserts at vic. AT 867333, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H on 12 January 1967, vic. AT 866322.

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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(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.

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 AG will be dispatched to the patrol's reconnaissance area. AG will come up in 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 sum up patrol order, list 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 BULL PUSH - Patrol
BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
BLACK COAT - AO
REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
ARNICA ECHO - Arty

- e. Command Post:

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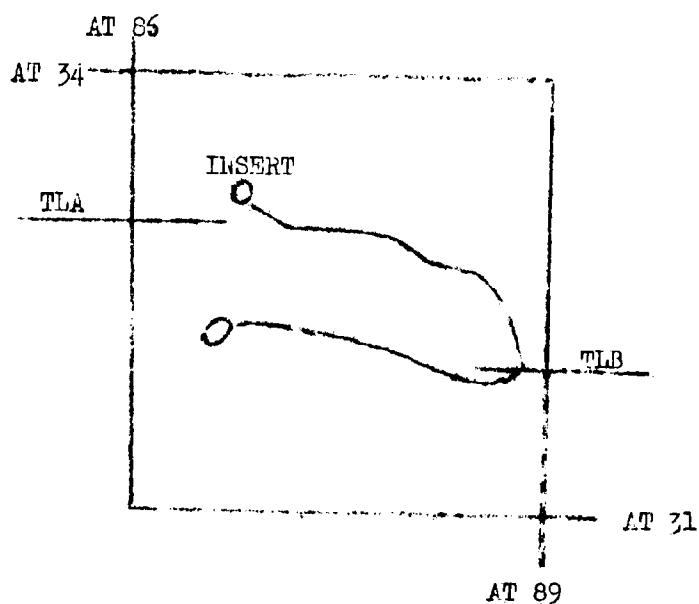
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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 20 FN. 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 M6A1; 3 CLAYMORES; 20 BLKS. 0-4.

2. MISSION, CONDUCE 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 AT89338

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 DISTANCE 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
DENSE IN SOME PLACES. STREAMS, SHOWN AS INTERMITTANT ON THE MAP,
WERE RUNNING FREELY THIS TIME OF YEAR.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT WAS MADE VIC. AT 881349, APPROX. 900 METERS
NORTH OF THE SCHEDULED LANDING AREA, ON ACCOUNT OF BAD VISIBILITY
FARTHER SOUTH. EXTRACT WAS MADE VIC. AT 883338, A FAIR ZONE ON THE
SLOPES OF A FINGER AND COVERED WITH 3' TO 4' BRUSH. THE PATROL OBSERVED
SEVERAL MORE AREAS WHICH COULD POSSIBLY BE USED AS LANDING ZONES (SEE
ATTACHED OVERLAY).

THESE AREAS ARE 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-CUT 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
APPARANTLY 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, PRESUM-
ABLY 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.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

BELLOW, 1889549
AURBUCKLE, 2040494
JONES, 2073938
GRALY, 2156487
BINGHAM, 2184486
SMITH, 2214782
ANDERSON, 2152304
LAWSON, 2290053
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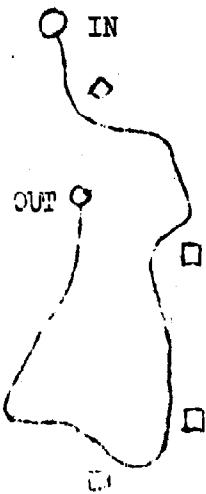
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UNIT 3-3CALL SIGN EYELETPATROL LEADER Lt. KINGNO. IFRS. 16INSERTION TIME 171000HCOORDINATES AT 799322EXTRACTION TIME 191600HCOORDINATES AT 799322

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:
 d. Mission: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, as directed.

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2. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation:

(1) Annex "A" (Operations Overlay).
 (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 171000H and inserts at vic. AT 799322, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1600H, on 15 January 1967 vic. AT 799322.

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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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- (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 V0 and/or VCS.
- o Coordinating Instructions:
 - (1) Ref. (b).
 - (2) Submit SITREP to BEACON LIGHT every hour.
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 - (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW reference (o).
 - (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 0000 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 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; 40 Net 27.9
- (2) Alternate Net 31.6
- (3) Artillery (1) 37.3 REDWOOD SOUTH
(2) 52.5 ARNICA ECHO

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

- d. Call Signs:

PEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
LEAGON LIGHT EYELET - Patrol
BEAGON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
BLACK COAT - LO
REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
ARNICA ECHO - Arty

- e. Command Post:

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

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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 DC SCOPE; 1 M-49 SPOTTER SCOPE.
- D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 2 M-79's; 1 M-60 MG; 1 .50 CAL. MG; 10 CLAYMORES; 3 BLKS. C-4; 2 WP RIFLE GREN; 30 HAND-HELD ILLUM.

2. MISSION: RELIEVE 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 OP VIC.

AT799324.

5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 48 HOURS WITH 10 SIGHTINGS TOTALLING 104 VC. ONE AIR STRIKE WAS CONDUCTED AND 11 ARTY FM's, RESULTING IN THE DESTRUCTION OF VILLE, VIC. Z0215333, 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 Z0215333

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

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171535H	1803345	8 VC MOVING SE ON TRAIL; BLK. PJ's; 8 RIFLES; FM CALLED WITH UNKN. RESULTS.
180600H	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	AT903345	3 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	AT900345	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 FISH HELMETS; WFNS; CAMO. VC TOOK 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" OP 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.

THE CAVE REPORTED BY CIRCUMSTANCE VIC. AT80835 IS STILL THERE AND IS DEFINATELY BEING USED; IN ADDITION, THERE IS ANOTHER CAVE BEING USED VIC. AT80832, 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 HELMETS WERE WORN COMPLETE WITH BRUSH CAMOUFLAGE; 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 ARMS: 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	GIRVIN, 2291446
HALL, 1365314	ADCOX, 2223448
WRIGHT, 1869136	WILSON, 2168690
BUTLER, 1518253	PODSCHELNE, 2100447
FISHER, 2148533	REASON, 2172165
SLEEPER, 2249559	ANDERSON, 2233520
PRINLLE, 2288006	WHITNEY, 2212884
SMOLEN, 2197156	BREEDLOVE, 2201733
LANHAM, 2294739	HOFFMAN, 2164259
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 (b) BnOpO 323-66 6640 IV
 (c) 1stMarDiv P3600.1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) BnFragOrder Msg # 16-67

UNIT 1-F CALL SIGN GROUCHO MARY 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) Patrol departs LA PINCH at 190730H and inserts at vic. ZC209478, 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 AC will be dispatched to the 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 0000 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 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 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; A0 Net 37.9
- (2) Alternate Net 36.4
- (3) Artillery (1) REDWOOD SOUTH 37.3, MUNICA ECHO 52.85

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

d. Call Signs:

BEACON LIGHT- 1st Recon Bn.
BEACON LIGHT (CHOCO) MAUL- Patrol
BLACK LIGHT DELTA- Relay
BLACK SOAT- A0

- e. (1) 1st Recon Fn. (Rein); w/o. AT959752.

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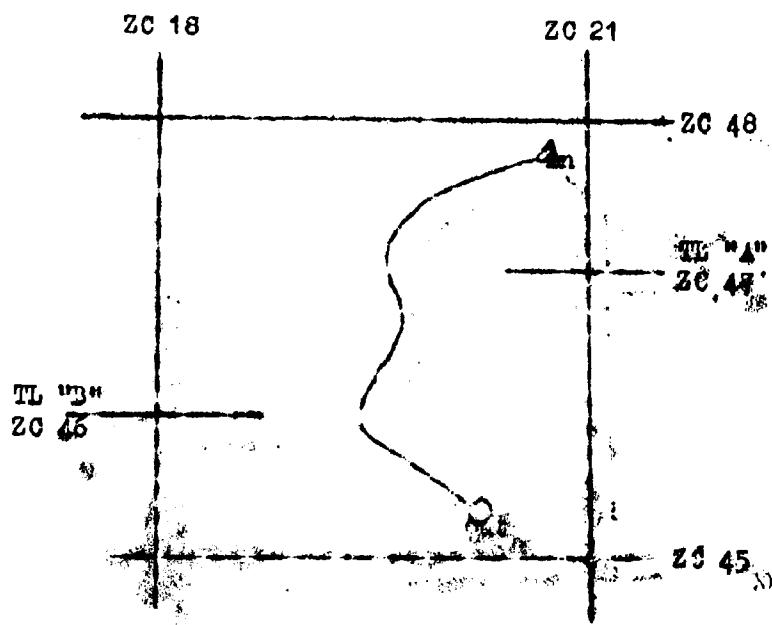
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ANNEX "A"
OPERATION ORDER # 16-67
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GROUCHO MARX



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 Patrol: 1-F Groucho Marx
 Debriefe: Cpl. E. S. Waters
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 Sheets 6540 I,II, 6640 III,IV.

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1. SLAT, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 10 FN, 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 Gx30.
 - 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: 190730H/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 AT803449 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.
 - B. TERRAIN: THE RIDGELINE IS GENERALLY COVERED WITH 6'-10' ELEPHANT GRASS WHICH LAPSSES 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.

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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 HILTOPS 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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PATROL LEADER

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12. COMMENTS BY BRIEFER: NONE.

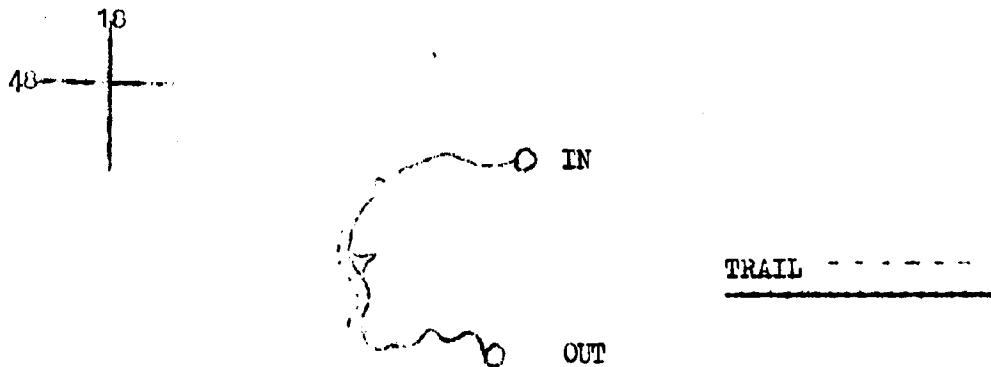
13. PATROL MEMBERS:

BARNES, 009805
BLANTON, 1912460
POSP, 2001716
HAGGARD, 2190000
JONESON, 2190302
MC DANIEL, 2244124
COOPER, 191001701

LUCAS, 2191318
PISTORINO, 2282996
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TROOPER (DOG) 6X75

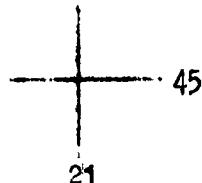
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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY



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(b) BnOpO 325-66
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UNIT B-2 CALL SIGN DUTCH OVEN PATROL LEADER Lt. DURN

NO. PERSONS 10 INSERTION TIME 191500H COORDINATES vic. AT9145

EXTRACTION TIME 231400H COORDINATES vic. AT9145

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: 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/or ouflaged to prevent compromise of the patrol.
- (11) Should communications be lost, an AO will be dispatched to patrols 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 extention).
- 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 deen 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~~ 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. (kein); v/o. AT959752.

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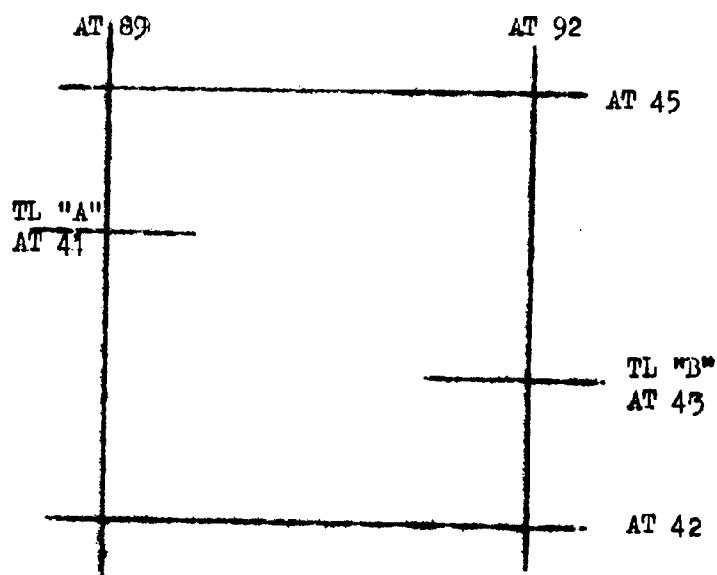
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OPERATION ORDER: 17-67
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 DEBRIEFER: Lt. R.S. ROBERTS
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PATROL REPORT

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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 095445. 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 098447	UNKN. NUMBER OF VC FIRED 2 SNIPER RDS. AT PATROL.
201945H TO 202150H	AT 095443	PATROL'S HARBOUR POSITION PROBED BY ESTIMATED 10-15 VC FR. VIC. AT 096443; 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

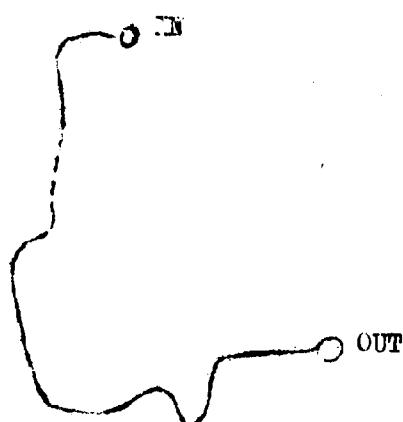
12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: THE SIZE AND NATURE OF THE VC FORCE OPERATING IN THIS AREA REMAINS UNKN.

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UNIT 2-FCALL SIGN HATEFULPATROL LEADER Lt. KINGNO. PERS. 12INSERTION TIME 200800HCOORDINATES AT 037378EXTRACTION TIME 260630HCOORDINATES 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 037378, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 0630H 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 patrols 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.

~~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 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; Heli; 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 MATEFUL - Patrol

BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay

BLACK COAT - AO

REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty

ARNICA ECHO - Arty

- e. Command Post:

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

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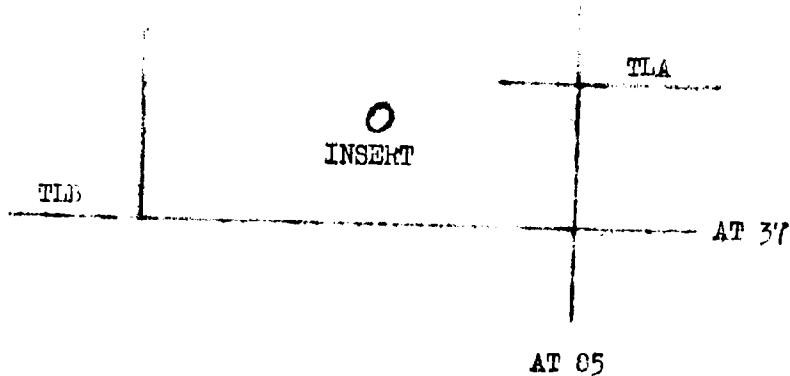
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PATROL REPORT

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; HEAVY PACKS; DISPERSED WHEN AO APPEARED.
 - B. TERRAIN: SEE PREVIOUS PATROL REPORTS.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT AND EXTRACT WHERE DEemed NECESSARY (SEE PREVIOUS PATROL REPORTS).

THE ONLY NOTICABLE TREND IN VC ACTIVITY WAS THAT THEY SEEMED TO USING THE TRAILS INTO THE HILLS TO THE EAST AND SOUTHEAST OF THE PATROL'S 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 OP 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 DEDRISER: NONE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

ARNOLD, 1850661
TUCCI, 2104645
RICHARDSON, 2211306
GARREN, 2140771
UCOMBS, 2163752
RODRIQUE, 2159981

LONG, 8728186
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 (b) BnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1F(Intelligence SOP)
 (d) BNfragorder Mag # 19-67

UNIT <u>1*G</u>	CALL SIGN <u>CIRCUMSTANCE</u>	PATROL LEADER <u>LT. FABLE</u>
NO. FERS. <u>11</u>	INSERT TIME <u>211200H</u>	COORDINATES <u>vic. AT8140</u>
EXTRACTION TIME <u>251600H</u>		COORDINATES <u>vic. AT8140</u>

1. SITUATION.

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

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

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3. EXECUTION:a. CONCEPT OF OPERATION:

- (1) Annex #A" (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Platoon departs CP N.ING S. N'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.

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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 AC will be dispatched to the 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.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~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 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) 52.05 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:

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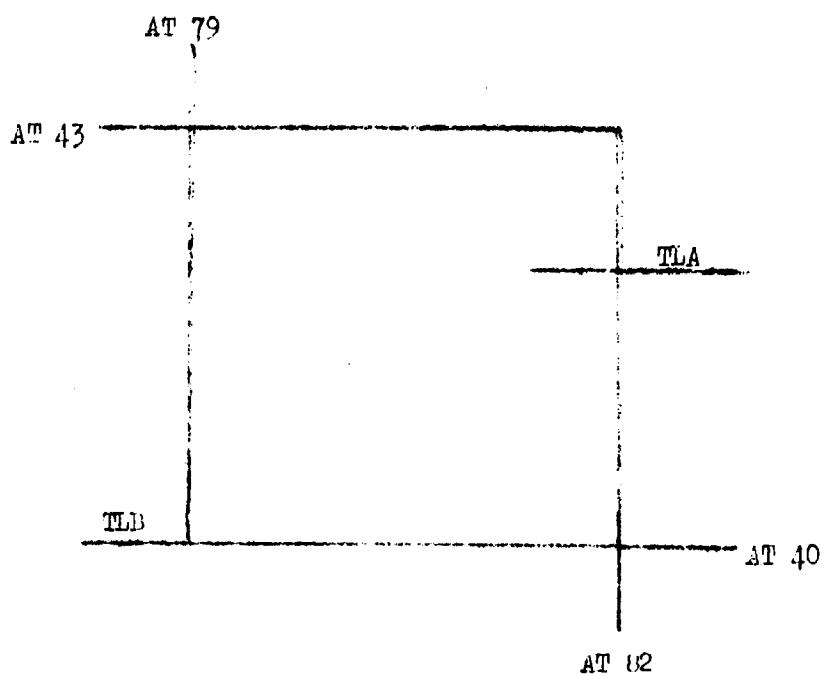
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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 8 EN, 1 USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 1 PRC 25; 1 7x50.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79; 22 BLKS. C-4.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OF THE AREA ASSIGNED, AS INSTRUCTED.
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. AT 797410 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. AT 793406, WERE WIDER BUT SHOWED NO SIGNS OF RECENT USE.

THERE WAS A STRONG ODOR, I.C. AT 804400, WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN ROTTING FLESH; POSSIBLE VC BURIAL SITE NEARBY.

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8. RESULTS OF COUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.

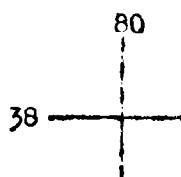
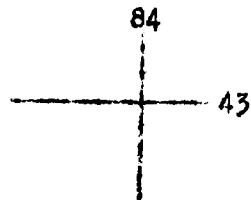
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THAT IF THERE IS ANY VC ACTIVITY IN THE AREA IT IS LOCATED FARTHER TO THE WEST OF GRID LINE 20.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A.

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

12. COMMENTS BY BRIEFER: NONE.

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 (c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) PnfragOrder Msg # 20-67

UNIT 3-CCALL SIGN DEACON LIGHT X RAYPATROL 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 PIR's.
- c. Attachments and Detachments:

2. MISGION. 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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- (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.
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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 patrols 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 IZ.
- (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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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 34.0
 - (2) Artillery (1) POLISH HOTEL 37.4 *Ripe Peach 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:

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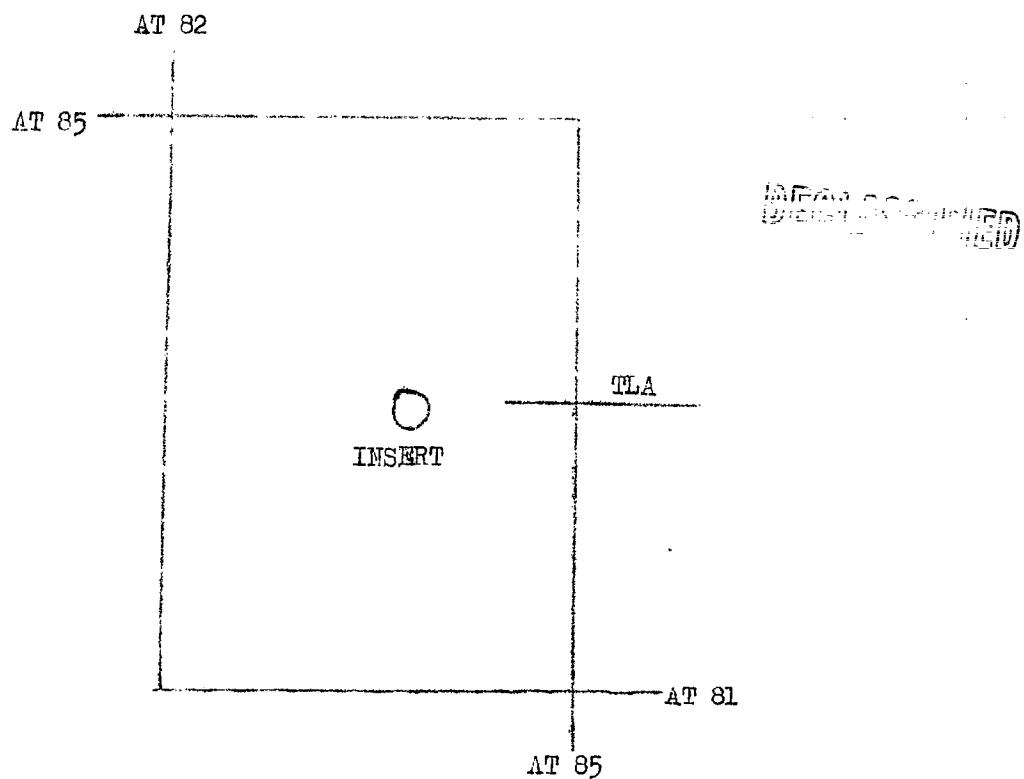
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 (b) BnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1stMarDivO P3000,1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) BnFragOrder Msg # 21-67.

UNIT 2-B CALL SIGN DUTCH OVEN PATROL LEADER S/Sgt ALEXANDERNO. PERS. 10 INSERTION TIME 211400H COORDINATES vic. AT 8844EXTRACTION TIME 261600H COORDINATES vic. AT 88441. SITUATION. 251600a. 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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(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.
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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 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 an area where communications cannot be effected.
 - b. Frequencies:
 - (1) Primary; Helo; AO Net 36.4
 - (2) Alternate Net 37.9
 - (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
BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
BLACK COAT - AO
REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
ARNICA ECHO - Arty
 - e. Command Post:
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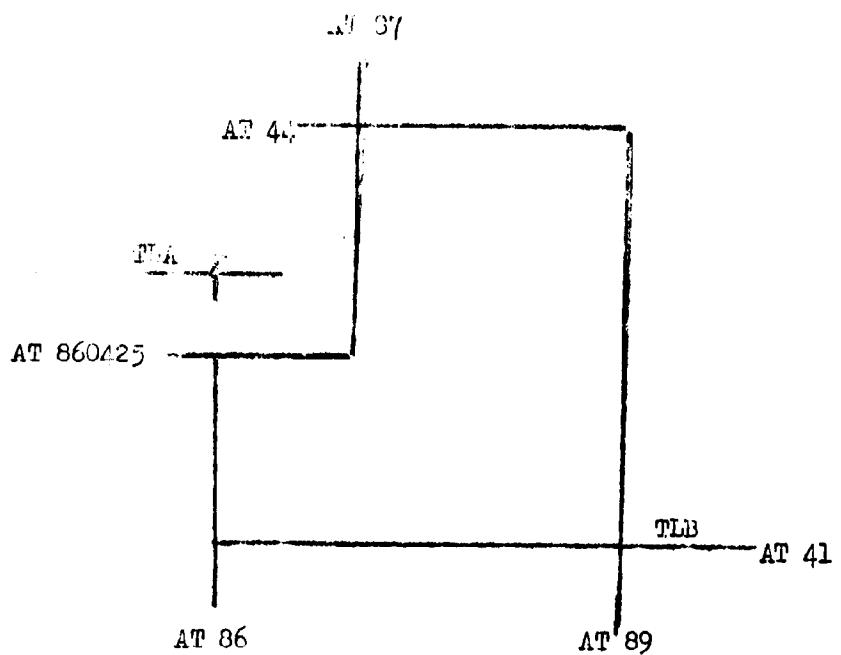
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Operation Order: 1-67
 Patrol: 2-B Dutch Oven.
 Debriefer: Capt. A. K. Dixon II
 Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000; AMS L7014;
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PATROL REPORT

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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 238, VIC. AT069427, THERE ARE NUMEROUS UNMAPPED TRAILS, NONE OF WHICH SHOW ANY SIGNS OF RECENT USE. THE PATROL ALSO NOTED AN UNMAPPED STREAM VIC. AT065425 WHICH IS 10'-15' WIDE AND RUNS EAST TO WEST. AT VIC. AT070420, THE PATROL FOUND AN OLD STATION JACKED, 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.

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

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

ALEXANDER, 1666200
MCINTOSH, 2101002
THOMAS, 2149845
FERGUSON, 2100266
NAZARE, 2141536

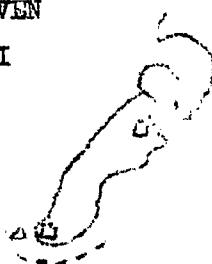
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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

PATROL: 2-B DUTCH OVEN

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 (b) BnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1st MarDivO P3800, 1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) BnFragOrder Msg # 22-67

UNIT 3-C

CALL SIGN EYELET

PATROL LEADER Lt. KING

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INSERTION TIME 220730H

COORDINATES AT 947345

EXTRACTION TIME 251530H

COORDINATES AT 960360

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 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 patrols 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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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Reference (b)
- b. Sufficient Class I to sustain operation, (to include one day extra ration in the event of extention).
- 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 Codes: 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. Com and Post
 - (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein); vic. AT959752

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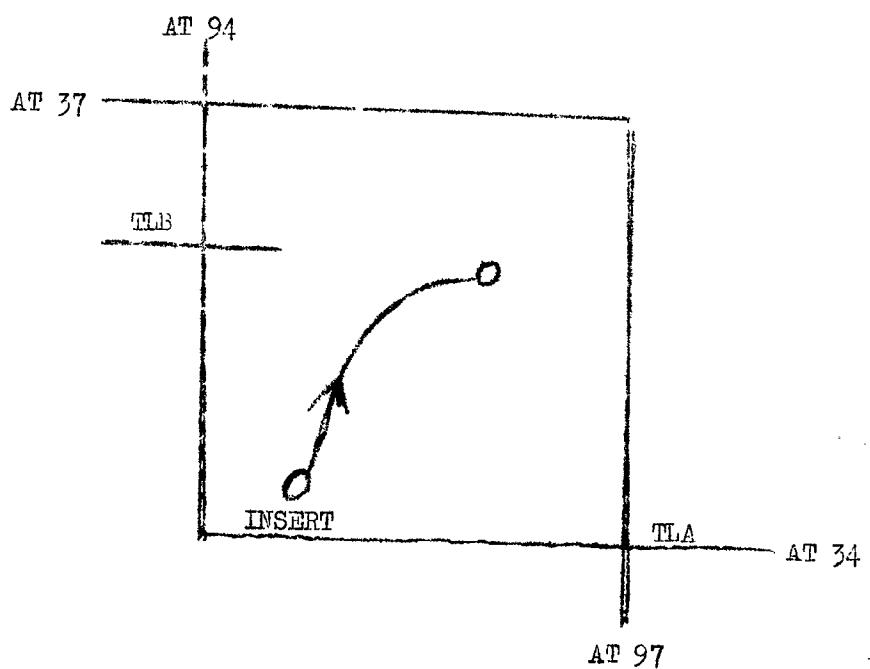
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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 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. 6-4; MASK AND 2 CS GREN. PER MAN.
2. MISSION: CONDUCE 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. HARBUR SITE OR TUNNEL THIS VICINITY.
271455H	AT943345	WHILE MOVING TO ASSESS RESULTS OF FM, MADE CONTACT WITH 5 VC ARTROX 40m AWAY; UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT UNKN; RCD. AUTOMATIC AND MIL AUTOMATIC CARBINE FIRE; VC BROKE CONTACT; 1 VC KIA (PROB).

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220754H AT943345 3 VC STANDING AROUND; RBL. PJ's; 1 KIAKI; RIFLES. ONE OF WHICH APPEARED TO BE RUSS. OR RUDDOM CARBINE; WERE TOO CLOSE TO CONDUCT FM SAWKA.

220925H AT949349 3 VC; APPEARED TO BE TAKING BREAK; BLK. PJ's; 1 GRAY UNIFORM; RIFLES (1 AK-47); CARPENTER BELTS; TOO CLOSE FOR FM, AND NATURE OF THREAT PRECLUDED POSS. AMBUSH; MOVED TO AVOID CONTACT.

201630H AT964353 2 VC HEADED EAST; TIGER STRIPES; PACKS; RIFLES.

3. TERRAIN: THE COUNTRY IN THIS AREA IS COMPOSED OF SMALL TREES AVERAGE 20' IN HEIGHT. THE SECONDARY GROWTH OF SCRUB AND VINES IS EXTREMELY WILD AND AT MOST PASSABLE IN SOME PLACES. THE AREA IS SPARSELY INHABITED SPANNING ABOUT 20-40 ACRES.

4. COUNTRY INHABITION: THE LEFT WAS NEAR VIC. AT95536, IN A GOOD ONE-BIRD HUT COMPOSED OF 20-40 SCRUB. EXACT WAS NEAR VIC. AT964353, IN SOME PLANTED, UNPENDED RICE PADDIES.

THE TRAIL NETWORK, WHILE FAIRLY EXTENSIVE, APPEARS TO BE USED ONLY BY THE NUMEROUS COWS WHICH ROAM, FREELY AND UNDETERRED, THROUGH 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. DUG 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 DROPPED A CARTRIDGE BELT AND SANDAL; THE BELT WAS SEVERED, POSSIBLY BY SOMETHING, AND HAD STAINS BELIEVED TO BE BLOOD. ALSO DROPPED DOWN DUE TO THE AREA OF THE FM WAS EVIDENCE OF WOODCUTTING (I.E. LOGS, BIRCH CUTTINGS ETC.).

5. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WI. 1 THE FM: 3 VC KIA (1&3).

6. 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.

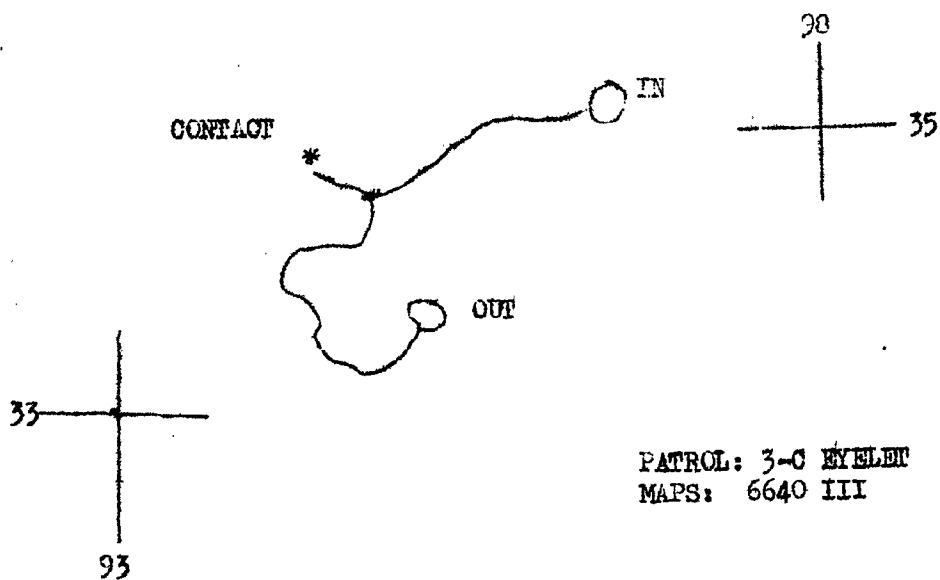
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PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

KING, 093232	CORMIER, B102021
YOUNG, 094373	SMOLEN, 2197156
HALL, 1365314	PRINDLE, 2288006
BUTLER, 1518253	BREEDLOVE, 2210733
FISH, 2148533	HOFFMAN, 2164259
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 (b) BnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) BNfragOrder Msg #23-67

UNIT 2-C

CALL SIGN COVENTRY

PATROL LEADER LT. WOODBURN

NO. PERS. 207 Dogs INSERTION TIME 220830H COORDINATES AT804597

EXTRACTION TIME 251600 COORDINATES AT790595

1. SITUATION.

- a. ENEMY FORCES: Current INTSUM's (Make a final check with S2)
- 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 throughout the reconnaissance effort will be placed upon:

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- (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 patrols 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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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: A0 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 A0
REDWOOD SOUTH Arty
ARNICA ECHO Arty

- e. Command Post:

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

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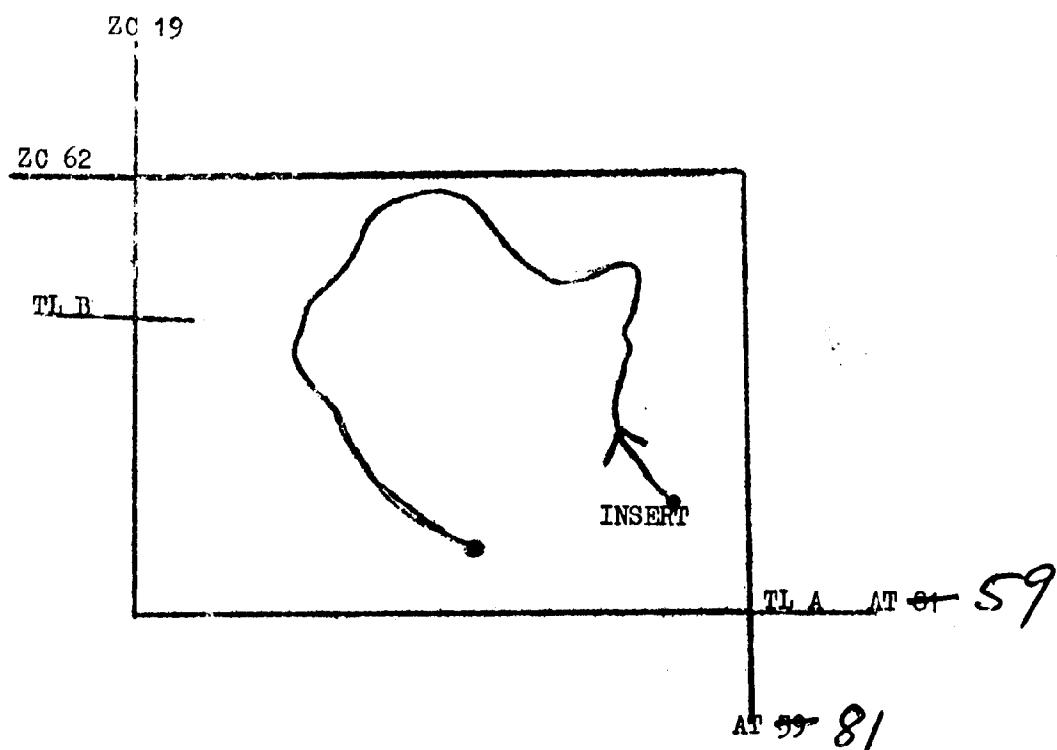
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OPERATION ORDER 67-67
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PATROL REPORT

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 EX-CHANGE 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 RE-SETLED IN 2 USMC WIA & 1 SCOUT DOG WIA; PATROL RETURNED FIRE WITH UNKN. RESULTS.

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231445H

AT 793606

CONTACT MADE WHICH ESTIMATED 25-40 VC; NOISE & MOVEMENT ALL AROUND PATROL'S POSITION; PATROL RECEIVED AUTO. WPNS. BURST & 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; JCTY. FM CALLED WITH UNKN. RESULTS.

B. TERRAIN: AS INDICATED ON MAP, CANOPY BEGINS PART WAY UP THE RIDGE-HILL; FOLLOW 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: INSTANT VIC. AT 003500 IN A GOOD ONE-BIRD ZONE; EX-INSTANT VIC. AT 190025 FR. A SIMILAR TYPE ZONE. THESE ARE THE ONLY HLZ's IN THE AREA; NONE CAN BE FOUND NODEN 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 WORN, 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 795600.

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 CONTACT WITH THE VC FOR TWO REASONS: FIRST, BECAUSE OF HIS BASE CAMPS IN THE AREA, "CHARLIE" HAS THE CAPABILITY TO REINFORCE HIMSELF VERY QUICKLY; SECONDLY, ONCE UNDERNEATH THE 100'-150' CANOPY, THERE ARE NO AREAS SUITABLE FOR EITHER MED-EVAC OR EXTRACTION, EVEN WITH A HOIST.

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 DLOW SOME HLZ's etc.

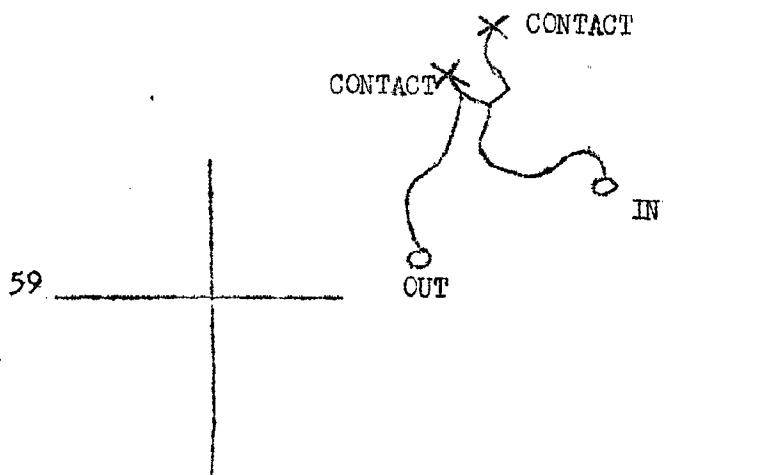
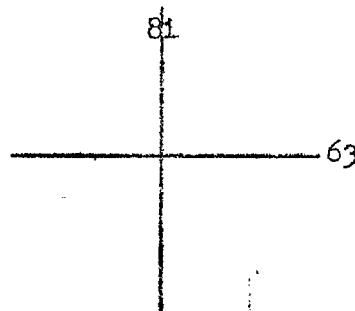
11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: THE UH-46 PILOTS WHO PERFORMED THE MED-EVACS BY HOIST, WHILE FLYING IN THICK CLOUD COVER, WERE OUTSTANDING-- BOTH IN THEIR EXPERTISE IN FLYING THE HELICOPTERS, AND IN THEIR AGGRESSIVENESS IN FLYING THROUGH ADVERSE WEATHER TO EVAC THE WOUNDED.

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

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS: WOODBURN 025 REEF 624
KENDRICK 140 CCRREA 893
WILLIAMS 007 SMITH 451
STORES 779 RAY 805
FRANKS 490 STANFORD 404
ANGUS 361 ROLLO 179
LOPEZ 266 BROWN 492
GEORGE 896 HELD 759

PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY



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OPERATION ORDER # 24-67

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM 1:50,000; Sheet 6641 III, 6541 II
 (b) BnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1stMarDivC P3200.1F (Intelligence S/P)
 (d) BnFragOrder Msg # 24-67

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UNIT 3-BCALL SIGN BULRUSHPATROL LEADER Sgt. DELCWNO. 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 CPSUM'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 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 patrols 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.

~~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.

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); v/o. AT 959752.

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A. Operation Overlay

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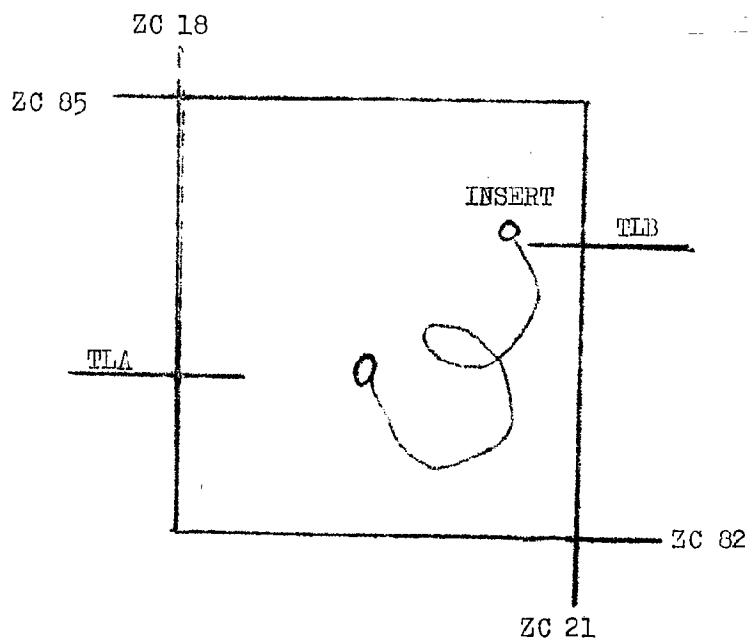
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1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein)
DA NANG, RVN
21 January 1967



Operation Order 24-67
 Patrol: 3-6 Bataan
 Debrief: Col. E. S. Waters
 Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000; AMG L7014;
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 Bataan, RVN
 271000Z January 67

PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 18 EN, 1 USN.
- B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NOF.
- C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRG 25's; 3 7.50's.
- D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 2 M-79's; 1 M-60 MG; 20 BIKS, 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. ZC206842, 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 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, ELEPHANTPRINTS 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 WIA.

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.

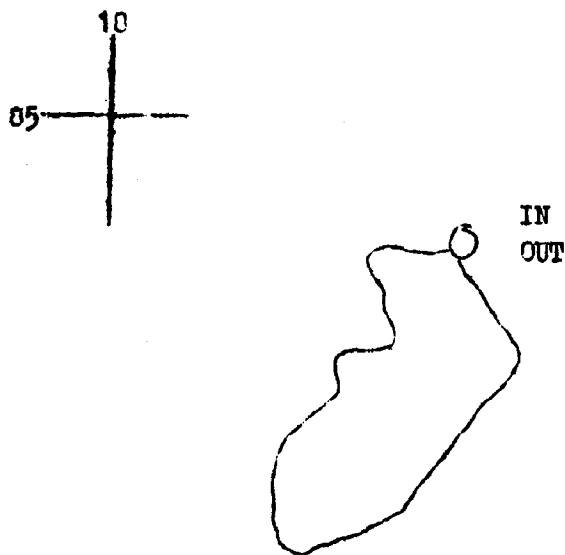
12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: AN AGENT REPORT OF 2 JANUARY 67 PLACES A VC UNIT IN THIS AREA WITH 4 ELEPHANTS. IT WAS REPORTED THAT THEY HAD BEEN BROUGHT HERE FOR MERRING PURPOSES.

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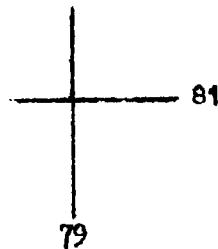
13. PATROL MEMBERS:

BELLOW,	1889549	COTTERMAN,	2268364
AURBUCKLE,	2040494	BROWNING,	1933316
JONES,	2073938	BROWN,	2211015
GRADY,	2156487	PETERS,	2117926
BINGHAM,	2104486	WILMER,	2174276
SMITH,	2214762	BALOS,	1475350
POSTON,	2075379	WILMER,	2265919
BRANDT,	2198548	SPARLES,	2265313
LAWSON,	2290053	SHANNON,	9999530
HANSON,	2163267	CITY,	2144851
SULLIVAN,	2264329		

PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY



PATROL: 3-B BULLRUSH
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(b) BnOpO 323-66
(c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1F (Intelligence SUP)
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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 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 Operations:

(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 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, 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 patrols 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.

~~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.

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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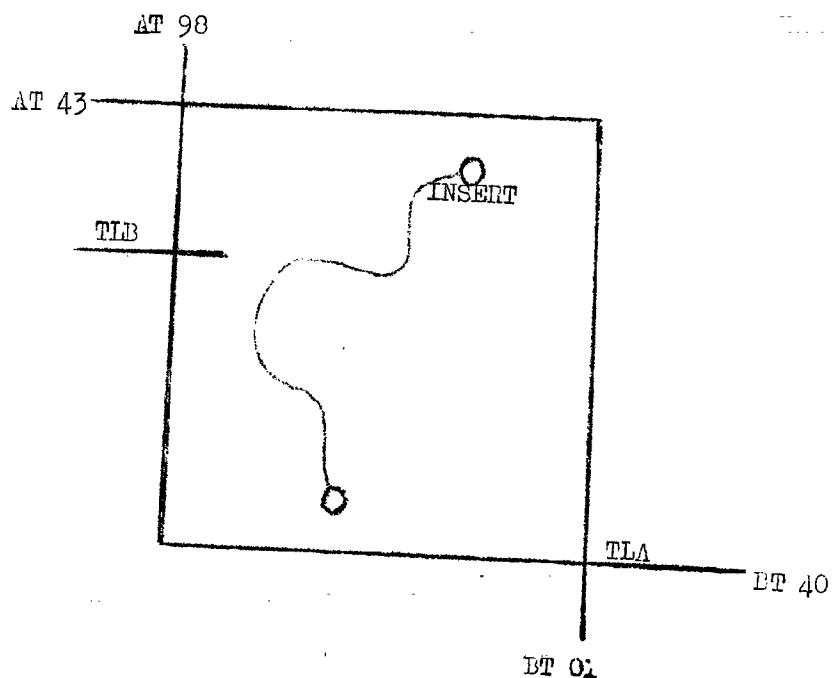
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OPERATION ORDER: 25-68
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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, & EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 12 MN., 1 USN.
- B. ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
- C. COMM. & OBSERVATION EQUIP.: 2 PRC 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 GROUND RECONNAISSANCE & SURVEILLANCE OF THE AREA ASSIGNED.
 PUT PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON LOCALITY 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 30 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 STREAMBED VIC. BT004402
 TO AT995409, BUT NO EVIDENCE OF VC ACTIVITY AROUND THEM. TWO OLD
 HARBOUR 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.

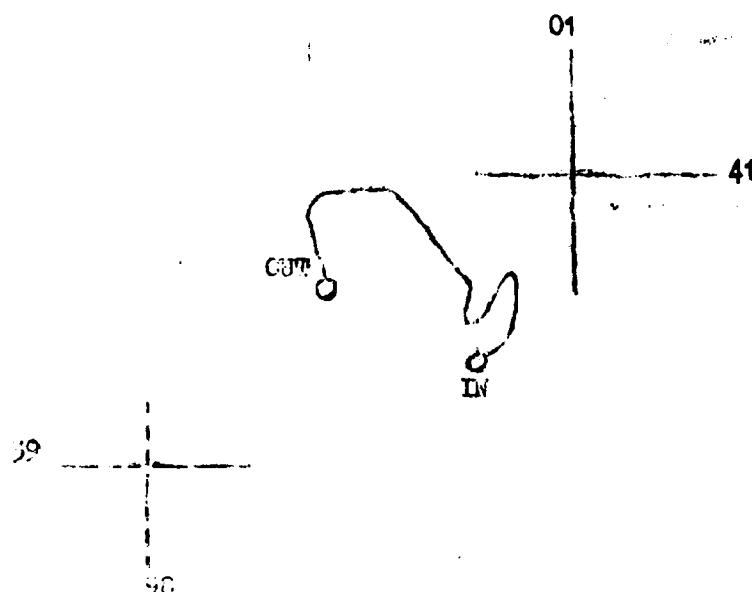
11. PRESENCE/LOSS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A.

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

12. COMMENTS BY LEADER/FR. N/A.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:	WATSON	728	CUNNET	103
	PROSTON	875	RUSSEL	100
	COBA	639	SLIWICK	769
	ELLIOW	135	GLOR	423
	LEWIS LG	301	CASTON	737
	WYTHE	250	MOCLAIN	132

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 (c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) BnFragOrder 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 secret areas, command posts, communications facilities, and prisoners of war camps.

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

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

c. Operating Instructions:

- (1) Para. (b).
- (2) Submit BRAVO report every two (2) hours.
- (3) Submit CHREP to LFACOM 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.
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- (9) Read and understand Rules of Engagement, IAW 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 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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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Reference (b).
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- (1) Primary; Hilo; A0 Net 34.6
- (2) Alternate Mt 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 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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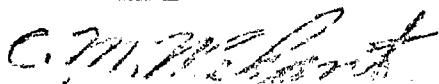
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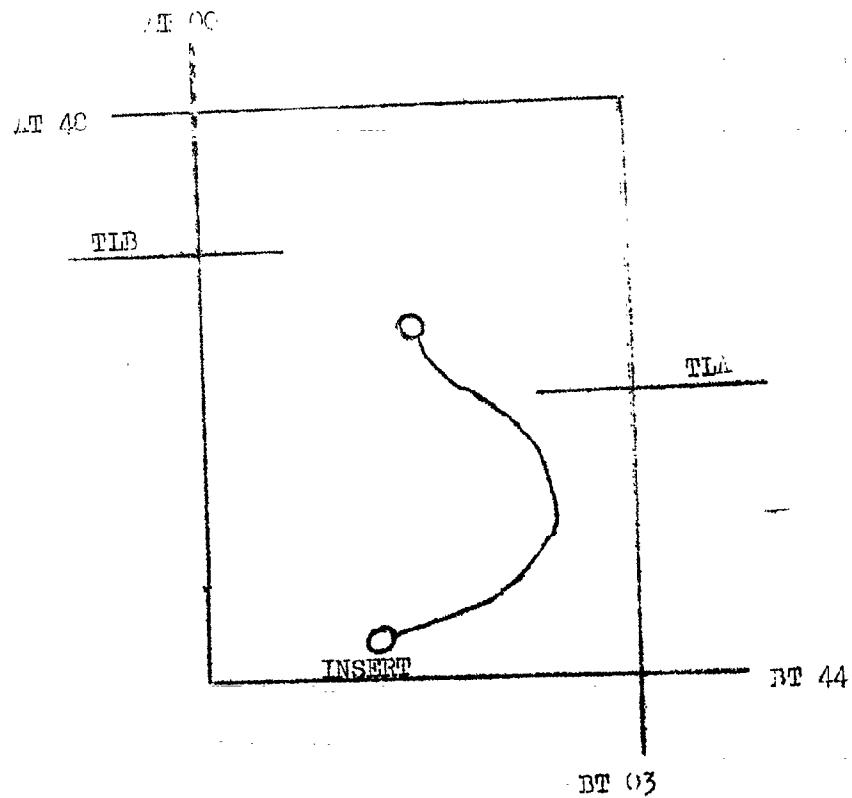
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1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein)
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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- 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 GRENADES; 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. EXECUTE: 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 AC AND THE PATROL WAS EXTRACTED WITHOUT CASUALTIES.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY:

271100H	BT010487	7 VC MOVING WEST INTO VILLE; BLK. PJ SHORTS; KHAKI AND GREEN SHIRTS; PACKS; RIFLES;
271200H	BT010487	5 VC MOVING WEST INTO VILLE; BLK. PJ PACKS; RIFLES.

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271100	BT010487	7 VC MOVING VILLE INTO VILLE; BLK. PJ SPORTS; KHAKI AND GREEN TOPS, PACKS AND RIFLES; ARMY, FM CONDUCTED ON THIS VILLE WITH 1 VC KIA (CONT), 4 STRUCTURES DESTROYED, 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; NO 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.

B. TERRAIN: VEGETATION IS NOT AS INDICATED ON THE MAP; THERE IS NO CANOPY GENERALLY EAST OF GRID LINE CC 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-BIRD 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 15 ROWS OF ABOUT 100 STICKS EACH; UNDER ONE OF THESE PILES WAS APPROX. ONE DOZEN 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 CLIFF; WIRE 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 SURPRESSING FIRE.

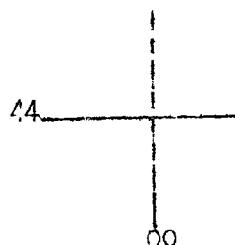
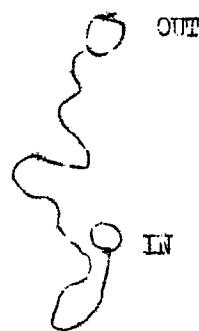
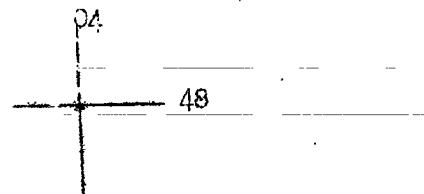
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PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

CAMPBELL,	096323	KELLY,	2244516
FITTS,	2160286	HESS,	2034566
ST. CLAIR,	2198122	KNAPP,	2198631
KERSTETTER,	2096398	CESARIO,	2250954
BRYSON,	2101174	ALLEN,	2094075
ARNOLD,	2177959	COMPTON,	2504195

PATROL ROUTE OVERVIEW



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UNIT B-1-1

CALL SIGN COMANCHEPATROL LEADER S/Sgt. YOUNGNO. PFRS. 11INSERTION TIME 260800HCOORDINATES AT 837378EXTRACTION TIME 010830HCOORDINATES AT 8373781. SITUATION.

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

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

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- Annex "A" (Operation Overlay).
- Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 260800H and inserts at vici AT 837378, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 0830H on 01 February 1967, vici AT 837378.

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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(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 patrols 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. 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 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
ARNICA ECHO - Arty

- (e) Command Post:

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

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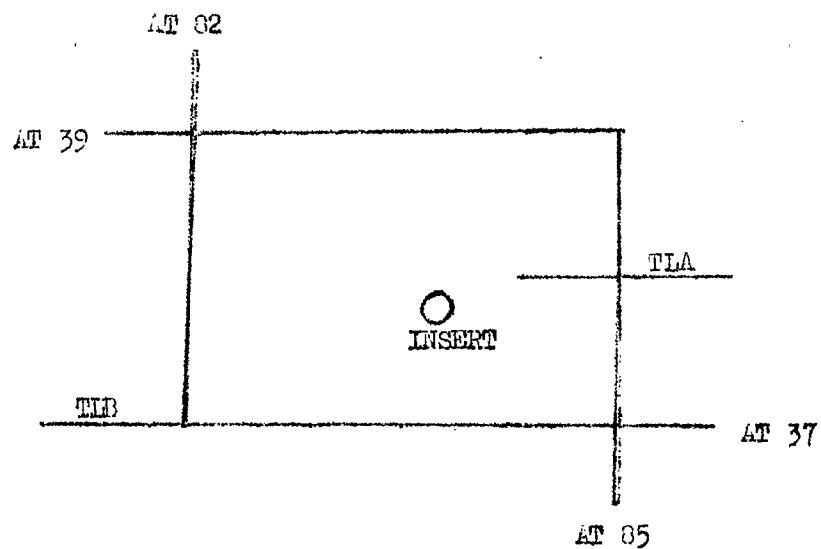
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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 13 BN, 1 USN.
- B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
- C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 2 7.62MM; 1 BC SCOPE.
- D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79; 2 LAW's; 3 E-2 GAS DISPENSERS; 1 .50 CAL. MG; 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 TOTALLING 25 VC. TWO FREE 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; HID IN BRUSH WHEN AO FLEW OVER.
291045H	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.
281220H	AT849368	1 VC MOVING NORTHEAST ON TRAIL; BLK. PJ's; RIFLE; DISAPPEARED INTO BRUSH.

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291600H	AT051371	1 VC MOVING NORTHWEST ON TRAIL; KIA IN TRUSERS AND GREY SHIRT; PACK.
301205H	AT0519364	12 VC MOVING WEST ALONG TRAIL INTO VILLE; BLK. PJ'S AND PJ'S, ONE IDENTIFIED, HEAVY LOAD; TRAVELING AT INTERVAL OF 15 METERS.
310305H	AT051373	3 VC MOVING EAST ALONG TRAIL; BLK. PJ'S; 1 JACK; 1 RIFLE; NO FM BECAUSE OF FOG.
311046H	AT051368	4 VC HIDING IN TRAILLINE FROM AC; BLK. PJ'S 1 PJ'S; CONDUCTED FM WITH ONE VC KIA (PROB).

B. GERRAIN: SEE PREVIOUS PATROL REPORTS.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: AT 292000H A TEMP FLARE WAS SHOT OFF APPROX. 60m
FROM THE PATROL'S POSITION; BELIEVE IT TO BE ONE LEFT BY A PREVIOUS
PATROL AND TO HAVE PERHAPS BEEN THROWN 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. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THIS POSITION COULD BE IMPROVED BY
THE ADDITION OF CONCRETE WIRE ON THE NORTHERN SLOPE; WORK NEED NOT
BE DONE BY ENGINEERS.

RECOMMEND THAT PATROLS PLAN TO INSERT AND RETRACT ON THE FINGER ON
THE EASTERN SLOPES OF THE HILL, RATHER THAN ON THE PREPARED HILL.
WITH PILOTS ABLE 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
SIRE MISSIONS WAS GOOD.

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12. COMMENTS BY DIBRIEFER: NONE.

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UNIT C-1-2CALL SIGN DREADFULPATROL LEADER S/Sgt. HINSHAWNO. PERS. 10INSERTION TIME 260800HCOORDINATES vic. AT 8039EXTRACTION TIME 011700HCOORDINATES vic. 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 vic. AT 8039, to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1700H on 01 February 1967, vic. 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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(3) Emphasis throughout the reconnaissance effort will be placed upon:

- (a) Routes of egress and entry.
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- (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:

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- (6) Be prepared to exploit with air.
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- (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 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; Heli; 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:

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BEACON LIGHT DREADFUL - 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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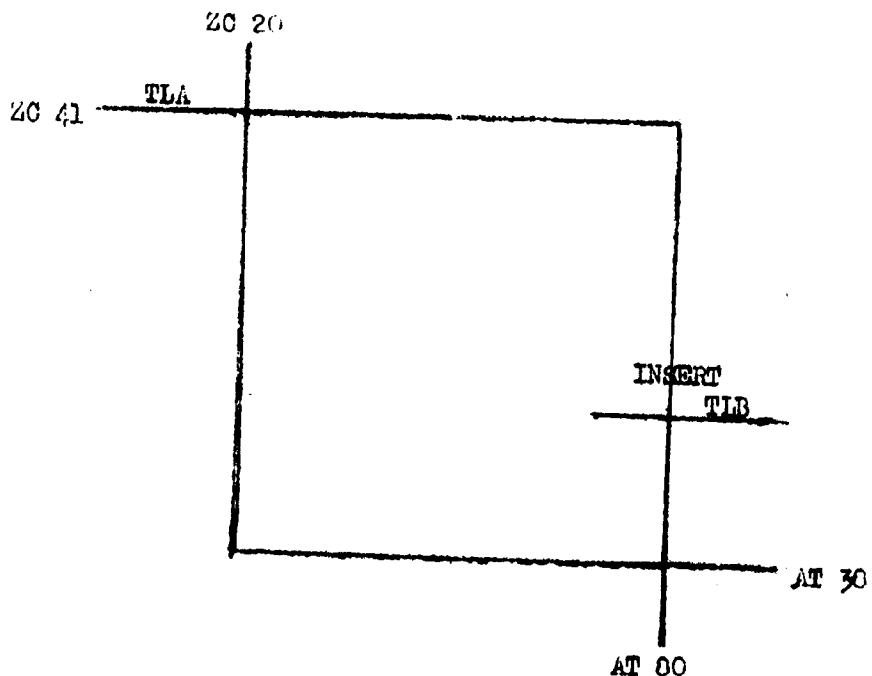
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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 2 EN, 1 USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRO 25's; 2 7x50's.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79; 11 CS GREN. W/MASKS.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OF THE AREA ASSIGNED, WITH EMPHASIS ON CLEARING AN HLR 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 HLR 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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ENVELOPE. AT ONE TIME IT WAS EXCAVATED WITH WOODEN STEPS ETC.

THIS IS AN AREA OF LOCATED VIO. 20214300 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 AREA DUE TO THE MINEFIELDS IN THIS AREA, THE EXACT WHEREABOUTS OF WHICH ARE UNKNOWN. A PATROL MUST MOVE ON ONE TRAIL FROM NONG SON CAMP TO GIT BEYOND THE MINEFIELD, WHICH MEANS THAT A PATROL MUST TRAVEL OVER 3 CLICKS JUST TO GET INTO THE FOOTHILLS.

THIS AREA CAN BEST BE PATROLLED BY USING THE "BASE CAMP" METHOD: THE KERIAMI 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 HILL TO THE WEST AND SOUTHWEST.

TEAMS WITH EXPLOSIVES AND SAWs COULD BE LOWERED ONTO THE TOPS OF HILLS 455 OR 575 TO CLEAR HILL'S IN THESE AREAS.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A.

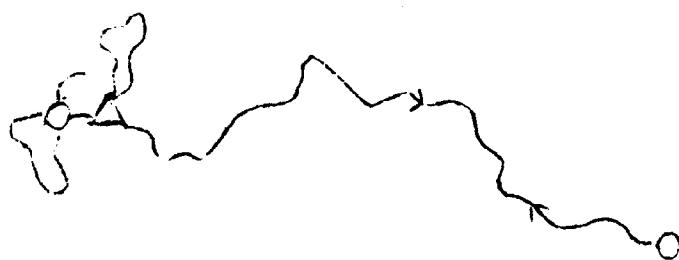
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PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

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- △ BASE CAMP
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- PATROL ROUTE

PATROL: B-1-2 DREADFUL
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UNIT 2-B-1

CALL SIGN CRABTREE

PATROL LEADER: SSGT. 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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 - (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 seizure of all documents and weapons with ~~descriptions to BFACON NIGHT~~ as soon as possible.
- (5) Capture and return to U.S. control VC and/or VCS.

c. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Ref. (b).
- (2) Submit BPAVO report every two (2) hours.
- (3) Submit SITREP to BFACON NIGHT 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 (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 its initial LZ.
- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of serialized equipment and roster of patrol by 1800 the day preceding patrol.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~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-evac 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	Net 340
(2) Alternate Net	45.1
(3) Artillery	(1) Polish Hotel 37.4 <i>Open Peach B</i> 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 CRAWFEE - Patrol
BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
BLACK COAT - AO
POLISH HOTEL - Arty
REDWOOD NORTH - Arty

- e. Command Post:

- (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein), v/s, AT959758

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A. Operation Overlay

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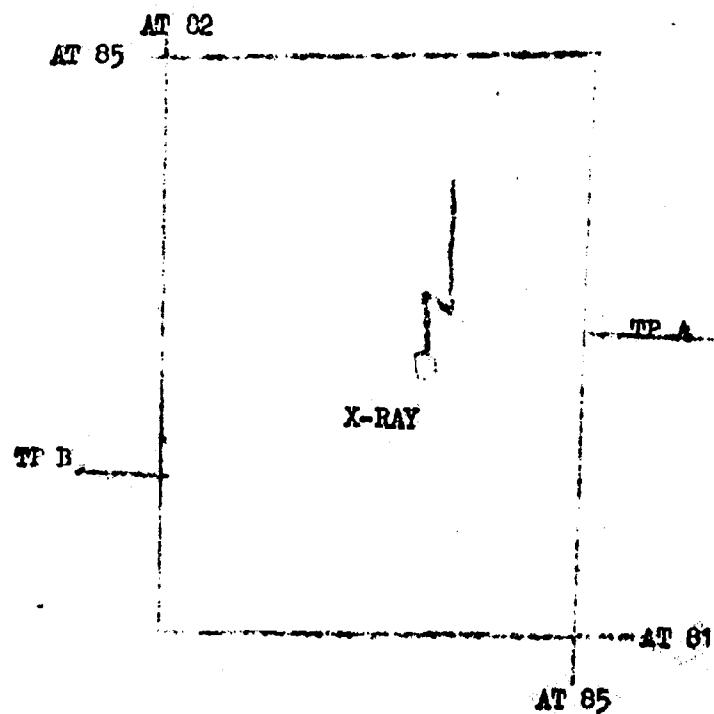


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 (b) BnOpO 323-66
 (c) 1stMarDivO P3800. 1F (Intelligence SOP)
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UNIT 2-CCALL SIGN COVENTRYPATROL LEADER LT. WOODBURNNO. PERSONS 4INSERTION TIME 270730HCOORDINATES AT051350EXTRACTION TIME 301600HCOORDINATES AT0813421. SITUATION.

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

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area 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. AT081342.

b. Patrol:

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

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- (b) Lines of communications.
- (c) LZ's suitable for exploitation forces.
- (d) Verifying the Order of Battle.
- (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; Holo; A0 Net 37.9
- (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 COVENTRY - Patrol
- BEACON LIGHT MELTA - Radio Relay
- BLACK COAT - CO
- REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
- ARNICA ECHO - Arty

- e. Command Post:

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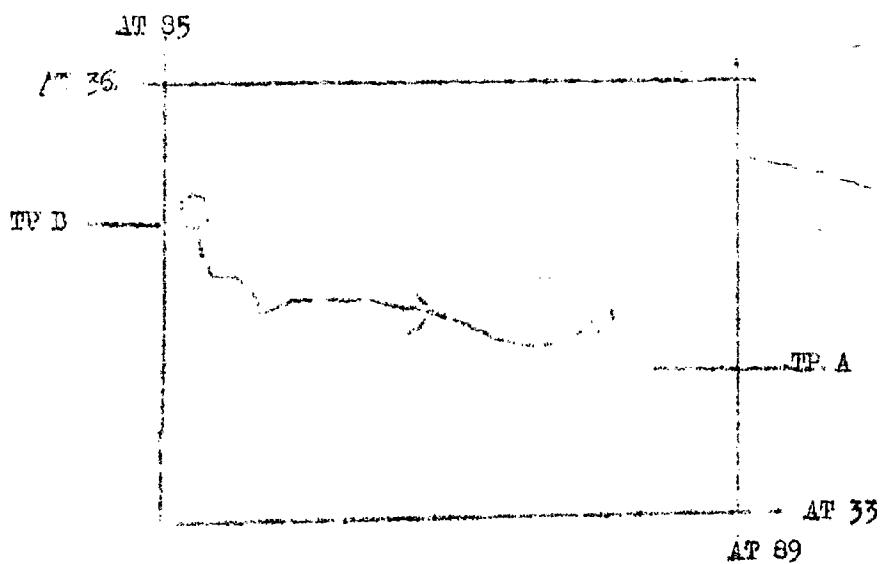
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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 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 CL SMORES; 16 CS GRENS/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 6-10 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 AT858345

CONTACT MADE WITH ESTIMATED 6-10 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; ARTY. 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'-

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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/PVA 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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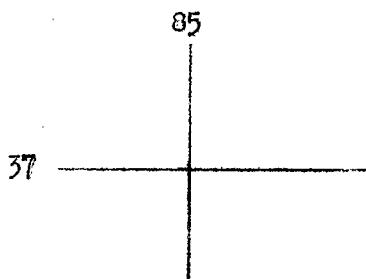
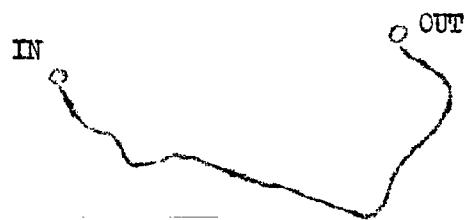
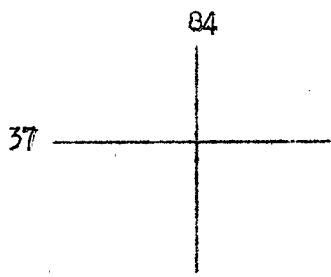
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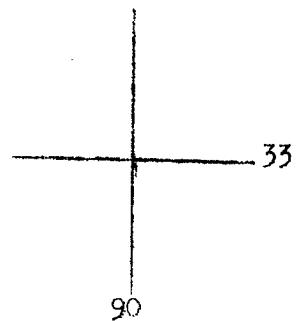
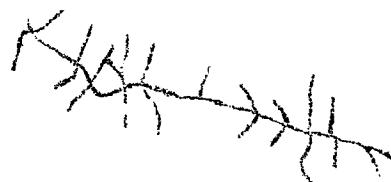
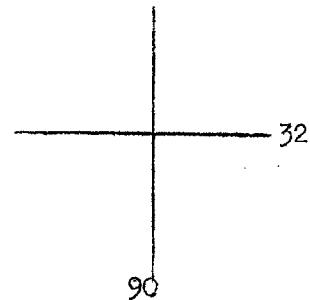
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 (b) BnOpO 327-66
 (c) 1st Muadivo P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) BnfragOrder Msg # 31-67

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TIME 0200ZCALL 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 CPSUM'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. 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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- 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: Helos: A0 Net 34.6
(2) Alternate Net 36.4
(3) Artillery (1) Arnica Echo 52.85
(2) Redwood South 37.3
- c. Shackle and Brevity Codes: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.
- d. Call Signs:
BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.

BEACON LIGHT DUTCHOVEN - PATROL
BEACON LIGHT DELTA - RADIO RELAY
BLACK COAT - A0
REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
ARNICA ECHO - Arty

e. Forward Post:

- (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein), vic. AT959752

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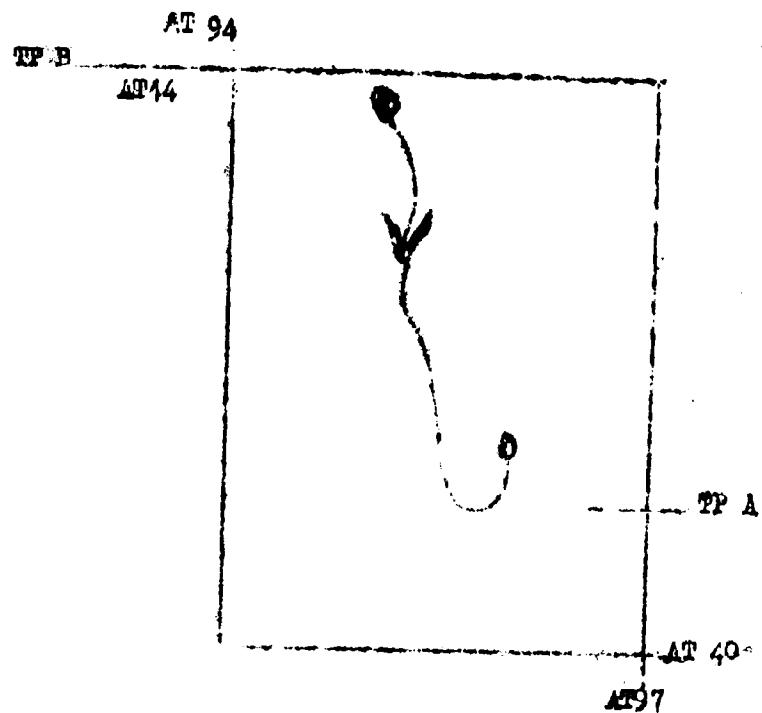


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Debriefer: Lt. R. S. Roberts
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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 1 OIF, 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 OS 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 AT934434.

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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 OVER-GROWN 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 TPO-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 COLD'S 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 TPO-10 STRIKES AND ART. 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.

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PATROL LEADER

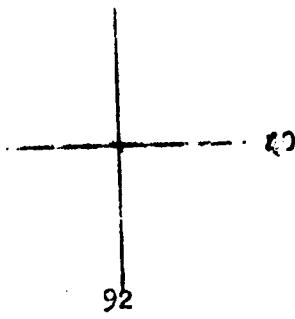
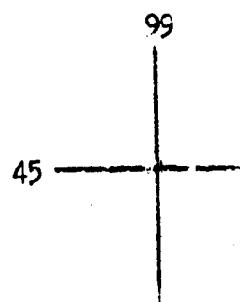
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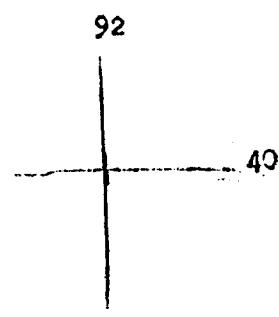
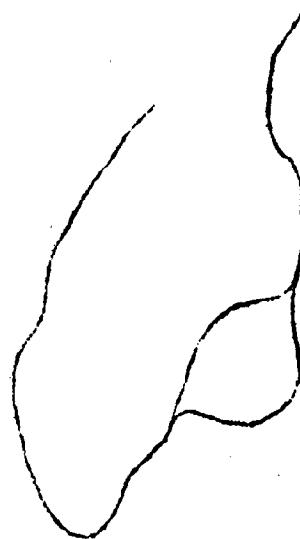
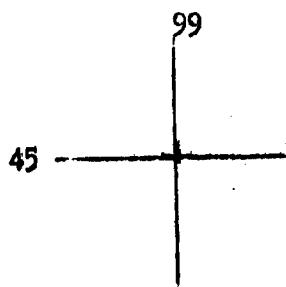
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CHANGE # 1 to OPERATION ORDER # 32-67 (GROUCHO MARX).

PATROL LEADER Sgt. BLANKENSHIP

NO. PERSONS 13/1 dog INSERTION TIME 281530H COORDINATES 20185515

EXTRACTION TIME 311630H COORDINATES 20213522

3. a. (2) Platoon departs LZ FINCH at 281530H, and inserts at vtc. 20185515, to conduct ground reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area until extraction, scheduled at 1630H on 31 January 1967. vtc. Z0213522.

Remainder of OPERATION ORDER # 32-67 is to remain in effect, with other changes.

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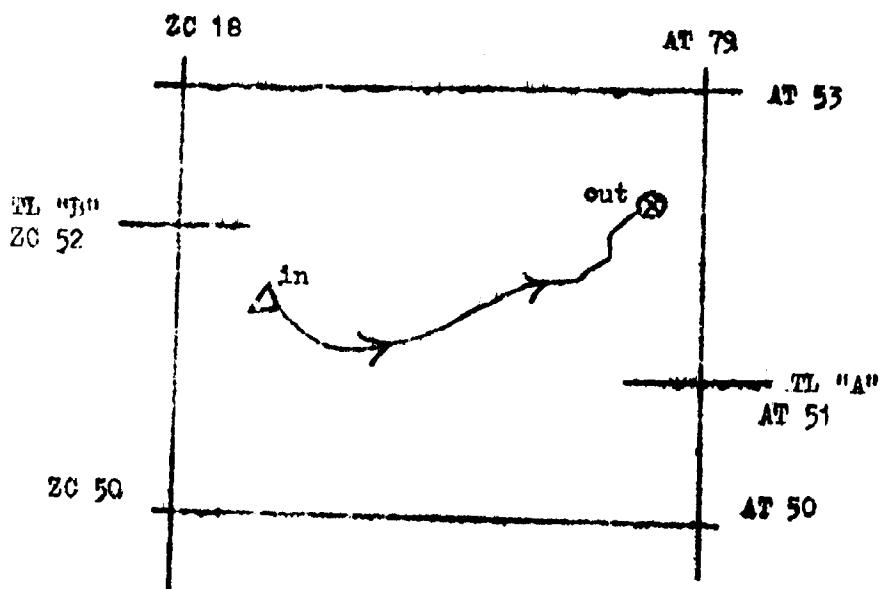
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 (c) 1stMarDivO P3800, 1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) BnFragOrder Msg #32-67.

UNIT 1-F

CALL SIGN GROUCHO MARXPATROL LEADER SGT. [Signature]NO. PERSONS 13INSERTION TIME 280730HCOORDINATES ZC186448EXTRACTION TIME 311600HCOORDINATES ZC1914331. 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 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 prisoners of war camps.

(4) Report the capture of all documents and weapons with descriptive info to BFACON LIGHT as soon as possible.

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

c. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Par. (b).
- (2) Submit DRDO report every two (2) hours.
- (3) Submit SITREP to BFACON 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 (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 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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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 36.4
- (2) Alternate Net 37.9
- (3) Artillery (1) REDWOOD SOUTH 37.3
(2) ARNICA ECHO 52.85

- c. Shackles and Previty Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.

d. Call Signs:

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

e. Command Post:

- (1) 1st Recon Bn. (Rein), vic. AT959752

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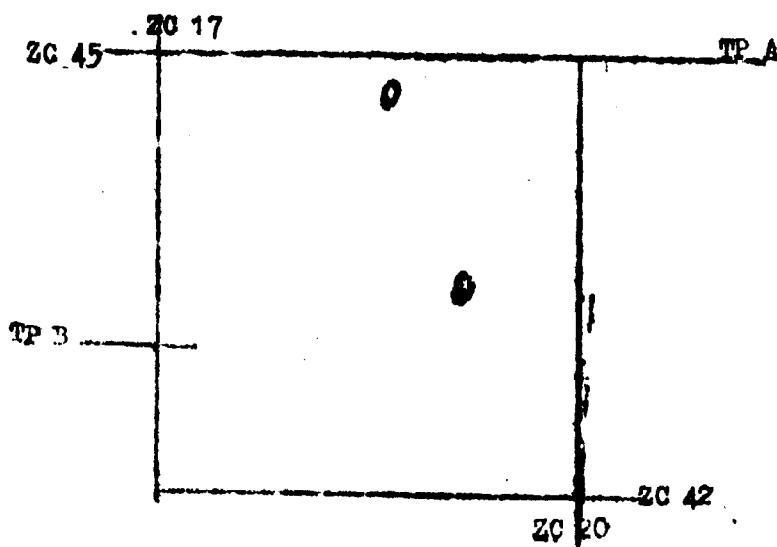
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Patrol: GROUCHO MARK 1-F
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PATROL REPORT

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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 H1Z 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 auto 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: HIZ 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.

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1st PLT, 1st FORCE RECON
PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DESERTER: NONE

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 Patrol: 1-F Groucho Marx
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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 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 CLAYMORES.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS OF THE AREA ASSIGNED, AS DIRECTED.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 201530H/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. EXTRACT 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 FURNITURE; 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 VC 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.

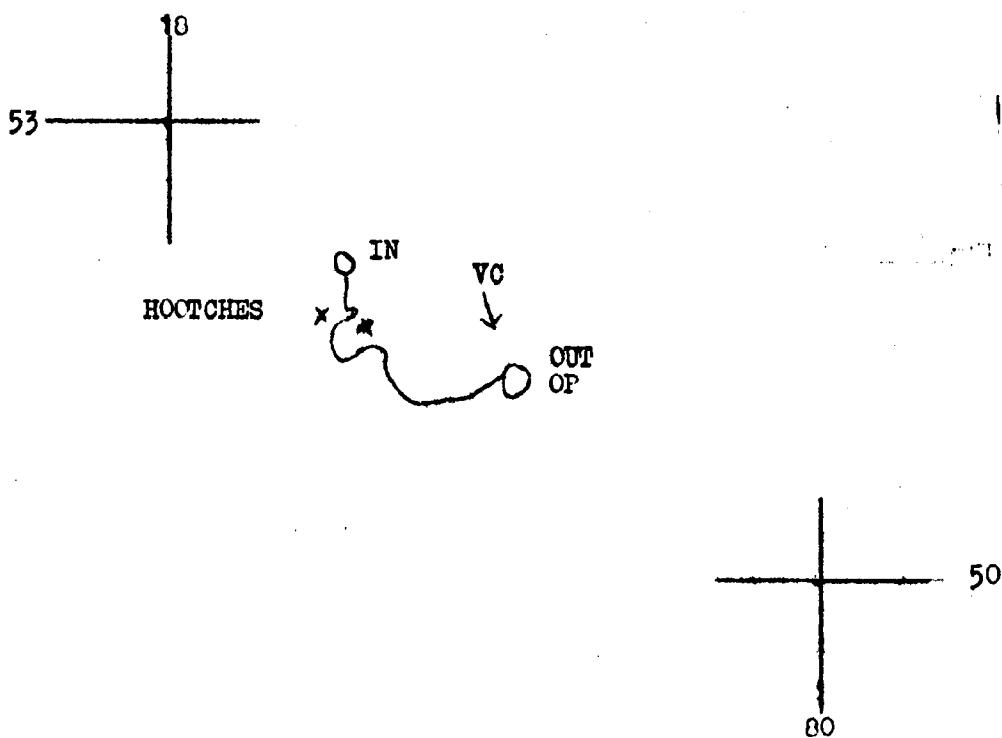
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PATRCL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

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BLANKEN	1912460	SITA	2109251
ROSS	2091718	CANTU	2184167
CHAMBLESS	2152863	McNEMAR	2090196
HAUXHURET	2137259	OTT	9170086
PISTORINO	2202996	MAISONET	2190686
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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

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B-3 CALL SIGN MULKUSH PATROL LEADER SGT BELOWPERSONS 15 INSERTION TIME 010730H COORDINATES AT830647EXTRACTION TIME 041600H COORDINATES AT838636MISSION.

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 1600H on 04 February 1967 vic. AT838636

b. Patrol

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

(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) IZ'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 IZ.
- (12) Patrol leader will submit patrol order, list of serialized equipment and roster of patrol, by 1900 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.

Necessary med-evacs will be performed in accordance with previous instructions.

- e. Patrols will ensure that each man is equipped with the 11 Protective Mask. Each patrol will carry at least two M742 CS Grenades.

AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- f. Patrol will remain in area where communications cannot be effected.

encies:

- (1) Primary; Helo; 40 Net 36.4
- (2) Alternate Net 34.0
- (3) Artillery (1) CHIN STRAP CHARLIE 39.75
- (2) REDWOOD SOUTH 37.3
- (3) ARNICA ECHO 52.05
- (4) STANLEY LOOKER 41.9

- g. Shackles and Brevity Code: Issued by Battalion Comm Officer.

- h. Call Signs:

BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
 BEACON LIGHT BULRUSH - Patrol
 BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
 STANLEY LOOKER - Radio Relay
 BLACK GOAT - AC
 CHIN STRAP CHARLIE - Arty
 REDWOOD SOUTH - Arty
 ARNICA ECHO - Arty

- i. Command Posts:

(1) 1st Recon Bn. (Join) 710.7. 39752

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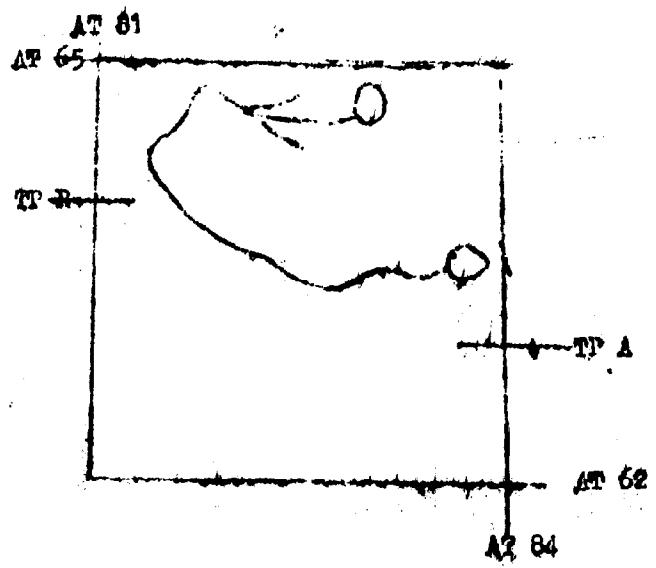
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PATROL REPORT

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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 (PROB). CS GAS WAS USED ON 2 OCCASIONS TO BREAK CONTACT. THE AO CONDUCTED ONE AIR STRIKE FOR THE PATROL'S SUPPORT. DURING THE EXTRACCTION THE SECOND HELO CRASHED IN THE HILL; 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 AT823643 HEARD VOICES OF 2 VC; PATROL SET IMMEDIATE AMBUSH RESULTING IN 1 VC KIA (CONF) AND THE CAPTURE OF 1 FRANCH MAS 1956 7.2MM RIV. VC WORE BLACK BOTTOMS AND KHAKI SHIRT AND COVER; USED GAS TO CHECK OUT AREA PRIOR TO CHECKING OUT BODY.

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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); CS 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 CS GAS; ARTY FM CONDUCTED RESULTING IN 10 VC KIA (PROB).
031630H	AT029639	AO ARRIVED ON STATION AND CONDUCTED FIXED WING AIR STRIKES IN SUPPORT OF PATROL.
031730Z	AT029639	1st HELO EXTRACTED HALF OF PATROL; 2nd HELO CRASHED ON LZ; SPARROWHAWK ARRIVED FOR NIGHT SECURITY; PATROL SUCCESSFULLY EXTRACTED AT 041030H.

5. TERRAIN: AS IS DEPICTED ON THE MAP, MANY WOODCUTTERS 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 LZ.

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. AT 829641 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. AT 833643, 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 THE VC.
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: ARMY 10M'S WERE ACCURATE, THE AC'S RESPONSE TIMELY, AND THE AIR STRIKES EFFECTIVE.

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

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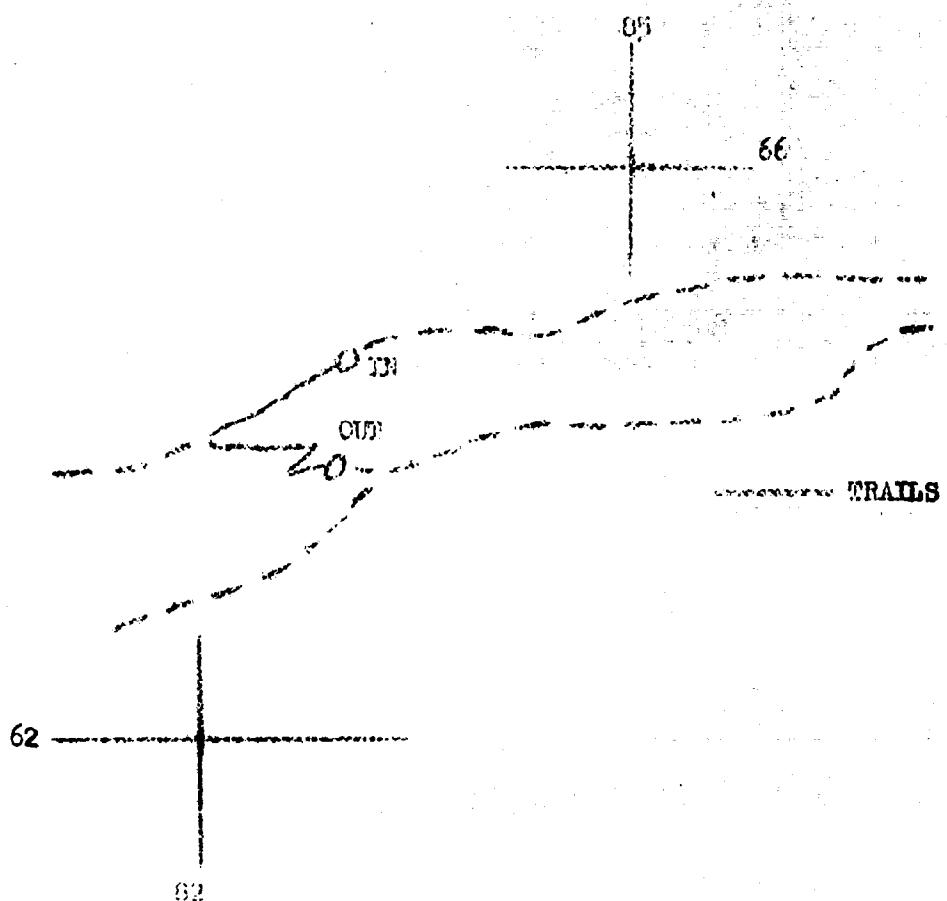
12. COMMENTS BY DRAKEVER. FUTURE PATROLS IN THIS AREA ARE PLANNED.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

BELLOW,	1009548	WIMMER,	2265313
WITMER,	2174276	PINDERS,	2117926
SMITH,	2214782	SHANNON,	9999530
BRANDT,	2190648	JONES,	
SULLIVAN,	2290018	COTTERMAN,	2269364
BROWN,	2211015	CITY,	2144051
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P B-1-1 CALL SIGN CHARGE SHEET PATROL LEADER LZ FINCHPERSONS 12 INSERTION TIME 010800H COORDINATES AT037378EXTRACTION TIME 070830H COORDINATES AT037378REF ID: N.

- Enemy Forces: current INTSUM's (make a final check with S-2)
- Friendly Forces: current CFSUM's and FIR's
- Attachments and Detachments:

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

EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation:

- Annex "A" (Operations Overlay),
- 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:

- 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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- (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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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.

All patrols will ensure that each man is equipped with the Field Protective Mask. Each patrol will carry at least ten (10) M742 CS grenades.

TELEPHONE AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

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

Frequencies:

- (1) Primary: Halo; AO Net 36.4
- (2) Alternate Net 34.6
- (3) Artillery {1) REFUGIUM SOUTH 37.3
(2) ANNICA ECHO 52.85

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

Call Signs:

BEACON LIGHT - 1st Recon Bn.
BEACON LIGHT CHARGE SIGHT - Patrol
BEACON LIGHT DELTA - Radio Relay
BLACK COAT - AC
REFUGIUM SOUTH - Arty
ANNICA ECHO - Arty

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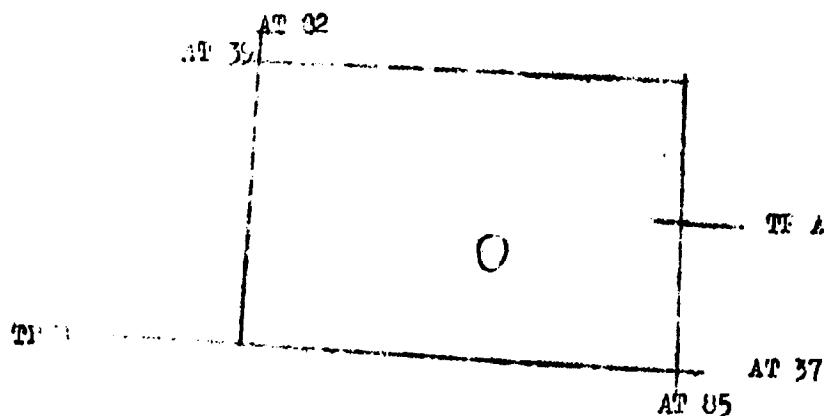
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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: 2 OFF, 3 EN, 1 USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
 - C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's; 2 7x50's; 1 BC SCOPE.
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-60 MG; 1 M-2 .50 CAL. MG; 3 M-0 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 VOS; THERE WAS NO NOTICABLE TREND IN ENEMY ACTIVITY.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY:

031050H AT040365 15 VOS 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; GREEN TROPIC VINES CARRYING; ALLEGEDLY APPEARED VERY CAUTIOUS AND VERY UNCONCERNED IN HIS MOVEMENTS; ALSO OBSERVED 3 OTHERS IN SIMILAR ENVIRON BUT WITH NO WEAPONS.

051440H AT047362 1 VC WALKING SW ON TRAIL; KHAKIS AND COOLIE HAT; PACK, NO TM.

061035H AT056376 0 VC MOVING NORTHEAST ON TRAIL; BLK. BDU; PACKS, RIFLES; PATROL CONDUCTED BY WITH POOR RESULTS.

B. TERRAIN: SEE PREVIOUS PATROL REPORTS.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT AND EXTRACT WERE MADE VIC. AT 036370; 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 DESIRABLE 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 STAKLIGHT 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 PLT. CO. B
PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

CAMPBELL,	096323	HESS,	2034566
FITTS,	2160206	KNAPP,	2190631
KERSTEMBER,	2096390	CESARIO,	2250954
DRYSON,	2101174	ALLEN,	2094095
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PERSONS 11

INSERTION TIME 300800H

COORDINATES AT812600

ACTION TIME 021600H COORDINATES AT792593

SITUATION:

- a. Enemy Forces: Current OPSUM'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.

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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c. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Ref. (b).
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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, 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.
- 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: 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 Preuity 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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- e. Command Post:

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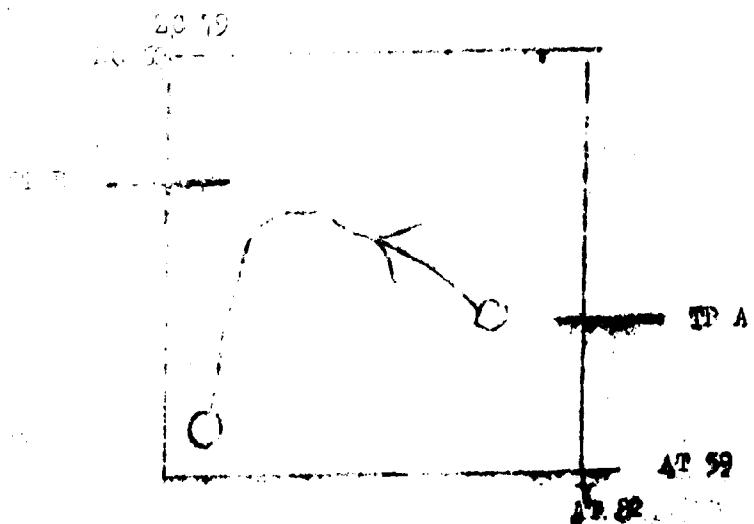
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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 7 URG LMG.
- B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
- C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRO 25's; 1 7x50.
- D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-19; 7 CS GREM/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. SUMMARY: 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 AT000603

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 CAMPFIRES, EMPTY CARTRIDGE CASINGS; 2 GRAVES APPROX. ONE MONTH OLD; ENTIRE AREA HAD NOT BEEN USED FOR PAST 2 WEEKS TO 1 MONTH.

311315H AT0009596

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	AT790595	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	AT796505	FOUND FLATTENED OUT LOSS BEING USED TO BUILD BUNKER; 20' LONG AND 10" IN DIAMETER; SEVERAL DUG OUTS AND TRENCHES IN THIS AREA; REMAINS OF CAMPFIRES.
311730- 311900H	AT798502	PATROL RECEIVED SPORADIC S/A AND GREN. FROM UNKN. NUMBER OF VC PURSUING PATROL DOWN SLOPES 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 313601 IN A VERY GOOD HILZ 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.

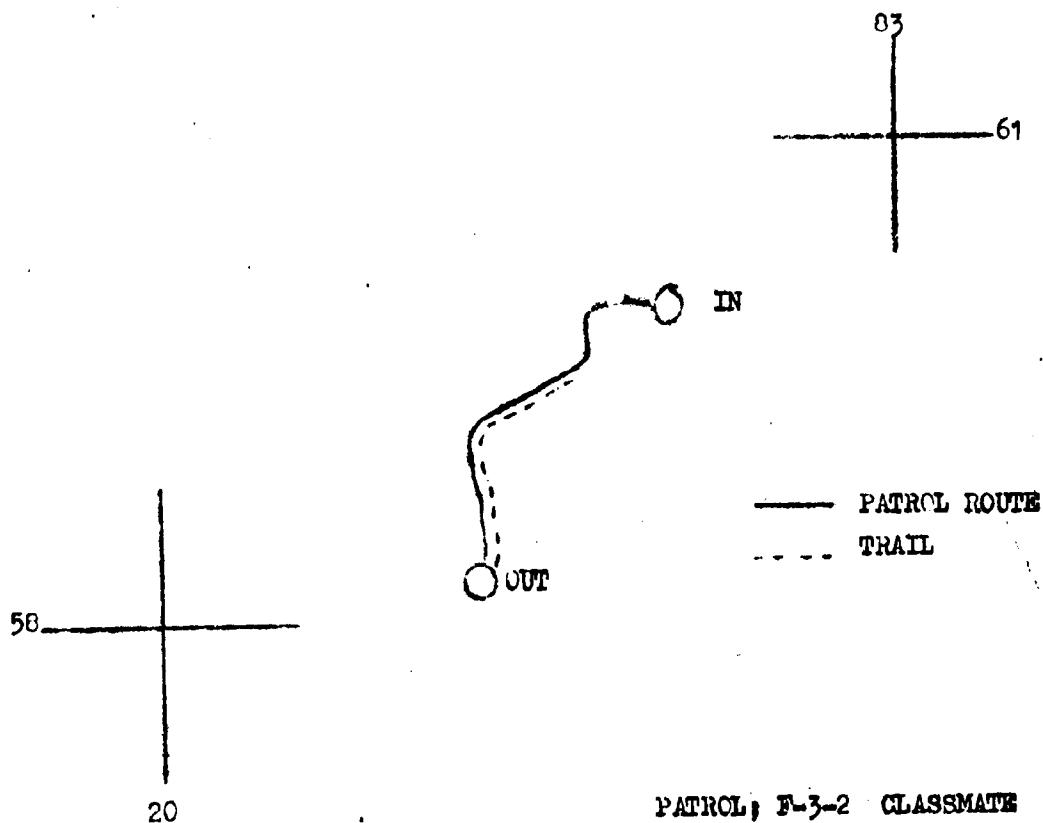
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13. PATROL MEMBERS:

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LOCKETT 2172026
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WILFORD 2030387

PATROL ROUTE OVERVIEW



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