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Ref: (a) DivO 5750.1  
 (b) CG, 3rdMarDiv msg 2613582 Oct 1965 (S)  
 (c) CG, III MAF OpO 306-65(S)  
 (d) CO, 3rdReconBn Verbal Order of 31 Oct 1965  
 (e) CO, 3rdReconBn OpO 343-65  
 (f) CO, 3rdReconBn OpO 344-65  
 (g) CO, 3rdReconBn OpO 346-65

Encl: ✓(1) Command and Staff Billets  
 ✓(2) CO, 1stFRC OpO 5-65  
 ✓(3) CO, 1stFRC OpO 6-65  
 ✓(4) CO, 1stFRC OpO 7-65  
 ✓(5) CO, 1stFRC OpO 8-65  
 ✓(6) CO, 1stFRC OpO 9-65  
 ✓(7) CO, 1stFRC OpO 10-65  
 ✓(8) CO, 1stFRC OpO 11-65  
 ✓(9) Patrol Report of 040930H Nov 1965  
 ✓(10) Patrol Report of 041010H Nov 1965  
 ✓(11) Patrol Report of 081030H Nov 1965  
 ✓(12) Patrol Report of 130930H Nov 1965  
 ✓(13) Patrol Report of 141235H Nov 1965  
 ✓(14) Patrol Report of 191455H Nov 1965  
 ✓(15) Patrol Report of 191530H Nov 1965  
 ✓(16) Patrol Report of 231100H Nov 1965  
 ✓(17) Patrol Report of 261100H Nov 1965  
 ✓(18) Patrol Report of 261115H Nov 1965  
 ✓(19) Patrol Report of 011035H Dec 1965

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1. In compliance with reference (a), the following report is submitted for the month of November 1965.

a. Organizational Data.

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(1) Designation/Location. 1st Force Reconnaissance Company (-), Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam (RVN).

(2) Period Covered. 010001H - 302400H November 1965.

(3) Command and Staff Billets. See enclosure (1).

(4) Average Monthly Strength. Eleven officers, one hundred forty-one Marine enlisted, and four Navy enlisted.

b. Significant Events.

(1) Personnel.

(a) The former Executive Officer was transferred from this company on 2 November 1965.

(b) In compliance with reference (b), the Platoon Sergeant and one team, previously located at Da Nang, RVN, were rotated to Okinawa, on 4 November 1965. Like elements of the 5th Platoon, previously located on Okinawa, arrived at Da Nang, RVN, on 19 November 1965, as replacements for the former.

(c) On 9 November 1965, the Company Communications Officer's status was changed to non-chargeable due to hospitalization while undergoing treatment in excess of 90 days. As result of this officer's hospitalization, this company has been without a Communications Officer since 24 October 1965.

(2) Command and Control.

(a) This company remained OPCON, Commanding Officer, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, FMF, during this reporting period.

(b) On 27 November 1965, the 2nd Platoon was CHOPPED to OPCON, Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force, for operations as directed by reference (c).

(3) Communications and Electronics.

(a) Due to the present operational schedule, the extreme weather conditions, and the non-availability of requested repair parts for AN/PRC-10 radio sets, this company's equipment readiness category is presently "C2". This is a change from category "C1" previously reported.

(b) During this reporting period, a limited number of radio sets, AN/PRC-25, were made available for operations. These radios have proven to be extremely desireable as replacements for the radio set, AN/PRC-10, for the following reasons:

- 1/ Minimal operator training required.
- 2/ Reliability.
- 3/ Frequency spectrum.
- 4/ Transmitter and Receiver Range.
- 5/ Power Source (battery life, weight, and size).

(4) Close Combat.

- (a) This company provided continuous reconnaissance of Reconnaissance Zones 1 and 2, Da Nang, RVN, during this period as directed by references (d) through (g).
- (b) As directed by enclosures (2) through (8), a total of eleven platoon-size patrols, of a 4 to 5 day duration, were conducted during the month of November 1965.
- (c) Significant sightings are contained in enclosures (9) through (19).

(5) Logistics.

- (a) The completion of the cantonment has created a need for generators as a power source. One 60 kilowatt, skid mounted, generator is presently being used by this unit and another trailer mounted generator is still on requisition. The technical assistance needed for the maintenance of this invaluable item(s) of equipment has been requested, but has not been forthcoming. This has caused some hardship when maintenance problems have arisen.
- (b) A company weapons pool was requested via Division Ordnance and was approved in part. This flexibility provides for more adequate camp defense and gives greater operational capabilities to the units reconnaissance elements. Evaluation of a new T/0 weapon is in progress also, and weapons from the pool are being utilized for this testing.

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(c) The evaluation of Long Range Patrol Rations has been proven satisfactory and Division Supply is procuring large quantities of the subject item for use by all Recon units.

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By direction

COMMAND AND STAFF BILLETS

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>T/O RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SER.NO./MOS</u>
Commanding Officer	Major	GAFFEN, Malcolm C.	Major	057259/0302
Executive Officer	Captain	SHAVER, William C.	Captain	080180/0302
Operations Officer	Captain	OWENS, Sammy L.	1stLt	085114/0302
Intelligence Officer	1stLt	KOCH, Gus A.	SSgt	1306806/0239
Supply Officer	1stLt	BEST, Sheldon J.	1stLt	088052/3002
Communications Officer	1stLt	GOEWEY, Virgil L.	GySgt	1113771/2539
Platoon Commander, 1st Plt	1stLt	GRANNIS, David L. III	1stLt	087538/0302
Platoon Commander, 2nd Plt	1stLt	LENKER, John C.	1stLt	087585/0302
Platoon Commander, 3rd Plt	1stLt	SUTTLE, Walter G.	1stLt	086584/0302
Platoon Commander, 4th Plt	1stLt	PARKER, Richard F., Jr.	1stLt	085283/0302

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Enclosure (1)

## 3. EXECUTION (Continued)

C. 4th Platoon

- (1) At L hour on 31 Oct 1965 move by 6x6 truck to insertion point (AT 927866) and proceed on foot to objective area B as shown on Annex A (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Upon arrival in objective area B, conduct ground recon/surveillance of objective area B.
- (3) Upon completion of assigned mission move out of objective area B so as to arrive at recovery point (AT 927866) not later than 040900H Nov 65.

D. 1st Platoon. Continue to prepare for future operationsE. H&S Platoon. Provide continued security of Camp Merrill and additional support as required.F. Supply Officer. Provide support as directed in paragraph 4 (Admin & Logistics)G. Comm Officer. Provide support as required in paragraph 5 (Command, Communications and Electronics).H. Coordinating instructions.

- (1) L Hour is 31 1500 H October 1965.
- (2) Liaison with all friendly units and supporting arms will be effected by the Company Staff Sections.
- (3) Primary recovery method is 6x6 truck.
- (4) Thrust line is 90.91
- (5) Standing rules of engagement will be followed.
- (6) Detailed inspections of platoon members, uniforms, and equipment will be conducted prior to leaving Camp Merrill.
- (7) Debriefing of each platoon will be conducted by the Intelligence Officer as soon as practicable following recovery.
- (8) Should normal recovery be aborted, platoons will wait one hour at the recovery point, then proceed on foot to link up with friendly forces located at Nam O Bridge (AT 929342) and await further instructions.
- (9) All personnel wear ID tags & carry Geneva Convention cards.
- (10) No photographs, personal papers, etc., will be carried on this operation.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. Uniform and Equipment

- (1) Regular or lightweight utilities
- (2) Combat or Jungle boots
- (3) Utility Cap
- (4) Cartridge belt w/2 full canteens, first aid packet, magazine pouches and magazines, as required, and fighting knife w/day-night flare.
- (5) Compasses as designated by platoon commander.
- (6) The haversack will be the primary means of transporting personal and special equipment that can not be slung, hung, or otherwise carried by personnel.

B. Arms and Ammunition.

- (1) Normal arms with a minimum of 120 rounds per carbine/M3A1 and 21 rounds per .45 Caliber pistol.
- (2) One M-79 grenade launcher with 24 rounds of HE ammunition per platoon.

C. Special Equipment

- (1) Three (3) red panels per platoon
- (2) ~~Four~~ (4) M-26 grenades per individual
- (3) Two M-49 spotting scopes per platoon
- (4) Two (2) pair binoculars per platoon
- (5) One (1) AN/PRC-25 with two (2) batteries per platoon
- (6) One (1) AN/PRC-10 with two (2) batteries per platoon
- (7) AN/PRC-6's with batteries as requested by the platoon commanders (for inter-patrol communications)

D. Rations

- (1) One (1) MCI (heavy only) per day per man

E. Reports required

- (1) A detailed briefing of each platoons plan of action will be presented to the Commanding Officer prior to 1 hour.
- (2) Platoon rosters will be submitted to the S-3 prior to leaving Camp Merrill.
- (3) Situation reports will be submitted hourly as set forth in paragraph 5 (CC&E)
- (4) Spot reports will be submitted as they occur.

**"CONFIDENTIAL"**4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS (Continued)F. Medical

- (1) Personnel sustaining serious wound or injury will be evacuated by helicopter at the discretion of the platoon commander.
- (2) Minor injuries will be treated in the field.
- (3) Platoon commanders will ensure that anti-malaria pills, one per individual, are carried and taken on 2 November 1965.
- (4) First Aid Packets will be inspected for completeness prior to leaving Camp Merrill.
- (5) A CORPSMAN WILL ACCOMPANY 2D PLATOON

5. COMMAND, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICSA. Communications

## (1) Frequencies

- (a) Primary 43.9
- (b) Alternate 41.1
- (c) Ground/Air 47.2 43.9 OR 41.1 AS APPROPRIATE
- (d) Intrs/Plt 49.8

## (2) Schedule

- (a) Radios will be monitored continuously and platoons will report as follows:

1. 2nd Platoon - Every hour on the hour commencing at ~~1400~~ <sup>1400</sup>

2. 4th Platoon - Every hour on the half hour commencing at ~~1425~~ <sup>1425</sup>

3. ~~2nd PLATOON REPORT ENROUTE TO OBJECTIVE AREA AT~~  
~~CHECKPOINT DESIGNATED IN ANNEX A (OP OVERLAY)~~

- (3) COI as briefed by the Communications Officer.

- (4) A relay site will be established at Namo Bridge (AT 929842) utilizing an MRC-38

- (5) Communications at the Company Command Post will be effected utilizing an AN/PRC-10 and an RC-292 antenna.

- (6) Signal. The appropriate portion of the day/night flare will be ignited to mark a landing site, if helicopter recovery becomes necessary.

- (7) Challenge and Password. Intr-team/platoon recognition will be effected using the number system. The number will be 13.

B. Command

- (1) Platoon Commanders will exercise control of their platoons from within their objective areas.

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5. COMMAND, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS (Continued)

B. Command

(2) The Company Command Post will be established at the 3rd Marines Command Post (AT 945764).  
(3) 1st Force Reconnaissance Company (-) will remain at Camp Merrill (BT 073728)

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ANNEXES.

A - Operation Overlay

DISTRIBUTION.

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 Da Nang, (0772) RVN  
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OPERATION ORDER 5-65

Ref: (a) 3rd Recon Bn OpO 336-65  
 (b) Maps: Vietnam, 1:50,000, Series L701, Sheets 6659 III and IV

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy. As briefed by Intelligence Officer.
- b. Friendly. As briefed by Operations Officer.
- c. Attachments and Detachments. None.

2. MISSION. To conduct ground reconnaissance/surveillance operations with two reconnaissance platoons in Zone 2 of the Da Nang RAOR as indicated in Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 31 October 1965, through 4 November 1965, to determine extent of VC activity.

3. EXECUTION.

a. General Concept. At L-Hour on 31 October 1965, two reconnaissance platoons will move by 6X6 truck to insertion points as indicated in Annex A (Operations Overlay), proceed from there by foot to assigned objective areas. Platoons will then conduct assigned recon/surveillance missions, and will move from the objective areas so as to arrive at the recovery point not later than 040900H November 1965.

b. 2nd Platoon.

- (1) At L-Hour on 31 October 1965, move by 6X6 truck to insertion point (AT 927866), and proceed on foot to objective area A as shown on Annex A (Operations Overlay).
- (2) Upon arrival in objective area A, conduct ground recon/surveillance of objective area A.
- (3) Upon completion of assigned mission move out of objective area A so as to arrive at recovery point (AT 927866), not later than 040900H November 1965.

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## OPERATION ORDER 6-65

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, Series 1701, Sheet 565; III

TIME ZONE: H

1. Opponent.
  - a. Enemy. As briefed by Intelligence Officer
  - b. Friendly. As briefed by Operations Officer
  - c. Attachments and detachments. One Navy Corpsman.
2. MISSION. Conduct ground reconnaissance/surveillance operations in Zone Z of the DA NANG RAOR during the period 4-8 Nov 65 to determine the nature and extent of VC activity.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of operation. At L hour on R-Day one reconnaissance platoon will move by 6x6 truck to the in insertion point (AT 926-844) and proceed by foot to the assigned objective area, Annex A (Operation Overlay). The platoon will conduct ground reconnaissance/surveillance of the objective area and be recovered at W-hour on R + 4.
  - b. 3d Platoon conduct ground reconnaissance/surveillance of the area indicated on Annex A (Operation Overlay) during the period 4-8 November 1965.
  - c. 1st Platoon assist in the insertion and recovery of the 3d platoon and be prepared to execute missions as directed.
  - d. 2nd Platoon resume training upon completion of your present mission and be prepared for subsequent employment.
  - e. 4th Platoon resume training upon completion of your present mission and be prepared for subsequent employment.
  - f. Headquarters and Service Platoons Provide continual security of Camp Merrill and additional support as required.
  - g. Supply Officer Provides support as required in paragraph 4 (Administration and Logistics).
  - h. Communication Officer. Provide support as required in paragraph 5, (Command Communication and Electronics) to include Communication's operating instructions.
4. Coordinating instructions.
  - (1) L-hour is 041500H
  - (2) R-Day is 4 November 1965

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(3) W-hour is 080900 H  
(4) Using the ~~NORTH~~ SOUTH grid line, NORTH being the base direction, the thrust line base point is (AT 8785).  
(5) The primary recovery method is by 6x6 trucks from recovery point (AT 926844).  
(6) The Standing Rules of Engagement will be followed.  
(7) A detail inspection of platoon members will be conducted prior to L-hour.  
(8) ID Tags and Geneva Convention Cards will be carried by all platoon members. Photographs, personnel papers etc, will not be carried.  
(9) Liaison with friendly and supporting units will be effected by the Company Staff Sections.  
(10) Debriefing will be accomplished as soon as practical following recovery.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Uniform and Equipment.

(1) Regular or lightweight utilities.  
(2) Combat or Jungle boots.  
(3) Cartridge belt w/two full canteens, jungle kit, magazines and pouches, and fighting knife with day/night flare.  
(4) Compasses as directed by the Platoon Commanders.  
(5) The haversack will be the primary means of transporting personnel and special equipment.

b. ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

(1) Normal arms with a minimum of 120 rounds per carbine/m3A1 and 21 rounds per 45 cal. pistol  
(2) One M-79 grenade launcher w/24 rounds of HE ammunition per platoon.

c. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT.

(1) One red panel per team  
(2) Two M-26 frag grenades per individual  
(3) One pair of binoculars and/or M-49 spotting scope per team.  
(4) One AN/PRC-75 radio w/two battiers.  
(5) One AN/PRC-10 radio w/two battiers.  
(6) AN/PRC-6 radio w/battiers as requested by the platoon commander for int. platoon communications.  
(7) One yellow smoke per team.

d. Rations. One MCI (heavy only) per man per day.

e. Medical. Personnel sustaining serious injuries will be evacuated at the discretion of the Platoon Commander.

(1) Minor injuries will be treated in the field.  
(2) Jungle kits will be inspected for completeness prior to L-hour.  
(3) A corpsman will accompany the 3d Platoon.

## f. Reports.

- (1) 3d Platoon Commander will brief the Commanding Officer on his plan of action prior to L-hour.
- (2) A roster of personnel participating in this operation will be submitted to the Company S-3 prior to L-hour.
- (3) Situation reports will be submitted hourly every hour on the 45 minutes.
- (4) Spot reports will be submitted in SALUTE format.

5. COMMAND COMMUNICATION AND ELECTRONICS

## a. Communication.

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
a. Platoon/Company	41.1	47.2 43.9 46.8
b. Air/General	41.1	44.2 43.9 46.8
c. Inter/Platoon	49.8	

- (2) The Platoons will monitor their radios continuous through out this operation.
- (3) Communication Operating Instructions ~~as~~ briefed by the Communication Officer.
- (4) A relay site will be establish in the vicinity of (AT 929-842) utilizing an AN/PRC-10 w/an RC 292 antenna. Alternate communication at the relay site will be by an MRC-38 radio vehicle.
- (5) Communication at the Company Command Post will effected by an AN/PRC-10 and RC-292 antenna.
- (6) Signals. A yellow smoke will be utilized to mark a landing site should helicopter recovery become necessary.
- (7) Challenge and Password. Inter-platoon recognition will be effected utilizing the number system. The number is 19.

## b. Command.

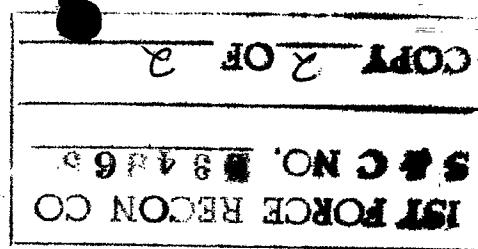
- (1) The Platoon Commander will exercise control of his platoon from within his objective area.
- (2) The Company Command Post will be ustablished at the 3d Marines Command Post (AT 945764).
- (3) 1st Force Reconnaissance Company(-) will reamin at Camp Merrill (B1 073728).

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## Annex A (Operations overlay

## DISTRIBUTION:

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OPERATION ORDER 7-65

Ref: (a) Map: Vietnam, 1:50,000, Series L701, Sheet 6659 IV, III

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy. As briefed by Intelligence Officer
- b. Friendly. As briefed by Operations Officer
- c. Attachments. One Navy Corpsman per platoon.

2. MISSION. Maintain two platoons in RAOR's 1 and 2, 8-15 November 1965, to determine nature and extent of VC activity.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of operation. At L-Hour on R-Day, one platoon will be inserted by helicopter in vicinity of (GS 8189). At L-Hour on R/1, one platoon will be inserted by helicopter in vicinity of (GS 8891). The platoons will conduct ground reconnaissance/surveillance of objective areas A and B, respectively. See Annex A (Operations Overlay). The platoon in objective A will be recovered by helicopter at LZ WREN (AT 820872) at W-Hour on R/4. The platoon in Objective B will be recovered at W-Hour on R/5 by helicopter from LZ LARK (AT 874864).
- b. 1st Platoon. Conduct ground reconnaissance/surveillance of Objective area A during the period 8-12 November 1965. See Annex A (Operations Overlay).
- c. 2nd Platoon. Conduct ground reconnaissance/surveillance of Objective Area A during the period 9-13 November 1965. See Annex A (Operations Overlay).
- d. 3rd Platoon. Resume training upon completion of your present mission and be prepared for subsequent employment.
- e. 4th Platoon. Continue training and be prepared to execute missions as directed.
- f. Headquarters and Service Platoons. Provide for the security and administration of Camp MERRELL and additional support as required.
- g. Supply Officer. Provide support as required in paragraph 4, (Administration and Logistics).
- h. Communications Officer. Provide support as required in paragraph 5, (Command, Communications and Electronics).

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i. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) L-Hour is 1830H.
- (2) R-Day is 8 November 1965.
- (3) W-Hour is 0800H.
- (4) Thrust Line: Base Point (AT 860880); base direction GRID NORTH.
- (5) The Standing Rules of Engagement will be followed.
- (6) ID Tags and Geneva Convention Cards will be carried by all hands. Personal papers, photographs, etc., will not be carried.
- (7) Liaison with friendly units will be effected by the Company Staff Sections.
- (8) Section/Platoon Leaders will brief the Commanding Officer, 1st Force Recon Co., of their plan of action in support of this operation by L-4 hours.
- (9) Debriefing of Platoon Leaders will be accomplished by S-2, 3rd Recon Bn., as soon as practical following recovery.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Uniform and Equipment.

- (1) Cartridge belt w/two full canteens, jungle kit, magazines and ponchos and fighting knife w/flare.
- (2) The haversack will be the primary means of transporting personal and special equipment.

b. Arms and Ammunition.

- (1) 120 rounds per carbine/M3A1.
- (2) 21 rounds per .45 caliber pistol.
- (3) One M-79 w/24 rounds of HE ammunition per platoon.

c. Special Equipment.

- (1) One red panel per team.
- (2) Two M-26 grenades per individual.
- (3) One AN/PRC-25 radio w/two batteries per platoon.
- (4) One AN/PRC-10 radio w/two batteries per platoon.
- (5) AN/PRC-6 radio w/batteries as deemed appropriate by the Platoon Commander

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(6) One pair of binoculars and/or M-49 spotting scope per team.

(7) One Yellow smoke per team.

d. Rations. One MCI (Heavy only) per man per day.

e. Medical.

(1) Persons sustaining a serious injury will be evacuated at the discretion of the platoon commander.

(2) Jungle kits will be inspected for completeness prior to L-Hour.

(3) A corpsman will accompany the 1st and 2nd platoons on operations

f. Reports.

(1) A roster of personnel participating in this operation will be submitted to the Company S-3 prior to L-Hour.

(2) Situation reports will be submitted hourly as follows:

(a) 1st Platoon. Every hour on the half hour.

(b) 2nd Platoon. Every hour on the 45 minutes.

(3) All sighting wil be reported ASAP in SALUTE format.

5. COMMAND, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS.

a. Frequencies.

	Primary	Alternate
(1) Platoon/Company	47.2	46.8
(2) Air/Ground	47.2	46.8
(3) Intra/Platoon	49.8	49.8

b. Platoon will monitor radios continuously.

c. Communications Operating Instructions. As briefed by the Communications Officer.

d. A relay site will be established in vicinity of DONG DEN (AT 837827) utilizing an AN/PRC-10 radio with an RC-292 antenna.

e. Communication at the Company Command Post will be maintained utilizing an AN/PRC-10 radio with an RC-292 antenna.

f. A yellow smoke will be utilized to mark the landing site for helicopter recovery.

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g. Challenge and Password. The number system will be utilized. The number is 15.

h. Command.

(1) The Platoon Commanders will exercise control of their platoons from within their objective areas.

(2) The Company Command Post will be established at the 3rd Marines Command Post (AT 945764).

(3) 1st Force Reconnaissance Company (-), will remain at Camp MERRELL (BT 073728).

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ANNEX A (Operations Overlay)

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CHANGE NUMBER 1 to OPERATION ORDER 8-65

Ref: (a) CO, 3rd Recon Bn OpO 344-65

Time Zone: H

1. Make the following pen changes to Operation Order 8-65:

a. Basic Order.

(1) Paragraph 5.b.(1). After "3rd Platoon", add "if organic transportation is required".

2. Substitute the following new pages, attached hereto, for the original pages, destroying the replaced pages.

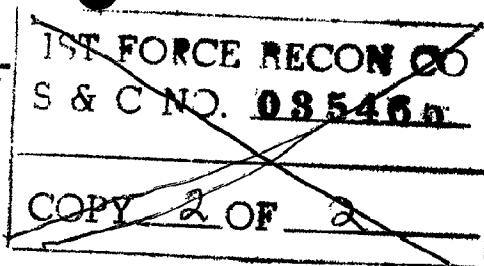
a. Basic Order. Pages 1, 2, and 3.

b. Annex A. Page A-2.

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## OPERATION ORDER 8-65

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy. As briefed by Intelligence Officer.
- b. Friendly. As briefed by Operations Officer.
- c. Attachments. One Navy Corpsman.

2. MISSION. Maintain two platoons in RAOR 1 and 2, 8 - 15 November 1965, to determine nature and extent of VC activity.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operation. At 131730H November 1965, one platoon will be helo-lifted to LZ THRUSH for reconnaissance/surveillance of Objective "A". At 141730H November 1965, one platoon will be helo-lifted to LZ MARTIN, disembark and proceed to Objective "B" and subsequent reconnaissance/surveillance of that area. At 170800H November 1965, the platoon conducting operations in Objective "A" will be recovered by helicopter from LZ CRANE. At 191330H November 1965, the platoon conducting operations in Objective "B", will be recovered by helicopter from LZ ORIOLE.
- b. The fourth Platoon at 141730H November 1965, proceed by helicopter to LZ THRUSH. Moving generally along the route indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), conduct ground reconnaissance/surveillance of Objective "A". Be in position for recovery by helo-lift from LZ CRANE, at 191400H November 1965.
- c. The third Platoon at 141730H November 1965, proceed by helicopter to LZ MARTIN. Moving generally along the route indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), conduct ground reconnaissance/surveillance of Objective "B". Be in position for recovery by helicopter from LZ ORIOLE at 191330H November 1965.

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- d. The Second Platoon continue assigned mission and upon recovery provide security during the insertion of the Third Platoon, if required, and be prepared to execute subsequent mission.
- e. The First Platoon continue assigned mission and upon recovery there from, resume training and be prepared for subsequent employment.
- f. Headquarters and Service Platoons, effective 120800H November 1965, attach one corpsman to the 3rd and 4th Platoons for the duration of this operation. Provide for the security and administration of Camp MERRELL and additional support as required.
- g. Supply Officer provide support as required in paragraph 4 (Administration and Logistics).
- h. Communications Officer, provide support as required in paragraph 5 (Command, Communication, and Electronics).
- i. Coordinating Instructions.
  - (1) Time of Departure.
    - (a) 4th Platoon. 141730H November 1965.
    - (b) 3rd Platoon. 141730H November 1965.
  - (2) Time of Recovery.
    - (a) 4th Platoon. 191400H November 1965.
    - (b) 3rd Platoon. 191330H November 1965.
  - (3) Thrust Line. Base Point; (AT 860880), Base Direction: GRID NORTH.
  - (4) Standing Rules of Engagement will be followed.
  - (5) EEI's. As briefed by Intelligence Officer.
  - (6) Liaison with friendly units will be effected by the Company Staff Sections.
  - (7) Section/Platoon Commanders brief CO, 1st Force Recon Co., prior to 131200H November 1965.
  - (8) Debriefing of Platoon Commanders will be accomplished ASAP following recovery.
- 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.
  - a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by the Platoon Commanders.

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- b. Arms and Equipment. As directed by the Platoon Commanders, to include, one M-79 grenade launcher with 18 rounds of HE ammunition per platoon.
- c. Special Equipment. As directed by Platoon Commanders.
  - (1) Red panels.
  - (2) M-26 grenades.
  - (3) Binoculars/Spotting Scope.
  - (4) Yellow Smoke grenades.
  - (5) One AN/PRC-25 radio w/two batteries.
  - (6) One AN/PRC-10 radio w/two batteries.
  - (7) AN/PRC-6 radio w/batteries.
- d. Rations. As directed by platoon commanders.
- e. Medical.
  - (1) Seriously injured personnel will be evacuated at the discretion of the platoon commanders.
  - (2) One Corpsman will accompany each platoon.
- f. Transportation. Two organic 6X6 trucks will be available at 141130H November 1965, for the insertion of the 3rd Platoon.
- g. Reports.
  - (1) Submit roster of personnel involved to the Company S-3 prior to 131200H November 1965.
  - (2) Situation reports will be made hourly, as indicated on the Communications Operating Instructions.
  - (3) All sightings will be reported ASAP in SALUTE format.

5. COMMAND, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications.

(1) <u>Frequencies.</u>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Platoon/Company	39.4	43.9
Air/Ground	39.4	43.9
Intra Platoon	49.8	4918

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy. As briefed by Intelligence Officer.
- b. Friendly. As briefed by Operations Officer.
- c. Attachments/Detachments. None.

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations in RAOR 2 16-20 Nov 65. During the period 21 Nov 65 through 11 Dec 65 conduct reconnaissance operations in RAOR 2 and RAOR 3.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of operations. One platoon will conduct reconnaissance operations in each of the following objectives during the dates indicated. Refer to Annex A (Operations Overlay).

- (1) Objective "G" 18-22 Nov 65.
- (2) Objective "D" 22-26 Nov 65.
- (3) Objective "N" 21-26 Nov 65.
- (4) Objective "F" 26 Nov-1 Dec 65.

- b. Operations in RAOR 2 from 26 Nov-1 Dec 65 and in RAOR 3 from 1-11 Dec 65 will be in subsequent orders.

- c. 2nd Platoon. At 180730H Nov 65 proceed to and conduct ground reconnaissance/surveillance of Objective "G" (RAOR 2) through 220730H Nov 65.

- d. 3rd Platoon.

- (1) Continue assigned mission as directed.
- (2) At 211730H Nov 65 proceed to and conduct ground reconnaissance/surveillance of Objective "N" (RAOR 3) through 260830H Nov 65.

- e. 4th Platoon.

- (1) Continue assigned mission as directed.
- (2) At 220730H Nov 65 proceed to and conduct ground reconnaissance/surveillance of Objective "D" (RAOR 2) through 260900H Nov 65.

- f. 1st Platoon.

- (1) Conduct training and indoctrination of team to be arriving from Okinawa through 24 Nov 65.
- (2) At 260830H Nov 65 proceed to and conduct ground reconnaissance/surveillance of Objective "F" (RAOR 3) through 010730H Dec 65.

- g. Headquarters and Service Platoons. Provide support as required to include the continual security and administration of Camp Merrell.

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- h. Supply Officer. Provide for the support indicated in paragraph 4, to include those requests made by the Platoon Commanders as approved by the Commanding Officer, 1st Force Recon Co.
- i. Communications Officer. Provide communications instruction and support in accordance with paragraph 5.
- j. Coordinating instructions.
  - (1) THRUST LINE: With the base direction being GRID NORTH, the base points are as follows.
    - 1st Platoon—AT 810820
    - 2nd Platoon—AT 840830
    - 3rd Platoon—AT 850830
    - 4th Platoon—AT 860870
  - (2) The Standing Rules of Engagement will be followed.
  - (3) Liaison with friendly units will be effected by the Company Staff Section 24 hours prior to their insertion.
  - (4) EEI's will be as briefed by the Intelligence Officer.
  - (5) Platoon Commanders will submit overlays to include the primary and alternate manner and place of insertion, check points, patrol routes and/or OP's and the manner and place of recovery 48 hours prior to their insertions.
  - (6) Debriefing of the Platoon Commanders will be accomplished by the S-2 Section, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, ASAP upon recovery.
- 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.
  - a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by the Platoon Commanders.
  - b. Arms and Equipment. As directed by the Platoon Commanders.
  - c. Rations. As directed by the Platoon Commanders.
  - d. Medical.
    - (1) Seriously injured personnel will be evacuated at the discretion of the Platoon Commander.
    - (2) One corpsman will accompany each platoon.
  - e. Transportation. Transportation will be arranged by the Company Staff Section concerned.
  - f. Reports.
    - (1) Platoon Commanders submit roster of personnel involved to the Company S-3 24 hours prior to their operation.
    - (2) Situation reports will be made hourly in accordance with the Communications Operating Instructions.
    - (3) Platoons will check into the Company net and report immediately preceding their insertion. Additional reports will be made at the passing of check points as designated.
    - (4) All sightings will be transmitted in the CLEAR ASAP using the SALUTE format.
- 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
  - a. Communications.

(1) FREQUENCIES	PRIMARY	ALTERNATE
Platoon/Company	39.4	43.9
Air-Ground	39.4	43.9
Intra-Platoon	49.8	49.8

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- (2) A radio-relay will be established as necessary to insure positive communications from the Teams/Platoons to the Commanding Officer, 1st Force Recon Co.
- (3) Yellow smoke will be used to mark landing sites if helicopter recovery becomes necessary.
- (4) Challenge/Password. To be published immediately prior to a platoons insertion.

b. Command.

- (1) Platoon Commanders will exercise control of their platoon from within their objective areas.
- (2) The Company Command Post will be located at the 3d Marines FSCC (AT 945764).
- (3) 1st Force Recon Co(-) will remain at Camp Merrell (BT 072728).

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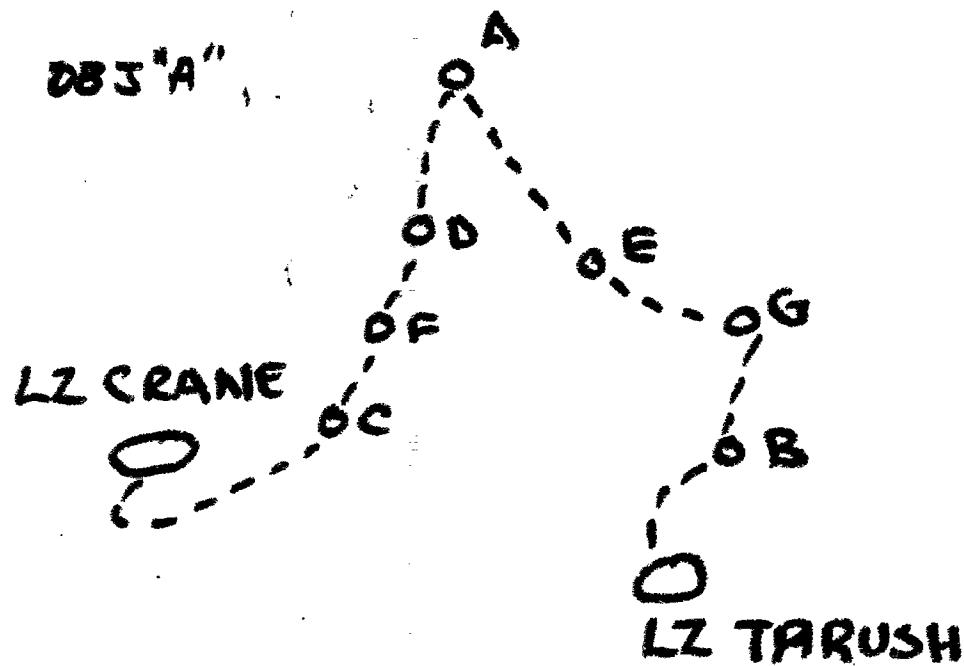
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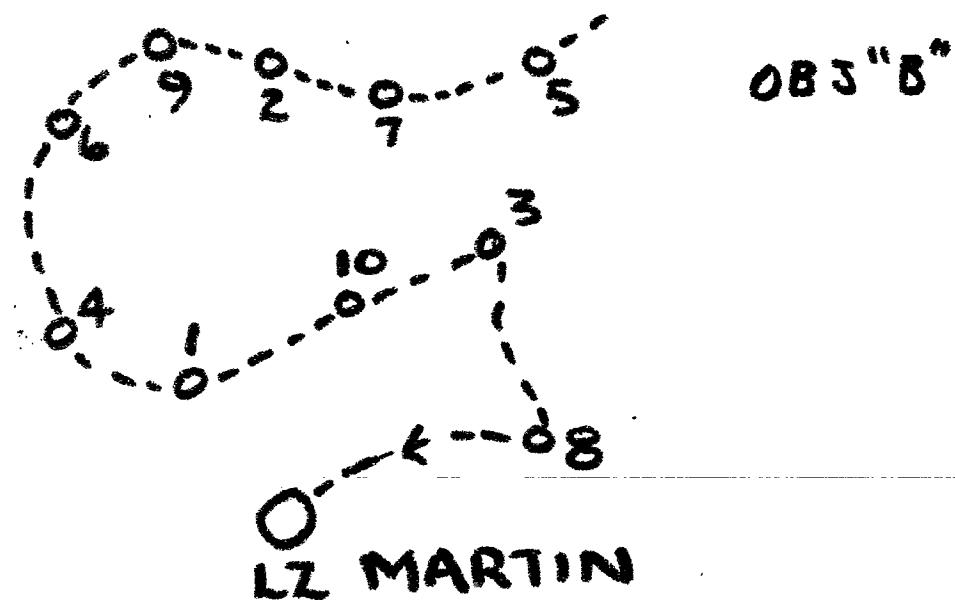
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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy. As briefed by Intelligence Officer.
- b. Friendly. As briefed by Operations Officer.
- c. Attachments. One Navy Corpsman.

2. MISSION. Maintain two platoon in RAOR 1 and 2, 8 - 15 November 1965, to determine nature and extent of VC activity.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of operation. At 131730H November 1965, one platoon will be helo-lifted to LZ THRUSH for reconnaissance/surveillance of Objective "A". At 141230H November 1965, one platoon will move by 6X6 to RAI VAN PASS, (AT 937916), disembark and proceed to Objective "B" and subsequent reconnaissance/surveillance of that area. At 170800H November 1965, the platoon conducting operations in Objective "A" will be recovered by helicopter from LZ CRANE. At 180800H November 1965, the platoon conducting operations in Objective "B" will be recovered by helicopter from LZ MARTIN.
- b. The fourth Platoon at 131730H November 1965, proceed by helicopter to LZ THRUSH. Moving generally along the route indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), conducted ground reconnaissance/surveillance of Objective "A". Be in position for recovery by helo-lift from LZ CRANE, at 170800H November 1965.
- c. The 3rd Platoon at 141230H November 1965, proceed by 6X6 truck provided to HAI VAN PASS (AT 937916), desembark and proceed to and conduct ground reconnaissance/surveillance of Objective "B", indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay). You will move generally along the route indicated. Be in position for recovery by helicopter from LZ MARTIN at 180800H November 1965.
- d. The 2nd Platoon continue assigned mission and upon recovery provide security during the insertion of the 3rd Platoon and be prepared to execute subsequent mission.

- e. The 1st Platoon continue assigned mission and upon recovery there from, resume training and be prepared for subsequent employment.
- f. Headquarters and Service Platoons, effective 120800H November 1965, attach one corpsman to the 3rd and 4th Platoons for the duration of this operation. Provide for the security and administration of Camp MERRELL and additional support as required.
- g. Supply Officer provide support as required in paragraph 4 (Administration and Logistics).
- h. Communication Officer, provide support as required in paragraph 5 (Command, Communication, and Electronics).
- i. Coordinating Instructions.
  - (1) Time of Departure.
    - (a) 4th Platoon. 131730H November 1965.
    - (b) 3rd Platoon. 141230H November 1965.
  - (2) Time of Recovery.
    - (a) 4th Platoon. 170800H November 1965.
    - (b) 3rd Platoon. 180800H November 1965.
  - (3) Landing Zone Coordinates.
    - (a) LZ THRUSH (AT 824871).
    - (b) LZ CRANE (AT 203878).
    - (c) LZ MARTIN (AT 914878).
  - (4) Thrust Line. Base point: (AT 860880), Base direction; GRID NORTH.
  - (5) Standing Rules of Engagement will be followed.
  - (6) EEI's: As briefed by intelligence officer.
  - (7) Liaison with friendly units will be effected by the Company Staff Sections.
  - (8) Section/Platoon Commanders brief CO, 1st Force Recon Co., prior to 131200H November 1965.
  - (9) Debriefing of Platoon Commanders will be accomplished ASAP following recovery.
- 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.
  - a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by the platoon commanders.
  - b. Arms and Equipment. As directed by the platoon commanders, to include, one M-79 grenade launcher with 18 rounds of HE ammunition per platoon.

c. Special Equipment. As directed by platoon commanders.

- (1) Red panels
- (2) M-26 grenades.
- (3) Binoculars/Spotting Scope.
- (4) Yellow Smoke grenades.
- (5) One AN/PRC-25 radio w/two batteries.
- (6) One AN/PRC-10 radio w/two batteries.
- (7) AN/PRC-6 radio w/batteries.

d. Rations. As directed by platoon commanders.

e. Medical.

- (1) Seriously injured personnel will be evacuated at the discretion of the platoon commanders.
- (2) One corpsman will accompany each platoon.

f. Transportation. Two organic 6X6 trucks will be available at 141130H November 1965, for the insertion of the 3rd Platoon.

g. Reports.

- (1) Submit roster of personnel involved to the Company S-3 prior to 131200H November 1965.
- (2) Situation reports will be made hourly, as indicated on the Communications Operating Instructions.
- (3) On 14 November 1965, the Convoy Commander will report his arrival and departure from the following check points during the insertion of the 3rd Platoon.
  1. BT 072729
  2. AT 927844
  3. AT 936865
  4. AT 934888
  5. AT 937915
- (4) All sightings will be reported ASAP in SALUTE format.

5. COMMAND, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications.

(1) Frequencies.

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Platoon/Company	39.4	43.9
Air/Ground	39.4	43.9
Intra Platoon	49.8	49.8

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- (2) Radios will be monitored continuously.
- (3) Communications Operating Instructions will be provided by the Communications Officer.
- (4) A radio relay will be established at DONG DEN (AT 837827).
- (5) Yellow smoke will be used to mark landing sites for helicopter recovery.
- (6) Challenge and Password. Use the number system. The number is 19.

b. Command.

- (1) The Platoon Commander, 2nd Platoon is designated Convoy Commander on R41 during the insertion of the 3rd Platoon.
- (2) The platoon commanders will exercise control of their platoon from within his objective area.
- (3) The Company Command Post will be located at the 3rd Marines FSCC (AT 945764).
- (4) 1st Force Reconnaissance Company (-), will remain at Camp MERRELL (BT 073728).

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ANNEX "A" (Operations Overlay)

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. As briefed by Intelligence Officer and Operations Officer.
2. MISSION. Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations with two platoons in RZ's 1 and 2 during the period 22 Nov-2 Dec 65 inclusive. Operations will be confined to an area WEST of grid line 88 until 24 0800H Nov 65.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. 3d Platoon. Conduct reconnaissance/surveillance of grid squares (AT 8687, AT 8686, AT 8787, and AT 8786) 22-26 Nov 65.
  - b. 4th Platoon. Conduct reconnaissance/surveillance of grid squares (AT 8486, AT 8487 and AT 8387) 22-26 Nov 65.
  - c. 1st Force Recon Company(-). Provide support as required and be prepared for future operations.
  - d. Coordinating instructions.
    - (1) Time of Departure from Company Area-221500H.
    - (2) Time of Recovery-270730H.
    - (3) Insertion Point-(AT 926844).
  - e. The platoons will move together to the 3d Platoon's objective area from the insertion point.
  - f. The patrol route will be confined to the area SOUTH of EAST-WEST grid line 86.
  - g. The primary means of recovery will be by helicopter. The alternate means of recovery will be by foot.
  - h. Platoons submit this primary and alternate plans to the CO, 1st Force Recon Co ASAP.
  - i. Additional instructions will be provided ASAP.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. In accordance with Company SOP's and as requested by the platoons Commanders subject to the approval of the CO, 1st Force Recon Co.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
  - a. Communications. Established in accordance with communications operating instructions provided by the communications Officer.

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b. Command. Company CP will be located at the 3d Marines FSOC.

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1. Make the following pen changes in Operation Order 11-65:

a. Basic Order.

- (1) Paragraph 3.f.(1). Change "HAI VAN PASS" to read "NAMO Bridge".
- (2) Paragraph 5.a.(2). Opposite "1st Platoon" insert call sign "Night Sticker".
- (3) Delete the contents of paragraphs "3.a.(1), 3.b., 3.c., and 3.d.". Substitute there for the following:
  - (a) "3.a.(1). One platoon will conduct reconnaissance surveillance of Objective "A", Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 27-30 November 1965."
  - (b) "3.b. 1st Platoon.
    - (1) At 261600H November 1965, proceed by 6X6 trucks to NAMO Bridge (AT 926844). At 270200H, proceed to and conduct reconnaissance/surveillance of Objective "N".
    - (2) The primary method of recovery will be by helicopter. The alternate will be overland by foot to NAMO Bridge (AT 926844)."
  - (c) "3.c. 2nd Platoon. At 271600H November 1965, CHOP to OPCON, CG, III MAF, for operations as directed by reference (b)."
  - (d) "3.d. 3rd Platoon. Upon completion of your present mission, prepare your platoon to execute applicable portions of reference (b) when directed."

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2. Remove and destroy pages "A-2" and "A-3" of Annex A.
3. Substitute page "A-1", attached hereto, for the original page, destroying the replaced page.

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy. As briefed by Intelligence Officer.
- b. Friendly. As briefed by Operations Officer.
- c. Attachments/detachments. None.

2. MISSION. DA NANG-Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations with two platoons in RZ's 1 and 2 during the period 22 Nov-2 Dec 65. Operations will be confined to an area WEST of grid line 88 until 240800H Nov 65.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operations.

- (1) One platoon will conduct reconnaissance/surveillance operations in each of the following objectives, Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the dates indicated.
  - (a) Objective "N" 24-28 Nov 65. (RZ-1)
  - (b) Objective "K" 26-30 Nov 65. (RZ-2)
  - (c) Objective "E" 28 Nov-2 Dec 65. (RZ-2)
- (2) The execution of the remainder of the mission assigned will be directed in subsequent orders.

b. 1st Platoon.

- (1) At 241300H proceed by motorized convoy to HAI-VAN PASS (AT 937 915). Conduct reconnaissance/surveillance through 280730H of the route designated as Objective "N" (RZ-1).
- (2) The primary method of recovery will be by helicopter. The alternate will be overland by foot to the ESSO FUEL FARM (AT 935866).

c. 2nd Platoon.

- (1) At 260730H proceed to and conduct reconnaissance/surveillance of the route designated as Objective "K" (RZ-2) through 300900H.
- (2) The primary means of insertion and recovery will be by helicopter. Alternate insertion and recovery means will be overland by foot.

d. 3d Platoon.

- (1) At 280930H proceed to and conduct reconnaissance/surveillance of the route designated as Objective "E" (RZ-2) through 020900H.
- (2) The primary means of insertion will be by helicopter. The alternate means will be by foot from bridge (AT 926867).

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(3) The primary means of recovery will be by helicopter. The alternate will be overland by foot to NAMO Bridge (AT 926844).

e. 4th Platoon.  
 (1) Continue assigned mission and upon recovery thereof, prepare your platoon for rotation.

f. Headquarters and Service Platoons.  
 (1) Provide convoy security to and from HAI VAN PASS during the 1st Platoons movement to Objective "N" on 24 Nov 65.  
 (2) Provide additional support as required to include the continued security and administration of Camp Merrell.

g. Supply Officer. Provide for the support in paragraph 4, to include those requests made by Platoon Commanders as approved by the Commanding Officer, 1st Force Recon Co.

h. Communications Officer.  
 (1) Provide communications instruction and support in accordance with paragraph 5.  
 (2) Establish relay sites as necessary to insure positive communications.

i. Coordinating instructions.  
 (1) THRUST LINE: As indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay).  
 (2) EEI's. As briefed by Intelligence Officer.  
 (3) Liaison with friendly units will be effected by the Company Staff Sections 24 hours prior to a platoons insertion.  
 (4) The Company S-3 will coordinate all support requests not listed herein.  
 (5) Platoon Commanders will submit overlay 24 hours prior to insertion to include primary and alternate routes to and from their respective objectives should movement overland by foot become necessary.  
 (6) Debriefing of the Platoon Leaders will be accomplished by S-2 Section, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, ASAP upon recovery.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.  
 a. Uniform and Equipment. Normal, as directed by the Platoon Commanders.  
 b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by the Platoon Commander.  
 c. Rations. As directed by the Platoon Commander.  
 d. Medical.  
 (1) Seriously injured personnel will be evacuated at the discretion of the Platoon Commander.  
 (2) One corpsman will accompany each platoon.

e. Transportation. Transportation will be arranged by the Company Staff Section concerned.

f. Reports.  
 (1) Submit rosters of personnel involved to the Company S-3 24 hours prior to their operation.  
 (2) Situation reports will be made hourly in accordance with Communications Operating Instructions.

(3) Platoons will check into the Company net prior to departing Camp Merrell immediately proceeding their insertion and upon the passing of designated check points.

5. COMMAND, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications.

(1)	FREQUENCIES	PRIMARY	ALTERNATE
	PLATOON/COMPANY	43.9	39.4
	Air/Ground	43.9	39.4
	Inter Platoon	49.8	49.8

(2) Call signs.

1st Platoon	?
2nd Platoon	MORTUARY
3rd Platoon	PRESTONE
4th Platoon	HATEFUL
Relay	PARTY LINE
Base Station(CP)	QUIZ GAME

(3) Communicating Operating Instructions will be provided by the Communications Officer.

(4) Yellow smoke will be used to mark landing sites in the event of helicopter recoveries.

(5) A red panel will be displayed to identify Teams/Platoons when prior to and during air strikes.

(6) Challenge/Password. To be published immediately prior to a platoons insertion.

b. Command.

- (1) Lt. BESF is designated as Convoy Commander during the insertion of the 1st Platoon.
- (2) Platoon Commanders will exercise control of their platoons from within their objective areas.
- (3) The Company Command Post remains the same.

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ANNEX A (Operations Overlay)

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DANANG, RVN  
040930H November 1965PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Chuckle 2

MAPS: Sheet 6659 III, AMS Series L701, 1:50,000

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (13) Enl (1) USN
2. MISSION: Conduct undetected reconnaissance and surveillance within RAOR 2.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 311900H October 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 040900H November 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 5-65
6. OBSERVATIONS:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
011300H	(AT 923902)	5 thatched huts.
020900H	(AT 931899)	5 thatched huts.
010900H	(AT 929891)	Heard firing from this vicinity.
011400H	(AT 922890)	Found 5 cleared out areas.
021600H	(AT 908891)	Saw 3 wood cutters.
040630H	(AT 918878)	Checked out cave.

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## 7. OTHER INFORMATION:

- (1) At 011300H, (AT 923902), found 5 thatched huts. There were no people in the area. Evidence of the huts being utilized was apparent, as the huts contained rice bowls, lamps, axes, and beetle nuts.
- (2) At 020900H, (AT 931899), found 5 thatched huts. From rice bowls, lamps, and utensils found, it was determined that they had been used recently.
- (3) At 020900H, two shots were heard from vicinity (AT 929891). Approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour later, 2 more shots were heard. Upon checking with the Marine assigned a lookout position (AT 928899), (he thought the shots were perhaps at him). A 2 man ambush was set up with negative results.

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- (4) At 011400H, (AT 922890), found 5 cleared out areas approximately 10-15 feet in diameter. Two of the areas contained remnants of cooking fires.
- (5) At 021600H, (AT 908891), 3 wood cutters were sighted wearing black clothing.
- (6) At 040630H, (AT 918878), checked out a cave that had been sighted from an OP position previously. The cave was approximately 6 feet high and 12 feet deep. From all appearances it was man made. The cave was hard to enter, as the entrance is located on a stream bank, and the stream had a water level of approximately 4 feet. Inside the cave grass was growing on the floor, and it appeared that it had not been recently used.
- (7) MAP CORRECTIONS: See Overlay.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No contact.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Good.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusion: That the area covered is primarily used by wood cutters. The trails noted were in a good enough condition to permit movement of large bodies of troops at a rapid rate of march.

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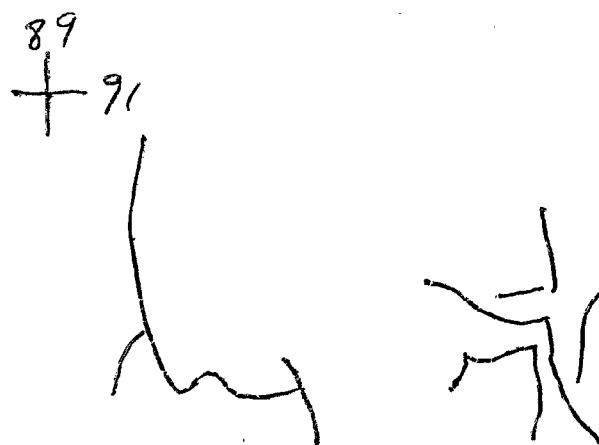
11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER:

Of significance was the fact that there were no sightings of armed VC in the area covered. It appears that there is no foot traffic towards HOA VAN. The trail nets in the area from all indications are used sporadically by the VC as an egress route into the hinterland after an attack.

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DA NANG, RVN  
041010H November 1965

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DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Chuckle - 4

MAPS: Vietnam 1:50,000, Sheet Number 6659 III, IV, Series L701

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (12) Enl
2. MISSION: Provide observations and surveillance of area Bravo.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 311930H October 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 041000H November 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 5-65
6. OBSERVATIONS: No physical or visual contact made.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:

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- (1) Friendly and enemy activity throughout the patrols area of operation were negative.
- (2) The teams deployed to cover, and reconnoiter the trail networks in their area of operation resulted in negative sightings. The trails were considered infrequently used because of the overgrowth along its axis. One trail was found used recently. Refer to overlay. Roads, once used for logging purposes, were old and deep ruts were numerous. These roads were approximately 10 feet wide in some areas. Refer to overlay. Booby traps were not encountered on the road and trail complexes. Numerous trail markers were found in the vicinity of grid square (AT 9188), refer to sketches. From approximately the 650 meter contour interval the rain forest canopy is approximately 80 feet high.
- (3) Communications throughout the area of operation with the AN/PRC 25 was considered excellent.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Good.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusion: That helo evacuation and helo-lifted Reaction Force. Above the 600 meter contour-line, the canopy is to high and heavy as to preclude helicopter use. Patrol planners, in such areas, should not plan on being

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able to utilize these two items.

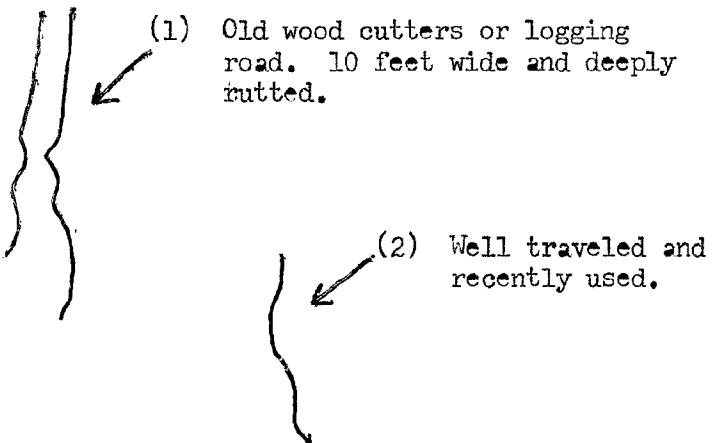
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11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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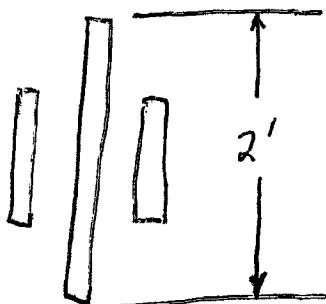
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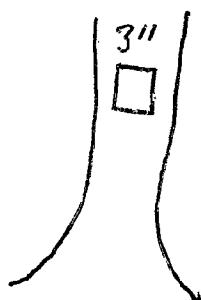
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TRAIL MARKERS

Saplings embeded in the center of the trail (AT 913881)



Cut out rectangular notches were engraved on trees along the trails. Some contained non discript markings.

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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: CHUCKLE - 3

MAPS: Vietnam 1:50,000, AMs; Series L-701, Sheet 6659 III

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (13) Enl
2. MISSION: Conduct ground reconnaissance surveillance in area Z of the DA NANG RAOK.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 041700H Nov
4. TIME OF RETURN: 080835H Nov
5. ROUTE: Refer to OPORD 6-65
6. OBSERVATIONS - ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
041600H	(AT 898857)	Discovered a stream not indicated on the map.
051400H	(AT 868863)	Sighted 1 man working rice paddy.
061030H	(AT 885826)	Sighted 20 VN gathering on road.
061030H to 061100H	(AT 8881) (AT 8983) (AT 8982) (AT 9083)	Heavy boat traffic on river.
061130H	(AT 9081)	Heard firing.
061130H	(AT 913824)	Sighted 4 men crossing stream.
061130H	(AT 914827)	Sighted 1 boat proceeding West on river.
061200H	(AT 914827)	Sighted 1 boat proceeding West on river.
061200H	(AT 886866)	Discovered small stream not indicated on map.
061300H	(AT 919826)	Sighted 6 men crossing stream.

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060300H	GRID SQUARE (AT 9082)	Sighted 10 men appearing to be working fields.
080800H	GRID SQUARES (AT 9084) (AT 9184) (AT 9284)	Sighted 100 people working fields.

## 7. OTHER INFORMATION:

- (1) At 040200H (AT 897862) the patrol observed several and heard numerous chickens in the area. They were small, and brown in color.
- (2) At 041600H (AT 898857) the patrol discovered a stream not indicated on the map. The stream was approximately 2 feet wide with a depth of about 8 inches. The water ran rapidly, and was very clear.
- (3) At 050700H (AT 898862) the patrol again sighted numerous chickens of the same description as those referred to in #1.
- (4) At 051400H (AT 868863) the patrol sighted 1 man working in a rice paddy. He wore white clothing and a white hat. His presence in the area caused the patrol leader to be suspicious of him, as the village in that vicinity (HOI-AN) was deserted. Also noted was the fact that the rice fields in this vicinity have reached the stage of full growth and appear to be ready for harvest.
- (5) At 061030H (AT 885826) the patrol sighted 20 VN gathering into a large group on the road. After they had assembled, they broke up into groups of two's and three's and proceeded East along the road with approximately a 1000 meter interval between the groups. It was also noted that they walked strictly on the left side of the road.
- (6) At 061030H to 061100H in grid squares (AT 8882), (AT 8983), (AT 8982) and (AT 9083) heavy traffic was observed on the river proceeding West. The distance from which being observed, prevented determining the type and size of boats, and whether they were carrying men and/or equipment.

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- (7) At 061130H in grid square (AT 9081) the patrol heard a large volume of steady firing which lasted for 20 minutes. Weapons included were automatic weapons, rifles, mortars, and possibly 1 light artillery piece which seemed to be firing at a rapid rate. At 061150H the firing decreased from a steady rate to only sporadic firing for approximately 1 hour, then ceased altogether.
- (8) At 061130H (AT 913824) 4 men were sighted crossing a stream. Rather than crossing altogether, they would cross one at a time, and after approximately 5 minutes, another would cross. This pattern continued until all 4 men had completed the crossing and they then disappeared at (AT 914826). All 4 men were dressed in black PJ's with no hats. No weapons were noted.
- (9) At 061130H and 061200H (AT 914827) A boat was observed pulling away from the bank and heading West on the river. Contents of the boats could not be determined.
- (10) At 061200H (AT 886866) A small stream not indicated on the map was discovered. The water was clear and ran rapidly. Comment: Other than the 2 streams mentioned in this report, the patrol could find no water to the left of North-South grid line 88, within the boundaries of their patrol route. (Refer to OPO&D).
- (11) At 061300H (AT 919826) The patrol observed 2 groups of 3 men each crossing the river in what at first look like they were swimming in a column. However, when they reached the bank, it was discovered that, rather than swimming, they were in actuality riding atop water buffaloes. Having crossed the stream, they began to work the fields in grid square (AT 9182). Distance prevented determining their uniform or equipment.
- (12) At 061300H in grid square (AT 9082) 10 men were observed appearing to work in the fields. Distance prevented determining uniform and equipment, other than the fact that some wore white hats.
- (13) At 071400H (AT 901872) Chickens were noted roosting. They were of the same description as those in #1.

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(14) At 071400H (AT 901872) An unexploded 8 inch Howitzer shell was found. This area had been the target of an extensive artillery bombardment, as numerous shell craters (4-5 feet in diameter, and 1½ feet deep), and the trees and brush were badly torn. It was noted that the unexploded shell did not contain a fuze.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No contact was made with the enemy.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Good  
(1) Officer was evacuated at 050830H, as a result of an eye injury suffered several hours before.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None

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11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None

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130930H November 1965PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Chuckle - 2

MAPS: Vietnam, 1:50,000, Sheet No. 6659 III, Series L701

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (12) Enl (1) USN
2. MISSION: Conduct a surveillance of RAOR #1 to determine the nature of VC activity.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 091900H November 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 130750H November 1965
5. ROUTE (SHOW ON OVERLAY): Refer to Opn Order 7-65
6. OBSERVATIONS - ENEMY AND TERRAIN: No physical or visual contact made.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:
  - (1) At 101400H, (AT 885870), the patrol located a shelter which measured 7' X 5' X 4'. The shelter was constructed with logs, and had been recently destroyed. The shelter had been built adjacent to a stream bed at (AT 884869). Downstream a second shelter was located intact. This shelter measured 7' X 5' X 4'. It appeared this shelter had not been used for a period of time. No material or equipment was found. Refer to sketch.
  - (2) 101845H, (AT 879874), a small cave was located on a bank near a stream bed. The cave's entrance was approximately 8' wide and the exterior extended back 5'. Its entrance, was partially concealed by a rock piling 4' high. The interior of the cave did not contain any evidence of recent use. Refer to sketch.
  - (3) 110845H, (AT 876863), 3 members of the patrol were evacuated by helo to C and C for minor skin irritation which caused swelling of the face. The rash and swelling of the effected areas are very similar to those of persons with Poison Ivy.
  - (4) At 111500H, (AT 876888), as the patrol was moving along a creek bed, they located a wooden fish or smoke rack. It appeared that this rack had recently been built, but not recently used. Nothing unusual was detected in its general vicinity. Refer to sketch.
  - (5) At 111600H, (AT 879891), a jet drone, black in color and intact was located near a stream bed. Two trees had been felled to conceal its location from the air. Components of the drone had been removed and were found in the stream. Indications are that persons had attempted

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to dismantle the aircraft. Condition of the fuselage and wing assembly were in good condition. Electronic components were dismantled by the patrol and were helo evacuated to the Air Force Operations Center. On request from the Air Force, the drone was destroyed by demolitions at 121230H.

- (6) At 121240H, (AT 879891), as the patrol was being extracted by helo, the use of a sling was required. The number two man was approximately 40' above the ground when the helo was blown off course by a gust of wind while hovering. This caused the man to become wedged in a tree while the winch continued to ascend. This caused the man to become dislodged from the sling, and fall to the ground inflicting serious bodily injury and head damage. The injured Marine was immediately evacuated to C and C. His condition was critical.
- (7) At 121700H, (AT 879874), a small cave was located near a stream bed. Located inside the cave was a metal container, which at one time was possibly a large oil can. The metal object was 5" square. Also found was a piece of dark green plastic, a yard square, and numerous banana leaves. The cave had not been recently used.
- (8) Communications with the AN/PRC 25 was excellent. One battery was in continuous use for 80 hours.
- (9) Map Correction: A trail not shown on the map was utilized by the patrol. Refer to map correction overlay.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No contact made.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:

Four men were helo evacuated, one of which was critically injured, to C and C.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: That the long range patrol rations were excellent.

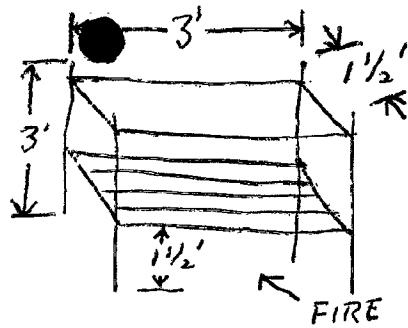
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11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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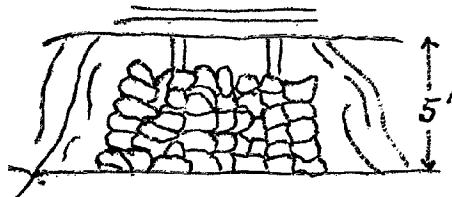
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(AT 876888)  
FISH RACK -  
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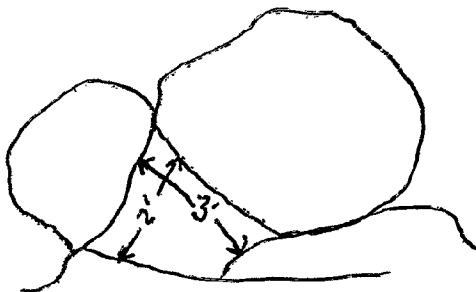

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(AT 879874)  
CAVE - SLANTED BACK.  
ROCKS PILED IN  
FRONT.




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(AT 879874)  
CAVE MADE BY  
BOULDERS. FOLDED  
METAL AND WATER-  
PROOFING PLASTIC  
WITH BANANA  
LEAVES.



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DA NANG, RVN  
141235H November 1965

## PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Chuckle - 1

MAPS: Vietnam, 1:50,000, Sheet No. 6659 III, Series L701

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (13) Enl (1) USN
2. MISSION: Conduct ground reconnaissance/surveillance of Objective Area RAOR #1 and #2.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 091830H November 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 140915H November 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 7-65
6. OBSERVATIONS: No physical or visual contact made.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:
  - (1) 111420H, (AT 856853). 4 VN were observed heading South towards the road carrying bundles of rice stalks. They were wearing black trousers and shirts and straw hats. No unusual occurrences were noted.
  - (2) The trail complexes utilized by the patrol appeared to be infrequently used. The width of the trails were generally 3 feet wide. No evidence of booby traps or trail markers were noted.
  - (3) The trails were generally infested with land leeches.
  - (4) Communications with the AN/PRC 25 was considered excellent. The battery was in continuous use for approximately 90 hours.
  - (5) Map Corrections: Two trails were used that are not presently shown on the map. Refer to trail overlay.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No contact made.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Good.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

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Conclusion: That the AN/PRC 25 be used by all future patrols due to its excellent performance and long duration of its battery.

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11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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DA NANG, RVN  
191455H November 1965

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Chuckle - 3

MAPS: Vietnam, 1:50,000, Sheets 6659 III, IV, and 6559 II

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (13) Enl (1) USN
2. MISSION: Conduct an area reconnaissance of RAOR #1 and #2, to determine the extent of VC activity.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 141730H November 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 191330H November 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 8-65
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
141000H	(AT 864871)	Discovered rice cache
171230H	(AT 866868)	Observed 1 VC with rifle

## 7. OTHER INFORMATION:

- (1) At 141000H, (AT 864871), the patrol discovered a rice cache stowed in a metal container. It was estimated to contain approximately 250 pounds of rice, which appeared to be fairly fresh. The container was destroyed and the rice scattered.
- (2) An old VC Camp site consisting of a cleared area was discovered at 151030H, (AT 865878). It was of sufficient size to accomodate an estimated 150 persons. Several fighting holes of varying sizes were noted scattered around the perimeter of the camp site. They were poorly constructed and did not give the appearance that they had been prepared for use in a determined VC defensive stand. It did not appear that the camp site had been used in the past several months.
- (3) At 160900H, (AT 860873), the patrol discovered a small VC Camp site. It consisted of several areas of matted down grass, which could offer sleeping accomodations for approximately 24 persons. This site appeared to have been in more recent use than the one previously noted - probably within the past month.
- (4) At 171230H, (AT 866868), the patrol observed 1 VC carrying a non-descript rifle moving North. He was dressed in a gray shirt and trousers with no hat.

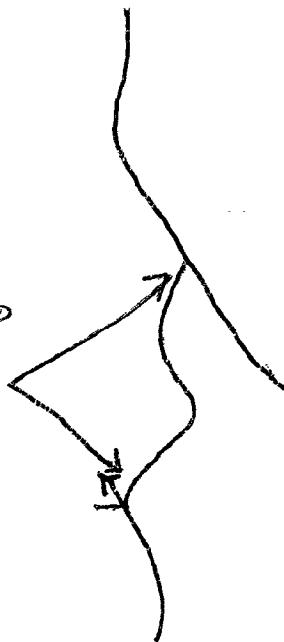
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ACROSS THE TRAIL  
GIVING A STAIR  
STEP EFFECT.



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(5) A well defined trail network in excellent condition was discovered along the patrol's route. (Refer to sketch). Generally, the trails were 3 feet in width and covered by a dense jungle canopy ranging from 4 feet to 80 feet in height.

(6) Communications with the AN/PRC-10 was excellent throughout the patrol.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No contact made.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Fair. Insufficient rations due to the extending of the patrol resulted in patrol's becoming weak with hunger.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

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1st Force Recon Company

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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DA NANG, RVN  
191530H November 1965

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Chuckle - 4

MAPS: Vietnam, 1:50,000; Sheets 6659 III, IV, and 6559 II

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (13) Enl (1) USN
2. MISSION: Conduct an area reconnaissance of RAOR #1 and #2, to determine the extent of VC activity.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 141730H November 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 191400H November 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 8-65
6. OBSERVATIONS OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN: No physical or visual contact made with the enemy.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:
  - (1) The route the patrol followed from 14 through 17 November from (AT 827863), in a North Northwesterly direction to (ZC 205895), was very difficult to negotiate. Vegetation was extremely thick, and trail blazing had to be utilized. This route was virtually void of trails with those discovered being old abandoned "loggers" trails, which were overgrown with dense vegetation.
  - (2) On 18 and 19 November, in grid squares (ZC 1988, 1987, 1986, and 1886), the patrol noted numerous signs of VC activity. Throughout the whole length of the river basin in these grid squares, countless small trails were noted running in all directions. Numerous matted down grass areas of adequate size to accomodate 20-30 persons were discovered. Most of the trails contained many fresh footprints; some of which were judged to be only several hours old.
  - (3) At 181200H, (ZC 197870), the patrol discovered a ford constructed of rocks and dirt. It was 3 feet wide and stretched for approximately 30 feet across the stream. Within a radius of 200 meters from this point, 3 small VC Camp sites were found, which appeared to be a part of a larger camp centered at the ford at (ZC 197870). Each of these smaller camp sites could accomodate from 20 to 30 persons. Several frames for what appeared to be individual shelters were constructed of 2 poles,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  feet long, supported by 2 shorter poles of about 3 feet needing only to have a poncho thrown over it to complete the shelter. (Refer to sketch).

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- (4) Frequent sightings of a trail marker was noted in these grid squares. (Refer to sketch). Their meaning could not be determined.
- (5) At varying intervals along the stream basin/trail complex occasional sightings of elephant dung were noted.
- (6) It was also noted that the wildlife (particularly birds and wild boar) was not disturbed by the patrol's presence in the area of grid squares (ZC 1988, 1987, 1986, and 1886). In fact at times they would meander in and around the patrol members. This could possibly be indicative of the fact that they are accustomed to the presence of humans.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No contact was made.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Good.

## 10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusion: That based on previous patrols in this general vicinity, as well as this one, the VC appear to be limiting their activities to below 1200 meter elevation. There is more than adequate cover and concealment at the lower levels, and it provides, generally, for better trafficability.

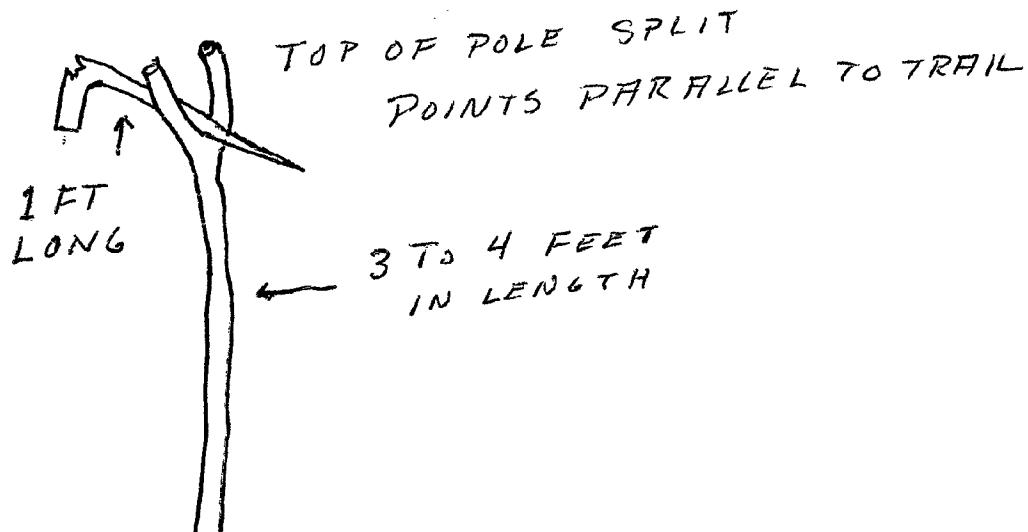
Recommendation: That an infantry operation be conducted in grid squares (ZC 1988, 1987, 1986, and 1886) in the very near future.

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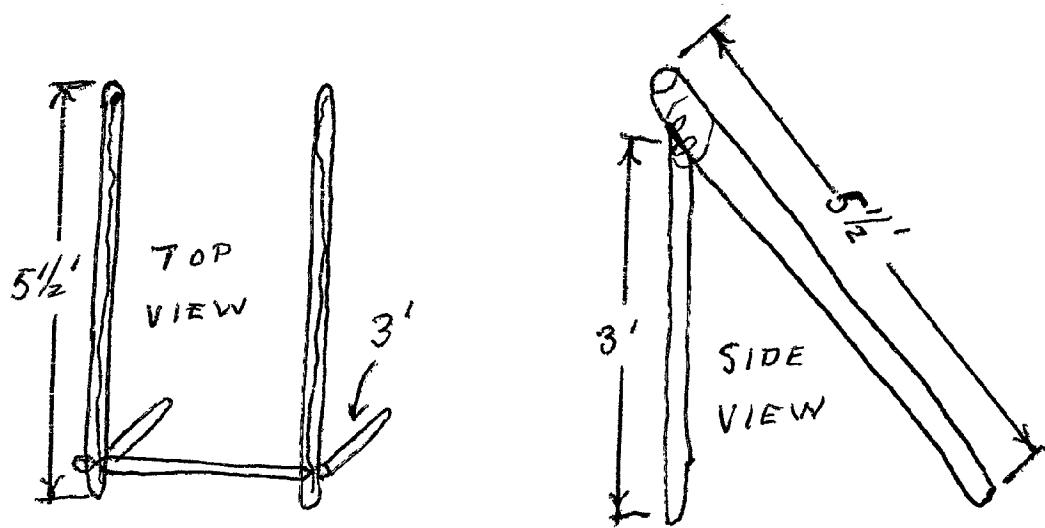
11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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## (1) TRAIL MARKER - CONSTRUCTED OF SAPLINGS



## (2) INDIVIDUAL SHELTER FRAMEWORK



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231100H November 1965

PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Chuckle-62

MAPS: Vietnam, 1:50,000, Sheet 6659 III, Series L701

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (13) Enl (1) USN
2. MISSION: Conduct an area reconnaissance of RAOR #2
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 191900H Nov
4. TIME OF RETURN: 221200H Nov
5. ROUTE: Refer to OPORD 9-65
6. OBSERVATIONS:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
201530H	(AT 874874)	Observed 2 armed VC
210730H	(AT 874874)	Observed 15 to 20 VC setting under a shelter

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

- (1) At 201530H, as the patrol was proceeding in a Southwesterly direction, the point of the patrol heard a voice approximately 100 meters to his front. On further investigation two VC, one armed with a Carbine, and the other a Sub Thompson, wearing black trousers and shirts were observed moving away from the direction of the patrol towards the Southwest. In the general vicinity movement and other noises were heard. The patrol pulled back and then requested a fire mission on the VC position. No damage assessment could be made at this time.
- (2) At 210730H, (AT 874874), the patrol attempted to make a damage assessment from the previous artillery fire. On reaching the location, voices were heard and an estimated 15 to 20 VC were observed taking shelter from the rain under a blue canvas. They wore black clothing, but no weapons were noted. The patrol then withdrew to (AT 875866), and requested artillery on the known VC position. A secondary explosion and screams were heard during the barrage. A damage assessment was not made.

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At 221156H, (AT 868863), the patrol was extracted by LVT's and then proceeded East down the SONG CA DE'. One LVT had sustained engine failure and was being towed by the lead LVT. Just prior to reaching the NAMO Bridge where the patrol was left off the tow line broke and one LVT drifted out to the ocean.

Communication with the AN/PRC-25 was excellent.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: Visual contact made.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Fair.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

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11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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261100H November 1965

PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Chuckle - 3

MAPS: Vietnam, 1:50,000, Sheet 6659 III, Series L701

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (12) Enl (1) USN
2. MISSION: Conduct a reconnaissance of RZ #2
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 221830H November 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 261000H November 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 11-65
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

TIME	COORDINATES	OBSERVATION
250700H	(AT 871869)	Ambushed 3 VC.
250930H	(AT 861871)	Old VC Camp site.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION:

- (1) At 250700H, (AT 871869), just prior to the patrol departing their night ambush site, 3 VC were ambushed as they entered the clearing the patrol occupied. They emerged from the bush dragging a barrel filled with broken bottles of assorted sizes. The patrol opened fire from a range of approximately 5 meters resulting in 1 VC KIA and 2 possible WIA's. The KIA was wearing a blue uniform, blue rain hat and rubber tire sandals. He had a cartridge belt with 1 Chicom grenade attached. Another Chicom grenade was found tied to the drum the VC had been dragging. The 2 suspected WIA's were observed to fall in the brush under the initial firing, but a thorough search of the area proved negative. It was noted though that there were many patches of blood on the brush and the ground in the vicinity where they went down. None of the 3 VC were carrying rifles. The uniform the KIA was wearing was clean and in good condition, and he had recently had a haircut -- probably within the past 48 hours.
- (2) At 250930H, (AT 860873), the patrol re-entered a VC Camp site they had searched in a previous patrol. (Refer to para. 7.(3) of Chuckle 3 Patrol Report dated 191455H November 1965). The camp appeared to have been used recently. This was determined by the many footprints found in the area not yet washed away by the rain.

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- (3) Grid squares (AT 8686), (AT 8786) and (AT 8685), are badly overgrown with bush in those portions shown as rice paddies on the standard map reference however, these areas are considered to be suitable for HLZ's.
- (4) 2 main trails were found with numerous smaller trails leading off of them. Many freshly made footprints were found on the trails. (Refer to overlay).
- (5) The stream extending Northeasterly from the SONG CA DE' in grid square (AT 8685), has become swollen with the monsoon season. The water is in excess of 6 feet in depth, and the current extremely strong. It is necessary to use a line to cross the stream.
- (6) Communications with the AN/PRC-10 was good. 1 battery was in continuous use for 48 hours.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 1 VC KIA confirmed; 2 VC WIA possible.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPCSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Good.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

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11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER:

This portion of the SONG CA DE' continues to be utilized as a logistics and personnel supply net for the Northwestern portion of the DA NANG TAOR.

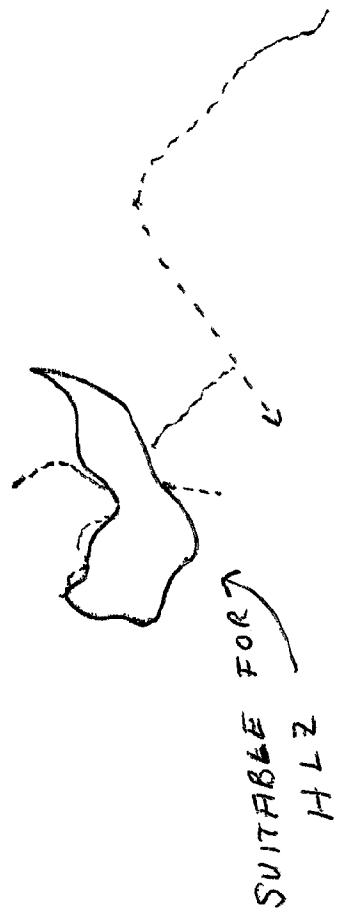
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261115H November 1965PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Chuckle #4

MAPS: Vietnam, 1:50,000, Sheet 6659 III, Series L701

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (11) Enl (1) USN
2. MISSION: Conduct an area reconnaissance and surveillance of RAOR #2.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 221900H November 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 261100H November 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 10-65
6. OBSERVATIONS OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

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TIME	COORDINATES	OBSERVATION
250800H	(AT 852865)	6 VC were cooking in a small village.
250900H	(AT 852865)	People were noted returning to the huts.
251000H	(AT 852865)	Voices were heard from the village.
251607H	(AT 848858)	2 VC were moving South towards NAM YEN.
251618H	(AT 851866)	3 VCS were moving East across the rice paddies.
251635H	(AT 857863)	1 artillery round hit a hut and a secondary explosion was heard.
251726H	(AT 852865)	1 VCS was moving South across the rice paddies.
260645H	(AT 852865)	11 people were moving towards the village.
260730H	(AT 852865)	4 dead VC were located near a shallow grave.

## 7. OTHER INFORMATION.

- (1) At 250800H, 6VC were observed cooking in a small village at (AT 852865). One man was noted carrying a rifle. An artillery fire mission was directed on the hut complex. After several rounds hit the target area, screams and yelling were heard. 2 people were noted running away from the impact area towards the North.

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- (2) At 250900H, after the artillery had ceased fire, people were noted returning towards the village. A damage assessment could not be made at this time without compromizing the patrols location. A repeat fire mission was delivered on the same target. No casualties were noted.
- (3) At 251000H, voices were heard from the vicinity of the village at (AT 852865). One person was observed moving through and around some huts.
- (4) At 251607H, 2 VC wearing khaki clothing were sighted moving towards the South across the rice paddies towards the village of NAM YEN in grid squares (AT 8485), and (AT 8585). One VC was armed with a rifle, and the other was hand carrying 2 ammunition boxes.
- (5) At 251618H, 3 VCS were observed moving in an Easterly direction wearing non descript clothing and carrying packs at (AT 851866). No weapons were noted.
- (6) At 251635H, the patrol leader had previously requested H & I fires on the village complex at (AT 857863). The request had been granted and a round was on the way when 4 armed VC were observed entering a hut. The one round delivered was a direct hit on the hut they had entered seconds before. A few seconds after the initial round had detonated, a large secondary explosion was heard.
- (7) At 251726H, one VCS was observed moving South across the rice paddies at (AT 852865), wearing black shorts and a black poncho. A weapon may have been concealed under the poncho. Nothing unusual was noted about this persons activity.
- (8) At 260645H, the patrol observed a total of 11 people moving in groups of 2 and 3 from the South towards the village at (AT 852865). Due to poor visibility, observation of equipment or weapons could not be determined. At 260705H, people were noted in the village at (AT 852865) digging and carrying items out of some huts. An artillery fire mission was requested and delivered on the target. After the initial volley, people were noted running out of the huts towards the North.
- (9) At 250730H, the patrol entered the village at (AT 852865), to make a damage assessment previously administered by artillery fire and also to conduct a search of the village near the vicinity of a hut. They located a shallow grave which contained 3 mutilated VC bodies. A 4th body was along side the grave. The mutilation had been inflicted by shrapnel from the artillery rounds. The search of one hut uncovered 4 rifles, 4 packs, plus numerous items including food and documents. 3 rifles, and 2 packs were found in another hut 20 meters away. The interior of the 2 huts contained shelters approximately 2 feet wide and 4 feet deep with a 3 foot overhead. The huts were not booby trapped. All weapons, documents and equipment were returned for ITT inspection. It was noted that around the huts, a trench network, 2 feet wide and 3 feet deep had been constructed. No panji traps, or stakes were noted.

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8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 4 KIA. 4 WIA, resulting from artillery fire.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Fair.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommend: That future patrols in the area be conducted on the lower portions of the lowlands and valleys in this area rather than the high ground. That the infantry in the very near future conduct a search and destroy operation in grid squares (AT 8486), (AT 8586), (AT 8485), and (AT 8585).

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11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER:

This portion of the SONG CA DE' continues to be utilized as a logistics and personnel supply net for the Northwestern portion of the DANANG TAOR.

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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Chuckle #1

MAPS: Vietnam, 1:50,000, Sheet No. 6659 III, Series L701

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (11) Enl (1) USN

2. MISSION: Conduct an area Reconnaissance and surveillance of RZ #2

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 270200H November 1965

4. TIME OF RETURN: 010945H November 1965

5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 11-65

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
280945H	(AT 856849)	15 people moving Northwest along Route #14.
281010H	(AT 856857)	2 men moving South carrying pole with box suspended on it.
281220H	(AT 856857)	2 men moving Southwest with bundles containing green vegetation.
281243H	(AT 856847)	3 people moving Southeast along Route #14.
281320H	(AT 856847)	3 people (Women ?) moving Southeast along Route #14.
281405H	(AT 856847)	6 people moving Southeast along Route #14.
281427H	(AT 856847)	4 people moving Southeast along Route #14.
281500H	(AT 853850)	3 men moving West along Route #14.
281610H	(AT 856857)	3 men moving South into village area.
290910H	(AT 857848)	16 people moving Southeast from vicinity (AT 855853).
291145H	(AT 855853)	22 people moving in a column formation through village.
300920H	(AT 845853)	16 people moving into vicinity (AT 845853).
300935H	(AT 854854)	1 man crossed river moving North in a round boat.

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301050H (AT 850864) 4 men moving Northwest along trail.

301225H (AT 854854) 1 man crossed river moving South in same boat.

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301405H (AT 856847) 15 people moving from village area Southeast along Route #14.

301845H (AT 850864) 3 men wearing black PJ's moving East along trail.

270940H (AT 888861) Patrol found one charger M-14 ammo.

291100H (AT 857865) Patrol found one charger M-14 ammo.

## 7. OTHER INFORMATION:

- (1) At 280945H, 15 people were moving Northwest along Route #14 at (AT 856849), wearing straw hats, black shirts, and trousers. No unusual occurrences were noted.
- (2) At 281010H, 2 men were observed moving in a Southerly direction at (AT 856857), carrying a box suspended on a pole. Visual contact was lost when they entered the village of NAM-YEN.
- (3) At 281220H, 2 men were observed exiting the village of NAM-YEN in a Southerwesterly direction at (AT 856857), wearing black clothing and carrying bundles of undetermined vegetation.
- (4) At 281243H, 3 people were moving towards the Southwest along Route #14 at (AT 856847), wearing black clothing and carrying poles with baskets suspended from both ends. Contents in the baskets could not be determined.
- (5) At 281320H, 3 people were moving Southwest along Route #14 at (AT 856847) wearing black shirts and trousers and carrying poles with baskets suspended from either end. It appeared these people may have been women. Contents in the baskets could not be determined.
- (6) At 281405H, 6 people were observed moving in Southeasterly direction on Route #14 at (AT 856847), wearing black clothing and carrying poles with baskets suspended from either end. Contents in the baskets could not be determined.
- (7) At 281427H, 4 people were moving towards the Southeast on Route #14 at (AT 856847), wearing black shirts and trousers, and carrying poles with baskets suspended from either end. Contents in the baskets could not be determined.
- (8) At 281500H, 3 men were observed moving West along Route #14 at (AT 853850), wearing black shirts and trousers, and carrying packs. It was noted they maintained several yards interval while in route.

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(9) At 281610H, 3 men were observed moving in a Southerly direction towards the village of NAM-YEN. 2 men wore black clothing and were armed with non descript weapons. The other man wore khaki clothing and carried a pack.

(10) At 290910H, 26 people, which appeared to be women, were observed moving Northeast towards the village at (AT 855853). They wore black clothing and carried long poles. Visual contact was lost when they entered the village at (AT 855853).

(11) At 291145H, 16 people were noted moving towards the Southeast at (AT 855853), wearing black shirts and trousers, and carrying poles with baskets suspended from either end.

(12) At 291345H, 22 people in a column formation were observed moving in a Northeasterly direction at (AT 847856), wearing black shirts and trousers. No unusual occurrences were noted.

(13) At 300920H, 16 people were observed moving in a Westerly direction on Route #14 at (AT 845853), wearing clothing and some carrying long poles to transport equipment.

(14) At 300935H, 1 man was observed crossing the SONG GA DE' River from North to South in a small basket boat at (AT 854854), wearing a green poncho. He beached the boat on the South bank and proceeded into the brush carrying a small basket.

(15) At 301050H, the patrol observed 4 men carrying weapons and packs moving towards the Northwest. They wore black clothing and the weapons appeared to be Chicom carbines.

(16) At 131225H, 1 man was observed crossing the SONG CA DE' from South to North at (AT 854854), wearing a black shirt and trousers and carrying a pack. He beached his basket boat on the North bank.

(17) At 301235H, 15 people were observed moving towards the Southeast from the village at (AT 858855) and (AT 856847). They wore black clothing and 12 of the people were carrying poles with baskets suspended from either end.

(18) At 301845H, 9 men were moving East along a trail at (AT 850864), wearing black shirts and trousers and moving very rapidly. No weapons or equipment were noted.

(19) At 270940H, (AT 888861), the patrol found one charger of M-14 ammunition.

(20) At 291100H, (AT 857865), the patrol found one charger of M-14 ammunition.

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8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Excellent.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PRC 25 provided outstanding communications until last 8 hours of patrol and then failed. Battery life; 98 hours. Technical malfunctions; None.

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11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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