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1ST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY
 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion
 3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF
 FPO San Francisco 96602

1ST FORCE RECON CO
 S & C NO. 14866

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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 Via: Commanding Officer, 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 Subj: Command Chronology; submission of
 Ref: (a) DivO 5750.1
 Encl: (1) Command and Staff Billets
 (2) 1st Recon Bn Operation Order 323-66 of 021030H May 1966
 (3) 1st Force Recon Co OpO 9-66 of 031300H May 1966 (Annex A and B for Op 07-66)
 (4) Operation Order 9-66 Patrol Report for 3rd Platoon of 071800H May 1966
 (5) Operation Order 9-66 Patrol Report for Radio Relay Team of 211200H May 1966
 (6) Change Number 1 to Recon Group Bravo OpO 3-66 of 161800H May 1966
 (7) Recon Group Bravo OpO 4-66 of 141130H May 1966
 (8) 1st Force Recon Co OpO 10-66 of 141200H May 1966
 (9) Operation Order 10-66 Patrol Report of 181415H May 1966
 (10) 1st Force Recon Co OpO 11-66 of 151100H May 1966
 (11) Operation Order 11-66 Patrol Report of 181600H May 1966
 (12) 1st Force Recon Co OpO 12-66 of 191200H May 1966
 (13) Operation Order 12-66 Patrol Report of 240100H May 1966
 (14) 1st Force Recon Co OpO 13-66 of 191500H May 1966
 (15) Operation Order 13-66 Patrol Report of 202200H May 1966
 (16) 1st Force Recon Co OpO 14-66 of 192200H May 1966
 (17) Operation Order 14-66 Patrol Report of 242200H May 1966
 (18) 1st Force Recon Co OpO 15-66 of 212000H May 1966
 (19) Operation Order 15-66 Patrol Report of 262000H May 1966
 (20) 1st Force Recon Co OpO 16-66 of 230935H May 1966
 (21) Operation Order 16-66 Patrol Report of 282200H May 1966
 (22) 1st Force Recon Co OpO 17-66 of 251200H May 1966
 (23) Operation Order 17-66 Patrol Report of 021600H May 1966

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted for the month of May 1966.

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2. Organizational Data.

- a. Designation. 1st Force Reconnaissance Company (-).
- b. Location.
 - (1) Administration and logistical personnel at DA NANG, Republic of VIETNAM, (RVN).
 - (2) The Command Group and the 1st through 5th Platoons, were chopped to OPCON 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF, on 28 April 1966, and relocated from HUE/PHU BAI to CHU LAI to assist in reconnaissance operations in that area.
 - (3) On 11 May 1966, the Command Group and the 1st through 3rd Platoons, moved to DA NANG. The 4th and 5th Platoons remained OPCON 1st Reconnaissance Battalion (-), (Rein), at CHU LAI.
 - (4) On 13 May 1966, the Command Group and the 1st through 3rd Platoons, relocated from DA NANG to HUE/PHU BAI, and chopped OPCON 4th Marine Regiment.
 - (5) The 6th Platoon (-), remains attached to the SLF.
- c. Period Covered. 010001H May 1966 to 312400H May 1966.
- d. Command and Staff Billets. Enclosure (1).
- e. Average Monthly Strength. 8 USMC Officer, 130 USMC Enlisted, and 6 USN Enlisted.

3. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

a. Personnel.

- (1) This unit sustained two KIA's and twelve WIA's as a result of enemy engagements.
- (2) Awards received by individuals during this period for actions while engaging the enemy are as follows:
 - (a) One Bronze Star.
 - (b) Nine Purple Hearts.

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(3) Awards recommended or pending for this period are as follows:

- (a) Two Silver Stars.
- (b) One Navy Commendation Medal.
- (c) Three Purple Hearts.

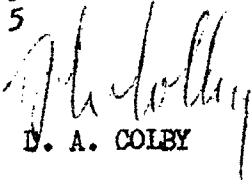
b. Training. During the month reported, an artillery FO School was conducted with lecture/application periods presented.

4. COMMAND AND CONTROL. At 130900H May 1966, OPCON of Reconnaissance Group Bravo was changed to Commanding Officer, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company.

5. CLOSE COMBAT.

- a. A total of 11, four to five day platoon size patrols were conducted during this reporting period.
- b. A compilation of Viet Cong casualties as a result of this company's activities are as follows:

Viet Cong KIA	12
Viet Cong KIA (Possible)	13
Viet Cong WIA (Possible)	5



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COMMAND AND STAFF BILLETS

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>T/O RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERNO/MOS</u>
Commanding Officer	Major	COLBY, D.A.	Major	056695/0302
Executive Officer	Captain	CARTY, J.J.	Captain	090441/0302
Operations Officer	Captain	CRAIN, R.W.	Captain	084624/0302
Intelligence Officer	1stLt	BUBERT, C.F.	1stLt	090799/2502
Supply Officer	1stLt	BEST, S.J.	1stLt	088052/3002
Communications Officer	1stLt	GOEWY, V.L.	2ndLt	SERNO/MOS pending
Platoon Commander, 1st Platoon	1stLt	GRANNIS, D.L.	1stLt	087538/0302
Platoon Commander, 2nd Platoon	1stLt	FREITAS, J.P.	2ndLt	SERNO/MOS pending
Platoon Commander, 3rd Platoon	1stLt	HENDERSON, W.T.	1stLt	089766/0302
Platoon Commander, 4th Platoon	1stLt	JACQUES, M.J.	GySgt	1073614/0369
Platoon Commander, 5th Platoon	1stLt	PAULL, J.T.	1stLt	089885/0302
Platoon Commander, 6th Platoon	1stLt	BARTLETT, D.L.	1stLt	

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 CHU LAI, RVN.
 021030H May 1966

Operation Order 323-66

Ref: (a) 7th Marines OpO 329-66
 (b) 1st Force Recon Co OpO 8-66
 (c) FmOpO 321-66
 (d) Maps: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS L701
 Sheet 6756 I, II, III & IV

Time Zone: E

Task Organization:

1st Reconnaissance Battalion (-)(rein)

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LtCol A. J. SULLIVAN

1stLt S. W. CHEFF

Capt R. B. TIFFANY

Major D. A. COLBY

1. SITUATIONa. Enemy forces

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

b. Friendly forces. Reference (a) (Task Organization).c. Attachments and Detachments

(1) H&S Company (-) continues in general support of the 1st Marine Division (-)(rein).

(2) Company "A" continues in general support of the 1st Marine Division (-)(Rein).

(3) Company "D" continues in general support of the 1st Marine Division (-)(Rein).

(4) 1st Force Reconnaissance Company (-) attached.

2. MISSION. To conduct ground reconnaissance/observation in support of RIT-7 prior to and during Operation MONTGOMERY.3. EXECUTIONa. Concept of Operation

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(1)

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

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

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

b. Company "C"

(1) On D-Day, on order, 1st Platoon (Chester White) will be inserted by helicopter in the vicinity of Hill 162 (BS 443783) and establishes observation of the SONG GIANG Valley (BS 4378 and BS 4379), TAN AN THOU (1) (BS 444799) and TAN AN THOU (2) (BS 434798).

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

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

(4) Company "C" Headquarters (Crackcase "C") remains with the Battalion Command Group and maintains communications in accordance with Annex B.

c. 1st Force Reconnaissance Company (-)

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

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

(3) 1st Force Reconnaissance Company (-) Headquarters (Punctuate) remains with the Battalion Command Group and maintains communications in accordance with Annex B (Comm-Elec).

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

d. Battalion Command Group (Special)

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

(a) Battalion Commander

(b) S-3 Assistant

(1) S-3 Chief

(2) Clerk (1).

(c) S-4 representative

(d) Radio Chief

(1) Radio operator/driver (3)

(2) Corpsman (1)

(2) On order, the following vehicles will shift in conjunction with the artillery and other supporting elements, from CHU LAI to the QUANG NGAI airfield.

(a) Two (2) MRC-58's

(b) One (1) MRC-83

(c) One (1) M-35

(d) One (1) M-37

(e) One (1) M-422

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

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

f. Coordinating Instructions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

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

b. Supply

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

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

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

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

- (a) Grenade, Hand, Tear CS-1.
- (b) Grenade, Rifle, white phosphorus.
- (c) Launcher, Grenade, 40mm, M-79.
- (d) Rifle, M-16
- (e) Shotgun, M-12

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

d. Transportation.

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

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

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

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

(c) 1st Force Reconnaissance Company (-) provides: One (1) M-38A1; One (1) M-37.

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. See Annex B (Communications-Electronics).

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

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

c. The following transit points are established:

(1) Company "G"

(a) 1st Platoon - BS 4478

(b) 2nd Platoon - BS 4372

(c) 3rd Platoon - BS 4173

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

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ANNEXES

A - Operations Overlay

B - Command and Communications-Electronics

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

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

Time Zone: HOTEL

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces.

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

b. Friendly Forces.

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

c. Command Posts.

1st Reconnaissance Bn (-)	BT 561048
Company "C", 1st Recon Bn	BT 561047
1st Force Reconnaissance Co.	BT 561048

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

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

3. EXECUTION.

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

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

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

(3) On D-1 be prepared to deploy communication support team with 1st Recon Bn Cmd Group.

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

b. Company "C" 1st Recon Bn.

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

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

c. First Force Reconnaissance Co.

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

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

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

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Reporting Schedule.

(a) Company "C", Platoons will report at least once every four hours and maintain a continuous guard.

(b) First Force Recon Co., Platoons will report at least once each hour and maintain a continuous guard.

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

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

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

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

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

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1 - ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS.

a. Dry Cell Batteries. Upon deployment a five day supply of dry cell batteries will accompany the Command Group. Resupply will be provided upon request.

b. BB-451. Resupply of BB-451's will be requested through RLT-7 LSA facilities. Requests should be submitted at least 24 hours in advance of requirements.

c. Emergency spare parts or equipment replacements will be made upon request. Sufficient back-up equipment will be deployed where possible.

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APPENDIXES

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

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

Time Zone: HOMT

<u>SYMBOLS</u>		Bn Cond #1	Bn Tac	Co "C" Cond	Force Recon	No Cond	DAC
X	- Guard						
O	- As required						
W	- When directed						
1st Recon Bn(-)(Forward)	X	W				O	
Company "C"			W X			O	
1st Plt				X		O	
2nd Plt				X		O	
3rd Plt				X		O	
Force Recon Co			W	X		O	
1st Plt					X	O	
2nd Plt					X	O	
3rd Plt					X	O	
4th Plt					X	O	
5th Plt					X	O	
Force Recon Co (Relay)	O				X		
RTT-7 In Team	X				X		
1st Recon Bn(-)(Rear)	X						

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Appendix 2 (Call Signs & Frequencies) to Annex B (Comm-Elect) to OpOrder
 323-66

Time Zone: HOTEL

1. The following call signs are assigned.

1st Recon Bn (-)	CRANKCASE
Company "C" 1st Recon Bn	CRANKCASE CHARLIE
1st Flt	CHESTERWHITE
2nd Flt	COMBINE
3rd Flt	AVESAGE
First Force Recon Co.	PUNCTUATE
1st Flt	NIGHT STICKER
2nd Flt	FRIANESS
3rd Flt	CALIEON
4th Flt	HATEFUL
5th Flt	KILLER KANE
First Force Recon Co. (Relay)	PUNCTUATE RELAY
RLT-7 Recon Ln Tn	PUNCTUATE XRAY

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

2. The following frequencies are assigned:

	FREQ	DESIG	EMISSION
1st Recon Bn Cond.	(P)2585 KC	M-30	3A3J
	(S)9448 KC	M-199	3A3J
1st Recon Bn TAG	39.4 MC	M-363	36F3
Company "C" Cond #1	(P)51.65 MC	M-475	36F3
	(S)44.1 MC	M-410	36F3
Force Recon Co TAG	(P)50.8 MC	M-454	36F3
	(S)54.6	M-495	36F3
Division Air Obs #1	39.6 MC	M-365	36F3

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Operation Order 9-66

Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM; 1:50,000; Sheet number 6756 III and IV
 (b) Reconnaissance Group Bravo OpO 2-66
 (c) 1st Reconnaissance Battalion OpO 6-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

3rd Platoon, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company, 1st Lt HENDERSON
 Radio Relay Team, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company, SSgt FOWLER

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. As briefed by the S-2.
- b. Friendly Forces. As briefed by the S-3.
- c. Attachments and Detachments. None.

2. MISSION. On D-3, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company (-), will insert one platoon and a radio relay in the area northwest of Operation MONTGOMERY, to locate and report enemy movements, locations, and positions.3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. One platoon will be inserted in the vicinity of NUI LUOI CAY (BS 3778) to conduct observation of the SONG GIANG Valley and the Operation MONTGOMERY Objective Area. A radio relay station will be established in the vicinity of Hill 177 (BS 5177) with the additional responsibility of maintaining an OP to observe activity in the SONG GIANG Area.
- b. 3rd Platoon. Depart LZ QUAIL at 031800H May 1966 by helicopter, and lift to the vicinity of BS 38778. The platoon will proceed on foot along the patrol route in accordance with Annex A (Operations Overlay). Recovery of the platoon will be effected by helicopter on 081400H May 1966, in the vicinity of BS 396771.
- c. Radio Relay Team. Depart LZ QUAIL at 031400H May 1966, by helicopter and lift to the vicinity of BS 518779. The team will activate and maintain an AM/FM relay station until directed to secure same by this Headquarters. An OP with BC Scope will also be established to observe the valley area vicinity of BS 4276, BS 4375, and BS 4376.

~~SECRET~~d. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) D-Day for Operation MONTGOMERY is 6 May 1966.
- (2) Routes: Annex A (Operation Overlay).
- (3) Air Support TPQ's. Annex B (TPQ's).
- (4) Debriefing immediately after completion of patrol.
- (5) If an airstrike is requested and approved, display a single red panel to mark friendly positions.
- (6) If the patrol is out of contact for three hours, it will move to the last position where communications were successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the 3rd Platoon move to BS 405771 for extraction.
- (7) Time of Departure: D-3.
- (8) Platcon Recovery: D+2. Emergency recovery as required.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by patrol leader.
- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by patrol leader. Ammunition to be carried will not be less than 100 rounds plus one bandolier per M-14 and 24 rounds per M-79. Each patrol will carry no less than 2 M-72 rocket launchers, one rifle grenade launcher, two WP rifle grenades, and two CS grenades.
- c. Rations. As directed by the patrol leader. Up to 50% LPR's are available. At least three canteens per man plus two life jackets full of water will be carried by each platoon. Carry and utilize salt and halizone tablets.
- d. Special Equipment.
 - (1) One pair of binoculars per team.
 - (2) One M-49 spotter scope per platoon.
 - (3) One PSR-1 per platoon.
 - (4) One red and one yellow panel per team.
 - (5) One yellow smoke per team.
 - (6) Three signal mirrors per platoon.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.a. Communications

- (1) Relay team will establish an AM/FM net with primary net being FM. Relay team will report directly to the 7th Marine Regimental COC (PUNCTUATE X-RAY) until D-Day.
- (2) Patrol will carry two AN/PRC-25 radios for primary means of communications. Inner-platoon communications will be by AN/PRC-10 radios. Activate one AN/PRC-25 on the artillery net when artillery becomes available.
- (3) Patrols in the field will send hourly situation and location reports and will monitor their radios continuously.
- (4) On D-Day, all reporting will be direct to 1st Reconnaissance Battalion (-) (Rein) (Fwd), at QUANG NGAI (CRANKCASE).

b. Unit Brevity Code.(1) Prowords:

KIA - - - - - SCOTCH
 WIA - - - - - BOURBON
 MIA - - - - - BEER
 MED EVAC - - - - - PETER RABBIT
 EXTRACTION - - - - - PEANUT BUTTER
 EMERGENCY EXTRACTION POINT - - BATMAN

(2) Thrust Lines:

TLA - - - BS 3682
 TLE - - - BS 3880
 TLC - - - BS 4181
 TLD - - - BS 3678
 TLE - - - BS 3379

(3) Shackles.

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E	A	O	F	M	G	H	J	L	B
P	Z	Q	N	U	G	K	R	T	I
		V	X		Y			S	
			D					W	

~~SECRET~~c. Callsigns and Frequencies.(1) Callsigns:

3rd Platoon	GALLEON
Radio Relay Team	PUNCTUATE RELAY
7th Marines CO	PUNCTUATE X-RAY
1st Recon Bn (-) (Rein) (Fwd)	CRANKCASE
3rd Battalion, 11th Marines	CIRCUMVENT

(2) Frequencies:

FM	(P) 50.8	M-464	Artillery	W-450
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d. Command. No change.

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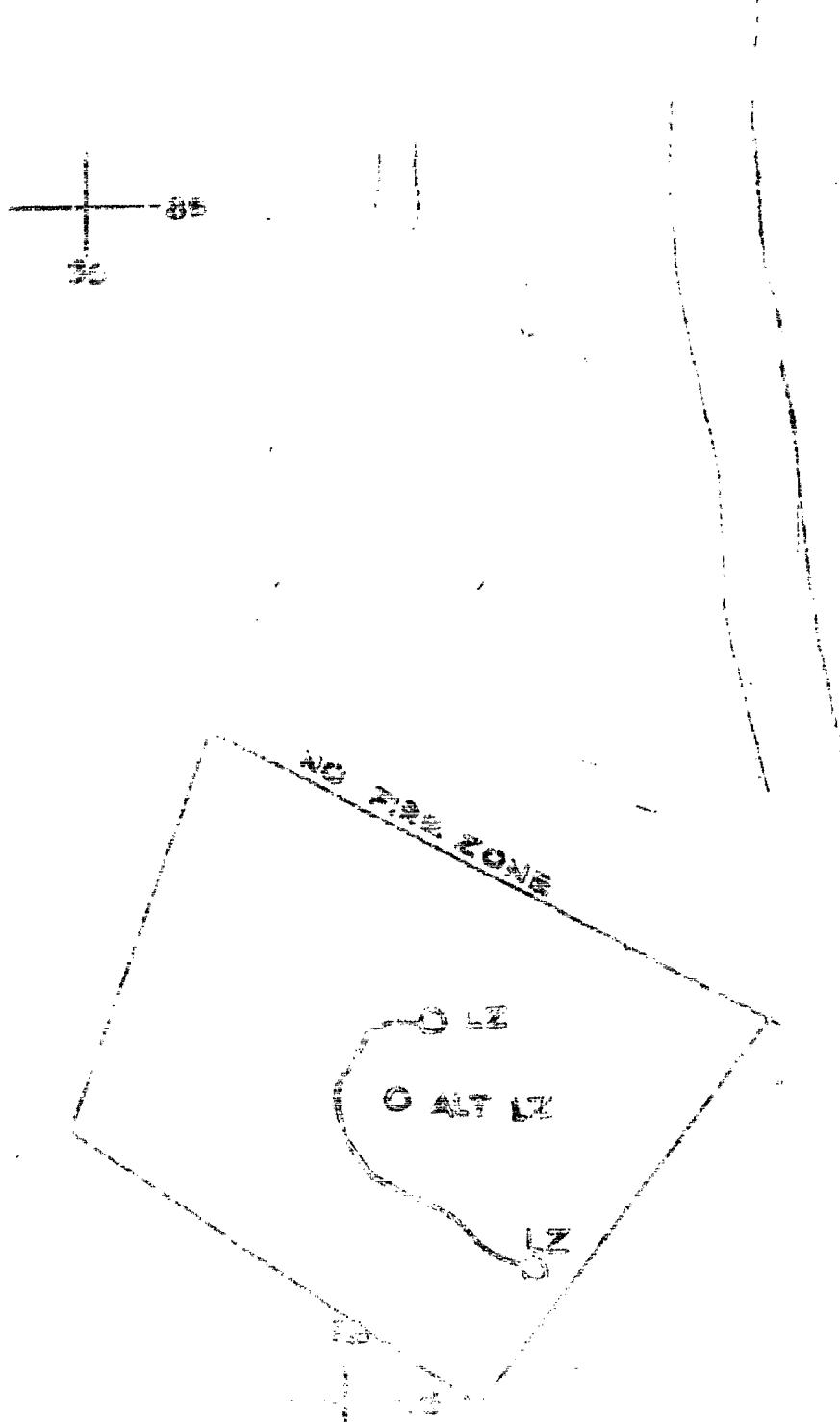
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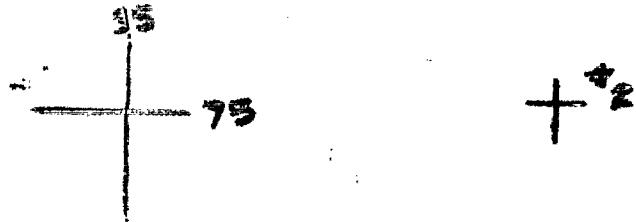
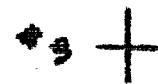
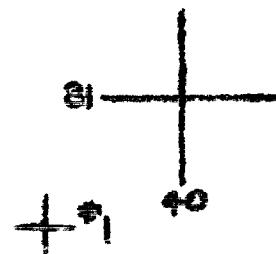
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Operation Order: 9-66
Patrol: 3rd Plt, 1st Force Recon Co
Debriefer: SSgt G. A. KOCH
Map Sheet: 6756 III and IV

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071800H May 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Size and Composition: (1) officer, 10 enlisted, and (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments: None.
- c. Communications Equipment: (1) AN/PRC-25 and (1) AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observations Equipment: (2) uX50's.
- e. Special Equipment: (1) PSR-1.
- f. Special Weapons: (2) M-72's, (1) M-79.

2. MISSION: To conduct ground reconnaissance and observation in the objective area in support of Operation MONTGOMERY.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 061800H/071515H May 1966.

4. ROUTE: Patrol Route Overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. Synopsis: 21 hours of observation and patrolling resulted in one contact with the VC, initiated by the patrol. One heavily used trail with freshly planted panji stakes was located in the objective area.
- b. Enemy: 070700H (BS 390772) one team departed the OP site to observe large East/West trail. This team operated approximately 25 meters from the main body. At 0905H, the team observed 3 VC approaching from the east along this trail. It was noted that the first VC was carrying a BAR with bipod held at high port. The second and third had a carbine and a Thompson Sub-machinegun respectively. The first VC was approximately 6 feet or more in height and weighed at least 200 pounds. Uniform was tiger striped utilities. It was noted that the VC had their faces camouflaged also. It appeared to be of the same type camouflage paint as used by the USMC patrols. The other two were much smaller in size and build. The large VC had a broad face and long hair. It was definitely stated that this VC and the other two were of the oriental race. As the VC approached the team, they looked towards the trail, and it appeared that they observed the footprints of the platoon along the same trail. At one point the large

VC was only 6 to 8 feet away from one of the team members and he looked in his general location and then suddenly turned, said something to the other two, and all of them ran in the direction they had come. At 0915H, the 3 VC returned very cautiously and from a distance of 20 meters, the large one said in perfect english "put down your gun". At this point one of the team members opened up with a burst of 8 rounds from an M-14 automatic rifle. The VC appeared to be hit and a second member of the team confirmed that this VC was possibly killed or wounded. All members of the team opened fire into the direction of the VC location and it was thought another had been hit. The VC returned fire and withdrew. The team returned to the patrol base.

c. Terrain:

- (1) The high ground in the objective area was covered with brush, intermingled with thorn vines and some grass. The canopy was approximately 60 to 100 feet high. In the valleys, heavy underbrush was encountered and in places a canopy 40 to 70 feet high.
- (2) Map Correction: A large trail 4 to 5 feet wide was located. This trail was heavily used and fresh panji stakes were found. Observation of this trail network can not be made from the air. Canopy over the trail was approximately 60 to 100 feet high. The panji stakes protruded 8 to 12 inches out of the ground and all of them were fresh. Footprints were found on this trail which were 3 to 4 days old.

(a) Map correction overlay.

d. Other Information:

- (1) (BS 393773) Located fresh panji stakes along 4 to 5 foot wide trail. These panji stakes were about 8 to 12 inches long.
- (2) 45 minutes after the patrol departed the contact site, they heard what sounded like automatic bursts from that general location.
- (3) 062000H (BS 390772) as the patrol approached the OP site they detected an odor similar to that of dead humans or possibly animals. They moved 60 more meters down the trail and this odor was absent. At that location, the patrol set up for the night.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 1 VC KIA possibly, 1 VC WIA. No friendly casualties.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

- a. Due to the fact that the VC's exercised cautious approach while in their own environment, it could have been possible that they were the point for a larger body.
- b. The VC encountered were possibly "hard-core" or NVA.
- c. The tiger-striped utilities and camouflaged paint indicate a high degree of training and possibly they were part of a VC reconnaissance element.
- d. The large english speaking VC could have been a Chinese Adviser.

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER:

- 1. It is very unusual for a Vietnamese to be of the size and description indicated in paragraph 5b(1).
- 2. Recommend TPQ-10 missions on the following targets: BS 388774 and BS 390772.

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Patrol route and map correction overlay to Operation Order 9-66

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× Contact Point
--- Trail (map corr)

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 Patrol: **RADIO RELAY 101**
 Debriefer: SSGT. G. A. KOCH
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 Reconnaissance Group Bravo
 PHU BAI, RVN
 211200H May 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Size and composition: (7) Enl.
- b. Special Attachments: (1) FO (1) Radio Operator.
- c. Communications Equipment: (1) AN/PRC-25, (2) AN/PRC-10's.
- d. Observation Equipment: (1) BC Scope, (1) M-26 Spotting Scope, (1) 6x30, (1) 7x50.
- e. Special Equipment: None.
- f. Special Weapons: (1) M-79, (3) M-72's.

2. MISSION: A radio relay site will be established in the area northwest of Operation MONTGOMERY, to locate and report enemy movements, and positions.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 031300H/141000H May 1966.

4. ROUTE: OP at coordinates BS 518779.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. Synopsis: 11 days of continuous observation in support of Operation MONTGOMERY resulted in 103 VC sightings, 12 VCS sightings for a total of 231 actual VC sightings and 83 VCS. Five artillery missions were called.
- b. Enemy:
 - (1) 041335H (BS 532805) 3 VC walking east, wearing black PJ's. Bandage on one mans leg. (2) packs.
 - (2) 051200H (BS 488791) 11 VCS riding bikes NE with bundles on bikes. Wore black PJ's and packs. Negative weapons and equipment sighted.

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- (3) 051412H (BS 486758) 6 VCS, carrying long boat to river. Wore black PJ's, white sunhelmets, carried bundles.
- (4) 051700H (BS 529792) 2 VC moving NE up hill. Wore khaki uniforms with no covers. Dark colored packs.
- (5) 061150H (BS 438791) 8 VCS riding bikes NE. Black PJ's, white sunhelmets, bundles on bikes.
- (6) 061214H (BS 438791) 6 VCS riding bikes NE. Black PJ's, white helmets, bundles on bikes.
- (7) 061328H (BS 525756) After large amount of small arms fire, 30 VC mixed in with 70 VCS moving west. VC wearing green uniforms, packs, rifles (unknown type). VCS black PJ's no weapons.
- (8) 071120H (BS 488791) 2 VC walking NE. Wearing green uniforms, green rain hats. 2 dark green packs, 1 pistol belt with poncho attached.
- (9) 071200H (BS 510805) 2 VC moving NE. Both had green uniforms, tan rain hats. (2) packs, 1 submachinegun, 1 rifle
- (10) 071213H (BS 488791) 2 VC walking NE. Both wearing green uniforms, tan rain hats. 2 packs pistol belt with 1 knife attached, 1 rifle, 1 submachinegun.
- (11) 071225H (BS 488791) 6 VC moving east on trail. When aircraft flew over VC, they jumped into holes dug along trail. These were spaced 30 to 40 meters apart.
- (12) 071555H (BS 488791) 1 VC searching for something beneath large tree at edge of ruins. Light colored PJ's, no hat. 1 rifle.
- (13) 071639H (BS 488791) 2 VC walking NE on road. Wearing black PJ's and poncho's. Two packs, 1 rifle.
- (14) 080935H (BS 505798) 3 VC moving NE on trail. 2 wearing black PJ's, 1 in khaki; 2 straw hats, 1 khaki rain hat; 2 packs, 1 pistol belt, 1 submachine gun.
- (15) 081040H (BS 476788) 4 VC moving heavy machinegun, unknown type and caliber. Green uniforms, green helmets, heavy machine gun. This machinegun was moved into a predug emplacement and was observed for one day. The next day, the gun was gone.
- (16) 081430H (BS 488789) 1 VC walking NE from edge of ruins. Light green uniform, tan rain hat, pack, pistol belt, 1 submachinegun.

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- (17) 081435H (BS 481811) 3 VC walking in a easterly direction, spaced 20 to 30 paces apart. Black PJ tops, 2 wearing white colored shorts, 1 wearing light colored trousers, straw coolie hats and packs. Man with long trousers and wearing pistol belt and canteen.
- (18) 081455H (BS 487791) 3 VCS digging hole, observed men digging for 1 hour. During this time they dug and camouflaged the hole. Man stood in hole and it was up to his neck. Hole overlooks East end of abandoned airstrip. Black PJ's, hoe, and shovel.
- (19) 081455H (BS 478805) 6 VC walking north 20 to 30 paces apart. Black PJ's and white coolie hats, 4 had packs, 2 had baskets on poles. No weapons observed.
- (20) 081730H (BS 475784) 2 VC moving West along road wearing black PJ's and packs. No weapons observed.
- (21) 081745H (BS 508802) 3 VC heading South West. Black PJ tops, light green bottoms, rain hat and straw hats, packs and 2 rifles.
- (22) 081749 (BS 488791) 6 VC moving North Easterly. Mixed uniforms of black PJ's and green uniforms, tan rain hats, straw hats. 4 rifles, 1 sub machine gun, 6 packs (heavily camouflaged with branches).
- (23) 081806H (BS 508802) 3 VC moving South West. Wearing gray uniforms, 1 carrying plastic sun helmet, plastic rain coats. 2 draped over packs and shoulders. Large packs.
- (24) 081914H (BS 475783) 6 VC traveling East. 2 on bikes, black PJ's, no covers. Packs were observed.
- (25) 081918H (BS 475783) 3 VC traveling East wearing black PJ's with packs.
- (26) 090642H (BS 489789) 3 VC going into concrete structure at end of ruins. 1 black PJ's, 2 green uniforms. 1 pack observed.
- (27) 090720H (BS 510820) 1 VC walking North East through rice paddies. Green uniform, tan hat. Was wearing pack.
- (28) 090720H (BS 515815) 4 VC moving along rice paddies. Green uniforms, no hats. 2 packs, 2 men carrying 5 to 6 foot long objects (possible 2.36 rocket launchers).

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(29) 090745H (BS 488789) 1 VC walking North East near ruins. Straw coolie hat, black PJ bottoms. Magazine pouch over shoulder. Appears to be carrying rifles wrapped up in poncho.

(30) 090828H (BS 487812) 3 VC heading NE through rice paddies. 1 wearing green utilities, tan cowboy hat. 2 black PJ's and coolie hats with packs.

(31) 090845H (BS 489788) 3 VC riding bikes NE. Green uniforms and gray plastic sun helmets. 2 sub machine guns dangling from cross bars on bikes.

(32) 090855H (BS 988789) 3 VC men, 1 VC boy moving NE. 1 man green uniform, 2 men blue shirts and black trousers. 1 boy wearing grey shirt, black trousers. Dark gray packs on shoulders.

(33) 090856 (BS 488789) 6 VC moving NE. 2 wearing grey uniforms, 4 black PJ's. 1 sub machine gun and 2 packs.

(34) 090900H (BS 488784) 3 VC moving NE. 2 riding bikes. Green uniforms, white straw hats. 1 sub machine gun. Large bundles on bikes.

(35) 090953H (478789) 5 VCS moving NE from ruins. 1 white shirt, 4 green shirts, all in shorts and one with straw hat. No equipment.

(36) 090957H (BS 488789) 4 VC walking NE from ruins. 3 black PJ's, 1 blue shirt. Black trousers and white straw hats. 2 wearing cartridge belts.

(37) 091003H (BS 488789) 5 VC sitting under large tree at edge of ruins. Black PJ tops, tan shorts. 2 carrying packs under arms.

(38) 091010H (BS 488709) 6 VC moving NE from ruins. 4 black PJ's 1 green utilities, 1 khaki shirt and trousers. Man in green, had pack and 2 others had packs under arms.

(39) 091015H (BS 488789) 5 VC moving NE along ruins. 4 khaki uniforms, 1 blue shirt and white shorts. 2 packs under arms.

(40) 091017H (BS 488789) 4 VC men and 1 VC women moving NE from ruins. 4 men wearing black tops, khaki shirts. Women wearing blue PJ's, white rain hat. 4 men with packs under arms and women carrying pack under arm.

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- (41) 091044H (BS 538852) 10 VC moving NE at base of hill. Black PJ's, white hats with packs on their shoulders.
- (42) 091222H (BS 488789) 4 VCS men and 1 VCS women moving NE on edge of ruins. 1 straw hat, 2 black PJ's, 3 light green jackets and khaki shorts.
- (43) 091314H (BS 490790) 3 VC moving NE along trail. 2 black PJ, 1 green uniform. All straw coolie hats. 1 pistol belt and pistol.
- (44) 091459H (BS 515802) 2 VC standing in field changing clothing and hiding equipment. Changing from blue trousers and white shirts into black PJ's. 2 packs and rifles were exchanged for one hoe and a pole.
- (45) 091514H (BS 488791) 4 VC moving NE from edge of ruins. Green uniforms and white hats. 4 packs, 4 sub machine guns.
- (46) 091638H (BS 516809) 4 VC moving NE. gray uniforms, tan rain hats. 4 packs and 2 sub machine guns.
- (47) 091729H (BS 509803) 2 VC standing near pagoda. Light gray uniforms and 2 rifles.
- (48) 091850H (BS 488789) 2 VCS moving NE from edge of ruins. Black PJ's. Heavy object wrapped in canvas slung between poles. Possible body.
- (49) 100756H (BS 465781) 3 VC heading SW 20 to 30 meters apart. Black PJ's, white hats. Carrying packs.
- (50) 100809H (493789) 1 VC walking through village. Black PJ's with no hat. He was carrying a rifle.
- (51) 100955H (BS 509808) 2 VC moving south West away from village. Just hit by air strike and friendly mortars, ran into village at GS 5080. Green jacket, tan shorts, green campaign hats. 1 rifle, 1 light machine gun with bipod. Unknown type and caliber.
- (52) 101000H (BS 509808) 1 VC moving SW across rice paddies, man ran into village at GS 5080. Wearing black PJ's and dark hat. 2 rifles.
- (53) 101243H (BS 478789) 3 VC moving NE from ruins. 2 black PJ's 1 gray straw hat. Man in gray with pack.

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(54) 101300H (BS 565835) 10 VC riding bikes due SW. Black PJ's straw hats. Packs on bikes.

(55) 101305H (BS 508803) 4 VC standing under tree near hut. Black PJ's and green uniform. All had shorts, 2 with sun helmets. 4 rifles and 2 pistol belts.

(56) 101340H (BS 509806) 2 VC in ambush position. Green uniforms, campaign hats, 1 light machine gun. Ambush was in a trench. Unknown caliber and type of weapon.

(57) 101512H (BS 509806) 3 VCS headed E to W into village that just had air strike. Black PJ's, no hats or weapons.

(58) 101530H (BS 509803) 6 VC in ambush position. Friendly forces 400 meters NE moving toward ambush site. These VC had good cover and concealment.

(59) 101540H (BS 509803) 1 VC setting up light machine gun in ambush site. Black PJ's, 1 machine gun. Artillery fire was called on the VC.

(60) 101555H (BS 509803) 4 VC running from trench after artillery fire called on ambush site. 2 black PJ's, 2 green uniforms. No weapons observed.

(61) 101912H (BS 509803) 3 VCS searching houses. 2 blue shirts, 1 white shirt, 3 black trousers. These houses was searched after artillery was called in that area.

(62) 101918H (BS 509803) 3 VCS moving away from houses. 2 blue shirts, 1 white shirt, 3 black trousers. 2 large baskets on poles. 1 large coil of electric cord. 1 large bundle.

(63) 110700H (BS 509803) 2 VCS searching houses hit by artillery. 1 white shirt, 1 blue shirt. 1 long object possible rifle.

(64) 111011H (BS 475788) 6 VC moving North. 3 wearing black PJ's 3 wearing PJ tops, green trousers. 2 packs and 2 rifles.

(65) 111135H (BS 487786) 1 VCS moving South of ruins after air strike. Discarded black jacket and started running South. Green uniform. No weapons or equipment observed.

(66) 111212H (BS 495790) 2 VC walking East from village. 1 carrying new brief case. 1 black PJ's, green jacket and khaki shorts. 1 has pistol belt over shoulder.

(67) 111237H (BS 495790) 2 VCS, (1 VCS with object wrapped in black cloth placed in tree near house. 2 VCS then burying unknown items near house). Black PJ's. No weapons or equipment observed.

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- (68) 111511H (BS 495790) 11 VCS came out of woods from East. Went in to house. Black tops and black shorts. No weapons and equipment observed.
- (69) 121830H (BS 516797) 13 VC moving South. Black PJ's ~~and~~ rifles and 1 pistol.
- (70) 121837H (BS 515795) 7 VC moving South. Black PJ's and 4 rifles.
- (71) 121837H (BS 515795) 3 VC moving South. Black tops and black shorts. 3 rifles and no equipment observed.
- (72) 121840H (BS 518792) 3 VC moving West into village. Black PJ's and 1 rifle.
- (73) 130936H (BS 502802) 5 VC heading NE. 4 in black PJ's, 1 green shirt, black shorts, 1 coolie hat and 1 campaign hat. 5 rifles and 3 pistol belts.

c. Terrain:

- (1) The terrain surrounding the radio relay site consisted mainly rice fields with water in them. Many village complexes are located throughout this valley. Generally this area is considered flat with some small hills covered by trees and brush. Tall mountains are located due W and SW from the OP position, ranging up to 600 meters in height. The OP site was considered an ideal position for observation of all VC movement throughout this valley.
- (2) Map Correction: None

d. Other Information:

- (1) 3 men assumed dead, tied to a cross type structures at coordinates 505795. They were wearing black PJ's. These dead men were not there the next morning.
- (2) Artillery mission called at 101027H coord 509803. Possible 3 VC KIA. A secondary explosion was observed. 1 hut used by the VC was destroyed.
- (3) Artillery mission called at 101332H coord 508803 on 6 VC with weapons, possible 5 VC KIA. One VC observed to be running NE after the fire mission with his weapon. Excellent coverage of the target by the artillery.

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- (4) Artillery mission called at 101340H coord 509806. 2 VC with light machine guns. Results of artillery mission was 3hVC running from bushes along the trench line. 2 with rifles. Negative results.
- (5) 33 VC at 101530H coord 509803. They reoccupied ambush position and then joined by 4 other VC. 1 with a light machine gun. Artillery mission was called resulting in 2 Possible VC WIA. 4 VC ran from the trench. Excellent coverage of the target.
- (6) Artillery mission was called at 121914H coord 513793. 23 VC moved into village. No assessments of damages could be made due to unobserved fire.
- (7) Trails that were traveled by the VC had holes big enough for a man to jump into. (Similar to a 1 man fox hole). These holes were spaced every 30 to 40 meters apart along the trail. When aircraft approached the vicinity the VC would jump in to a hole and was undetected by the aircraft.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 8 VC KIA confirmed by artillery, 2 VC WIA by artillery, and several possible KIA by artillery.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Moral, excellent; physical condition, good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) That OP relay site have communications with friendly units operating in this area for close coordination.
- (2) Air Strikes be available for the OP relay sites.
- (3) On two occasions it was observed by the OP that the VC changed clothing from regular military garb to civilian type clothing. They also hid their weapons and rifles and then assumed the role as an innocent farmer.
- (4) Friendly units bypass the weapons and equipment that the VC had hid at various locations known to the OP site.
- (5) Sniper rifles or sniper teams be made available for OP relay sites during the actual combat phase.

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- (1) Every effort must be made to have artillery support available for the OP site. Air strikes, if they would have been available to the radio relay site, could have inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy.
- (2) Fox holes and trench lines proceeding along heavily used trails and isolated roads serving the purpose of caves and concealment for the VC in route from one location to the next. It was observed by the OP relay site on more than one occasion that when the A/C or Helicopters appeared, the VC would hide in these fox holes and trenches until the aircraft had passed that area.
- (3) Groups of 3 or more VC moving across an open area during the daylight hours, always moved in a column spaced from 6 to 10 meters apart. In most cases the spacing of the VC would depend upon the spacing of the foxholes along the roads and the trails, so that not more than one man would jump into the same fox hole or trench when ever the need arose.
- (4) Changing clothing and discarding their weapons by the Viet Cong when in danger of being captured has been an old tactic employed by the Viet Cong.
- (5) It is apparent that from the total sightings made by this OP relay site in this period of time, the VC apparently went underground to avoid contact with USMC or ARVN Forces during Operation Montgomery. In conclusion, it is assumed that this general location around OP relay site is heavily fortified with underground trenches and tunnel systems.

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Fire Zone: H

1. Make the following pen changes in Operation Order 3-66:

a. BASIC ORDER.

(1) Under Task Organization after "Reconnaissance Group Bravo" delete "Captain OWENS" add: "Major COLEY". Delete ~~Company "A"~~ and change subordinate units to read:

"1st Force Reconnaissance Company, Major COLEY

Company "B", 3rd Reconnaissance Company, Captain OWENS"

(2) Paragraph 3.c. Delete "Company "A" add "1st Force Reconnaissance Company."

b. Annex D, page D-1, paragraph 3. After "every" delete "two hours" add "one hour".

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

(1) Annex D, Appendix 3. Page 3-D-1.

(2) Annex E, Appendix 1. Pages 1-E-1, 1-E-2.

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Appendix 1 (Radio Callsigns, Switchboard Callsigns, and Frequencies) to
~~Annex 5~~ (Communications-Electronics) to Reconnaissance Group Bravo Oper-
ation Order 3-66

Time Zone: E

1. Radio Callsigns.

a. The following callsigns are available for use by Reconnaissance Group Bravo. Those designated have been assigned as indicated.

VOICE

ASSIGNED

1st Force Recon Co	PUNCTUATE
1st Plt, 1st FRC	NIGHTSTICKER
2nd Plt, 1st FRC	PRIMNESS
3rd Plt, 1st FRC	GALLEON
4th Plt, 1st FRC	HATEFUL
5th Plt, 1st FRC	KILLER KANE
Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn	RATHOLE BRAVO
1st Plt, Co "P"	IRON HORSE
2nd Plt, Co "B"	HOMERUN
3rd Plt, Co "B"	LION
4th Plt, Co "B"	KEILO

CW

1st Force Recon Co	8104
Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn	8104

2. Switchboard Callsigns.

a. The following switchboard callsigns have been assigned and may be reached from the "AFTERSHOW" (4th Marines) switchboard.

1st Force Recon Co	INDIAN SUMMER
Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn	ST. JOE BRAVO

3. Radio Frequencies.

a. The following radio frequencies are available for use within Reconnaissance Group Bravo. Those designated have been assigned as indicated.

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<u>ASSIGNED USAGE</u>	<u>FREQ</u>	<u>DESIGNATOR</u>
Division Recon	(P) 2452	M-24-21
	(S) 2056	M-4
3rd Recon Bn Cmd	(P) 3148	M-58
	(S) 5637	M-136
3rd Recon Bn TAC	(P) 39.35	M-3902
	(S) 45.1	M-421
1st Force Recon Co Cmd	(P) 2462	M-22
	(S) 5237	M-124
"B" Co, 3rd Recon Bn Cmd	(P) 2356	M-18
	(S) 41.55	M-387
Recon Reporting	47.5	M-440
Recon Reporting	50.5	M-462
Recon Reporting	49.6	M-456
Recon Reporting	32.4	M-317
Recon Reporting	36.5	M-340

4. The reassignment of callsigns within the Recon Group will be made only by the Commanding Officer.

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Appendix 3 (Code Words) to Annex B (Reports) to Operation Order 3-66 (NOTAL)

Time Zone: H

1. The following code words will be utilized in all tactical radio transmissions.

<u>MEANING</u>	<u>CODEWORD</u>
Harbor Site	DIAMONDHEAD
Observation Post	GUITAR
Ambush	WOLF PACK
KIA	CIRCLE
WIA	SQUARE
MIA	TRIANGLE
All Secure	Any color
Moving	TPACKS
Med Evac	GOLD BRICK
Extraction	DENTIST
Reinforcement	ALIYTY MOUSE

2. Commanders must supervise their radio operators in the use of the above words. Frequently the meaning of the codeword will be compromised by too great detail in transmission. For instance: "We have reached our night DIAMONDHEAD and will remain here until 0800 tomorrow". It is apparent you are in a night harbor site and this is just the information you want to keep from the VC. The same information can be conveyed: "DIAMONDHEAD down 1.2, right 0.7", and no compromise will result.

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(b) 3rd Marine Division Order 343-65
(c) Reconnaissance Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with change 1

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

<u>Reconnaissance Group Bravo</u>	Major COLBY
Company "B", 3rd Recon Bn.	Capt OWENS
1st Plt, 1st Force Recon Co	1stLt GRANNIS
2nd Plt, 1st Force Recon Co	SSgt BLANKENSHIP
3rd Plt, 1st Force Recon Co	1stLt HENDERSON

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. Reference (b).
- c. Attachments and Detachments. As required.

2. MISSION. Reconnaissance Group Bravo establishes and maintains a reconnaissance network in the reconnaissance zones of the HUE/PHU BAI enclave, and conducts special reconnaissance missions as required.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. Reconnaissance units will operate in RZ's 1, 2, and 3, to locate and report enemy movement and positions.
- b. Company "B". During the period of 16 - 31 May 1966, inclusive, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ's 2 and 3, utilizing 50% of available forces. Capture at least one VC in each RZ.
- c. 1st Platoon, 1st Force Recon Co. During the periods 15 - 19 and 23 - 27 May 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ 1. Capture at least one VC.

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- d. 2nd Platoon, 1st Force Recon Co. During the periods 19 - 23 and 27 - 31 May 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ 1. Capture at least one VC.
- e. 3rd Platoon, 1st Force Recon Co. During the periods 16 - 20 and 24 - 28 May 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ 1. Capture at least one VC.
- f. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Unit leaders will submit a patrol order and operation overlay not later than 48 hours prior to commencement of the operation.
 - (2) Operate within supporting artillery range.
 - (3) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Make personal liaison with 4th Marine FSCC, 2/1 FSCC, 1/4 FSCC, as appropriate, and with 3/12 FDC.
 - (4) Shackle 0-T azimuth when adjusting artillery fire.
 - (5) Be prepared to recommend infantry exploitation or reinforcement and suitable landing zones for its entry.
 - (6) Each patrol will report its location and situation hourly.
 - (7) Submit helicopter requests to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) not later than 48 hours prior to insertion. Whenever possible, patrol leaders will make a helo recon of the operations area.
 - (8) Use varying times of entry and exit. Helicopter landing zones will normally be not less than 3000 meters from objective area.
 - (9) Submit patrol roster to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) prior to insertion.
 - (10) Patrol leaders will report to the S-2 ASAP after recovery.
 - (11) If an airstrike is requested and approved, be prepared to display a single red panel to mark friendly positions.
 - (12) If a patrol is out of contact for three hours, it will move to the last position where communications was successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to camp.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by patrol leaders.
- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by the patrol leaders. Ammunition to be carried will not be less than 100 rounds per M-14 and 24 rounds per M-79. Each patrol will carry no less than 2 M-72 rocket launchers.
- c. Rations. As directed by the patrol leaders.
- d. Special Equipment.
 - (1) One pair of binoculars per team.
 - (2) One PSR-1 per platoon.
 - (3) One red panel per team.
 - (4) One yellow smoke per team.
 - (5) Patrols with primary observation post missions carry one M-49 Spotting Scope.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. Each platoon sized patrol, will carry an AN/PRC-25 radio for its primary means of communications. Inter-platoon communications will be by an AN/PRC-10.
- b. When available, an AN/PRC-25 will be carried for use on the conduct of fire net.
- c. Communications will be according to the COI briefing prior to each patrol.
- d. Patrols in the field will send hourly situation and location reports and will monitor their radio continuously.
- e. Establish radio relay sites as necessary.

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File	10
4th Marines	
S-3	2
FSCC	2
3/12	1
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Operation Order 10-66

Ref: (a) Maps: 1:50,000; Sheets 6460 I, II
 (b) Reconnaissance Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66; with change 1

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

1st Platoon, 1st Force Recon Co 1st Lt GRANNIS
 Detachment 3rd Eng Bn

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. Current OPSUMS.
- c. Attachments/Detachments. Detachment 3rd Engineer Battalion.

2. MISSION. Establish an OP/radio relay in vicinity of YD 515219. Report all enemy movement in the area. Prepare finished LZ utilizing engineer personnel.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. 1st Platoon, 1st Force Recon Co and Detachment 3rd Engineers, depart the 4th Marines CP LZ at 150630H May 1966, by helicopter and lift to YD 515219. The platoon and attached unit will be extracted 190630H May 1966 in vicinity of YD 515219.
- b. Detachment 3rd Engineer Bn. Clear an LZ in vicinity of YD 515219, of all obstacles, and assist in preparing defensive positions.
- c. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Reference (b).
 - (2) Thrust lines:

E - 5020
 F - 5523

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Individuals will carry C-rations for 4 days.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Communications.

- (1) Reference (a).
- (2) One AN/PRC-25 and one AN/PRC-10 will be carried with sufficient batteries.
- (3) Frequencies.

Primary	47.5
Alternate	41.55
AO	40.7
1stBn, 4thMar	43.6

(4) Shackles.

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

(5) Prowords. Reference (b).

(6) Callsigns. Night Sticker
Rosemont (AO)
Perspective (1/4)

b. Command. No change.

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1stLt USMC

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A (Operations Overlay)

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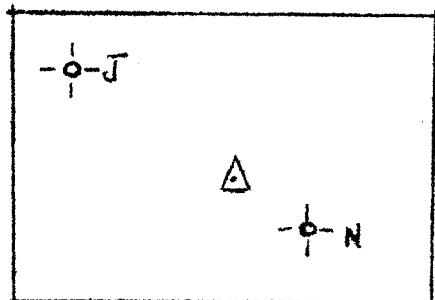
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△ OP/Radio Relay
-○- Artillery Concentrations

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 Patrol: 1st Plt, 1st Force Recon Co
 Debriefe: 1st Lt C.F. BUBERT
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 181415H May 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Size and Composition: (1) off (11) enl (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments: (1) off (6) enl, Co "B", 3rd Eng Bn.
- c. Communications Equipment: (1) AN/PRC-25, (1) AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment: BC scope, (2) 7X50's.
- e. Special Equipment: 300 pounds of C-4.
- f. Special Weapons: (2) M-60 MG's, (3) M-72's, (2) M-79's.

2. MISSION: Establish an OP/radio relay vicinity of YD 515219. Report all enemy movement in the area. Prepare finished LZ utilizing engineer personnel.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 160600H/180640H May 1966.

4. ROUTE: Patrol Route Overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. Synopsis: 49 hours of observation, patrolling, and radio relay site construction, resulted in 1 VC KIA confirmed, and 1 VC KIA possible. One contact was made with an estimated 7 to 10 VC resulting in 1 USMC KIA, 1 USN KIA, 4 USMC WIA.
- b. Enemy:
 - (1) 171030H (YD 518214) three man patrol heard the sound of Vietnamese voices.
 - (2) 171215H (YD 518219) security guard on the NE side of the LZ opened fire on several VC killing one and observing 2 or 3 more between his position and the OP (YD 515219). The platoon sergeant came to the aid of the security guard and together they moved in the direction of the OP. They had moved about 25 meters when the security guard was hit by semi-automatic rifle fire and died immediately.

The patrol leader and corpsman came to the assistance of the platoon sergeant and the casualty. When the corpsman reached the position of the casualty, he was hit with small arms fire and died almost instantly. The field of fire for the sniper was limited by the dense vegetation, to the immediate area where the two men were hit.

An attempt to recover the bodies by moving from the OP to the left (NW), thus descending to the level where the bodies were (Patrol Route Overlay). Before reaching the bodies, a VC appeared at their front and fired 2 or 3 shots, then disappeared. Moving further they were fired upon again. The men returned fire, threw grenades and then pulled back. An attempt was made to outflank the sniper by moving into the rocks above him. Grenades were thrown into the snipers position but with no apparent effect due to rocks and heavy vegetation.

Another attempt to recover the bodies was made by moving from the OP (SE) to the right (Patrol route overlay) and down the slope. The men moved forward on their stomachs to where they could see the bodies. They were within 2 meters of the bodies and attempted to drag the same to a safe location, but were unable to do so without standing up. The weapons and the corpsmans medical kit were recovered, at which time the VC threw a grenade. The patrol leader who was recovering the equipment, took cover behind some rocks, but the grenade proved to be a dud. The patrol leader went back to the bodies and the VC threw a second grenade and the patrol leader just reached cover when the grenade exploded, moving the bodies about 5 meters further down the slope.

An emergency request for CS grenades and gas masks to be helo lifted to the OP was made and the men withdrew about 20 meters. At 181740H, upon receipt of the gas grenades, another attempt was made under cover of a gas screen from about 20 CS grenades. Upon approaching the bodies, more grenades were thrown in the direction of the sniper and to the rear where noises were heard in the brush. The bodies were pulled out of the snipers line of fire and then moved to the OP position. The position was consolidated, and defensive measures improved. The patrol was extracted at first light, 180640H, without further incident.

c. Terrain:

- (1) The LZ where the patrol landed was on top of Hill 674 (YD 515219) but proved unsuitable for a permanent LZ due to the large rocks found in the area. Approximately 75 meters to the SE, a more suitable area for an LZ was located. Vegetation on the top of the hill and along the slopes was very dense and about 15 feet high.

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(2) Map Correction. A trail running from Hill 674 (YD 515219) to the SE along the ridgeline was located (Patrol Route Overlay). It was about 2 meters wide and was covered by a canopy 50 to 75 feet high with light underbrush along it. It could not be seen from the air. This trail had not been used recently.

d. Other Information.

(a) Visibility from the top of the hill was good between the hours of 0615 and 0730. The rest of the day visibility varied from good to none.

(b) Although artillery and air support were available, no missions were requested during the contact because friendly and Viet Cong elements were only 30 meters apart.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 1 VC KIA (confirmed), 1 VC KIA (possible). 1 USMC KIA, 1 USN KIA, 4 USMC WIA.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Morale, good; physical condition, good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. The usefulness of the M-60 machine gun in thick underbrush is very limited.

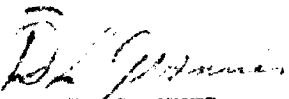
b. CS gas grenades are excellent in heavy undergrowth to screen movements, and force the enemy to flush or withdraw.

c. TPQ-10 missions should be fired on the following coordinates:

YD 548230
YD 545230

YD 542226
YD 549223

YD 553209
YD 555209


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First Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps

Patrol Leader

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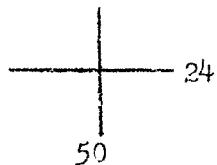
1. Based on the number and frequency of contacts and sightings by reconnaissance units operating in RZ 1, during the period 28 March - 18 May, it is felt at least a Battalion sized Viet Cong unit is located in the area.
2. CS gas grenades should be carried by all patrols.

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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

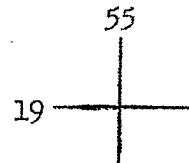


Trail

1 → Attempts to recover
2 → the friendly bodies.

← VC attack

△ OP



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(b) Reconnaissance Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with change 1

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

3rd Platoon, 1st Force Recon Co SSgt T. J. McCauley

1. SITUATION:

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. Current OPSUMS.
- c. Attachments/Detachments. None.

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ 1 and capture at least 1 prisoner.

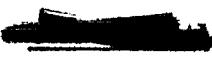
3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. 3rd Platoon, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company, depart the 4th Marines CP LZ at 161800H May 1966, by helicopter, and proceed to the vicinity of YD 604219. This platoon will be extracted at 200900H May 1966 in the vicinity of YD 595204.
- b. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Reference (b).
 - (2) Thrust Lines.
 - A -- 5820
 - B -- 5823
 - C -- 6223
 - D -- 6220

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Individuals will carry "C" Rations for 4 days.

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- (1) Reference (b).
- (2) One AN/PRC-25 and one AN/PRC-10 will be carried with sufficient batteries.
- (3) Frequencies.

Primary	47.5
Alternate	41.55
AO	40.7
1st Bn 4th Mar	43.6
Conduct of Fire Net	36.2

(4) Shackles.

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

(5) Prowords. Reference (b).(6) Callsigns.

GALLEON	
ROSEMONT	(AO)
PERSPECTIVE	(1/4)
SEABROOK C, G	(Artillery batteries)
PUNCTUATE	(Co Hdqtrs)

b. Command. No change.

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 Patrol Leader

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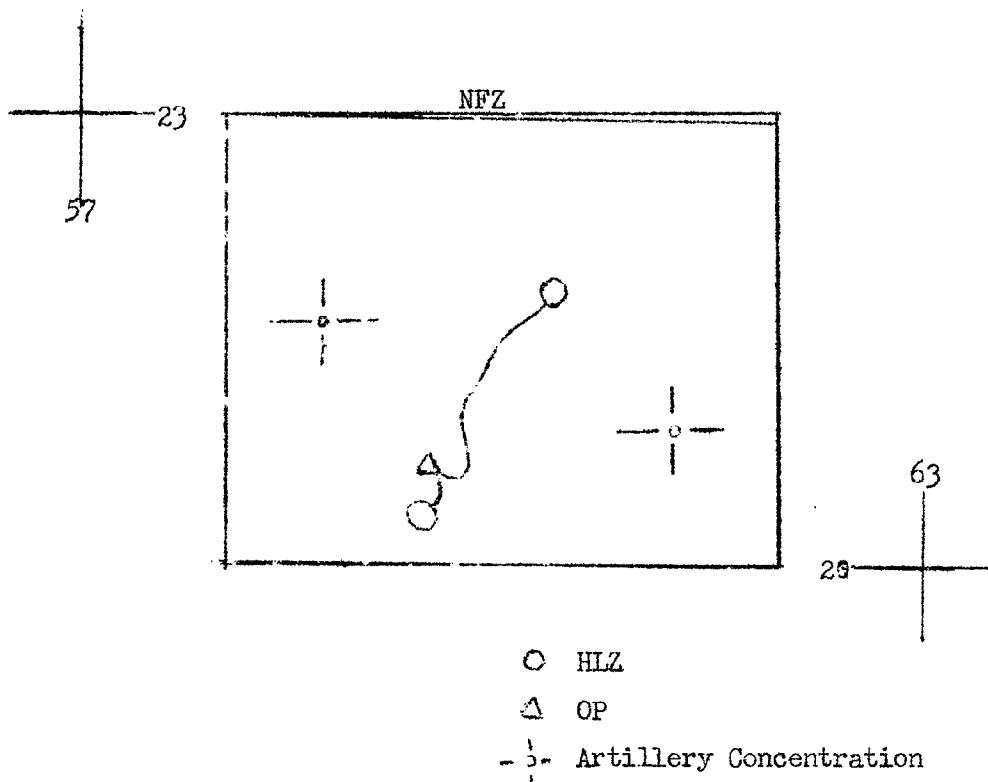
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 Debriefe: 1st Lt C. F. BUBERT
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 181600H May 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Size and Composition: (9) enl (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments: None.
- c. Communications Equipment: (1) AN/PRC-25, (1) AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment: (1) 7X50.
- e. Special Equipment: None.
- f. Special Weapons: (1) M-79, (2) M-72's, (2) claymore mines.

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ 1 and capture at least one prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 161800/180600H May 1966.

4. ROUTE: Patrol Route Overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. Synopsis: 36 hours of observation and patrolling resulted in five VC sightings and no contacts.
- b. Enemy:
 - (1) 170840H (YD 600207) 2 VC were sighted in a clearing. They were wearing black PJ shirts and khaki trousers. They seemed to be studying a shell hole. No weapons or equipment could be seen.
 - (2) 171000H (YD 600207) 1 woman wearing black PJ's was observed picking up sticks. No weapons or equipment was noted.
 - (3) 171030H (YD 607206) 2 VC walking south. One was wearing a khaki shirt and trousers with a brown belt; the other was wearing black PJ's. Both men were carrying weapons, but no equipment could be seen.

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(4) 171445H (YD 597217) 2 VC crossing to west bank of river using small boat. They were wearing black PJ shirts and khaki trousers, both men were wearing packs. When two USMC helicopters flew overhead, they hid in the underbrush but reappeared when the helicopters departed the area. 1 man stood watch on the boat while the other appeared to be digging in the bushes. When the second man emerged he was carrying two rifles. The two men crossed to the east bank using the boat and hid the boat near the shore by sinking it and tying it to a tree.

(5) 171424H (YD 606209) 3 VC moving south wearing black PJ's with no weapons or equipment was observed.

(6) 171430H (YD 613218) 2 VC moving south wearing black PJ's. No weapons or equipment were seen.

(7) 180700H (YD 615239) approximately 50 Vietnamese heading south along trail in groups ranging in size from 3 to 14. No weapons or military equipment could be seen.

c. Terrain: The vegetation in the objective area consisted of heavy secondary growth up to 15 feet in height. Movement into and out of the OP positions.

(1) Map Corrections. None.

d. Other Information.

(1) During the time the patrol was in the OP positions, it detected sounds of roosters, geese, and other livestock, coming from the vicinity of YD 605208.

(2) One artillery mission was called 171300H at YD 619204. No assessment of damages could be made due to unobserved fire.

(3) Visibility was good after 11000 each day when the sun burned off the fog.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Morale, good; condition, good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Request TTPQ missions or H&I fires at YD 610205, YD 614208, YD 613209, YD 605208.

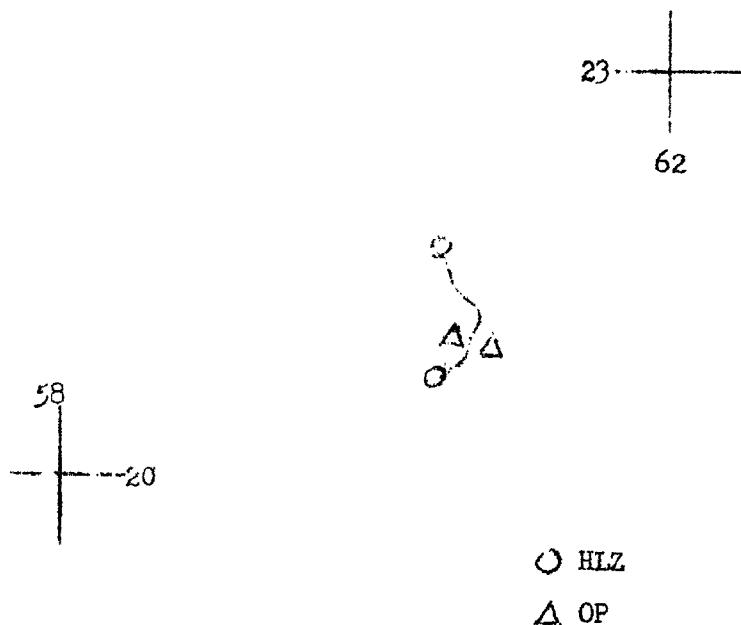
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Operation Order 12-66

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 (b) Reconnaissance Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with change 1

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

3rd Platoon, 1st Force Recon Co SSgt T. J. McCauley

1. SITUATION:

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. Current OPSUMS.
- c. Attachments/Detachments. None.

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ 2 and establish an OP in the vicinity of Hill 274. Report all enemy movement.

3. EXECUTION:

- a. Concept of Operations. The 3rd Platoon, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company, depart the 4th Marines CP LZ at 191830H May 1966, by helicopter, and proceed to the vicinity of YD 780069. The platoon will be extracted at 230600H May 1966, in the vicinity of YD 773052.

- b. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Reference (a).
 - (2) Thrust Lines.

7605	—	A
7607	—	B
8007	—	C
8005	—	D

- c. Artillery Concentrations.

RC 201 — YD 761055
 RC 202 — YD 773067

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- a. Reference (b).
- b. Individuals will carry "C" Rations for 3 days.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.a. Communications.

- (1) Reference (b).
- (2) One AN/PRC-25 and one AN/PRC-10 will be carried with sufficient batteries.

(3) Frequencies.

Primary	47.5
Alternate	41.55
AO	40.7
Conduct of Fire	
Primary	26.2
Alternate	36.6
3/4	40.1

(4) Shackles.

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

(5) Proverbs. Reference (b).(6) Call Signs.

GALLEON	
ROSEMARY	(AO)
PUNCTUATE	(Company Hdqtrs)
SEABROOK	(Conduct of fire net)

b. Command. No change.

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 240100H May 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Size and Composition: (11) enl (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments: 1 sniper team.
- c. Communications Equipment: (1) AN/PRC-25, (1) AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment: (3) 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment: (2) sniper rifles Winchester Model 70 with 9-8 power scopes.
- f. Special Weapons: (2) M-72, (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ 2 and establish an OP in the vicinity of Hill 274. Report all enemy movement.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 191830H/231705H May 1966.

4. ROUTE: Patrol Route Overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. Synopsis: 94 hours of observation and patrolling resulted in 3 VC sightings totaling 12 VC with no enemy contact made. Artillery was adjusted on a VC sighting but no fire for effect was given due to communications failure.

b. Enemy:

(1) 201830H (YD 776055) The patrol occupied a defensive position on the site of the hill. The forward security drew back and reported that they had spotted two VC approximately 20 meters away. Both VC wore khaki uniforms and one carried a rifle that appeared to be a U.K. Caliber 303 Rifle No. 1 Mark 3 (Lee-Enfield) and the other weapon observed was a U.K. 9mm submachine gun L2A3. The two VC disappeared into a tree line. The next day the patrol moved in the direction that the VC had been last seen. A harbor site was found close by indicating 2 to 4 VC had spent the night at that location.

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(2) 210810H (YD 790055) observed 3 VC and three VCS walking in a column in a southeasterly direction. It was noted that the first one had a weapon and the second apparently had no weapon. Both were dressed in khaki. The 3 VCS were dressed in black PJ's and no weapons were observed. The last VC was dressed in khaki with a weapon at high port.

(3) 211610H (YD 790050) observed seven VC appearing from the same direction where the last six disappeared. They were dressed in khaki and black PJ's and all of them were observed carrying heavy packs. No weapons observed. These VC moved in a north-westerly direction.

c. Terrain: The terrain was comparatively open in the lowlands. Movement throughout this area was easy. Heavy secondary underbrush was encountered in the high-ground with a canopy of approximately 60 to 100 feet.

(1) Map Corrections: One new trail was located. This trail is approximately 4 feet wide, and was heavily used. The trail could not be observed from the air. The canopy over it is approximately 50 feet high. Thick secondary underbrush is along both sides of the trail. The trail runs generally in a south-westerly direction. There is a good possibility that this trail runs along the ridgeline to coordinates YD 786058. (Map correction Overlay).

d. Other Information:

(1) (YD 780069) when the patrol was inserted, they saw a burned US type poncho at the LZ.

(2) (YD 788063) during the movement from one location, the patrol found a possible ambush site. The ambush site can cover the long axis of the trail. Some of the underbrush was cleared to give added fields of fire.

(3) (200710H) the patrol heard what appeared to be drums. The location could not be determined since the sound of the drums echoed in the valley. This sound was again heard by the patrol on the evening of the 21st at 2030H. This time the sounds were loud and came from approximately 200 meters away. The patrol ceased all movement to avoid being compromised.

(4) One artillery mission was called in support of the patrol in the form of registration fire. Registration was on target. When attempt was made to fire for effect, on 7 VC, communications failure on the part of artillery FDC, prevented the mission from being completed.

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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Physical condition, good; morale, good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: All attachments to recon platoons should be notified 24 to 48 hours in advance. This is to give them time to be briefed on the mission, and recon tactics and techniques.

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Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER:

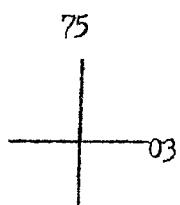
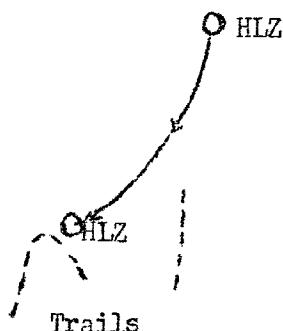
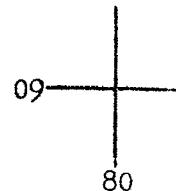
1. VC observed (noted in paragraph 5.b.(2).) could very possibly have been forced laborers or captives taken to a collection point or detention camp.
2. Paragraph 5.d.(3). This is an established warning system used by the VC to let other VC's know that the enemy is in the area.

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PHU BAI, RVN
240100H May 1966
Operation Order 12-66
3rd Platoon, 1st Force Recon
Map Sheet 6559 IV



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 191500H May 1966

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Ref: (a) Maps: 1:50,000, AMS Series L701; Sheet 6560 III
 (b) Recon Group Bravo OpO 3-66 with change 1
 (c) Recon Group Bravo OpO 4-66 of 141130H May 1966

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

2nd Plt, 1st Force Recon Co SSgt BLANKENSHIP

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. Current OPSUMS.
- c. Attachments/Detachments. None.

2. MISSION. To conduct reconnaissance patrolling and surveillance operations in RZ 2 with particular attention afforded the SUOI KHE DAI Valley. Capture one prisoner.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. 2nd Platoon, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company, departs the 4th Marines CP LZ at 201830H May 1966 by helicopter, and proceeds to the vicinity of YD 735034. The platoon will then move northwest down the SUOI KHE DAI and be extracted from the vicinity of YD 724061 at 240930H May 1966.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Thrust Lines change daily at 2400H.

20th	---	7003
21st	---	7107
22nd	---	7204
23rd	---	6906
24th	---	7105

- (2) Personnally effect distribution of this operation order to all units concerned within the HUE/PHU BAI enclave 48 hours prior to insertion.

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- (3) Plan and coordinate "on call" concentrations along patrol routes and OP's prior to insertion.
- (4) Register supporting artillery ASAP after insertion.
- (5) Submit two copies of patrol roster to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) to include the number and type of serialized items carried by each patrol member by name.
- (6) Consistant with assigned missions, avoid extensive movement during the heat of the day to avoid heat casualties.
- (7) If a patrol is out of contact for three hours, it will return to the last position where communications was successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to the initial LZ unless communications is re-established enroute.
- (8) Report to Recon Group Bravo S-2 ASAP upon extraction for debriefing.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by the patrol leader. Maintain continuous camouflage of patrol members.
- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by the patrol leader to include not less than 100 rounds per M-14 and 24 rounds per M-79.
- c. Rations. As directed by the patrol leader.
- d. Medical. Insure an adequate supply of salt tablets and malaria pills are carried by each patrol member and consumed regularly.
- e. Special Equipment.

One pair of 7x50 binoculars or an M-49 spotting scope per team.

One red panel per team.

One yellow smoke per patrol member.

Two M-72 rocket launchers.

Two concussion grenades per platoon.

Two WP fragmentation grenades per platoon.

Two grenades, concussion; WP or M-26 fragmentation, per patrol member.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.a. Communications.

- (1) Carry an AN/PRC-25 radio for primary communications. Inter-platoon communications will be by an AN/PRC-10.
- (2) The AN/PRC-25 radio will be used to call and adjust artillery; however, before shifting the AN/PRC-25 to the "Conduct of Fire" net, communications with the Recon Group will be established utilizing the AN/PRC-10.
- (3) Callsigns.

Recon Group Bravo	PUNCTUATE
Platoon Headquarters	PRIMNESS
Recon Element	PRIMNESS I
Artillery Support	SEABROOK
Air Observer	ROSEMONT
Company "B"	RAIN BELT BRAVO
Relay Site (Hill 225)	BRAVO RELAY

(4) SHACKLES.

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(5) Frequencies.

Primary	47.5
Alternate	41.55
Seabrook	36.2 (Alt 35.7)
Rosemont	40.7
3/4	40.1

- (6) Each patrol and/or element thereof will submit hourly situation and location reports and monitor the Recon Group Net continually.
- (7) All traffic will be addressed to RATHOLE BRAVO relayed through Bravo Relay and/or PUNCTUATE.

b. Command. No change.

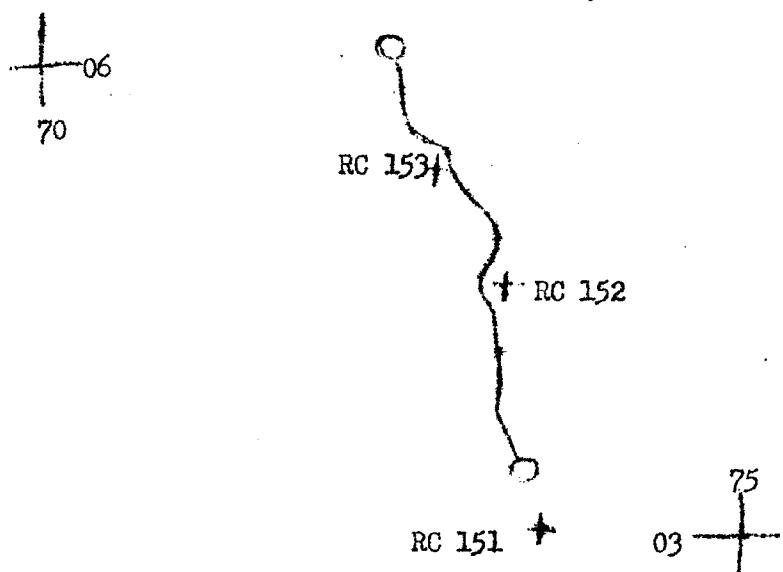
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Reconnaissance Group Bravo
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191500H May 1966
Map Sheet 6560 III

Annex A (Operation Overlay) to Operation Order 14-66



○ HLZ

⊕ Artillery Concentrations

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 202200H May 1966

Operation Order: 13-66
 Patrol: 2nd Plt, 1st Force Recon Co
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 Map Sheet: 6560 III

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Size and Composition: (10) enl (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments: None.
- c. Communications Equipment: (1) AN/PRC-25, (1) AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment: (2) 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment: None.
- f. Special Weapons: (1) M-79, (1) M-72, (2) WP Rifle Grenades, (2) WP Hand Grenades.

2. MISSION: To conduct reconnaissance patrolling and surveillance operations in RZ 2, with particular attention afforded the SUOI KHE DAI Valley. Capture one prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 201830H/201900H May 1966.

4. ROUTE: (This patrol was ambushed in the HLZ and extracted immediately).

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. Synopsis: This patrol made contact with approximately 12 to 20 VC seconds after the last H-34 departed the HLZ. The action resulted in 4 USMC WIA with 3 VC confirmed killed and 4 VC KIA possible. The patrol was extracted from this HLZ approximately 15 minutes later.

b. Enemy:

(1) 201845H (YD 715082) the patrol landed in their LZ. The first helo landed without incident but the second, upon leaving the ground and after the patrol had departed the helo, 5 VC opened up with small arms and automatic weapons fire. The 5 VC were taken under fire immediately with heavy concentrated automatic fire from 3 members of the patrol. These 5 VC were located approximately 30 to 40 meters from the HLZ, in a northwest direction. All wore black PJ's and it was observed that they

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had ChiCom Carbines and ChiCom Assault weapons.

- (2) 4 VC were observed firing at the patrol from the north, approximately 30 meters away. These 4 VC were immediately taken under fire by two men in the patrol with automatic weapons fire. It was observed that two VC were hit immediately and two were knocked to the ground just seconds later. Two fragmentation grenades were thrown into the VC position and all fire was silenced from the VC. The VC had mixed clothing, mostly dark shorts and black shirts, and one having what appeared to be khaki clothing.
- (3) One VC was observed throwing a ChiCom grenade towards two members of the patrol. This grenade landed just 4 to 6 feet between the two men but did not explode. This VC was taken under fire immediately and he fell backwards and all firing was silenced. The VC wore black PJ's.
- (4) 2 VC were observed standing in a southerly direction from the LZ. The two VC threw grenades at the patrol from a distance of approximately 20 meters. One grenade landed 6 feet away from the patrol leader and wounded him. The VC ducked into the grass and the patrol returned fire and threw grenades into the VC position silencing their fire. These VC wore mixed clothing of black and light in color.

c. Terrain:

- (1) Small brush was encountered in the LZ approximately 18 inches high. 30 meters away from the LZ to the east, trees were noted with a canopy of approximately 40 to 50 feet high. There were numerous small trails throughout this area and it appeared to the patrol that all of them were heavily used.
- (2) Map Correction: Small villages shown in coordinates YD 711089 and YD 728099, are not located there any more.

d. Other Information:

- (1) During the preflight briefing, the pilot informed the patrol to use yellow smoke to indicate an emergency. This helped to save a lot of time since the pilots could and did react immediately in this emergency and gave the patrol excellent covering and offensive fire.
- (2) It appeared to the patrol that the VC were waiting for the insertion to be completed since they did not open fire during the actual landing of the patrol into the HLZ. Some seconds after the last H-34 departed the HLZ, the VG opened up with small arms and automatic weapons. Some fire was observed being directed at the helos.

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- (3) During the action, it was noted by the patrol that the VC were using some type of concussion grenade or possibly a satchel charge. One of these exploded just 4 to 6 feet away from one of the patrol members and the man did not receive any type of fragment injury.
- (4) The VC position was marked with WP grenades so that gunships could attack the enemy position. The VC position was taken under fire by the gunships with excellent coverage. It was estimated by the patrol that several VC were probably KIA by the aircraft.
- (5) During the extraction one of the patrol members picked up an item which he thought was lost by one of the patrol members. Upon returning to the CP, it turned out to be a 60mm mortar round still in its container with its tape taken off. The safety pin was still inserted. One patrol member stated that he observed many of these containers all over this area but paid no attention to this fact at that time.
- (f) 7 to 10 minutes elapsed from the time of insertion and extraction of the patrol. During actual pickup, the patrol did not receive fire from the VC. However, after the last chopper made its pickup and gained altitude, it was fired on with small arms and automatic weapons. No casualties were received by this fire.
- (g) Most of the VC observed wore a mixed type clothing of black and lighter colored material. Some of the VC observed during this contact wore only shorts and some were without any shirt at all. Patrol members reported seeing ChiCom Carbines and ChiCom 7.62 Assualt Rifles Types 56 in the hands of the VC.
- (h) A total of 150 to 200 rounds of small arms and 5 fragmentation grenades were expended against the VC.
- (i) Preplanned artillery concentrations were called on the HIZ immediately after extraction and TPQ-10 missions requested around the contact zone.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 3 VC KIA confirmed, 4 VC KIA possible, several VC probable KIA by Air Support. 4 USMC WIA none serious.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Physical condition, good; morale, excellent.

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8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: WP Rifle Grenades and WP Hand Grenades be taken on all patrols since they can be utilized for many purposes. They are especially effective in marking targets for aircraft.

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Platoon Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER:

1. It is apparent that the patrol landed near a probable battalion size VC force. Mortar rounds located and assault weapons noted by this patrol indicate a well armed unit.
2. Some of the VC observed without shirts, or shorts, indicate that this unit was in a harbor site or rest area. Being surprised by the landing of helos within their rest area. This probably did not give them time to get organized for a full scale attack/ambush on the patrol and could also be the reason why the VC did not fire on the helos during insertion of the platoon.

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Operation Order 14-66

Ref: (a) Map: 1:50,000, Sheets 6460 III and 6559 IV
(b) Reconnaissance Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with change 1

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

Support Squad, 1st Force Recon Co 1st Lt C. F. BUBERT

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. Current OPSUMS.
- c. Attachments. Two sniper teams.

2. MISSION. Conduct observation and radio relay in support of reconnaissance patrols in RZ 2.

3. Execution.

- a. Concept of Operations. Support squad, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company, depart 4th Marines CP LZ at 201500H May 1966, by helicopter, and proceed to the vicinity of YD 743083. The squad will be extracted at 241600H in the vicinity of YD 743083.
- b. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Reference (b).
 - (2) Thrust Lines.

A -- 7509
B -- 7J06

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Individuals will carry C Rations for 5 days.

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c. Special equipment: (2) AN/PSR-1, 4 claymore mines.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications.

(1) Reference (b).

(2) One AN/PRC-25, one AN/PRC-10, one RC-292, sufficient batteries.

(3) Frequencies:

Primary	47.5
Alternate	41.55
AO	40.7
Conduct of Fire	
Primary	36.2
Alternate	36.6
3/4	40.1

(4) Shackles.

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(5) Prowords. Reference (b).

(6) Callsigns.

PUNCTUATE	XRAY
SACRED	(AO)
PUNCTUATE	(Company Hdqtrs)
SEABROOK	(Conduct of fire net)

b. Command. No change.



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Patrol Leader

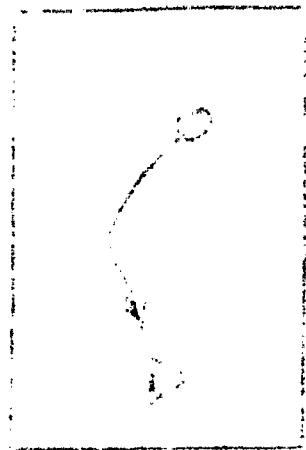
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PHU BAI, RVN
1000H MAY 1966
MAP SHEET: 6460 III, 6559 IV

Annex A (Operation Overlay) to Operation Order 14-66

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 Patrol: 1st Squad, 1st Force Recon Co
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 Map Sheet: 6460 III and 6559 IV

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 242200H May 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Size and Composition: (1) off (8) enl.
- b. Special Attachments: four snipers.
- c. Communications Equipment: (1) RC-292, (1) AN/PRC-10, (1) AN/PRC-25.
- d. Observation Equipment: (5) 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment: (1) PSR-1.
- f. Special Weapons: (2) Winchester M-70's, (2) M-1 sniper rifles, (4) claymore.

2. MISSION: Conduct observation and establish a radio relay in support of reconnaissance patrols in RZ 2.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 201500H/241725H May 1966.

4. ROUTE: Patrol Route Overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. Synopsis: $98\frac{1}{2}$ hours of patrolling and observation resulted in negative sightings and no enemy contacts.

b. Enemy: None.

c. Terrain:

(1) Dense grass and thorn bushes ranging from 5 to 8 feet in height was encountered. Canopy ranged from 30 to 60 feet, all along the patrol route. Water was very scarce.

(2) Map Corrections:

(a) A trail was located running from the base of hill 300, at YC 736077 to YC 738073. It was 3 meters wide and was covered with grass. The trail appeared used recently.

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- (b) A second trail running from YC 736977 to YC 736071. This trail was approximately 1 meter wide, and appeared to have been used recently.
- (c) A trail was located at YC 739071 to YC 737067. It was approximately 2 feet wide, and had been used recently.
- (d) A trail running from YC 736077 to YC 734080 was found. It was 2 feet wide and appeared to be in fair condition, but had not been used recently.

d. Other Information:

- (1) Observed TPQ strikes in Grid Square 7108. There was good coverage but we could not estimate the damage.
- (2) A dog was heard barking near YC 737067 at 211100H.
- (3) Sound of metal hitting on metal in vicinity of YC 745078 on the morning of the 24th.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Morale, excellent; physical condition, excellent.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a. One sniper team should be attached to reconnaissance patrols in the future.
- b. Suggest TPQ missions along the riverbed in vicinity of YC 723083.

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Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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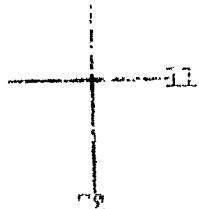
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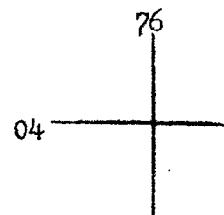
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PATROL ROUTE



○ HLZ
△ OP
→ Route



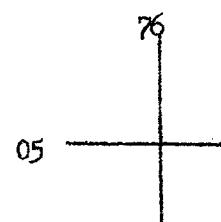
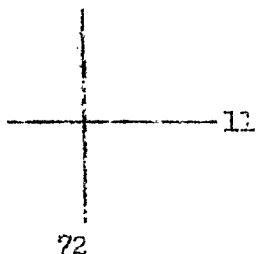
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MAP CORRECTION OVERLAY



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 21200H May 1966

Operation Order 15-66

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 (b) Recon Group Bravo OPO 3-66 with change 1
 (c) Recon Group Bravo OPO 4-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

2nd Platoon, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company GYSGT FPEITAS

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUM.
- b. Friendly Forces. Current OPSTMS.
- c. Attachments. Two sniper teams.

2. MISSION. To conduct reconnaissance patrolling and surveillance operations in PZ 3, and establish an OP in vicinity of Hill 401. Utilize snipers and capture one prisoner.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. 2nd Platoon, 1st Force Recon Co departs the 4th Marines CP LZ at 221700H May 1966, by helicopter, and proceed to the vicinity of YD 778007. The platoon will then move by foot northwest to the objective area. The platoon will be extracted from the vicinity of YD 758008 at 261500H.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Thrust Lines.

A -- 7598
 B -- 7803

- (2) Personnally effect distribution of this operation order to all units concerned within the HUE/PHU BAI, RVN ~~at least 48 hours~~ prior to insertion

- (3) Plan and coordinate "on call" concentrations along patrol routes and OP's prior to insertion.

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- (4) Register supporting artillery ASAP after insertion.
- (5) Submit two copies of patrol roster to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) to include the number and type of serialized items carried by each patrol member by name.
- (6) Consistant with assigned missions, avoid extensive movement during the day to avoid heat casualties.
- (7) If a patrol is out of contact for three hours, it will return to the last position where communications was successful. If there is not contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to the initial LZ unless communications is re-established enroute.
- (8) Report to Recon Group Bravo S-2 ASAP upon extraction for debriefing.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and equipment. As directed by the patrol leader. Maintain continuous camouflage of patrol members.
- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by the patrol leader to include not less than 100 rounds per M-14 and 24 rounds per M-79.
- c. Rations. As directed by the patrol leader.
- d. Medical. Insure an adequate supply of salt tablets and malaria pills are carried by each patrol member and consumed regularly.
- e. Special Equipment.
 - (1) One pair of 7x50 binoculars or an M-49 spotting scope per team.
 - (2) One red panel per team.
 - (3) One yellow smoke per patrol member.
 - (4) One M-72 rocket launcher.
 - (5) Two WP fragmentation grenades per platoon.
 - (6) Two grenades concussion, WP or M-26 fragmentation, per patrol member.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications.

- (1) Carry an AN/PRC-25 radio for primary communications. Backup communications will be by an AN/PRC-10.
- (2) The AN/PRC-25 radio will be used to call and adjust artillery however, before shifting the AN/PRC-25, to the conduct of fire net, communication with the recon group will be established utilizing the AN/PRC-10.
- (3) Callsigns.

Recon Group Bravo	PUNCTUATE
Platoon Hdqtrs	PRLNESS
Recon Element	PRIMNESS 1
Artillery Support	PCISM
Air Observed	SACRED.
Company "B" C	RAIN BELT BRAVO
Relay Site (Hill 225)	BRAVO RELAY
Relay Site	PUNCTUATE XRAY
3/4	MUTTER

(4) Shackles.

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(5) Frequencies.

Primary Alternate

PRIMNESS	47.5	41.5
POLISH	36.2	36.6
SACRED	40.7	
MUTTER	40.1	

- (6) Each patrol and/or element thereof will submit hourly situation and location and monitor the recon net continually.
- (7) All traffic will be addressed to RAIN BELT BRAVO relayed through BRAVO RELAY and/or PUNCTUATE.

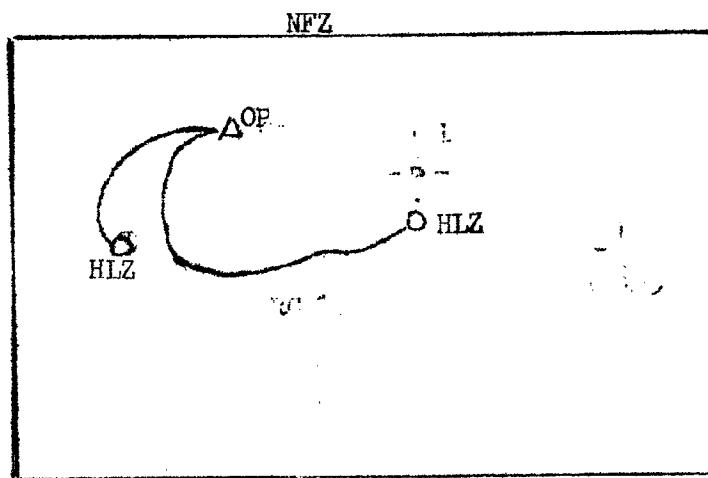
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Preplanned Artillery Concentrations

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Size and Composition: (13) enl, (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments: two sniper teams, two men each with squad leader.
- c. Communication Equipment: (1) AN/PRC-25, (1) AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment: (5) 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment: (4) M1-D sniper rifles, (1) Model 70 with scope.
- f. Special Weapons: (1) M-79, (3) claymore mines, (2) CS grenades, (4) incendiary grenades, and (4) WP rifle grenades.

2. MISSION: To conduct reconnaissance patrolling and surveillance operations in RZ 3, and establish an OP in the vicinity of Hill 410. Utilize snipers and capture one prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 221730H/261500H May 1966.

4. ROUTE: Patrol Route Overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. Synopsis: 93 hours of observation and patrolling resulted in no VC sightings or contacts. One artillery mission was called on one suspected VC campsite. No damage assessment could be made.
- b. Enemy: None.
- c. Terrain:

(1) The terrain encountered in the objective area was very thick with secondary growth intermingled with grass, vines, and thorn bushes. Movement was extremely difficult, the secondary growth reached heights up to 20 feet in some areas. The canopy in the objective area is up to 30 feet for 30% and to 60 feet at higher elevations. Numerous small trails were encountered throughout this area used only by small animal life. None of its small trails could be observed from the air.

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(2) The stream located in grid squares YD 8001 and YD 8101, was approximately 7 to 8 feet deep and 7 feet wide. Both sides of the stream have heavy vegetation.

(3) Map Corrections: One trail was located. This trail was approximately 2 feet wide with heavy underbrush on both sides. Parts of this trail can be observed from the air. Canopy was 40 feet high. It could not be determined if this trail had been used recently. (Map Correction Overlay).

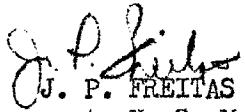
d. 240645H (YD 805017) the patrol observed 2 cooking fires on Hill 131. These fires were under observation for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour for possible VC activity, however, none was noted. The patrol called in a fire mission after adjusting on target. fire for effect was called. A total of 14 rounds of 155mm were fired on target. It was estimated that 80% of the target was covered by the artillery. No damage assessment could be made.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Physical condition, good; morale, good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

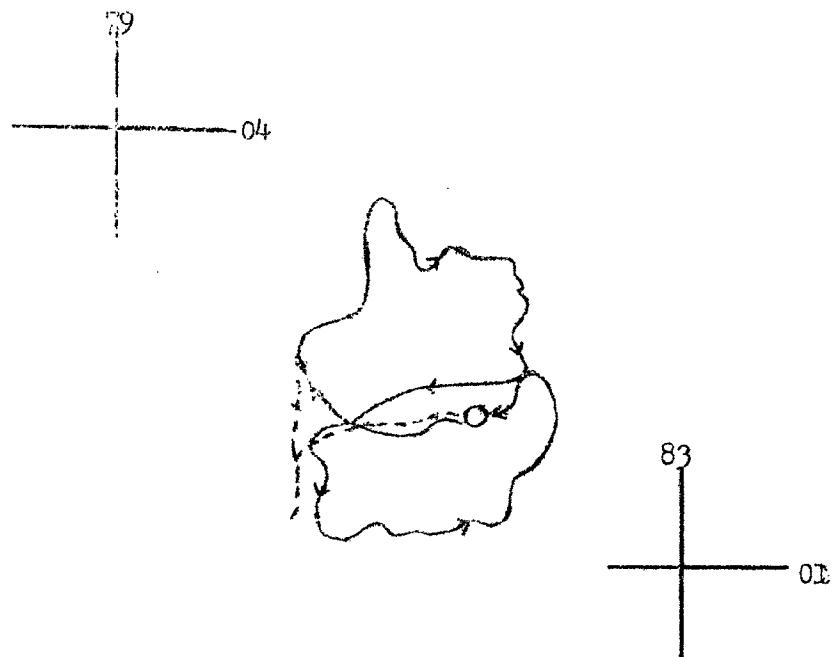
- a. Depending on the platoons mission and terrain encountered in the objective area, determination as to the utilization of sniper teams should be made. It has been shown that in most cases, they are of no value.
- b. All attachments to recon platoons should receive prior training in the use of camouflage, recon tactics, and techniques.


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Gunnery Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps
Platoon Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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→ Route of travel
- - - Major trail

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(b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with change 1
(c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 4-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

1st Platoon, 1st Force Recon Company 1st Lt GRANNIS

1. SITUATION:

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. Current OPSUMS.
- c. Attachments/Detachments. None

2. MISSION. To conduct reconnaissance patrolling and surveillance operations in LZ #3. Capture one prisoner.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. The 1st Platoon, 1st Force Recon Company depart 4th Marines CP 1Z at 241730H May 1966, by helicopter and lift to the vicinity of YD 783058. The platoon will then move by foot to the objective area. The platoon will be extracted from the vicinity of YD 7730E2 at 281700H.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Thrust lines.
 - A. 8206
 - B. 7403
- (2) Personnally effect distribution of this operation order to all units concerned within the Hue/Phu Bai, RVN enclave 48 hours prior to insertion.
- (3) Plan and coordinate "on-call" concentrations along patrol routes and OP's prior to insertion.
- (4) Register supporting artillery ASAP after insertion.
- (5) Submit two copies of patrol rosters to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) to include the number and type of specialized items carried by each member by name.

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- (6) Consistant with assigned missions, avoid extensive movement during the day to avoid heat casualties.
- (7) If a patrol is out of contact for 3 hours, it will return to the last position where communications was successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to the intial LZ unless communications is re-established enroute.
- (8) Report to Recon Group Bravo S-2 ASAP upon extraction.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by the patrol leader. Maintaining continuous camouflage of patrol members.
- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by the patrol leader, to include not less than 100 rounds per M-14 and 2½ rounds per M-79.
- c. Rations. As directed by the patrol leader.
- d. Medical. Insure an adequate supply of salt tablets and malaria pills are carried by each patrol member and consumed regularly.
- e. Special Equipment.
 - (1) Two pair of 7x50's binoculars
 - (2) One red panel per team.
 - (3) One yellow smoke per man.
 - (4) One M-72 rocket launcher.
 - (5) Two WP fragmentation grenades per platoon.
 - (6) Two grenades WP or M-26 fragmentation, per patrol member.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications.

(1) Carry an AN/PRC-25 radio for primary communications. Backup communications will be by AN/PRC-10.

n (2) The AN/PRC-25 radio will be used to call and adjust artillery however, before shifting the AN/PRC-25, to the conduct of fire net, communication with the recon group will be established utilizing the AN/PRC-10.

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Recon Group Bravo	PUNCTUATE
Platoon Headquarters	NIGHT STICKER
Recon Element	NIGHT STICKER 1
Artillery Support	POLISH
Air Observer	SACRED
Relay Site (Hill 225)	BRAVO RELAY
3/4	MUTTER

(4) Shackles.

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(5) Frequencies.

PRIMARY ALTERNATE

NIGHTSTICKER	47.5	41.5
POLISH	36.2	36.6
SACRED	40.7	
MUTTER	40.1	

(6) Each patrol and/or element thereof will submit hourly situation and location and monitor the recon net continually.

(7) All traffic will be addressed to BRAVO RELAY and/or PUNCTUATE.

b. Command. No change.

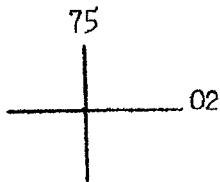
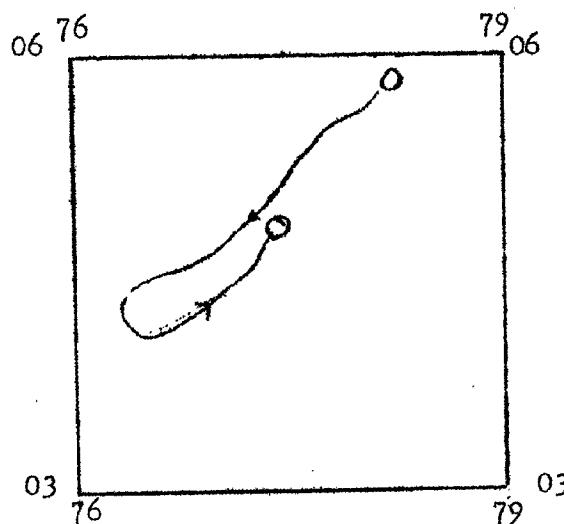
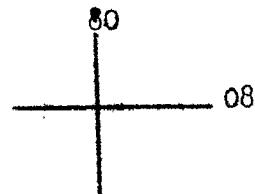
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 Patrol Leader

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RC-101 77600550
RC-102 76650490

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 PHU BAI, RVN
 282200H May 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Size and Composition: (1) off (10) enl (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments: None.
- c. Communication Equipment: (1) AN/PRC-25 (1) AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment: (2) 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment: None.
- f. Special Weapons: (1) M-79, (1) M-72, (3) WP grenades.

2. MISSION: To conduct reconnaissance patrolling and surveillance operations in RZ 3. Capture one prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 241730H/281700H May 1966.

4. ROUTE: Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. Synopsis: 95 hours of observation and patrolling in RZ 3, resulted in negative contacts with the Viet Cong. 4 sightings were made for a total of 8 VC sighted. All VC observed were carrying weapons, packs, and all but one, wearing black PJ's.
- b. Enemy:
 - (1) 270830H (YD 772049) the patrol observed 5 VC moving north on trail, 4 were in black PJ's and one was in khaki. 4 ChiCom carbines and 4 packs were observed. This sighting was made at a distance of approximately 50 meters from the VC position. 2 of the VC sighted were very light complected and 2 exceptionally dark complected. It was noted that the 2 light complected VC from time to time took out a white handkerchief and wiped their foreheads. The 5th VC

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appeared to be the leader since he gave orders from time to time. This one was dressed in a khaki short sleeve shirt, and black shorts. On his head he wore a white pith helmet. These 5 VC stopped at this location and adjusted all the equipment that they had, in addition, they unpacked their packs and sorted all the contents, then repacked and after some 23 minutes, all departed this location in a northerly direction. Leader without equipment.

- (2) 270915H (YD 772049) observed 1 VC dressed in black PJ's walking North on this trail. This VC carried a Thompson Submachine Gun. It was noted that this VC had a very large pack on his back, and also stopped at the same location as the first ones and rested. After approximately 15 minutes he departed into a northerly direction.
- (3) 271048H (YD 772049) observed 1 VC moving South on this trail. He was dressed in black PJ's and was carrying a large pack. It appeared to the patrol that this pack contained ammo. This was later confirmed when the VC stopped at this location and emptied his pack. Some of its contents noted were linked .30 caliber ammo and loose ammo of various calibers. No .50 caliber ammo was noted. After a short rest this VC repacked his gear and departed this location.
- (4) 271215H (YD 772049) the patrol observed 1 VC moving South on this trail, wearing black PJ's and a white cloth hat and carrying a ChiCom carbine. It was believed by the patrol that this VC carried ammo of some sort in his pack. This VC stopped at same location as other groups and he unpacked his pack. It was observed that he had in addition to some small arms ammo, clothing and equipment. This VC's actions were similar to those of the other VC before him. A short time later he too departed this location in a southerly direction.

c. Terrain:

- (1) The terrain in the objective area consisted of very thick underbrush with vines and grass intermingled with thorn bushes throughout this area. Difficulty of movement was encountered from one location to the next. Canopy was estimated to be up to 60 feet high, with the exception of the East-Northeast side of Hill 275, where the canopy was slightly less than 15 feet. Extremely steep slopes were encountered with very dry underbrush.
- (2) Map corrections: Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay). 1 heavily used trail was located. This trail was approximately 3 feet wide with thick underbrush on both sides. This trail could not be observed from the air, canopy over the trail was up to 50 feet.
- d. Other information: No artillery support mission or air support missions were requested by this patrol.

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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Physical condition, good; morale, good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That a recon platoon be sent into this area to set up an ambush at coordinates YD 772049.



D. L. GRANNES
First Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER:

1. In accordance with intelligence information derived from this debriefing, it is felt that this location (YD 772049) is possibly used as a way station or a possible infiltration route into the HUE/PHU BAI TAOR. It was noted by the patrol that this location had approximately 10 foxholes and two automatic rifle positions located in the saddle. This is an excellent ambush site but an ambush must be set up by a larger force in order to insure safety for platoon retraction, both approaches into the saddle are very steep and difficulty would be encountered at this location in event of a contact, especially if the VC were located at the high ground.

G. A. KOCH

COMMANDERS COMMENT:

1. Do not desire TPQ strikes or artillery fire in this area; a reconnaissance platoon will be sent to this location with a mission to capture VC.

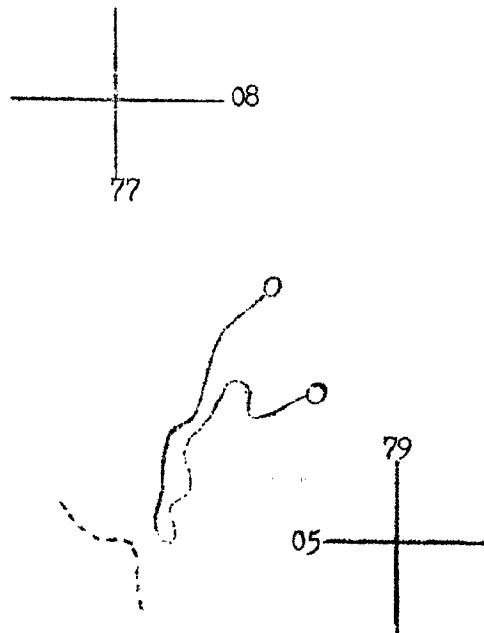
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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Patrol Report of Operation Order 16-66



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→ Patrol Route
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(c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 4-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

3rd Platoon, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company SSgt MCCUALEY
1 Squad Engineers Sgt ELLIOT

1. SITUATION:

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. Durrent OPSUMS.
- c. Attachments. One platoon Engineers.

2. MISSION: To establish an Observation Post and a finished helicopter landing site in vicinity of YD 515219.

3. EXECUTION:

- a. Concept of Operation. The 3rd Platoon, 1st Force Recon Company, with attachments, depart the 4th Marines CP LZ at 260700H May 1966, by helicopter and lift to the vicinity of YD 515219. The platoon, with attachments, will be extracted on or about 300700H May 1966.
- b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Thrust Lines:

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- (2) Plan and coordinate on call concentrations around defensive area established.
- (3) Register supporting artillery ASAP after insertion.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by patrol leader.
- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by patrol leader.
- c. Rations. As directed by patrol leader for 4 days.
- d. Special Equipment.
 - (1) One BC Scope.
 - (2) Two 7x50 binoculars.
 - (3) Twelve M-72's.
 - (4) Three M-79's.
 - (5) Twenty-four illumination flares (parachute).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications.

- (1) Communications Equipment.
 - (a) Two AN/PRC-10 radios with an RC-292 antenna.
 - (b) Three AN/PRC-6 radios.
 - (c) Sufficient batteries to support for operation.
 - (d) One PSR-1.

(2) Callsigns.

Recon Group Bravo	PUNCTUATE
Platoon Headquarters	GALLEON
Artillery Support	POLISH
Conduct of Fire	GOLF
Air Observer	SACRED
Relay Site (Hill 225)	BRAVO RELAY
3/4	MUTTER

(3) Shackles.

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(4) Frequencies.

Primary

Alternate

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GOLF	36.8	
SACRED	40.7	
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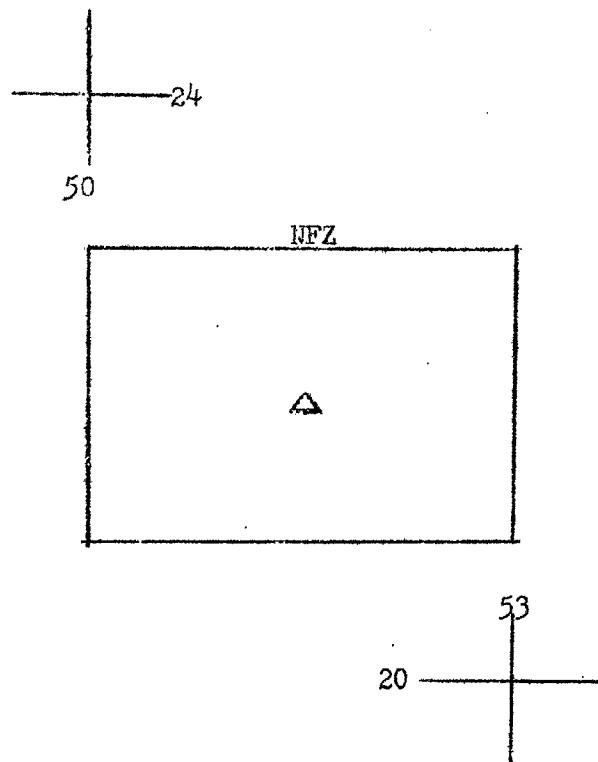
b. Command.

T. J. McCauley
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Staff Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

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 Debriefer: CPL J.J. MCKENIGHT
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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and composition. (1) off (12) enl (1) USN.
- b. Special attachments. (8) enl, Co "B", 3rd Eng Bn.
- c. Communication Equipment. (1) AN/PRC-25, (1) AN/PRC-10, (3) AN/PRC-6.
- d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50, (1) BS Scope.
- e. Special Equipment. (1) mine detector, (2) AN/PSR-1.
- f. Special Weapons. (3) M-60, (4) M-79, (10) M-72, (13) claymore mines, 300 pounds of C-4 explosive, (4) crater charges.

2. MISSION. To establish an observation post and a finished HIZ in vicinity of YD 515219.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 260700H May/020900H June 1966.

4. ROUTE: No patrol route was made, patrol stayed atop Hill 674 the entire time.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. 170 hours of observation, radio relay, helicopter landing site construction in RZ 1, resulted in 3 contacts involving a total of 5 VC, and 5 sightings for a total of 34 VC sighted.
- b. Enemy.
 - (1) 271516H (YD 515219) 4 VC fired upon the engineers who were engaged in clearing the IZ site and the men who formed the security around the area. The men were seeking cover in order to detonate the charges that the engineers had set when they received small arms fire. The patrol immediately returned fire in the direction of the VC. It was noted that one of the weapons sounded like a 7.62mm Russian carbine.

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- (2) 271535H (YD 515219) 6 members of the patrol were returning to the area where contact was made, to search the area for additional VC. These men were taken under fire by 4 VC, and immediately returned fire, expending 350 rounds of M-14, 12 rounds of M-79, 3 M-72's and 200 rounds from an M-60. After returning fire it was noted that the VC seemed to have left the area.
- (3) 310915H (YD 513264) 4 VC were observed standing and sitting in rice paddies. It was not possible to observe any equipment or weapons due to intervening terrain and foliage. All were wearing black PJ's.
- (4) 311328H (YD 533261) 12 VC moved into village where it appeared that they were setting up an "L" shaped ambush for friendly units in the area. They were wearing assorted black PJ's and khaki's. No weapons could be observed. This information was relayed to 2/1 who had units in the area.
- (5) 311900H (YD 517261) 4 VC were seen moving east across rice paddies. All were wearing black PJ's and carrying weapons slung over their shoulders. The weapons could not be identified.
- (6) 311900H (YD 555245) 10 VC were observed moving north along the KHE NAM River. 1 man was wearing black PJ's and coolie hat, another wore a khaki shirt and black trousers. The remainder wore either green or black uniforms. All had unidentified weapons slung over their shoulders. An artillery mission was called on these VC.
- (7) 311930H (YD 517261) 4 VC were observed moving east across the rice paddies. They wore black PJ's and coolie hats. All had unidentified weapons slung over their shoulders. Artillery was fired on this group of VC.
- (8) 011815H (YD 515219) the OP position received 15 - 20 rounds of automatic small arms fire from 1 VC. The patrol returned fire and threw grenades. 3 men searched the area from which they received the fire and saw 1 VC moving east from the OP position.

a. Terrain.

- (1) The terrain in the objective area consists of very thick underbrush with vines and grass intermingled with thick bushes throughout the area. Steep slopes are present with a canopy of 30 to 40 feet high.
- (2) Map Corrections. Annex A (Map Correction Overlay).
 - a. One path was observed running N-S. This path appeared to be well used with no visible vegetation on it.

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(b) One trail was observed running E-W from Hill 674 down the ridgeline. This trail was well used.

d. Other Information.

- (1) 311945H a fire was observed at coordinates YD 548249. 10 rounds of artillery fire was delivered on fire. There was good coverage of the target.
- (2) Artillery fire was called on 10 VC moving north along the KHE NAM River. There was good coverage of target but fire for effect took 4 to 5 minutes. 15 rounds were fired on the target.
- (3) An artillery mission was called on 4 VC moving east over rice paddies. 3 rounds were fired that could not be observed.
- (4) Fires and lights were seen on numerous mountain tops throughout the nights of observation.
- (5) 261000H. Cave on Hill 674 was investigated for possible VC. Search turned up no VC.
- (6) 261159H. A grass hut was located 100 meters NE of Hill 674 with foxholes. The hut and adjacent areas did not appear to have been used recently.
- (7) After the patrol first landed they discovered grenades and equipment left by a previous recon patrol. The items picked up were; dogtags (belonging to KIA), ID card (belonging to KIA), prayer book, CS grenade, (2) M-26 grenades, part of a pack, web gear, (all belonging to previous KIA and the men on the recon patrol).
- (8) Due to an accidental detonation of an M-26 grenade, the patrol received 1 dead and 2 wounded personnel. An investigation is being conducted at this time.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. One VC KIA (poss) three VC WIA (poss). No friendly casualties inflicted by the enemy.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, excellent; morale, excellent.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

- a. Artillery has to deliver "fire for effect" when called for. After waiting 4 or 5 minutes for a "fire for effect", a moving target is usually out of sight.

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- b. One night an illumination concentration was called for. The patrol received one illumination round and 2 HE rounds. Also adjustment was poor on concentrations. Better coordination when firing artillery is needed.
- c. Resupply of watercans and other gear will be damaged if care is not taken when unloading these items.
- d. One-user radio frequencies should be assigned to recon units due to the necessity of rapid reporting.

W. T. HENDERSON
First Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER:

- 1. Presence of the gear from the KIA of the previous recon patrol indicates that Hill 674 has not been used since the extraction of the previous patrol.
- 2. Recon patrols frequently encounter mobile, lightly burdened, VC. Artillery fire used to its best advantage has to land before the enemy can leave the area.

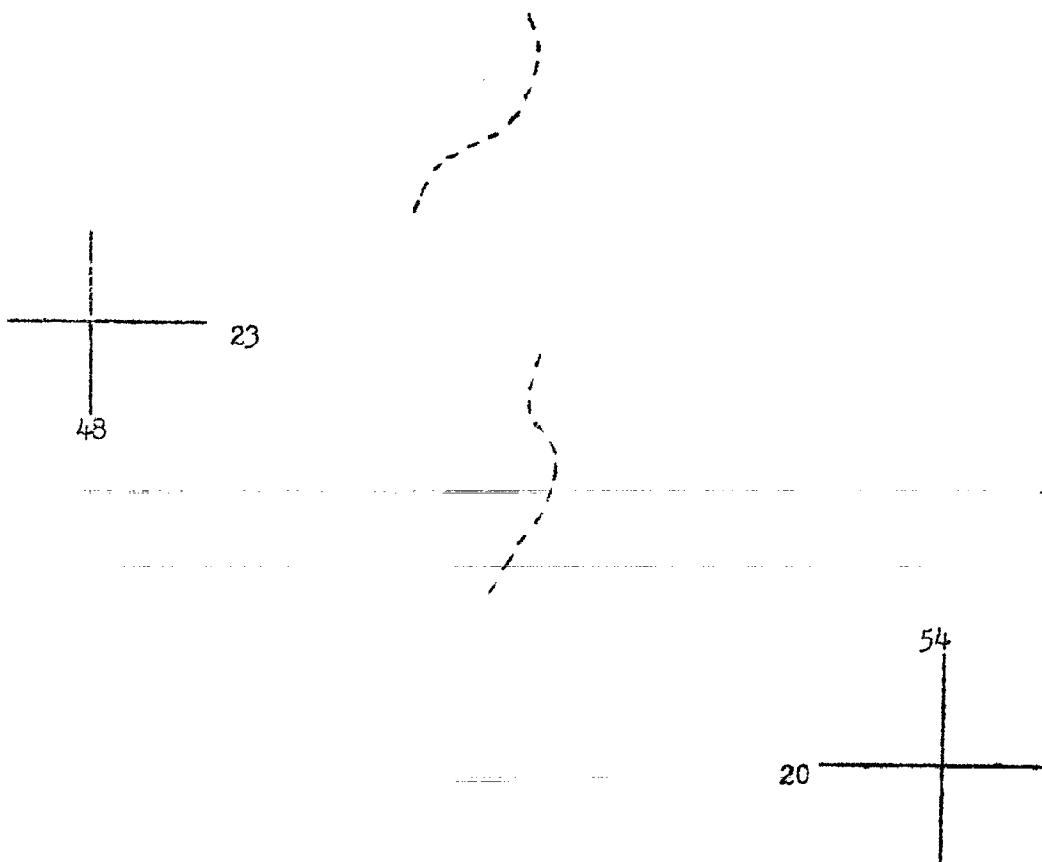
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 (b) 3rd Marine Division Operation Order 343-65
 (c) Reconnaissance Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66
 (d) G-2 memo dtd 11 May 1966
 (e) CC msg 020600Z June 1966

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

Reconnaissance Group Bravo	Major COLBY
Company "B", 3rd Recon Bn	Capt OVIENS
2nd Plt, 1st Force Recon Co	2ndLt FREITAS
3rd Plt, 1st Force Recon Co	1stLt BEST
Hdqtrs and Serv Plt, 1st Force Rec	1stLt HUBERT

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. Reference (b).
- c. Attachments and Detachments. As required.

2. MISSION. Reconnaissance Group Bravo establishes and maintains a reconnaissance network in THUA THIEN Province and conducts directed reconnaissance missions in the HAI LANG area of QUANG TRI Province.3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. Reconnaissance units will operate in the new Reconnaissance Zones as outlined in references (d) and (e). RZ's 2, 4, and 5, will be patrolled during the period 7 through 16 June 1966. RZ's 1, 2, 5, and 6, will be patrolled from 17 through 30 June 1966. Directed reconnaissance missions in the HAI LANG area of QUANG TRI Province, will be conducted as approved, using 5 man Force Recon teams operating for periods not to exceed 36 hours.

b. Company "B".

- (1) During the period 7 to 16 June 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 4 and 5. During the period 17 to 30 June 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 5 and 6.
- (2) Capture at least 1 VC in each RZ.
- (3) Be prepared to assume the missions of 1st Force Reconnaissance Company platoons.
- (4) Conduct concurrent training for platoons in garrison.
- (5) Be prepared to support infantry operations as directed.

c. 2nd Platoon, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company.

- (1) During the period 7 to 16 June 1966, conduct operations in RZ 2.
- (2) Be prepared to conduct directed reconnaissance missions utilizing independent five man teams under the control of the Platoon Commander or Platoon Sergeant.
- (3) During the period 17 to 30 June 1966, conduct operations in RZ 2.
- (4) Conduct concurrent training while in garrison.

d. 3rd Platoon, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company.

- (1) During the period 7 to 16 June 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ 2.
- (2) Be prepared to conduct directed reconnaissance missions utilizing independent five man teams under control of the Platoon Commander and Platoon Sergeant.
- (3) During the period 17 to 30 June 1966, conduct operations in RZ 1.
- (4) Conduct concurrent training while in garrison.

e. Headquarters and Service Platoon, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company.

- (1) During the period 7 to 30 June 1966, maintain a radio relay station atop Hill 674.

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(2) Be prepared to furnish necessary support personnel for directed reconnaissance missions.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Unit leaders will submit a patrol order and operation overlay not later than 48 hours prior to commencement of the operation.
- (2) Operate within supporting artillery range, except during directed reconnaissance.
- (3) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Make personal liaison with 4th Marines FSCC or 2/1 FSCC, as appropriate, and with 3/12 FDC.
- (4) Shackle O-T azimuth when adjusting artillery fire.
- (5) Be prepared to recommend infantry exploitation or reinforcement and suitable landing zones for its entry.
- (6) Each patrol will report its location and situation hourly.
- (7) Submit helicopter requests to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) not later than 48 hours prior to insertion. Whenever possible, patrol leaders will make a helo recon of the operations area.
- (8) Use varying times of entry and exit. Helicopter landing zones will normally be not less than 2000 meters from objective area.
- (9) Submit patrol roster to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) prior to insertion.
- (10) Patrol leaders will report to the S-2 ASAP after recovery.
- (11) If an airstrike is requested and approved, be prepared to display a single red panel to mark friendly positions.
- (12) If a patrol is out of contact for three hours, it will move to the last position where communications were successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to camp.
- (13) RZ's. References (d) and (e).
- (14) EEI's. Annex A of reference (c).
- (15) Reports Required. Annex D of reference (c).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by patrol leaders.
- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by the patrol leaders. Ammunition to be carried will not be less than 100 rounds per M-14 and 24 rounds per M-79. Each patrol will carry no less than 2 M-72 rocket launchers.
- c. Rations. As directed by the patrol leaders. 50% IPR's are authorized.
- d. Special Equipment.
 - (1) One pair of binoculars per team.
 - (2) One PSR-1.
 - (3) One red panel per team.
 - (4) One yellow smoke per team.
 - (5) Patrols with primary observation post missions, carry one M-49 spotting scope.
- e. A list indicating the type and serial number of each serialized item accompanying each patrol, will be submitted prior to its insertion. The list will reflect the name of the patrol member who is responsible for each item.
- f. For operations of 7 days or less, the patrol will carry the necessary supplies for the duration of the operation.
- g. Measures for handling captured personnel, documents, and material. Annex A of reference (c).
- h. Medical. Reference (c).
- i. Transportation. Reference (c).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. Communications-Electronics.
 - (1) Annex E of reference (c).

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- (2) Each platoon size patrol will carry an AN/PRC-25 radio for its primary means of communications. Inner-platoon communications will be by an AN/PRC-10 radio.
- (3) When available, an AN/PRC-25 will be carried for use on the "conduct of fire" net.
- (4) Communications will be according to the COI briefing prior to each patrol.
- (5) Patrols in the field will send hourly situation and location reports and will monitor their radios continuously.
- (6) Establish radio relay sites as necessary.
- (7) Authentication systems will be used for each operation.

b. Command Posts.

- (1) Reconnaissance Group Bravo CP is located at YD 854135.
- (2) Patrol leaders report locations.

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 (b) Recon Group Bravo OpO 3-66 with change 1
 (c) Recon Group Bravo OpO 5-66

Task Organization:

2nd Platoon, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company Lt FREITAS

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly forces. Current OPSUMS.
- c. Attachments/Detachments. None.

2. MISSION. To conduct reconnaissance patrolling and surveillance operations in RZ 1. Establish an OP in vicinity YD 5618. Capture 1 prisoner.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of operation. 2nd Platoon, 1st Force Recon Co, departs the 4th Marines CP LZ GOONEY at 301730H, by helicopter, and proceed to vicinity YD 572182. The platoon will then proceed by foot NW to the objective area. The platoon will be extracted from the vicinity of YD 559191 at 041600H.

b. Coordinating instructions.(1) Thrust lines.

TLA -- YD 550210
 TLA -- YD 590190

- (2) Personnally effect distribution of the operation order to all units concerned with it, in the HUE/PHU BAI enclave, 48 hours prior to insertion.
- (3) Plan and coordinate "on call" concentrations along patrol routes and OP's prior to insertion.
- (4) Register supporting artillery ASAP after insertion.

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- (5) Submit two copies of patrol roster to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3), to include the number and type of serialized items carried by each patrol member by name.
- (6) Consistant with assigned mission, avoid extensive movement during the day to avoid heat casualties.
- (7) If a patrol is out of contact for three hours, it will return to the last position where communications were successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to the initial LZ unless communications is re-established enroute.
- (8) Report to Recon Group Bravo S-2 ASAP upon extraction for debriefing.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by the patrol leader. Maintain continuous camouflage of patrol members.
- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by the patrol leader to include not less than 150 rounds per M-14, 24 rounds per M-79, and 2 M-72 rocket launchers.
- c. Rations. As directed by the patrol leader.
- d. Medical. Insure an adequate supply of salt tablets and malaria pills are carried by each patrol member and consumed regularly.
- e. Special Equipment.
 - (1) One pair of 7x50 binoculars or M-49 spotting scope per team.
 - (2) One red panel per team.
 - (3) One yellow smoke per patrol member.
 - (4) Two WP fragmentation grenades per platoon.
 - (5) Two grenades M-26 fragmentation, per patrol member.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. Communications.
 - (1) Carry an AN/PRC-25 radio for primary communications. Back-up communications will be by an AN/PRC-10.

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(2) The AN/PRC-25 radio will be used to call and adjust artillery to fire, however, before shifting the AN/PRC-25 to the conduct of fire net, communications with the Recon Group will be established utilizing the AN/PRC-10.

(3) Callsigns.

Recon Group Bravo	PUNCTUATE
Platoon Headquarters	PRIMNESS 1
Artillery Support	POLISH
Air Observer	SACRED
Company "B"	RAINBELT BRAVO
Relay Site (1)	BRAVO RELAY
Relay Site (2)	PUNCTUATE RELAY
2/1	PENNANT WINNER

(4) Shackles.

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(5) Frequencies.

	Primary	Alternate
PRIMNESS	50.5	49.6
POLISH	36.2	36.6
SACRED	40.7	
PENNANT WINNER	44.7	

(6) Each patrol and/or element will submit hourly situation and location and monitor the recon net continually.

(7) All traffic will be addressed to PUNCTUATE, relayed through BRAVO RELAY and/or PUNCTUATE RELAY.

b. Command Post. To be reported on a continuing basis.

J. P. Freitas
 J. P. FREITAS
 Second Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps
 Patrol Leader

ANNEX:

A (Operation Overlay)

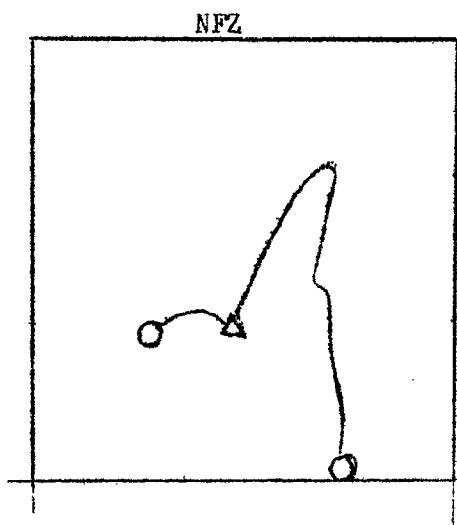
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Artillery Concentrations

RC-151	—	YD 572186	○	HIZ
RC-152	—	YD 566188	△	OP
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition: (1) Off (9) Enl (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments: None.
- c. Communication Equipment: (1) AN/PRC-25, (1) AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment: (3) 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment: None.
- f. Special Weapons: (1) M-79, (2) claymore mines, (2) WP rifle grenades.

2. MISSION. To conduct reconnaissance patrolling and surveillance operations in RZ 1. Establish an OP in vicinity YD 5618. Capture 1 prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 301730H/041800H June 1966.

4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. 120 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours of reconnaissance patrolling yielded 1 sighting and no contact with the VC. 5 artillery missions were called for a total of approximately 40 rounds.
- b. Enemy. 041420H (YD 564186) one VC wearing black shorts and a pack covered with a blue poncho, was observed swimming south in the river. It appeared that he was being followed by several others, because of the hand signals he gave and the commands he shouted. He left the water and shouted several commands in the direction of the patrol. Artillery was called, but due to the short distance from the target, it was difficult to adjust the fire without receiving shrapnel. The patrol moved to the south and observed the VC and another on the shore in the brush.

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(1) The terrain in the objective area consisted of dense undergrowth made up of shrubs, vines, thorns, and small trees about 12 feet in height. Movement was extremely difficult. Water was scarce in most of the objective area.

(2) Map Corrections. None.

d. Other Information.

(1) 311812H (YD 578189) the patrol heard 1 VC chopping trees at a distance of about 200 meters. The VC could not be observed, but artillery was called on the location where the chopping was heard.

(2) 021120H (YD 562186) the patrol was moving south in the streambed, when voices were heard to the front and left. Artillery was called on the position where the voices came from. The first 3 rounds did not explode, and it was felt that the VC escaped before the first rounds exploded.

(3) 021747H (YD 564187) the patrol found an abandoned VC campsite capable of holding a battalion sized unit. The campsite had more than 40 sleeping stalls which would sleep 8 to 12 people in each. The outside perimeter had numerous fighting holes for security of the area. Near each stall, rice packages, fish sauce packages, pop bottles, and remains of other foods were found. The campsite had not been used for 3 or 4 days. It was noted that man trails approximately 4 feet wide came through the campsite from the river to the southwest and headed north on the other side of the campsite. These trails were in good condition but had not been used recently. H and I fires were shot on this target throughout the night. The next morning artillery was called on the target once again.

(4) 030700H (YD 562186) the patrol heard voices above and below their position but moved away from them to the top of the hill to assess damage on the campsite.

(5) 030935H (YD 564187) the patrol made a damage assessment of the campsite and noted 1 M-79 round and 1 camouflaged steel helmet, both of which appeared to be booby trapped. The patrol took no action on these items. Many fires appeared to have been burned in the area, but due to heavy rains the age could not be determined accurately and was estimated at 3 or 4 days.

(6) 031915H (YD 562186) the patrol heard voices to the front and left of their location which seemed to be moving away from them in the direction of the river. The patrol spent the night in this position and continued to hear voices until 040530H. In the morning, the patrol moved to higher ground to call artillery, but due to helicopters in the area, the mission was cancelled.

(7) On an attempted river crossing, the following equipment was lost:

- 1 AN/PRC-10 radio
- 2 M-14 rifles, serial numbers 930069, 816422
- 2 ARVN rucksacks with equipment
- 1 BA-386

(8) 5 artillery missions totalling about 40 rounds were called in support of this patrol.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; morale, good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. River crossings at depths greater than 5 feet should not be attempted without the aid of safety lines.

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Platoon Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER:

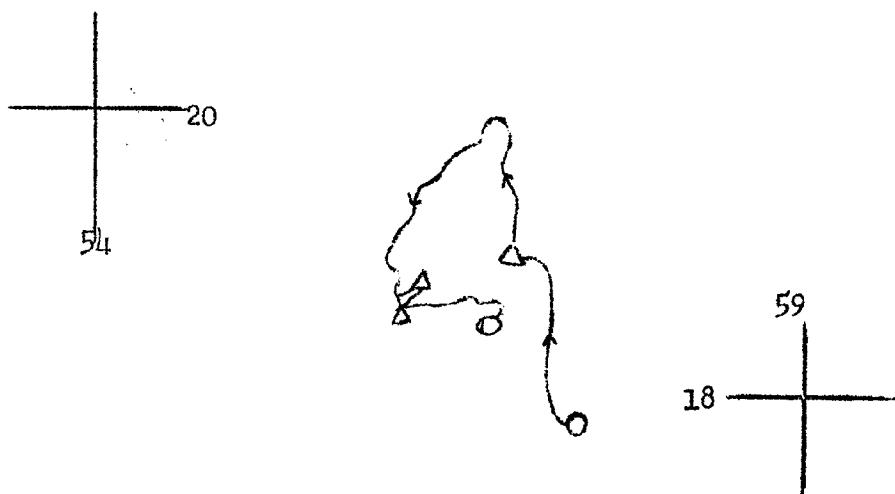
1. Request TPQ missions at YD 564187.

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 (b) Recon Group Bravo OpO 3-66 with change 1
 (c) Recon Group Bravo OpO 5-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

3rd Platoon, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company, LT BEST

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. Current OPSUMS.
- c. Attachments/Detachments. None.

2. MISSION. To conduct reconnaissance patrolling and surveillance operations in RZ 1, during the period 5 to 9 June and 14 to 18 June 1966. Capture 1 prisoner.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operation. 3rd Platoon, 1st Force Recon Co., departs the 4th Marines CP LZ GOONEY at 041730H May 1966, by helicopter, and proceeds to vicinity YD 515219. The platoon will then proceed by foot NW to the objective area. The patrol will establish an OP in vicinity YD 504225. The platoon will be extracted from the vicinity of YD 495226 at 070700H June 1966.

b. Coordinating Instructions.(1) Thrust Lines.

TLA -- 510230
 TLB -- 490210

- (2) Personally effect distribution of this operation order to all units concerned within the HUE/PHU BAI enclave, 48 hours prior to insertion.

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- (3) Plan and coordinate "on call" concentrations along patrol routes and OP's prior to insertion.
- (4) Register supporting artillery ASAP after insertion.
- (5) Submit two copies of Patrol Roster to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3), to include number and type of serialized items carried by each patrol member by name.
- (6) Consistent with assigned mission, avoid extensive movement during the day to avoid heat casualties.
- (7) If a patrol is out of contact for three hours, it will return to the last position where communications were successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to the initial LZ unless communications is re-established enroute.
- (8) Report to Recon Group Bravo S-2 ASAP upon extraction for debriefing.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by the patrol leader. Maintain continuous camouflage of patrol members.
- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by the patrol leader to include not less than 150 rounds per M-14, 24 rounds per M-79, and 2 M-72 rocket launchers.
- c. Rations. As directed by the patrol leader.
- d. Medical. Insure an adequate supply of salt tablets and malaria pills are carried by each patrol member and consumed regularly.
- e. Special Equipment.
 - (1) One pair of 7x50 binoculars or M-49 spotting scope per team.
 - (2) One red panel per team.
 - (3) Two yellow smoke grenades per team.
 - (4) Two WP fragmentation grenades per platoon.
 - (5) Two grenades M-26 fragmentation per patrol member.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.a. Communications.

- (1) Carry an AN/PRC-25 radio for primary communications. Back-up communications will be an AN/PRC-10.
- (2) An AN/PRC-25 will be used to call and adjust artillery fire, however, before shifting the AN/PRC-25 to the conduct of fire net, communications with the Recon Group net will be established utilizing the AN/PRC-10.
- (3) Callsigns.

Recon Group Bravo	PUNCTUATE
Platoon Headquarters	GALLEON
Artillery Support	POLISH
Air Observer	SACRED
Company "B"	RAINBELT BRAVO
Relay Site	PUNCTUATE XRAY
2/1	PENNANT WINNER

(4) Shackles.

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- (5) Authentication. Challenge with any letter in the shackles and authenticate with any other letter in the same column.
- (6) Frequencies.

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
GALLEON	50.5	49.6
POLISH	36.2	36.6
SACRED	40.7	
PENNANT WINNER	44.7	
- (7) Each patrol and/or element will submit hourly situation and location reports, and monitor the recon net continually.
- (8) All traffic will be addressed to PUNCTUATE relayed through PUNCTUATE XRAY.

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b. Command Post. To be reported on a continuing basis.

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Patrol Leader

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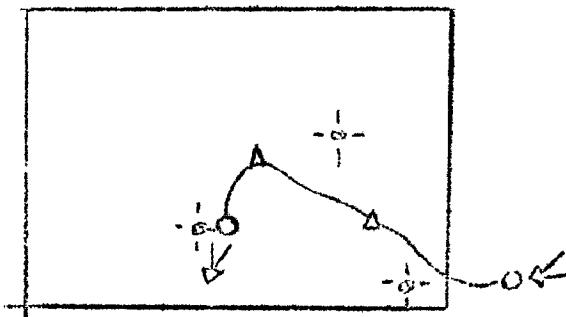
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Artillery Concentrations

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Annex B (List of Capture Equipment) to Patrol Report for Operation Order 19-66

- 1 US Carbine M-1, serial number 5748081
- 3 Carbine magazines with 36 rounds
- 1 Canteen with cover
- 1 knife with sheath
- 1 weapon cleaning kit and pouch, contained tin of ointment, packet of gauze, rifle patches.
- 1 pouch (GP)
- 1 poncho
- 1 face mask (surgical type)
- 1 waterproof carrying pouch with sewing kit, contained rubber strip, small container with small amount of analgesic balm, 2 circular pieces of heavy celluloid
- 1 small strip of poncho
- 1 comb
- 1 fountain pen
- 1 piece of metal with D-ring attached
- 1 lighter (cigarette type)
- 1 packet of white powder (unknown)
- 1 rope approximately 18" in length
- 2 grenades (destroyed)
- 1 cartridge belt (VI type)
- 1 helmet (wicker type)

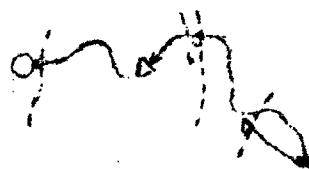
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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Patrol Report for Operation Order 19-66

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voices, including those of young women, up and down the trail. From the location of voices, it seemed like a column of about 35 VC was on the trail. The talking stopped and movement was heard coming towards the patrols left flank. The patrol called artillery to cover its withdrawal. About 100 meters up the hill, the patrol stopped and heard noises coming up the hill behind them. 10 rounds were delivered but could not be observed.

(5) One artillery mission consisting of 10 rounds was requested in support of this patrol. The mission could not be observed.

(6) Lost Equipment.

1 Lensatic Compass

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. 1 VC KIA.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; morale, good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. The well used trails that were found are being used as avenues of approach to the HUE/PHU BAI, TACR.

S. J. BEST
First Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

(2) Map Corrections. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay)

- (a) (YD 510222) one trail about 2 feet wide running NS was located. It had not been used recently and could not be observed from the air.
- (b) (YD 506226) one trail about 3 feet wide running NW-SE was found. It was well used. Could not be observed from the air.
- (c) (YD 506226) one trail about 3 feet wide about 50 meters to the west of the trail in item (b), and running parallel to it, was found. It was well used but could not be seen from the air.
- (d) (YD 508227) a small trail approximately 2 feet wide was located. It hadn't been used recently but new comm wire was stretched along it.
- (e) (YD 508227) a stream approximately 10 meters wide running EW was located.
- (f) (YD 502227) a small trail approximately 2 feet wide was located running NS. It had not been used recently and could not be observed from the air.
- (g) (YD 501227) one small trail approximately 2 feet wide was found. It ran NS. The trail had not been used recently.
- (h) (YD 496225) a trail approximately 3 feet wide running parallel to the stream was found. It appeared to be well used and could not be observed from the air.

d. Other Information.

- (1) (YD 498227) one company sized harbor site was found. Collapsed huts and fighting holes were found in the area. Many trails were leading into it. This harbor site had not been used recently.
- (2) (YD 513223) one platoon sized harbor site was found. 3 sleeping platforms were seen. It hadn't been used recently.
- (3) (YD 513322) one squad sized harbor site with 4 broken down sleeping platforms were seen. It hadn't been used recently.
- (4) 051350H (YD 507222) the point heard talking and stopped. It sounded like 3 to 5 VC clanking cans in the process of eating. This patrol waited and listened for 15 minutes and heard many

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 1 officer, 8 enlisted, 1 USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25, 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. None.

2. MISSION. To conduct reconnaissance patrolling and surveillance operations in RZ 1, during the period 5 to 9 and 14 to 18 June 1966. Capture 1 prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 050900H/080900H June 1966.

4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. 72 hours of reconnaissance patrolling and observation resulted in one VC contact in which 1 VC was killed.
- b. Enemy. At 080730H (YD 495227), the patrol was moving south along the trail when the point observed 1 VC moving north along the same trail. The patrol waited in an attempt to capture, but were seen by the VC who started to unsling his weapon. The patrol fired and killed him. The VC was wearing black PJ top, brown shorts, bamboo helmet, cartridge belt, poncho, and carried an M-1 carbine. Annex B (List of Captured Equipment).
- c. Terrain.

(1) A heavy canopy approximately 60 feet high with thick underbrush consisting of small bushes, thorns, and vines, was found throughout the objective area. The ground was very rocky in this area and no water was found on the high ground.

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Task Organization:

2nd Plt, 1st Force Recon Co 2ndLt FREITAS

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. Current QPSUMS.
- c. Attachments. One sniper team and one FO team.

2. **MISSION.** To conduct reconnaissance patrolling and surveillance operations in LZ 3 in the vicinity of coordinates YD 6608, 6609, and 6610. Establish an CP at coordinates YD 665097. Capture at least one prisoner.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. 2nd Platoon, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company, departs the 4th Marines CP LZ GOONEY at 091800H, by helicopter, and proceeds to vicinity of coordinates YD 667084. The platoon will then proceed by foot Northwest to the objective area. The platoon will be extracted from vicinity of coordinates YD 667105 at 141700H June 1966.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Thrust Lines.

TLA -- YD 7010.
TLB -- YD 6507.
TLC -- YD 6111.

(2) Personally effect distribution of the operation order to all units concerned within the HUE/PHU BAI enclave, 48 hours prior to insertion.

- (3) Plan and coordinate "on call" concentrations along the patrol route and OP's prior to insertion.
- (4) Register supporting artillery ASAP after insertion.
- (5) Submit two copies of patrol roster to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) to include the number and type of serialized items carried by each patrol member by name.
- (6) Consistant with assigned mission, avoid extensive movement during the day to avoid heat casualties.
- (7) If a patrol is out of communications for three hours, it will return to the last position where communications was successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to the initial LZ unless communications is re-established enroute.
- (8) Report to Reconnaissance Group Bravo S-2 ASAP upon extraction for debriefing.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by the patrol leader. Maintain continuous camouflage of all patrol members.
- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by the patrol leader. To include not less than 150 rounds per M-14 and 2½ rounds per M-79 and 2 M-72 rocket launchers.
- c. Rations. As directed by the patrol leader.
- d. Medical. Insure an adequate supply of salt tablets and malaria pills are carried by each patrol member and consumed regularly.
- e. Special Equipment.
 - (1) One pair of 7x50 binoculars or and M-49 spotting scope per team.
 - (2) One red panel per team.
 - (3) One yellow smoke per patrol member.
 - (4) Two WP fragmentation grenades per platoon.
 - (5) Two grenades M-26 fragmentation per patrol member.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.a. Communications.

- (1) Carry an AN/PRC-25 radio for primary communications. Back-up communications will be by an AN/PRC-10.
- (2) The AN/PRC-25 radio will be used to call and adjust artillery fire, however, before shifting the AN/PRC-25 to the "conduct of fire" net, communications with the Recon Group will be establishing utilizing the AN/PRC-10.
- (3) Call Signs.

Recon Group Bravo	PUNCTUATE
Platoon Headquarters	PRIMNESS
Platoon Element	PRIMNESS I
Artillery Support	POLISH
A.O.	SACRED
Company "B"	RAINBELT BRAVO
Relay Site	FUNCTUATE RELAY

(4) Shackles.

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H	R	C	E	M	K	F	X	A	V
				Y			L	W	Q
				Z					T

(5) Frequencies. Primary Alternate

PRIMNESS	49.6	50.5
POLISH	36.2	36.6
SACRED	40.7	

- (6) Each patrol and/or element will submit hourly situation and location reports, monitor the recon net continually.
- (7) All traffic will be addressed to PUNCTUATE, relayed through BRAVO relay and/or PUNCTUATE RELAY.

b. Command Post. To be reported on a continuing basis.

J. P. Freitas
J. P. FREITAS

Second Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

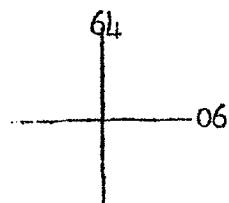
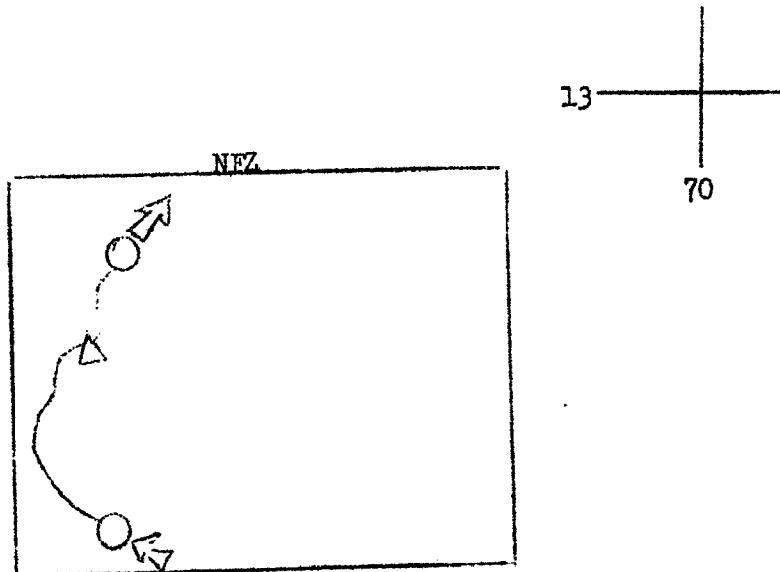
ANNEX: Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay)

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Annex A (Operation Overlay) to Operation Order 20-66

Ref: (a) Maps: Sheet Numbers 6550 III, 6559 IV, 6460 II, 6459 I



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Operation Order: 20-66

Patrol: 2nd Platoon, 1st Force Reconnaissance Co

Debriefer: SSgt G. A. KOCH

Map Sheet: 6560 III

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PHU BAI, RVN
182000H June 1966PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Size and Composition: (1) Off. (11) enl. (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments: 2 FO's and 3 Scout Snipers
- c. Communication Equipment: (1) AN/PRC-25, (1) AN/PRC-10
- d. Observation Equipment: (4) 7x50's
- e. Special Equipment: None
- f. Special Weapons; Scout Sniper rifles (2) model 70's

2. MISSION: To conduct reconnaissance patrolling and surveillance operations in RZ 3 in the vicinity of coordinates YD 6608, 6609, and 6610. Establish an OP site at coordinates YD 665097. Capture at least one prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 131800H June 1966 to 180945H June 1966.

4. ROUTE: ANNEX A (Patrol Route Overlay).

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. Synopsis: 112 hours of patrolling and observation resulted in 3 enemy sightings totaling 5 VC. An artillery fire mission was called on a bridge. A total of 14 rounds of 155 were fired with excellent coverage. Bridge was not destroyed. There were no friendly or enemy casualties.

b. Enemy:

- (1) 140900H (YD 682087) the patrol observed 1 VC at this location. It appeared that this VC was following the patrol. It was observed that the VC was dressed in black PJ's. No weapons or equipment was observed. The patrol moved east towards stream when crossing it the VC was never seen again.
- (2) 170900H (YD 680088) the patrol was in a harbor site some 8 meters away from a trail when the patrol observed 2 VC walking along the trail into a south easterly direction. No weapons or equipment was observed.

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(3) 171300H (YD 682088) 2 VC were observed walking into a south-easterly direction. It could not be determined if they had weapons or equipment, due to the heavy underbrush.

c. Terrain.

(1) The terrain in the objective area was generally fairly easy to walk through. 200 to 400 meters an hour could be covered. The terrain consisted mainly of brush and grass with a canopy of approximately 8 to 15 feet. The vegetation along and close to the stream and river beds consisted of very thick underbrush intermingled with vines, thorns, and grass. The canopy in this area was slightly higher; it was estimated to be about 25 feet.

(2) Map Corrections. There were no map corrections.

d. Other Information.

(1) During the night of 13 June through the morning of 14 June, while the patrol was at its harbor site, drums and what appeared to be voices, were heard coming from various directions and distances. The patrol's harbor site for that night was at coordinates YD 667087.

(2) 131800H The patrol heard jet aircraft and HUL-E's firing and strafing at coordinates YD 685089. This was just after insertion was accomplished. Pilots informed the patrol that the target was 3 huts and that 3 VC possible KIA's resulted from the action.

(4) 141210H (YD 685089) The patrol found two huts with all types of clothing drying outside. The clothing was not part of any type of uniform, mainly black PJ's and shirts. None of these huts was checked out due to the fact that the patrol had communication difficulty, and were moving to high ground.

(4) 162000H The patrol heard a heavy rate of fire from small arms and machine guns from an easterly direction, approximately 800 to 1500 meters from the patrols location at YD 684095. The firing lasted for approximately 10 minutes.

(5) YD 680091 The bridge at this location is a very sturdy, concrete/blacktop-type structure. There was no evidence that this bridge was damaged from the previous artillery fire and bombardments. It was estimated that this bridge could support a heavy tank.

(6) YD 785090 At this location, the patrol observed 3 dead water buffalo estimated to have died 1 to 2 days before. The patrol also found one hut and a cave in the area. The hut was destroyed, the cave was not damaged. The cave was checked out with negative results.

A heavy smell of what seamed like dead bodies was in the air. A check was made for bodies but none were found. Also a cooking pot with freshly cooked food in it was found. 2 heavily used trails are located in this area. But no actual VC were sighted at this location.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. 3 VC KIA (Poss). Reported by aircraft, due to action taken by air.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL:

(a) Physical condition, good.
(b) Moral, good.

8. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

(1) The patrol encountered some interference from some other English speaking station.
(2) Main road leading from West to East to coordinates YD 680091 is not used by the VC to a great extent.
(3) One main trail leads all the way to the river bank at coordinates YD 687090 and this trail is heavily used.

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Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR RECOMMENDATIONS BY DERRIEFER:

1. In view of detrificial information received indicates that the VC use the SONG HUU TRACH River as a possible resupply route. Indications are that the location at coordinates YD 686090 is used as a staging area or a wait station for shipment further west into the mountainous area. Also the presence of water buffalos and very heavily used trails at this location further substantiates this information.
(a) 2 previous patrols observed heavy boat traffic moving Southwest along the SONG HUU TRACH River. These boats could only be observed to coordinates YD 715104, when they disappeared. This may well be some of the traffic moving to that location at YD 685090.

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PHU BAI, RVN
281300H June 1966, w/ End 9

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(b) Use Recon Group Bravo patrol reports dated 230030H May 1966, 1st Platoon, Company B, and 182300H May 1966, 3rd Platoon, Company B, for further reference and additional information concerning debriefers comments and recommendations.

2. Request TPQ or H&I fire at coordinates YD 686090, YD 683088, YD 679089, and YD 679085.

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Operation Order 22-66

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(b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with changes 1 and 2
(c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 6-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

1st Platoon, 1st Force Recon Co SSgt McCUALEY

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMC.
- b. Friendly Forces.
 - (1) Current OPSUMS.
 - (2) Two ARVN 105 howitzers will provide artillery support for RZ 6.

2. MISSION. During the period 22 to 26 June 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ 6. Capture at least 1 VC.3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operation. Conduct reconnaissance operations with RZ 6 and within the area indicated on Annex A (Operation Overlay), during the period 22 to 26 June 1966, inclusive. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture at least 1 VC.
- b. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Initial Point HMM-161.
 - (2) Date, time, and place of insertion. 221630H June 1966, ZC 075974.
 - (3) Date, time, and place of extraction. 261600H June 1966, ZC 079967.
 - (4) Thrust Line. "A" -- 0699. "B" -- 0594.

(5) Personally effect distribution of this operation order to all units concerned within the HUE/PHU BAI enclave, 48 hours prior to insertion.

(6) Plan and coordinate "on-call" concentrations along patrol route and OP's prior to insertion.

(7) Adjust supporting artillery ASAP after insertion.

(8) Submit two copies of patrol rosters to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3), to include the number and type of serialized items carried by each patrol member by name.

(9) Consistent with assigned mission, avoid extensive movement during the heat of the day to avoid heat casualties.

(10) If the patrol is out of contact for 3 hours, it will return to the last position where communications was successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to the nearest friendly unit unless communication is re-established enroute.

(11) Report to Recon Group Bravo S-2 ASA $\frac{1}{4}$ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ pm extract opm fpr debriefing.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by the patrol leader.
- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by the patrol leader, to include not less than 100 rounds per M-14, and 24 rounds per M-79. 2 M-72 LAAM's will be carried.
- c. Rations. As directed by the patrol leader while anticipating a shortage of water.
- d. Medical. Insure an adequate supply of salt tablets and malariaeia pills are carried by each patrol member and consumed as needed.
- e. Special Equipment.
 - (1) 1 pair of 7x50 binoculars.
 - (2) 1 red panel per patrol.
 - (3) 1 yellow smoke per man.

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- (4) 2 WP grenades.
- (5) 4 M-26 fragmentation grenades per man.
- (6) 2 CS grenades per patrol.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications.

- (1) Carry 1 AN/PRC-25 radio for primary communications.
- (2) The AN/PRC-25 radio will be used to call and adjust artillery fire, however, before shifting the freq to the conduct of fire net, communications with Recon Group Bravo will be established and will be notified of the shift.
- (3) To support operations in RZ 6, there is a communications relay in the FDC, PHU LOC, located at coordinates ZD 092008.
- (4) Call Signs.

1st Platoon, 1st Force Recon Co	NIGHTSTICKER
Recon Group Bravo	PUNCTUATE
Company "B"	RAINBELT BRAVO
Artillery Support	CIRCUIT 55
Air Liaison	SACRED
Radio Relay	PUNCTUATE RELAY
3rd Bn, 4th Marines	MUTTER

<u>(5) Frequencies.</u>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Recon Group Bravo	49.6	49.5
Punctuate & Relay	49.6	50.5
Rainbelt Bravo & Relay	49.6	50.5
CIRCUIT 55 (RZ6)	42.7	
SACRED	40.7	
MUTTER	40.0	

(6) Shackles.

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D					X				

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- (7) Authentication. Challenge with any letter in the shackles and authenticate with any other letter in the same column.
- (8) Each patrol and/or element thereof will submit hourly situation reports and monitor the Recon Group Net continually.
- (9) All traffic will be addressed to PUNCTUATE relayed through BRAVO RELAY and/or PUNCTUATE RELAY.

b. Command. Employed platoons will report changes in their locations hourly and/or as they occur.

T. J. McCUALEY
Staff Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

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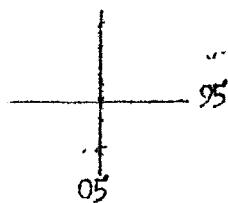
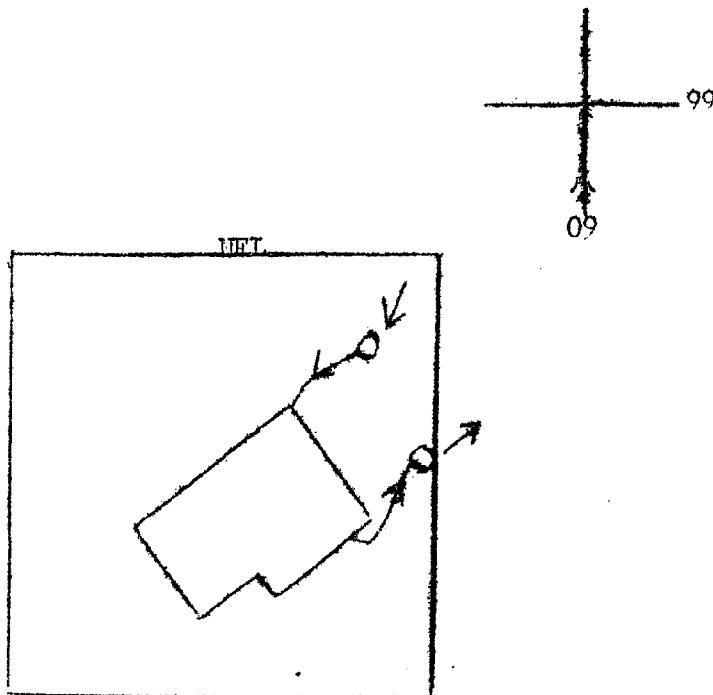
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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Operation Order 22-66

Period: 211630H June to 251600H June 1966



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LIST OF CAPTURED EQUIPMENT

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>
1	Rifle, Soviet 7.62mm M1891/30 serno 1954 BC 7379, with a 3.5 power scope, serno 1954 528765, with scope cover and cleaning kit.
1	ChiCom grenade
1	Cloth bag (30" by 12")
1	Handkerchief
4	Documents and 1 notebook (all have writing)
1	12" by 12" piece of plastic.
1	6' square piece of plastic
1	Cartridge belt (VN)
1	Canteen with cover (VN)
1	Grenade pouch for 2 grenades (VN)
1	Ammo pouch (VN)
1	Mess kit with pouch and spoon (VN)
1	Oiler with small rags
1	cleaning kit with pouch
72	7.62mm rounds with 1 charger

Annex C

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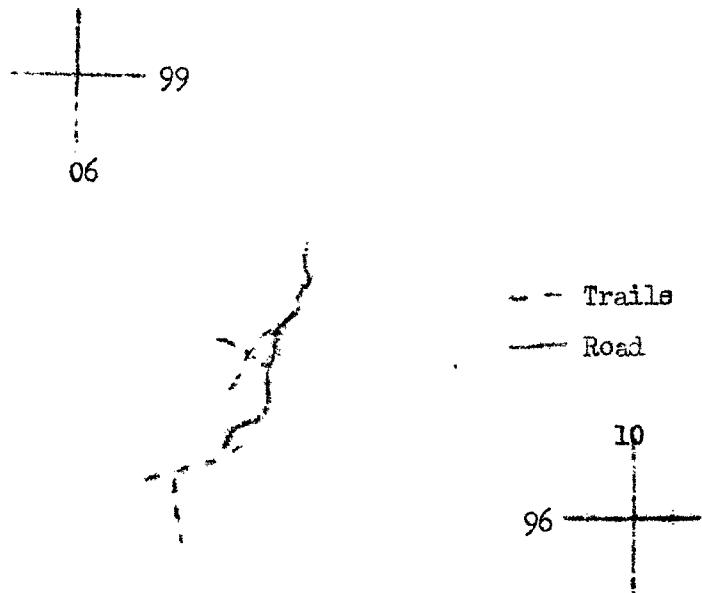
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Annex B (Map Correction Overlay) to Patrol Report for Operation Order 32-66

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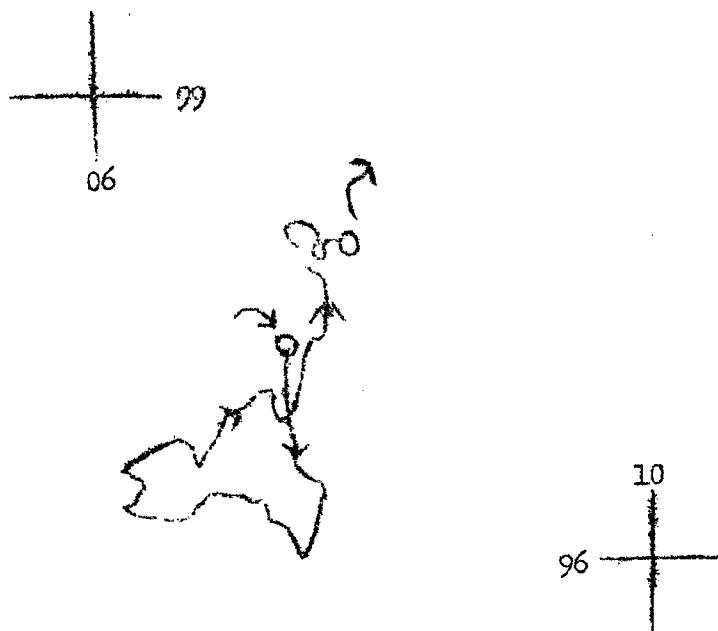
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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Patrol Report for Operation Order 32-66

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 252000H June 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition, 1 officer, 21 enlisted, 2 USN.
- b. Special Attachments. 1st Platoon, 1st Force Recon Co
- c. Communication Equipment. 2 AN/PRC-25's, 2 AN/PRC-10's.
- d. Observation Equipment. 4 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 2 M-72's.

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ 6. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture at least one VC.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 221600H/251620H June 1966.

4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 72 hours of patrolling and observation, the patrol made contact with 2 VC, killing one. There was no air support or artillery missions requested in support of this mission. Helicopters received 2 sniper rounds during extraction of the platoon at coordinates ZC 072972.
- b. Enemy. 251315H (ZC 072972) the patrol was moving along a trail towards an OP site, when the patrol observed 2 VC just 10 meters away. The VC broke away immediately not firing a shot. The patrol opened fire with M-14 rifles killing one VC (body count). It was observed that both VC were armed and wore khaki shirts and blue shorts.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~c. Terrain.

(1) The terrain in the objective area was very mountainous with slopes ranging up to 70 degrees. These slopes were covered with thick underbrush making traveling very difficult. In the southern side of the operations area, the terrain was considered fair to good for movement. In the northern portion, the terrain was very difficult to move through. Movement was restricted to approximately 200 meters an hours. The canopy varies at locations but averages from 10 to 40 feet.

(2) Map Corrections.

(a) One large road was noted from the valley leading into the mountains. This dirt road was large enough to accommodate a 6x6 truck with ease. Annex B (Map Correction Overlay).

(b) Numerous trails were noted in the objective area ranging from $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet up to 4 feet wide. All of them were heavily used. Trails could only be observed from the air at certain locations.

d. Other Information.

(1) 222300H (ZC 075964) while the patrol was in the harbor site, they heard voices of about 3 people coming from the direction of the trail about 30 meters away.

(2) 241930H (ZC 065965) it appeared to the patrol that they heard some activity a short distance away from them. One large twig was broken and a large rock fell down the side of the hill from that location. No other sounds were heard after that.

(3) 251620H (ZC 078980) as the patrol was extracted from this location, the helicopters received 2 rounds of sniper fire from an unknown location.

(4) There were no air support or artillery missions called in support of this patrol.

(5) Inventory of captured material (Annex C).

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. VC casualties were 1 VC KIA (body count); no friendly casualties.

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7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; morale, good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None.

J. L. Taylor
J. L. TAYLOR
First Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER.

1. This is the first time a Soviet 7.62mm rifle M1891/30 has been captured in the HUE/PHU BAI area.

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 Task Unit Charlie
 DONG HA, RVN
 231800H June 1966
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Operation Order 1-66

Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM; 1:50,000 AMS Series L701; Sheet Numbers 6361 I and 6361 II
 (b) 4th Marines Frag Order 42-66
 (c) Reconnaissance Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66
 (d) 1st Force Reconnaissance Company Operation Order 3-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

Task Unit Charlie	Major COLEY
Co E (Rein), 2nd Bn, 1st Marines	Capt LARSEN
2nd Plt, 1st Force Recon Co	2ndLt FREITAS
1st Plt, Co A, 3d Recon Bn	1stLt TERRIBONE
Btry H (Rein), 3d Bn, 12th Marines	Capt SUMMAYER

1. SITUATION.a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) Current INTSUM's and intelligence briefings.
- (2) Annex A (Intelligence).

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 1st MAW provides standby helicopters on 24 hour basis at DONG HA.
- (2) Utilize ARVN artillery where available.
- (3) 4th Marines prepared to deploy Bn (-) to DONG HA by fixed wing A/C.

c. Attachments and Detachments. Task Organization.2. MISSION. Task unit C provides security for ASRAT site and conducts reconnaissance operations in selected zones in QUANG TRI Province.3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation.

- (1) Task unit headquarters with rifle company (-) (rein) establishes permanent facility within supporting distance of ASRAT site, DONG HA.

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- (2) Artillery Battery (rein) establishes Permanent firing site vicinity CAM LO prepared on order to support the ASRAT site at DONG HA and to support reconnaissance elements operating in established reconnaissance zones.
- (3) Infantry Company, on command TUC, prepared to support/defend ASRAT site and/or artillery firing position. Prepared to move by helicopter to reinforce/extract reconnaissance elements in contact or, on order to exploit targets of opportunity.
- (4) Reconnaissance elements operate in selected reconnaissance zones to determine type, size, location, and activity of enemy forces. Engage with supporting arms when situation permits.

b. Company E (Rein).

- (1) Provide a minimum of one platoon to the defense of ASRAT site, DONG HA.
- (2) Maintain one platoon on 30 minute alert during daylight hours to reinforce/extract reconnaissance elements in contact.
- (3) Provide one platoon (rein) with one section 106 RR for defense artillery firing site. Maintain this platoon on 2 hour alert to reinforce/extract reconnaissance elements in contact.
- (4) Provide supporting mortar fires in defense of ASRAT site and TUC base camp.
- (5) Conduct night patrols and ambushes in defense of artillery firing site and TUC base camp to a maximum limit of 3000 meters.

c. 2nd Platoon, 1st Force Recon Co.

- (1) Annex B.
- (2) Conduct reconnaissance missions as directed.

d. 1st Platoon, Co A, 3d Recon Bn.

- (1) Annex B.
- (2) Conduct reconnaissance missions as directed.

e. Btry H, 3d Bn, 12th Marines.

- (1) Establish and defend firing position vicinity CAM LO.
- (2) Provide artillery fire support vicinity DONG HA on request TUC.

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- (3) Provide artillery fire support to reconnaissance elements as requested.
- (4) Provide artillery fire support to infantry elements operating out of CAM LO as requested.
- (5) Artillery fire support to ARVN units will be cleared through TUC (Artillery Liaison Officer).
- (6) Be prepared to furnish liaison personnel to ARVN gun positions located within supporting range of reconnaissance elements.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Fire Support Coordination. Annex C.
- (2) Requests for air support to TUC headquarters. Administrative requests, except between DONG HA and CAM LO, must be submitted prior to 0800 the day prior to the mission.
- (3) Patrol Leaders will personally coordinate each patrol with Battery H for artillery fire support.
- (4) Reconnaissance missions will be conducted in accordance with references (c) and (d).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Supply.

- (1) FLSU-2 is the source of supply support for all elements of this command.
- (2) Prescribed Loads.
 - (a) As prescribed in references (c) and (d) for reconnaissance elements.
 - (b) As prescribed by unit commanders.
- (3) Resupply requests will be made directly to Headquarters TUC.
- (4) Supply point distribution normally from DONG HA airstrip.

b. Evacuation and Hospitalization.

- (1) By vehicle to QUANG TRI for routine medical assistance.
- (2) By helicopter to "A" Medical for serious cases.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~c. Transportation.

- (1) By air or vehicle between CAM LO, DONG HA, and PHU BAI.
- (2) Alert helicopters will be utilized for tactical operations, med evac and high priority travel between CAM LO and DONG HA only.

d. Personnel.

- (1) ADCON of all units remains with parent command.
- (2) Routine courier service will be established for mail and administrative matters.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.a. Communication-Electronics. Annex D (Communications-Electronics).b. Command Posts.

- (1) TUC YD: 242599.
- (2) Company E, 2nd Bn, 1st Marines: YD 242599.
- (3) Battery H, 3d Bn, 4th Marines: YD 126587.
- (4) Reconnaissance Platoons initially at YD 242599. Report field CP's as established.

D. A. Colby
 D. A. COLEY
 Major, U. S. Marine Corps
 Commanding

ANNEXES:

A (Intelligence)
 B (Operations Overlay) (To Be Issued)
 C (Fire Support)
 D (Communications-Electronics)

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G-3	2	CO	2	Co B 3d Recon Bn	1
G-2	2	1st Mar S-3	3	Adv 2nd ARVN Regt	2
2/1	2	1st Mar S-2	2	ASRAT, DONG HA	1
3d Recon Bn	2	1st Mar S-4	1	Btry H	2
FLSU-2	1	ALO	1	Co E	2
		1st FRC	2	2nd Plt 1st FRC	1

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Annex A (Intelligence) to Operation Order 1-66

Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM; 1:50,000; AMS Series L701; Sheet Numbers 6361 I and 6361 II

Time Zone: H

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION.

- a. There have been many reports of enemy units moving South through the CAM LO district of QUANG TRI Province.
- b. Reports indicate that units move from the BEN TAT area (YD 096748) South along the southern edge of the DMZ to grid square (YD 0868) at which point movement is made South or Southwest along the rivers into the CAM LO area.
- c. Units have been observed passing through the CAM LO on Highway 9 between YD 04 and 09 and grid squares XD 9556, 9656, 9756, 9856, and 9956.
- d. Small guerilla units of squad and platoon size have been reported operating along the HIEU GIANG River between grid square YD 1359 and YD 2160. These units have engaged in harrassment activities throughout this area.
- e. A Regional Force Company has been observed in the CAM LO area acting in support of the local guerilla units. This Company was last seen on 23 June 1966 in the vicinity of YD 1262 moving South.
- f. On 13 June 1966 a Main Force Battalion was sighted in grid square YD 1050 moving to the South.
- g. On 2 June 1966 one VC Company was seen moving South at grid square XD 9956. This unit was equipped with (2) 60mm mortars.
- h. On 22 June 1966 the 808th Bn attacked an ARVN outpost at YD 267585 suffering heavy casualties.
- i. Local Population. The local population in the areas West of CAM LO are not to be considered as trustworthy or cooperative. The people in this area are montagnard and lowland Vietnamese.

2. RECONNAISSANCE OBSERVATION MISSION.

- a. Determine exact locations of enemy infiltration routes, harbor sites, supply caches, weapons, and ammunition storage areas.
- b. Determine the directions and techniques of movement of VC forces.

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- c. Determine the VC communications and signal systems. Location of sites, types of equipment, antenna systems, and telephone equipment.
- d. Determine the VC defenses and countermeasures against reconnaissance, surveillance, and detection techniques and devices.
- e. Determine the trafficability of roads, trails, and waterways encountered. Include bridge type, location, construction, and condition.
- f. Determine the location and size of possible HLZ's. Record all trails located.
- g. Determine location, types, and number of crew served weapons.

3. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION.

- a. What is the size, designation and equipment of units moving through the CAM LO area.
- b. What are bridge, road, and trail capacities.
- c. What suitable helicopter landing zones exist in projected areas of operations? What is the capacity of those located? If vulnerable to ground fire, from what locations?

4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING CAPTURED PERSONNEL, DOCUMENTS, AND MATERIAL.

a. Captured Personnel.

- (1) The term "prisoner of war" will not be used in connection with captured personnel taken in counter-guerilla operations against Viet Cong since the Viet Cong are not foreign nationals, and this is not a declared war. For operations in Vietnam, the term "Captive" will be used in reference to all prisoners taken by Task Unit C elements.
- (2) Classification of Captives. In referring to captives, they will be classified by the following definitions.
 - (a) Viet Cong Captive (VCC). This term applies to members of the Viet Cong forces, auxiliaries to those forces, or Viet Cong cadre infiltrated into RVN in any form or by any means; spies, agents, or persons who speak a North Vietnamese dialect; and persons from other than North or South Vietnam.
 - (b) Very Important VCC. This term applies to important captives requiring flagging and special processing depending on intelligence requirements. VCC considered "very important" include VC officers (platoon leaders and above), intelligence agents, communications/crypto personnel, district level or higher

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political (or finance, recruiting, etc), commissars of cadre.

(a) Viet Cong Suspects (VCS). This term applies to collaborators, accomplices or others taken captive who are suspected of being Viet Cong, collaborators, or accomplices by virtue of their unexplained presence or actions in the area of operations.

(d) "Ralliers". This term applies to those individuals not engaging in combat who voluntarily surrender and rally to the cause of the Republic of Vietnam under the "Open Arms" or "CHIEU HOI" policy of the Vietnamese Government.

(3) Handling Captives.

(a) All captives taken by Task Unit C elements will be accorded firm, just, and humane treatment at all times in accordance with the law of the land warfare as derived from customs and treaties, such as the Geneva Convention. While the Viet Cong cannot be termed "prisoners of war", defined by Article 4, Geneva Convention Relative to Treatment of Prisoners of War, 1949, they will be treated humanely in the manner prescribed therein.

(b) Handling of captives will be firm at all times, but will not involve force beyond that necessary to defend against, or subdue resisting Viet Cong Captives or Viet Cong Suspects. Captives will be led firmly, but gently when blindfolded. Special care must be exercised in the handling of captives who are blindfolded and tied when being moved or transported to or from aircraft or vehicles. These captives are helpless and must be assisted to prevent injury.

(c) Viet Cong Captives and Viet Cong Suspects will be bound in such a manner as to ensure they cannot escape or harm either their captors, guards, interrogators, or other captives. Binding will insure security but will not be such as to cut off blood circulation, cut, injure, or otherwise cause pain. Captives will not be trussed in any way that is, could be, or may be, mistaken to be tortuous.

(4) Processing Captives. All captives will be searched, segregated, tagged and evacuated as expediently as possible.

(5) Captured Material. Retain and evacuate on planned extractions.

(6) Counter-Intelligence.

(a) No personal items such as wallets, letters, photos, or any item of value to the VC intelligence system will be carried on any patrolling mission.

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- (b) Dog tags and Geneva Convention Cards are the only items to be taken on a mission.
- (c) This order will not be taken on a mission.
- (d) Any signs of VC terrorism, propaganda, agitation, espionage, or sabotage, will be reported to Task Unit C Headquarters immediately.

(7) REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION.

- (a) Patrol Reports will be prepared immediately upon completion of assigned reconnaissance missions. Platoon Leader, Platoon Sergeant, and Team/Squad-Leaders, will report to the Commanding Officer, Task Unit Charlie, for debriefing.
- (b) A copy of all Patrol Reports will be forwarded to cognizant commanders.

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Annex C (Fire Support Plan) to Operation Order 1-66

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1. SITUATION.a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) Current INTSUM's and intelligence briefings.
- (2) Annex A (Intelligence).

b. Friendly Forces.(1) Artillery Support.

- (a) Battery H (rein), 3d Bn, 12th Marines with liaison personnel present.
- (b) 11th ARVN Bn.

(2) Air Support.

- (a) (2) UH-1E slickships, and (1) UH-1E gunship, to be located at DONG HA for ready deployment whenever patrols are in the field.
- (b) Capability to helo-lift 40 combat-ready personnel.
- (c) Fixed wing support available on call at 30 minutes notice.

(3) Other.

- (a) 106 RR will be in direct support of Battery H, 3d Bn, 12th Marines.
- (b) 81 mortar will be in direct support of TUC CP.

c. Attachments. Liaison personnel from Battery H, 3d Bn, 12th Marines to be physically present at TUC CP.2. MISSION. TUC effect coordination with supporting arms; monitor support to its units both in the field and in the TUC CP/ASEAT area.

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- (1) Artillery support requests will be sent via the conduct of fire net direct to Battery H, 3d Bn, 12th Marines FDC.
- (2) FDC will consider all missions called from designated reconnaissance zones to be cleared.
- (3) FDC will consider all missions called by TUC CP in support of the DONG HA area to be cleared.
- (4) Missions called by Company E, 2nd Bn, 1st Marines in support of the DONG HA area must be cleared by TUC CP before being fired.

b. Artillery Support Requests Will Include the Following.

- (1) Identification of observer followed by "Fire Mission".
- (2) Location of target.
- (3) Observer target azimuth (shackled).
- (4) Description of target (stationary or moving).
- (5) Type of ammunition (other than HE).
- (6) Type of fuze (other than quick).
- (7) Control.
- (8) Surveillance.

c. Air Support.

- (1) Direct Support.
- (2) Requests for airstrikes will be sent to TUC CP.
- (3) CAS will be controlled by a TACA, both TACA and CAS will be on call.
- (4) A special thrust line will be designated for identification of target areas.
- (5) Friendly positions will be marked with a red panel.
- (6) Air strike requests will include:
 - (a) Location of target.
 - (b) Description of target.

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- (a) Attack heading.
- (7) Helicopter requests for emergency pickup will be sent to TUC CP. The helicopter request will include.
 - (a) Location of landing zones.
 - (b) Time pickup requested.
- (8) In addition to the above, requests for reinforcements will include the number of helicopters the zone will hold.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire.
- (2) Be prepared to call air strikes.
- (3) Patrol Leaders will make personal liaison with all supporting arms prior to insertion and pre-plan concentrations within their area, as necessary.
- (4) Shackle O-T azimuth when adjusting artillery fire.
- (5) Landing zones for extractions will be normally marked with a red panel and yellow smoke.
- (6) All mortar illumination missions have been cleared in advance.

4. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Communications.

- (1) All artillery fire missions will be sent directly to Battery H, 3d Bn, 12th Marines FDC.
- (2) All 81 mortar fire and artillery fire in support of the DONG HA area must be cleared with TUC.
- (3) TUC will clear missions in support of DONG HA area with 12th ARVN Bn.

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(b) 12th ARVN Bn can be contacted via land line to Air Force (DONG HA) SB 243 or by radio, frequency 42.7.

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Annex D (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Order 1-66

Ref: (a) Reconnaissance Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with change 1
(b) 1st Force Reconnaissance Company Operation Order 3-66
(c) 3rd Marine Division Order 02000.2D (COI)

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.a. Enemy Forces.

(1) Annex A (Intelligence).
(2) The enemy is capable of interception, jamming, and imitative deception.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Reference (a).
(2) Command Posts (paragraph 5, Task Unit Charlie Operation Order 1-66).

2. MISSION. To support deployed reconnaissance units with communications, and coordinate the communications of attached infantry and artillery units.3. EXECUTION.a. Terminal Station.

(1) TUC Headquarters receive all traffic from inserted teams and relay station and deliver immediately to the operations section. Properly handle and transmit all outgoing traffic.

b. Relay Station. Provide a continuous relay link between inserted teams and the terminal station. Maintain copies of the relayed messages for 72 hours.c. Inserted Platoons. Monitor assigned frequency continually, being prepared to receive traffic from the terminal station and/or transmit reports required by Annex D (Reports Required) of reference (a).

1. Monitor assigned frequency continuously, being prepared to support requests of inserted Patrols or security/reinforcement units as requested.

e. Security/Reinforcement/Units.

(1) Monitor assigned frequency and as required monitor frequency of inserted patrols.

f. Artillery Support Communications. Annex C (Fire Support).

g. Air Support Communications. Annex C (Fire Support).

h. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Radio.

(a) All patrols will check in immediately upon insertion.

(b) Patrols will call in situation reports every hour and sightings/contacts as they occur.

(c) Prior to insertion, platoons will be briefed on reports required and communications.

(d) Patrols out of contact with terminal station or relay station for a period in excess of two hours will move to the last position where communications was obtained. If there is no contact for three hours, the patrol will abort its mission, and prepare for overflight communications or extraction. Patrols in the vicinity of CAM LO will proceed back to the artillery firing position.

(e) All units will comply with the net assignment diagram (appendix 1).

(2) Telephone/Radio Telephone.

(a) Communications to HUE/PHU BAI and DA NANG are available through this headquarters.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Reference (a), paragraph 4.

b. Resupply for all stations available through this headquarters.

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c. Emergency repair service is available for all stations through this headquarters.

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APPENDICES:

- (1) Net Assignment Diagram.
- (2) Radio Call Signs and Frequencies.

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Appendix 1 (Net Assignment Diagram) to Annex D (Communications-Electronics) to
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NET.	1	2	3
Recon Reporting	0	X	0
Co "E" Tac		X	
Recon Command	X		X

0 - Continuously

X - As Directed/Required

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Appendix 2 (Radio Call Signs and Frequencies) to Annex D (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Order 1-66

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I. Radio Call Signs.

TUC Headquarters	PUNCTUATE
Co "E" 2nd Bn, 1st Marines	PENNANT WINNER ECHO
Battery H, 3d Bn, 12th Marines	POLISH HOTEL
TUC Relay	PUNCTUATE RELAY
2nd Platoon, 1st Force Recon Co	PRIMLESS
Team 21	FIELD CLERK
Team 22	GROUCHO MARKS
1st Platoon Co "A", 3d Recon Bn	PARTYLINE
Team 11	QUIZGAME
Team 12	JACKPCT

2. Radio Frequencies. The following frequencies will be utilized for the nets indicated.

Recon Reporting	47.5	CR - 1
	38.4	CR - 24
Recon Command	49.6	CR - 35
	50.5	CR - 14
Co "E" Tac	47.8	CR - 6
	50.5	CR - 22

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