

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

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1ST FORCE RECON CO  
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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
 Via: Commanding Officer, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion

Subj: Command Chronology; submission of

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.1

Encl: (1) ✓ Command and Staff Billets  
 (2) ✓ 1st Force Recon Co OpO 5-66 of 281200H May 1966  
 (3) ✓ Recon Group Bravo OpO 6-66 of 071100H June 1966  
 (4) ✓ 1st Force Recon Co OpO 18-66 of 272200H May 1966  
 (5) ✓ Operation Order 18-66 Patrol Report of 050100H June 1966  
 (6) ✓ 1st Force Recon Co OpO 19-66 of 031100H June 1966  
 (7) ✓ Operation Order 19-66 Patrol Report of 081400H June 1966  
 (8) ✓ 1st Force Recon Co OpO 20-66 of 071600H June 1966  
 (9) ✓ Operation Order 20-66 Patrol Report of 182000H June 1966  
 (10) ✓ 1st Force Recon Co OpO 22-66 of 211000H June 1966  
 (11) ✓ Operation Order 32-66 Patrol Report of 252000H June 1966  
 (12) ✓ Task Unit Charlie OpO 1-66 of 231800H June 1966

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

2. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA.

a. Designation. 1st Force Reconnaissance Company (-)

b. Location.

- (1) Administration and logistical personnel at DA NANG, RVN.
- (2) The Command Group and the 1st through 3rd Platoons located at HUE/PHU BAI, RVN, area, to assist in reconnaissance operations in that area.

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- (3) The 4th and 5th Platoons remain OPCON 1st Marine Division, CHU LAI, RVN.
- (4) The 6th Platoon (-), remains attached to the SLF.
- (5) On 14 June 1966, the 3rd Platoon departed HUE/PHU BAI for CHU LAI, RVN, for OPCON 1st Marine Division.
- (6) On 22 June 1966, the Command Group (-) and the 2nd Platoon departed for DONG HA, RVN, as Task Unit Charlie with attached infantry and artillery support. The Commanding Officer, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company is the Commander, Task Unit Charlie.

- c. Period Covered. 010001H June through 302400H June 1966.
- d. Command and Staff Billets. Enclosure (1).
- e. Average Monthly Strength. 9 officers, 135 enlisted, and 8 USN.

### 3. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

#### a. Personnel.

- (1) Captain R. W. CRAIN, Operations Officer, rotated to CONUS on 20 June 1966.
- (2) First Lieutenant W. T. HENDERSON, 3rd Platoon Commander, rotated to CONUS on 20 June 1966.
- (3) First Lieutenant D. L. GRANNIS III, 1st Platoon Commander, rotated to CONUS on 10 June 1966.
- (4) On 1 June 1966, 1st Sergeant R. F. SNYDER departed this company after completing his two months OJT, and returned to the 6th Force Reconnaissance Company, I&I Staff, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- (5) The 4th Platoon made the first Marine Corps combat parachute jump behind enemy lines in CHU LAI, RVN, on 14 June 1966.
- (6) This company sustained 3 WIA's as a result of enemy actions.
- (7) Awards received by individuals during this period for actions while engaging the enemy area as follows:
  - (a) 3 Purple Heart Medals.

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

- (a) 2 Silver Star Medals.
- (b) 21 Bronze Star Medals.
- (c) 2 Navy, Marine Corps Medal.
- (d) 2 Navy Commendation Medals.
- (e) 1 Secretary of the Navy Commendation Medal.

b. Training.

- (1) During the month reported on, artillery FO school was conducted with both lecture and application periods.
- (2) Extensive garrison and OJT were conducted for newly joined personnel.

4. COMMAND AND CONTROL. 1 through 30 June 1966, OPCON Reconnaissance Group Bravo, was under the command of the Commanding Officer, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company.

5. CLOSE COMBAT.

- a. A total of 4, four to five day platoon size patrols were conducted by this company during this reporting period in the HUE/PHU BAI area.
- b. A compilation of Viet Cong casualties as a result of this company's activities in the HUE/PHU BAI area as follows:

VC KIA confirmed 1

VC KIA probable 4

VC WIA confirmed 0

VC WIA probable 3

J. J. CARTY  
By/direction

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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	CARTY, J.J.	Captain	090441/0302
Intelligence Officer	1stLt	BUBERT, C.F.	1stLt	090799/2502
Supply Officer	1stLt	LANE, J.V.	2ndLt	SERNO/MOS pending
Communications Officer	1stLt	BUBERT, C.F.	1stLt	090799/2502
Platoon Commander, 1st Platoon	1stLt	MCCAULEY, T.J.	SSgt	1405234/0369
Platoon Commander, 2nd Platoon	1stLt	FREITAS, J.P.	2ndLt	SERNO/MOS pending
Platoon Commander, 3rd Platoon	1stLt	BEST, S.J.	1stLt	089766/3002
Platoon Commander, 4th Platoon	1stLt	PAUL, J.T.	1stLt	089885/0302
Platoon Commander, 5th Platoon	1stLt	JACQUES, M.J.	GySgt	1073614/0369
Platoon Commander, 6th Platoon	1stLt	BARTLETT, D.L.	1stLt	

Enclosure (1)  
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PHU BAI, RVN

22/200 H May 1966

## Operation Order 5-65

- Ref: (a) Maps: 1:50,000; AMS Series L701; Sheet numbers 6459 I, II; 6560 II, III, IV; 6461 II; 6559 I, II, III, IV  
 (b) 3rd Marine Division Operation Order 343-65  
 (c) Reconnaissance Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with change 1

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:Reconnaissance Group Bravo

Company "B", 3rd Recon Bn  
 1st Plt, 1st Force Recon Co  
 2nd Plt, 1st Force Recon Co  
 3rd Plt, 1st Force Recon Co  
 Hdqtrs and Serv Plt, 1stFRC

Major COLBY

Capt OWENS  
 1stLt GRANNIS  
 2ndLt FREITAS  
 1stLt HENDERSON  
 1stLt BUBERT

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 operation. Reconnaissance units will operate in RZ's 1, 2, and 3, to locate and report enemy movement and positions.  
 b. Company "B".  
 (1) During the period of 1 to 15 June 1966, inclusive, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ's 2 and 3, maintaining 1 platoon in each RZ at all times.  
 (2) Capture at least 1 VC in each RZ.

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- (3) Conduct concurrent training for platoons in garrison. Submit training schedules to the Operations Officer 24 hours in advance.
- (4) Be prepared to assume the mission of 1st Force Reconnaissance Company platoons.

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

- (1) During the periods 2 to 6 and 11 to 15 June 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ 1.
- (2) Capture at least 1 VC.
- (3) Conduct concurrent training while in garrison.
- (4) Be prepared to conduct special operations.

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

- (1) During the periods 1 to 3 and 8 to 12 June 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ 1.
- (2) Capture at least 1 VC.
- (3) Conduct concurrent training while in garrison.
- (4) Be ~~prepared~~ to conduct special operations.

e. 3rd Platoon, 1st Force Recon Co.

- (1) During the period 5 to 9 and 14 to 18 June 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ 1.
- (2) Capture at least 1 VC.
- (3) Conduct concurrent training while in garrison.
- (4) Be prepared to conduct special operations.

f. Headquarters and Service Platoon, 1st Force Recon Co.

- (1) During the period of 1 to 15 June 1966, maintain a radio relay station atop Hill 674 and monitor and/or relay all reconnaissance communications in RZ 1.
- (2) General Support.

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- (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 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. Annex C of reference (c).
- (14) EEJ'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.

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- 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% LPR's are authorized.
- d. Special equipment.
  - (1) One pair of binoculars per team.
  - (2) One FSR-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.
- 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).
  - (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.

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- (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 radio continuously.
- (6) Establish radio relay sites as necessary.

b. Command Posts.

- (1) Reconnaissance Group Bravo C. P. YD 854135.
- (2) Patrol leaders report locations.

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