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

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 5750  
 3 September 1966  
 SERNO: 0029-66

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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) 1stForReconCo OpO's and Patrol Reports for period covered 1-31  
 August 1966

1ST FORCE RECON CO
S & C NO. <u>2T7661</u>
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1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted for the month of August 1966.

2. ORGANIZATION DATA.

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

(1) 2nd platoon "D" Company, 3rd Reconnaissance Bn was attached during this reporting period.

b. Location.

(1) Administration and logistical personnel at DA NANG, RVN.

(2) Command and Staff at DONG HA, RVN.

(3) Operational platoons at DONG HA, RVN.

(4) On 20 August 1966 1st platoon OPCON 3rd Bn 3rd Mar.

c. Period Covered. 010001H August through 312400H August 1966.

d. Command and Staff Billets. Enclosure (1).

e. Average Monthly Strength. 11 USMC Officers, 140 USMC enlisted, 7 USN enlisted.

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- (1) 1stLt T. A. HUFF joined this company 8 August 1966.
- (2) 2ndLt L. E. TORRES joined this company 8 August 1966.
- (3) 2ndLt J. V. LANE rotated to CONUS 8 August 1966.
- (4) This company sustained 2 WIA's as a result of enemy action during the period covered by this report.
- (5) Awards recommended, or pending for this period are as follows:
  - (a) 2 Navy Cross Medals.
  - (b) 1 Bronze Star Medal.
  - (c) 4 Navy Commendation Medals

b. Training.

- (1) 4 days of training in basic reconnaissance subjects was conducted for new members of this company.
- (2) 1 day of comprehensive training was conducted on artillery for new personnel.
- (3) 1 daylight parachute jump was completed.
- (4) Entire Company participated in operations HASTINGS and PRAIRIE. PRAIRIE continues on at this time.

4. COMMAND AND CONTROL. 1 through 31 August 1966 1st Force Reconnaissance Company (Rein) under the command of Major D. A. COLBY.5. CLOSE COMBAT.

- a. A total of 38 patrols were conducted by units of 1st Force Reconnaissance Co during this reporting period, in the Northern part of Quang Tri Province, RVN.
- b. The results of the above patrols are as follows:

Number of Patrols	38
Number of Sightings	54
Number of VC/NVA Sighted	986

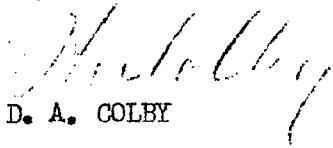
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Number of Contacts	12
VC/NVA KIA confirmed, S/A	12
VC/NVA KIA probable, S/A	5
VC/NVA WIA Confirmed	4
VC/NVA WIA probable	7
VC/NVA KIA Artillery (Conf)	1
VC/NVA KIA Artillery (Prob)	83
VC/NVA WIA Artillery	4
VC KIA Air	0
VC Captured	1
Number weapons captured	4
USMC WIA	2
Number Artillery Missions	42
Number Air Strikes	4

- c. A total of 5 patrols were conducted by units of 2nd platoon "D" Co, 3rd Reconnaissance Bn during this reporting period, with the following results:

Number of Sightings	2
Number of VC/NVA Sighted	22
Number of Contacts	2
VC/NVA KIA Confirmed S/A	6
VC/NVA KIA Probable S/A	1
VC/NVA WIA Confirmed	0
VC/NVA WIA Probable	2
VC/KIA Artillery Confirmed	0
VC/KIA Artillery Probable	3
VC/NVA WIA Artillery	0
VC/NVA KIA Air	6
VC Captured	0
Wms Captured	0
USMC WIA	0
Number Artillery Missions	4
Number Air Strikes	3



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COMMAND AND STAFF BILLETS

BILLET	T/0 RANK	NAME	RANK	SERNO/MCS
Commanding Officer	Major	COLBY, D. A.	Major	056695/0302
Executive Officer	Captain	LOWERY, W. L.	Captain	067826/0302
Operations Officer	Captain	OSTRIE, W. S.	Captain	082382/0302
Intelligence Officer	1stLt	UNFILLED	-----	-----
Supply Officer	1stLt	LANE, J. V.	2nd Lt	097185/3010
Communications Officer	1stLt	FOWLER, C. O.	SSGT	1538686/2539
Platoon Commander 1st Plt	1stLt	HART, J. G.	2nd Lt	091928/0302
Platoon Commander 2nd Plt	1stLt	FREITAS, J. P.	2nd Lt	096710/0302
Platoon Commander 3rd Plt	1stLt	JACQUES, M. J.	GYSGT	1073618/0369
Platoon Commander 4th Plt	1stLt	TORRES, L. E.	2nd Lt	093488/0302
Platoon Commander 5th Plt	1stLt	BUBERT, C. F.	1st Lt	090799/2502
Platoon Commander 6th Plt	1stLt	CARLISLE, K. T.	2nd Lt	091724/0302

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Patrols still out in field at time of entry.

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010830H August 1966

Operation Order 61-66

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L701; sheet number 6361 I  
(b) Det A, ReconGrpBravo OpO 1-66  
(c) ReconGrpBravo OpO 3-66

Task Organization: Team 63, 6th Plt, 1stFRC  
Team 61, 6th Plt, 1stFRC

1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. (62F) Conduct a reconnaissance patrol of hill 200 in grid square 0264 and the ridgeline to the north of Hill 200. Conduct reconnaissance only ~~within the~~ ~~limits~~ ~~security~~ ~~your~~ ~~no~~ ~~fire~~ ~~zone~~; capture one prisoner; be prepared to call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.  
(61F) Maintain surveillance of SONG NGAN Valley in area of operation, patrol to hill 208; capture one prisoner; be prepared to call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation:
  - b. Coordinating Instructions. Reference (b).
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Reference (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
  - a. References (b) and (c).
  - b. Callsigns:
    - (1) Team 62F -- QUIZGAME.
    - (2) Team 61F -- GROUCHO MARX.

TLC -- 0465  
TLD -- 0464  
TLX -- 0466

6GP TOD -- 011800H Aug 1966  
62F TOR -- 041500H Aug 1966

61F TOD -- 011815H Aug 1966  
61F TOR -- 041515H Aug 1966

Vic -- 0464

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## c. Frequencies:

(1) Recon: 47.5, 49.6.

(2) Artillery: POLISH -- 35.3, 37.0.

## d. Shackle:

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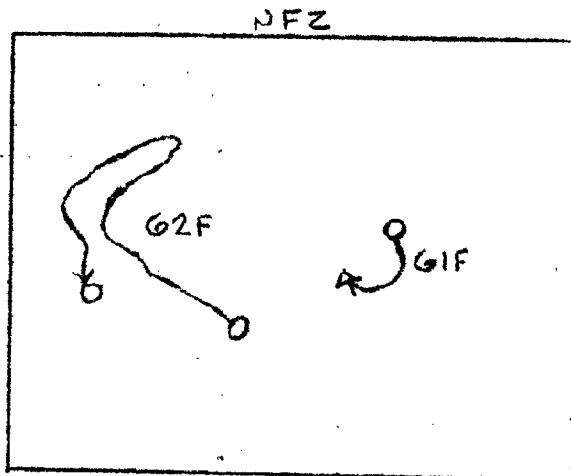
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Operation Order: 61-66  
 Patrol: Team 61, 6th Plt, 1st Force Recon Co  
 Debriefe: SSgt G. A. KOCH  
 Map Sheet: 6361 I

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 Det A, ReconGrpBravo  
 DONG HA, RVN  
 032000H August 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. (4) 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. (1) M-79, (2) Rifle Grenades WP.

2. MISSION. Conduct a reconnaissance patrol on hill 200 in grid square, 0264 and the ridgeline to the North of hill 200. Conduct reconnaissance only within the Northeast of your no fire zone. Capture one prisoner; be prepared to call in supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 1st insertion. 011800H Extraction 021530H.  
 2nd insertion. 030825H Extraction 031500H.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

a. Synopsis. The patrol was inserted twice. Patrolling a total of 26 hours during this period. Negative contact was made but numerous sightings and voices were heard by the patrol during this period. A total of 4 fire missions were called with excellent coverage of target resulting in 15 VC/NVA KIA. There were no friendly casualties.

b. Enemy.

(1) 031200H YD 042649 Observed 10 VC/NVA moving west wearing Khaki uniforms and others in black and light gray PJ's. It was noted that the 6 wearing khaki's were armed and the ones dressed in black and gray only had exceptionally large packs. All of these had brush covers. Fire mission was called with excellent coverage on target. Patrol estimated 6 VC/NVA KIA probable.

(2) 031230H YD 048649 20 VC/NVA were observed moving North to South

Enclosed  
 Team (f)

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west. This time it was estimated that 12 were in Khaki's and the others dressed in black PJ's. The ones dressed in khaki's appeared to be the guards or security of the others. Exceptionally large packs were observed being carried by the ones dressed in black. Numerous voices were heard in the vicinity where the sighting was made but only 20 VC/NVA could be observed. Fire mission was called with excellent coverage on target. It was estimated that at least 9 VC/NVA were probable KIA.

c. Terrain.

- (1) The terrain in the objective area was found to be thick secondary undergrowth intermingled with vines and thorns. Numerous large craters were found in this area possibly from an Arc Lite or TPQ mission. The canopy averaged 20-30 feet and it was very mountainous in this area with slopes up to 50°. Movement was very difficult, ~~average distance covered was 150 meters an hour.~~
- (2) Map Corrections. None Observed.

d. Other Information.

- (1) The patrol ran two different patrols on this operation order. Both insertions and extractions were without incident.
- (2) 021530H YD 036641 The patrol heard voices approximately 200 meters from their position. It was estimated to have come from at least 15 to 20 VC. Fire mission was called on this vicinity, results unknown.
- (3) 012100H YD 040646 While the patrol was in the harbor site, they heard what could have possibly been an elephant it sounded like like that this elephant was dragging something behind him, but the team could not determine the exact location and movement of this animal.
- (4) Numerous sounds and voices were heard in the objective area coming from the South, North, and East of the patrols position at YD 046646. Most of the voices came from distance of 150 to 500 meters away.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY.

15 VC KIA Probable from Artillery  
There were no friendly casualties.

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

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~C. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

- a. It appears that the valley North of the objective area is heavily used by the VC/NVA as a possible supply route into the QUANG TRI Province.
- b. Hill number 208 at coord YD 042642 is considered to be an excellent OE site for an all around observation especially into the SONG NGAN River Valley.

SSgt DONALSON  
 U. S. Marine Corps  
 Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

- 1. Intelligence reports indicate that the VC/NVA use porters to transport supplies across the DMZ into South Vietnam, using regular assigned personnel as guards or security troops for these porters.

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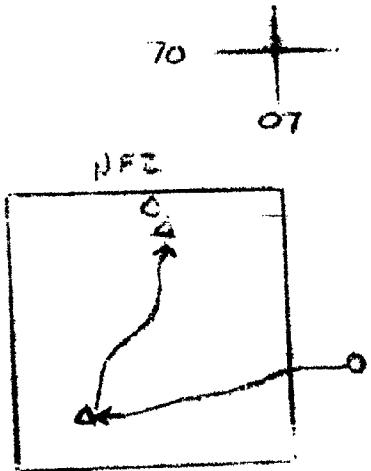
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 011830H August 1966

## Operation Order 63-66

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 (b) Det A, ReconGrpBravo OpO 1-66  
 (c) ReconGrpBravo OpO 3-66

Task Organization: 2nd Plt, D Co

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TLP -- 0870  
 TLQ -- 0667  
 TLX -- 1070

TOD -- 021800H August 1966  
 TOR -- 051100H August 1966

Vic -- 0567

1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Observe area to north of vicinity 0567; capture one prisoner; be prepared to call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operation:
- b. Coordinating Instructions. Ref (b).
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Ref (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. References (b) and (c).
- b. Callsign: PIKE.
- c. Frequencies:
  - (1) Recon: 50.5, 38.7.
  - (2) Artillery: POLISH - 37.0
- d. Shackle:

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 Patrol: 2nd Plt, D Co  
 Debriefefer: PFC R. F. GAC  
 Map Sheet: 6361 I

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 DCNG HA, RVN  
 052300H Aug 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 15 enlisted and 1 ~~U.S.~~
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25 and 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 2 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 2 M-79's and 2 M-72's.

2. MISSION. Observe area to north of vicinity 0567; capture one prisoner; be prepared to call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 050600H/051430H August 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

a. Synopsis. During  $8\frac{1}{2}$  hours of patrolling and observation, the patrol observed 10 NVA soldiers and made contact with six of them. During the contact they killed four of the six and probably wounded the other two. They observed 4 NVA in a small clearing. These four were dressed in Khaki and two of them appeared to be burying something, the other two appeared to be supervising. Two artillery missions were called in support, expending 52 rounds of 155mm howitzer ammunition along with ordnance from two UH-1E gunships. Supporting arms results are undetermined.

b. Enemy.

(1) 051245H (YD 068665) patrol leader spotted 4 NVA who appeared to be burying something. Two were kneeling and digging in separate places while the other two appeared to be supervising. The open area they were working in was about large enough to accommodate one UH-1E. The two supervisors wore khaki uniforms with military creases in the shirts and pith helmets. Trousers were not bloused.

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The two NW digging were dressed in khaki and had wraparound leggins. They wore no hats. These two were carrying what appeared to be automatic CHI COM 7.62mm type 56 rifles slung on their arms. The two supervisors did not appear to be armed.

(2) The patrol decided to envelope the position of the 4 NW and try to capture or kill them. As they were maneuvering, they observed six NVA in green utilities armed with rifles moving toward them. Quickly establishing an ambush position, the patrol took the six under fire killing four and probably wounding the other two.

(3) The patrol at this time could not determine the total number of NVA in the area and so started to make their way back to the HLZ. They called artillery to cover their flank and rear while moving. Extraction was made without further incident.

c. Terrain.

(1) The terrain in the objective area consisted of wooded areas having a canopy of 20 feet intermingled with secondary growth of vines and elephant grass. Movement was very easy and 500 meters could be covered in an hour.

(2) Map Corrections. YD 065662. ~~Ans walk~~ used trail approximately  $2\frac{1}{2}$  meters wide. It showed signs of recent use.

d. Other Information. 050615H (YD 065658) the patrol observed 10 freshly dug fighting holes, one having aiming stakes, a VC entrenching tool, "C" rations cans and US communications wire in the vicinity.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. 4 VC/NVA KIA confirmed (body count), 2 VC/NVA WIA possible; no friendly casualties.

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

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

a. Patrol leader recommends combat patrol be sent into this area due to signs of numerous signs of VC/NVA. Contact has been made in this area by this and two other patrols.

M. PARKER  
Staff Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER.

1. Recommend search and destroy reconnaissance mission to be made in vicinity of YD 068665 in order to affirm the beliefs of the VC/NVA planting a possible mine field in this area.

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 CAM LO, RVN  
 011900H August 1966

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 (b) Det A, ReconGrpBravo OpO 1-66  
 (c) ReconGrpBravo OpO 3-66

Task Organization: 1st Plt, 1stFRC

1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance of the trail network in vicinity 9961 and the adjoining ridgeline running roughly east-west, for approximately 1,000 meters east, and approximately 1,500 meters west; capture one prisoner; be prepared to call supporting arms on enemy target of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation:
  - b. Coordinating Instructions.
    - (1) Reference (b).
    - (2) Attempt to land vicinity 0162.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Ref (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
  - a. References (b) and (c).
  - b. Callsign: NIGHTSTICKER.
  - c. Frequencies:
    - (1) Recon: 50.5, 38.7.
    - (2) Artillery: POLISH - 37.0

TLH -- 0060  
 TLI -- 9863  
 TLX -- 0059

TOD -- 021700H August 1966  
 TOR -- 051230H August 1966  
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## d. Shackle:

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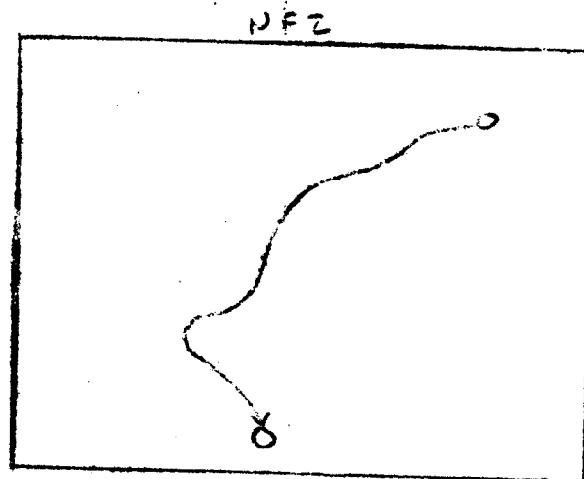
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Operation Order: 64-56  
 Patrol: 1st Plt, 1st FRC  
 Debrief: PFC R. F. GAC  
 Map Sheet: 6261 I & II

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 DONG HA, RVN  
 042300H July 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. (1) officer, (9) enlisted, (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments. (2) Snipers.
- c. Communication Equipment. (1) AN/FRC-25, (1) AN/FRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. (2) M-72, (2) sniper M-70's, (1) 3x9 scope, (3) Claymore mines, (2) WP rifle grenades.

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance of the trail network in vicinity 9961 and the adjoining ridgeline running roughly East-West for approximately 1,000 meters East, and approximately 1,500 meters West; capture one prisoner; be prepared to call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 041715H/041810H August 1966.

4. ROUTE. Inserted and extracted at HLZ.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. Synopsis. During the 15 minutes while located in the insertion HLZ the patrol made contact with approximately 10 VC/NVA. The patrol opened fire, killing 2 and wounding 4 others. Extraction was made with no friendly casualties.
- b. Enemy. 041755H YD 010618 Patrol made contact with approximately 10 VC/NVA, as soon as 1st helicopter dropped off 1st 4 men and took off. First VC spotted 8 to 10 meters from patrols position. One patrol member opened up, killing this VC, immediately after 4 other VC jumped up from what seemed to be a trenchline. Area was sprayed with fire with undet. results. The VC who was killed wore a type of black ARVN boots with bunched trousers, camouflaged utilities and cover, web gear, and a perfectly square haversack 36"x36" with mess gear strapped to the back. The patrol sighted another 3 VC to their Northwest, member opened fire killing one and possibly wounding the others. The weapons observed appeared to be Soviet 7.62 semi-automatic type SKS or CHICOM carbine type 56, also 1 CHICOM submachine gun type 50 was observed.

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Patrol threw 3 grenades and 3 were thrown at patrol, 1 red smoke grenade was thrown and patrol was picked up 9 minutes later by helicopter while receiving heavy automatic fire.

c. Terrain.

- (1) Objective area observed consisted of secondary moderate growth of vegetation and vines with a canopy of 30 to 40 feet. Vegetation appeared to grow dense towards the low grounds.
- (2) Map Corrections. 1 recently well used trail at HLZ running generally along ridgeline from South to Southwest, width being approximately 1 meter.

d. Other Information. The VC/NVA seemed to apply aggressive tactics but did not open fire on initial contact, they opened up when helicopters came in to strafe the area.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY.

2 VC/NVA Confirmed KIA

4 VC/NVA confirmed WIA

No. Friendly casualties

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

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. It is concluded that these VC were definitely North Vietnamese troops due to being so well equipped, clothed, and well disciplined.



2nd Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader.

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 (c) ReconGrpBravo OpO 3-66

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 Task Organization: Team 22, 2nd Plt, 1st FRC

1. SITUATION. Reference (b).

2. MISSION. Terrain analysis of area bounded by No Fire zone recording information necessary to move a company through on search and destroy mission. Attempt to locate VC Radio Station in area. Capture one prisoner; be prepared to call supporting artillery on targets of opportunity.

3. EXECUTION.

- Concept of Operation:
- Coordinating Instructions. Ref (b).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Ref (b).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- References (b) and (c).
- Callsign: FIELD CLERK.
- Frequencies:
  - Recon: 50.5, 38.7.
  - Artillery: POLISH G 37.0.
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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 5 enlisted
- 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 and Rifle Grenades

2. MISSION. Terrain analysis of area bounded by No Fire Zone recording information necessary to move a company through a search and destroy mission. Attempt to locate a VC radio station in the area. Capture one prisoner. Be prepared to call supporting arms on targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 041305H/051005H

4. ROUTE. ANNEX A (Patrol Route Overlay)

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. 21 hours of reconnaissance patrolling resulted in negative contacts or sightings. No artillery was called in support, patrol was extracted without incident.
- b. Enemy. None Observed
- c. Terrain.
  - (1) The terrain in the objective area consisted mainly of moderately rolling hills covered with a wooded area having a secondary growth of vines, and a canopy of approximately 20 feet.

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The open areas consisted of 7 to 8 foot elephant grass, allowing very easy movement of the patrol. A distance of 300 meters could be covered per hour.

(2) Map Corrections.

- (a) 142503 Came upon a trail 1 meter wide showing signs of being slightly used, but not recently.
- (b) Observed 1 well used trail from the air at the intersection of grid square 1349
- d. Other Information. At coordinates 142500 the patrol came upon the remains of what appeared to be guavas. It was determined by the remains that approximately 5 persons had been in this area 2 or 3 days previously.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition; Good. Morale; Good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. Patrol leader recommends that sufficient time be allowed between patrols for efficiency. Patrol had insufficient time for preparation and rest.

  
D. G. ROBIN  
SCT USMC  
Patrol Leader

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ANNEX A (Patrol Route Overlay)

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(b) Det A, ReconGrpBravo OpO 1-66  
(c) ReconGrpBravo OpO 3-66

Task Organization: 5th Plt, 1st FRC

1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Observe the ~~two~~ Stream Valleys running East/West in NFZ and trail running NW/SE. Capture one prisoner, be prepared to call supporting arms on targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation:
  - b. Coordinating Instructions. Ref (b).
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Ref (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
  - a. References (b) and (c).
  - b. Callsign: KILLER KANE.
  - c. Frequencies:
    - (1) Recon: 50.5, 38.7.
    - (2) Artillery: POLISH G 37.0.
  - d. Shackle:

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 Patrol: 5th Plt, 1st FRC  
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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 1 officer and 10 enlisted and 1 USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25 and 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 3 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 1 M-60, 1 M-79, 2 M-72's, and 2 WP rifle grenades.

2. MISSION. Observe the two stream valleys running east/west in your no fire zone and trail running NW/SE; capture one prisoner; be prepared to call supporting arms on targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 051750H/080920H August 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 64 hours of patrolling and observation, the patrol made a sighting of approximately 60 VC/NVA. Two artillery missions were called on these VC resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA probable and 5 VC/NVA WIA probable. Extraction was supported by air strike. Reaction force was used to help sweep area prior to extraction.

- b. Enemy.

- (1) 072330H/YD 058607 - during the time the patrol was located in their OP, they observed 2 or 3 people walking south along a trail located at YD 059611, followed by approximately 35 to 40 VC 30 minutes later. These VC/NVA were carrying lanterns, but the patrol was unable to observe the type of clothing they wore. It was described as dark colored however. They were also unable

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to observe if any were wearing packs or carrying weapons. Artillery was called in on these VC/NVA. Immediately after the first round hit, the VC/NVA put out the lanterns and disappeared.

- (2) 080045H - the patrol observed 10 VC/NVA carrying lanterns walking on a path in the same direction as the previous VC/NVA. Artillery was called on these VC and the movement ceased.
- (3) From 080145H to 080345H the patrol made sightings of a total of 9 VC/NVA walking down the same path located at YD 058607. These were in three different groups carrying lanterns.
- (4) While the patrol was at the night OP, located at YD 058607, they heard sounds of 2 or 3 persons moving around their position, as close as 10 meters away. This movement lasted from 072400H until 080500H. At first light, Sparrow Hawk was sent in and set up a perimeter defense while KILLER KANE checked out the area. The patrol found 1 pair of blood soaked utility trousers, probably being the result of 1 VC KIA and 7 or 8 shell holes surrounded by spattered blood, probable resulting in at least 5 VC/NVA WIA's. UHL-E's and fixed wing aircraft were on station supporting the patrol. A4D's dropped approximately 8 napalm bombs to the west of the patrols position with unknown results. UHL-E's fired spotter rounds. Extraction of the patrol and the Sparrow Hawk made at the same time without incident. 328 rounds of 105 were expended in support of this patrol.

c. Terrain.

- (1) The terrain throughout this area varied from regrowth of elephant grass of 2 to 4 feet to treelines having a 25 to 30 foot canopy and consisting of dense undergrowth. Movement was very easy via trails and maximum distance could be covered.
- (2) Map Corrections. The entire ridgeline extending from YD 059608 to YD 069605 was honeycombed with trails, that appeared to not have been used recently.

d. Other Information.

- (1) The patrol located 50 fortified bomb or artillery shelters covered with logs, dirt, and rock, these were not fighting holes but were shelters. They are located on the ridgeline between YD 065607 and YD 068605.
- (2) One member of the patrol spotted 2 VC sitting under a tree in grid square YD 0664 during extraction.

(3) One camp fire was spotted at YD 068601 at 2330 on 7 August. No movement was noticed around this fire and no action was taken.

(4) General empty cigarette packages were found at the fortified positions. They were made in Hanoi along with a document that was badly torn but appeared to be a personal letter.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. 1 VC/NVA KIA probable and 1 VC/NVA WIA probable; no friendly casualties.

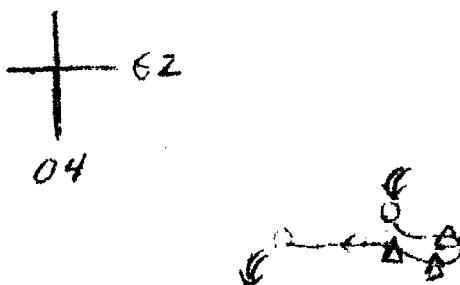
7. CONDITION OF THE PATROL. Physical condition, good; morale, good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

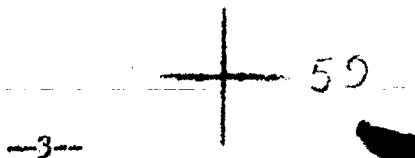
1. The VC observed appeared to be a NVA unit infiltrating to the south.

C. F. BUBERT  
First Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay)



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 (b) Det A, ReconGrpBravo OpO 1-66  
 (c) ReconGrpBravo OpO 2-66

Task Organization: 1st Plt, 1st FRC

1. SITUATION. Reference (b).  
 2. MISSION. Conduct a Recon Patrol in assigned areas of responsibility to observe enemy activity and movement from the North; capture one VC/NVA; call supporting arms on targets of opportunity.  
 3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation:  
 b. Coordinating Instructions. Ref (b).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Ref (b).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. References (b) and (c).  
 b. Callsign: NIGHTSTICKER.  
 c. Frequencies:

(1) Recon: 50.5, 58.7.

(2) Artillery: POLISH G 37.0.

(3) Authentication, challenge; any letter; answer: any letter in the same column of the bracket.

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 062000H August 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 7 enlisted and 1 USN.
- b. Special Attachments. 1 sniper.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25 and 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 2 M-72's, 1 M-79, 1 M-14 grenade launcher, and 1 sniper rifle with scope.

2. MISSION. Conduct a reconnaissance patrol in assigned area of responsibility to observe enemy activity and movement from the north; capture one VC/NVA; call supporting arms on targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 051800H/061110H August 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

a. Synopsis. During 17 hours of patrolling and observation, the patrol made contact with an approximate 15 VC/NVA, resulting in 3 VC/NVA KIA confirmed and 3 VC/NVA KIA probable. Two artillery missions were called on targets of opportunity, expending 120 rounds of 155 with excellent coverage of the target areas; results unknown. Gunships and jet aircraft were on station strafing the area with 7.62mm, 20mm cannon, and 2.75 inch rockets. The jets also dropped approximately 6 napalm bombs directly on the area where movement was observed.

b. Enemy.

(1) 061010H/YD 086632 — point man spotted 1 VC/NVA approximately 10 to 12 feet directly in front of him. The VC opened fire, and

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the point returned with automatic fire, resulting in the point being wounded, and possibly killing the VC due to the closeness of the points automatic fire. The patrol leader spotted 1 VC/NVA dressed in a khaki shirt and dark colored trousers wearing no cover, sitting in a 30 foot tree, 30 meters from the patrols position. 20 rounds of 7.62mm was shot into this VC knocking him out of the tree (confirmed as being dead). Movement was observed 20 meters to the east behind some thick brush, grenades were thrown, flushing out a VC/NVA who appeared to be in the process of throwing a grenade, when the patrol leader opened fire and killed him. He was wearing a khaki shirt and no cover. The column then moved back 35 meters south to a secure position and set up a 360° defensive perimeter, in order to med evac the wounded Marine. At this time movement was heard to the patrols left and right front. The M-79 man expended 12 to 15 rounds in the vicinity of this movement, while various team members threw a total of 6 fragmentation grenades. More movement was observed to the east where two more fragmentation grenades were thrown. One VC/NVA jumped up 20 feet from the patrol wearing a camouflaged soft cover, the patrol fired on this VC/NVA also confirming him as dead. The VC locations were marked with WI grenades for the gunships and jets on station. The area was strafed with 7.62mm, 20mm cannon, and 2.75 inch rockets with excellent coverage on targets. Jets dropped approximately 6 napalm bombs directly on targets. Results of these air strikes are unknown.

(2) 061110H/YD 086632 -- while being extracted, the last team received automatic small arms fire from due north of the HLZ. Gunships and patrol members returned a heavy volume of fire, with undetermined results.

c. Terrain.

(1) The terrain in the objective area consisted of rolling hills with very thick elephant grass, ranging from heights of 3 to 8 feet intermingled with thick brush and vines. Numerous small tree lines were encountered, their canopy being approximately 14 to 15 feet high. Movement throughout this area was very difficult due to thick secondary growth. Average movement that could be made ranged from 100 to 150 meters per hour.

(2) Map corrections. One well used trail located at 084616 running west to east was found by the patrol. This trail was 3 feet wide and showed signs of being used in the past 24 to 48 hours.

d. Other Information.

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- (1) 052300H/YD 084625 -- while in their harbor site, the patrol heard movement approximately 40 meters due north of their position. They could not definitely identify the kind of movement.
- (2) 052315H -- the patrol heard what seemed to be 81 or 82mm mortars being fired into vicinity of YD 075635 from YD 085616. Tried to inform PUNCTUATE 6 of this incident but due to previous movement being heard in area, could not send message clearly enough to understand.
- (3) 060905H -- the patrol called in artillery on suspected VC/NVA observation post and possible base camp site. Observed what looked like camp fire smoke at YD 070635. 40 rounds of 155mm was expended with excellent coverage of the target. Results unknown.
- (4) 060645H -- patrol leader called in second fire mission on suspected enemy position of the 81 or 82mm mortar located at YD 085616. 60 to 80 rounds of 155mm were expended with excellent coverage of the target area. Results undetermined.
- (5) After initial contact was made, patrol returned heavy volume of fire into VC/NVA positions, causing patrol to receive moderate small arms fire.
- (6) During initial contact, 2 fragmentation hand grenades were thrown by the VC/NVA.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. 3 VC/NVA were confirmed killed and 3 VC/NVA probable killed by patrol, results from air strikes are unknown. 1 Marine was wounded and med evaced back to base camp, wound not serious.

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

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

- 1. If a med evac is being requested, be sure it is accomplished quickly in order for the patrol to continue on with the mission.

G. A. KOCH  
Staff Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay)

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Task Organization: Team 62, 6th Plt, 1st FRC

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1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Maintain surveillance of main trail in A. O. R.; capture one prisoner, be prepared to call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation:
  - b. Coordinating Instructions.
    - (1) Take one copy of operation order to D-5.
    - (2) Artillery liaison at DONG HA -- POLISH YANKEE
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Ref (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS.
  - a. References (b) and (c).
  - b. Callsign: GUILZ GAME
  - c. Frequencies:
    - (1) Recon: 50.5, 38.7
    - (2) Artillery: POLISH YANKEE 37.0
  - d. Shackle:

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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 1 officer and 4 enlisted.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25 and 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 6x30 and 1 spotter scope.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 1 M-79 and 2 M-72's.

2. MISSION. Maintain surveillance of main trail in area of responsibility; capture one prisoner; be prepared to call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 060625H/071945H August 1966

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 37 hours of patrolling and observation, the patrol made sightings of 7 Vietnamese and 9 VC/NVA. The patrol made contact with 5 VC/NVA killing 2 and probably wounding 1. Two packs and medical supplies were recovered from this contact. Gunships supported the extraction.
- b. Enemy.
  - (1) 060900H - the patrol observed 7 Vietnamese accompanied by a dog moving east in the brush at YD 205464, approximately 1,000 meters from the patrols position. Due to distance of observation, the patrol was unable to determine the type of clothing worn, or if weapons were carried.

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(2) 070930H/YD 228446 - the patrol observed 4 VC/NVA moving east along the trail. The third man in the patrol was wearing a khaki uniform, a khaki colored pith helmet, a pack and carrying a large automatic weapon (Czech 7.92mm machinegun Model 26 as identified by a patrol member). The fourth man wore black PJ's, a red bandana around his head, a pack and carried no weapon. The two VC in front wore black PJ's and carried undetermined type of weapon. The patrol was unable to tell if these VC/NVA were wearing packs.

(3) 071715H - 5 VC/NVA were spotted moving very quickly from west to east on the trail at YD 230444. The 3 front men were wearing khaki uniforms and pith helmets, the two rear men wore green utilities with camouflaged helmet covers. All of these men were carrying small weapons about the size of carbines but the patrol members were unable to determine actual type of weapons carried. Four of these men carried ARVN type rucksacks, the other carried a black camouflaged medical box containing 2 types of liquid medicine. One man also wore a camouflaged cape made from elephant grass. These VC/NVA were walking very fast and were well spaced. The patrol opened fire, immediately killing two, they were observed lying face down on the trail without moving. It is also believed that 1 other VC/NVA was wounded due to amount of equipment captured (enclosure (1)). The ambush was sprung from a distance of about 350 meters. Helicopters were despatched to pick the patrol up and reinsert them where the VC/NVA were killed. When the area was checked out, the patrol found 2 rucksacks and 1 large medicine approximately 36" by 24" square, also a large amount of blood was found in the area, but the bodies had been dragged off. The equipment was recovered and the patrol pulled back to the HLZ located at YD 223443, where extraction was made without incident. After the initial extraction and before the second insertion was accomplished, gunships came in and strafed the area with 7.62mm and 2.75" rockets. Several fires were set. No other damage was noted.

c. Terrain.

(1) The objective area consisted of gentle rolling hills with waist high elephant grass, which allowed very easy and maximum movement. There were sparse tree lines on the higher slopes.

(2) Map Corrections.

(a) A very well used trail, 2 to 3 feet wide running from YD 225445 west to 235442 and continuing on into the treeline, was located.

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(b) The second trail located was also 2 to 3 feet wide running from YD 224443 to YD 232447 and continuing in an easterly direction, also being very well used.

d. Other Information. None.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. 2 VC/NVA KIA confirmed, 1 VC/NVA WIA probable; no friendly casualties.

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

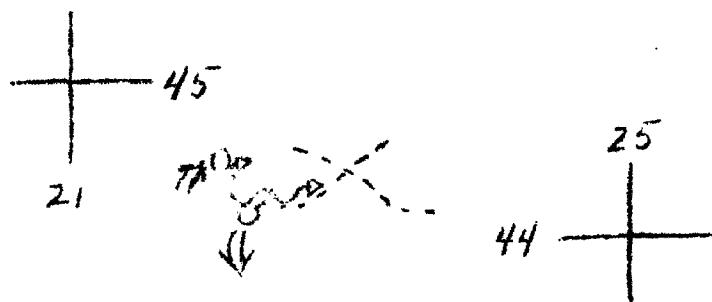
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Patrol leader believes these were all VC/NVA soldiers infiltrating by this route from the north.

K. T. CARLISLE  
Second Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay)



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ITEMS RECOVERED

2	CHICOM grenades (1 short and 1 long stick)
109	7.62mm CHICOM rounds
3	.30 caliber US carbine rounds
1	Large box medical supplies
5	Sets of uniforms (variation in color)
2	Rucksacks
1	Personal letter
2	Notebooks
	Civilian clothing
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(c) ReconGrpBravo Opo 3-66

Task Organization: 2nd Platoon, D Company

1. SITUATION. Reference (b)
2. MISSION. Observe and maintain surveillance of main valley running east-west through area of operations, capture one prisoner. Be prepared to call supporting arms on targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operations:
  - b. Coordinating Instructions
    - (1) Reference (b).
    - (2) Take one copy to D-5 advisor.
    - (3) 2 copies to CAM LO
      - (a) Recon Relay.
      - (b) FDC.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Ref (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS.
  - a. References (b) and (c).
  - b. Callsign: PIKE.
  - c. Frequencies:
    - (1) Recon: 36.5, 47.5.

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(2) Artillery: 37.0, or through  
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 092400H August 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 11 enlisted and 1 USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25 and 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 2 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 2 M-79's and 2 M-72's.

2. MISSION. Observe and maintain surveillance of main valley running east-west through area of operation; capture one prisoner; be prepared to call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 1st -- 061710H/071800H; 2nd -- 061955H/091415H August 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 67 hours of patrolling and observation, the patrol made contact with 8 VC/NVA which resulted in 2 VC/NVA KIA confirmed. Jets dropped napalm resulting in 6 VC/NVA KIA probable and 2 artillery missions were called expending 120 155mm, resulting in 5 VC/NVA WIA probable.
- b. Enemy.
  - (1) 071915H/YD 021558 - the patrol heard movement between hill 252 and the patrol, approximately 50 meters in front of their position. Artillery was called in on hill 252 expending 12 rounds of 155mm, covering the target area.

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(2) 071935H YD 029554 Contact was made with 8 VC/NVA who were low towards the patrols position. They were wearing green utilities and black sneakers, 2 VC/NVA were killed, one was observed wearing a cartridge belt, a blanket roll on his back and carrying an M-1 carbine. The other 6 VC/NVA tried to envelope the patrol from the West, and patrol called, and immediately received gunships and fixed wing aircraft for support. Jets dropped 3 Napalm bombs covering the entire valley setting it a fire, while gunships strafed area of VC/NVA. It was believed that due to complete coverage of the valley in which the VC/NVA were in; by the Napalm; that the other 6 assaulting VC/NVA were killed.

(3) 080830H YD 030555 The patrol heard voices coming from ridgeline, appeared to be approaching patrols position. Artillery was called in, expending 108 rounds of 155mm covering the ridgeline and the valley completely. Estimated 5 VC/NVA were probably wounded due to this action.

(4) 081615H YD 035547 While the patrol moved down a well used trail that was approximately 2 meters wide, the point squad ran into an M-26 fragmentation grenade that was booby trapped with a piece of thin wire attached to a branch extending over the trail at coordinates YD 034548, booby trap was not set off but patrol heard voices to their front and to their left, thought it might be an ambush, so they maneuvered their way back to YD 034548, where no further contact was made after arriving.

c. Terrain.

(1) The terrain in the objective area was very easy to move in along the ridgelines due to 6 to 8 feet of elephant grass. The lower creek beds consisted of slight underbrush, covered by a canopy of 30 to 40 feet.

(2) Map Corrections. One main trail was observed, starting at YD 035549 down to YD 035547 and continuing further in a Southwesterly direction. This trail was 2 meters wide and was recently well used.

d. Other Information.

(1) 071000H YD 029552 The patrol found the ridgeline covered with 40 to 60 fighting holes and 50 lean-to's. The appeared to have been used approximately 2 weeks ago.

(2) 081500H YD 034548 The patrol had one heat exhaustion case who was evacuated.

(3) YD 031551 The patrol found an excellent HZ at coordinates YD 031-551 for landing 3 or 4 H-34's at one time.

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(4) 071800H YD 029552 The patrol leader found some documents laying on the trail at coordinates YD 029552 documents sent to Division G-2 for further investigation.

(5) 061710H XD 542039 During initial insertion the patrol was inserted and out of the general area, when the chopper that inserted the team crashed, thus compromising the mission. Team was extracted at XD 542039 at 061800H and reinserted at YD 032549 at 061855H.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. 2 VC/NVA were confirmed killed along with 6 KIA probable, also 5 WIA probable due to artillery.

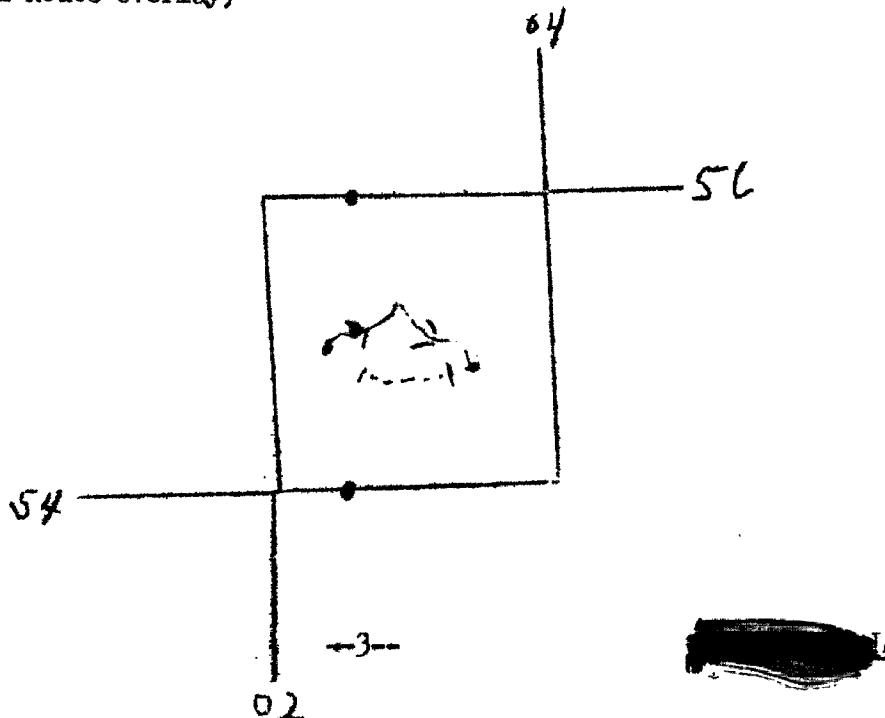
7. CONDITION OF THE PATROL. Physical condition, fair; morale, fair.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. The patrol leader believes that a reinforced company VC/NVA soldiers are distributed over this complete objective area. Recommends TPQ of entire valley extending from YD 020545 to YD 040545.

M. PARKER  
 SSgt, U. S. Marine Corps  
 Patrol Leader

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 Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay)



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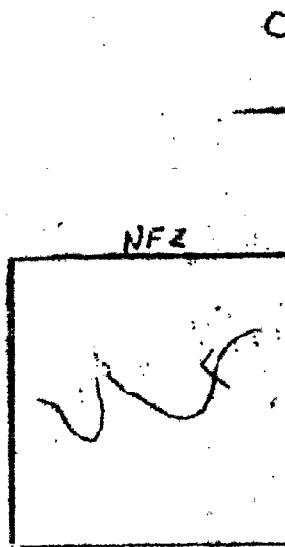
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Task Organization: Team 61, 6th Plt, 1st FRC



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1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Observe and maintain surveillance of main valley running east-west, through area of operations; capture one prisoner; be prepared to call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operation:
- b. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Reference (b).
- (2) Take copy of this operation order to CAM LO to POLISH GOLF.
- (3) Copy to RIDGEBEAM/WHISKEY at 979559.
- (4) Copy to CAM LO radio relay.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Ref (b).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. References (b) and (c).
- b. Callsign: GROUCHO MARX.
- c. Frequencies:
  - (1) Recon: 36.5, 47.5.
  - (2) Artillery: 37.0, or through PUNCTUATE RELAY.

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 091900H August 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 4 enlisted.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25 and 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 1 M-79 and 1 AR-15.

2. MISSION. Observe and maintain surveillance of main valley running east-west, through area of operation; capture one prisoner; be prepared to call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 061900H/091100H August 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 65 hours of patrolling and observation, the patrol made 3 contacts totaling possibly 250 VC/NVA, accounting for 37 KIA confirmed and 100 KIA probable. These totals include the support of a reaction force from 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines. Two artillery missions were called in support of this patrol.
- b. Enemy.
  - (1) 062300H/XD 998597 - the patrol heard voices and sounds of walking. This was down in the valley below them 300 to 400 meters from the patrols position. Movement was heard at XD 980605, and was not heard after 2400 that night.

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- (2) 071100H/XD 988597 - the patrol heard talking and saw smoke vicinity XD 982599. Artillery was called with good coverage of the target. Gunships strafed the streambed when the smoke was located.
- (3) 071600H - the patrol moved 100 meters to the west of their previous position, where they heard more activity coming from the north and east. They also noted a distinct odor of livestock.
- (4) 071600/XD 988598 - the patrol set up its night OP and harbor site. Movement was heard all night coming within 100 to 150 feet of the patrol position.
- (5) 080900H - artillery mission was called on voices and movement down in the valley vicinity XD 985598, also one patrol member heard movement 50 meters in front of the perimeter. It appeared that the VC/NVA were on line searching for the patrol. Gunships were called on station. The patrol fired WP grenades to indicate locations of the enemy for the gunships to strafe the area.
- (6) 081130H - the patrol moved back 100 meters, while reaction force was landed 200 meters to the west. The patrol linked up with the reaction force and moved to the top of a hill at XD 986599. There they set up a defensive perimeter.

One squad was sent down the hill to check out the area. They found freshly dug foxholes in and around the streambed, along with a few crossbar type booby traps. The squad returned to the top of the hill and requested to be extracted. The first chopper in, picked up a few people and took off to the north, then travelled east. The chopper received heavy automatic weapons fire from the east, from a distance of 300 to 400 meters from the patrols position.

- (7) 081700H - 30 to 40 VC/NVA started moving up towards the top of the hill from the north. They were able to come within hand grenade throwing range. Most of the casualties came from wounds inflicted by the fragments of the grenades. Contact was broken by the VC at 081730H.
- (8) 081800H - second assault made by 30 to 40 VC. The VC once again broke contact after throwing more grenades and firing into position of patrol. Resupply was made and a captain from Echo Company was dropped off to take command.
- (9) 082130H - during 30 minutes of darkness, the VC made a 3rd assault coming up 3 sides of the hill. They threw grenades and tried to penetrate the perimeter but were repelled by Marine rifle fire. Ammunition supply at this time was critically low.

(10) 082200H - fighting resumed, VC/NVA broke contact, and a chopper came in for resupply. While on the HLZ, enemy grenades or 3.5" rocket hit the rotor blade and downed the chopper. After this, all contact with the VC was lost. Movement was still heard in the area from 50 to 100 meters from the patrols position.

c. Terrain.

(1) The objective area consisted of open, hilly areas covered with chest high elephant grass, surrounded by thickly vegetated valleys. Maximum distance could be covered in the grass areas.

(2) Map Corrections. Infantrymen observed several well used trails in the lower valley region, at approximately XD 986598.

d. Other Information. None.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. Number of VC/NVA killed by recon patrol and reaction force together was 37 by body count and 100 probable. There is no way to determine how many should be credited to each. Air elements (MAG-16) lost one KIA and 10 WIA; 2/4 suffered 4 KIA and 15 WIA.

& CONDITION OF THE PATROL. Physical condition, fair; morale, good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None.

T. E. BACHTA  
Corporal, U. A. Marine Corps  
Assistant Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER.

1. Recommend Corporal BACHTA be cited for decoration for his outstanding and extraordinary work as continuing his communications while at the same time, assuming partial command of troops during the time when persons in charge were unable to function.

R. F. GAC  
Private First Class, U. S. Marine Corps  
Debriefer

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(c) ReconGrpBravo Op0 3-66

Task Organization: Team 21, 2nd Plt, 1stFRC

1. SITUATION. Reference (b).

2. MISSION. Observe Highway 9 and area to west of highway; capture one prisoner; direct supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation:

b. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) 1 copy of this order to FDC CAM LO

(2) 1 copy to PUNCTUATE RELAY CAM LO.

(3) 1 copy to Advisor D-5.

(4) 1 copy to RIDGEBEAM WHISKEY at 979559.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Ref (b).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. References (b) and (c).

b. Callsign: PRIMNESS.

c. Frequencies:

(1) Recon: 49.6, 47.5.

(2) Artillery: POLISH GOLF - 37.0.  
(D-5) CIRCUIT 18 - 43.2.

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 111900H August 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 1 officer and 4 enlisted.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25 and 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 1 M-79.

2. MISSION. Observe highway 9 and area to west of highway; capture one prisoner; direct supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 071700H/111400H August 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 93 hours of patrolling and observation, the patrol sighted 1 VC and called in 2 artillery missions on targets of opportunity with unknown results.
- b. Enemy.
  - (1) 080615H/XD 995516 - the patrol saw 1 VC walking briskly down the trail picking leaves from a tree. He wore black PJ's and carried a small weapon believed to be a carbine. This VC disappeared after walking around a bend in the trail, up towards hill 400. At that time, voices were heard from atop the hill. Artillery was called expending 4 rounds of 155mm but had to be cancelled due to closeness of the patrols position to the target area.
  - (2) 091220H/XD 995517 - the patrol heard 2 to 4 people moving down the trail to the southeast, but could not observe due to thick vegetation.
  - (3) 100845H/ XD 993517 - more voices were heard coming from atop

  
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of hill 400. The patrol moved away from the hill and called in artillery. 11 rounds of 155mm was expended with good coverage of the target area, results undetermined.

c. Terrain.

- (1) The terrain in the objective area had many barren spots where elephant grass was burned off and just rocks remained. Several treelines ran through the area consisting of very thickly vegetated vines and underbrush. Movement through these vegetated areas was very difficult and only 50 to 75 meters could be covered in one hours time.
- (2) Map Corrections. The patrol came upon one well used trail of approximately  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet in width. It was running from the east at YD 000514 up to hill 40 at XD 990515. The trail possibly led to a VC OP site atop hill 400.

d. Other Information. Many of the burned out areas are very acceptable landing spots for several H-34's at one time.

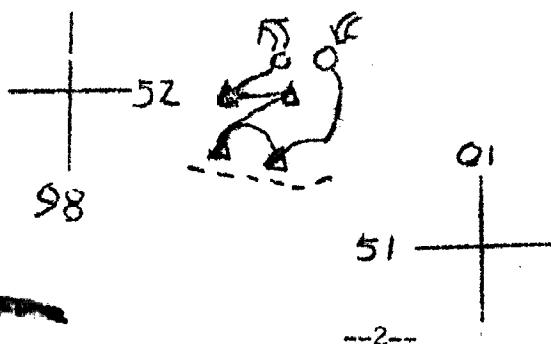
6. RESULT'S OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None.

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

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None.

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

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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay)



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## Operation Order 6-66

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 (b) 1stForReconCo OpO 4-66

Task Organization: Tm 31, 3d Plt, 1st FRC.

1. SITUATION. Reference (b).

2. MISSION. Observe stream valley and trail  
 to south of your no fire zone; capture one  
 prisoner; be prepared to call supporting  
 arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation:

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Reference (b).

(2) Two copies of this operation order  
 to FDC CAM LO,

(3) One copy of this operation order  
 to US Advisor at D-5.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Ref (b).5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Reference (b).

b. Callsign: GALILEON.

c. Frequencies:

(1) Recon: 49.6, 47.5.

(2) Artillery: POLISH GOLF - 37.0 and  
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 111210H August 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Size and Composition. 5 enlisted.
- 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-72, 2 WP Rifle Grenades.

2. MISSEAL. Observed stream valley and trail to south of your no fire zone; capture one prisoner; be prepared to call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 101720H/111210H August 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 90 hours of patrolling and observation the patrol made a sighting of 2 VC/NVA, but made no contacts.
- b. Enemy.
  - (1) 111150H/YD 135465 - The patrol observed 2 VC/NVA moving west on a trail turning north at YD 124463. They wore black bottoms and gray khaki tops, camouflaged covers (soft) rucksacks and weapons.

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- (1) The objective area consisted of very wide open terrain covered with 18 to 50 inch high elephant grass (burnt off in spots). Heavy undergrowth remained near ravines and dry creek beds; canopy ranged from 20 to 30 feet.
- (2) Map Corrections. YD 124463 - The patrol observed a possible well used trail from thier OP. Trail ran north starting at YD 124463.

d. Other Information.

- (1) 111030H/YDL35457 - Patrol observed french works running northwest from YD 135457 for 300 meters along ridgeline. Area had been burnt off and did not appear to have been used recently, also trail leading to the trenches was unused.
- (2) 111150H/YDL28465 - Patrol suspected road of being possibly mined for about 50 to 100 feet at YD 128465. When the 2 VC/VAs were observed at this section of the road they left the road apparently on a small path. Returned to the road after approximately 100 feet.
- (3) 120010H/YDL34467 - Heavy machine gun fire was heard in the general vicinity of an overhead aircraft, 2000 to 4000 meters to the northwest of the patrols position. Sounded like 12.7 mm with low cycle rate of fire. Also due to vast open terrain of this area, almost the complete section from gridline 45 north to gridline 46, 6000 meters to the east and west could be utilized as a hugh landing Zone for numerous helicopters.
- (4) 130200H/YDL39465 - Patrol came across a concrete slab bridge undamaged with thick vegetation growing up the sides. Could be utilized for vehicle traffic although the patrol was unable to observe if it had been recently used or not.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None.7. CONDITION OF THE PATROL. Physical condition, fair; morale, good.

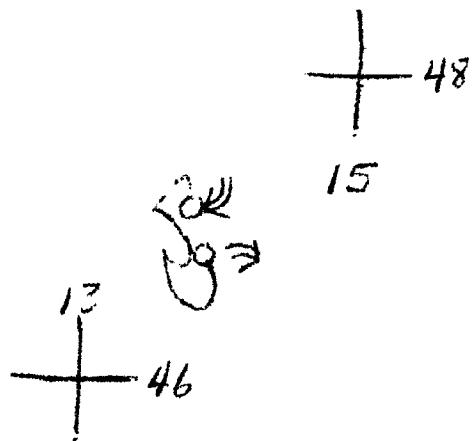
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. Patrol leader recommends an infantry unit sweep through this area to possibly locate and destroy any more fortifications, caves or bunkers that the enemy may be able to utilize again. Any time a loss of communications occurs for more than 1½ hours an aircraft should be sent to the area to attempt to reestablish comm. Five man patrols should not exceed 48 hours. All communicators should be well instructed on the PRC-25 and its accessories previous to going on patrol.

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T. H. GRIGGS JR.  
 Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps  
 Patrol Leader

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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay)



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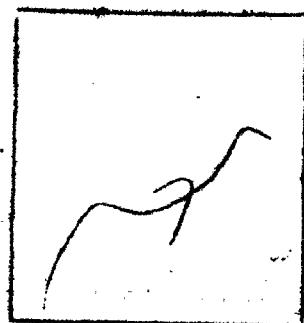
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 (b) 1st Force Recon Co (Rein) OpO 4-66

Task Organization: Team 32, 3rd Plt, 1st FRC

1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Observe stream valley to north; capture one prisoner; be prepared to call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation:
  - b. Coordinating Instructions.
    - (1) Reference (b).
    - (2) Two copies of this operation order to FDC CAM LO.
    - (3) One copy of this operation order to US Advisor D-5.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Reference (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS.
  - a. Reference (b).
  - b. Callsign: PARTY LINE.
  - c. Frequencies;
    - (1) Recon: 49.6, 47.5.
    - (2) Artillery: POLISH GOLF - 37.0, (D-5) CIRCUIT 18 - 43.2.

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Operation Order: 7-66  
Patrol: Team 32, 3rd Plt, 1st FRC  
Debriefer: PFC R. F. GAC  
Map Sheet: 6361 I & II

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141800H August 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 4 enlisted and 1 USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/FRC-25.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50 and 1 M-49 spotter scope.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 1 WP rifle grenade and 1 M-72.

2. MISSION. Observe stream valley to north; capture one prisoner; be prepared to call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 101830H/141415H August 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

a. Synopsis. During 92 hours of patrolling and observation, the patrol made negative contacts and/or sightings.

b. Enemy. None observed.

c. Terrain.

(1) The terrain in the objective area ranged from hills at a height of 300 meters, to heavy jungle undergrowth, intermingled with elephant grass, vines, and shrubs, with a canopy up to 20 feet. Movement was extremely difficult unless trails were utilized.

(2) Map Corrections. YD 048587 - the patrol found one well used trail running north and south over the top of the hill in the valley.

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towards the CAM LO River. It was 4 meters wide and showed recent use by American troops.

d. Other Information.

- (1) 102100H/YD 0455 - the patrol observed low altitude amber flares, approximately 1000 meters southwest of the patrols position.
- (2) 102100H/YD 0656 - Three lights were observed in a triangular whape came on for 1 hour and then turned off, then back on again.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None.

7. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE PATROL. Physical condition, good; morale, high.

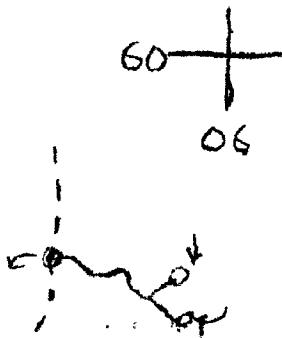
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Patrol leader recommends that double keying on the handset would be an excellent idea in the way of checking in while at night or while in an ambush position.
2. Reports that the radio relay sites did an outstanding job of communication reporting.

M. J. JACKS  
Gunnery Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay)



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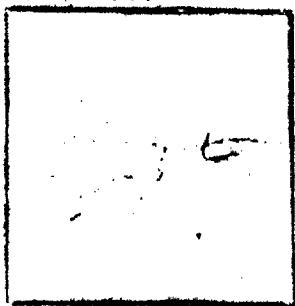
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 L701; Sheet number 6361.11  
 (b) 1st Force Recon (Rein) OpO 4-66

Task Organization: Team 22, 2nd Plt, 1st FRC

1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity; observe area to the north.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation:
  - b. Coordinating Instructions.
    - (1) Two copies of operation order to FDG CAM LO.
    - (2) One copy of operation order to US Advisor, D-5.
    - (3) One copy to PUNCTUATE WHISKEY.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Reference (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
  - a. Reference (b).
  - b. Callsign: FIELD CLERK.
  - c. Frequencies:
    - (1) Recon: 49.6, 47.5.
    - (2) Artillery: POLISH GOLF - 37.0; (D-5) CIRCUIT 18 - 43.2.

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Operation Order: 6-66  
Patrol: Team 22, 2nd Platoon, 1st FRC  
Debriefer: PFC R. F. GAC  
Map Sheet: 6361 II

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121600H August 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 4 enlisted.
- b. Special Attachments. 1 Headquarters, 1 Rigger.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25 and 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 1 M-79 and 2 M-72's

2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 101400H/121100H August 1966

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 45 hours of patrolling and observation the patrol made negative contact or sightings. No supporting arms were utilized.
- b. Enemy.
  - (1) 102130H/974552 - While the patrol was sitting in an ambush site, they heard metal clanging together as if from loose gear far off to the north of the patrols position.
  - (2) 102330H - The patrol heard one gun shot coming from the north in the genral vicinity of 9755. Apparently the shot was an accidental discharge from an M-1 carbine, due to the area being absolutely quite before and after the discharge.

CONFIDENTIALc. Terrain.

(1) The objective area consisted of 6 foot elephant grass covering gently rolling hills having various burnt off spots in the area. Maximum distance was covered in this type of terrain.

(2) Map Corrections. None.

d. Other Information. The terrain area running from 97 to 983 and from 55 to 554 is an ideal landing zone for helicopters, estimate up to 4-46's or 6-34's could land in this area at one time.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None.

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

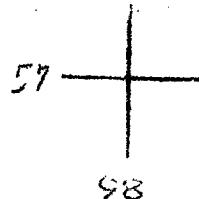
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. Patrol leader recommends teams should not be inserted or extracted off of hill (979558) due to time involved and energy exerted. Does not recommend the use of headquarters personnel for field work, loss of team integrity of platoon.

N. E. Jennings

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Staff Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay)



X = AMBUSH

□ = HARBOR SITE

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Operation Order: Verbal frag order  
Patrol: Team 22, 2nd Plt, 1st FRC  
Debriefer: PFC R. F. GAC  
Map Sheet: 6361 II

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130900H August 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 5 enlisted.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 ZN/PRC-25 and 1 AN/FRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. None.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 1 M-79.

2. MISSION. Arc Lite assessment.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 121335H/121425H August 1966.

4. ROUTE. No route was established.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. Upon insertion of the patrol, the helicopter was disabled. The patrol heard 3 or 4 rounds of small arms fire and thought the helicopter had been hit. The patrol was extracted 50 minutes later. 4 VC/NVA were observed in the area but there was no contact.

b. Enemy.

- (1) 121403H/ XD 934574 - immediately after departing the slick, the patrol heard 3 or 4 rifle shots coming from the west. Just at this time, the helicopter lost its tail rotor and the patrol thought it had been hit. Subsequent inspection of the chopper revealed no bullet holes.
- (2) 121413H/ XD 934574 - one man spotted 4 VC/NVA running along the ridgeline, then quickly dropping down into a treeline at XD 934576.

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They were wearing khaki uniforms, and cartridge belts and each carried a weapon. They were approximately 175 meters from the patrol making it hard to determine type of rifles carried.

(3) 121418H/ XD 936577 - the patrol heard a clicking sound approximately 200 to 300 meters from their position.

c. Terrain.

(1) The ~~objective~~ area that had not been affected by the bombing consisted of very thick vegetation intermingled with vines and elephant grass.

(2) Map Corrections. None observed.

d. Other Information. Complete assessment of this arc lite mission could not be made due to the downed helicopter, but in the area of the HLZ, the patrol was able to observe complete devastation of all vegetation within a 150 meter radius of the bombs impact point. It was also gathered that there was an average distance of 200 meters between bomb craters. A fly over of the entire arc lite area yielded no sightings of fortifications, trails or other man made items.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None.

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

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None.

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Staff Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

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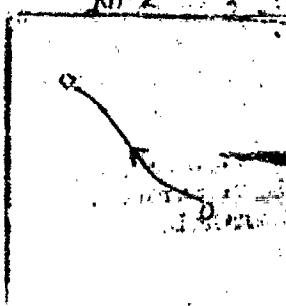
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## Operational Order 9-66

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 (b) 1st Force ReconCo(Rein) OpO 9-66

Task Organization: 5th Plt, 1st FRC



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1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; observe trail to NE, be prepared to call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation.
  - b. Coordinating Instructions.
    - (1) Reference (b).
    - (2) Two copies of this operation order to FDC CAM LO.
    - (3) One copy of this operation order to US advisor D-5.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Ref (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
  - a. Reference (b).
  - b. Callsign: KILLER KANE.
  - c. Frequencies:
    - (1) Recon: 49.6, 47.5.
    - (2) Artillery: POLISH G 37.0, (D-5)  
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150900H August 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 1 officer, 12 enlisted, and 1 USN.
- b. Special Attachments. 1 sniper.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25 and 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 4 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 1 sniper rifle, Winchester Model 70, 1 M-60 machine-gun, 2 M-79's, 2 WP rifle grenades, and 2 M-72's.

2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; observe trail to northeast; be prepared to call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 111815H/141615H August 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 70 hours of patrolling and observation, the patrol made no sightings and/or contacts.
- b. Enemy. 131915H/ YD 077640 - The patrol heard 2 men shouting and a dog barking. It stopped and then started again in 5 minutes. It is believed that this was located 300 meters west of the patrols position.
- b. Terrain.
  - (1) The terrain in the objective area varies from a regrowth of 2 foot elephant grass on the hills, to a dense mat of small shrubs, vines, and thorns, which is extremely thick and difficult to move through. In an hours time the patrol was only able to cover less than 100 meters.

(2) Map Corrections: One trail was located by the patrol at YD 077638, running from north to south. It's approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  meters wide and appears not to have been recently used.

d. Other Information. HLZ's found by the patrol.

- (1) YD 086634 - capable of landing 3 H-34's.
- (2) YD 074638 - Level terrain, capable of landing 2 H-34's.
- (3) YD 069629 - 4 foot elephant grass on a 15% slope. Capable of landing 8 to 10 H-34's.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None.

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

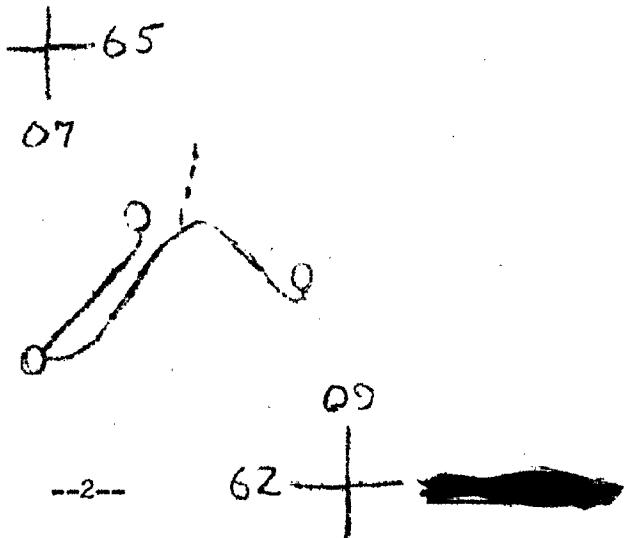
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Due to the difficulty of the navigation in the area, the patrol leader suggests two platoons to alternate in working this terrain, so as to familiarize themselves for future patrolling in this general vicinity.

C. F. BUBERT  
First Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay)



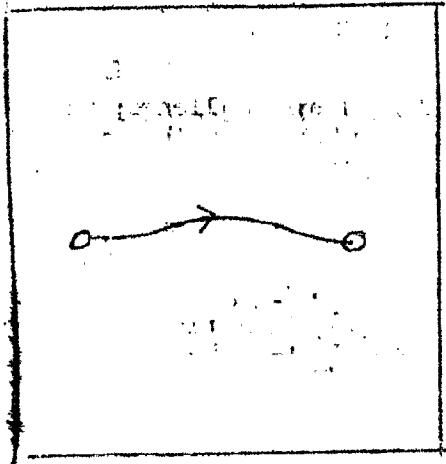
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## Operation Order 10-66

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 L701; Sheet number 6361 II  
 (b) 1st Force Recon Co (Rein) OpO 1-66

Task Organization: 1st Plt, 1st FRC

1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Capture 1 prisoner, observe river and road to N & NE; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation.
  - b. Coordinating Instructions.
    - (1) Reference (b).
    - (2) Two copies of this operation order to FDC GAM LO.
    - (3) One copy of this operation order to US Advisor D-5.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Ref (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
  - a. Reference (b).
  - b. Callsign: NIGHTSTICKER.
  - c. Frequencies,
    - (1) Recon: 49-6, 47-5.
    - (2) Artillery: POLISH GOLF - 37-0, (D-5) CIRCUITI 18 - 43-2.

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Operation Order: 10-66  
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141300H August 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 1 officer, 11 enlisted, and 1 USN.
- b. Special Attachments. 2 snipers.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25 and 1 AN/PRC-10 that was replaced with 1 AN/PRC-25.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50 and 1 M-49 spotter scope.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 2 sniper rifles, Model 70, 3 claymore mines, 2 CS grenades, and 2-1 pound blocks of C-4.

2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; observe river and road to north and northeast; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 111700H/140910H August 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 63 hours of patrolling and observation, the patrol made no contacts or sightings with the enemy. Two med evac's were called in support due to non-battle casualties.
- b. Enemy. None observed.
- c. Terrain.
  - (1) The terrain in the objective area consisted of very thick elephant grass 8 to 10 feet high, intermingled with thorns, vines, and bushes. Numerous deep ravines were present giving access to good water supply. Movement was very difficult allowing only 75 to 100 meter to be covered.

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(2) Map Corrections. None observed.

d. Other Information.

- (1) 131100H / YD 015449 - the patrol heard 2 individual rifle shots, fired 10 minutes apart, about 75 meters from the patrols position.
- (2) 020442 - the patrol found an excellent OP site having good observation and concealment. This was located at YD 020442.
- (3) Numerous HZ's were observed throughout the objective area. Some of these zones had room for 2 or 3 H-34's.
- (4) The patrol observed numerous mountaingards working in the fields and rivers throughout the entire area.
- (5) 111830H / YD 007454 - one man in the patrol began to have shakes and cold sweats. He was med evaced for treatment.
- (6) 130920 / YD 015443 - a second man was in need of med evac and was returned to the base camp for treatment of a knee injury, non-battle casualty.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None.

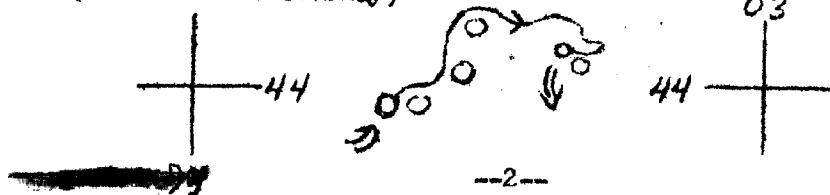
7. CONDITION OF THE PATROL. Physical condition, good; morale, excellent.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Recommend that if at all possible it should be attempted to insert the entire element in the same landing zone. Much unnecessary difficulty comes when the platoon is split up by being landed at different landing zones.

G. A. KOCH  
Staff Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay)



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Task Organization: Team 21D, 2nd Flt, D Co



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 TLX --- 0158

TOD --- 132000H August 1966  
 TOR --- 170900H August 1966

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1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; be prepared to call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation:
  - b. Coordinating Instructions.
    - (1) Reference (b).
    - (2) Two copies of this operation order to FDC CAM LO.
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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Reference (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
  - a. Reference (b).
  - b. Callsign: PIKE.
  - c. Frequencies:
    - (1) Recon: 49.6, 47.5.
    - (2) Artillery: POLISH GOLF - 37.0, (D-5) CIRCUIT 18 - 43.2.

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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

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- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25 and 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 1 M-79, 2 M-72, 2 WP Rifle Grenades.

2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; be prepared to call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 131330H/161530H August 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 74 hours of patrolling and observation the patrol made 1 VC sighting with no contact.
- b. Enemy. 141530H/YD 998567 - While at their ambush site the patrol observed 1 VC paddling a bamboo raft up and down the river approximately 100 meters from the patrols position. He wore khaki trousers, cut off at the knee, no shirt or cover. An attempt was made to capture this man but the patrol was apparently spotted, and the man was gone when they arrived at the river bank.
- c. Terrain.
  - (1) The terrain throughout almost the entire objective area consisted of knee high elephant grass, which made movement very easy and maximum distance could be covered per hour.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~(2) Map Corrections.

- a. YD 999569 - The patrol came across a well used trail running parallel to the river. It appeared to be recently used and was 3 to 4 meters wide.
- b. YD 995570 - Second trail observed was 3 feet wide and also ran parallel to the river.
- c. YD 998569 - The patrol found 5 well made steps, 1 foot wide going up an incline for approximately 10 feet.

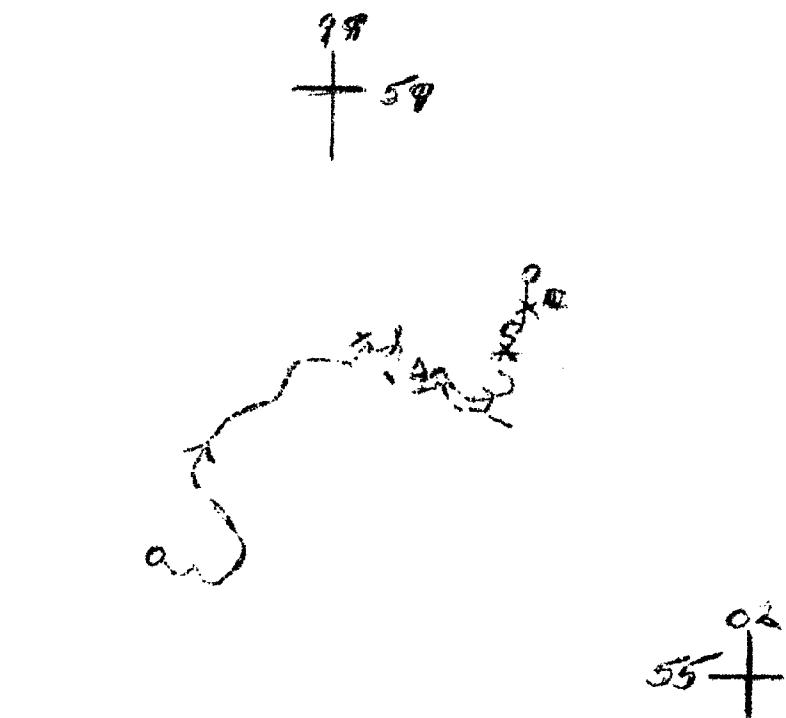
d. Other Information.

- (1) HLZ's FOUND - Due to the vast open terrain, the patrol leader feels that almost the whole area could be utilized for helicopter landing.
- (2) YD 998569 - The patrol found a VC shelter half, nicely rolled and tied up, apparently dropped by one of the VC/NVA that have been sighted in the area. The shelter half was made of a thin grey plastic and all seams had been heat sealed. This was identified or being commonly used by north and south Vietnamese.
- (3) YD 000568 - Patrol also found 1 pair of small green utility trousers, type worn by ARVN's.

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

J. K. GRAY  
Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay)



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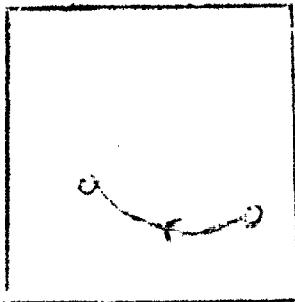
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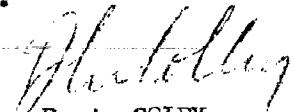
1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; observe river valley to north of no fire zone; call supporting arms on ~~enemy~~ targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
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  - b. Coordinating Instructions.
    - (1) Reference (b).
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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Ref (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS.
  - a. Reference (b).
  - b. Callsign: QUIZGAME.
  - c. Frequencies:
    - (1) Recon: 49.6, 47.5.
    - (2) Artillery: POLISH GOLF - 37.0, (D-5) CIRCUIT 18 - 43.2.

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- a. Size and Composition. 1 officer, 4 enlisted.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/FRC-25, 1 AN/FRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 2 M-72's; 1 M-79; 1 WP Rifle Grenade.

2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; observe river valley to north of no fire zone; all supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 140615H/171500H Aug 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. Patrolling and observation of this area for a duration of 81 hours resulted in negative sightings and/or contacts.
- b. Enemy. None.
- c. Terrain.

(1) The terrain in the objective area consisted of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  foot elephant grass on the lower slopes and trees with a canopy of 20 to 30 feet intermingled with elephant grass, with slight vegetation on the higher slopes, movement was moderately easy and approximately 175 meters could be obtained per hour.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~(2) Map Corrections

- a. Three small trails were found in the objective area that appeared not to have been used in the last month or more, trails located in grid square 0360 along patrol route.
- b. Two other trails were sighted in grid square 0562 and 0662 but were too far from patrols position to determine size or time of last utilization.
- d. Other Information
  - (1) 151125H/YD 038609 - Patrol heard 12 to 15 rounds of automatic weapons fire 2000 meters north of patrol position at coordinates 0363.
  - (2) 151815H/YD 038609 - Patrol, found beaten path made by one water buffalo. (Buffalo dung on trail) Also found a fairly new spent cartridge, chi com type 7.62.
  - (3) 170300H/040624 - Patrol sighted a light 1500 meters west of patrol that appeared to be either a fire, a torch or maybe a lantern.
  - (4) HLZ's found by patrol:
    - a. 037605 - 3 foot elephant grass capacity for 2 H-34's.
    - b. 034607 - elephant grass capacity 2-H34's.
    - c. 038612 & 043613 - elephant grass capability of landing 1 h-34 in each.

6. Results of Encounter with the Enemy. None7. Condition of Patrol. Physical condition, good; morale, excellent.8. Conclusions and Recommendations. Patrol leader believes that the VC have recently been using extensive night movement due to clear air and ground surveillance.

K. T. CARLISLE  
Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay)

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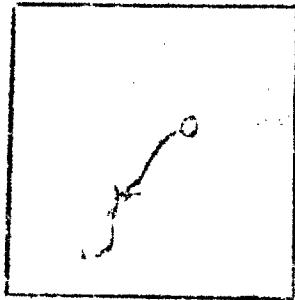
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1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; observe the stream valley in the south of no fire zone; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation:
  - b. Coordinating Instructions.
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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
  - a. Reference (b).
  - b. Callsign: PRIMNESS.
  - c. Frequencies:
    - (1) Recon: 49.6, 47.5.
    - (2) Artillery: POLISH GOLF - 37.0, (D-5) CIRCUIT 18 - 43.2.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 5 enlisted.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25, 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 2 WP Grenades, 2 M-72, 1 M-79.

2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; observe the stream valley in the south of no fire zone; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 141800H/181100H Aug 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 89 hours of reconnaissance patrolling and observation, the patrol had negative sightings or contacts.
- b. Enemy.

- (1) 142000H/YD 097473 - Patrol observed 2 large lights. Appeared to be large spotlights 300 to 400 meters from the patrols position.
- (2) 150330H/ YD 086468 - At this time the patrol spotted a lantern light 500 meters east of thier position that stayed on until 0545 in the morning.

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(3) 150001H to 152400H - The patrol heard approximately 200 single rounds being fired all day at coordinates 087467, sounds as if firing was due to probable target practice.

(4) 172215H/YD 086468 - The patrol observed 3 lights in a triangle 50 meters apart moving from the west at 086468 to 200 meters east. Lights stopped and set up triangle assembly. Every 2 hours the lights would go out for 10 minutes and then came back on again. They stayed on until 0545 next morning.

(5) 180930H/YD 098467 - While moving east on a trail the patrol found what appeared to be a type of warning device. It looked like the bottom section of a HRC-10 radio, with a vine handle. This object was sitting just a little off the trail and was left in place by the patrol.

c. TERRAIN. The terrain in the objective area consists of very dense, thick vegetation in the gullays and lowlands and very short elephant grass along the ridgelines. Movement was moderate to easy and approximately 300 meters could be covered per hour.

(2) Map Corrections. YD 086477 - One well used trail 1 meter wide was observed running west to east along ridgeline.

d. Other Information. HLZ's found - YD 103467 - 1 foot high elephant grass capable of landing 1 H-34 (also rest of ridgeline could be possible utilized as an HLZ)

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None.

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

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. Patrol leader recommends that either artillery or a TPQ strike be called in on the general area of the triangle lights sighted on the 17th at coordinates YD 086468.

N. E. JENNINGS  
 Staff Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps  
 Patrol Leader

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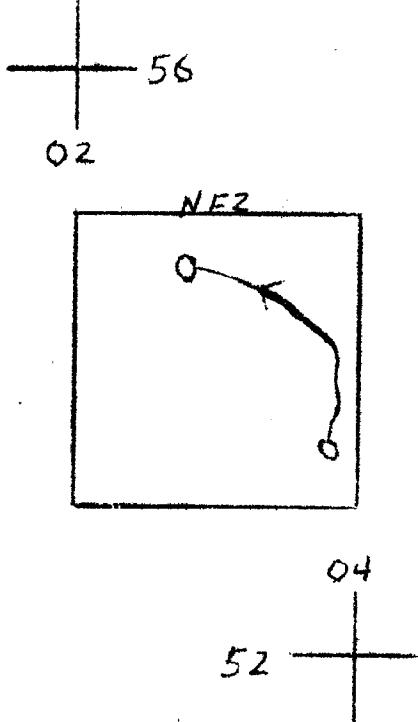
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TLJ -- 0253  
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TOD -- 151700H Aug 1966  
 TOR -- 190800H Aug 1966

Vic -- 0354

1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; observe area southeast of your no fire zone; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation:
  - b. Coordinating Instructions.
    - (1) Reference (b).
    - (2) Two copies this operation order to FDC CAM LO.
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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Reference (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
  - a. Reference (b).
  - b. Callsign: FIELD CLERK.
  - c. Frequencies:
    - (1) Recon: 47.5, 50.5.
    - (2) Artillery: POLISH GOLF - 37.0; (D-5) CIRCUIT 18 - 43.2.

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- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25, 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 1 M-79, and 2 WP Rifle Grenades.

2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; observe area Southeast of your no fire zone; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 151710H/181510H August 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN..

a. Synopsis. During 69 hours of reconnaissance patrolling and observation the patrol made 4 separate sightings totaling 11 VC/NVA. No contact was made. One artillery mission was called expending 8 rounds of 105mm, with undetermined results.

b. Enemy.

- (1) 151710H YD 020548 - Patrol saw 3 men along ridgeline approximately 1000 meters North of patrols position wearing black PJ's and one wore khaki shirt. Gunships fired on these men but it was undetermined if they were hit or not.
- (2) 152130H YD 020548 - While in their harbor site the patrol heard 2 VC pass within 15 meters of them and possible set up their own harbor site. Area was checked out the next morning and the patrol found 1 carbine round (fairly new), a pair of checkered shorts (a week old), and a yellow handkerchief at coordinates YD 020548.

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- (3) 160130H YD 021548 - Patrol sighted 3 bright lights, apparently coming from lanterns traveling Northeast down a well used trail 2 meters wide towards YD 026547.
- (4) 171825H YD 038528 - Six (6) men were observed running, carrying 8 stretchers in general direction of where gunships had been firing recently. They were run West of the Patrol 400 yards heading North towards highway 9, wearing a mixture of black PJ's and khaki's.
- (5) 180620H YD 038528 - The patrol observed 4 VC moving in a Westerly direction at YD 034527. They wore a mixture of khaki white, blue, gray, and black shorts, shirts, and carried large homemade packs not camouflaged.
- (6) 180845H YD 038528 - The patrol sighted one VC in black PJ's came out of the village at YD 040528 and walk over to talk to 2 other VC/NVA hiding in bushes about 50 yards from the village. One of the VC/NVA in the bushes wore black shorts a khaki shirt, pack, cartridge belt, and a weapon, the other wore a complete khaki uniform and cover, wrapped leggings and boots along with a cartridge belt and pack. This man carried a heavy weapon on a jungle sling that had bipod legs (possible machinegun). Artillery was called in but 1st round landed 1200 meters off target giving the VC/NVA enough time to move off in a Westerly direction towards YD 349528 where observation was lost.

c. Terrain.

- (1) The terrain in the objective area consisted of low elephant grass along the ridgelines to scattered thicketts of bamboo, and secondary growth which was very difficult to move through. A distance of approximatley 200 meters could ve covered in 1 hour.
- (2) Map Corrections. YD 024542 - One well worn recently utilized trail, 1 meter wide running Southwest to Northeast. YD 029538 Second trail observed showed little or no use, 1 meter wide, running East to West.
- d. Other Information. HIZ's found by patrol from YD 015546 to YD 022549, terrain consisting of knee high elephant grass has capacity for 4 H-34's. From YD 037534 to YD 043535, excellent landing zone for 2 H-34's YD 039540 on ridgeline, capacity for 2 H-34's.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None.

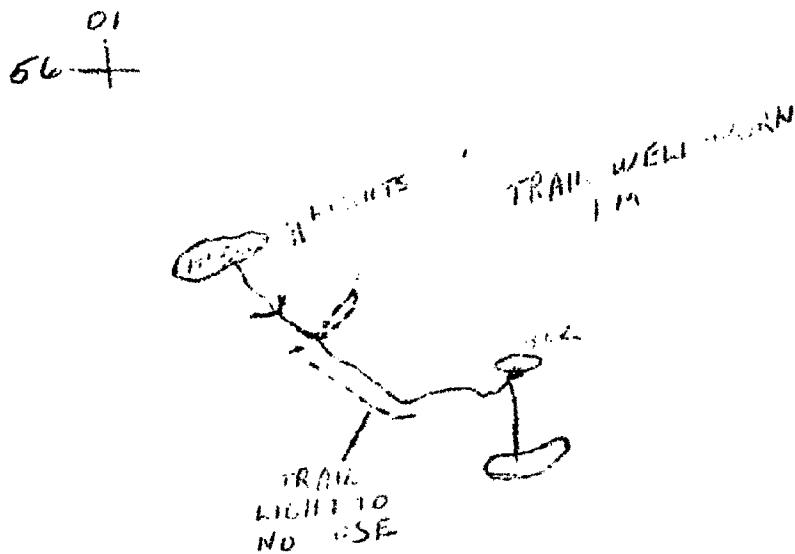
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7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; morale, good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. Patrol Leader recommends patrols be given one primary mission to be either reconnaissance or combat.

D. G. ROBIN  
 Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps  
 Patrol Leader

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 Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay)



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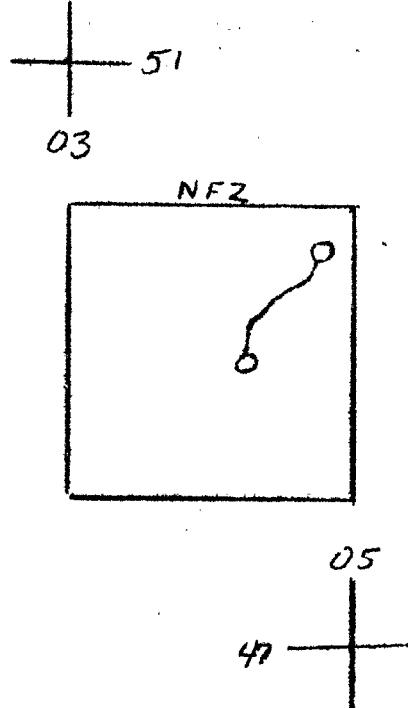
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Task Organization: Team 22, 2nd Plt, D Co



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 TOD --- 151830H Aug 1966  
 TOR --- 190930H Aug 1966  
 Vic 0449

1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; observe the area to the NE of your no fire zone; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation.
  - b. Coordinating Instructions.
    - (1) Reference (b).
    - (2) Two copies this operation order to FDC CAM LO.
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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS.
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  - b. Callsign: GAR
  - c. Frequencies:
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- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25, 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 1 M-79, 2 M-72's.

2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; observe the area to the NE of your no fire zone; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 151835H/191000H August 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 88 hours of reconnaissance patrolling and observation the patrol made a sighting of 1 VC.
- b. Enemy. 190800H/YD 044484 - The patrol spotted 1 VC traveling SW across ridgeline at YD 045487, were unable to determine if this VC had a weapon or what type of clothing he was wearing due to the 1000 meters between the VC and the patrol.
- c. TERRAIN. The terrain consisted largely of knee high elephant grass giving the patrol little or no concealment. Some scattered treelines were in the area consisting of thick vegetation of vines and shrubs with a canopy of 20 to 25 feet.

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(2) Map Corrections. One trail 2 meters wide was found at YD 045487 but appeared to have not been used very recently.

d. Other Information.

(1) 160730H/YD 045494 - The patrol could observe the top of hill 200 at coordinates YD 047497 and sighted 30 to 40 foxholes along with the frameworkers of 3 standing lean to's. These positions appeared very old and not used recently.

(2) 170745H/YD 045494 - The patrol heard 15 rounds of automatic fire 1000 meters to the south east of the patrol.

HLZ's FOUND:

YD 045488 - Open area with knee high elephant grass capabable of landing 2-H-34's.

YD 044484 - Valley area. 2 foot elephant grass, land 3-H-34's.

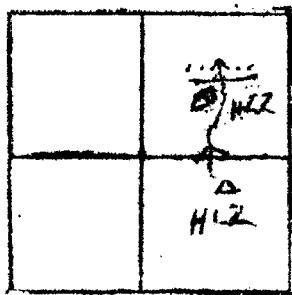
YD 047497 - Top of hill 200. consists of knee high elephant grass, excellent for landing 5 to 6 H-34's.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None.

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

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. Patrol leader concludes that this area is excellent for observation but poor for patrolling due to the vast open terrain.

M. PARKER  
Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps  
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Patrol Leader

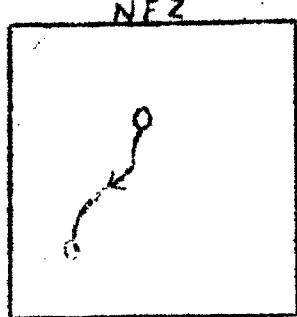


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Task Organization: Team 3, 2d Plt, 1stFRC

1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; observe to the south of no fire zone; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
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  - b. Coordinating Instructions.
    - (1) Reference (b).
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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
  - a. Reference (b).
  - b. Callsign: GALLEON.
  - c. Frequencies:
    - (1) Recon: 47.5, 50.5.
    - (2) Artillery: POLISH GOLF - 37.0.  
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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 5 enlisted.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25, 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 1 M-72, 1 M-79.

2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; observe to the south of no fire zone; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 161730H/191510H August 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

a. Synopsis. During 70 hours of patrolling and observation there were no sightings and/or contacts.

b. Enemy. None.

c. Terrain.

(1) The terrain in the objective area ranged from open areas of knee high elephant grass to dense vegetation of undergrowth consisting of shrub's, vines and thorns to a height of 10 to 15 feet, making movement extremely difficult and allowing only 100 meters to be covered per hour.

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(2) Map Correction, One slightly used trail was found, 2 feet wide running SW from XD 964555 to XD 962553.

d. Other Information.

(1) 181030H/XD 964556 - Patrol found a bunch of old brittle punji stakes tied together, layed in the fork of a tree.

(2) 190715H/XD 944553 - More punji stakes were found, laying on the ground, appeared to have not been utilized for long period of time.

(3) 190715H/XD 955553 - Patrol observed old rotted, unused hut approximately 5'X5' surrounded by fence grown over with vegetation.

HLZ's FOUND. XD 972555 - Excellent HLZ west of relay site rock capable of holding 10 H-34's, area consists of knee high elephant grass.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None.

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

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. Patrol leader recommends that 5 man patrols, not exceed 3 days in length.

T. S. CLAY  
Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).

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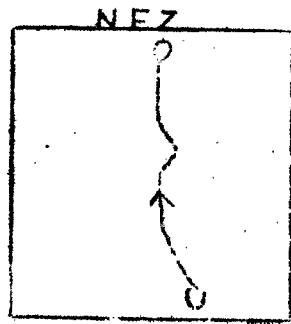
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1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; observe the area to the North of your area; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation.
  - b. Coordinating Instructions.
    - (1) Reference (b).
    - (2) Two copies of this operation order to FDC CAM LO.
    - (3) One copy of this operation order to US Advisor D-5.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Reference (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
  - a. Reference (b).
  - b. Callsign: PARTY LINE.
  - c. Frequencies:
    - (1) Recon: 47.5, 50.5.
    - (2) Artillery: POLISH GOLF - 37.0, (D-5) CIRCUIT 16 - 43.2.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 5 enlisted.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25, 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 2 M-72's, 1 M-79.

2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; observe the area to the north; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 171825H/201505H August 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

a. Synopsis. During 69 hours of reconnaissance patrolling and observation the patrol sighted 5 VC/NVA. Artillery was called in on these 5 expending 18 rounds of 155 MM, 12 of which made direct hits on the target, resulting in 5 VC/NVA KIA (Prob).

b. Enemy.

- (1) 191150H/XD 963511 - The patrol sighted 5 VC/NVA checking out 2 small abandoned huts at coordinates XD 9645034 1000 meters SE of patrols position. These VC/NVA were wearing black PJ's and carried small arms. Artillery was called on these VC expending 18 rounds of 155 MM, resulting in 5 VC/NVA KIA (Prob).
- (2) 191405H/XD 963511 - Patrol heard one small arms round, fired from XD 965508.

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(3) 192130H/XD 962511 - Patrol spotted 1 amber, 2 spotlights and a bright flashlight 1000 meters NE of the patrols position at coordinates XD 966522. The flashlight seemed to move up and down the hill. It flicked on and off at 1 minute intervals until 2400 that night.

c. Terrain.

(1) The terrain in the objective area consisted of steep mountainous slopes covered with thick jungle growth, vines, thorns and elephant grass. Canopy from 30 to 50 feet, making movement difficult. Also note that areas which appeared to be open on the map such as XD 965513 and XD 961511 were actually thick dense jungle.

(2) Map Corrections.

- a. XD 963513 - The patrol found a 5 foot wide, recently traveled trail running NW to SW through the saddle between hill 267 and the hill immediately to its SW. It continues on down the gully and into the streambed. This trail appeared to have been used within this same day or the day before due to fresh tracks found.
- b. XD 9750 - Stream found not shown on map running from south to southwest down into a deep valley in gridsquare 9750.
- c. Other Information. HIZ's FOUND: XD 957510 - Top of hill next to 267 consists of 6 to 7 foot elephant grass and could possibly hold from 4 to 5 H-34's.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. 5 VC/NVA KIA (Prob).

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

8. CONCLUSIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS. None.

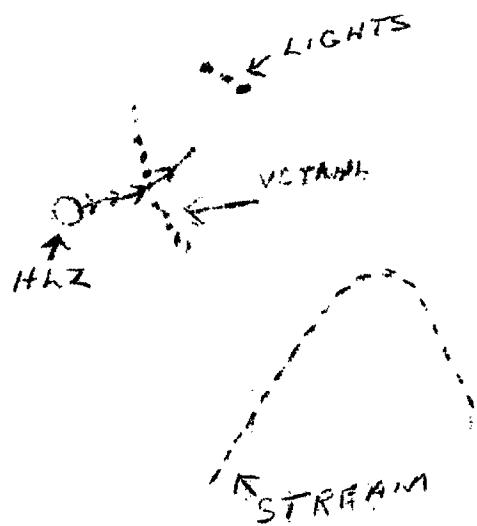
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Patrol Leader

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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).

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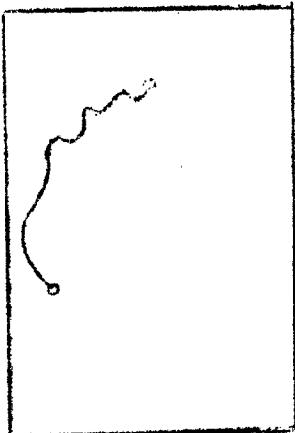
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1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; observe the terrain to the South of your no fire zone; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation.
  - b. Coordinating Instructions.
    - (1) Reference (b).
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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Reference (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION ELECTRONICS.
  - a. Reference (b).
  - b. Callsign: BLUE BEARD .
  - c. Frequencies:
    - (1) Recon: 47.5, 50.5.
    - (2) Artillery: POLISH GOLY - 37.0;  
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 231200H August 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

a. Size and Composition:  off.  enl.  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: (2) M-72 (1) Claymore (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Capture one prisoner; observe the terrain to the north of your no fire zone; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 181830H/230820H

4. Route: ANNEX A (PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY)

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. Synopsis: During 110 hours of reconnaissance patrolling and observation the patrol made a sighting of 6 VC. No artillery was called due to position of VC being close to ARVN camp.

b. Enemy:

- (1) 191100H/YD973476- The patrol found an apparent week old VC camp area that appeared to be able to accomodate a complete company. Their area consisted of 5-4'x6' huts on stilts with tables inside made of bamboo and vines, 20 to 25 triangular shaped sleeping platforms, a messhall, tunnels and numerous fighting holes around the perimeter.
- (2) 200930H/YD 008451- Patrol observed 6 VC digging trenches in front of a large opening to a cave. These VC were wearing mixed uniforms of khaki and dark colored clothing.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~c. Terrain:

(1) The terrain in the objective area was hilly with dense vegetation of vines, thorns, shrubs, and elephant grass covered with a 30 foot canopy. Movement was difficult and approximately 100 meters were covered in an hour.

(2) Map Corrections:

A 4 foot wide stream was found (not on map) running from the east at XD 979467 to the west at XD972472

d. Other Information:

(1) 5 large fires were observed along the bottom of the hills in gridsquare YD 0147 between the hours of 2000 and 2400 on the 22nd of August. Fire was put out about 2400.

(2) HLZ's FOUND: From XD9745 to XD9747 along the ridgeline is a large burnt off area excellent for landing 6 to 8-H-34's.  
 XD981471 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  foot elephant grass 2-H-34's  
 XD971479 burnt off area top of hill HLZ for 1-H-34  
 XD979479 also burnt off area atop hill but could not observe to determine helicopter landing capabilities.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

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

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None

O.P. CAMPBELL  
 SGT. U. S. Marine Corps  
 Patrol Leader

PATROL PERSONNEL:

MARTIN	SGT	1888326
ROBERSON	L/CPL	2069002
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DALY	PFC	2129419
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Task Organization: Tear 51, 5th Plt, 1stFRC

1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; locate suspected trail network running East to West at vicinity of 0445; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation.
  - b. Coordinating Instructions.
    - (1) Reference (b).
    - (2) Two copies this operation order to FDC CAM LO.
    - (3) One copy this operation order to US Advisor, D-5.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Reference (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION ELECTRONICS.
  - a. Reference (b).
  - b. Callsign: KILLER KANE.
  - c. Frequencies:
    - (1) Recon: 47.5, 50.5.
    - (2) Artillery: POLISH GOLF - 37.0; (D-5) CIRCUIT 16 - 40.6

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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 1 officer, 4 enlisted.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25, 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 6x30's.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 1 M-79, 2 claymore mines, 2 M-72's.

2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; locate suspected trail network running east to west at vicinity of 0445; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 180650H/220850H August 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 96 hours of reconnaissance patrolling and observation the patrol made contact with 1 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (Conf). Numerous well utilized trails were found throughout this objective area.
- b. Enemy. 191315H/YD 043463 - While setting up an ambush 25 meters from a main trail junction, a VC woodcutter walked into the patrols positions. The patrol leader jumped on the trail in attempt to apprehend this VC for a capture. The VC was carrying a 3 foot long woodcutters knife which he raised in attempt to attack the patrol leader. This action made it necessary for the patrol leader and 2 other patrol members to open fire, killing the VC. He was wearing black shorts and a khaki shirt, the body was checked with negative results. It was noted, that this VC did not wear sandals which seemed a bit strange due to the rough type of terrain throughout the area.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~c. Terrain.

(1) The terrain in the objective area ranged from very thick vegetation of vines, thornes, shrubs and elephant grass having a canopy height of 20 to 30 feet to wooded areas on the hilltops intermingled with light vegetation.

(2) Map Corrections.

- a. YD 043457 - Well used, well kept up trail 1 meter wide running NE to SW.
- b. YD 043457 - Junction of 3 trails, one running east then turning and going north up hill 302, that appeared to be well used recently. The second runs NW and the 3rd runs SW was overgrown and did not appear to have been used recently.
- c. YD 052461 - Trail running east and west 1 meter to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  meters wide appeared to be excessively used on the westerly portion.
- d. YD 057460 - Well used trail running NW to SE 1 meter wide, parallel to stream, crossing stream then running north to south. Appeared to be recently used in the last 2 days.
- e. YD 055458 - Stream found (not on map) 1 to 2 meters wide running east to west down in valley, water appeared to be clean and also cold.
- f. YD 060458 - Sparsely utilized trail 2 feet wide running east to west in good condition but appeared to not have been used in the last 2 weeks.

d. Other Information. HIZ's FOUND:

YD 057460 - In this vicinity of the stream junction the terrain consisted of 3 foot high elephant grass. Two smaller areas are capable of landing 1 H-34 each, along with 2 individual large areas that will hold up to 4 H-34's each.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. 1 VC KIA (Conf), no friendly casualties sustained.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; morale, good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. The patrol leader believes that the main avenue of movement is along the stream at YD 057460 that runs NW to SE.

C. F. BUBERT  
First Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

PATROL PERSONNEL

PRESTON, B. J. CPL 2078875  
BUJAN, W. H. CPL 2151846  
RICE, M. F. HMR 7708783  
LEVILLE, C. E. LCPL 2114301  
ELLISON, W. E. LCPL 2030135  
ALLEN, A. PFC 2174806

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Task Organization: Team 62, 6th Plt, 1stFRC

1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; observe area to the South of your no fire zone; call supporting arm enemy targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation.
  - b. Coordinating Instructions.
    - (1) Reference (b).
    - (2) Two copies this operation order to FDC CAM LO.
    - (3) One copy this operation order to US Advisory, D-5.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Reference (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS.
  - a. Reference (b).
  - b. Callsign: GROUCHO MARX
  - c. Frequencies:
    - (1) Recon: 47.5, 50.5.
    - (2) Artillery: POLISH GOLF - 37.0; (D-5) CIRCUIT 16 - 40.6.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. (5) enlisted.
- 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. (1) M-72, (2) WP Rifle grenades, (1) M-79.

2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; observe area to the South of your no fire zone; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 181730H/211710H August 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. Patrolling and observation of the objective area for a period of 71 hours resulted in negative sightings and/or contacts.
- b. Enemy. 181800H YD 065455 - While calling for an orientation round to be fired by artillery the patrol heard 2 voices at YD 065455, and just by chance the orientation round landed directly on the spot where the voices had been heard. No further talking was heard from that position.
- c. Terrain.
  - (1) The terrain in the objective area consisted of a very dense secondary growth, made up of vines, thorns, shrubs, and elephant grass. The canopy was estimated to range from 20 to 30 feet. Movement was difficult and patrol had to cut their own trail through the objective area.
  - (2) Map Corrections.
    - (a) YD 068453 - The patrol came upon a 2 foot wide, well used

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trail, running from East to West. This trail appeared to have been used within the last 5 days.

(b) YD 068453 - Patrol found a well made rest area that would comfortably accomodate 4 men. The ground had been leveled off for sleeping and undergrowth had been cut out for a canopy type shelter. Also found were 2 holes, 1 foot deep and 5 inches in circumference (probable trash holes).

d. Other Information.

(1) HLZ's Found.

(a) YD 074454 - Rolling hills covered with knee high brush, capable of holding 6 to 8 H-34's.

(b) YD 072453 - Knee high brush 2 H-34's.

(c) YD 066457 - Bombed out area consisting of waist high tree stumps approximately 30x30 yards in circumference, could possibly be utilized to insert troops while hovering capable of holding 2 H-34's.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None.

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

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. Patrol Leader comments that the M-72 would be very difficult to utilize in dense vegetation.

M. ROBINSON Jr  
Sgt, U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

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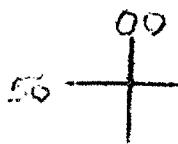
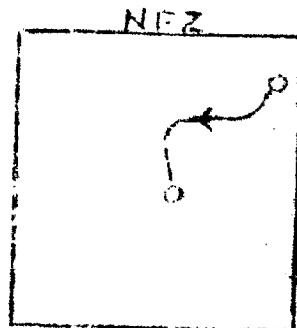
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1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; observe stream valley and trails to south of no fire zone; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation:
  - b. Coordinating Instructions.
    - (1) Reference (b).
    - (2) Two copies this operation order to FDC CAM LO.
    - (3) One copy this operation order to US Advisor, D-5.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Reference (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
  - a. Reference (b).
  - b. Callsign: ~~SNAP LINK~~ *HATEFUL*
  - c. Frequencies:
    - (1) Radar: 47.5, 50.5.
    - (2) Artillery: POLISH GOLF - 37.0, (D-5) CIRCUIT 16 - 40.6.

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 Patrol: 4th Plt. (Hateful)  
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PATROL REPORT1. SLE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Size and Composition: ( ) off. (6) enl. (1) USN
- b. Special Attachments: None
- c. Communication Equipment: (1) AN/FRC-25, (1) AN/FRC-10
- d. Observation Equipment: (1) 7x50's
- e. Special Equipment: None
- f. Special Weapons: (2) M-72's, (2) WP Rifle Grenades W/Launchers.

2. MISSION: Capture one prisoner; observe stream valley and trails to south of no fire zone; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 191830H/231400H

4. ROUTE: ANNEX A (Patrol Route Overlay)

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

Synopsis: During 88 hours of reconnaissance patrolling and observation, the patrol made contact with an estimated 5 to 6 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (Conf.), 1 VC KIA (Prob.), and 1 VC Captive (WIA).

Enemy: 231305H/YD015546H- While moving along trail point spotted brush moving, then observed 1VC aiming in on patrol, point opened fire hitting this VC knocking him back into bushes, (Probable KI). Patrol set up defence. At this time 1 VC wearing light blue trousers and khaki shirt, brown sneakers and gray cover came running down the trail towards the patrol. Patrol leader opened fire, and the VC fell. This man was wounded but still conscious so the patrol leader had the corpsman treat his wounds.

He called for extraction for the VC captive and the team. Patrol then moved 10 meters to the rear of the initial contact point and called in UH-1E Gunships to strafe the ridge where the VC were first seen. After the UH-1E's made 2 firing passes the patrol moved up to the VC position.

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They found the first VC who was shot, badly wounded and died of wounds minutes later. Also found was small camp area containing 1 RP 46 light machinegun 7.62 MM (SOVIET) in an anti aircraft position, along with numerous articles of web gear and ammunition hung around the camp area on shrubs and trees. The RP 46 was mounted on a sort of pintle in a circular position. This allowed the gun to be fired upward while swinging in 360 degrees. Also found was a Soviet 7.62 semiautomatic carbine Model SKS with numerous rounds of ammunition. While checking out this area the rear security spotted 2 VC coming up from the west. The rear security opened fire hitting the first VC probably killing him. This VC wore a black rainhat and black shirt, weapons could not be observed. The second man disappeared in the brush. Helicopters then came in and VC captive and team was extracted before patrol could check on the two VC that came from the rear. Note: Enclosure (1) itemized captured gear.

Terrain: The terrain in the objective area consists of dense vegetation covering many slopes and fingers which are not shown on the map.

Map Corrections: The complete objective area was honeycombed with streams one to three feet in width at a depth of 6 to 8 inches of clear water. YD005553- Patrol found 3 foot wide trail running from NE to SW that appeared to not have been used in the past 2 weeks but appeared to be well kept up.

Other Information: 191900H/From XD990545 through YD0055, the patrol found numerous foxholes and trenches, fortifying the ridgeline. These positions appeared to not have been used in a month, and also showed signs of being swept over by infantry. 231130H/YD009545- Numerous fortified bunkers and foxholes, along with 4 newly filled, and 2 empty graves that were approximately a week old.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 1 VC KIA (Conf.), 1 VC KIA (Prob.), 1 VC Captive (WIA). No friendly casualties.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Physical condition, fair; morale, excellent.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None

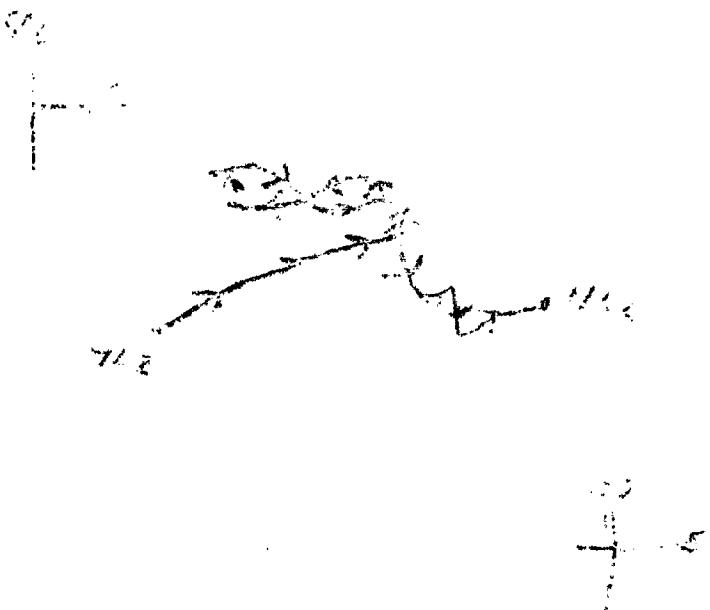
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PATROL LEADER

PATROL PERSONNEL:

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ORTIZ, H.	L/CPL	2030196
HEADLEY, F.F.	PFC	2158572
ERNST, L.C.	PFC	2163960
PHILLIPS, J.F.	PFC	2229881
OTT, R.K.	HM3	6928242

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Annex A ( Patrol Route Overlay )



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ENCLOSURE (1)

1 pair black sandals  
1 AtVN type rucksack  
10 long handle Chi Com frag grenades  
208 rounds of Soviet 7.62 long rimmed cartridges  
180 rounds of Soviet SKS 7.62 MM-M43  
2 drums from Soviet 7.62 MM-RPD light machinegun  
47 rounds of Soviet 7.62 MM M1943 (full drum from RPD machine gun.)  
1 Soviet 7.62 Semiautomatic Carbine model SKS serial no. HC 1357  
1 Soviet 7.62 light machinegun RP 46 marked with symbol of a triangle  
with number 36 in the middle , serial no. 212559  
1 two foot long bush knife

Numerous Chi Com 782 web gear

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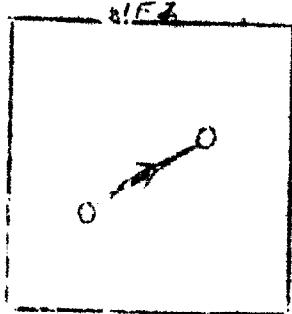
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Task Organization: Team 21, 2nd Plt, D Co

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TOR -- 231300H August 1966

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1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; observe stream valley to North of no fire zone; call supporting arms on ~~enemy~~ targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation.
  - b. Coordinating Instructions.
    - (1) Reference (b).
    - (2) Two copies of this operation order to FNC CAM LO.
    - (3) One copy of this operation order to US Advisor D-5.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Reference (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
  - a. Reference (b).
  - b. Callsign: PIKE.
  - c. Frequencies:
    - (1) Recon: 47.5, 50.5.
    - (2) Artillery: POLISH GOLF - 37.0, (D-5) CIRCUIT 16 - 40.6.

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Patrol: Team 21, 2nd Plt, D Co.  
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241800H August 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 8 enlisted, 1 USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25, 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. 1 M-76 Rifle Launcher.
- f. Special Weapons. 2 M-72's, 1 M-79, 2 WP Rifle Grenades.

2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; observe stream valley to north of no fire zone; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 191530H/241430H August 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

a. Synopsis.

During 120 hours of patrolling and observation, the patrol made negative contact and/or sightings with the enemy.

b. Enemy. None.

c. Terrain.

(1) The terrain in the objective area consist of dense secondary growth intermingled with vines, thorns, and grass. Canopy height ranges from 25 to 30 feet. Movement was fairly difficult covering 200 meters per hour.

(2) Map Corrections:

- a. 191830H/YD 991544 - Well used 3 foot wide trail running east to west. Small opened cans similar to sardine cans along with various propaganda leaflets were found on this trail.
- b. XD 994556 - 7 foot wide streambed running east to west covered by 30 foot canopy of trees. Could possibly be used as infiltration route main trail. Numerous recently used small trails honeycombed the area.

d. Other Information.

231700H - Patrol heard sporadic automatic weapons fire 200 meters west of their position. Believed to be at coordinates XD 989555.

240830H - 500 meters north of patrol more sporadic automatic weapons fire heard approximately coordinates XD 998562.

## HLZ's FOUND:

XD 994555 - 3 Foot high elephant grass, accommodates 6 H-34's.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None.

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

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION: Patrol leader recommends that patrols not move at night. Reason being, personnel moving makes great amount of noise at night. Also recommends that if at all possible, a patrol should be notified that their patrol time has been extended before they get to their extraction HLZ.

J. K. GRAY  
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Patrol Leader

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STRAUSBAUCH, S. R.	PFC	2237488
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Operation Order 24-66

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Task Organization. Team 63, 6th Plt, 1stFRC

1. SITUATION. Reference (b).

2. MISSION. Observe terrain vicinity of CON THIEN; direct supporting arms against enemy targets of opportunity.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Reference (b).

(2) Two copies of this operation order to FDC CAM LO.

(3) One copy of this operation order to US Advisor ~~QA~~ LIN.

(4) Call H&I Fire to SCAT 22 on 37.0 by 1700 daily.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Reference (b).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Reference (b).

b. Callsign: SNAPLINK.

c. Frequencies:

(1) Recon: 50.5, 47.5.

(2) Artillery: POLISH GOLF - 37.0, (155).  
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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 4 enlisted.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25, 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50's, 1 BC Scope, 1 Starlight Scope.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. None.

2. MISSION. Observe terrain vicinity of CON THIEN; direct supporting arms against enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 191630H/011300H Sep 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. Reconnaissance observation for the duration of 12 days and 13 hours resulted in the total sighting of 56 VC/NVA; 10 artillery missions were called in resulting in 5 VC/NVA KIA (Prob.).
- b. Enemy.
  - (1) 201400H/YD 096695 - Patrol saw 16 VC/NVA moving south wearing black PJ's and khaki's. They carried packs but no weapons were observed.
  - (2) 201620H/YD 092717 - 13 to 15 VC/NVA moving north wearing khaki uniform packs and rifles. Artillery called, good coverage, results undetermined.
  - (3) 201655H/ YD 085703 - 6 to 8 VC/NVA moving north wearing khaki uniforms, packs and rifles. Called artillery resulting in 5 VC/NVA KIA (Prob.). These NVA were believed to be previous group sighted.

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- (4) 211035H/YD 085703 - 6 to 8 VC/NVA wearing full green and khaki uniforms, packs, rifles and possibly 122 MM mortar. Artillery called, good coverage, could not determine results.
- (5) 222230H/YD 120715 - Patrol saw lights and movement, 500 meters north of patrol. Patrol received 2 or 3 rounds from small arms. (sounded like M1 rifle). Called artillery, 7 rounds of WP hit directly on target. All lights were put out, small arms fire ceased.
- (6) 241400H/YD 133702 - Patrol spotted 2 VC/NVA moving towards a house, one wore black PJ's and carried a small rifle. The other wore a Khaki uniform and carried a pack. At this time 1 sniper from 1st Bn 4th Mar was at the recon OP. This sniper shot and probably killed the one carrying the rifle. He was last seen being dragged off by NVA in khaki.
- (7) 292400H/YD 117704 - 3 to 5 VC/NVA moved to within 200 meters of the patrol in the NE. They appeared to be looking for the OP site. The team opened fire with a 30 caliber machine gun silencing all movement in the area.

c. Terrain.

- (1) The terrain in the objective area was very open and appeared to be sectioned in plateau like steps. Elephant grass was approximately chest high. Sporadic treelines, sparse vegetation, numerous villages and rice paddies.
- (2) Map Corrections. (Overlay). (YD 079698) While making overflight of area patrol spotted a well used 15 meters wide road. This road could be utilized by large trucks. The road started up in the DMZ running from NW to SE down to and through the area of the suspected ammunition dump where the numerous secondary explosions were seen and debries of ammunition containers were found. This road is not on the map and was last observed running towards villages in the area.

d. Other Information.

- (1) 210830H - Two members of the team went on a patrol with 3 platoons of ARVN's. Area covered 2000 meters SE to the north and then to the west. Patrol made negative sighting or contacts.
- (2) 211900H/YD 078692 - While calling in registration round for H&I, the 4th round set off one large secondary explosion one minute after impact (201915H)

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(3) 211920H - Saw and heard small arms secondary explosion, lasted for approximately 10 minutes. 211930H larger secondary explosions set off, sounded like mortar rounds, T-7, and hand grenades. At this time a huge fire was burning through the area. 5 minutes later more secondaries from small arms were heard.

(4) 211957H - Artillery fire for effect called started large secondaries that lasted until 2000H. Second fire for effect at 2000 called in and received large rumble from the earth.

(5) 212045H - One small secondary.

(6) 212055H - Fire almost burned out, last of secondaries heard.

(7) 220800H - Helicopters made damage assessment of area. Found numerous large craters, debries of wooden ammo boxes, metal canisters and metallic reflection from metal in the area.

(8) 230200H/YD 120715 - Patrol heard noises, saw lights. Fire 4 rounds of HE 155MM hitting directly on target. Noises and lights never heard or seen again.

(9) 231000H/YD 123734 - ARVN sources reported 300 VC/NVA moving from YD 123734 to YD 103732.

(10) 231115H/YD 123734 - Reported by the infantry: OE had spotted large force of VC/NVA in the same area. OE called in fixed wing. Area was bombed for 3 to 4 hours, results are undetermined.

(11) 241930H/YD 093737 - Patrol observed anti aircraft gun shooting air burst shells at a C-47 that was dropping flares inside the DMZ. Artillery called, 12 rounds of 155 expended that appeared to be on target. Anti aircraft gun was never seen in action again.

(12) 251154H/YD 129738 - 3 to 4 lights observed, artillery called, lights put out.

(13) 261245H - ARVN sources reported 2 platoons of VC/NVA (60 men) at YD 145074 and YD 142763. The gear they wore consisted of packs, rifles and helmets. Two platoons of ARVN's went out to check area and made a distant sighting at 261600H of numerous VC/NVA moving north wearing streaked clothing, packs and rifles.

(14) 292200H/YD 095688 - Heard movement 500 meters SW of patrol, artillery called, movement ceased.

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(15) 301425H - Reported from ARVN agent and ARVN headquarters that villagers and 1 Company of VC were returning back to general vicinity with ammunition convoy. HLL fired on the suspected positions all night while VC were said to be. Results undetermined.

(16) Reports came in from various sources for 2 to 4 days, basically stating that 300 VC/NVA had moved into area of gridsquare YD 1272 and YD 1273. The NVA recruited villagers and moved them north apparently to carry ammunition. Villagers built stretchers to carry the ammunition. Previous sightings made by team partially confirmed these reports.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY, 5 VC KIA (Prob), no friendly casualties sustained.

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

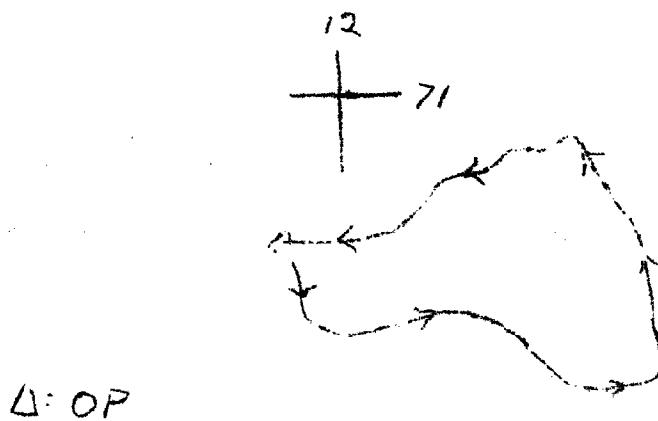
8. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS. Patrol leader recommends that 2 teams be kept rotating to further utilize the OP site.

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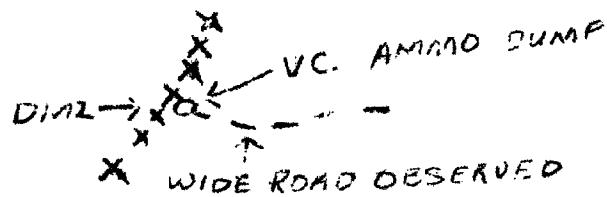
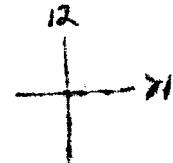
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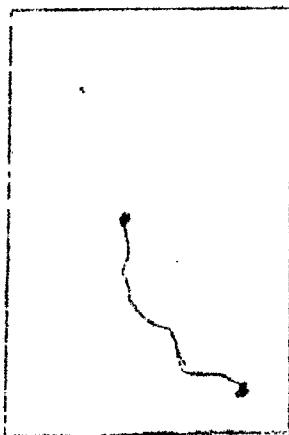
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2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; observe area to the North; call supporting arms on targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
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  - b. Coordinating Instructions.
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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Reference (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
  - a. Reference (b).
  - b. Callsign: QUIZGAME.
  - c. Frequencies:
    - (1) Recon: 50.5, 47.5.
    - (2) Artillery: POLISH GOLF- 37.5  
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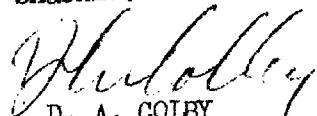
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 1 officer, 4 enlisted.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25, 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- d. Special Weapons. 1 M-79, 2 M-72's, 2 WP hand grenades.

2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; observe area to the north; call supporting arms on targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 211845H/211935H August 1966

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. Patrolling and observation of the objective area for a duration of 50 minutes resulting in the sighting of 1 VC and hearing movement. The patrol assaulted the area of movement but came up with negative results.

b. Enemy,

- (1) 211845H/YD 059668 - As soon as the patrol was inserted in the first HLZ they found that the area had been recently well utilized. A maze of trails along with "C" ration cans that were opened by knives rather than C ration openers. These cans were found throughout the area. Patrol leader called for helo to drop them into the other HLZ.

(2) 211915H/YD 072654 - Inserted into second HLZ the patrol immediately moved onto trail 15 meters from HLZ. At this point, movement was heard 15 to 20 meters to the north of their position. The patrol moved into position to flank the estimated 6 VC where the movement was heard. The patrol leader threw a fragmentation grenade and all members opened fire assaulting through the area, no contact was made, and no return fire was received. While area was being checked out 1 member of the patrol spotted 1 VC running into the thick bushes, but was unable to determine type of clothing (Appeared Dark) or if weapon was carried.

(3) 211935H/YD 072654 - The patrol was extracted. Area was sprayed with M-60 from helo after extraction.

c. Terrain.

(1) The terrain in the objective was very open, consisting of waist high elephant grass, with the exception of the hill tops and stream beds where the vegetation was extremely dense.

(2) Map Corrections.

(1) YD 058668 - The complete area was a maze of 2 foot wide, well used trails. Trees along these trails had been marked with cuts in the bark.

d. Other Information.

HLZ's FOUND: Anywhere throughout the entire no fire zone could be utilized as landing zones due to the sparse vegetation of the terrain.

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

K. T. CARLISLE  
Second Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

PATROL PERSONNEL:

TORIZZO, A. T.	GY/SGT	1248794
MORAN, T. L.	L/CPL	2075252
HINKLE, R. C.	L/CPL	2098995
LIMOZAIN, J. C.	L/CPL	2099096

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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).

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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 1 officer, 4 enlisted.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 2 AN/PRC-25's.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50.
- e. Special Equipment. 1 M-76 Grenade Launcher.
- f. Special Weapons. 1 M-79, 2 M-72's, 2 WP Rifle Grenades.

2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; observe area to the north; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 240610H/280830H August 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

a. Synopsis. During 86 hours of reconnaissance patrolling and observation the patrol made negative sightings and/or contact with the enemy.

b. Enemy. Negative.

c. Terrain.

(1) The terrain in the objective area consists of gently rolling hills covered with knee high elephant grass. Individual sparse treelines were scattered throughout the area, on the slopes and in the creekbeds. Movement through this area was easy.

(2) Map Correction. None.

d. Other Information. The patrol heard 3 rounds fired from a small caliber weapon from coordinates YD 0766 600 meters north of there position. First round was heard at 241205H. The second two were heard at 241435H.

Patrol heard the beating of drums from 272100H until 280100H. The drums were heard from the NE 1000 meters at YD 066656.

HLZ's FOUND. Due to vast open terrain the complete area could be utilized for HLZ's. Little concealment is afforded for landing helicopters.

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

K. T. CARLISLE  
2nd Lt, U. S. Marine Corps.  
Patrol Leader

PATROL PERSONNEL:

TORIZZO	GYSGT	1248749
MORAN	LCPL	2075252
HINKLE	LCPL	2098995
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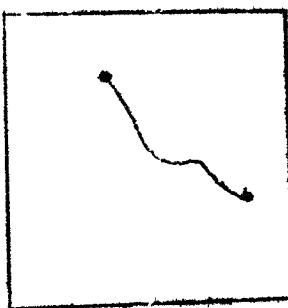
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1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; observe road junction and stream in valley; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation.
  - b. Coordinating Instructions.
    - (1) Reference (b).
    - (2) Two copies of this operation order to FDC CAM LO.
    - (3) One copy of this operation order to US Advisor D-5.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Ref (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
  - a. Reference (b).
  - b. Callsign: PRIMNESS.
  - c. Frequencies:
    - (1) Recon; 50.5, 47.5.
    - (2) Artillery: POLISH - 37.0.  
 (D-5) CIRCUIT 16 - 40.6.

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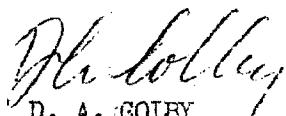
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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 8 enlisted.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25, 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50's, 1 M-19.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 2 M-72's, 2 WP Rifle grenades.

2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; observe road junction and stream in valley; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 220650H/231500H August 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. Reconnaissance patrolling and observation for a period of 33 hours resulted in the sighting of 13 VC, making contact with first 11 sighted. Artillery was called in and accounted for 2 VC KIA (Prob) and 4 VC WIA (Prob).
- b. Enemy. 231400H/YD 124/63 - While observing the road at YD 124/63 the patrol made a sighting of 9 to 11 VC moving east to west on road. These VC wore a mixture of black PJ's, green utilities, and straw coolie hats. All were wearing homemade packs and about half the VC were carrying short weapons.

Artillery was called in but VC were moving fast and were out of the co concentrated range before the first round landed. When 1st round did hit, the VC left the road and continued in same direction, returning to the road after short time. Patrol then began moving north towards road junction at YD 1211460 in attempt to ambush these VC. Patrol was spotted 200 meters before reaching road junction and had to open fire on VC. VC scattered into bushes but no fire was returned. The VC began retreating back up the road when 1 round of 155 MM hit 15 feet from 2 VC. After explosion only one man was seen crawling into the bushes. When the area was checked out the patrol found 2 sets of drag marks near an arty impact crater, along with a blood stained pack and straw cover. Patrol then called in and was extracted at 231600H.

c. TERRAIN.

(1) The terrain in the objective area consists of rolling hills covered with waist high elephant grass, scattered with thicketts of dense undergrowth atop of the hills.

(2) Map Corrections.

YD 123489 to 128487, the patrol observed a trenchline connected to groups of 2 fighting holes 25 meters apart. Still in good condition but not recently used.

d. OT ET INFORMATION. 2 VC were seen walking on ridgeline while patrol was being flown back to base.

6. RESULT'S OF ENCOUNTER WITH THE ENEMY.

2 VC KIA (Prob), 4 VC WIA (Prob) due to artillery action. No friendly casualties.

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

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. Patrol leader recommends that M-60 machine gun be taken out on next patrol for ambush purposes. Also recommends that M-49 spotter scope not be carried, claims that this equipment is poor for this type of open terrain.

P. L. KESTER  
Staff Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

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PATROL PERSONNEL

ROBIN	Sgt	1800919
VARAY	Sgt	1833728
CONNOR	Cpl	2121331
GLUNZ	Lcpl	2127871
HUGHES	Pfc	2174943
LUCENO	Pfc	2125976
HINES	Pfc	2156592

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Annex 1 (Patrol Route Overlay).

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2 Plastic covers 3' x 8'  
1 Canteen  
1 5 lb bag of rice  
1 13 to 15 lb bag of salt

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261500H August 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 7 enlisted, 1 USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 2 AN/PRC-25.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50's, 1 M-49 Spotter Scope.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons: 1 M-60 MG, 1 M-79, 2 M-72's.

2. MISSION. Capture one prisoner; observe road junction and stream in valley; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 231330H/261050H August 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. Reconnaissance patrolling and observation for the duration of 66 hours resulted in the sighting of 6 VC/NVA. One artillery mission was called in support of this patrol, expending 30 rounds of 155 MM.
- b. Enemy. 251530H/YD 116464 - While at their CP site the patrol observed, 6 VC/NVA at vicinity of YD 124464. These VC/NVA wore full khaki uniform and khaki soft covers. The equipment observed appeared to be new web gear, and packs. Six weapons were seen, 3 being Chi Com 7.62 mm assault rifle type 56, and the other 3 were believed to be Chi Com submachineguns type 50's.

The patrol moved back and called in 30 rounds of 155 MM, saturating the entire target area. Area was later checked out with negative results.

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c. Terrain. The terrain in the objective area consists of gradual rolling hills covered with knee high elephant grass. Gulleys in the area contained small tree-lines intermingled with vines.

Map Correction. Numerous small trails were discovered throughout the area. These trails did not appear to have been used in the last 2 to 3 weeks.

d. Other Information.

- (1) 242150H/YD 116/64 - Movement was heard to the north and south 30 meters from patrol. Patrol was unable to distinguish what was moving. This movement was kept up until 0100 the next morning. One quick flash of light came from this general vicinity during the time of movement.
- (2) YD 120/64 - Patrol found two spent cartridges, 1 new 7.62 mm and 1 old rusted M-30 cal.

HLZ's FOUND. YD 120/64 - Two to four foot elephant grass, accommodate 2 H-34's. Due to open terrain numerous individual HLZ's were found that could accommodate 1 H-34.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. NONE.

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

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. Two jets buzzed the patrols position. One jet dropped two bombs believed to be 250 lbs apiece 100 meters from the patrols position. Recommend better coordination be made between ground and air. Incidents like this take a lot out of a patrol.

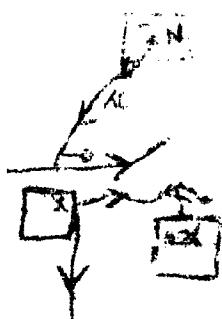
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Patrol Leader

PATROL PERSONNEL:

ROBIN	Sgt	1900919
VARAY	Sgt	1833728
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MINES	PFC	2155592
GRACE	PFC	2147176
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Task Organization. Team 62, 6th Plt, 1stFRC.

1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Observe valley to north; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity; capture one prisoner.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operation.
- b. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Reference (b).
- (2) Don't sleep beyond dawn. Dawn's when the French and Indians attack.
- (3) Two copies of this operation order to FDC CAM LO.
- (4) One copy of this operation order to US Advisor D-5.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Ref (b).5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Callsign: GRANCHO-MARX.
- c. Frequencies:
  - (1) Recon: 50.5, 47.5.
  - (2) Artillery: POLISH GOLF - 37.0, (L-5) CIRCUIT 16 - 40.6.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. Size and Composition: 4 enlisted 1 USN
  - b. Special Attachments. None.
  - c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25, 1 AN/PRC-10
  - d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50's
  - e. Special Equipment. None
  - f. Special Weapons. 1 M-79, 2 M-72's, 2 WP hand grenades.
2. MISSION. Observe valley to north; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity, and capture one prisoner.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 261700H/271740H August 1966
4. ROUTE. ANNEX A (Patrol Route Overlay).
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.
  - a. Synopsis. Reconnaissance patrolling and observation for the duration of 25 hours resulted in the patrol making contact with an approximate 8 to 10 VC. Gunships and jets were called in expending rockets and napalm bombs on the enemy position.
  - b. ENEMY. 271600H/YD 050641 - Patrol heard 8 to 10 foreign voices 25 meters to the north moving towards their position. The patrol threw grenades and fired into the area of the voices, while moving off to the west down the hill. Gunship came in, patrol marked enemy position with WP. Gunships fired rockets and 7.62 MM, and received fire from either the creek bed or hill 208. Jets came in and dropped first napalm 50 meters west of patrols position and approximately 6 more napalm bombs on hill 208. While waiting for extraction patrol got on line and assaulted west towards enemy position throwing grenades and firing small arms, the patrol received no return fire at this time. Helo's came in for extraction 20 meters from enemy position and immediately began

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receiving heavy automatic weapons fire from hill 208; Extraction was made with no casualties sustained.

c. Terrain.

(1) The terrain in the objective area consists of open terrain covered with 6 to 8 foot elephant grass. Several patches of heavy vegetation was intermingled throughout the area. Movement was easy.

(2) Map Corrections - None.

d. Other Information. The patrol noted a distinct body of or apparently from the VC the entire previous night before the contact. One man sustained a twisted ankle while moving away from the enemy position.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. Amount of VC/NVA KIA or WIA is unknown. No friendly casualties were sustained.

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

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None.

M. ROBINSON JR.  
Sgt, U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

PATROL PERSONNEL:

JACKSON	LCPL	2077771
WILLIAMS	PTC	2236072
SPIES	SGT	2047563
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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).

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1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Identify North, South infiltration route from general vicinity 000510 to 0223; capture one prisoner; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation.
  - b. Coordinating Instructions.
    - (1) Reference (b).
    - (2) Let the enemy come till he's almost close enough to touch. Then let him have it and jump out and finish him up with your hatchet.
    - (3) Two copies of this operation order to FIC CAN 10.
    - (4) One copy of this operation order to US Adviser D-5.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Ref (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS.
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  - b. Callsign: KILLER KANE.

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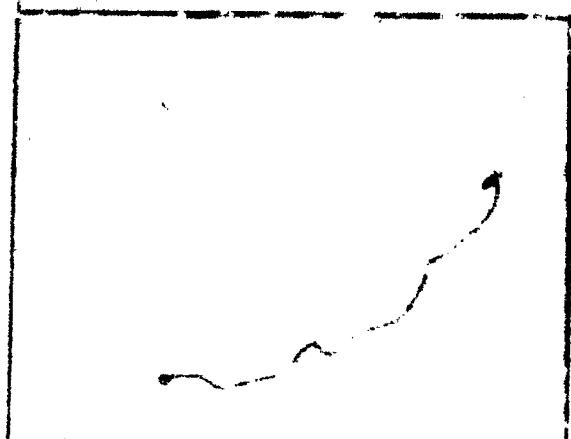
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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 7 enlisted.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25, 1 AN/IRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 10x50's and 1 6x30's.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 2 M-72's, 1 M-79, 2 claymore mines.

2. MISSION. Identify north, south infiltration route from general vicinity 000510 to 0253; capture one prisoner; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 261815H/301515H August 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

a. Synopsis. Reconnaissance patrolling and observation for the duration of 93 hours resulted in sightings of over a battalion of NVA. Six artillery missions were called in support of this patrol, expanding 36 rounds of 155 MM.

b. Enemy. 261935H/XD 996522 - Patrol observed 30 lights moving from North to South towards patrol. The lights came to within 150 meters of patrol on the NE. These lights seemed to be searching for the patrol. At 0300 the next morning the lights disappeared. It was noted that these lights were a type of flickering lantern. Movement was heard surrounding the patrol's close as 75 meters until 262130H. Movement then moved down towards the guiley at YD 009514.

272130H/XD 993515 - While in harbor site the patrol observed a total of 300 lantern type lights. When first observed the lights were moving west. After 300 meters they turned north and moved 1500 meters before turning west again. At XD 99533 the patrol spotted 4 lights (spotlights) stationary in a row. Artillery was called on these 4 spotlights in a row.

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Starlights went out and came back on after we artillery stopped firing. 6 accurate fire missions were called in on this estimated bivouac. Each time the lights were extinguished and came back on after mission was ended. These lights were last observed at 280300H vicinity XD 9852 heading west.

c. Terrain.

(1) The terrain in the objective area ranged from steep hills to deep valleys. The vegetation was very thick and very difficult to move through. Canopy height was to 50 feet.

(2) Map Corrections.

(1) XD 008523 - Strip of land 100 meters wide, marked as dense jungle is actually 2 to 6 foot elephant grass.

(2) From XD 008524 to XD 98523 - 4' wide trail running east to west, well traveled recently.

(3) From XD 999528 to XD 991512 - 3' wide trail running SE to NW, not recently used.

(4) From XD 000515 to XD 004514 - 2' trail running NW, not recently used.

(5) From XD 005510 to XD 014510 - 5' wide trail running east to west, heavily used, recent.

(6) From XD 019516 to XD 016520 - 5' wide trail running north to south, well used.

(7) Junction of 2 main trail at XD 012510.

d. OTHER INFORMATION. None.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. Artiller that was called in had good effect on target area but results are undetermined.

7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. Patrol Leader recommends that each member of patrol carry 2 bottles of mosquito repellent due to beginning of monsoon reason. Very useful for removal of leeches.

8. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, outstanding; morale, outstanding.

M. J. JACOUPS  
GRCF, U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

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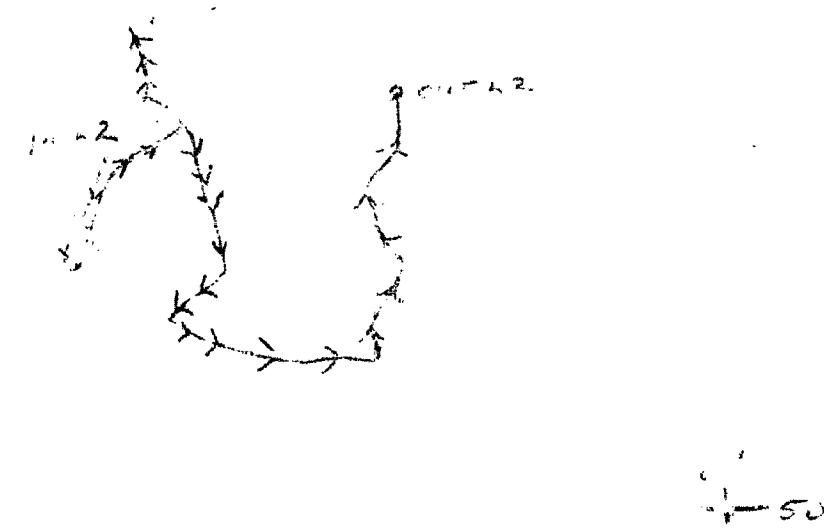
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PATROL PERSONNEL:

PRESTON, R. J.	CPL	20,0005
BUJAN, W. J.	CPL	21,4145
LEVILLE, J. L.	LCP	21,4101
ELLISON, J. B.	LCP	20,0135
ALLEN, A.	PFC	21,4806
HERMUSILLO, D. W.	PFC	21,5297

RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: That HAT's be fired on main trail junction YD 012510 and along main trails (Para. 5c(4) & 5c(5) above).

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Annex A (Local Route Overlay).



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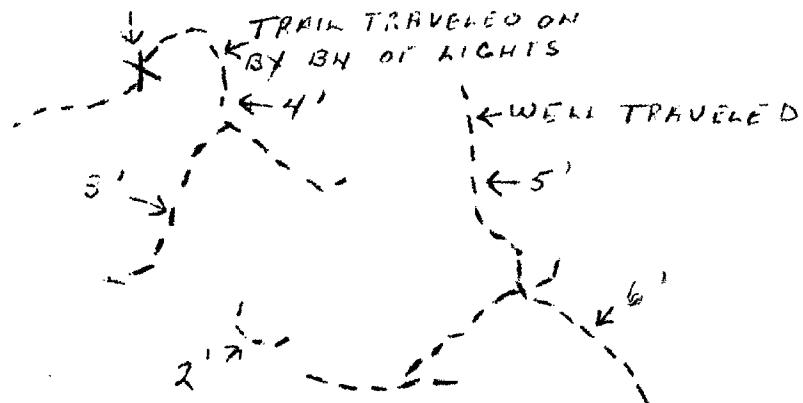
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## Operation Order 34-66

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 L701; Map Sheet 6111  
 (b) 1stForReconCo(Rein) OpO 4-66

Task Organization. Team 52, 5th Plt, 1stFRC.

1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Physical reconnaissance from vicinity of hill 232 in grid square 0544 to hill 400 vicinity grid square 0347 to locate infiltration route south; capture one prisoner; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation.
  - b. Coordinating Instructions.
    - (1) Reference (b).
    - (2) Have your musket clean as a whistle, hatchet scoured, sixty rounds powder and ball, and be ready to march at a minute's warning.
    - (3) Two copies of this operation order to FDC CAM LO.
    - (4) One copy of this operation order to US Advisor D-5.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Reference (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
  - a. Reference (b).
  - b. Callsign: BLUE BEARD.

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## c. Frequencies:

(1) Recon: 50-5, 47-5.

(2) Artillery: POLISH COLT - 37-0,  
D-5 CIRCUIT 16 - 40-6.d. Shackle.

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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 7 enlisted.
- 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. 2 M-72's, 1 M-79, 2 claymore mines.

2. MISSION. Physical reconnaissance from vicinity of hill 232 in grid square 0544 to hill 400 vicinity grid square 0347 to locate infiltration route south; capture one prisoner; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 280705H/010840H Sep 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 97 hours of patrolling and observation the patrol made no sightings and/or contacts.
- b. Enemy. Negative.
- c. Terrain.
  - (1) The terrain in the objective area consists of extremely dense vegetation intermingled with vines, thorns and shrubs. The canopy ranged to 30 feet.
  - (2) Map Corrections. None.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~d. Other Information.

(1) 281733H ~ Patrol heard a machine gun being fired from vicinity of hill #54 at coordinates YD 058475.

(2) 311444H ~ The same machine gun fired at a UH1E slick. This gun sounded like a .50 caliber.

HLZ's FOUND: The only two HLZ's found in this area were utilized for insertion and extraction. (YD 059457), (YD 230475).

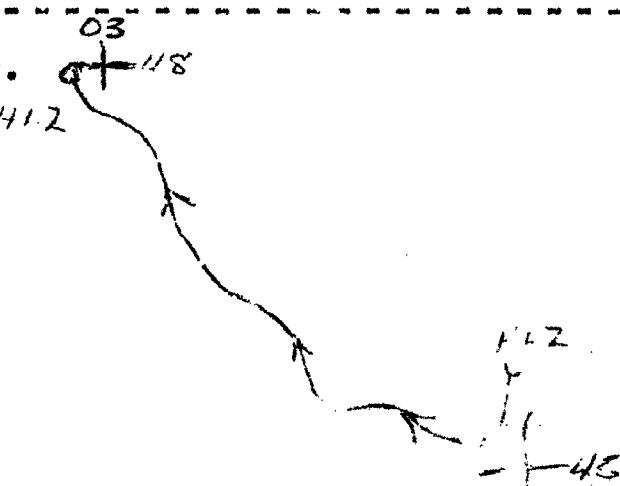
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None.7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; morale, good.8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. Patrol leader recommends that extractions be made on time if possible. Reason being that the longer a team is exposed, the more all elements involved are endangered. Give communications more consideration in respect to the team.

O. P. CAMPBELL  
SSGT, U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

PATROL PERSONNEL:

MARTIN, W. L.	SGT	1838326
MANGRUM, T. C.	PFC	2158846
JAKOBIAN, D. A.	PFC	2175682
DALY, J. P.	PFC	2129419
MCOMBER, R.	PFC	2135643
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## Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).



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## Operation Order 35-66

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 Map Sheet 6361 II  
 (b) 1stForReconCo(Rein) OpO 4-66

Task Organization. Team 21, 2nd Plt, D Co.

1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Locate infiltration routes running generally west to east; capture one prisoner; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity; and observe to the south.

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operations.b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Reference (b).

(2) If communications is lost for two hours, return to the last place where communications was obtained. If communications still cannot be obtained, abort mission and commence movement toward nearest friendly position. Continue attempting to establish communications with both radios until communications is reestablished or until physical link up with friendly forces.

(3) Two copies of this operation order to FDC CAM LO.

(4) One copy of this operation order to US Advisor D-5.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Reference (b).5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS.

a. Reference (b).

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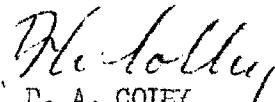
(1) Radar: 30.5, 47.5.

(2) Artillery: POLISH GOLF - 37.0,  
D-5 CIRCUIT 16 - 43.0.

d. Shackle:

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- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25, 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. 1 M-76 Grenade Launcher.
- f. Special Weapons. 2 M-72's, 1 M-79, 2 WP Rifle Grenades.

2. MISSION. Locate infiltration routes running generally west to east; capture one prisoner; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity; and observe to the south.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 281700H/291817H Aug 1966

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. Reconnaissance observation and patrolling for a duration of 25 hours resulted in the sighting of 2 VC.
- b. Enemy.
  - (1) 281700H/YD 119433 - Patrol observed 1 VC from the air before being inserted. This VC wore black clothing. He was seen coming out of a bushline on to a trail. He ran down this trail 15 meters to the south, then jumped off trail and went east back into the bushes.
  - (2) 291815H/YD 125415 - The patrol observed the second VC from the air after extraction. This VC also wore black. He was seen running into a small hut.
- c. Terrain.

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(1) The terrain in the objective area consisted of very steep hills covered with medium dense jungle. The canopy ranged from 30 to 50 feet. Movement was comparatively easy.

(2) Map Corrections. None.

d. Other Information. Patrol was extracted early due to patrol leader taking ill.

HLZ's FOUND: YD 122422 - Flat terrain on finger covered with 5 to 6 feet elephant grass. Will accommodate 1 H-34.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None.

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

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None.

R. G. STEWART  
Cpl, U. S. Marine Corps  
Asst Patrol Leader

PERSONNEL:

GRAY	SGT	1818661
PICKENS	LCPL	2097427
BIBER	PFC	2198273
BANTA	PFC	2231194
STRAUSBAUGH	PFC	2237488
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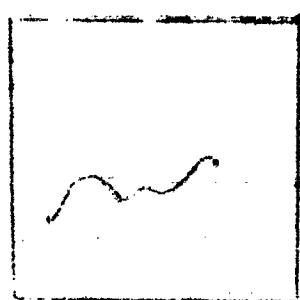
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Operation Order 36-56

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L701: Map Sheet 6361II & 6361I  
(b) 1st ForReconCo(Rein) Opo 4-66

Task Organization.. Team 22, 2ND Plt, 1st FRC.



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1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Locate infiltration routes running north to south; capture one prisoner; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation.
  - b. Coordinating Instructions.
    - (1) Reference (b)
    - (2) If communications is lost for two hours, return to the last place where communications was obtained. If communications still cannot be obtained, abort mission and commence movement toward nearest friendly position. Continue attempting to establish communication with both radios, until communications is reestablished or until physical link-up with friendly forces.
    - (3) Two copies of this operation order to FDC CAM LO.
    - (4) One copy of this operation order to US Advisor D-5.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Reference (b):
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Callsign: Fieldclerk

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(1) Report: 50.5, 47.5.

(2) Artillery: POLISH/SASSY  
CHARTE - 37.0.d. Shackles.

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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 5 enlisted.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 2 AN/FRT-25's.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. 1 M-76 Grenade Launcher.
- f. Special Weapons. 2 M-72's, 2 WP Rifle Grenades.

2. MISSION. Locate infiltration routes running north and south; capture one prisoner; call supporting arms to enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 281840H/301450H August 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

a. Synopsis. Reconnaissance patrolling and observation for the duration of 45 hours resulted in the patrol making contact with 6 VC/NVA. Two of these VC/NVA were killed and their equipment recovered.

b. Enemy.

- (1) 291435H/XD 951607 - While at an OP site the patrol heard 4 or more voices on 3 sides of the patrols position. Movement and wood chopping were heard 300 to 500 meters to the east, and southeast. The voices and movement lasted until 1800 that night. The next morning they were heard from 0800 to 1000.
- (2) 301415H/XD 951607 - Patrol heard noises and movement coming towards them from the east. Two VC/NVA walked into the left flank of the patrol. Patrol opened fire immediately killing both. 4 other VC were heard coming up behind the first 2 but retreated when the firing started. The two dead VC/NVA were Khaki uniforms. 1 wore a khaki floppy hat and tennis shoes, the other wore boots. Both men wore web gear. 1 man carried a Chi Com S.K.S, the other carried a Chi Com assault rifle type 56. No fire was returned from any of the VC/NVA. 2 gunships were called in and made 3 passes ~~apiece~~ strafing the area with 7.62 MM. Extraction was made without incident.

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c. Terrain.

- (1) The terrain in the objective area consists of dense thickets or bamboo. The bamboo was 10 foot high and was intermingled with vines. Movement was very difficult and slow, approximately 75 meters were covered per hour.
- (2) Map Corrections. XD 944600 - One well worn trail 1 meter wide that showed signs of light to moderate use in the last month. Ran North to South. In grid square XD 9460 and XD 9560 the area that appears to be open actually consists of thick bamboo 10 foot high.

d. Other Information. XD 942607 - Patrol found VC camp site that appeared to be 1 month old or more. The site consisted of 12 grass cookhouses 4'x10', lean-to's with 1'x2' tables inside and numerous protective fighting holes around the camp. (Spider trap type).

ALZ's FOUND. None.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. 2 VC/NAVA KIA (Conf). No friendly casualties.
7. CONDITION OF THE PATROL. Physical condition, good; morale, good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. Patrol leader recommends that M-72's only be carried in open terrain. This type of terrain which the patrol encountered was to close for the utilization of the M-72.

D. G. ROBIN  
Sgt., U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

PATROL PERSONNEL.

NEEL, L. D.	2147474
HUFFMAN, A. P.	2160635
HUGHES, R. C.	2174743
CONNER, P. S.	2121331

#### Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).

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ENCLOSURE (1)Captured Equipment.

- 1 Soviet 7.62 Semiautomatic carbine model S.K.S. serial # 3202814.
- 1 Chi Com 7.62 MM assault rifle type 56, serial # 2011090.
- 5 Magazines for assault rifle type 56, 296 rounds of Soviet 7.62 MM ammo type 56 rimless cartridge.
- 2 leather web belts with star on buckle.
- 1 Wrist watch "NIKLES" # 52055, numerous 7.82 gear.

Documents found on these men. A small notebook (3 newspaper clippings in book), letters, and pictures, also one NVA pay booklet.

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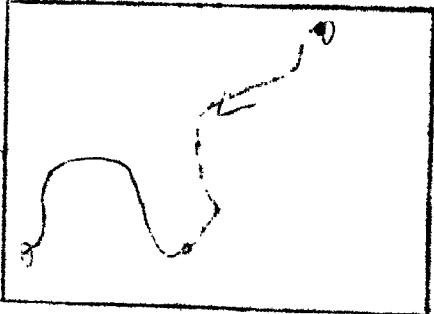
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Task Organization. 4th Plt, 1stFRC.



1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Conduct physical reconnaissance of stream valley in area of operation; capture one prisoner; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation.
  - b. Coordinating Instructions.
    - (1) Reference (b).
    - (2) If communications is lost for two hours, return to the last place where communications was obtained. If communications still cannot be obtained, abort mission and commence movement toward nearest friendly position. Continue attempting to establish communications with both radios, until communications is reestablished or until physical link-up with friendly forces.
    - (3) Two copies of this operation order to FDC CAM LO.
    - (4) One copy of this operation order to US Advisor D-5.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Reference (b).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS.

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Callsign: HATEFUL.

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(1) Recon: 50.5, 47.5.

(2) Artillery: POLISH 37.0, D-5 CIRCUIT  
16 - 43.0.d. If somebody's trailing you, make a circle,  
come back onto your own tracks, and ambush  
the folks that aim to ambush you.e. Shackle.

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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 1 officer, 10 enlisted, 1 USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25, 1 AN/FRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 1 M-79, 2 M-72's, 2 WP Rifle Grenades.

2. MISSION. Conduct physical reconnaissance of stream valley in area of operation; capture one prisoner; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 281430H/311817H August 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

a. Synopsis. During 75 hours of patrolling and observation the patrol made a sighting of 2 VC/NVA. Patrol found apparent battalion size camp site. Two artillery missions were called in support of this patrol.

b. Enemy.

(1) 290930H/YD 019623 - Patrol came upon bunkers and foxholes that ran up to the top of hill 314 at YD 019623. Patrol moved back north to YD 019623 in attempt to get out of this maze of foxholes. Bunkers appeared to have been more recently used the further the patrol moved to the northeast.

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- (2) 291630H/YD 015626 - Patrol caught sight of 2 VC for a short time. They wore light covers. Did not call artillery due to not being able to observe.
- (3) 291900H/YD 024626 - While sitting in their harbor site the patrol called in shifting artillery fire from YD 021623 to YD 025626. This artillery fire resulted in two secondary explosions, 2 screams were heard.
- (4) 300800H/YD 025625 - Patrol came upon a battalion size base camp and training area. Camp consisted of numerous trail, foxholes, shelters, and lean-tos. One apparent classroom was also in this area. Various gear was found, near the foxholes. Patrol found 1 ammo pouch with 40 rounds of Soviet 7.62 MM ammo, 1 pair of VN sneakers, 6 ration cans opened by knives and one document that appeared to be a letter. This complete area has been utilized within the last two weeks.

c. Terrain.

- (1) The terrain in the objective area consists of steep hills covered with thick dense vegetation intermingled with vines, thorns and shrubs. Canopy height was approximately 20 feet.

(2) Map Corrections.

- (1) 311625H/YD026624 - Patrol found 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  foot wide steps going up the side of a hill. Foxholes and bunkers were noted along this trail, all recently utilized.
- (2) Numerous trails at an average of 2 feet wide, honeycombed the entire area.

d. Other Information.

- (1) 301500H/YD 027629 - Patrol found 1 "BA 30" battery marked (People's republic of China).
- (2) 310806H/YD 029625 - Patrol observed smoke from a valley that was suspected to be a possible VC harbor site. Artillery called, 16 rounds of 155 MM expended with good effect on target.
- (3) 311800H/YD 026624 - In extraction HIZ patrol found 2 empty rice wine bottles along with open rations cans, that were opened with a knife.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTER WITH THE ENEMY. 2VC WIA (Prob), no friendly casualties sustained.

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

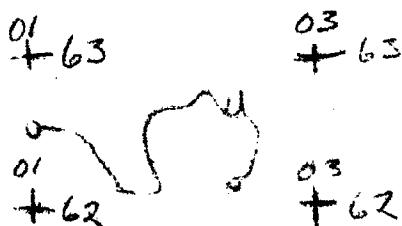
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. That T-4 be scheduled in Grid Square YD 0262.

L. E. TORRES  
 2nd Lt., U. S. Marine Corps  
 Patrol Leader

PATROL PERSONNEL:

ESLICK, H. F.	SGT	2058843
PETOSDE, D. A.	PFC	2101843
ORTIZ, A.	PCPL	2020196
SIMMONS, R. G.	PFC	2259832
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 Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).



X = MAIN CAMP SITE OF L-4 SIZE.

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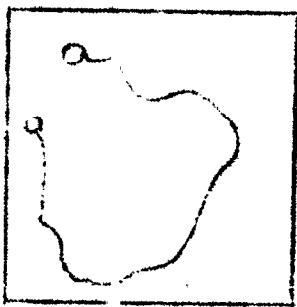
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## Operation Order 38-66

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 (b) 1stForReconCo(Rein) OpO 4-66

Task Organization. Team       , 2nd Flt, 1st FRC.

1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Conduct physical reconnaissance to locate N-S infiltration route; capture one prisoner; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation.
  - b. Coordinating Instructions.
    - (1) Reference (b).
    - (2) If communications is lost for two hours, return to the last place where communications was obtained. If communications still cannot be obtained, abort mission and commence movement toward nearest friendly position. Continue attempting to establish communications with both radios until communications is reestablished or until physical link-up with friendly forces.
    - (3) Two copies of this operation order to FDC CAM LO.
    - (4) One copy of this operation order to US Advisor D-5.
    - (5) Artillery Blocks - RG 241 - 260.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Reference (b).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS.

a. Reference (b).

b. Callsign: PRIMESS.

c. Frequencies:

(1) Recon: 50.5, 47.5.

(2) Artillery: FJLISH 37.0, CIRCUIT 16 ~ 43.0.

d. Shackle.

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 031700H September 1966.

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 2 officer, 6 enlisted.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25, 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. 1 M-76 Grenade Launcher.
- f. Special Weapons. 1 M-79, 3 WF Rifle Grenades, 2 M-72's.

2. MISSION. Conduct physical reconnaissance to locate north to south infiltration route; capture one prisoner; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 301830H/031346H September 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 92 hours of patrolling and observation the patrol made no sighting and/or contact.
- b. Enemy. Negative.
- c. Terrain.

(1) The terrain in the objective area consists of burnt off elephant grass on the high grounds, and thick dense undergrowth in the low lands. The canopy ranged from 50 to 60 feet. Movement was slow due to the steep slopes and hills.

(2) Map Corrections. None.

d. Other Information. HLZ's FOUND.

(1) The high grounds have scattered HLZ's capable of holding 1-H-34 apiece.

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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTER WITH THE ENEMY. None.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, cut-sounding; morale, outstanding.
8. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None.

J. P. FEITAS,  
 2nd Lt., U. S. Marine Corps  
 Patrol Leader

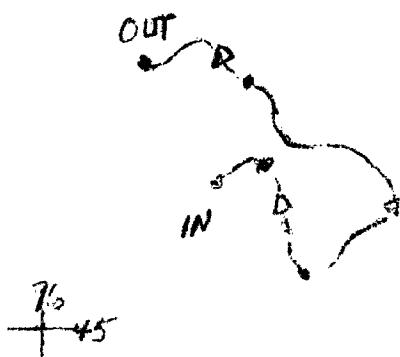
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MURPHY, J. W.	2nd Lt	091975
ERNST, L. G.	PFC	2163960
GLONTZ, J. R.	LCPL	2125871
GRACE, H. W.	PFC	2147176
LUCERO, J.	PFC	2125976
HINES, F. J.	PFC	2156592
GILPIN, R. D.	FFC	2227368

Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).

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## Operation Order 39-66

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 (b) 1st ForReconCo (Rein) OpO 4-66

Task Organization. 23 Force 2nd Plt. 1st Force Recon1. SITUATION. Reference (b).

2. MISSION. Conduct physical recon of ridge line to locate infiltration route; capture (1) prisoner; observe stream valley south of hill 202 and observe secondary dirt road north of no fire zone; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation.b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Reference (b).

(2) If communications is lost for two hours, return to the last place where communications was obtained. If communications still cannot be obtained, abort mission and commence movement toward nearest friendly position. Continue attempting to establish communications with both radios until communications is reestablished or until physical link-up with friendly forces.

(3) Two copies of this operation order to FDC CAM LO.

(4) One copy of this operation order to US Advisor D-5.

(5) One copy of this operation order to BA LONG.

(6) Artillery Blocks - RC 61-80

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Reference (b).

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- a. Reference (b).
- b. Callsign: HORNBLOWER. GRANCHO MARX
- c. Frequencies:
  - (1) Recon: 50.5, 47.5.
  - (2) Artillery: POLISH 37.0, D-5 CIRCUIT LIKELY  
16 - 43.0.
- d. If somebody's trailing you, make a circle, come back onto your own tracks, and ambush the folks that aim to ambush you.
- e. Shackle.

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Operation Order: 39-66  
 Patrol: Team 62, 2nd Plt, 1st FRC  
 Debriefers: PFC R. GAC  
 Map Sheet: 6161 III

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 031800H Sept 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 1 officer, 4 enlisted.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25, 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. 1 M-76 Grenade Launcher.
- f. Special Weapons. 2 M-72's, 2 WF Rifle Grenades.

2. MISSION. Conduct physical recon of ridge line to locate infiltration routes; capture one prisoner; observe stream valley south of hill 202 and observe secondary dirt road north of no fire zone; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 301700H/031400F September 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

a. Synopsis. During 93 hours of patrolling and observation the patrol made no sightings and/or contact.

b. Enemy. Negative.

c. Terrain.

(1) The terrain in the objective area consists of scattered conopy 15 to 20 feet high. Elephant grass ran from the bottom of the hill, up 60 to 100 feet into the treelines. The grass was 6 feet tall and allowed little cover or concealment. Movement was difficult due to extreme steep siding of the hill.

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(2) Map Corrections. YD 135445 - Main trail running east to west along entire ridgeline. This trail was 1 to 2 meters wide and did not appear to be utilized in the past 2 weeks.

Numerous small trails were found intersecting the one main trail. These small trails ran north up and down the steep parts of the fingers. These trails appeared to be from 1 to 2 weeks old, and heavily traveled at one time.

d. Other Information.

- (1) YD/1447447 - One heel mark from a type of boot was found, appeared to be very recently made.
- (2) YD/148450 - Patrol heard 50 caliber machine gun fire on three separate occasions; the 31st through the 2nd. Each time the round was heard at least 2000 meters to the NE and East of the patrol.
- (3) YD/148450 - One patrol member heard a wooden hammer hitting on something made of wood on the 1st at 1400 and the 2nd at 1000. Each time the sound lasted about 10 seconds.

HLZ's FOUND. YD/146447 - light brush atop hill 202 could be easily cleared to make an excellent HLZ for I-H-34.

Also all around the bottom of hill 202 could be utilized for HLZ but offers limited concealment.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTER WITH THE ENEMY. None.

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

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. The patrol leader believes that something is up on hill 202, perhaps a cache or storage area. People seem to take the steep north to south routes up the fingers. The north recently traveled trails were on these fingers.

A. T. TORIZZO

GY/SGT U. S. Marine Corp  
Patrol Leader

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SPIES G. A.	SGT.	2047503
JACKSON T. M	LCPL	0077771
WILLIAMS R. A.	PFC	2236072
COOK J. C.	HM3	6896547
LOWPEY B. G.	CAPT.	067826

Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).

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7 TRAILS TO NORTH  
 6 TRAILS TO SOUTH

X = HLZ  
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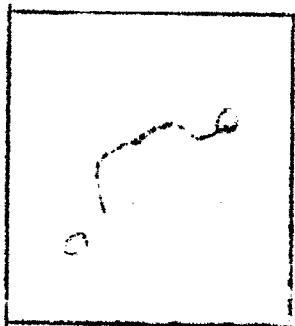
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(b) 1stForReconCo (Rein) OpO 4-66

Task Organization. Team 31, 3rd Plt, 1stFRC.

1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Observe stream valley to north to locate infiltration routes; capture one prisoner; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation.
  - b. Coordinating Instructions.
    - (1) Reference (b).
    - (2) If communications is lost for two hours, return to the last place where communications was obtained. If communications still cannot be obtained, abort mission and commence movement toward nearest friendly position. Continue attempting to establish communications with both radios until communications is reestablished or until physical link-up with friendly forces.
    - (3) DON'T SIT DOWN TO EAT WITHOUT POSTING SENTRIES.
    - (4) Notify 1st Bn, 4th Marines of any sightings.
    - (5) Artillery Blocks - RC 81 to 100.
    - (6) Two copies of this operation order to FDC CAM LO.
    - (7) One copy of this operation order to US Advisor D-5.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Ref (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
- a. Reference (b).
- b. Callsign: GALLON.
- c. Frequencies:
  - (1) Recon: 50.5, 47.5, 1/4 permission 43.6.
  - (2) Artillery: POLISH - 57.0, D-5  
LIKELY 16 - 43.0.

d. Shackle.

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(2) Map Corrections:  
 (a) XD 977491 - Recently traveled trail 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 foot wide. It ran south along a ridgeline to XD 972479. Grass was matted down pointing in the direction of the north. Grass was also broken and hung over trail. Utilized possibly 2 days ago.

(b) XD 970482 - Insides of citrus fruit found along a 3 foot wide well used trail running east to west.

(c) From XD 972479 to XD 978480 - Patrol found a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 foot trail running south between two hill tops. Fresh broken twigs were found showing signs of possible recent usage.

d. Other Information:  
 (1) 200800H - Patrol heard 1 single shot fired in vicinity of highway 9.  
 (2) 271200H - Heard 2 single shots 6000 meters NW of patrols position.  
 (3) 271300H - Heard sounds of apparent woodcutters chopping wood 300 meters east of patrol at coordinates XD 972480.  
 (4) HLZ's Found: XD 973487 - XD 970479 - XD 978480, all consisted of burnt off elephant grass and could accomodate 2 H34's apiece.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Physical condition good, morale; good.8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Patrol leader recommends that 5 man patrols not exceed 3 days maximum.

T. S. CLAY  
 SGT. U. S. Marine Corps  
 PATROL LEADER

PATROL PERSONNEL:

SUMPTER, W.I.	CPL	2032759
SCOTT, A.L.	L/CPL	2090942
REDDING, R.F.	PFC	2091945
WILLIAMS, B.	CPL	2056247
CLAY, T.S.	SGT	2037736

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 Patrol: Team 31, 3rd Plt.  
 Debriefer: PFC R.F. GAC  
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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Size and Composition: ( ) off. (5) enl. ( ) USN
- b. Special Attachments: None
- c. Communication Equipment: (2) A/PAC-25, (0) A/PAC-10
- d. Observation Equipment: (1) 7x50's
- e. Special Equipment: (1) M76 Grenade Launcher
- f. Special Weapons: (1) M79, (1) M72, (2) WP Rifle Grenades

2. MISSION: Observe highway 9; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity; conduct physical reconnaissance from north to south on trail system in area; capture one prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 241400H/280840H

4. ROUTE. ANNEX A ( Patrol Route Overlay )

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. Synopsis: During 91 hours of reconnaissance patrolling and observation the patrol made a sighting of 3 VC/NVA. No contacts were made.
- b. Enemy: 271058H/XD992483. Patrol spotted 3 VC moving north on highway 9. The first 2 VC were black PJ's and the 3rd man wore green utilities. One VC in black and the VC in green utilities were wearing packs. The other VC in black carried some object in his hand; unable to determine due to distance. These VC moved off the highway and went to a creek at XD 989495. They returned to the highway and headed south. At this time an artillery mission was called in. Before artillery was able to send their mission the VC moved off the road heading west, into a treeline where observation was lost.
- c. Terrain:  
 (1) The terrain in the objective area consisted mostly of 6 to 7 foot elephant grass. Sporadic clumps of trees intermingled with thick undergrowth varied throughout the area. In all, movement was determined as easy and maximum distance could be covered.

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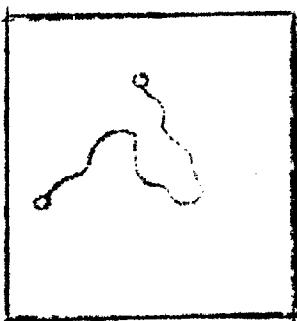
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Task Organization. Team 31, 3rd Plt, 1stFRC

1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Observe highway 9; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity; conduct physical reconnaissance for north to south trail system in area; capture one prisoner.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation.
  - b. Coordinating Instructions.
    - (1) Reference (b).
    - (2) Two copies of this operation order to FDC CAM LO.
    - (3) one copy of this operation order to US Advisor D-5.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Ref (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
  - a. Reference (b).
  - b. Callsign: GALLEON.
  - c. Frequencies:
    - (1) Recon: 50.5, 47.5.
    - (2) Artillery: POLISH GOLF - 32.0, (D-5) CIRCUIT 16 - 40.6.

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 1701; Map Sheet 6361 II  
 (b) 1stForReconCo(Rein) OpO 4-66

Task Organization. Team 22, 2nd Plt, D Co.

1. SITUATION. Reference (b).

2. MISSION. Observe valley to north; call supporting arms on targets of opportunity; capture on prisoner; also observe ridgeline to the North.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Reference (b).

(2) Two copies of this operation order to FDC CAM LO.

(3) One copy of this operation order to US Advisor D-5.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Ref (b).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Reference (b).

b. Callsign: GAR.

c. Frequencies.

(1) Recon: 50.5, 47.5.

(2) Artillery: POLISH GOLF - 37.0, (D-5) CIRCUIT 16 - 40.6, RIDGE BEAM - 45.0 (Tac Net 2/4).

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 262130H August 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 8 enlisted, 1 USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 2 AN/PRC-25's.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50's, 1 M-49 Spotter scope.
- e. Special Equipment. 1 M-76 Grenade Launcher.
- f. Special Weapons. 2 M-72's, 1 M-79, 2 WF Rifle grenades.

2. MISSION. Observe valley to north; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity; capture one prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 231715H/261515H August 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN..

a. Synopsis. During 69 hours of patrolling and observation, the patrol made negative sightings and/or contacts. One artillery mission was called in support of this patrol expending 24 rounds of 155 MM.

b. Enemy. Negative.

c. Terrain.

(1) The terrain in the objective area consists mostly of burnt off terrain spotted with patches of 4 to 5 foot elephant grass. A few treelines are in area that have a low canopy and heavy underbrush. Movement was fairly easy and 3 to 400 meters could be traveled in one hour.

(2) Map Corrections. None.

d. Other Information.

(1) YD 041612 - The patrol found an excellent OP site, having good cover and concealment atop a large rock.

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(2) TD 045505 - Patrol fired 24 rounds on 155 Mi at suspected enemy harbor site. Negative activity was noted at end of fire mission.

(3) BLIZ'S FOUND. Flat land, 3 to 4 foot elephant grass, accomodate 6 H-34's from NE at 035 to the west at 040. are numerous small landing zones that can hold 2 H-34's. NOTE: No water supply through the entire objective area!

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None.
7. CONDITION OF THE PATROL. Physical condition, good; morale, good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. Patrol leader believes this area has not been recently used by enemy forces.

M. PARKER  
Sgt, U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

PATROL PERSONNEL:

TALES	CPL	1972536
CIMINO	LCPL	2173528
THOMER	PFC	2234372
ERIC WARD	PFC	2193155
MALINER	PFC	2131241
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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).

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Operation Order 29-66

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 (b) 1stForReconCo(Rein) OpO 4-66

Task Organization. Teams 32&33, 3rd Plt,  
 1stFRC.

1. SITUATION. Reference (b).
2. MISSION. Check trail running NW to SE  
 thru saddle in grid square 9651. Confirm  
 trace of trail generally to west; capture  
 one prisoner; call supporting arms on  
 enemy targets of opportunity.
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation.
  - b. Coordinating Instructions.
    - (1) Reference (b).
    - (2) If we take prisoners, we keep'em  
 separate till we have had time to  
 examine them, so they can't cook  
 up a story between'em.
    - (3) Two copies of this operation order  
 to FDC C4M LO.
    - (4) One copy of this operation order  
 to US Advisor D-5.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Ref (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
  - a. Reference (b).
  - b. Callsign: PARTYLINE.

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c. Frequencies:

(1) Recon: 50.5, 47.5.

(2) Artillery: POLISH GOLF - 37.0,  
(D-5) CIRCUIT 16 - 40.6.

d. Shackle.

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Debriefer: PFC R. F. GAC

DONG HA, RVN

Map Sheet: 6361 II

281730H August 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 1 Officer, 4 Enlisted.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25, 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 1 M-72, 4 WP Frag grenades.

2. MIS.SION. Check trail running NW to SE thru saddle in grid square 9651. Confirm trace of trail generally to west; capture one prisoner; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 241830H/281230H August 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 91 hours of patrolling and observation, the patrol sighted a total of 37 VC/NVA. One air strike was called in support of this patrol, results undetermined.

b. Enemy.

- (1) 241700H/XD 971510 - While the patrol was moving from the HLZ to their harbor site they heard 2 VC following them. The patrol made hast and lost these VC.
- (2) 271215H/XD 965494 - Patrol saw 5 VC moving south then turning east going into a well kept up squared off area. This area was 50 meters wide by 100 meters long and was surrounded by a 6 foot well pruned hedgepline. The ground inside this area consisted of 18 inch grass. At this point sight was lost of these 5 VC who were wearing black PJ's.

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(3) 271700H/XD 956494 - Patrol heard approximately 30 VC moving north towards their position. Patrol called for gunships to check out area. After checking out area gunships called for fixed wing. Jets came in and dropped 2 napalm and 10-250 lb bombs along the creekbed and in the area of the VC movement which was 700 meters NE of the patrol. No further movement was heard in this area. Results undetermined.

c. Terrain.

(1) The terrain in the objective area consists of open space covered with 6 to 8 foot elephant grass. Small groups of treelines were along the slopes and streambed. Canopy height ranged from 20 to 30 feet. Movement was easy and maximum distance could be covered.

(2) Map Corrections. Trail checked out in reference to mission and found that the trail ran NW and joined another 4 foot well used trail running along the creek to the east of hill 267. Creekbed trail runs NE to SW and is heavily used, (recently). Numerous smaller trails were noted to honeycomb hill 267 running NW to SE.

d. Other Information.

(1) 252100H/XD 957512 - While at harbor site the patrol observed 3 lights. One rotating light 8000 meters to the north. The second light observed at 260200H, 3000 meters NW of patrol. The third light was very bright and was seen 3000 meters to their SE at 0300 on the 26th.

(2) 261445H/XD 958512 - Patrol heard 2 single rounds fired, 1 500 meters to their NW and 1 500 meters to the NE. Sounded like a small caliber weapon.

(3) 262400H/XD 956512 - Patrol observed rotating light second time same location as previous sighting.

(4) 271255H/XD 956494 - Heard 2 rounds fired 1000 meters to the SW, 5 minutes later 1 more round was fired 1500 meters to the NE.

(5) XD 971510 - Patrol found a 4 man bunker. This bunker was grown over by grass and had not been used in a month.

HLZ's FOUND: Almost any section of the objective area could be utilized as an HLZ due to the open terrain.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. Amount of VC/NVA casualties are undetermined. No friendly casualties were sustained.

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

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. Asst patrol leader would like to make an overflight of the well kept area at coordinates XD 965494 to further check out any of its potentialities.

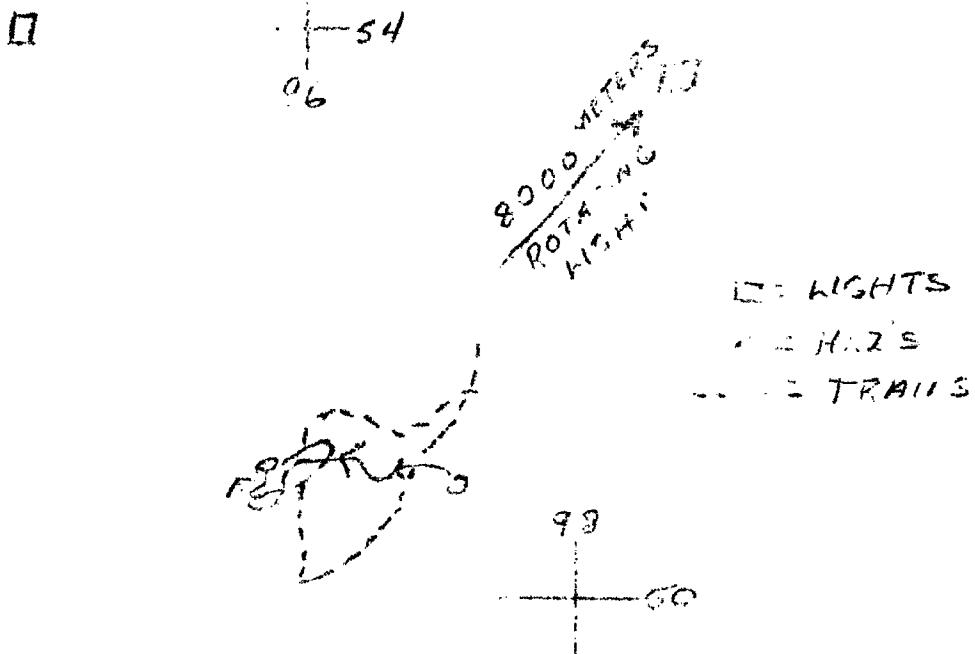
Patrol leader concludes the objective area is limited in reference to cover and concealment, which makes it difficult for setting up OP's and harbor sites.

L. A. HUFF  
1st Lt, U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

PATROL PERSONNEL:

DURBIN	SGT	1904473
IKONEW	SGT	1837520
DEVARGAS	CPL	2092075
CINGUEMANI	CPL	1973421
SMITH	HM3	0953221

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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).

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 Patrol: 3rd Flt, 1st FRC  
 Leader: LTC R. GAC  
 Map Sheet: 6361 II

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 DONG KIA RVN  
 031330H Sept 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 5 enlisted.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25, 1 AN/PRC 10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. None
- f. Special Weapons. 1 M-79, 1 M-72, 2 WP Rifle Grenades.

2. MISSION. Observe stream valley to the north to locate infiltration routes; capture one prisoner; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 010615H/031105H September 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 53 hours of patrolling and observation the patrol made no sightings and/or contacts.
- b. Enemy. Negative.
- c. Terrain.
  - (1) The terrain in the objective area consists of medium dense bush, and vines intermingled with trees having a 30 foot canopy. Movement was easy and an average of 200 meters per hour were covered.
  - (2) Map Corrections. None.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~d. Other Information. HLZ's FOUND.

(1) YD/037606 - Level terrain atop ridge line. 6 to 7 inch grass. accommodates 4-1-34's.

(2) YD/043612 - Numerous small HLZ's on the N.W. slope; open area, accommodates 1 H-34 in several individual spots.

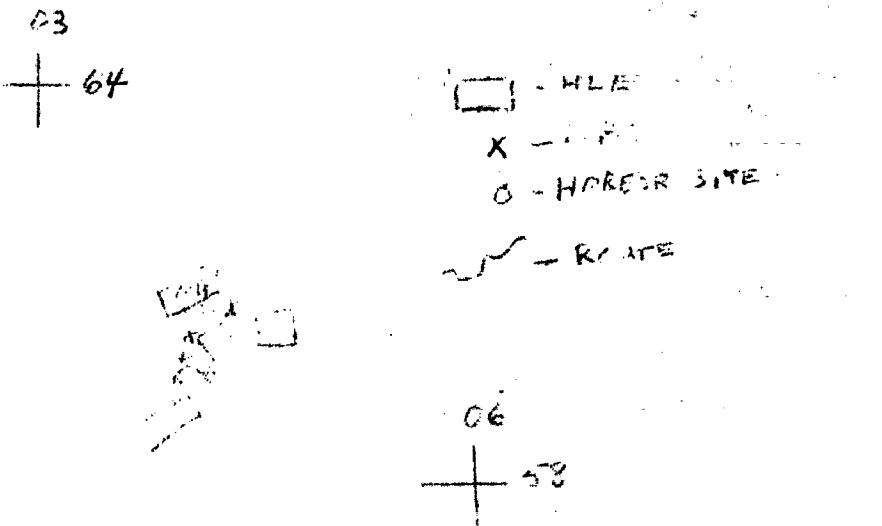
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTER WITH THE ENEMY. None.7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, excellent; morale, excellent.8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDS. None.

T. J. CLAY  
SGT. U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

PATROL PERSONNEL:

SCOTT, R. L.	LCPL	2090942
SUMTER, W. I.	CPL	2032799
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## Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).



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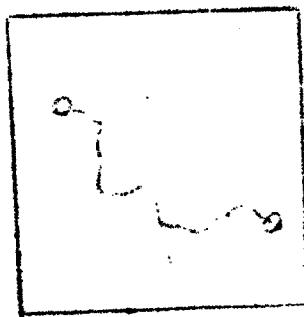
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Task Organization. Team 22, 2nd Plt, D Co.

1. SITUATION. Reference (b).

2. MILSION. Observe train running North to South in area of operation; observe to the North; capture one prisoner; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Reference (b).

(2) If communications is lost for two hours, return to the last place where communications was obtained. If communications still cannot be obtained, abort mission and commence movement toward nearest friendly position. Continue attempting to establish communications with both radios until communications is re-established or until physical link-up with friendly forces.

(3) Artillery Blocks - RG 221-240.

(4) Two copies of this operation order to FDC CAM LO.

(5) One copy of this operation order to US Advisor D-1.

(6) WHEN YOU'RE ON THE MARCH, ACT THE WAY YOU WOULD IF YOU WAS SNEAKING UP ON A DEER, SEE THE ENEMY FIRST.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Reference (b).

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION ELECTRONICS.

a. Reference (b).

b. Callsign: GAR.

c. Frequencies:

(1) Recon. 50.5, 47.5.

(2) Artillery: POLISH - 37.0, D-5  
LIKELY 16 - 43.0.d. Shackle.

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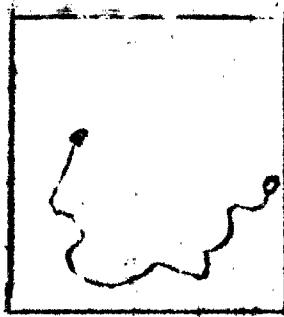
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L701; Map Sheet 6361 II  
(b) 1stForReconCo(Rein) OpO 4-66

Task Organization. Team 32, 3rd Plt, 1stFRC.

1. SITUATION. Reference (b).

2. MISSION. Conduct physical reconnaissance of area to locate infiltration route south; capture one prisoner; call supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Reference (b).

(2) If communications is lost for two hours, return to the last place where communications was obtained. If communications still cannot be obtained, abort mission and commence movement toward nearest friendly position. Continue attempting to establish communications with both radios until communications is reestablished or until physical link-up with friendly forces.

(3) Artillery Blocks - RC 101-120.

(4) One copy of this operation order  
forward to 27.

(5) Two copies of this operation order to FDC CAV LO.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Reference (b).

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION ELECTRONICS.

a. Reference (b),  
 b. Callsign: ~~PARTLINE~~.

c. Frequencies:

(1) Recon: ~~505~~, 47.5. - P 38.7-7  
 (2) Artillery: POLISH - 37.0  
 (3) 2/7 callsig. COUNTY FAIR 61.6,  
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 WHISKEY - 37.8.

d. Shackle.

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Task Organization. Team 61, 6th Flt, 1st FRC

+ 72 1. SITUATION. Reference (b).

2. MISSION. Observe terrain vicinity of CON THIEN; direct supporting arms on enemy targets of opportunity.

3. EXECUTION.

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b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Reference (b).

(2) Two copies of this operation order to FDC CAM LOI

(3) One copy of this operation order to US Advisor GIA LIN.

(4) Call H&I Fire to SCAT 22 on 37.0 by 1700 daily.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Ref (b).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Reference (b).

b. Callsign: QUIZGAME.

c. Frequencies:

(1) Recon: 47.5, 38.7.

(2) Artillery: POLISH GOLF - 37.0  
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