

1ST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY  
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
FPO San Francisco, Calif 96602

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01 July 1969  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), (G-3)  
Via: Commanding Officer, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein) (S-3)  
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 010001H June 1969 to 302400H  
June 1969.

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.2  
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8A  
(c) DivO 5750.2C

Encl: (1) First Force Reconnaissance Company Command Chronology

1. Enclosure (1) is submitted in accordance with the provisions  
of references (a), (b), and (c).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

010001H June 1969 TO 302400H June 1969

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1st Force Reconnaissance Company Major R. E. SIMONS

2. LOCATION

01-30 June 1969, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company: DaNang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer  
S-2  
S-3  
Supply Officer  
Communications Officer  
Motor Transport Officer

Capt R. D. WILLIAMS 01-30 June69  
Sgt M. KOZAKIEWICH 01-30 June69  
Capt G. R. WILLSON 01-30 June69  
1stLt G. J. PICKETT 01-30 June69  
1stLt B. L. WHITLEY 01-30 June69  
Capt R. D. WILLIAMS 01-30 June69

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The First Force Reconnaissance Company conducted training during the period 01-12 June. On 15 June First Force Reconnaissance Company was tasked for a deep reconnaissance operation by III MAF. Deep reconnaissance operations were conducted during the period 17-20 June. On 21 June First Force Reconnaissance Company reverted to 1st Marine Division for tasking and resumed long-range patrolling operations in the 1st Marine Division TAOR during the period 24-30 June.

PART III

- 01 June69 During the period 01-12 June 1969 the company conducted a training program.
- 12 June69 Training program was completed and the company returned to operational status.
- 15 June69 Tasked for a deep reconnaissance operation by III MAF.
- 17 June69 Began deep reconnaissance operations.
- 20 June69 Completed deep reconnaissance operations. .
- 21 June69 First Force Reconnaissance Company was reverted to 1st Marine Division for tasking.
- 24 June69 During the period 24-30 June 1969 First Force Reconnaissance Company conducted long-range patrolling operations in the 1st Marine Division TAOR.

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A. Statistical

Patrols	8
Sightings	14
Contacts	5
VC/NVA Sighted	500
Fire Missions	2
Fixed Wing	29
RFM Missions	0
VC/NVA KIA (conf)	10
Weapons Captured	0
VC/NVA Captured	1
USMC Casualties	6
USN Casualties	0
USMC KIA	1
USMC WIA	2
USN KIA	0
USN WIA	0
USMC DOW	0
USMC MIA	0
USMC MDC	3
USN MDC	0
USMC KMDC	0

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OPERATION ORDER #214-69

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131900H June 1969

- Ref (a) Map, VIETNAM, Sheet 6540 III  
(b) 1stReconBnO P03000.4  
(c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1G Ch 1&2 (Intelligence SOP)  
(d) 1stMarDivO P003330.2A (Rules of Engagement)  
(e) CoFragO #214-69

Unit/Call Sign 2d Platoon/Hanover Sue

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A C NO. 351-69  
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1. Situation (a) See current INTSUM'S  
(b) See current OPSUM'S and PIR'S (S-2 COPY 10 OF 14)  
(c) See Area Study  
(d) Attachments: None

2. Mission Conduct a detailed reconnaissance of a suspected high speed trail located from YC840264 to YC846254. Monitor traffic on this trail for at least one day. Be prepared, after receiving permission, to capture a prisoner. The following EET's should also be noted:

- (1) Determine nature and extent of enemy lines of communications.
- (2) Determine locations and the extent of enemy 37 III positions.
- (3) Report all map corrections noted.
- (4) Report locations of base camps as they are encountered.
- (5) Report evidence of enemy road construction.

3. Execution (a) Concept of Operation: Utilize references (a) through (e) to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HLZ 469 at 150540H, insert in 170540 operating area at location TBA and extract at 190630H via TBA. 210630 CEN

(b) Coordinating Instructions: Patrol leader will conduct a visual reconnaissance of the operating area with the pilot of the insert helicopter on D-1. Primary and alternate insert and extract zones will be selected at this time.

4. Admin/Logistics Reference (d) and verbal.

5. Comm/Electronics (a) The patrol will carry the following communications equipment: (1) 2 AN/PRC-25's with extra handsets  
(2) 1 AN/PRC-93

(b) Communications will be via an airborne radio relay which will be on station from 0600 to 2200. The aerial relay will also be on station at 0030, 0200, and 0400 for sitreps.

(c) The team will monitor the radio net at all times. They will check in every 4 hours at 15 minutes after the hour from 0615 to 2015 and report routine traffic at this time. The team will call in sitreps at 0030, 0200, and 0400. Priority and emergency traffic may be sent at any time

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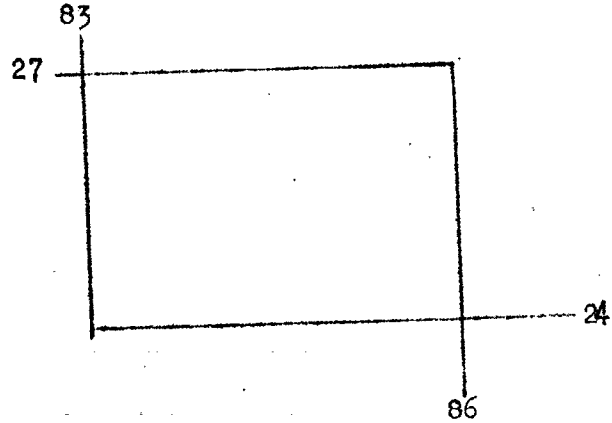
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5. Comm/Electronics (d) Primary Frequency 63.30  
Alternate Frequency 44.30

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OPERATION ORDER #211-69  
 PATROL: HANOVER SUE (F-21)  
 DEBRIEFER: SGT M. KOZAKIEWICH JR.  
 MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS 170114  
 SHEET 6540 III

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 DA NANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM  
 191610H JUNE 1969

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF. 6 ENL.
  - b. ATTACHMENTS: NONE
  - c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 AN/PRC-25'S, 1 AN/PRC-93
  - d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-14, 1 M-79, 4 CLAYMORES, 1 .22 CAL PISTOL W/SILENCER
2. MISSION: CONDUCT A DETAILED RECONNAISSANCE OF THE SUSPECTED HIGH SPEED TRAIL LOCATED FROM YC840264 TO YC846254. MONITOR TRAFFIC ON THIS TRAIL FOR AT LEAST ONE DAY. BE PREPARED, AFTER OBTAINING PERMISSION, TO CAPTURE A PRISONER.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 170630H/191415H JUNE 1969
4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY
5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 56 HOURS WITH NO SIGHTINGS OR CONTACTS. 5 FLIGHTS OF FIXED WING WERE USED TO COVER EXTRACTION ATTEMPTS. RESULTS: UNKNOWN.
6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. ENEMY: 191000H, VIC YC865269-YC866270, PATROL HEARD VOICES AFTER THEY DIRECTED AN AIR STRIKE IN THAT VICINITY. ONE SCREAM WAS ALSO HEARD. RESULTS: UNKNOWN  
 191030H, VIC YC860280, PATROL HEARD AW FIRE DIRECTED AT EXTRACTION HELO. PATROL CALLED FOUR FLIGHTS OF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT ON THE AREA. RESULTS: UNKNOWN.
  - b. TERRAIN WAS STEEP WITH A CANOPY OF 20 FEET. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 8-9 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF VINES AND BAMBOO. MOVEMENT WAS DIFFICULT AT THE RATE OF 30-50 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS PLENTIFUL IN THE AREA.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:
 

a. INSERT LZ: YC865269, GOOD 60 FOOT LADDER ZONE, SLOPE	d. OP'S: NONE USED
b. EXTRACT LZ: YC867267, GOOD STABO SYSTEM ZONE.	e. COMM: GOOD WITH AIRBORNE RELAY
c. TRAILS: SEE OVERLAY, 6 FEET WIDE WELL USED.	f. OBSTACLES: NONE ENCOUNTERED
	g. MISC: 2 NBC (E) ON INSERT.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: UNKNOWN
9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: FAIR
10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OUTSTANDING.

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11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL MUST BE INSERTED ON HIGH GROUND DUE TO TERRAIN. PATROL'S EQUIPMENT MUST BE LIGHTENED DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF TERRAIN.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBATER: N/A

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

**WATCO OVERLAY**

*2ndLT. PETERS	0107002
SGT AYERS	1680579
*CPL WILLIAMSON	2386121
*CPL EARLE	2402279
LCPL ADAMS	2492155
PFC FOLEY	2492020
PFC WIK	2460776

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OPERATION ORDER # 215-69

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Ref (a) Map, VIETNAM, Sheet 6540 III

(b) 1st Recon Bn O P 3000.4

(c) 1st Mar Div O P 3800.1 G Ch 1 &amp; 2 (Intelligence) 1st FORCE RECON CO

(d) 1st Mar Div O P 3330.2A (Rules of Engagement) &amp; C NO. 0622

(e) Co Frag O #215-69

Unit/Call Sign 4th Platoon/RECLINE

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(a) See current INTSUM'S and Captured Map.

(b) See OPSUM'S and PIR'S (S-2/S-3)

(c) See Area Study

(d) Attachments: None

2. Mission Locate and conduct a through reconnaissance of the suspected river crossing at YC897220 and high speed trail system running east and west from this river crossing. Monitor traffic on the high speed trail at least one full day. Be prepared, upon obtaining permission, to capture a prisoner. The following EEI's should also be noted:

(1) Determine the nature and extent of enemy lines of communications

(2) Determine enemy strength, location, composition, disposition and identification.

(3) Determine the locations and extent of enemy AAA weapons.

(4) Report map corrections as noted.

(5) Report evidence of enemy road construction

(6) Report the location of enemy base camps as noted.

3. Execution

(a) Concept of Operation; Utilize references (a) through (e) to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HLZ 469 at 150540H/70540 insert in the operating area at a location TBA and extract at 190630H via TBA.

(b) Coordinating Instructions; The patrol leader will conduct a visual reconnaissance of the operating area with the pilot of the insert helicopter on D-1. Primary and alternate insert and extract zones will be selected at this time.

4. Admin/Logistics Reference (b) and verbal.5. Comm/Electronics

(a) Patrol will carry the following communications equipment:

- (1) 2 AN/PRC-25's
- (2) 1 AN/PRC-93

(b) Communications will be via airborne radio relay which will on station from 0600 to 2200. The aerial relay will also

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5. Comm/Electronics (con't)  
 (b) be on station at 0030, 0200, and 0400 for sitreps.

(c) The teams will monitor the radio net at all times. They will check in every 4 hours at 15 minutes after the hour from 0615 to 2015 and report all routine traffic at this time. The team will call in sitreps at 0030, 0200, and 0400. Priority and emergency traffic may be sent at any time.

(d) Primary Frequency; 63.30  
 Alternate Frequency; 44.30

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RECLINE NO FIRE/FREE FIRE ZONE

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OPERATION ORDER #215-69  
 PATROL: RECLINE (F-41)  
 DEBRIEFER: SGT M. KOZAKIEWICH JR.

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 DA NANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM  
 192300H JUNE 1969 1ST FORCE RECON CO

## PATROL REPORT

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 0627

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF. 5 ENL. 1 USN. 1 KCS
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
  - c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 AN/PRC-25'S, 1 AN/PRC-93, 1 7x50'S
  - d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-14, 1 M-79, 1 M-45B, 3 CLAYMORES, 1 .22 CAL PISTOL
2. MISSION: CONDUCT A THOROUGH RECONNAISSANCE OF THE SUSPECTED RIVER CROSSING AT YC897220 AND THE HIGH SPEED TRAIL SYSTEM RUNNING EAST AND WEST FROM THIS RIVER CROSSING. MONITOR TRAFFIC ON THE HIGH SPEED TRAIL AT LEAST ONE DAY. BE PREPARED, AFTER OBTAINING PERMISSION, TO CAPTURE A PRISONER.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 170710H/191630H JUNE 1969
4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY
5. SYNOPSIS: PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 36 HOURS WITH 1 SIGHTING OF 8 VC/NVA AND 1 CONTACT. RESULTS: 2 VC/NVA KIA. PATROL UTILIZED 6 FLIGHTS OF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT. RESULTS: UNKNOWN. PATROL WAS EXTRACTED UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS.
6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. ENEMY: 170830H, VIC YC908195, YC907195, PATROL FOUND 2 CLEARED AREAS THAT OVERLOOKED THE VALLEY. AREAS WERE UNOBSERVABLE FROM THE AIR. THEY WERE 10 METERS IN DIAMETER AND NOT USED IN APPROXIMATELY 2 MONTHS.
  - 171200H, VIC YC905195, PATROL FOUND 2 LARGE 50 FT. DIAMETER OPEN AREAS CAMOUFLAGED FROM THE AIR BY VINES INTERWOVEN INTO THE TREE BRANCHES. THE VINES FORMED A THICK NET-LIKE APPEARANCE. TWO AREAS WERE 50 METERS APART. 1 AREA HAD A 6 FOOT HIGH HUT, MADE OF SAPLINGS AND VINES IN THE CENTER. THE AREAS WERE WELL POLICED AND HAD NOT BEEN USED FOR APPROXIMATELY 2 MONTHS.
  - 182000H, VIC YC903202, PATROL OBSERVED 5-6 LIGHTS BLINKING TO THEIR SOUTH-WEST. PATROL WAS UNABLE TO JUDGE THE DISTANCE.
  - 191030H, VIC YC899205, PATROL OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING ON A TRAIL. ENEMY WORE BLUE UNIFORMS WITH GREEN BUSH COVERS. THEY CARRIED LARGE SQUARED-OFF PACKS, WEB GEAR, AND AK-47'S AT SLING ARMS. PATROL INITIATED CONTACT WITH SA. RESULTS: 2 VC/NVA KIA. IMMEDIATELY 4-5 VC/NVA ALSO IN BLUE UNIFORMS, MOVED THE BODIES BACK DOWN THE TRAIL. 1 B-40 ROCKET WAS LEFT BEHIND BUT THE PATROL COULD NOT RECOVER IT DUE TO THE PROXIMITY OF THE ENEMY. PATROL MOVED AWAY FROM THE TRAIL AND THE ENEMY BEGAN TO SEARCH THE BRUSH FOR THEM.
  - 191100H, VIC YC898205, COWPOKE (AO) UTILIZED 6 FLIGHTS OF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT AROUND THE PATROL'S POSITION. THE PATROL COULD HEAR SCREAMS OF PAIN FROM THE VIC OF THE ENEMY. RESULTS: UNKNOWN.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:
  - a. INSERT LZ: YC908195, POOR UH-1H ZONE, HELO HOVERED, 5' HIGH BUSHES.
  - b. EXTRACT LZ: YC901206, POOR ZONE, STABO SYSTEM USED, 120' HOVER REQUIRED.
  - d. OP'S: YC903202, SOUTH-WEST OBSERVAT
  - e. COMM: POOR WITH AIRBORNE RELAY, FORCED TO PASS INFO THROUGH ANOTHER PATROL.

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## 7. OTHER INFORMATION: (cont)

c. TRAILS: YC904199, 2' WIDE, WELL USED.

YC899205, 3' WIDE, VERY WELL USED.

f. OBSTACLES: NONE ENCOUNTERED

g. MISC: N/A

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 2 VC/NVA KIA

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: AO EXCELLENT, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT EXCELLEN

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: AIRBORNE RELAY SHOULD BE ON STATION AT ALL TIMES

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE

## 13. PATROL MEMBERS:

PATROL OVERLAY

1stLT READY	0103004
SGT MORIN	2148186
CPL RUMPH	2346728
PFC JONES	2481587
PFC CASTRO	2402275
LCPL MAYERS	2450198
HM3 DOYLE	BL17391
KCS HOA	129

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 (d) 1stMarDivO P003330.2A (Rules of Engagement)  
 (e) CoFragO # 216-69

Unit/CallSign 5th Platoon/PEARL CHEST

1. Situation (a) See current INTSUM'S  
 (b) See current OPSUM'S and PIR'S (S-2/S-3)  
 (c) See Area Study  
 (d) Attachments, NONE

2. Mission Conduct a detailed reconnaissance in your assigned operating area and locate enemy base camps, headquarters, and supply areas. Identify enemy units in your area. Locate 37 MM AA positions in your operating area. Be prepared to capture a prisoner after receiving permission to do so. The following EEI's should also be noted:

1. Determine the nature and extent of enemy lines of communications.

2. Report all map corrections as noted.  
 3. Report all evidence of enemy road construction.

3. Execution (a) Concept of Operation: Utilize reference (a) through (b) to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HLZ 469 at 171715H, insert in the operating area at location TBA and extract at 211900H vic TBA.

(b) Coordinating Instructions: The patrol leader will conduct a visual reconnaissance of the operating area with the pilot of the insert helicopter on D-1. Primary and alternate insert and extract zones will be selected at this time.

4. Admin/Logistics Reference (b) and verbal.

5. Comm/Electronics: (a) The patrol will carry the following communications equipment. (1) 2 AN/PRC-25's

(2) 1 AN/PRC-93

(b) Communications will be via an airborne radio relay which will be on station from 0600 to 2200. The aerial relay will also be on station at 0030, 0200, and 0400 for sitreps.

(c) The team will monitor the radio net at all times. They will check in every 4 hours at 30 minutes after the hour from 0630 to 2030 and report all routine traffic at this time. The team will call in sitreps at 0030, 0200 and 0400 for sitreps. Priority and emergency traffic may be sent any time.

- (d) Primary Frequency; 63.30  
 Alternate Frequency; 44.30

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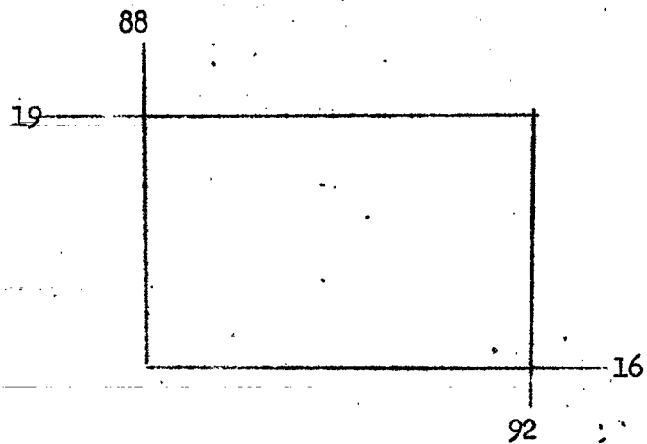
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OPERATION ORDER #216-69  
 PATROL: PEARL CHEST (F-51)  
 DEBRIEFER: SGT M. KOZAKIEWICH JR.  
 MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS L7011  
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PATROL REPORT

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## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF. 5 ENL. 1 USN.
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
- c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 AN/PRC-25'S, 1 AN/PRC-93, 1 7x35'S
- d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 2 M-14'S, 1 M-79, 2 GLAZORES, 1 .22 CAL PISTOL W/SILENCER

2. MISSION: CONDUCT A DETAILED RECONNAISSANCE OF THE ASSIGNED OPERATING AREA AND LOCATE ENEMY BASE CAMPS, HEADQUARTERS, AND SUPPLY AREAS. IDENTIFY ENEMY UNITS IN YOUR AREA. LOCATE 37 MM AA POSITIONS IN YOUR AREA. BE PREPARED, AFTER OBTAINING PERMISSION, TO CAPTURE A PRISONER.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 171827H/201524H JUNE 1969.

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 69 HOURS WITH NO SIGHTINGS OR CONTACTS. 6 FLIGHTS OF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT WERE UTILIZED. RESULTS: ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION. EXTRACTION WAS COMPLETED UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS.

## 6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. ENEMY: 191230H, VIC YC900183, PATROL FOUND 1 POSSIBLE MACHINE GUN EMPLACEMENT CAMOUFLAGED WITH VEGETATION. THE EMPLACEMENT HAD BEEN OCCUPIED WITHIN THE LAST 24 HOURS.

191330H, VIC YC899181, PATROL HEARD VOICES 75 METERS AWAY TO THE SOUTH. 3-4 PEOPLE WERE TALKING AND MOVING.

191830H, VIC YC892181, PATROL CROSSED A TWO FOOT WIDE TRAIL THAT HAD BEEN USED THAT DAY.

192200H, VIC YC894179-YC895181, PATROL HEARD CHICKENS, DOGS, AND PEOPLE TALKING. IN THE EARLY MORNING THEY HEARD ROOSTERS WHEN . . .

192300H-200500H, VIC YC894179-YC892182, PATROL HEARD ROCKS BEING THROWN AND PEOPLE WALKING ALONG THE REDGELINE.

200815H, VIC YC892181, PATROL CROSSED THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED TRAIL AND FOUND A BLUE GCM WIRE SIMILAR TO DOUBLE STRAED US TYPE. THE WIRE RAN FROM YC894179-YC892182 THAT THE PATROL COULD SEE. THE WIRE CONTINUED IN BOTH DIRECTIONS FROM THE ABOVE COORDINATES. THE PATROL BEGAN TO HEAR SIGNALS DISGUISED AS BIRD CALLS. EACH BIRD CALL SIGNAL WAS REPEATED 7 TIMES. THE PATROL WAS SURROUNDED WITH THE ENEMY APPROXIMATELY 75 METERS AWAY.

201515H, VIC YC892180, PATROL MOVED TO EXTRACT POINT AND UTILIZED 6 FLIGHTS OF FIXED WING. THE AIRCRAFT RECEIVED SA FIRE FROM THE SW ON EACH PASS. THERE WAS ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION IN THE VICINITY OF YC894181.

b. TERRAIN WAS STEEP WITH A CANOPY OF 60-100 METERS. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 10-15 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF VINCS, BRATS, AND BAMBOO. MOVEMENT WAS DIFFICULT AT THE RATE OF 200 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS PLENTIFUL IN THE AREA.

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## 7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ: YC911174, POOR ZONE,  
PATROL JUMPED 15 FEET.d. OP'S: YC892184, GOOD OBSERVATION  
TO EAST AND SOUTH.b. EXTRACT LZ: YC892179, POOR LADDER  
ZONE, 30 FOOT DIAMETER, 120' HOVER.

e. COMM: POOR WITH AIRBORNE RELAY.

c. TRAILS: GENERALLY 18-24 INCHES  
SOME NOT USED RECENTLY, SOME WELL-USED.

f. OBSTACLES: NONE ENCOUNTERED

g. MISC: NONE

## 8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: N/A

## 9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OUTSTANDING, EXTRACTION  
HELICOPTERS EXCELLENT.11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: BASE AREA LOCATED IN THE VALLEY AT YC893189  
(CENTER MASS) AND EAST OF HILL 434.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE

## 13. PATROL MEMBERS:

PATROL OVERLAY

2ndLt ROLLINGS	0107099
SGT MOORMAN	1994159
CPL STOCKHAM	2251309
HM3 NOBLE	B724658
LCPL CRANE	2442435
PFC BELL	2446555
PFC HUCKSTEP	2458910

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Unit/Call Sign 3d Platoon, 2d Squad/MILLBROOK

1. Situation (a) See current INTSUIT'S  
 (b) See current OPSUIT'S and PIR'S  
 (c) See Area Study  
 (d) Attachments: None

2. Mission Conduct a thorough reconnaissance in your assigned operating area and locate enemy base camps, headquarters, and supply areas. Identify enemy units in the area. Locate 37 MM Anti-Aircraft positions in your operating area. Be prepared, after obtaining permission, to capture a prisoner.

The following INT'S should also be noted:

(1) Determine the nature and extent of enemy lines of communications. Special attention should be given to trails and high speed routes.

(2) Report all map corrections as noted.

(3) Report all evidence of enemy road construction.

- (3) Execution. (a) Concept of operation: Utilize references (a) through (e) to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HLZ 469 at 1548+5H and insert in the operating area at a location TBA and extract at 194900H via TBA.

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- (b) Coordinating Instructions; The patrol leader will conduct visual reconnaissance of the operating area with the pilot of the insert helicopter on D-1. Primary and alternate insert and extract zones will be selected at this time.

4. Admin/Logistics Reference (b) and verbal.

5. Comm/Electronics.

- (a) The patrol will carry the following communications equipment:  
 (1) 2 AN/PRC-25's  
 (2) 1 AN/PRC-93
- (b) Communications will be via an airborne radio relay which will be on station from 0600 to 2200. The aerial relay will be on station at 0030, 0200, and 0400 for sitreps.  
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## 5. Comm/Electronics. (con't)

(c) The team will monitor the radio net at all times. They will check in every four hours at 45 minutes after the hour from 0645 to 2045 and report all routine traffic at this time. The team will call in sitreps at 0030, 0200 and 0400. Priority and emergency traffic may be sent any time.

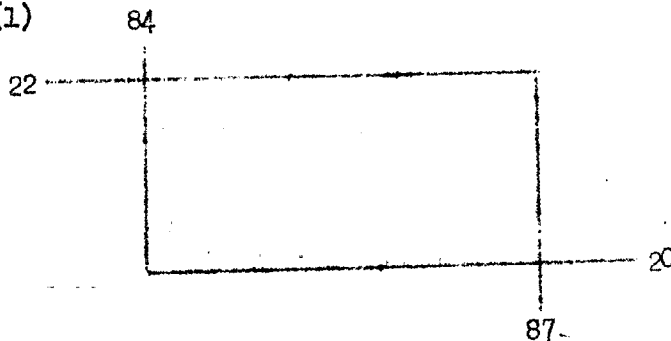
(d) Primary Frequency; 63.30  
 Alternate Frequency; 44.30



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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: 5 ENL: 1 USN.
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
  - c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 AN/PRC-25's, 1 AN/PRC-93
  - d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-14, 1 M-19, 2 CIAYMORES, 1 .22 CAL PISTOL W/SILENCER

2. MISSION: CONDUCT A DETAILED RECONNAISSANCE OF THE OPERATING AREA AND LOCATE ENEMY BASE CAMPS, HEADQUARTERS, AND SUPPLY AREAS. IDENTIFY ENEMY UNITS IN THE AREA. LOCATE 37 MM. ANTI-AIRCRAFT POSITIONS IN THE OPERATING AREA. BE PREPARED, AFTER OBTAINING PERMISSION, TO CAPTURE A PRISONER.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 171827H/181515H JUNE 1969

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 21 HOURS WITH 1 SIGHTING OF 24-30 VC/NVA AND 1 CONTACT. RESULTS OF THE CONTACT; 1 USMC KIA, 2 USMC WIA(E), 1 VC/NVA POW (WIA), 5 VC/NVA KIA. PATROL USED 8 FLIGHTS OF FIXED WING. RESULTS UNKNOWN. EXTRACTION WAS COMPLETED UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. ENEMY: 180845H, VIC YC845216, PATROL'S REAR SECURITY OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING TOWARD THE PATROL ON A TRAIL. THE REAR SECURITY INITIATED CONTACT. RESULTS: 1 VC/NVA KIA. EN WERE WEARING BLACK PJ'S AND PACKS. PATROL THEN OBSERVED 3 ENEMY ATTEMPTING TO MOVE AROUND THE PATROL'S POSITION. PATROL INITIATED CONTACT WITH SA. RESULTS: 1 VC/NVA KIA. PATROL COULD NOT OBSERVE THE EQUIPMENT DUE TO HEAVY UNDERGROWTH.

180910, VIC YC845216, PATROL OBSERVED 2 EN MOVING ON THE TRAIL TOWARD THE PATROL'S POSITION. THE ENEMY WERE WEARING BLACK PJ'S AND CARRIED HEAVY PACKS. PATROL INITIATED CONTACT. RESULTS; 1 VC/NVA POW (WIA), 1 VC/NVA KIA. 1 PACK WAS CAPTURED CONTAINING RICE AND ASSORTED PERSONNEL BELONGINGS, NO DOCUMENTS. EN THEN BEGAN LAYING DOWN A HEAVY VOLUME OF FIRE. RESULT; 1 USMC WIA (E)

181000H, VIC YC845216, PATROL OBSERVED 20-30 EN MOVING ON LINE TOWARD THE PATROL'S POSITION. EN CAME FROM THE NORTH, EAST, AND SOUTH. PATROL INITIATED CONTACT AND CALLED IN FLIGHTS OF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT. RESULTS; 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIA (E), 3 VC/NVA KIA. EN WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, NVA HELMETS, AND NO PACKS.

181200H, VIC YC845216, EXTRACTION HELO WAS APPROACHING THE EXTRACT ZONE WHEN IT RECEIVED A HEAVY VOLUME OF SA FIRE FROM THE VIC YC850216 AND LIGHT FIRE FROM AROUND THE PATROL. EXTRACT WAS ABORTED.

181330H, VIC YC845216, PATROL CALLED 3 FLIGHTS OF FIXED WING AND THE ENEMY SLACKENED THEIR VOLUME OF FIRE. EN COULD BE SEEN MOVING AROUND THE PATROL'S POSITION BUT DID NOT INITIATE CONTACT.

181515H, VIC YC845216, PATROL WAS EXTRACTED BY MODIFIED STABO SYSTEM. EXTRACT HELO RECEIVED SA FIRE FROM THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE VALLEY AT YC860213 (CENTER MA

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## 6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN: (cont)

b. TERRAIN WAS STEEP WITH A CANOPY OF 20-30 FEET HIGH. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 4-5 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF VINES AND BRUSH. MOVEMENT WAS DIFFICULT AT THE RATE OF 150 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS PLentiful.

## 7. OTHER INFORMATION:

- a. INSERT LZ: YC843219, FAIR 60 FT. LADDER ZONE
- b. EXTRACT LZ: YC845216, FAIR STABO SYSTEM ZONE.
- c. TRAILS: AS SHOWN ON THE OVERLAY NOT WELL USED, 2 FT WIDE.
- d. OP'S: NONE USED
- e. COMM: FAIR WITH AIRBORNE RELAY
- f. OBSTACLES: NONE ENCOUNTERED
- g. MISC:

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 1 USMC KIA, 2 USMC WIA (E), 1 VC/NVA POW (WIA), 5 VC/NVA KIA.

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: THE AIR SUPPORT WAS OUTSTANDING.

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THE PATROL LEADER RECOMMENDS ANOTHER PATROL IN THE AREA.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NO E

## 13. PATROL MEMBERS:

PATROL OVERLAY

*SGT OTT	2319808
+PFC MURPHY	2467070
HM3 BRITCHER	B825118
PFC MARTIN	2443479
PFC CARTER	2488459
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Unit/Call Sign 4th Platoon/RECLINE

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1. Situation (a) See current INTSUM'S  
(b) See current OPSUM'S and PIR'S (S-2/S-3)  
(c) See Area Study  
(d) Attachments, NONE
2. Mission Conduct a detailed reconnaissance of the suspected high speed trail from AT955390 to AT957400 and of grid square AT9639 to locate possible base camps. Monitor traffic on the trail. Be prepared to capture a prisoner.
3. Execution (a) Concept of Operation: Utilize references (a) through (b) to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HLZ 469 at 240545H, insert in the operating area at location TBA and extract at 280900H via TBA.  
(b) Coordinating Instructions: The patrol leader will conduct a visual reconnaissance of the operating area with the pilot of the insert helicopter on D-2. Primary and alternate insert and extract zones will be selected at this time.
4. Admin/Logistics Reference (b) and verbal.
5. Comm/Electronics: Primary Freq: 63.30 Alternate 44.30  
Artillery: PONY BOY 72.90  
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OPERATION ORDER #220469  
 PATROL: RECLINE (F-41)  
 DEBRIEFER: SGT M. KOZAKIEWICH JR.  
 MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS 170114  
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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF. 5 ENL. 1 KCS.
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
  - c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 AN/PRC-25'S, 1 6x30'S
  - d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79, 3 CLAYMORES, 5 M-14 MINES
2. MISSION: CONDUCT A DETAILED RECONNAISSANCE OF THE SUSPECTED HIGH SPEED TRAIL FROM AT955390 TO AT957400 AND OF GRID SQUARE AT9639 TO LOCATE POSSIBLE BASE CAMPS. MONITOR TRAFFIC ON THE TRAIL. BE PREPARED TO CAPTURE A PRISONER.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 251120H/291000H JUNE 1969
4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY
5. SYNOPSIS: PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 95 HOURS WITH 1 SIGHTING OF 2 VC/NVA AND 1 CONTACT UPON INSERTION (INSERTION ABORTED). RESULTS: 2 VC/NVA KIA. 1 FLIGHT OF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT WAS UTILIZED. RESULTS: 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. THE ZONE WAS PREPARED BY 1 FLIGHT OF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT ON THE SECOND INSERTION.
6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. ENEMY: 241000, VIC AT955388, INSERT HELO RECEIVED SA FIRE FROM THE EAST. PATROL RETURNED FIRE WITH SA. RESULTS: 2 VC/NVA KIA. ENEMY WAS WEARING KHAKI UNIFORMS AND CARRIED AK-47'S. INSERT WAS ABORTED.  
 251430H, VIC AT945405, PATROL HEARD 1 ENEMY CUTTING WOOD. ENEMY MOVED AWAY FROM THE AREA.  
 251435H, VIC AT945405, PATROL FOUND THREE 2-3 MAN NATURAL CAVES. THE CAVES HAD NOT BEEN USED IN 1-2 MONTHS.  
 261000H, VIC AT947403, PATROL FOUND POSSIBLE BASE AREA. AREA WAS 50 METERS ACROSS AND CLEARED. TWO NATURAL CAVES WERE ALSO FOUND. THE AREA HAD NOT BEEN USED IN 1 MONTH.  
 281515H, VIC AT955406, PATROL HEARD VOICES AND SAW SMOKE FROM THE ABOVE GRID. PATROL CALLED 1 FLIGHT OF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT ON THE ENEMY LOCATION. AND RECEIVED EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF THE TARGET AREA. RESULTS: 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.
  - b. TERRAIN WAS GENERALLY ROLLING HILLS WITH NO CANOPY. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 7-8 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF GRASS. MOVEMENT WAS EASY AT THE RATE OF 400 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS SCARCE.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:
  - a. INSERT LZ: AT945409, POOR CH-46 ZONE, ROCKY
  - b. EXTRACT LZ: AT954404, GOOD CH-46 ZONE, GRASS 4' HIGH.
  - c. TRAILS: 3' WIDE, NOT WELL USED
  - d. OP'S: NONE
  - e. COMM: GOOD
  - f. OBSTACLES: NONE ENCOUNTERED

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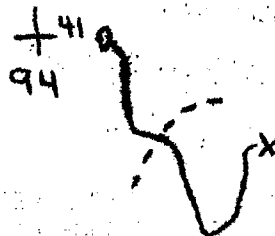
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8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: N/A
9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD
10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: FIRED WING AIRCRAFT EXCELLENT
11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: 5 DAY PATROLES DECREASE THE PATROL MEMBERS EFFICIENCY. THE PATROL LEADER SUGGESTS CLOSER LIASON WITH ARTILLERY DUE TO THE FACT THE H & I FIRE WAS FALLING NEAR THE PATROL'S POSITION.
12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE
13. PATROL MEMBERS:

PATROL OVERLAY

1ST LT READY	010300
SGT MORIN	211486
SGT KERN	2078316
CPL RUMPH	2346728
LOPL MAYER	2450193
KCS HAO	129
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Unit/Call Sign 6th Platoon/LAUNDRY MAN

1. Situation (a) See current INTSUM'S  
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 (c) See Area Study  
 (d) Attachments, NONE

2. Mission Conduct a detailed reconnaissance of the suspected high speed trail from AT842336 to AT860339. Monitor traffic on the trail. Be prepared to capture a prisoner.

3. Execution (a) Concept of Operation: Utilize references (a) through (b) to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HLZ 469 at 240545H, insert in the operating area at location TBA and extract at 280930H vic TBA.

(b) Coordinating Instructions: The patrol leader will conduct a visual reconnaissance of the operating area with the pilot of the insert helicopter on D-1. Primary and alternate insert and extract zones will be selected at this time.

4. Admin/Logistics Reference (b) and verbal.

5. Comm/Electronics: Primary Freq: 63.30 Alternate: 44.30  
 Artillery: PONY BOY 72.90  
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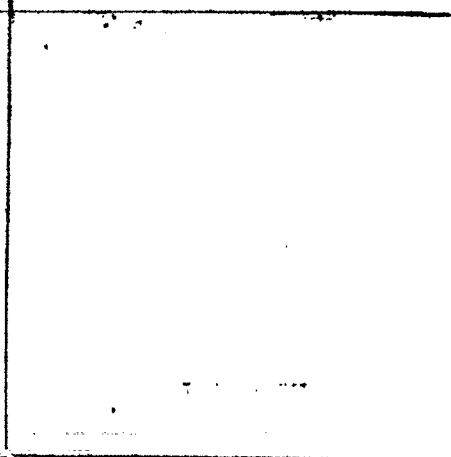
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OPERATION ORDER # 219  
 PATROL: LAUNDRY MAN (F-61)  
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 MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS L7011  
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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: 8 ENL.  
 b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE  
 c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 AN/PRC-25's  
 d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79, 3 CLAYMORES, 6 M-14 MINES

2. MISSION: CONDUCT A DETAILED RECONNAISSANCE OF THE SUSPECTED HIGH SPEED TRAIL FROM AT812336 TO AT860339. MONITOR TRAFFIC ON THE TRAIL. BE PREPARED TO CAPTURE A PRISONER.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 240955H/281135H JUNE 1969

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 98 HOURS WITH NO SIGHTINGS OR CONTACTS. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE UTILIZED. INSERT HLZ WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

## 6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. ENEMY: 261800H, VIC AT858347, PATROL HEARD MOVEMENT AND SAW AN UNIDENTIFIED HUMAN SIZED FIGURE MOVING THROUGH THE BRUSH. THE PATROL HEARD MOVEMENT THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. THE MOVEMENT WAS VERY NEAR THE PATROL'S HARBOUR SITE.

271605H, VIC AT849348-AT850341, PATROL HEARD SOMEONE CHOPPING WOOD. PATROL FOUND TREES SLASHED FOR THE COLLECTION OF SAP. THE PATROL HEARD MOVEMENT AT NIGHT AT THE SAME LOCATION.

b. TERRAIN WAS STEEP AND ROCKY WITH A CANOPY OF 25-30 FEET. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 15 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF DRY LEAVES, AND ELEPHANT GRASS. MOVEMENT WAS MODERATE AT THE RATE OF 75 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS LOCATED ON THE LOW GROUND.

## 7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ: AT872357, GOOD MULTI HELO ZONE, CLEARED.

b. EXTRACT LZ: AT848347, EXCELLENT MULTI-CH16 ZONE, VERY OPEN.

c. TRAILS: MANY SMALL TRAILS, TRAILS ON OVERLAY 3 FEET WIDE AND WELL USED AT ONE TIME, BUT NOT IN THE LAST MONTH.

d. OP'S: AT862347, GOOD OBSERVATION TO THE NORTH-EAST.

AT857344, GOOD OBSERVATION TO THE NORTH-WEST AND WEST.

AT853346, GOOD OBSERVATION TO THE WEST AND SOUTH-WEST.

e. COMM: GOOD

f. OBSTACLES: NONE ENCOUNTERED

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## 7. OTHER INFORMATION (cont)

g. MISC: AT861347, PATROL FOUND ONE LARGE 19 ROCKET TYPE POD. NO WIRING WAS VISIBLE.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: N/A

9. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

10. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THIS AREA HASN'T BEEN INHABITED IN AT LEAST 1½ MONTHS.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: RECOMMEND PATROLS TO THE EAST OF THIS PATROL.

## 13. PATROL MEMBERS:

PATROL OVERLAY

SGT CROCKETT	2257776
SGT CRUZ	2240864
CPL TURNER	2265560
CPL BROWN	2272760
LCPL BRICE	2337637
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- Ref (a) Map, VIETNAM, Sheet 6640 III  
(b) 1stReconBn P3000.4  
(c) 1stMarDiv P3800.1G Ch 1 & 2 (Intelligence SOP)  
(d) 1stMarDiv P003330.2A (Rules of Engagement)  
(e) CoFragO #220-69

Unit/Call Sign 2nd Platoon/HANOVER SUE

1. Situation (a) See current INTSUM'S  
(b) See current OPSUM'S and PIR'S (S-2/S-3)  
(c) See area Study  
(d) Attachments, NONE
2. Mission Conduct a detailed reconnaissance of the assigned operating area to locate base camps, supply areas. Be prepared after permission to capture a prisoner.
3. Execution (a) Concept of Operation: Utilize references (a) through (b) to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HLZ 469 at 240645H, insert in the operating area at location TBA and extract at 281000H vic TBA.  
  
(b) Coordinating Instructions: The patrol leader will conduct a visual reconnaissance of the operating area with the pilot of the insert helicopter on D-1. Primary and alternate insert and extract zones will be selected at this time.
4. Admin/Logistics Reference (b) and verbal.
5. Comm/Electronics: Primary Freq: 63.30 Alternate: 44.30  
Artillery: PONY BOY 72.90  
Radio Relay: BLUE SPRUCE "A"

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FIRST FOR RECON SIT RPT #163 170000H TO 172400H JUNE 69 (U)

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THE III MAF TACR.

A. INSERTIONS AND EXTRACTIONS (1 MARINE CH-46D, 2 MARINE AH-1J'S,

3 ARMY UH-1H'S UTILIZED)

1. INSERT HANOVER SUE (F-21) 7 MEN AT 170630H VIC YC865274

2. INSERT RECLINE (F-41) 8 MEN AT 170710H VIC YC909191

3. INSERT MILLBROOK (F-32) 6 MEN AT 171802H VIC YC851212

4. INSERT PEARL CHEST (F-51) 7 MEN AT 171810H VIC YC909178

B. SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

1. HANOVER SUE (F-21) 7 MEN AT 170630H VIC YC865274. FLT HAD

(1) USMC NBC (E) ON INSERTION. FLT MEMBER FELL APPROX. (15) FT

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C. PATROL LOCATIONS

1. HANDOVER SUE (F-21) 6 MEN VIC YC8626
2. RECLINE (F-41) 8 MEN VIC YC9020
3. HILLBROOK (F-32) 6 MEN VIC YC8421
4. PEARL CHEST (F-51) 7 MEN VIC YC9017

D. PLANNED INSERTIONS

NONE

E. PLANNED EXTRACTIONS

NONE

STING RAY REPORT

NONE

1ST FOR RECON CO DAILY STING RAY RECAP: COMMENCE O

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2. ACTIVITIES 1ST FOR RECON CO 170001H TO 172400H JUNE 69

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(1) 10.0.11.901 (P-21) 10.0.11.1909001 "LAVENT" UL YC8327, LR YC8624

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2. ACTIVITIES 1ST POL REGION CO 180000TH TO 182400H JUNE 69

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III IAF FOR COC

FIRST FOR RECON SIT REP #170 190001H TO 192400H JUNE 69 (U)

1. (S) OF (7) OPER RECON PTLS THERE IS (1) PTL OPER AT (1) LOC WITHIN THE III IAF TAOR.

A. INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS (3 MARINE CH-46D'S & 4 MARINE AH-1J'S UTILIZED)

(1) EXTRACT HANOVER SUB (F-21) 6 MEN AT 191402H VIC YC866265

(2) EXTRACT RECLINE (F-41) 8 MEN AT 191657H VIC YC898205

B. NIGHTIN'S & CONTACTS

(1) (FOLLOW UP) MILLBROOK (F-32) 6 MEN AT 190900H VIC YC846216. INITIAL

CONTACT WAS MADE BY PTL REAR SECURITY. TOTAL NUMBER OF EN SIGHTED WAS APPROX (25) TO (30) VC/NVA, WEARING A COMBINATION OF BLACK PJ'S AND KHAKI UNIFORMS. EN WHO WORE KHAKI'S ALSO WORE HELMETS, EN WHO WORE BLACK PJ'S CARRIED PACKS. A TOTAL OF (8) FLIGHTS OF FIXED WING WERE UTILIZED. TOTAL RESULTS OF CONTACT (1) USMC KIA. (2) USMC WIA (E).

(1) VC/NVA POW (WIA), (5) VC/NVA KIA.

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(2) STABO TECHNIQUE (F-21) 6 MEN AT 191000H VIC YC8918

TO THE AREA AND WENT TO THE AO. AO CAME ON STATION AND REQUESTED FIXED WING OF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT ON AREA TO PTL'S NW. PTL HEARD TALKING AND SCHEDULED AFTER FIXED WING WAS UTILIZED. EXTRACT HEL RECEIVED HEAVY VOLUME OF AW FIRE WHEN ATTEMPTING EXTRACTION. PTL HAD AO DIRECT (1) MORE FLIGHTS OF FIXED WING ON AREA. AT 191402H EXTRACT HEL WENT INTO EXTRACT HELZ AND EXTRACTED PTL 3 STABO TECHNIQUE. RESULTS (2) SSNC WIA (E) (CREW MEMBERS), (2) SSNC NBC (E), EN RESULTS UNK.

(3) RECLINE (F-41) 8 MEN AT 191053H VIC YC898205. PTL MADE CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED (30) VC/NVA. AO CAME ON STATION AND REQUESTED FIXED WING AND INFORMED PTL (2) GUN SHIPS WERE ENROUTE TO PTL POS. PTL WAS EXTRACTED BY STABO TECHNIQUE AT 191657H. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW AFTER PTL INTERVIEW IS COMPLETE.

## C. PATROL LOCATIONS

(1) PEARL CHEST (F-51) 7 MEN VIC YC8918

## D. PLANNED INSERTIONS

NONE

## E. PLANNED EXTRACTIONS

(1) PEARL CHEST (F-51) 7 MEN AT 200900H "HAVEN" UL YC8819, LR YC9216

## STING RAY REPORT

NONE

1ST FOR RECON CO DAILY STING RAY RECAP: COMMENCE 0  
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2. ACTIVITIES 1ST FOR RECON CO 190001H TO 192400H JUNE 69

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01 ONE SIX DNG RVN

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01 C FIFTH SQGA DNG RVN

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SEVENTH MAR DNG RVN

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FIFTH MAR AM HCA RVN

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III HAF FOR COG

FIRST FOR RECON SIT REP #171 200001H TO 202100H JUNE 69 (U)

1. (S) OF (7) OPER RECON PTL THERE ARE NO PTL OPER WITHIN THE III

HAF TAOR.

A. INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS (2 MARINE CH-46D'S, 2 MARINE AH-1J'S  
AND 3 ARMY UH-1H'S UTILIZED)

(1) EXTRACT PEARL CHEST (F-51) 7 MEN AT 201525H VIC YC892180

B. SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

(1) (FOLLOW UP) RECLINE (F-41) 8 MEN AT 191030H VIC YC899205.

PTL OBSERVED (2) VC/NVA WEARING BLUE UNIFORMS AND CARRYING  
HEAVY PACKS, AK-47'S AND (1) B-40 ROCKET LAUNCHER. EN

OBSR PTL FORCING PTL TO INITIATE CONTACT RESULTING IN (2)

VC/NVA KIA'S. BEFORE PTL COULD REACH BODIES, (1) TO (5)

VC/NVA PULLED BODIES BACK DOWN TRAIL AND BEGAN LOOKING

FOR PTL. AT 191100H PTL REPORTED IT WAS SURROUNDED. A

TOTAL OF (6) FLIGHTS OF FIXED WING WERE UTILIZED. NEG

CASUALTIES, EN RESULTS UNK.

(2) PEARL CHEST (F-51) 7 MEN AT 201555H VIC YC892180. PTL

REPORTS MOVEMENT ON (3) SIDES AND BIRD CALLS MADE BY

BERIANS. PTL REQUESTED AO. PTL REPORTED FINDING (2) WELL.

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... (24) ... A TOTAL OF (6) FLIGHTS OF FIXED  
... UTILIZED. AT 201525H PCL WAS EXTRACTED BY  
... WITH NEG CASUALTIES. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.

C. PATROL LOCATIONS

NONE

D. PLANNED INSPECTIONS

NONE

E. PLANNED EXTRACTIONS

NONE

STING RAY REPORT

NONE

1ST FOR RECON CO DAILY STING RAY RECAP: COMMENCE 0

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2. ACTIVITIES 1ST FOR RECON CO 200001H TO 202400H JUNE 69

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FIFTH MAF AN HOA RVN

PRECEDENCE

SEVENTH MAF DNG RVN

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MAF ONE SIX DNG RVN

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III MAF FOR COC

FIRST FOR RECON SIT REP #172 210001H TO 212100H JUNE 69 (U)

1. (S) OF (7) OPER RECON PTLS THERE ARE NO PTLS WITHIN THE III MAF TAOR.

A. INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

NONE

B. SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

(1) (FOLLOW UP) PEARL CHEST (P-51) 7 MEN AT 201055H VIC YC892180.

PTL FOUND COM WIRE RUNNING ALONG TRAIL FROM YC892179 TO

YC892182. PTL COULD NOT FOLLOW WIRE ANY FURTHER. FIXED WING

AIRCRAFT RECEIVED SA FIRE FROM THE SW OF EACH PASS. THERE

WAS (1) SECONDARY EXPLOSION IN THE VIC YC896181. PTL FOUND

(1) POSSIBLE MACHINE GUN EMPLACEMENT CAMOUFLAGED WITH

VEGETATION VIC YC900183.

C. PATROL LOCATIONS

NONE

D. PLANNED INSERTIONS

NONE

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2. ACTIVITIES 1ST FOR RECON CO 210001H TO 212400H JUNE 69

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FIRST FOR RECON SIT REP 220000H TO 222400H JUNE 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (?) OPER RECON PTLS THERE ARE NO PTLS OPERATING IN THE  
III MAF TACB.

2. (C) INSERTS & EXTRACTS

A. INSERTS COMPLETED

NONE

B. EXTRACTS COMPLETED

NONE

C. INSERTS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

D. EXTRACTS NOT COMPLETED

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E. REASON INSERTS/EXTRACTS NOT COMPLETED

N/A

F. INSERTS PLANNED FOR 23 JUNE 69

NONE

G. EXTRACTS PLANNED FOR 23 JUNE 69

NONE

3. (C) LOCATIONS OF OPERATING PATROLS AS OF 222400 JUNE 69

N/A

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAILABLE REGON PATROLS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS &amp; CONTACTS

NONE

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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III MAF FOR COC

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT RPT #174-69 230001H TO 232100H JUNE 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) OPER RECON PLTS THERE ARE NO PLTS OPER WITHIN THE III MAF TAOR.

A. INSERTIONS &amp; EXTRACTIONS

NONE

B. SIGHTINGS &amp; CONTACTS

NONE

C. PATROL LOCATIONS

NONE

D. PLANNED INSERTIONS

(1) RECLINE (F-41) 7 MEN AT 240515 "HAVEN" UL AT9441, LR AT9738

(2) LAUNDRY MAN (F-62) 8 MEN AT 240515 "HAVEN" UL AT8435, LR AT8732

E. PLANNED EXTRACTIONS

NONE

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TWENTY-SIXTH MAR DNG RVN

MAG ONE SIX DNG RVN

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III MAF FOR COC

FIRST FOR RECON SIT REP #175 240001H TO 242400H JUNE 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (C) OPER RECON PTLS THERE IS (1) PTL OPER WITHIN THE III MAF TAOR.

A. INSERTIONS &amp; EXTRACTIONS (2 MARINE CH-46D'S &amp; 2 MARINE AH-1J'S UTILIZED)

(1) INSERT LAUNDRY MAN (F-62) 8 MEN AT 240955H VIC AT867359

(2) INSERT BLUE SPRUCE "A" (RADIO RELAY) AT 241000H VIC AT837378

B. SIGHTINGS &amp; CONTACTS

(1) RECLINE (F-41) 7 MEN AT 241000H VIC AT956388. PTL AND INSERT HEL RECEIVED FIRE FROM AN ESTIMATED (8) VC/NVA WHILE ATTEMPTING AN INSERTION. RESULTS: INSERT ABORTED (2) VC/NVA KIA.

C. PATROL LOCATIONS

(1) BLUE SPRUCE "A" (RADIO RELAY) VIC AT8337

(2) LAUNDRY MAN (F-62) 8 MEN VIC AT8635

D. PLANNED INSERTIONS

(1) RECLINE (F-41) 7 MEN AT 250930H "HAVEN" UL AT9441, LR AT9738

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NOTE

FIRST FOR RECON CO DAILY STING RAY REGAP: COMMENCE 0

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2. (c) ACTIVITIES 1ST FOR RECON CO 240000H TO 242400H JUNE 69

NONE

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INFO: 01 1ST MAR

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SEVENTH MAR - 7

ELEVENTH MAR - four

TWENTY-SIXTH MAR - 36

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1ST MAR FOR GOC

FIRST FOR RECON CO BIT REP #176 250001H TO 252400H JUNE 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (5) OPER RECON PTLS THERE ARE (2) PTLS OPER WITHIN THE 1ST MAR

TAOR:

A. INSERTIONS &amp; EXTRACTATIONS (2 MARINE CH-46D'S &amp; 2 MARINE AH-1J'S

UTILIZED)

(1) INSERT RECLINE (F-41) 7 MEN AT 251120H VIC AT966415

B. SIGHTINGS &amp; CONTACTS

NONE

C. PATROL LOCATIONS

(1) BLUE SPRUCE "A" (RADIO RELAY) VIC AT8337

(2) LAUNDRY MAN (F-62) 8 MEN VIC AT8635

(3) RECLINE (F-41) 7 MEN VIC AT9440

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3. PLANNED EXTRACTS

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STING RAY REPORT

NONE

FIRST FOR RECON CO DAILY STING RAY RECAP: COMMENCE 0

TERMINATE 0

CONTINUE 0

2. (C) ACTIVITIES 1ST FOR RECON CO 250001H TO 252400H JUNE 69

(1) 1ST FOR RECON CO AT 250245H VIC AF988712. BUNKERS #1 &amp; 9

HEARD NOISES THAT SOUNDED LIKE WIRE BEING CUT. COULD NOT  
OBSERVE ANYONE IN AREA. 250700H SENT OUT PFL TO CHECK WIRE.

PFL FOUND WIRE CUT IN FRONT OF BUNKER #1 IN AREA WHICH COULD

NOT BE OBSERVED BY BUNKER.

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FIRST FOR RECON SIT RLP 260001H TO 262400H JUNE 69

1. (C) OF (5) OPER RECON PTLS THERE ARE (2) OPER IN THE III MAF

TAOR. AT (2) LOCATIONS AS OF 2400H.

2. (u) TESTING AND EXT

A. INSERTS COMPLETED

NONE

B. EXTRACTS COMPLETED

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C. INSERTS NOT COMPLETED

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D. EXTRACTS NOT COMPLETED

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N/A

F. INSERTS PLANNED FOR 27 JUNE 69

NONE

G. EXTRACTS PLANNED FOR 27 JUNE 69

NONE

3. (C) LOCATIONS OF OPERATING PATROLS AS OF 262400H JUNE 69

(1) F-41 RECLINE AT952398

(2) F-62 LAUNDRY MAN AT858346

(3) RADIO RELAY BLUE SPRUCE "A" AT837378

4. (u) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAILABLE RECON TEAMS

N/A

5. (u) SIGHTINGS &amp; CONTACTS

NONE

6. (u) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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FIRST FOR RECON SIT REP 270001H TO 272400H JUNE 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (5) OPER RECON PTLS THERE ARE (2) OPER IN THE III MAF TAOR.

AT (2) LOCATIONS AS OF 2400H.

2. (C) INSERT &amp; EXTRACTS

A. INSERTS COMPLETED

NONE

B. EXTRACTS COMPLETED

NONE

C. INSERTS NOT COMPLETED

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D. EXTRACTS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

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F. INSERTS PLANNED FOR 28 JUNE 69

(1) F-62 HANOVER SUE AT848348

G. EXTRACTS PLANNED FOR 28 JUNE 69

(1) F-62 LAUNDRY MAN AT848348

3. (C) LOCATIONS OF OPERATING PATROLS AS OF 272400H JUNE 69

(1) RADIO RELAY BLUE SPRUCE "A" AT837378

(2) F-41 RECLINE AT954400

(3) F-62 LAUNDRY MAN AT853347

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAILABLE RECON/RANGER TEAMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS &amp; CONTACTS

(1) F-62 LAUNDRY MAN 8 MEN AT 273500H VIC AT849348. PTL HEARD

UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC/NVA CHOPPING WOOD. NO ACTION TAKEN.

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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FIRST FOR RECON SIT REP 280001H TO 282400H JUNE 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (5) OPER RECON PTLS THERE ARE (2) PTLS OPER IN THE III MAF  
TAOR. AT (2) LOCATIONS AS OF 2400H.

2. (C) INSERT & EXTRACT

A. INSERTS COMPLETED

(1) F-21 HANOVER SUE AT 281135H AT848348

B. EXTRACTS COMPLETED

(1) F-62 LAUNDY MAN AT 281135H AT848348

C. INSERTS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

D. EXTRACTS NOT COMPLETED

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E. REASON INSERT/EXTRACT NOT COMPLETED

N/A

F. INSERTS PLANNED FOR 29 JUNE 69

(1) F-51 PEARL CHEST AT903335

G. EXTRACTS PLANNED FOR 29 JUNE 69

(1) F-41 RECLINE AT954404

3. (C) LOCATIONS OF OPERATING PATROLS AS OF 282400H JUNE 69

(1) RADIO RELAY BLUE SPRUCE "A" AT837378

(2) F-41 RECLINE AT954404

(3) F-21 HANOVER SUE AT852342

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAILABLE RECON/RANGER PATROLS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS &amp; CONTACTS

(1) F-41 RECLINE AT 271515 VIC AT955406. PTL HEARD VOICES AND WOOD

CHOPPING. SUSPECTED EN BASE CAMP. PTL UTILIZED AO AND (3)

FLIGHTS FIXED WING AIRCRAFT. RESULTS: (2) SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS

AND SCREAMS.

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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(C) OF (5) OPER RECON PTLS THERE ARE (2) PTLS OPER IN THE III MAF  
TAOR AT (2) LOCATIONS AS OF 2400H.

A. INSERTS COMPLETED

(1) 7-51 PEARL CREST AT 290946H VIC AT905332

B. EXTRACTS COMPLETED

(1) F-42 DECLINE AT 291000H VIC AT954404

C. INSERTS NOT COMPLETED

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D. EXTRACTS NOT COMPLETED

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E. REASON INSERTS/EXTRACTS NOT COMPLETED

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3. (C) LOCATIONS OF OPERATING PATROLS AS OF 292400H JUNE 69

(1) RADIO RELAY BLUE SPRUCE PA AT837378

(2) 2-2 HANOVER SIE AT848339

(3) 1-5A REAR GILLET AT800330

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAILABLE RECON PATROLS

5. SIGNINGS &amp; CONTACTS

6. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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  - C. INSERTS NOT COMPLETED  
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E. REASON INSERTS/EXTRACTS NOT COMPLETED

N/A

F. INSERTS PLANNED FOR 01 JULY 69

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G. EXTRACTS PLANNED FOR 01 JULY 69

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3. (C) LOCATIONS OF OPERATING PATROLS AS OF 302400H JUNE 69

(1) RADIO RELAY BLUE SPRUCE "A" AT837378

(2) F-21 HANOVER SUE AT845344

(3) F-51 PEARL CHEST AT898342

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAILABLE RECON PATROLS

N/A

5. SIGHTINGS &amp; CONTACTS

(1) F-21 HANOVER SUE AT 301500H VIC AT845338. PTL OBSERVED (4)

VC/NVA MOVING EAST ON TRAIL. WHEN VC/NVA SPOTTED TEAM, POINT  
 MAN OPENED FIRE KILLING (2) VC/NVA. TEAM CAPTURED PERSONNEL  
 GEAR CONSISTING OF RICE, FIRST AID KIT, SHAVING GEAR, CLOTHING  
 AND MARIJUANA.

6. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

(1) PERSONNEL ON HAND

USMC OFFICERS (12)

USMC ENLISTED (143)

USN ENLISTED (7)

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Encl: (1) Patrol Route Overlay  
(2) Front View-(2) 60 Ft Aluminum Ladders Mounted on UH-1H  
(3) Close Up- 60 Ft Aluminum Ladder Mounted on a UH-1H  
(4) Anchor Points and Method of Securing 60 Ft Aluminum Ladder on a UH-1H  
(5) Stabo Harness  
(6) Stabo System Hook-up and Lift-off  
(7) Helicopter in Flight with Hooked Stabo System Attached  
(8) One of Three Anchor Points for Stabo System

1. Name or Identity and/or Type of Operation.

Deep Reconnaissance Patrol Operation

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2. Dates of Operation.

From 170630H June to 201524H June 1969

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3. Location.

South-West sector of Quang Nam Province Composed area of operation;  
Coordinates of Recon Zone were YC8016 to YC9128 to YC9324  
to YC9319 to YC9119 to YC8016 to close.

4. Control or Command Headquarters.

1st Force Reconnaissance Company, Major R. E. SIMMONS

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6. Supporting Forces.

Both US Army and USMC aviation units were used in support of this operation. The 71st Assault Helicopter Company U. S. Army provided (3) UH-1H helicopters for transport and C & C aircraft. The First Marine Aircraft Wing provided CH-46D's, A1H gunships, OV-10A's, F4F and A6 attack aircraft and airborne relay.

All inserts were accomplished using the following air package:

- 3 UH-1H Transports
- 2 A1H Gunships
- 1 CH-46D SAR Helicopter
- 1 Flight Fixed Wing Aircraft on Station
- 1 OV-10A Aircraft on Station

After the patrol insertions, the Army UH-1H's were returned to the Americal Division OPCON. This necessitated the total use of Marine Corps air assets for emergency extractions. This also increased reaction time from (1) hour to (1) hour and (50) minutes because the aircraft could not be available at the Force Reconnaissance HLZ. Twenty-five (25) flights of fixed wing aircraft were used to prepare areas for emergency extraction of patrols. The aircrews of all aircraft involved in this operation did an outstanding job in supporting the operation.

7. Intelligence.A. Intelligence Estimate

(1) It was believed that enemy strength in the area consisted of the 150th Transportation Battalion, made up of three companies; C-11, C-12, and C-13 with a Headquarters detachment.

(2) Usually reliable sources indicated that a major enemy Headquarters and Service center/complex were located in the vicinity of YC8912.

(3) It was believed the enemy would not expect a recon effort in his haven. He was expected to be operating a high speed trail system from YC8230 to YC9220. He was expected to have base areas at YC8520 and YC8917.

(4) Sources:

- a. G-2 (Acquisition), III MAF; MACV Directives;
- 1st Mar Div Target lists; Current Perintreps;

B. Enemy Strength and Situation

(1) An enemy element was located in vicinity YC8520 on 17 June. After patrol Millbrook's initial contact with VC/NVA in black PJ's and packs, a NVA unit wearing khakis and no packs moved in on them. One POW was apprehended.

(2) An enemy unit in the vicinity of Hill 434 (YC893183) had a land line communications system (Blue, double strand wire was found). A probable base camp was also located in this area. (Chickens, dogs, and many voices were heard).

(3) Team Recline (F-41) had a chance contact with (7) enemy, who were wearing sky blue uniforms carrying heavy packs and

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in the vicinity of YC89235. Results of the contact were (2) VC/NVA KIA but the bodies could not be recovered. One (1) RPG round was observed.

(h) Cover and concealment was excellent. Observation was limited due to thick vegetation and canopy. Key terrain features in the AO were:

Southern central highlands	YC8316
Song Gaing	YC9028 - YC9016
Ridge line	YC6428 - YC8922
Valley	YC8520

(5) Weather. Temperatures were high although humidity was somewhat lower than in the BaNang area. Visibility was (8) miles to unlimited with some cloud cover. Wind speed was not measured.

8. Mission. First Force Reconnaissance Company was to conduct a detailed area reconnaissance vicinity upper left YC8028/lower right YC8116 to satisfy the following FFI/OIR:

- a. FFI - Determine enemy strength, location, composition, disposition and identification. Special attention to unlocated major enemy headquarters complex in vicinity YC8028 to YC9028 to YC9016 to YC8016.
- b. FFI 1-Determine nature and extent of enemy lines of communications in vicinity above coordinates. Special attention to motorable roads and/or high speed trails.
- c. FFI 2-Determine locations and extent of enemy AA weapons. Special attention to 37-mm positions in vicinity above coordinates.
- d. OIR 1-Report by coordinates map corrections as identified.
- e. OIR 2-Report by coordinates location of enemy base camps as identified.
- f. OIR 3-Report by coordinates evidence of enemy road construction.

9. Concept of Operation. 1st Force Reconnaissance Company deployed (4) Reconnaissance patrols throughout the area of operations placing particular emphasis on a suspected high speed trail located from YC840264 to YC846254; river crossing at YC897220 and enemy base camps in the vicinity YC8918 and YC8521. All observations and contacts were to be reported by radio communications utilizing airborne radio relay aircraft.

10. Execution. This company's mission as set forth in references (a) through (f) was partially accomplished by inserting reconnaissance patrols in the area of operations that, from available intelligence, indicated a high probability of enemy activity both stationary and transit. Radio relay A/C provided good to poor communications during this operational period. A chronological summary of the reconnaissance effort in the assigned AO follows:

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170830H - Recline (F-41) at (YC908195) and (YC907195) found cleared areas that overlooked the valley. Areas were (10) meters in diameter and unobservable from the air.

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171200H - Redline (F-41) at (YC905195) patrol found (2) 50 ft. diameter open areas camouflaged from the air by vines interwoven into the tree branches forming a protective net-like appearance. The two areas were 50 ft. apart. In one area, a jungle hut six feet high had been constructed. Both areas were well policed and had not been used for some time.

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180845H - Millbrook (F-32) at (YC845216) sighted (2) VC/NVA moving on a trail. Patrol was observed and initiated contact resulting in (1) VC/NVA KIA. Patrol then observed (3) enemy attempting to move around the patrol's position. Patrol initiated contact resulting in (1) VC/NVA KIA. Enemy were wearing black pj's and packs.

180910H - Millbrook (F-32) at (YC845216) sighted (2) VC/NVA moving on the trail toward their position. The enemy were wearing black pajamas and carried heavy packs. Patrol initiated contact. Results: (1) VC/NVA POW (WIA), (1) VC/NVA KIA. (1) pack was captured containing rice and personal belongings. The enemy initiated a heavy volume of fire resulting in (1) USMC WIA (E).

181100H - Millbrook (F-32) at (YC845216) observed (20) to (30) VC/NV. moving on line toward the patrol's position. Enemy came from the north, east and south. Patrol initiated contact and called in fixed wing A/C. Results: (1) USMC KIA (E), (1) USMC WIA (E), (3) VC/NVA KIA. Enemy wore khaki uniforms, NVA helmets and no packs.

181200H - Millbrook (F-32) at (YC845216) extraction helicopter approached extraction zone and received a heavy volume of SA fire from vicinity (YC850216) and light fire from around patrol. Extraction was aborted.

181330H - Millbrook (F-32) at (YC845216) Patrol called in (3) additional flights of fixed wing A/C on enemy positions. Results: Enemy volume of fire decreased.

181515H - Millbrook (F-32) at (YC845216) Patrol was extracted using modified Stabo System. Extraction helicopter received SA fire.

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191000H - Hanover Sue (F-21) at (YC865270) Patrol heard voices after an air strike in that vicinity.

191030H - Hanover Sue (F-21) at (YC860280) extraction helicopter received heavy a/w fire. results: (2) A/C crew members WIA. Extraction aborted.

191030H - Redline (F-41) at (YC899205) Patrol sighted (2) VC/NVA moving on a trail. Enemy wore sky blue uniforms with green bush covers. The enemy carried large packs, web gear, and AK-47's at sling arms. Enemy sighted patrol, patrol initiated contact. Results: (2) VC/NVA KIA. Immediately (4) to (5) VC/NVA also in sky blue uniforms, moved the bodies back down the trail. One RPG rocket was left on the trail. The enemy began to search for the bodies.

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191230H - Pearl Chest (F-51) at (Y0900183) found (1) MG emplacement camouflaged with vegetation. The emplacement had been occupied within the last 24 hours.

191330H - Pearl Chest (F-51) at (Y0899184) heard voices (75) meters away to the south. (3) to (4) people were talking, and moving.

191400H - Recline (F-41) at (Y0898205) called in (6) flights of fixed wing A/C for strike around and adjacent to the patrols position. Screams were heard from the enemy.

191415H - Manover Sue (F-21) at (Y0865270) Patrol was extracted using modified Stabo System.

191630H - Recline (F-41) at (Y0898205) Patrol was extracted using modified Stabo System.

191830H - Pearl Chest (F-51) at (Y0892181) Patrol crossed a (2) foot wide path that had been traveled that day.

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200815H - Pearl Chest (F-51) at (Y0892181) found a blue communication wire similar to double strand U. S. type. The wire ran from south-south east to north-north west. The patrol began to hear excessive signals poorly disguised as bird calls. The patrol was surrounded by the enemy sighted (75) meters away.

201315H - Pearl Chest (F-51) moved to an extraction point and called in (6) flights of fixed wing aircraft in the vicinity (Y0892181). A secondary explosion was heard in the vicinity (Y0896181) aircraft received SA fire from the south west on each pass.

201525H - Pearl Chest (F-51) at (Y0892180) Patrol was extracted using the aluminum runged ladder.

## II. Results;

### a. Friendly Casualties

KIA USMC (E)	1
VOL USMC (E)	2
WIC USMC (E)	2

### b. Enemy Casualties

KIA VC/NVA	7
POW VC/NVA	1

c. One pack with rice and personal clothing was captured.

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d. Friendly equipment losses:

(2) M-16A1 (upon extraction rifles were pulled from the men's shoulders by tree branches).

(1) AN/PRG-93 (Lost when man fell down a rock ledge).

e. Areas where air strikes were conducted were not searched by ground forces.

## 12. Administrative Matters.

a. Supply. Resupply of reconnaissance teams was not necessary. Patrols carried adequate supplies and were self-sustained.

b. Treatment of Casualties, Evacuation and Hospitalization. Seriously wounded personnel were med-evaced by helicopter to NSA Hospital DaNang via 5th Marines RAS at An Hoa. Medical treatment was expeditious and thorough.

c. Transportation. Helicopters were the primary transportation vehicle for all reconnaissance teams to their AO's. USA UH-1H and USMC CH-46D A/C were utilized.

d. Communications. First Marine Aircraft Wing provided one aerial relay aircraft on station from 0600 to 2200 daily and provided an aircraft to receive situation reports at 0030, 0200, and 0400. Communications ranged from good to poor using this aerial relay. Factors which influenced communication included, weather, location of patrols, and location of aircraft. The aerial relay was grounded every five (5) hours for one and one half (1½) hours to refuel. During these periods a 1st Division AO in an OV-10 was requested to provide an aerial relay.

## 13. Special Equipment and Techniques.

a. This operation saw the use for first time by the First Force Reconnaissance Company of UH-1H helicopters. These helicopters were equipped with (2) 60 ft. aluminum ladders and (2) 120 ft. climbing ropes, (See enclosures (2) through (4)). Teams were prepared to insert by touchdown, rappel, or to climb down the ladders. Two inserts were accomplished by climbing down ladders and two by touchdown. The First Force Reconnaissance Company used insert techniques used by the U. S. Army Special Forces Delta Project. This technique employs a dedicated aircraft package. On D-2 the pilots who will actually be flying the insertion complete a visual reconnaissance of the operating area with the patrol leaders. At this time primary and alternate landing zones are selected.

A command and control aircraft is used on all VR's, insertions and extractions. During insertion the transport helicopters and command and control aircraft fly in formation until both the insertion pilots and insertion commander sight the landing zone. At this time the insertion helicopter is directed to descend to

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the landing zone by the insertion commander. The gunships follow the insertion helicopter at about 1500 meters and cover the insertion helicopter in the landing zone. The Command and Control helicopter and remainder of the air package continue to fly a straight line past the objective area. After insertion, the insertion helicopter returns to the formation. This technique proved very successful.

b. The modified Stabo Technique was introduced as an aid in the extraction of reconnaissance patrols from areas where the tactical situation makes it hazardous or impossible for the patrol to reach a landing zone. The Stabo equipment consists of a harness worn by members of a patrol and a (120/140) ft. cargo strap, with (12) personnel attachment points, which is suspended from the aircraft. (See enclosure (5) through (8). The strap is lowered from the helicopter when it is over the patrol's position. The patrol members secure themselves to the strap by utilizing a sling rope and snap link attached to the harness. When all members are secured to the strap the helicopter lifts straight up and carries the patrol to a friendly area. This technique was used (3) times under emergency conditions with excellent results. Personnel extracted included (1) POW, (1) KIA and (2) WIAS.

#### 14. Commander's Analysis

a. A Reconnaissance effort is affected by several variables. The primary outside influence on performance is support. The loss of the UH-1H package from the 1st Force Reconnaissance HLZ immediately after insertion was considered detrimental to subsequent emergency extraction operations. The following advantages were lost with that package:

(1) Timely reaction. Two gunships, an AO, Fixed Wing and two CH-46D's had to be diverted from Division resources vice two gunships, an AO and Fixed Wing. The reaction time in the first case was (2) hours; in the second case (with a partial extraction package standing by on HLZ 469) (1) hour.

(2) Pre-briefed aircrews. The UH-1H aircrews had been briefed, conducted a VR and inserted the patrols in the area. They were ready.

(3) Ready airplanes. The transport helicopters were pre-rigged and available on the users HLZ with the necessary equipment to affect an emergency extraction.

(4) Maneuverability. The UH-1H can maneuver into smaller areas than can the CH-46D. The UH-1H cannot however, lift an entire patrol externally. Two aircraft are required. One UH-1H does lift a complete patrol internally.

b. Present policy precludes acceptance of the possibility of physical loss of Marines to the enemy. This means that patrols must be supported on a timely basis. In emergency conditions this unit finds that patrols usually can sustain themselves for at least one hour. Using this as a guide line, emergency extraction operational components should be in position and

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capable of extracting the patrol in one hour after the decision is made to do so. Distance is not the primary factor in locating or supporting a patrol, support reaction time is.

c. Communications. Until the probable physical loss of Marines becomes an acceptable policy. Continuous communications during the times most dangerous to the patrol are required. Communications for the operation were acceptable. Difficulty was experienced in patrols actually establishing satisfactory communications when the aerial relay was up. These problems were worked on by all stations and became more satisfactory. Down-times to refuel the aerial relay aircraft were covered by AOs ordered by this unit.

d. The timely employment of the reaction force was not tested. It was provided for and there was a plan for employment.

e. It was observed by the patrol leaders that Patrolling techniques, equipment and experiences are no different from those on patrols close to friendly positions. Communications and timely support continue to be their concern.

f. Lessons Learned.

(1) The UH-1H helicopter is an excellent aircraft for reconnaissance use. It is smaller and more maneuverable than the OH-46 and yet can carry a complete patrol in one helicopter.

(2) Special Forces Delta Project insertion techniques were successful in this operation.

(3) The UH-1H cannot lift one entire patrol externally. Two helicopters are required to externally lift a patrol.

(4) The modified Stabo extraction system is an effective method in recovering a patrol through very small openings in the jungle canopy.

#### 15. Recommendations.

a. That reconnaissance unit commanders be provided with a timely emergency support (one hour to recovery) capability. Commanders with deep reconnaissance (beyond artillery range) missions require a dedicated transport and G & C helicopter and pilot package on hand ready to operate. Gunships are required also, but depending upon reaction time can be ordered to meet the recovery package enroute. Ideally they should also be dedicated.

b. That patrol insertion/extraction techniques and times be varied and not stereotyped.

c. That the UH-1H aircraft be employed in support of reconnaissance operations supplemented with one OH-46D for emergencies during air operations.

d. That pilots who fly visual reconnaissance be the same as those inserting the patrol in those areas.

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e. That some thought be given to extraction of med-evacs and downed aviators using the extraction techniques and equipment involved in this operation.

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