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To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein),FMF (G-3)
Via: Commanding Officer, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein) (S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for period 010001H September to 302400H September 1969

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

Encl: √(1) First Force Reconnaissance Company Command Chronology

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

0100001H September 1969 to 302400H September 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION — COMMANDER

1st Force Reconnaissance Company — Major R. E. SIMMONS 1-30 September69

ATTACHED UNITS

1st Plat, Co "A", 5th Recon Bn, FMF (22-30 Sep)
2nd Plat, Co "A", 5th Recon Bn, FMF (1-21 Sep)
3rd Plat, Co "A", 5th Recon Bn, FMF (1-30 Sep)

2. LOCATION

1-30 September: Da Nang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Capt R. D. WILLIAMS (1-16 Sep)
Executive Officer	Capt S. L. OWENS (17-30 Sep)
S-2	SSgt R. F. BOLAND (1-21 Sep)
S-2	2ndLt R. L. JONES (22-30 Sep)
S-3	Capt G. R. WILLSON (1-22 Sep)
S-3	2ndLt R. L. JONES (23-30 Sep)
Supply Officer	1stLt G. J. PICKETT (1-10 Sep)
Supply Officer	GySgt W. E. SECREST (11-30 Sep)
Communications Officer	1stLt B. L. WHITLEY (1-30 Sep)
Motor Transport Officer	Capt R. D. WILLIAMS (1-16 Sep)
Motor Transport Officer	Capt S. L. OWENS (17-30 Sep)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
1stForReconCo	10	138	0	7
1st Plat, Co "A", 5th Recon Bn	1	23	0	1
2nd Plat, Co "A", 5th Recon Bn	1	20	0	2
3rd Plat, Co "A", 5th Recon Bn	1	25	0	1

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The 1st Force Reconnaissance Company conducted long range patrolling in the 1st Marine Division TAOR during the month of September 1969. The results of these operations are documented in part IV of the Chronology.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

01 September69 During the month of September the Company continued to support the 1st Marine Division in long range reconnaissance operations.

21 September69 2nd Platoon Company "A", 5th Reconnaissance Battalion, FMF was detached from 1st Force Reconnaissance Company.

22 September69 1st Platoon Company "A", 5th Reconnaissance Battalion, FMF was attached to 1st Force Reconnaissance Company. (Ref: 1st Reconnaissance Battalion Command Chronology for period 010001H September to 302400H September 1969).

30 September69 5th Platoon secured a helicopter landing zone at coordinates AT949345 and provided initial terminal guidance for Company "K" 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment and Battery "H" 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division.

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

a. Statistical Data Chart.

b. Operations and Patrol Reports: 265-69 through 304-69.

c. SITREPS: 244-69 through 273-69.

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a. Statistical Data Chart

Patrols	31
Sightings	299
Contacts	16
VC/NVA Sighted	2962
Fire Missions	17
Fixed Wing	8
NGF Missions	0
VC/NVA KIA (conf)	29
Weapons Captured	0
VC/NVA Captured	0
USMC Casualties	3
USN Casualties	0
USMC KIA	1
USMC WIA	1
USN KIA	0
USN WIA	0
USMC DOW	0
USMC MIA	0
USMC NBC	1
USN NBC	0
USMC KNBC	0

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Tab B-#1: Co Operation Order #262-69 dtd 28 Aug 69
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(e) CoFragO #262-69

Unit/Call Sign 3rd Platoon/MINK COAT

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 Establish observation over area ZC2031 and ZC2131. Monitor and report enemy traffic on trails running through these areas.

3. Execution (a) Concept of Operation: Utilize references (a) through (e) to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HLZ 469 at 290800H, insert in the operating area at vic TBA and extract at 020900H 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.

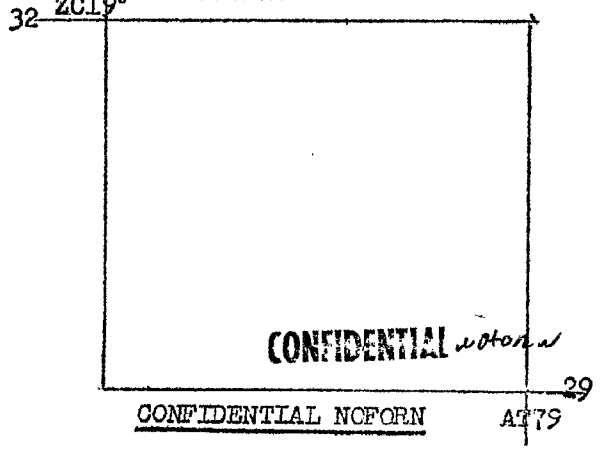
a. Special Equipment
(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Camera
(3) M-49 Scope
(4) Binocular 7x50

5. Comm/Electronics: Primary Freq: 33.30 Alternate: 72.95
Artillery: PAGE AVENUE 65.2
Radio Relay: CHERRY JAM "A"

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PATROL: MINK COAT
DEBRIEFER: S-SGT. R. BOLAND
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 7 ENL.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC'S, 1 7x50'S, 1M-49 SCOPE
   d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-16 M-79 OVERUNDER, 2 CLAYMORES

2. MISSION: ESTABLISH OBSERVATION OVER AREA ZC2031 AND ZC2131. MONITOR AND REPORT ENEMY TRAFFIC ON TRAILS RUNNING THROUGH THESE AREAS.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 291307H/021815H SEPTEMBER 1969

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 91 HOURS WITH 3 SIGHTINGS TOTALLING 34 NVA, AND NO CONTACTS. THE INSERT ZONE WAS PREPARED BY COBRA HELO'S. NO OTHER SUPPORTING ARMS WERE USED. THE PATROL WAS EXTRACTED UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. ENEMY: 011730H VIC ZC206315, SIGHTED 8 NVA MOVING NORTHEAST ON TRAIL, MOVING VERY QUICKLY. WEARING COOLIE HATS AND PONCHOS, 1 RP_D LIGHT MACHINE GUN, 4 AK-47'S AND 3 UNKNOW RIFLES.

011806H VIC ZC206315 SIGHTED 7 NVA MOVING NORTHEAST ON TRAIL, MOVING VERY QUICKLY. WEARING BLACK PJ'S WITH HEAVY PACKS. COULD NOT DETERMINE IF THEY HAD WEAPONS, DUE TO POOR VISIBILITY.

020725H VIC ZC207314 SIGHTED 19 NVA MOVING WEST ON TRAIL WEARING DARK CLOTHING SIMILIAR TO PONCHO. (VISIBILITY WAS BAD. RAIN) ONE MAN WEARING KHAKIES WITH BLUE RAINCOAT. COULD NOT OBSERVE IF THEY HAD WEAPONS. IT APPEARED THAT THEY HAD PACKS AND WEAPONS.

VILLAGE CFPHUOC HOI (1) VIC ZC2031 PATROL OBSERVED NORMAL MOVEMENT OF VILLAGERS DURING TIME PATROL WAS OBSERVING. FROM 010630H TO 021700H. DURING TIMES NVA MOVED THRU THE VILLAGE, VILLAGERS PAID LITTLE OR NO ATTENTION TO THEM. ONE VILLAGER (MAN) WAS A POSSIBLE SECURITY MAN FOR NVA MOVING THRU THE VILLAGE AND THE OPEN AREA AROUND IT. HE WAS SEEN LEADING HIS WATER BUFFALO WITH A ROPE BEFORE THE FIRST SIGHTING AND AFTER THE THIRD SIGHTING. THESE WERE THE ONLY 2 TIMES HE WAS SEEN.

011230 VIC ZC208307 AN OLD NVA HARBOR SITE. NVA FISH CANS, AND RICE BAGS.

VIC ZC208303 AN OLD HARBOR SITE. CONCEALED FROM THE AIR. 1 ROTTED ENEMY PACK. NO BUNKERS. HOLES UNDER LARGE ROCKS FOR COVER. ROCKS WERE 15 TO 20 FEET HIGH. CAVE LIKE COVER UNDER ROCKS WITHOUT DIGGING.

b. TERRAIN WAS VERY STEEP WITH A CANOPY OF 40 FEET IN SOME PLACES. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 6-8 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF ELEPHANT GRASS, BAMBOO, AND VINES. MOVEMENT WAS SLOW AT THE RATE OF 50 TO 70 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL WATER WAS SCARCE. CONCEALMENT WAS EXCELLENT. COVER OTHER THEN THE THICKNESS OF THE BRUSH WAS POOR. BOTH STEEPNESS AND THE VEGATATION IMPAIRED MOVEMENT OF THE PATROL. IT WAS NECESSARY TO CRAWL UNDER THE BRUSH

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7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ: ZC209310, MULTI CH-46. TO OPEN. CAN BE OBSERVED BY VILLA
b. EXTRACT LZ: ZC207307, 1xCH-46, FAIR. TAILGATE ZONE.
c. TRAILS: 2 FT WIDE. 1 TO 2 FEET DEEP. LAST USED WITHIN A MONTH.
d. OP'S. ZC200306 FAIR Z.
e. COMM: VERY GOOD.
f. OBSTACLES: NONE
g. MISC: ALL SIGHTING WERE MADE DURING RAIN AND LOW CLOUD COVER.

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

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: TIRED: DUE TO TERRAIN.

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NO ENEMY ACTIVIYY ON HIGH GROUND.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: THE PATROL WAS INSERTED VERY NEAR THE VILLAGE. THIS COULD HAVE CURTAILED ENEMY MOVEMENT IN THE VICINITY. THE ONLY SIGHTINGS WERE MADE DURING RAIN AND LOW CLOUD COVER. OTHER PATROL LEADERS HAVE STATED AS THIS ONE DID THAT A AO USUALLY FLYS OVER THIS VALLEY DURING THE DAY.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

SSgt. GRIFFITH	1801103
PFC GAUTHIER	2441813
PFC DUNLAPP	2518099
PFC HUGGINS	2421404
PFC LESSARD	2449074
PFC STEVENS	2288269
PFC BERGOLSEN	2493795

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Unit/Call Sign 5th Platoon/SAIL FISH

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 Monitor traffic on high speed trail vic AT948380. Be prepared to capture a prisoner.

3. Execution (a) Concept of Operation: Utilize references (a) through (e) to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HLZ 469 at 290800H, insert vic TBA and extract at 020900H 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.

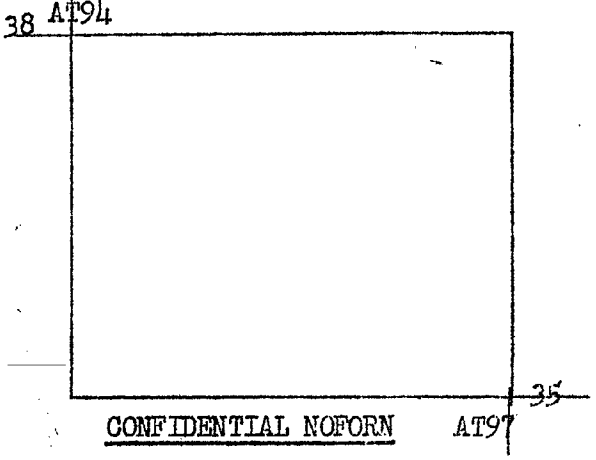
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a. Special Equipment
(1) Camera
(2) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(3) Binocular 7x50

5. Comm/Electronics: Primary Freq: 33.30 Alternate: 72.95
Artillery: PAGE AVENUE 65.2
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OPERATION ORDER: #263-69
PATROL: SAILFISH (F-51)
DEBRIEFER: CPL R. W. COOPER
MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS L7014
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT
   a. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF. 6 ENL. 1 USN.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25's, 1 6X30.
   d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-14, 1 M-79

2. MISSION: MONITOR TRAFFIC ON HIGH SPEED TRAIL VIC AT948380. BE PREPARED TO CAPTURE A PRISONER.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 291145H/021735H

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 102 HOURS WITH NO SIGHTINGS OR CONTACTS. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE USED. INSERT HLZ WAS PREPARED BY 1 FLIGHT OF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT. 1 F-4 PHANTOM WAS DOWNED DURING THE ZONE PREPARATION.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

   a. ENEMY: 291145H VIC AT932408 PATROL OBSERVED FIXED WING AIRCRAFT (F-4) CRASH PRIOR TO THE PATROL'S INSERTION. AFTER THE INSERTION PATROL SEARCHED VICINITY AND FOUND NUMEROUS SMALL PIECES OF METAL, 9 PIECES OF PAPER 3 ELECTRONIC FUSES AND 2 ITEMS OF METAL WITH OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES ON THEM. THERE WAS NO TRACE OF THE PILOTS OR ANY OF THEIR GEAR. THE LARGEST PIECE OF METAL FOUND WAS 3' X 2' LARGE.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

   a. INSERT LZ: AT932897 MULTI-CH-46, RICE PADDY
   b. EXTRACT LZ: AT944384 1XCH-46 FAIR, GRASSY
   c. NOT WELL USED RECENTLY
   d. OP'S: N/A
   e. COMM: FAIR W/ALPHA
   f. OBSTACLES: BOMB CRATERS
   g. MISC: N/A

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

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

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10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

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11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL LEADER DOES NOT FEEL THAT THE ENEMY ARE IN THE AREA OF THE PARTOL ROUTE.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE

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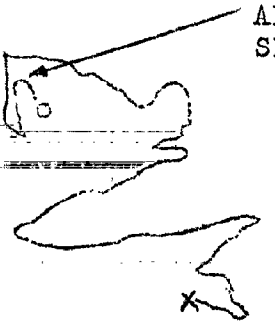
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13. PATROL MEMBERS:

2ndLT ROLLINGS	0107099	93
SGT MOORMAN	1994159	414
LCPL MAGRI	2178633	
LCPL HUCKSTEP	2458910	
LCPL CASTRO	2402275	
PFC LAMBERT	2163827	
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Unit/Call Sign 7th Platoon/YOUTH

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 Establish observation over trail network from AT900363 to AT885359 and south to AT886350. Monitor and report enemy traffic and frequency of trail usage.

3. Execution (a) Concept of Operation: Utilize references (a) through (e) to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HLZ 469 at 310800H, insert in the operating area at vic TBA and extract at 040900H vic TBA.

(b) Coordinating Instructions; The patrol leader will obtain a thorough briefing on HLZs in operating area from S-2 on D-1. Primary and alternate insert and extract zones will be selected at this time.

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

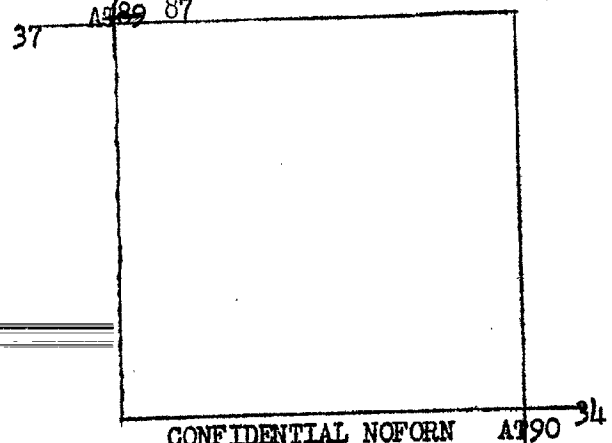
a. Special Equipment
(1) Long Wire Antanna (each radio)
(2) Binocular 7x50
(3) M-49 Scope

5. Comm/Electronics: Primary Freq: 33.30 Alternate: 72.95
Artillery; VEAL STEW 34.5
Radio Relay; CHERRY JAM "A"

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OPERATION ORDER:" 265-69
PATROL: LUNCHMEAT
DEBRIEFER: S-SGT. R. BOLAND
MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS L7014
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 6 ENL. 1 USN.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS:
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S, 1 7x50'S
   d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-79, 2 CLAYMORES

2. MISSION: ESTABLISH OBSERVATION OVER TRAIL NETWORK FROM AT900363 TO AT885359 AND SOUTH TO AT886350. MONITOR AND REPORT ENEMY TRAFFIC AND FREQUENCY OF TRAIL USAGE.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 311131H/050955 SEPTEMBER 1969

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 118 HOURS WITH 46 SIGHTINGS TOTALLING 652 VC/NVA, AND ONE CONTACT WHICH OCCURRED WHEN THE EXTRACT HELO RECEIVED FIRE AND SUSTAINED ONE HIT. 2 FIRE MISSIONS WERE CALLED AND RESULTED IN ONE HUT DESTROYED AND 2 DAMAGED. THE INSERT ZONE WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT. THE PATROL FLIP FLOPPED WITH SWIFT SCOUT. SIGHTED 1 CAUC.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. ENEMY: THE FIRST 82 VC/NVA SIGHTED WERE SIGHTED FROM AN OP VIC AT888354 AT A DISTANCE OF ABOUT 150 METERS. THE REMAINING VC/NVA WERE SIGHTED FROM OP VIC AT891349 A DISTANCE OF ABOUT 600 METERS FROM THE TRAIL WHERE THEY WERE SIGHTED. 7x50 USED. 553 VC/NVA WERE MOVING FROM SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST. 86 VC/NVA WERE MOVING FROM NORTHEAST TO SOUTHWEST. 13 VC/NVA WERE SIGHTED MOVING IN OTHER DIRECTIONS.

311515H VIC AT866355 SIGHTED 7 VC/NVA MOVING FROM SW TO NE ON TRAIL. WEARING GRAY UTILITIES, LARGE PACKS, RIFLES CARTRIDGE BELTS AND NVA PITH HELMETS. PACKS ABOUT THE SIZE OF A FULL WP BAG.

311550H VIC AT866355 SIGHTED 4 VC/NVA MOVING SW TO NE ON TRAIL. WEARING GRAY UTILITIES, NVA PITH HELMETS, LARGE PACKS, CARTRIDGE BELTS, AND RIFLES.

311630H TO 311730H VIC AT866355 SIGHTED 40 VC/NVA MOVING SW TO NE ON TRAIL. WEARING GRAY UTILITIES, BLACK PF'S, PACKS LARGE, RIFLES, NVA PITH HELMETS. MOSTLY AK-47 RIFLES. SPRINKLED THRU OUT THIS GROUP WAS APPROX 10 WOMEN AND 15 YOUNG BOYS ABOUT 15 YEARS OLD.

311755H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 31 VC/NVA MOVING SW TO NE. WEARING GRAY UTILITIES, NVA PITH HELMETS AND US TYPE HELMETS, RIFLES AND 15 PACKS. ALL VC/NVA WITH PACKS HAD RIFLES. 1 VC/NVA DUG A RIFLE OUT OF THE BUSHES ABOUT 5 METERS OFF THE TRAIL. HE SEEMED TO KNOW WHAT HE WAS LOOKING FOR. THIS GROUP MOVED FASTER THEN PREVIOUS GROUPS.

DOWN GRADED EVERY 30 DAYS

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011500 VIC AT886355, 5 VC/NVA MOVING SW TO NE ON TRAIL. WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, BUSH HATS, NVA PITH HELMETS, 3 AK-47 RIFLES, AND 5 LARGE PACKS. VC/NVA APPEARED TO BE WELL DRESSED.

011530H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 13 VC/NVA MOVING SW TO NE ON TRAIL, WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, 4 WORE BUSHATS 1 A NVA HELMET, 5 HAD LARGE PACKS 3 HAD AK-47 RIFLES. THE OTHERS HAD RIFLES. IT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED WHAT KIND.

020755H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 14 VC/NVA MOVING NE TO SW ON TRAIL WEARING GRAY AND GREEN UTILITIES, 14 HAD LARGE PACKS AND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER HAD RIFLES.

020810H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 20 VC/NVA MOVING NE TO SW ON TRAIL. WEARING GRAY AND GREEN UTILITIES, ALL WORE PONCHOS AND HEAVY PACKS. WEAPONS MAY HAVE BEEN UNDER PONCHOS .

020840H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 15 VC/NVA MOVING NE TO SW, ALL WEARING LARGE PACKS AND PONCHOS. (SIGHTED DURING HEAVY RAIN)

021200H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 23 VC/NVA MOVING SW TO NE ON TRAIL. WEARING GREEN UTILITIES HEAVY PACKS. 14 TO 16 HAD PACKS AND RIFLES. IN THIS GROUP WAS APPROXIMATELY 6 WOMEN AND 6 CHILDREN. CHILDREN 14 TO 16 YEARS OLD . ALL CHILDREN CARRYING PACKS.

021300H VIC AT885357 PATROL NOTICED 3 GRASS HUTS ABOUT 100 METERS FROM TRAIL. (COULD NOT SEE BEFORE BECAUSE OF FOG AND RAIN) 2 MEN 1 YOUNG BOY AND 2 WOMEN WERE AROUND THE HUTS ENGAGED IN NORMAL VILLAGE ACTIVITY. (THESE PERSONNEL NOT COUNTED IN TOTALS, OR AS SIGHTING.)

021303H VIC AT901365, 1 VC/NVA GOING ACROSS RICE PADDY, WEARING BLACK PJ'S, CARRYING AN OBJECT THAT LOOKED LIKE A RIFLE.

021314H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 5 VC/NVA MOVING FROM SW TO NE, WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, 3 HAD BUSH COVERS, 5 LARGE PACKSAND 2 RIFLES. 1 VC/NVA APPEARED TO BE AT LEAST 6 FEET TALL.

021350H VIC AT886355, SIGHTED 10 VC/NVA MOVING SW TO NE ON TRAIL, WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, 1 NVA PITH HELMET, 8 BUSH COVERS, AND 9 RIFLES. 1 WOMAN CARRYING A HEAVY PACK AND A BASKET ON HER HEAD.

021415H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 10 VC/NVA MOVING SW TO NE ON TRAIL. WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, 5 BUSH COVERS, 10 LARGE PACKS AND 4 RIFLES.

021420H VIC AT886355 VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 14 VC/NVA MOVING FROM SW TO NE ON TRAIL, WEARING GREEN UTILITIES AND PONCHOS. 6 HAD RIFLES, 14 CARRIED LARGE PACKS, 1 CARRYING TRIPODS 1 MAN CARRYING 2 MORTAR TUBES. LOOKED LIKE 82 MM MORTARS.

021440H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 10 VC/NVA MOVING FROM SW TO NE ON TRAIL. WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, 10 LARGE PACKS AND 7 RIFLES.

021535H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 30 VC/NVA MOVING SW TO NE ON TRAIL, WEARING GREEN UTILITIES AND PONCHOS, 17 HAD RIFLES, 30 HAD LARGE PACKS AND 30 WORE BUSH COVERS.

021615H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 11 VC/NVA MOVING SW TO NE, WEARING GREEN UTILITIES AND PONCHOS, 4 HAD BUSH COVERS, & 5 HAD RIFLES AND ALL CARRIED LARGE PACKS.

021635H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 15 VC/NVA MOVING FROM SW TO NE, WEARING GREEN UTILITIES AND PONCHOS. 15 CARRIED PACKS 10 RIFLES AK-47's AND SKS'S. 1 VC/NVA CARRIED A TRIPOD.

021700H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 11 VC/NVA MOVING FROM SW TO NE ON TRAIL, WEARING GREEN UTILITIES AND PONCHOS. 10 HAD LARGE PACKS. 1 CARRIED A LIGHT PACK, 7 HAD RIFLES. 1 MAN APPEARED TO BE A CAUC. HE WAS WEARING A AUSTRALIAN TYPE BUSH COVER. WEARING LONG TROUSERS HIS SHIRT SLEEVES WERE ROLLED UP JUST ABOVE THE ELBOWS. HIS RIFLE WAS CARRIED AT THE HIP LIKE ON A [illegible] SLING OR HAD THE MAGAZINE OF THE WEAPON HOOKED IN HIS BELT. HANDS WITH FOREARM ON THE TOP OF

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THE RIFLE. HE WAS APPROXIMATELY 6 FEET TALL. WELL BUILT, STOCKY TYPE BUILT. HE CARRIED HIMSELF LIKE A CAUC. HE CARRIED A SMALLER PACK THEN THE OTHERS. THE PACK WAS MOR LIKE A USMC GRUNT HAVERSACK.

021740H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 33 VC/NVA MOVING FROM SW TO NE ON TRAIL, WEARING GREEN UTILITIES. ALL CARRIED LARGE PACKS, APPROXIMATELY 30 HAD RIFLES, 1 MAN CARRYING A MORTAR TUBE. IT LOOKED LIKE A 82 MM MORTAR. IT WAS POSSIBLY LARGER THEN AN 82 MM MORTAR.

021810H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 30 VC/NVA MOVING FROM SW TO NE ON TRAIL, WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, ALL CARRIED LARGE PACKS, 20 CARRIED RIFLES, ALL WORE BUSH COVERS. 1 MAN CARRIED A BASE PLATE. 1 MAN CARRYING A MORTAR TUBE, PROBABLY 82MM MORTAR. 2 MEN WERE CARRYING MACHINE GUNS WITH BIPODS . MG'S ABOUT THE SIZE OF M-60.

030700H TO 030725H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 11 VC/NVA MOVING FROM NE TO SW ON TRAIL, WEARING GREEN UTILITIES. ALL CARRIED HEAVY PACKS, RIFLES AND BUSH COVERS.

030725H VIC AT804349 PATROL LEADER BEGAN TO SUSPECT THAT SOME TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION WAS GOING ON IN THE ABOVE VICINITY. THE PATROL HAD BEEN HEARING WOOD CHOPPING HAMMERING AND VOICES COMING FROM THIS VICINITY. LATER (SEE BELOW REPORTS) PATROL SEEN FRESH CUT BRANCHES WITH LEAVES ON THEM, BUNDLES OF SMALL BRANCHES AND 2 BAMBOO POLES 15 - 20 FEET LONG, MOVING IN A DIRECTION THAT MAKES PATROL LEADER BELIEVE THAT THE MATERIALS COULD BE GOING INTO THE ABOVE GRID VICINITY.

030755H VIC AT898364 SIGHTED 4 VC/NVA WALKING ACROSS RICE PADDY, WEARING BLACK PJ'S, ALL WORE PACKS AND WERE LEADING WATER BUFFALO.

030835H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 15 VC/NVA MOVING FROM SW TO NE. WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, 4 LARGE PACKS, 5 RIFLES, ALL HAD BUSH COVERS. THE MAJORITY OF VC/NVA WERE CARRYING BUNDLES OF TWIGS AND POLES, 15-20 FEET LONG.

030945H VIC AT898364 SIGHTED 2 VC/NVA WALKING ACROSS RICE PADDY FROM WEST TO EAST, WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, BOTH CARRIED LARGE PACKS.

030955H VIC AT903364, SIGHTED 3 VC/NVA RUNNING ACROSS RICE PADDY, WEARING GRAY AND GREEN UTILITIES, ALL HAD PACKS. JETS FLEW OVER AND VC/NVA STARTED RUNNING TOWARD TREES.

030955H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 3 VC/NVA MOVING FROM SW TO NE ON TRAIL, WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, 1 NVA TYPE PITH HELMET, 1 GI TYPE HELMET, 1 BUSH COVER, ALL HAD PACKS, 2 CARRIED RIFLES.

031035H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 7 VC/NVA MOVING FROM SW TO NE ON TRAIL, WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, GI TYPE HELMETS ALL HAD PACKS AND 5 HAD RIFLES.

031125H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 4 VC/NVA MOVING FROM SW TO NE ON TRAIL, WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, NVA PITH HELMETS, LARGE PACKS AND 2 RIFLES.

031220H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 18 VC/NVA MOVING FROM SW TO NE ON TRAIL, WEARING GREEN UTILITIES AND BLACK PJ'S, 3 WORE BUSH COVERS 10 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, 2 WORE COOLIE HATS, 11 WORE PACKS, 17 CARRIED RIFLES, 6 MEN CARRYING BRANCHES WITH LEAVES. 1 MAN APPEARED TO HAVE A BANDAGE AROUND HIS HEAD. HE WAS BEING HELPED DOWN THE TRAIL BY ANOTHER VC/NVA. BANDAGE APPEARED TO BE BLUE IN COLOR. THIS MAN DID NOT CARRY ANYTHING.

031210H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 5 VC/NVA MOVING FROM SW TO NE ON TRAIL, WEARING GREEN UTILITIES AND BLACK PJ'S, ALL HAD LARGE PACKS, 2 HAD RIFLES, 2 WORE V NVA PITH HELMETS. ONE VC/NVA WEARING BLACK PJ'S WAS CARRYING STICKS AND LEAVES.

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031615H VIC AT880935?6 HEARD VOICES ON TRAIL. CALLED 1 FIRE MISSION ON VOICES. IT TOOK 45 MINUTES TO GETT FIRE MISSION CLEARED. GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGET.

031700H VIC AT886357 SIGHTE 1 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH TO WEST, WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, A VERY HEAVY PACK, HE WALKED INTO SMALL VILLAGE.

031720H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 62 VC/NVA MOVING SW TO NE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, 32 RIFLES, AK-47'S AND SKS, 12 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, 24 WERE CARRYING WHAT APPEARED TO BE 122 MM ROCKETS, STILL IN THE CANNISTER. THEY WERE ABOUT 5 FEET LONG AND ABOUT 6 INCHES IN DIAMETER. 9 CARRIED 82 MM MORTAR TUBES. ALL WERE WALKING IN ONE GROUP ABOUT 1 TO 2 METERS APART. THIS GROUP WAS POSSIBLY BACKED UP THE TRAIL IN THE BRUSH DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF AN AIR OBSERVER. THE SIGHTING WAS ABOUT 45 MINUTES AFTER THE AIR OBSERVER LEFT.

031810H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 8 VC/NVA MOVING SW TO NE ON TRAIL WEARING GREEN UTILITIES AND BLACK PJ'S, ALL WORE PACKS, 3 WEARING NVA PITH HELMETS, AND 4 CARRYING RIFLES. SEVERAL MEN CARRYING BRANCHES AND TWIGS.

031845H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 40 VC/NVA MOVING FROM SW TO NE ON TRAIL, WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, 10 WEARING NVA PITH HELMETS, 30 CARRYING RIFLES. AK-47'S AND SKS'S.

040725H VIC AT886360 SIGHTED 2 VC/NVA ENTER VILLAGE OF 3 OR 4 HUTS. WEARING GREEN UTILITIES PACKS RIFLES AND NVA PITH HELMETS. THEY NEVER CAME OUT. 3 DIFFERENT SMOKE COLUMNS STARTED COMING OUT OF THE VILLAGE. CALLED FIRE MISSION ON VILLAGE. GOOD COVERAGE OF THE TARGET. 1 HUT COMPLETELY DESTROYED. THE OTHER HUTS BADLY DAMAGED. COULD HEAR CRIES AND SCREAMS COMING FROM THE VILLAGE AFTER THE FIRE MISSION.

040730H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 23 VC/NVA MOVING FROM NE TO SW ON TRAIL, WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, AND BLACK PJ'S NO HEADGEAR, 23 LARGE PACKS AND 12 RIFLES.

040745H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 2 VC/NVA MOVING FROM NE TO SW ON TRAIL, 1 WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, 1 WEARING GRAY UTILITIES, 1 WEARING A PACK, AND 1 CARRIED A RIFLE.

041030H TO041100H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 22 VC/NVA MOVING FROM SW TO NE ON TRAIL, 5 WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, 17 WEARING BLACK PJ'S. 10 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS. 9 RIFLES AND ALL CARRIED PACKS. 5 OF THE VC/NVA WEARING BLACK PJ'S WERE WEARING NVA PITH HELMETS.

041120H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 27 VC/NVA MOVING FROM THE SW TO NE, 19 WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, 8 WEARING GRAY UTILITIES, 17 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, 25 CARRIED PACKS, 16 CARRIED RIFLES, 1 MAN CARRYING TRIPODS, 2 CARRYING BANDOLIERS OF AMMO, 8 CARRYING BRANCHES AND LEAVES. 1 APPEARED TO BE A FEMALE, SHE DIDN'S CARRY ANYTHING.

041240H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 1 VC/NVA MOVING FROM NE TO SW ON TRAIL, WEARING GRAY UTILITIES, NVA PITH HELMETS AND CARRYING LARGE BUNDLE OF BRANCHES AND LEAVES.

041320H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 3 VC/NVA MOVING FROM SW TO NE ON TRAIL, WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, 3 RIFLES AND 3 LARGE PACKS.

041435H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 6 VC/NVA MOVING FROM SW TO NE, 4 WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, 2 WEARING BLACK PJ'S, ALL WORE PACKS, 4 HAD RIFLES, 4 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS AND 1 CARRIED HIS COOLIE HAT.

041530H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 14 VC/NVA MOVING FROM SW TO NE, WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, 14 WEARING BUSH COVERS, 13 CARRIED PACKS, AND 5 HAD RIFLES.

041615H VIC AT886355 SIGHTED 17 VC/NVA MOVING FROM SW TO NE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, AND BUSH COVERS, 8 WORE PACKS. THE ONES NOT

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CARRYING PACKS WERE CARRYING LONG BAMBOO POLES, 15-20 FEET LONG. THE VC/NVA WEARING PACKS HAD THEIR BACKS FULL OF LEAVES AND BRANCHES. NONE WERE CARRYING RIFLES.

THE PATROL HEARD VEHICLE MOVING EVERY NIGHT AND ONE TIME IN THE MORNING WHEN IT WAS VERY FOGGY. IT SOUNDED SIMILIAR TO AN AMTRACK. THEY COULD HEAR GEAR SHIFTING AND THE MOTOR UNDER A STRAIN AT TIMES. THE STRAINS ON THE MOTOR WERE VERY SHORT, LIKE THE VEHICLE WAS TRAVELING OVER LEVEL GROUND AND HITTING A STRAIN LIKE A RICE PADDY DIKE FOR ABOUT 5 TO 10 SECONDS, THEN THE MOTOR HAD A EVEN RUNNING SOUND AGAIN FOR A WHILE. THE PATROL USUALLY HEARD THE MOTOR RUN FOR ABOUT 1/2 HOUR, THEN STOP FOR SEVERAL HOURS AND THEN RUN FOR ABOUT 1/2 HOUR AGAIN.

THE POSSIBLE LOCATION OF THE SOUND WAS ESTIMATED TO BE DUE NORTH OF THE PATROL ABOUT 3,000 METERS AWAY. IN VICINITY OF GRID AT8938.

NO NOTES WERE KEPT ON THE TIMES THE MOTOR WAS HEARD. THE APPROXIMATE TIMES THE MOTOR WAS HEARD WERE 2000, 2100, 2400, 0100, 0200, 0530, 0630(FOGGY) 0730(FOGGY).

THE SIZE OF THE VC/NVA'S PACKS WAS ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT THE SIZE OF A FULL WP BAG. NOT QUITE AS LARGE AS A USMC SEABAG. THE PACKS WERE SOMEWHAT SQUARE, RATHER THEN ROUND.

b. TERRAIN WAS ROLLING HILLS WITH NO CANOPY. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 10 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF BRIARS, SHRUBS, ELEPHANT GRASS AND VINES. MOVEMENT WAS SLOW AT THE RATE OF 75-100 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS NOT FOUND ON THE PATROL'S ROUTE. VEGATATION HINDERED MOVEMENT GREATLY. IT WAS NECESSARY TO CRAWL ABOUT 40 % OF THE TIME. CONCEALMENT WAS VERY GOOD. COVER WAS VERY BAD. MANY GOOD OP'S IN THE AREA.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:
   a. INSERT LZ: AT8836357 MULTI CH-46 GOOD. LOW GRASS.
   b. EXTRACT LZ: AT8 92354 2xCH-46 GOOD ZONE. 2 FT GRASS. FEW FOXHOLES
   c. TRAILS: NETWORK OF OLD TRAILS VICINITY OF AT890353, VERY OLD, OF LITTLE AID TO MOVEMENT.
   d. OP'S: AT883351, AT891349, AT892354 IS BEST OP AND THE ONE USED MOST BY THE PATROL.
   e. COMM: GOOD IN CLEAR WEATHER. IN CLOUDY WEATHER IS FAIR.
   f. OBSTACLES: NONE.
   g. MISC: THE INSERT HELO "PEACH BUSH" DID NOT INSERT PATROL IN THE PRIMARY ZONE. PATROL WAS INSERTED ON THE SAME TRAIL WHERE THE HEAVY SIGHTINGS WERE MADE. INSERT WAS ON LOW GROUND WITH HILLS SURROUNDING AND WAS CONSIDERED VERY DANGEROUS BY THE PATROL LEADER, TO BOTH THE PATROL AND THE HELO.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: THE EXTRACT HELO RECEIVED FIRE RESULTING IN ONE HIT ON THE HELO. NO KIA OR WIA.

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: DID NOT EAT FOR LAST 48 HOURS. OTHERWISE IN VERY GOOD CONDITION.

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF TARGET. TAKES TO LONG TO CLEAR A MISSION

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

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12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

CPL.	ERNEST	2411661
1Spl.	AMES	2406055
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(b) 1stReconBnO P3000.4
(c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1G Ch 1&2 (Intelligence SOP)
(d) 1stMarDivO P003330.2A (Rules of Engagement)
(e) CoFragO #266-69

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Unit/Call Sign 7th Platoon/ELF SKIN

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 reconnaissance and surveillance of trail network running from AT860270 to AT870271. Monitor and report all enemy movement and activity.

3. Execution (a) Concept of Operation: Utilize references (a) through (e) to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HLZ 469 at 010800H, insert in the operating area vic TBA and extract at 050900H 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.

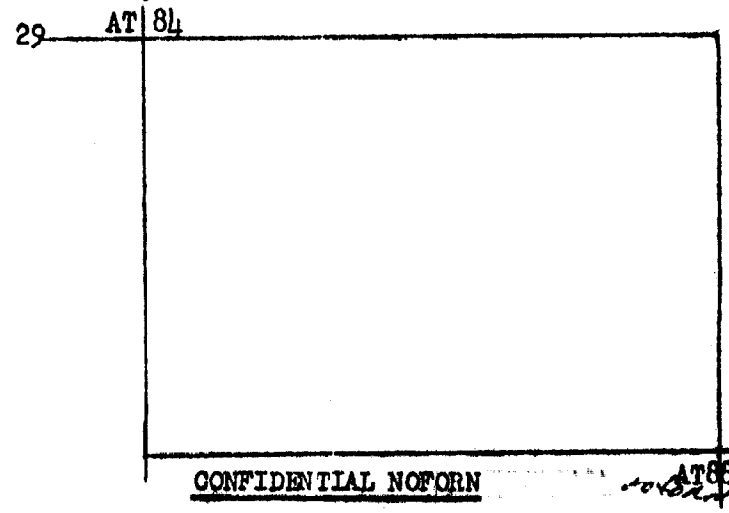
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OPERATION ORDER: #266-69
PATROL: VESPER BELLS (A-21)
DEBRIEFER: SGT M KOZAKEWICH JR
MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS L7014
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   a. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 6 ENL.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
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   d. SPECAIL EQUIP: 1 M-14, 1 M-79, 4 CLAYMORES

2. MISSION: CONDUCT A RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OF TRAIL NETWORK RUNNING FROM AT860270 TO AT870271. MONITOR AND REPORT ALL ENEMY MOVEMENT AND ACTIVITY.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 041130H/081230H

4. ROUTE: (SEE OVERLAY)

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND ROUTINELY EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER 97 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY DURING WHICH 2 GROUPS OF ENEMY WERE OBSERVED TOTALLING 11 VC/NVA. THERE WERE NO UNUSUAL OBSERVATIONS. THE PATROL MADE 1 CONTACT WITH 8-10 ENEMY; THE RESULTS WERE NOT DETERMINED. 2 FLIGHTS OF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT SUPPORTED THE PATROL.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. ENEMY: 041240H VIC AT864286 PATROL FOUND 1 FIGHTING HOLE 2'x4'x3' DEEP AN A SMALL TRAIL RUNNING N-S. HOLE WAS VERY OLD AND A TORN UP PONCHO LINER WAS LYING NEARBY.

050925H VIC AT863278 PATROL HEARD VIETNAMESE VOICES, POUNDING AND CHOPPING SOUNDS 100-150M TO THE WEST. THERE WAS 10-15 VOICES SPREAD OVER AN AREA 50M SQUARE IN A LARGE RAVINE.

051000H VIC AT861280 PATROL HEARD MORE VOICES, POUNDING, AND CHOPPING 100-150M TO THE NORTHWEST. THERE WAS 5-6 ENEMY IN A 25M SQUARE AREA IN THE SAME RAVINE AS MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY.

051005H VIC AT863278 PATROL FOUND 1 DESTROYED BASE CAMP. THERE WERE 7 SMALL HUTS AND 1 TRENCH LINE. HUTS HAD FALLEN APART FROM AGE, WERE ROTTING, AND NO SIZE ESTIMATE COULD BE GOTTEN. TRENCHLINE WAS 3'x4'x10' LONG. WHILE PATROL LEADER WAS TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS, HE OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA MOVING EAST. NO UNIFORMS OR GEAR COULD BE OBSERVED DUE TO VEGETATION IN THE LINE OF SIGHT.

051400H VIC AT865284 PATROL OBSERVED 8-10 VC/NVA. ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, BOOTS, BUSH COVERS, AND HELMETS. THE ENEMY WERE EQUIPPED WITH AK-47'S. ALL BUT 1 WORE LARGE PACKS. PATROL INITIATED CONTACT DUE TO THE ENEMY HAVING OBSERVED THEM. RESULTS WERE NOT DETERMINED. PATROL CALLED AO WHO ARRIVED IN 5 MINUTES AND WHO DIRECTED 2 FLIGHTS OF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT ON THE ENEMY POSITIONS AROUND THE PATROL AND IN THE RAVINE MENTIONED EARLIER.

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6. a. ENEMY (CONTINUED) PATROL THREW GRENADES AND FIRED M-79 DURING THE AIR STRIKES. THE RESULTS WERE NOT DETERMINED. WHEN THE FIXED WING AIRCRAFT LEFT, THE PATROL HEARD PEOPLE TALKING AND WORKING ONCE MORE. PATROL FOUND BLOOD AND 1 NVA HELMET AT SITE OF CONTACT.

070835H VIC AT868275 PATROL FOUND 6 FIGHTING HOLES. HOLES WERE NOT USED RECENTLY, THEY WERE 2'x3'x3' DEEP AND DISPERSED 25M APART ALONG A TRAIL.

071150H VIC AT865274 PATROL FOUND 1 BUNKER WITH 1"x5' LONG STICKS FOR OVERHEAD COVER. THE BUNKER WAS 5'x8'x4' DEEP AND HAD A 6" REVETMENT MADE OF DIRT AROUND IT. THE BUNKER WAS OLD AND WAS PARTIALLY CAVED IN.

071255H VIC AT865274 PATROL FOUND A HOLE 7'x15'x4' DEEP WITH A VERTICAL HOLE IN THE EAST WALL 2'x2'x4' DEEP.

071255H VIC AT865274 PATROL FOUND 1 HOLE 4"x4"x15" DEEP AND LINED WITH WOOD. WHEN 1 PATROL MEMBER'S HAND WAS PLACED INSIDE HE COULD FEEL A SMALL TUNNEL GOING EAST.

071300H VIC AT865274 PATROL FOUND 3 SMALL HOLES ARRANGED IN A RIGHT TRIANGLE. HOLES WERE 2" IN DIAMETER AND PATROL MEMBER COULD NOT FEEL THE BOTTOM.

b. TERRAIN: STEEP WITH A CANOPY OF 30-40 FEET. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 10-15 FT HIGH CONSISTING OF SMALL TREES AND A FEW VINES. MOVEMENT WAS MODERATE AT THE RATE OF 150 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS PLENTIFUL DUE TO MANY SMALL STREAMS ON PATROLS ROUTE.

7. OTHER INFOIMATION:

a. INSERT LZ: AT865290, FAIR, 1xCH-46 ZONE, 4' ELEPHANT GRASS OF MEDIUM DENSITY, (EASILY MOVED THROUGH BUT STILL OFFERS CONCEALMENT), AND SMALL TREES.

b. EXTRACT LZ: AT856274, GOOD, MULTI-CH-46, 2-3 FT ELEPHANT GRASS ON THE SIDE OF A HILL.

c. TRAILS: GENRALLY OLD AND OVERGROWN, 1 TRAIL AT AT868274 RUNS EAST-WEST AND IS WELL TRAVELLED. (SEE OVERLAY)

d. OP'S: AT864282, GOOD OBSERVATION TO THE WEST AND SOUTHWEST.

e. COMM: POOR

f. OBSTACLES: NONE

g. MISC: NONE

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: UNKNOWN.

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

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

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL LEADER BELIEVES AT863278, AND AT861280 TO BE BASE AREAS DUE TO THE ACTIVITY HEARD THERE AT 050925H AND 051000H RESPECTIVELY.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: SMALL HOLE MENTIONED IN 071255H COULD POSSIBLY BE A VENT FOR AN UNDERGROUND BUNKER, AS COULD THE 3 HOLES MENTIONED IN 071300H. SEARCH OF AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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13. PATROL MEMBERS:

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2NDLT LARKINS	0109050
PFC SYLVESTER	2485839
LCPL DUNCAN	2431355
PFC BEADBY	2515068
PFC WEBER	2485589

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(d) 1st MarDivO P003330.2A (Rules of Engagement)
(e) CoFragO #267-69

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Unit/Call Sign 6th Platoon/TRAILER PARK

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

2. Mission Establish observation over stream and valley area from stream intersection AT814261 to AT796255. Monitor and report enemy traffic and activity in this area.

3. Execution (a) Concept of Operation: Utilize references (a) through (e) to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HLZ 469 at 010800H, insert in the operating area vic TBA and extract at 050900H 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.

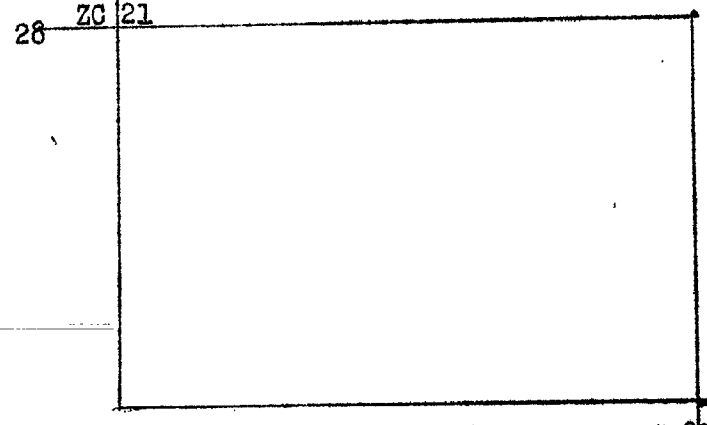
4. Admin/Logistics Reference (b) and verbal.

a. Special Equipment
(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Binocular 7x50
(3) M-49 Scope and camera

5. Comm/Electronics: Primary Freq: 33.30 Alternate: 72.95
Artillery: VEAL STEW 34.5
Radio Relay: CHERRY JAM "A"

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OPERATION ORDER # 267-69
PATROL: TRAILER PARK (F-62)
DEBRIEFER: SSGT R.F. BOLAND
MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS L7014
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 7 ENL
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S, 1 7x50'S, 1 M-49
   d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-14, 1 M-79, 2 CLAYMORES, 1 CAMERA.

2. MISSION: ESTABLISH OBSERVATION OVER STREAM AND VALLEY AREA FROM STREAM INTERSECTION AT814261 TO AT796255. MONITOR AND REPORT ENEMY TRAFFIC AND ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 041155H/081330H SEPTEMBER 1969

4. ROUTE: (SEE OVERLAY)

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND ROUTINELY EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER 97 1/2 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITIES, DURING WHICH 2 GROUPS OF ENEMY WERE OBSERVED TOTALLING 5 VC/NVA. THERE WAS 1 UNUSUAL OBSERVATION OF A BASE CAMP AT ZC213265. THE PATROL MADE ONE CONTACT WHICH OCCURRED WHEN THE PATROL'S INSERT HELICOPTER WAS FIRED ON. RESULTS UNKNOWN. SUPPORTING ARMS WERE NOT EMPLOYED.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. ENEMY: 061220H VIC ZC213254 PATROL HEARD 3-4 OR MORE VC/NVA TALKING. PATROL HEARD 3 AK-47'S COMMENCE AUTO FIRE AND FIRE ABOUT 10 ROUNDS EACH. LAUGHTER FOLLOWED WITH TALKING. THE SOUNDS MOVED SW AND EVENTUALLY DIED AWAY.

061335H VIC ZC211267 PATROL SIGHTED BASE CAMP. ONE LARGE HUT AND UNKNOWN NUMBER OF SMALL LEAN-TO WHICH COULD POSSIBLY HOLD FROM 20-30 MEN. (CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE) NO PHOTO TAKEN. (SEE SKETCH ON PAGE 3) BASE CAMP IS LOCATED ON THE SIDE OF A MODERATE SLOPE AND EXTENDS DOWN INTO A DRAW. THIS AREA HAS NOT BEEN BOMBED OR SHELLED. BASE CAMP HAS EXCELLENT CONCEALMENT FROM THE AIR. OBSERVED FOR ABOUT 2 OR 3 MINUTES ONLY.

061555H VIC ZC214267 PATROL HEARD 1 SINGLE SHOT FIRED IN VICINITY OF ZC214272.

071615H VIC AT803257 PATROL SIGHTED 3 VC/NVA MOVING EAST ON TRAIL, 1 WITH KHAKI'S, BLACK SHORTS, WHITE BANDANA AROUND NECK, PITH HELMET AND RIFLE. PATROL COULD NOT DETERMINE WHAT TYPE OF RIFLE. THE 2ND VC/NVA WAS WEARING BLACK PJ'S, WHITE BANDANA AROUND THE NECK AND WALKING WITH A WALKING STICK. IF VC/NVA WAS CARRYING A PISTOL IT COULD NOT BE OBSERVED BY THE PATROL. THIRD MAN CARRIED A RIFLE OVER HIS SHOULDER, AND WAS WEARING FRESH KHAKI'S. ALL THREE ENEMY CARRIED LARGE HEAVY PACKS.

071645H VIC AT793258 PATROL SIGHTED 2 VC/NVA MOVING NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL, WEARING BLACK PJ'S, NVA PITH HELMETS, HEAVY PACKS, AND MAY HAVE HAD RIFLES. THE MAN IN THE REAR HAD A WALKING STICK. THE PATROL COULD NOT OBSERVE IF THIS VC/NVA CARRIED A WEAPON.

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041155H (LATE ENTRY) THE INSERT HELICOPTER RECEIVED FIRE FROM VILLAGE VIC AT813263, AFTER THE PATROL WAS INSERTED, AND THE INSERT HELICOPTER HAD DEPARTED THE INSERT LANDING ZONE.

b. TERRAIN WAS GENERALLY STEEP WITH A CANOPY OF 40-60 FEET, SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 10-20 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF VINES, BRUSH, BRIARS AND ELEPHANT GRASS. MOVEMENT WAS SLOW EXCEPT ON TRAILS AT THE RATE OF 50 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS NOT AVAILABLE ON THE PATROL'S ROUTE. CONCEALMENT WAS GENERALLY EXCELLENT. COVER WAS FAIR. CONSISTING OF VERY FEW LARGE TREES. ALMOST ALL RIDGELINES TRAVELED WOULD BE GOOD DEFENSIVE POSITION BECAUSE OF THE APPROXIMATELY 80 DEGREE SLOPE ON THE HILLS. THE STEEPNESS OF THE TERRAIN IS A SERIOUS HINDERANCE TO MOVEMENT, IF RIDGELINES ARE NOT FOLLOWED.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ: AT812272 1xCH-46, FAIR, TAILGATE SITDOWN ZONE, BOMB CRATER. BEST APPROACH WAS FROM THE NORTHEAST. BEST EXIT WAS TO THE NORTHEAST DUE TO THE PROXIMITY OF THE VILLAGE VIC AT813263. INSERT HELO TOOK FIRE FROM THIS VILLAGE.

b. EXTRACT LZ: AT796276 1xCH-46, GOOD, SITDOWN ZONE, FLAT AREA IN SADDLE. AREA APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN BURNT OUT BY AIR STRIKES AT ONE TIME, BUT THERE IS 4' ELEPHANT GRASS OVER ZONE NOW. THE ELEPHANT GRASS HIDES A VERY ROCKY SOIL FROM VIEW. THE BEST APPROACH IS FROM 335°.

c. TRAILS: VIC ZC2219265 A HIGH SPEED TRAIL RUNS FROM NORTHEAST TO SOUTHWEST. IT IS DUG IN 4' AND APPEARS TO BE USED DAILY.

d. OP'S: AT797273 EXCELLENT OP EXCEPT APPROXIMATELY 35-40% OF THE TIME BECAUSE OF THE EARLY MORNING AND LATE EVENING FOG WHICH COVERS AREAS OF OBSERVATION. WHEN FOG IS NOT OBSCURING THE LOWLANDS, OBSERVATION IS TO N, NE, SE, S, SW, NW, AND A GOOD VIEW OF MAJOR TRAILS IN THE TRA LY VALLEY (AT813260). AT801274 GOOD OBSERVATION TO SE, SW, AND S. AT793270 GOOD OBSERVATION TO S, AND SE. EASILY DEFENDABLE DUE TO STEEPNESS OF SLOPE. BOTH PREVIOUS OP'S HAD NO GROUND FOG DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

e. COMM: GOOD. PATROL HAD NO INTERFERENCE IN BACKGROUND, BUT WAS ABLE TO KEY OUT.

f. OBSTACLES: MANY BOMBED OUT AREAS, AND STEEP HILLS.

g. MISC: NONE.

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

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD. PATROL MUST CARRY 7 CANTEENS FOR A 5 DAY PATROL DURING DRY SEASON.

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

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11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL LEADER THINKS THAT ENEMY WERE MOVING IN VALLEY (AT813260) UNDER COVER OF THE FOG.

PATROL LEADER NOTES THAT VN INTERFERENCE OCCURS ON LOW FREQ. DID NOT OCCUR ON HIGH FREQ, SUCH AS 70.0.

PATROL LEADER RECOMMENDS SPIE OR LADDER EXTRACT IN THIS AREA. THERE ARE VERY FEW HLZ'S IN THIS AREA ; AND THEY ARE MOSTLY LOCATED NEAR THE VILLAGES IN GRID SQUARE AT8125 AND AT8028, WHICH THE PATROL LEADER CONSIDERS DANGEROUS. MANY OLD MEN AND WOMEN SIGHTED IN THESE VILLAGES BUT NO MEN OF MILITARY AGE.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

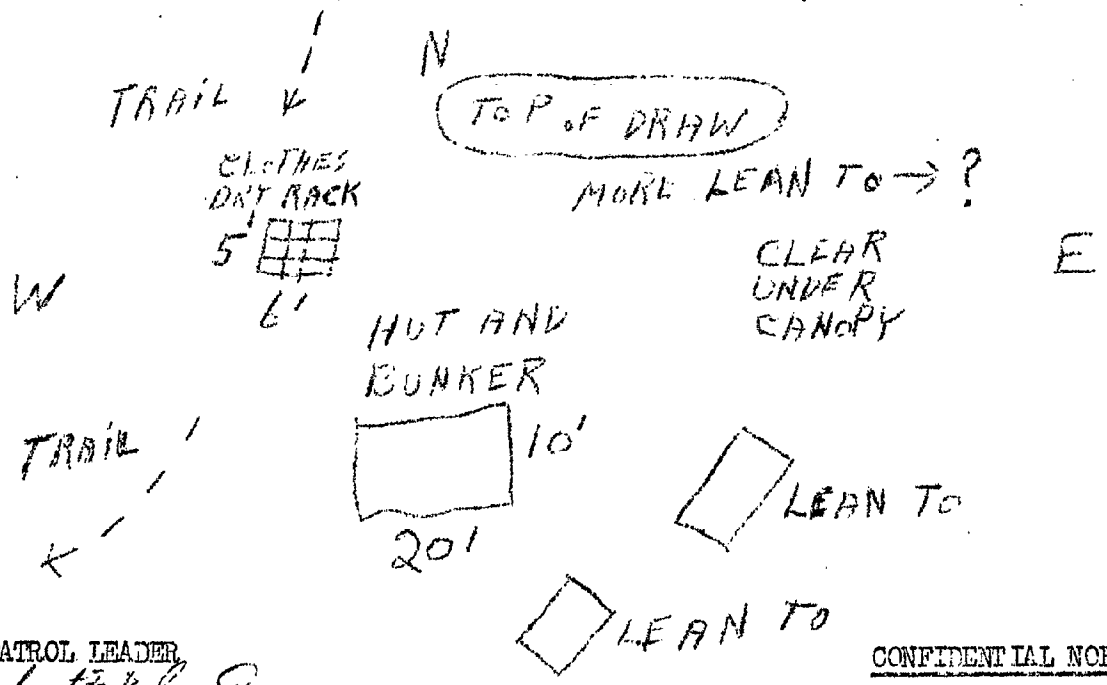
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Unit/Call Sign 8th Platoon/MOOSE PEAK

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 reconnaissance along stream beds and possible base camp areas. Locate possible communications wire, tap wire and record communications traffic.

3. Execution (a) Concept of Operation: Utilize references (a) through (e) to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HLZ 469 at 010800H, insert in the operating area Flip Flop with Segment at vic TBA and extract at 050900H 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.

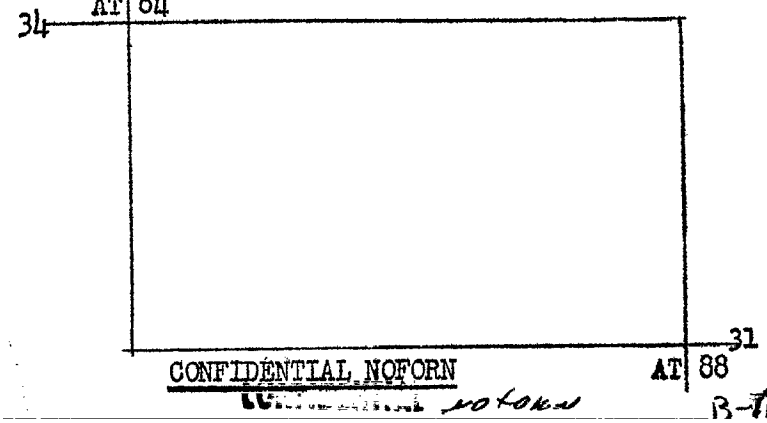
4. Admin/Logistics Reference (b) and verbal.

a. Special Equipment
(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Camera
(3) Binocular 7x50
(4) surveillance System 4-114A

5. Comm/Electronics: Primary Freq: 33.30 Alternate: 7295
Artillery: VEAL STEW 34.5
Radio Relay: CHERRY JAM "A"

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OPERATION ORDER: # 268-69
PATROL: RABBIT HUTCH
DEBRIEFER: S-SGT. R.BOLAND
MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS L7014
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 7 ENL.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S, 1 7x50'S
   d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-79, 4 CLAYMORES, 1 WIRE TAPPER

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE ALONG STREAM BEDS AND POSSIBLE BASE CAMP AREAS. LOCATE POSSIBLE COMMUNICATIONS WIRE, TAP WIRE AND RECORD COMMUNICATIONS TRAFFIC.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 041100H/091530H SEPT. 1969

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER, THE INSERT ZONE WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING, 1 MEMBER WAS EXTRACTED BY HOIST. THE HOIST BROKE AND THE REMAINING 6 MARINES WERE EXTRACTED IN A DIFFERENT LOCATION BY HELICOPTER. THE PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 124 1/2 HOURS DURING WHICH 2 GROUPS OF ENEMY WERE SIGHTED, TOTALLING 7 VC/NVA. THE PATROL MADE 3 CONTACTS WITH THE ENEMY. 2 OCCURRED ON THE GROUND AND 1 TOOK PLACE WHEN THE EXTRACT HELO WAS FIRED ON AND SUSTAINED 3 KNOWN HITS. AN UNUSUAL OBSERVATION WAS 1 RADIO OBSERVED FROM A DISTANCE OF 10-15 METERS BY ONE PATROL MEMBER WHICH WAS AMONG A GROUP OF 5 VC/NVA. ARTY AND FIXED WING SUPPORT WAS NOT EMPLOYED. AN AO AND HUEY GUNSHIPS WERE USED FOR CLOSE SUPPORT.

7. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. ENEMY: 061100H VIC AT861328 A TRAIL RUNNING EAST TO WEST. RECENTLY USED WITHIN 24 HOURS. VERY RECENTLY DETOURS HAVE BEEN MADE AROUND SPOTS OF THE TRAIL THAT WERE BOMBED OUT. THERE WERE NUMEROUS HARBOR SITES WITH BURNT OUT CAMPFIRES ALONG THE TRAIL. SIGNS HAD BEEN MADE ON THE TRAIL AND ON THE SIDE OF THE TRAIL. SUCH AS 3 STICKS LAID ON THE GROUND, NOTCHES CUT IN TREES, AND A BRANCH OF BAMBOO STUCK ACROSS A BOMBED OUT TREE TO FORM A CROSS. THERE WERE BUNDLES OF STICKS ALONG THIS TRAIL. DURING THE REST OF DAYLIGHT HOURS THE PATROL HEARD TALKING FROM TIME TO TIME IN THIS VICINITY FROM THE SOUTHWEST.

071200H VIC AT 861327 PATROL NOTED THAT THIS AREA HAD A HEAVY NETWORK OF TRAILS WITH A TRAIL BRANCHING OFF THE MAIN TRAIL EVERY 25 METERS OR SO. MOST OF THE TRAILS WERE COMING DOWN THE NEARBY RIDGE LINE CROSSING THE STREAM IN THE VICINITY. MANY TRAILS ALSO RAN PARRELL TO THE STREAM. THERE WERE NOO SAP PRODUCING TREES IN THIS AREA. NO LOGICAL REASON FOR THIS NETWORK OF TRAILS COULD BE DETERMINED BY THE PATROL OR THE DEBRIEFER. THE NEAREST VILLAGE IS 2500 METERS TO THE NORTHWEST. SMALL PIECES OF BLUE PLASTIC RAINCOAT OR PONCHO WERE FOUND IN THE AREA. SOME OLD CAMPFIRES WERE FOUND IN THE AREA. OTHERWISE THE AREA WAS WELL POLICED. AT THIS TIME THE

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PATROL HEARD TALKING TO THE FRONT HEADING IN THE PATROL'S DIRECTION. PATROL STOPPED, MOVED OFF THE TRAIL. PATROL OBSERVED 8-10 VC/NVA MOVING TOWARD THE PATROL, MOVING EAST. THE VC/NVA WERE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES NO COVERS, THE POINT VC/NVA CARRIED A M-16 RIFLE. SINCE IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THE PATROL COULD NOT AVOID CONTACT, THE POINT MAN INITIATED CONTACT. RESULTS 2 VC/NVA KIA. THE OTHER VC/NVA FLED. PATROL BROKE CONTACT MOVING BACK 500 METERS TO THE EAST. PATROL STOPPED AND HEARD TALKING TO THE NORTH AND NORTHWEST. TALKING EVENTUALLY CEASED.

091330H VIC AT8440327 PATROL HEARD TALKING AND LAUGHTER COMING FROM VALLEY NW TOWARDS STREAM. ALSO HEARD SOUNDS LIKE MESS GEAR.

091435H VIC AT8443320 PATROL WALKED TO WITHIN 10-15 METERS OF 5 VC/NVA WEARING GREEN UTILITIES 1 RADIO WAS SITTING ON THE GROUND BETWEEN 2 OF THE VC/NVA WHO WERE SITTING DOWN. THE POINT OF THE PATROL WAS THE ONLY MAN THAT SEEN THE RADIO. HE BELIEVES THAT IT WAS A PRC-25. THE POINT MAN WAS SHOWN A CHICOM TYPE 63 RADIO. HE DEFINITLY DID NOT THINK IT WAS A CHICOM 63. THE RADIO HAD A WHIP ANTENA LIKE A PRC-25. DID NOT OBSERVE A HANDSET. THERE WERE 5 IMPROVISED LEAN-TO'S IN THE VICINITY MADE FROM POUNCHO LIKE MATERIAL. 1 MAN HAD A RIFLE AT SLING ARMS. PATROL INITIATED CONTACT, AND THEN BROKE CONTACT. VC/NVA FIRED AT PATROL AFTER INITIAL CONTACT. THIS VC/NVA CAMP HAD EXCELLENT CONCEALMENT FROM THE AIR. THE CAMP WAS LOCATED ABOUT 150 METERS NORTHEAST FROM A STREAM ON A GENTLE SLOPE.

091445H VIC AT8447327 HELO ATTEMPTED TO LIFT OUT PATROL ON HOIST. 1 MAN WAS HOISTED IN HELO. THE HOIST BROKE WHILE HOISTING THE SECOND MAN.

091515H VIC AT8448326 PATROL HEARD MOVEMENT FROM AREA WHERE HOIST ATTEMPT HAD BEEN MADE. HUEY GUNSHIPS SUPPRESSED MOVEMENT. THE HELO WAS SET DOWN AND THE PATROL WAS EXTRACTED. THE HELO SUSTAINED AT LEAST 3 HITS FROM GROUND FIRE.

b. TERRAIN: TERRAIN WAS GENERALLY STEEP WITH A CANOPY OF 50 FEET. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 8-10 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF VINES, BRIARS AND ELEPHANT GRASS. MOVEMENT WAS SLOW AT THE RATE OF 60-70 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS PLENTIFUL. ALL STREAMS MARKED ON THE MAP HAVE WATER. MOST DRAWS HAD WATER. IT RAINED THE LAST 4 DAYS OF THIS PATROL. CONCEALMENT GOOD. COVER FAIR. BOTH STEEPNESS AND VEGETATION HINDERED MOVEMENT GREATLY.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ: AT880310 1xCH-46 BAD ZONE BECAUSE IT IS TO STEEP. THIS IS A BOMBED OUT AREA, ELEPHANT GRASS.

b. EXTRACT LZ: AT8483261xCH-46 TRAILS IN VICINITY. FLAT AREA ELEPHANT GRASS. SMALL SHRUBS.

c. TRAILS: TRAILS ON MOST OF THE RIDGELINES. USUALLY NOT WELL USED.

d. OP'S AT8643281 GOOD OBSERVATION OF GRID SQUARES AT8334, 8335, 8336. TO THE NW. THIS IS A BOMBED OUT AREA.

e. COMM: GENERALLY GOOD. VN INTERFERENCE AND FRENCH INTERFERENCE. WHEN THE PATROL WAS TRYING TO TRANSMIT IT SOUNDED LIKE SOMEONE WAS TRYING TO KEY THEM OUT. THE INTERFERENCE WAS COMING IN STRONG. THE INTERFERENCE SOUNED DOWN THE COMM, BUT DID NOT CREATE A SERIOUS PROBLEM.

f. OBSTACLES: NONE.

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g. MISC: HLZ'S OBSERVED BY PATROL: VIC AT863326 1xCH-46 GOOD SIZE. BOMBED OUT AREA. ABOUT 100x100 METERS. VIC AT864328 1xCH-46 a bad tailgate zone. use ONLY IF NECESSARY. BOMBED OUT AREA. STUMPS 3-4 FEET HIGH.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 2 KIA CONFIRMED.

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: THE PATROL HAD SOME SORE FEET DUE TO RAINS AND COVERING A LOT OF TERRAIN. IT RAINED EACH DAY DURING THE LAST 3 DAYS OF THE PATROL. OTHER WISE PATROL IS IN GOOD SHAPE.

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: NO ARTY OR FIXED WING USED. HUEY'S AND AO'S VERY GOOD.

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL LEADER THINKS A BASE CAMP EXISTS IN THE VIC AT863320 AND TO THE NORTH OF THIS GRID COORDINATES.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE

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13. PATROL MEMBERS:

SGT.	BACHTA	2051749
CPL	MAEFIELD	2269886
LCPL	ATKINSONn	2521145
PFC	POSARAS	2477316
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Unit/Call Sign 8th Platoon/RECLINE

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 reconnaissance of assigned operating area. Locate enemy base camps, supply areas and report all enemy activity from AT960431 south to AT964414.

3. Execution (a) Concept of Operation: Utilize references (a) through (e) inclusive to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HLZ 469 at 010800H, insert vic TBA Flip Flop with Reward Money and extract at 050900H 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.

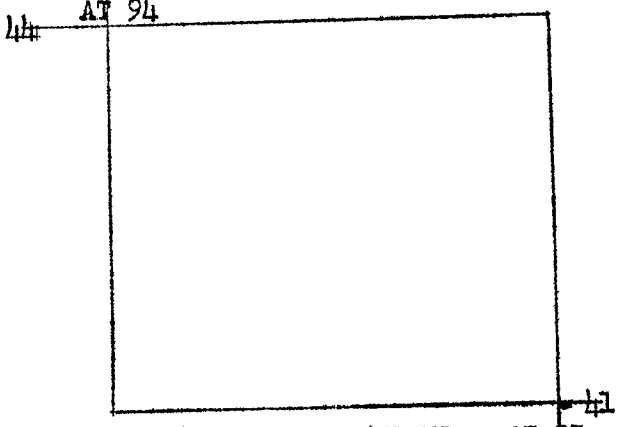
4. Admin/Logistics Reference (b) and verbal.

a. Special Equipment
(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Binocular 7x50
(3) Camera and Surveillance System 4-114A

5. Comm/Electronics: Primary Freq: 33.30 Alternate: 72.95
Artillery: VEAL STEW 34.5
Radio Relay: CHERRY JAM "A"

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PATROL: PUPPET SHOW (A-32)
DEBRIEFER: SGT M. KOZAKIEWICH JR.
MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS L7014
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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT
   a. COMPOSITION: 6 ENL. 1 USN.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S, 1 PRC-50'S
   d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-14, 1 M-79, 2 CLAYMORES

2. MISSION: CONDUCT A RECONNAISSANCE OF THE ASSIGNED OPERATING AREA. LOCATE ENEMY BASE CAMPS, SUPPLY AREAS AND REPORT ALL ENEMY ACTIVITY FROM AT960431 TO AT964414.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 041035H/081255H SEP 69

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER, ROUTINELY EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER 98 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY DURING WHICH TWO GROUPS OF ENEMY WERE OBSERVING TOTALLING: 8 VC/NVA. THERE WAS 1 UNUSUAL OBSERVATION; ON THE EVENING OF 4 SEP, SIGNAL LIGHTS AND BOATS WERE OBSERVED MOVING ACROSS THE RIVER AT AT854404. THE PATROL MADE 1 CONTACT BY FIRE. RESULTS: UNKNOWN. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE USED.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

   a. ENEMY: 041036H, VIC AT915414, AFTER THE INSERT HELICOPTER LIFTED OFF, THE PATROL HEARD SEVERAL (5-6) ROUNDS PASS OVER THEIR HEADS FROM THE SOUTH. PATROL COULD NOT DETERMINE THE SOURCE.

   041500H, VIC AT903378, PATROL OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING NORTHEAST IN A TREE LINE. ENEMY WORE CAMOUFLAGE UTILITIES, BUSH COVERS, CARRIED PACKS AND RIFLES. (THE RIFLES WERE UNIDENTIFIED DUE TO THE VEGETATION.) AS 1 EN ENTERED THE TREE LINE HE EXAMINED THE ENTIRE AREA WITH A PAIR OF BINOCULARS THAT RESEMBLED 7x50'S.

   041930H, VIC AT857409-AT853409, PATROL OBSERVED A LIGHT FLASH TWICE ON THE WEST BANK OF THE SONG THU BON. THESE WERE ANSWERED BY 2 FLASHES ON THE EAST BANK. AT THIS TIME 2 BOATS MOVED ACROSS THE RIVER TO THE SECOND GRID ABOVE. WHEN THEY REACHED THE BANK 2 MORE MOVED OUT. THIS CONTINUED UNTIL 8 BOATS HAD CROSSED. THE BOATS WERE SIMILAR TO WHALE BOATS IN SHAPE AND WERE HEAVILY LOADED. THERE WAS APPROXIMATELY A THREE MINUTE INTERVAL BETWEEN MOVEMENTS.

   051000H, VIC AT903378, PATROL OBSERVED 6 VC/NVA ENTER A HUT. 4 WORE CAMOUFLAGE UTILITIES WITH TROUSERS BLOUSED OVER BLACK BOOTS. EACH EN HAD A RIFLE, (UNIDENTIFIED DUE TO THE DISTANCE AND VEGETATION) AND 1 EN WORE A US TYPE HELMET. 2 EN WORE BLACK PJ'S AND GOOLIE HATS. ALL 6 CARRIED PACKS. A FIRE MISSION WAS REQUESTED, BUT CLEARANCE WAS NOT GRANTED DUE TO ARTILLERY MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN "IPSWICH", "RIO GRANDE", AND "ASPARAGUS". AT 051600H PATROL WAS ASKED IF THEY STILL WISHED TO FIRE THE MISSION. PATROL HAD MOVED AND COULD NO LONGER OBSERVE.

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051530H, VIC AT914419, PATROL OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE 6-7 MORTAR ROUNDS IMPACTING AROUND THEIR OLD OBSERVATION SITE. PATROL HAD MOVED FROM THERE 15 MINUTES EARLIER.

051600H, VIC AT883424, PATROL OBSERVED 1 PUFF OF SMOKE SIMILIAR TO AN INDIAN SMOKE SIGNAL. 3-4 HOURS LATER A SECOND PUFF OF SMOKE WAS OBSERVED AT AT892433.

052200H, VIC AT 907417, PATROL HEARD MOVEMENT APPROXIMATELY 100 METERS TO THEIR NORTHEAST. THE PATROL COULD NOT ESTIMATE THE SIZE OF THE GROUP WHICH CONTINUED IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION.

051700H, VIC AT904414, PATROL OBSERVED 3 TUNNELS IN THE SIDE OF THE HILL ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF A VALLEY. 2 TUNNELS WERE 2'x2', 1 3'x4' HIGH. THERE WAS A BAMBOO THICKET AROUND THEM. THE PATROL OBSERVED WHERE GREEN VEGETATION HAD BEEN USED TO CAMOUFLAGE THE ENTRANCE TO A TUNNEL.

062000H, VIC AT8442, PATROL OBSERVED 6 LIGHTS 25 METERS APART MOVING NORTH . PATROL WAS AT AT896417, AND THE AZMUTH TO THE LIGHTS WAS 260 DEGREES.

062010H, VIC AT893424, (APPROXIMATE) PATROL HEARD VOICES AND OBSERVED 4 LIGHTS 50 METERS APART. PATROL HEARD VIETNAMESE VOICES AND 1 AMERICAN VOICE THAT SAID "THIS FUCKING RAIN." IT SOUNDED AS IF IT HAD COME THROUGH A POWER MEGAPHONE.

062020H-062100H, VIC AT893424, PATROL HEARD MOVEMENT APPROXIMATELY 300 METERS TO THEIR NORTH AND NORTHEAST. MOVEMENT WAS APPROACHING THE PATROL'S POSITION AND THE SOUNDS INDICATED THAT THEY WERE ON LINE. AT 2100 THE NOISES CEASED.

062200H, VIC AT914419, PATROL HEARD MORTARS IMPACTING ON HILL 675 AND BEING TRAVERSED SOUTHWEST TO HILL 454 (AT907413). PATROL ESTIMATED THAT 20-30 ROUNDS WERE FIRED. (PATROL HAD COVERED THAT AREA DURING THE DAY WITH NO SUSPICIOUS EVENTS)

062230H, VIC AT888383, PATROL OBSERVED A FIRE AT THE ABOVE GRID. FIRE APPEARED TO BE THE BURNING OF MORTAR INCREMENTS.

071730H, VIC AT894416, PATROL FOUND AN 8" DIAMETER HOLE NEAR A CAVED IN SECTION OF A TUNNEL. THE PATROL LOOKED INSIDE BUT COULD NOT SEE THE BOTTOM OF THE CAVE. THE CAVE AND THE TUNNEL APPEARED TO BE OLD AND NOT USED RECENTLY.

071740H, VIC AT893416, PATROL FOUND 3 10 MAN HARBOR SITES WITH CLEARED VEGETATION WITHIN 25 METERS OF EACH OTHER. 1 TIN CAN WAS FOUND WITH THE MARKINGS G7-1045 ON IT. THE CAN WAS WHITE AND ABOUT THE SIZE OF A THREE LB COFFEE CAN.

072045H, VIC AT888418, PATROL HEARD APPROXIMATELY 50 EN MOVING SOUTHWEST TO AT888415, THEM MOVED TO AT884408 AND CONTINUED SOUTH.

080930H, VIC AT885412, PATROL HEARD A LOUD METALLIC CLINK, LIKE TWO PIECES OF PRECISION MACHINERY FITING TOGETHER, 25 METERS FROM THEIR POSITION.

NOTE: PATROL OBSERVED A THICK TREELINE THAT EXTENDED ACROSS "ANTENNA VALLEY". (SEE OVERLAY) TREELINE HAS NOT BEEN INTERDICTED BY AIR OR ARTILLERY AND COULD AFFORD THE ENEMY A CONCEALED ROUTE THROUGH THE RICE PADDY AREAS.

b. TERRAIN WAS STEEP WITH A SCATTERED CANOPY OF 50 FEET. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 10 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF VINES, BRUSH AND SMALL TREES. MOVEMENT WAS DIFFICULT AND RESTRICTED TO A RATE OF 200 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS AVAILABLE IN SMALL STREAMS ON THE LOWER GROUND.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ: AT915414, 1xCH-46, POOR DUE TO 50 DEGREE SLOPE OF RIDGE. ZONE WAS COVERED BY 4 FOOT GRASS.

b. EXTRACT LZ: AT884408, 2xCH-46, GOOD ZONE, BUT SURROUNDED BY HIGH GRASS EXCELLENT POSITION FOR A ENEMY AMBUSH.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION (CONT)
c. TRAILS: NO TRAILS FOUND
d. OP'S: AT913409, GOOD OBSERVATION FROM 135-225 DEGREES.
e. COMM: POOR ON LOW GROUND
f. OBSTACLES: NONE
g. MISC: MAP CORRECTIONS; AT8843-AT9042, AT8841-AT9140, FINGERS AND A PORTION OF THE RIDGELINE ARE NOT SHOWN ON THE MAP.
2 USMC NBC (E) DUE TO A BROKEN LEG SUSTAINED DURING THE INSERT AND 1 CASE OF HEAT EXHAUSTION.

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

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: ARTILLERY POOR DUE TO A SIX HOUR TIME LAPSE FOR CLEARANCE.

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL LEADER SUGGESTS AN OBSERVATION POST BE ESTABLISHED ON HILL 675 DUE TO THE EXCELLENT VIEW AFFORDED OF ANTENNA VALLEY.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: 062000H ENTRY COULD INDICATE THAT A CAUCASIAN IS WORKING WITH THE ENEMY OR THEY HAVE A RECORDING IN A EFFORT TO DUPE FMAF AS TO THE IDENTITY OF ENEMY INFILTRATORS.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

SGT ARMENI	2251190
CPL KOONTZ	2369583
PFC KERNAL	2503787
*PFC SIMPSON	2523506
PFC JONES	2509404
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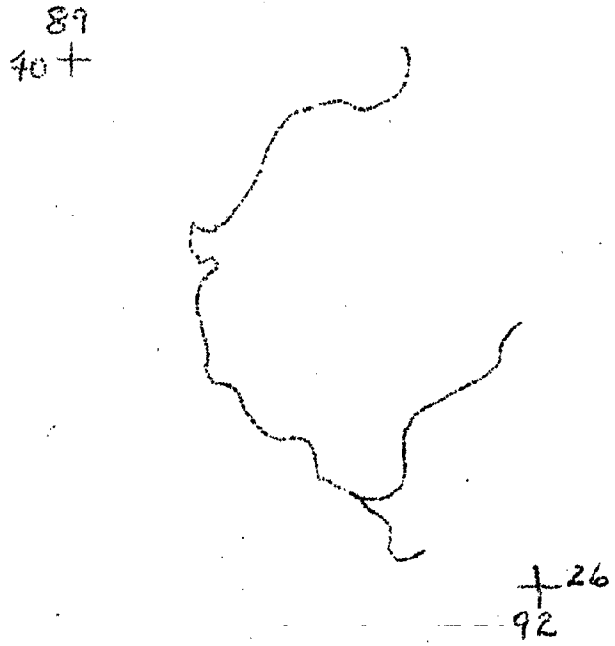
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Unit/Call Sign 4th Platoon/SWIFT SCOUT

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 Establish observation over trail network from AT900363 to AT883359 and south to AT886350. Monitor and report enemy traffic and frequency of trail usage.

3. Execution (a) Concept of Operation: Utilize reference (a) through (e) to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HLZ 469 at 050800H, insert in the operating area at vic Flip Flop with Lunch Meat and extract at 090900H vic TBA.

(b) Coordinating Instructions: The patrol leader will obtain a thorough briefing on HLZs in operating area from S-2 on D-1. Primary and alternate insert and extract zones will be selected at this time.

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

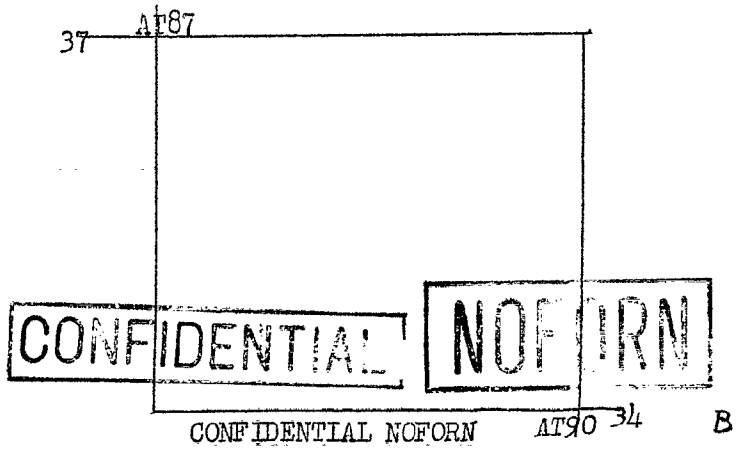
a. Special Equipment

(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Binocular 7x50
(3) M-49 Scope

5. Comm/Electronics: Primary Freq: 37.0 Alternate: 31.2
Artillery; IPSWICH 60.0
Radio Relay: STONE PIT "A"

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PATROL: SWIFT SCOUT
DEBRIEFER: SSGT R. BOLAND
MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS L7014
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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 PRC 25'S, 1 7x50'S, 1 CAMERA
   d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79, 2 CLAYMORES, 1 CAR-15, 1 SWEDISH-K

2. MISSION: ESTABLISH OBSERVATION OVER TRAIL NETWORK FROM AT900363 TO AT885359, AND SOUTH TO AT886350. MONITOR TRAIL AND REPORT ENEMY TRAFFIC AND FREQUENCY OF TRAIL USAGE.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 051020H/100840H SEPTEMBER 1969

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER, FLIP FLOPPED WITH REPORT CARD, AND EXTRACTED BY HELICOPTER AFTER 118 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY, DURING WHICH 76 GROUPS OF ENEMY WERE OBSERVED, TOTALLING 928 VC/NVA. NO CONTACT WAS MADE BY PATROL. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE UTILIZED. THE INSERT ZONE WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

   a. ENEMY: THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS OF THE ENEMY PERSONNEL WERE MADE FROM 3 DIFFERENT OP'S. ALL OF THESE OBSERVATIONS WERE MADE FROM A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 700 TO 1000 METERS WITH 7x50 BINOCULARS. OF THE TOTAL OF 928 SIGHTED, 590 WERE MOVING NORTH AND 338 WERE MOVING SOUTH.

   051730H VIC AT981350 PATROL OBSERVED A HOLE IN THE GROUND ON THE SIDE OF A HILL. THE HILL WAS SLOPING TOWARD THE WEST, AND THE HOLE WAS 4'x6'x6'. LARGE ROCKS WERE LAID AROUND THE TOP OF THE HOLE. A LARGE PILE OF ROCKS WAS ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE HOLE.

   051900H VIC AT892354 PATROL OBSERVED MANY C-RATION CANS IN THIS VICINITY.

   060920H VIC AT891347 PATROL OBSERVED ROCKS FORMING TERRACES. THERE WERE 3 TERRACES WITH NO APPEARANT CULTIVATION IN THE VICINITY.

   061240H VIC AT887347 PATROL OBSERVED A HOLE IN THE GROUND WHICH MEASURED 4'x8'x11'. LARGE ROCKS WERE INLAID AROUND THE TOP OF THE HOLE.

   061600H VIC AT889346 PATROL SIGHTED A BAMBOO CAGE (PHOTO ENCLOSED, #12). THE CAGE APPEARED TO BE AT LEAST ONE YEAR OLD. IT MEASURED 18 FEET IN WIDTH, 20 FEET IN LENGTH, 14 FEET IN HEIGHT AT THE HIGHEST POINT, 10 FEET IN HEIGHT AT THE LOWEST POINT, AND HAD ONE GATE. CONCERTINA TYPE BARBED WIRE WAS SPREAD THINLY, SPACED APPROXIMATELY 6 FEET FROM THE CAGE, ENCIRCLING IT ENTIRELY. THE CAGE WAS CONSTRUCTED OF BAMBOO POLES WEAVED TOGETHER WITH STRIPS OF BAMBOO.

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071030H VIC AT884348, AT886347 AND AT884347 PATROL SIGHTED A TRAIL THAT HAD NOT BEEN USED RECENTLY.

071145H VIC AT886355 PATROL OBSERVED 12 VC/NVA MOVING ALONG A TRAIL AND STREAM. THE ENEMY WAS WEARING BLACK PJ'S, KHAKI UNIFORMS, ROLLED UP GRAY TROUSERS AND KHAKI SHIRTS, AND FLOP HATS. THE ENEMY CARRIED LARGE HEAVY PACKS AND WERE SPREAD OUT ABOUT 15 METERS APART. THEY WERE MOVING VERY SLOWLY AND CAUTIOUSLY.

071215H TO 071245H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 28 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 20 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 1 WORE KHAKI'S, 7 WORE KHAKI SHIRTS AND BLACK PJ TROUSERS, 3 WORE BUSH HATS; THE OTHERS DID NOT WEAR COVERS. ALL CARRIED LARGE HEAVY PACKS. 1 MAN CARRIED A RIFLE; THE TYPE COULD NOT BE DETERMINED BY THE PATROL.

071300H VIC AT886355 PATROL OBSERVED 12 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 4 WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, AND 3 WORE BLACK PJ'S. 7 OF THE ENEMY CARRIED LARGE PACKS. 1 OF THE ENEMY CARRIED A 122MM ROCKET STILL IN CANNISTER.

071407H VIC AT886355 PATROL OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 1 ENEMY WORE A GRAY UNIFORM, AND THE OTHER WORE BLACK PJ'S. BOTH OF THE ENEMY CARRIED LARGE GRAY PACKS, AND VC/NVA IN GRAY UNIFORM CARRIED SKS RIFLE.

071537H VIC AT886355 PATROL OBSERVED 8 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 1 WORE A KHAKI UNIFORM, AND 7 WORE BLACK PJ'S. ALL OF THE ENEMY CARRIED LARGE HEAVY PACKS, AND 3 OF THEM CARRIED RIFLES. THE FIRST MAN WAS 35 METERS IN FRONT OF THE REST: THE OTHERS WERE SPREAD 15 METERS APART, EXCEPT FOR THE LAST MAN WHO WAS 35 METERS BEHIND THE OTHERS. THE POINT MAN AND THE LAST MAN CARRIED RIFLES.

071600H VIC AT886355 PATROL SIGHTED 6 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 5 OF THE ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S AND BOOTS, 1 WORE A GRAY UNIFORM, 1 WORE A GRAY SHIRT AND BLACK TROUSERS, AND 1 WORE A KHAKI UNIFORM WITH A FLOP HAT. 5 OF THE ENEMY CARRIED LARGE GRAY PACKS, 1 ENEMY CARRIED A GREEN PACK, AND 3 CARRIED RIFLES; THE TYPE COULD NOT BE DETERMINED BY THE PATROL. THE LAST MAN WAS CARRYING A RIFLE, AND HAD FALLEN BEHIND THE REST OF THE ENEMY ABOUT 35 METERS; HE WAS MOVING AS IF PACK WAS TOO HEAVY.

071609H VIC AT886355 PATROL SIGHTED 6 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. ALL WERE WEARING BLACK PJ'S, 3 WERE WEARING NVA PITH HELMETS, 5 WERE CARRYING LARGE GRAY PACKS, AND 1 WAS CARRYING A LARGE KHAKI PACK WHICH APPEARED TO BE VERY HEAVY.

071611H VIC AT886355 PATROL SIGHTED 1 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. THE MAN WAS WEARING A KHAKI UNIFORM, BOOTS, AN NVA PITH HELMET, AND WAS CARRYING A KHAKI PACK. HE APPEARED TO HAVE SOMETHING IN HIS HAND; THE PATROL COULD NOT DETERMINE WHAT IT WAS.

071617H VIC AT886355 PATROL OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 1 WAS WEARING A GREEN SHIRT AND BLACK TROUSERS, AND THE OTHER WAS WEARING BLACK PJ'S. BOTH WERE WEARING NVA PITH HELMETS AND WERE CARRYING LARGE GRAY PACKS. 1 CARRIED AN RPD AND 1 CARRIED A RIFLE, AND BOTH SEEMED TO BE BURDENED WITH THEIR LOADS.

071640H VIC AT886355 PATROL OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. ALL WERE WEARING BLACK PJ'S, 1 WAS WEARING AN NVA PITH HELMET, AND ALL CARRIED LARGE GRAY PACKS WHICH EXTENDED FROM THEIR SHOULDERS TO THEIR HIPS.

071709H VIC AT886355 PATROL OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 2 WERE WEARING BLACK PJ'S, AND 1 WAS WEARING A KHAKI SHIRT AND BLACK PJ TROUSERS. 2 WERE CARRYING GRAY PACKS, 1 WAS CARRYING A GREEN PACK, AND ALL WERE WEARING TENNIS TYPE BOOTS. 1 MAN WAS CARRYING A RIFLE.

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071730H VIC AT886355 PATROL SIGHTED 7 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. ALL WERE WEARING BLACK PJ'S, NVA PITH HELMETS, LARGE HEAVY KHAKI PACKS, AND 1 CARRIED A RIFLE. THEY WERE MOVING AT AN INTERVAL OF 15 METERS BETWEEN EACH MAN.

071735H VIC AT886355 PATROL SIGHTED 1 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. HE WAS WEARING A KHAKI SHIRT, BLACK PJ TROUSERS, AND CARRIED A LARGE HEAVY PACK. SUBJECT WAS NOT CARRYING RIFLE.

071740H VIC AT886355 PATROL OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 1 WAS WEARING A KHAKI UNIFORM, 2 WERE WEARING BLACK PJ'S, AND 1 WAS WEARING A KHAKI SHIRT AND BLACK PJ TROUSERS. 2 WERE CARRYING GREEN PACKS, 1 WAS CARRYING A KHAKI PACK, AND 1 WAS CARRYING A BLACK PACK.

080635H VIC AT886355 PATROL SIGHTED 12 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL. ALL WERE WEARING BLACK PJ'S, AND ALL CARRIED BLACK AND KHAKI COLORED PACKS. AT THIS TIME, A LOW CLOUD COVER MOVED IN, AND PATROL COULD NOT OBSERVE FULL NUMBER OF ENEMY OR EQUIPMENT CARRIED.

080720H VIC AT886355 PATROL SIGHTED 4 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL. AGAIN, LOW CLOUD COVER PREVENTED OBSERVANCE OF THE ENEMY; HOWEVER, PATROL COULD HEAR ENEMY TALKING AND MOVING, AND FROM SOUND, BELIEVED THE ENEMY TO BE MOVING THROUGH THE VICINITY OF AT844355. DENSE VEGETATION AND TERRAIN FEATURES WHICH OBSTRUCTED THE PATROL'S VIEW, PREVENTED ANY OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY IN THIS AREA. THE CLOUD COVER LIFTED AT 081030H, AND THE PATROL RESUMED OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

081035H VIC AT886355 PATROL OBSERVED 7 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 1 WAS WEARING A GRAY UNIFORM, 4 WERE WEARING BLACK PJ'S, AND 2 WERE WEARING KHAKI SHIRTS AND BLACK PJ TROUSERS. ALL OF THE ENEMY WERE CARRYING HEAVY GREEN PACKS, AND ALL WERE DOUBLE TIMING.

081037H VIC AT866355 PATROL OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. ALL WERE WEARING KHAKI SHIRTS AND BLACK PJ TROUSERS. 2 WERE CARRYING KHAKI PACKS, 1 WAS CARRYING A GREEN PACK, AND THE LAST MAN WAS 25 METERS BEHIND THE OTHERS DOUBLE TIMING.

081045 VIC AT886355 PATROL SIGHTED 13 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 10 WERE WEARING BLACK PJ'S, 2 WERE WEARING GREEN UNIFORMS, AND 1 WAS WEARING A KHAKI UNIFORM. 2 WERE WEARING COOLIE HATS, AND 1 WAS WEARING AN NVA PITH HELMET. 6 WERE WEARING KHAKI PACKS, 3 WERE WEARIN GREEN PACKS, 4 WERE CARRYING GRAY PACKS, AND 2 WERE CARRYING RIFLES. THE 2 MEN WITH THE GREEN UNIFORMS AND LIGHT PACKS WERE CARRYING THE RIFLES.

081125H VIC AT886355 PATROL OBSERVED 5 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 2 WERE WEARING KHAKI SHIRTS AND BLACK PJ TROUSERS, AND 2 WERE WEARING GRAY SHIRTS AND BLACK PJ TROUSERS; THE ATTIRE OF THE OTHER MAN WAS UNOBSERVABLE DUE TO HIS POSITION IN THE COLUMN. 2 WERE CARRYING GRAY PACKS, 1 WAS CARRYING A GREEN PACK, AND 1 WAS CARRYING A KHAKI PACK. THE MEN WITH THE KHAKI PACK AND GRAY PACKS WERE CARRYING 1 BOX APIECE IN THEIR HANDS; THE MEASUREMENTS WERE APPROXIMATELY 3'x1'.

081150H VIC AT886355 PATROL SIGHTED 2 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. BOTH WERE WEARING GREEN SHIRTS AND BLACK PJ TROUSERS. 1 WAS CARRYING A GRAY PACK, AND ONE WAS CARRYING A KHAKI PACK.

081200H VIC AT886355 PATROL SIGHTED 6 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 2 WERE WEARING BLACK PRIEST-TYPE ROBES AND HAD CREW CUT HAIR (NOT REAL CLOSE), 3 WERE WEARING GREEN SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS, AND 3 WERE WEARING KHAKI SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS, AND 1 WAS WEARING A COOLIE HAT. THE 2 VC/NVA WEARING BLACK PRIEST TYPE ROBES WERE WALKING IN FRONT OF THE OTHERS.

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081214H, VIC AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND CARRIED A KHAKI PACK.

081245H, VIC AT886355, PATRL OBSERVED 16 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 10 EN WERE WEARING PONCHOS WITH HOODS AND 6 WERE WEARING BLACK PJ'S. EN WEARING BLACK PJ'S CARRIED GRAY PACKS AND THE EN WEARING PONCHOS CARRIED EQUIPMENT WHICH WAS UNOBSERVABLE. 1 EN CARRIED A KHAKI SACK OVER HIS SHOULDER AND 5 WORE NVA TYPE PITH HELMETS.

081250H, VIC AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 19 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 14 EN WORE PONCHOS WITH HOODS, AND 5 WORE BLACK PJ'S, AIL THE EN CARRIED PACKS BUT NO RIFLES WERE OBSERVED.

081257H, VIC AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 7 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 6 ENEMY WERE WEARING BLACK PJ'S, 1 WEARING GRAY PONCHO. 5 OF THE ENEMY CARRIED GRAY PACKS, 1 CARRIED A GREEN PACK, 1 ENEMY WORE A NVA PITH HELMET AND 1 CARRIED A RIFLE.

081315H VIC AT886355 PATROL OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. BOTH ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S AND CARRIED KHAKI PACKS.

081324H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. THE ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, A KHAKI BUSH HAT, AND CARRIED A KHAKI PACK.

081330H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. ALL OF THE ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, 3 ENEMY CARRIED KHAKI PACKS, 1 CARRIED A GRAY PACK, AND 2 ENEMY WORE NVA PITH HELMETS.

081334H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 9 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 1 ENEMY WEARING BLACK PJ'S, 3 ENEMY CARRIED GREEN PACKS, 2 CARRIED WHITE PACKS, 7 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, 2 ENEMY CARRIED 1/82MM MORTAR ROUND EACH, 2 ENEMY CARRIED WHAT APPEARED TO BE BASE PLATES AND 1 ENEMY CARRIED 1 POLE APPROXIMATELY 12 FEET IN LENGTH.

081400H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. ALL OF THE ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, AND CARRIED KHAKI PACKS.

081414H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. THE ENEMY WORE KHAKI SHIRT, BLACK PJ SHORTS, AND CARRIED KHAKI PACK AND A RIFLE.

081420H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 5 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL. 4 OF THE ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, 1 WORE KHAKI UNIFORM AND 1 ENEMY CARRIED A RIFLE.

081432H VIC 886355 TEAM OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL. BOTH ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S AND CARRIED NO EQUIPMENT.

081450H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. ALL OF THE ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, 1 ENEMY CARRIED A KHAKI PACK, 3 ENEMY CARRIED 1 TUBE EACH, WHICH WERE APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET IN LENGTH, AND 6 INCHES IN DIAMETER.

081458H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. ENEMY WORE KHAKI UTILITIES, WHAT APPEARED TO BE BINOCULARS IN A CASE AND AND 1 TUBE WHICH WAS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET IN LENGTH AND 6 INCHES IN DIAMETER.

081503H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ TROUSERS AND KHAKI SHIRT, AND CARRIED A KHAKI PACK.

081514H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S AND CARRIED A KHAKI PACK. THE ENEMY MOVED EAST TO A TREE LINE WHEN AO CAME OVER THE AREA.

081520H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. BOTH ENEMY WORE KHAKI SHIRT'S BLACK PJ TROUSERS, AND BOTH CARRIED KHAKI PACKS.

081535H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. BOTHE ENEMY WORE KHAKI SHIRT'S WITH BLACK PJ TROUSERS, AND BOTHE CARRIED KHAKI PACKS.

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081543H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 1 ENEMY WORE A GRAY SHIRT WITH BLACK TROUSERS, 2 WEARING BLACK PJ'S, 1 CARRYING A GRAY PACK, 2 CARRYING KHAKI PACKS, AND ONE ENEMY CARRIED A LARGE BUNDLE OF LEAVES.

081558H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 2 ENEMY WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, 1 WORE GREEN UNIFORM, 1 CARRIED A KHAKI PACK, 2 CARRIED GREEN PACKS, AND 1 ENEMY CARRIED A LARGE BUNDLE OF LEAVES.

081630H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. ALL OF THE ENEMY WORE GREEN SHIRTS AND KHAKI TROUSERS, KHAKI PACKS AND 1 ENEMY WORE A NVA PITH HELMET.

081643H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 10 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 2 ENEMY WORE GREEN SHIRTS, BLACK TROUSERS, 1 WORE COMPLETE KHAKI UNIFORM, THE OTHER ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, 6 CARRIED GREEN PACKS, 2 CARRIED GRAY PACKS AND 1 CARRIED KHAKI PACK.

081645H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 2 ENEMY WORE GREEN SHIRTS WITH BLACK TROUSERS, THE OTHER 2 ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, 1 CARRIED A VERY LARGE PACK, AND 1 CARRIED A RIFLE.

081701H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 14 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 2 ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, 7 WORE GREEN SHIRTS WITH BLACK PJ TROUSERS, 5 WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, ~~XX~~ ALL OF THE ENEMY CARRIED GRAY PACKS, AND 3 CARRIED RIFLES.

081703H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. BOTH WORE GREEN SHIRTS, WITH BLACK PJ TROUSERS, 1 CARRYING A GREEN PACK, 1 WORE A KHAKI PACK, AND 1 WORE A NVA PITH HELMET.

081702H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. BOTH ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 1 WORE COOLIE HAT, BOTH CARRIED LARGE PACKS, AND 1 APPEARED TO HAVE FOOD IN HIS HAND.

081733H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 2 ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S AND NVA PITH HELMETS, 1 WORE GREEN SHIRT WITH BLACK PJ TROUSERS, 2 ENEMY CARRYING GRAY PACKS, AND 1 CARRYING GREEN PACK.

081730H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 16 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. ALL OF THE ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, 3 ENEMY WORE PONCHOS, 8 KHAKI PACKS, 4 OF THE PACKS HAD ROUND OBJECTS SHAPED LIKE THE FOLLOWING DRAWING ( ) THESE OBJECTS WERE APPROXIMATELY 30 TO 35 INCHES IN DIAMETER. 1 ENEMY CARRIED AN OBJECT THAT APPEARED TO BE A 122MM ROCKET STILL IN THE CANNISTER. THIS OBJECT WAS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET LONG AND 6 INCHES IN DIAMETER.

081733H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 2 ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, 1 WORE A GREEN SHIRT WITH BLACK TROUSERS, 2 CARRIED GRAY PACKS, 1 GREEN PACK, AND 1 WORE A NVA PITH HELMET.

081740H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 9 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. ALL OF THE ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, 4 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, 4 CARRIED KHAKI PACKS, 1 CARRIED A GREEN PACK, 2 CARRIED RIFLES, AND 4 CARRIED WHAT APPEARED TO BE 122MM ROCKET ROUNDS STILL IN CANNISTERS.

081746H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH, 1 OF THE ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, 2 ENEMY WORE GREEN SHIRTS WITH BLACK TROUSERS, 3 CARRIED KHAKI PACKS, 2 CARRIED RIFLES, AND 1 SMALL DOG TRAVELED WITH THIS GROUP.

081900H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 11 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH. 4 OF THE ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, IT WAS TO DARK TO OBSERVE THE DRESS OF THE OTHER 7 ENEMY. 4 OF THE ENEMY CARRIED RIFLES. THIS GROUP WAS MOVING VERY CAUTICUSLY, HALTING AND LOOKING BACK OFTEN.

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FROM 090645H TO 090705H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 93 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH. 28 ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, 15 WORE GREEN SHIRTS WITH BLACK TROUSERS, 10 WORE KHAKI SHIRTS WITH BLACK TROUSERS, 40 WORE GRAY PONCHOS, 7 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, 12 WORE COOLIE HATS, 2 WORE COMPLETE GRAY UNIFORMS, 10 CARRIED KHAKI PACKS, 5 WORE GREEN PACKS, AND 5 CARRIED GRAY PACKS. THIS GROUP OF ENEMY MOVED UNUSUALLY CLOSE TOGETHER. THE TEAM COULD NOT OBSERVE VERY WELL WHAT EQUIPMENT SOME OF THE ENEMY WORE BECAUSE OF THEIR PONCHOS. SOME OF THE ENEMY APPEARED TO HAVE VERY HEAVY LOADS. AT THIS TIME THE PATROL HAD POOR OBSERVATION DUE TO CLOUDS AND RAIN.

090707H TO 090800H TEAM COULD NOT OBSERVE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES AT886355 DUE TO CLOUD COVER.

090800H TO 090840H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 27 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL. 16 OF THE ENEMY WORE PONCHOS, 2 WORE KHAKI RAINCOATS, 3 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, AND ALL OF THE ENEMY CARRIED PACKS. TEAM COULD NOT OBSERVE ANY RIFLES. RIFLES COULD HAVE BEEN UNDER THE PONCHOS.

090841H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. ALL OF THE ENEMY WORE PONCHOS, WITH PACKS UNDER THE PONCHOS.

090900H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 27 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL. 25 ENEMY WORE PONCHOS, 2 ENEMY WORE KHAKI RAINCOATS, ALL CARRIED LARGE PACKS, AND 4 ENEMY WORE NVA PITH HELMETS. TEAM COULD NOT OBSERVE ANY RIFLES BUT THERE COULD HAVE BEEN SOME RIFLES UNDER THE PONCHOS.

090900H TO 091000H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 11 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 2 ENEMY WORE SOLID KHAKI UNIFORMS, 6 WORE GREEN SHIRTS WITH BLACK TROUSERS, 3 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 1 WORE AN NVA PITH HELMET, 3 WORE COOLIE HATS, 6 WORE KHAKI PACKS, 4 CARRIED GRAY PACKS, AND 1 CARRIED A GREEN PACK.

091115H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 24 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 7 ENEMY WORE PONCHOS, 1 WORE SOLID KHAKI UNIFORM, 5 WORE GREEN SHIRTS WITH BLACK PJ TROUSERS, 5 WORE KHAKI SHIRTS WITH BLACK TROUSERS, 4 WORE GREEN UNIFORMS, 2 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 14 CARRIED GREEN PACKS, 5 CARRIED KHAKI PACKS, 3 CARRIED GRAY PACKS, 1 ENEMY WORE A NVA PITH HELMET AND 1 WORE A COOLIE HAT.

091200H TO 091300H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 40 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH. 11 ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, 20 WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 3 WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, 6 WORE GRAY PONCHOS, 5 CARRIED GREEN PACKS, 21 CARRIED KHAKI PACKS, 11 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, 9 ENEMY CARRIED RIFLES, 1 ENEMY WORE A WHITE HOOD OVER HIS HEAD, 1 ENEMY CARRIED A BLACK BOX 1 1/2 X 1 1/2 X 1 FEET ON A 7 FOOT LONG POLE, OVER HIS SHOULDER. THE 6 ENEMY ON THE END OF THE COLUMN WERE DOUBLE TIMING.

091300H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 32 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 14 ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, 7 WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, 9 WORE GREEN SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS, 18 CARRIED GREEN PACKS AND 1 CARRIED A KHAKI PACK. 1 ENEMY CARRIED A POLE APPROXIMATELY 6 FEET IN LENGTH WITH A BLACK BOX 1 1/2 X 1 1/2 X 1 FEET ON THE END OF THE POLE. ANOTHER ENEMY WAS CARRYING A BLACK BOX APPROXIMATELY THE SAME SIZE UNDER HIS ARM. 3 ENEMY CARRIED WHAT APPEARED TO BE 1/82MM MORTAR ROUND EACH IN A CANNISTER. 3 OF THE ENEMY CARRIED RIFLES. 5 OF THE ENEMY CARRIED WHAT APPEARED TO BE 122MM ROCKET ROUNDS (IN CANNISTERS), EACH OF THESE 5 CARRIED 1 EACH.

091430H VIC AT886355 VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 10 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 3 OF THE ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, 3 WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, 2 ENEMY WORE GREEN SHIRTS WITH BLACK PJ TROUSERS, ALL OF THE ENEMY CARRIED PACKS, 1 ENEMY CARRIED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A ROCKET LAUNCHER. THIS OBJECT WAS APPROXIMATELY 8 FEET IN LENGTH.

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091432H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. ALL OF THE ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ TROUSERS, 2 WORE GREEN SHIRTS, 2 WEARING KHAKI SHIRTS, ALL OF THE ENEMY CARRIED LARGE BUNDLES OF WOOD, AND 1 CARRIED A POLE APPROXIMATELY 6 FEET IN LENGTH.

091540H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 3 ENEMY WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, 1 WEARING KHAKI UNIFORM, 1 WORE A BUSH HAT. 3 CARRIED KHAKI PACKS, AND 1 ENEMY CARRIED A GREEN PACK.

091717H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 6 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 1 ENEMY WEARING BLACK PJ'S, 1 WEARING A GREEN UNIFORM, 2 WEARING GREEN SHIRTS WITH BLACK PJ TROUSERS, 2 WEARING KHAKI SHIRTS WITH BLACK PJ TROUSERS, 2 WEARING NVA PITH HELMETS, ALL CARRYING GRAY PACKS. THE FIRST AND THE LAST MAN CARRIED RIFLES.

091725H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. BOTH OF THE ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ TROUSERS, 1 WORE A GREEN SHIRT, 1 CARRIED A KHAKI PACK, 1 CARRIED A GREEN PACK, AND BOTH ENEMY CARRIED RIFLES OVER THEIR SHOULDER HOLDING THE BARREL IN THEIR HAND.

091746H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 62 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 18 OF THE ENEMY WERE FEMALE. THE FEMALE ENEMY WORE BLACK DRESSES AND DID NOT CARRY ANY EQUIPMENT. 6 OF THE ENEMY WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, 10 WORE GREEN SHIRTS WITH BLACK TROUSERS, 5 WORE KHAKI SHIRTS WITH BLACK PJ TROUSERS, 5 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 30 CARRIED GRAY PACKS, 7 CARRIED KHAKI PACKS, 7 CARRIED GREEN PACKS, AND 8 WORE NVA HELMETS. 6 OF THE ENEMY WEARING NVA HELMETS CARRIED RIFLES.

091812H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 37 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 12 OF THE ENEMY WERE WOMEN. THE FEMALES WORE BLACK DRESSES AND DID NOT CARRY ANY EQUIPMENT. 12 OF THE ENEMY MALES WORE KHAKI SHIRTS WITH BLACK PJ TROUSERS, 3 WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, 6 WORE GREEN UNIFORMS, 4 WORE GREEN SHIRTS WITH BLACK PJ TROUSERS AND 9 OF THE ENEMY WORE NVA PITH HELMETS AND CARRIED RIFLES.

091815H VIC AT886355 THE PATROL OBSERVED 56 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL, 8 OF WHICH WERE FEMALES. THE 8 FEMALE VC/NVA WORE BLACK DRESSES. OF THE ENEMY MALES, 10 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 3 WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, 14 WORE GREEN SHIRTS WITH BLACK PJ TROUSERS, 14 WORE KHAKI SHIRTS WITH BLACK PJ TROUSERS, 9 KHAKI PACKS, 40 PACKS CAMOUFLAGE WITH BRANCHES, 17 WORE PITH HELMETS, AND 7 CARRIED RIFLES.

091800H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL. ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND CARRIED A LIGHT WEIGHT KHAKI PACK. THE ENEMY MOVED VERY FAST.

091830H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. THE ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, AND CARRIED A KHAKI PACK. ENEMY DID NOT CARRY RIFLE.

100645H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 154 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL. 98 ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, 26 WORE KHAKI SHIRTS WITH BLACK PJ TROUSERS, 30 WORE GREEN SHIRTS WITH BLACK PJ TROUSERS, 1 WORE A COOLIE HAT, 129 ENEMY CARRIED KHAKI PACKS, 10 GREEN PACKS, 7 PACKS WERE CAMOUFLAGED WITH BRANCHES, 8 CARRIED RIFLES, 2 ENEMY CARRIED ANOTHER MAN IN A HAMMOCK WHICH WAS HUNG ON A POLE. THE POLE WAS ON THE 2 MEN'S SHOULDERS. 2 ENEMY CARRIED ROUND, FLAT OBJECTS APPROXIMATELY 30 INCHES LONG AND 12 INCHES IN DIAMETER AT THE MIDDLE. 1 ENEMY WEARING GREEN TROUSERS CUT OFF AT KNEES, AND BOOTS, CARRIED NOTHING AND MINGLED WITH DIFFERENT ELEMENTS OF THE COLUMN. ANOTHER ENEMY WEARING KHAKI TROUSERS CUT OFF AT THE KNEES, AND CARRYING NO EQUIPMENT, ALSO MINGLED WITH DIFFERENT ELEMENTS OF THE COLUMN.

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100710H VIC AT886355 THIS TEAM HEARD WHAT SOUNDED TO THEM LIKE A TRACK TYPE VEHICLE. THE SOUND WAS HEARD AT LEAST ONCE DURING EVERY 24 HOUR PERIOD OF THE PATROL. THE DIFFERENT TIMES THAT THE SOUND WAS HEARD WERE APPROXIMATELY 2000, 0500, 0600, AND 0800 HOURS. IF THE SOUND WAS HEAR DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS THERE WAS ALWAYS HEAVY FOG PRESENT. THE SOUND LASTED FOR APPROXIMATELY 2 HOURS ONE TIME. THE PATROL ESTIMATES THAT THE SOUND WAS COMING FROM THE NORTHWEST APPROXIMATELY 3000 TO 4000 METERS FROM THE PATROL'S POSITION. THE PATROLS LOCATION WHEN THE VEHICLE WAS HEARD WAS VIC AT880350.

100720H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 7 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL. 2 ENEMY WORE GREEN CUT OFF UTILITIES, 1 WORE GRAY CUT OFF UTILITIES, 4 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 2 WORE COOLIE HATS, AND 4 CARRIED KHAKI PACKS.

100725H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 6 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL, 1 OF WHICH WAS A FEMALE. THE FEMALE WORE A PLASTIC COVER OVER HER HEAD, WALKED IN FRONT OF THE COLUMN AND DID NOT CARRY ANY EQUIPMENT. OF THE MALE ENEMY 2 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 2 WORE KHAKI UTILITIES, 2 WORE GREEN UTILITIES, AND ALL THE MALE ENEMY CARRIED KHAKI PACKS.

b. TERRAIN: TERRAIN WAS FROM VERY STEEP TO ROLLING HILLS, WITH A CANOPY OF 15-20 FEET. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 8-10 FEET IN HEIGHT CONSISTING OF BAMBOO, ELEPHANT GRASS AND BRIARS. THE SECONDARY GROWTH HINDERED MOVEMENT TO 150 TO 200 METERS FOR A RECON PATROL IN THE LOW GROUND. IN THE HIGHER GROUND, THE SECONDARY GROWTH THINNED OUT, CONSISTING OF ELEPHANT GRASS AND SHRUBS. SECONDARY GROWTH DID NOT HINDER MOVEMENT GREATLY IN THE HIGHER GROUND. USUALLY A TRAIL COULD BE FOUND ON THE RIDGELINES. CONCEALMENT WAS FAIR, SOME BURNT OFF SECTIONS WERE OBSERVED. COVER WAS AVAILABLE PERIODICALLY, IN THE FORM OF FOXHOLES AND LARGE ROCKS. WATER WAS NOT AVAILABLE ON THE HIGHER GROUND. ADEQUATE WATER CAN BE FOUND IN THE LOWER GROUND.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ: AT894356 2xCH-46. On SMALL KNOLL. ELEPHANT GRASS, GRAVES, AND FOXHOLES. BEST APPROACH FROM NORTH.

b. EXTRACT LZ: AT880350, 2xCH-46, ON 30 DEGREE SLOPE. SHRUBS 2-3 FEET HIGH, SOME FIGHTING HOLES.

c. TRAILS: THE RIDGELINE ON THE PATROL'S ROUTE HAS AN OLD TRAIL WHICH HAS NOT BEEN USED IN THE LAST 4-5 MONTHS.

d. OP'S: OP'S ALL ALONG THE RIDGELINE IN VICINITY OF AT880350. PROVIDES GOOD OBSERVATION TO THE N, NE,. PROVIDES GOOD OBSERVATION OF VICINITY AT886355.

e. COMM: USED DOUBLET ANTENNA. RECEIVED REAR 5x5. REAR RECEIVED 1x1. USED ALFA RELAY. COMM WAS POOR BECAUSE NETWORK WAS TIED UP WITH INSERT, EXTRACT INFORMATION. VERY LITTLE VN INTERFERENCE. PATROL COULD HEAR VN CALLING . . . RABBIT HUTCH.

f. OBSTACLES: NONE.

g. MISC: NONE

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

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: THIS IS THE SECOND RECENT REPORT OF HEARING TRACKED VEHICLES IN SAME VICINITY

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

SGT.	GRIMES	2183988
CPL.	BROWN	2292760
H M3	DOYLE	B117391
LCPL	RODRIQUEZ	2425542
PFC	THOMAS	2482431
LCPL	ROTH	2315049

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Unit/Call Sign 5th Platoon/GRIM REAPER

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 reconnaissance of assigned operating area. Monitor enemy traffic on trail network in grid square AT8332, AT8433 and AT8533. Execute a prisoner acquisition.

3. Execution (a) Concept of Operation: Utilize references (a) through (e) inclusive to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HLZ 469 at 080800H, insert vic AT848324, Flip Flop with Rabbit Hutch and extract at 120900H 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-2. Primary and alternate extract and alternate insert zones will be selected at this time.

(1) 5th Platoon/Grim Reaper will operate in conjunction with 6th Platoon/Report Card. Ref: Operation Order #274-69

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

a. Special Equipment
(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Camera

5. Comm/Electronics: Primary Freq: 37.00 Alternate: 59.9
Artillery: IPSWICH 60.0
Radio Relay: STONE PIT "A"

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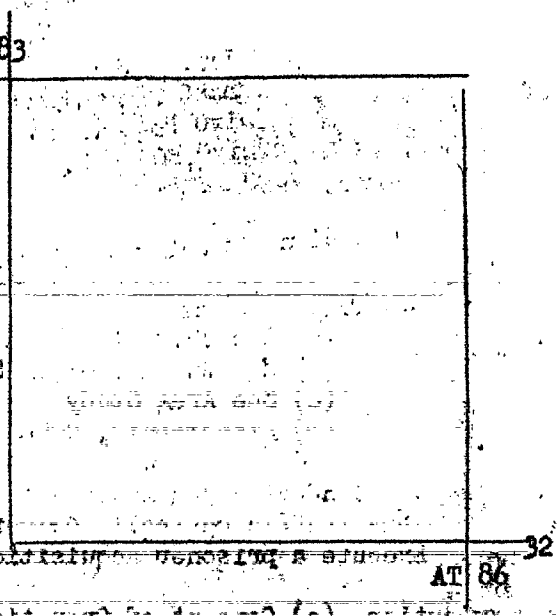
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Unit/Call Sign 7th Platoon/LUNCH MEAT

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 reconnaissance of assigned operating area. Locate enemy base camps and supply areas. Monitor trail networks and report frequency of enemy usage.

3. Execution (a) Concept of Operation: Utilize references (a) through (e) inclusive to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HLZ 469 at 080800H, insert vic AT930417 and extract at 120900 vic TBA.

(b) Coordinating Instructions: The patrol leader will conduct a map study of the operating area and consult the S-2 for intelligence information on D-1. Primary and alternate insert and extract zones will be selected at this time.

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

a. Special Equipment
(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Camera
(3) Binocular/7x50

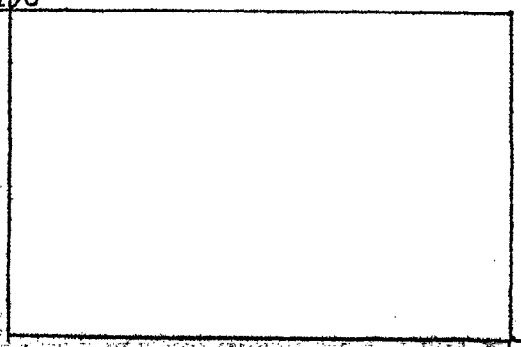
5. Comm/Electronics: Primary Freq: 37.0 Alternate: 59.9
Artillery: TPBMIOH 60.0
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Unit/Call Sign 3rd Platoon/RECORD

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 reconnaissance of assigned operating area. Monitor trail and stream system running from AT820264 to AT860270. Determine the volume of enemy movement and activity.

3. Execution (a) Concept of Operation: Utilize reference (a) through (e) inclusive to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HLZ 469 at 080800H, insert vic AT855274, Flip Flop with Vesper Bells and extract at 120900H 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-2. Primary and alternate extract and alternate insert zones will be selected at this time.

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

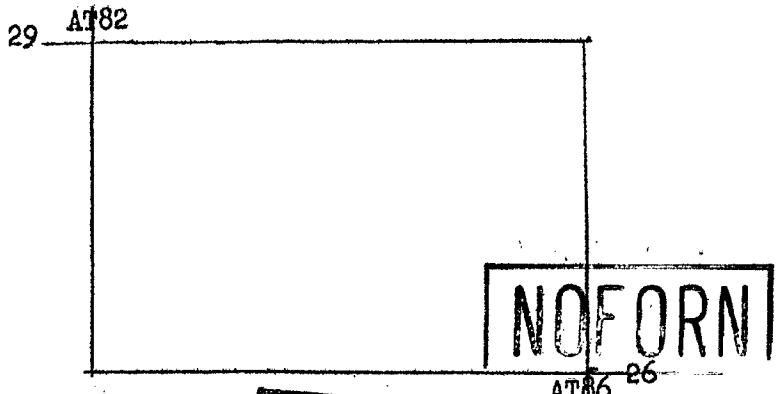
a. Special Equipment
(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Camera
(3) Binocular/7x50, M-49 Scope

5. Comm/Electronics: Primary Freq: 37.0 Alternate: 59.9
Artillery: IPSWICH 60.0
Radio Relay: STONE PIT "B"

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DEBRIEFER: SSGT. R. BOLAND
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 6 ENL. 1 USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S 1 7x50-1-M-49 SCOPE
   d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 2 CLAYMORES, 1 M-16, M-49 OVERUNDER

2. MISSION: CONDUCT A RECONNAISSANCE OF ASSIGNED OPERATING AREA. MONITOR TRAIL AND STREAM SYSTEM RUNNING FROM AT820264 TO AT860270. DETERMINE THE VOLUME OF ENEMY MOVEMENT AND ACTIVITY.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 081230H/111810H SEPTEMBER 1969

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS INSERTED BY MEANS OF HELICOPTER, FLIP FLOPPED WITH VESPER BELLS, AND ROUTINELY SPUE AFTER 77 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY, DURING WHICH 1 GROUP OF ENEMY WERE OBSERVED, TOTALLING 3 VC/NVA. THE PATROL MADE 1 CONTACT. RESULTS: 1 VC/NVA KIA. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE UTILIZED.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

   a. ENEMY: 081500H VIC AT857272 PATROL SIGHTED 2 HARBOR SITES OVERLOOKING A STREAM. HARBOR SITES WERE SPREAD APART APPROXIMATELY 30 METERS, AND THERE WAS 1 ON EACH SIDE OF THE STREAM. BOTH SITES WERE OVER 1 MONTH OLD, AND HAD NOT BEEN RECENTLY USED. 1 SITE CONSISTED OF 1 LEAN-TO, WHICH WOULD ACCOMODATE APPROXIMATELY 3 MEN, WITH A HOLE 5 METERS AWAY, APPROXIMATELY 4 FEET DEEP, BY 2 FEET IN WIDTH, BY 5 FEET IN LENGTH. THE OTHER SITE CONSISTED OF 1 LEAN-TO, LARGE ENOUGH TO ACCOMODATE APPROXIMATELY 3 MEN. BOTH SITES WERE WELL POLICED.

   091100H VIC AT853272 PATROL SIGHTED TRAIL, NOT ON MAP, AND NOT RECENTLY USED. THE TRAIL WAS APPROXIMATELY 1½ FEET IN WIDTH (SEE OVERLAY).

   091230H PATROL HEARD A DOG BARKING IN A MANNER AS IF HE WAS TRACKING SOMETHING (WILD PIGS HAD BEEN OBSERVED IN THIS VICIINITY). THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT DOGS ARE USED TO CATCH PIGS. APPROXIMATE VICINITY: AT850268.

   091545H VIC AT845267 PATROL SIGHTED 3 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHWEST ON A TRAIL. PATROL WAS MOVING WEST ON ANOTHER TRAIL. THE CENTER ELEMENT OF THE PATROL MADE CONTACT WITH THE VC/NVA AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE TWO TRAILS. CONTACT WAS UNAVOIDABLE. 1 OF THE VC/NVA WAS FEMALE, SHE WAS WIA IMMEDIATELY AFTER CONTACT HAD BEEN INITIATED BY THE PATROL. THE TWO MEN RAN BACK IN THE DIRECTION FROM WHICH THEY HAD COME. PATROL REQUESTED PERMISSION TO GET A POW EXTRACTION. THE REQUEST WAS DENIED AND THE FEMALE VC/NVA DIED AS A RESULT OF HER WOUNDS APPROXIMATELY 40 MINUTES AFTER INITIAL CONTACT. POW EXTRACTION WAS DENIED DUE TO THE

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SEVERITY OF THE SUBJECT'S WOUNDS. THE FEMALE VC/NVA WAS APPROXIMATELY 18 YEARS OF AGE, AND WAS WEARING BLACK PAJAMAS. THE ATTIRE OF THE 2 MALE VC/NVA COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. ALL CARRIED PACKS, AND 1 OF THE MALES CARRIED A RIFLE (TYPE UNKNOWN) AT SLING ARMS. THE FEMALE VC/NVA'S PACK CONTAINED 1 HAMMOCK, 1 BAG OF RICE, SOME OF WHICH WAS COOKED, THAT WEIGHED APPROXIMATELY 5 POUNDS (SAMPLE FORWARDED TO G-2), A SMALL QUANTITY OF BROWN-COLORED HARD SUGAR, 1 CAN OF BORDEN'S EVAPORATED MILK, 10 MEDICINAL-TYPE BOTTLES WHICH SMELLED OF SOME TYPE OF MEDICATION, AND 1 ROLL OF MONEY, APPROXIMATELY 2 INCHES IN DIAMETER (DUE TO A MISUNDERSTANDING, THE MONEY WAS NOT PICKED UP. ONE PATROL MEMBER THOUGHT ANOTHER MEMBER WAS GOING TO BRING ALL OF THE VC/NVA'S BELONGINGS BACK). THE PATROL BROKE CONTACT AND MOVED AWAY AFTER A SEARCH OF THE AREA.

100610H VIC AT845267 PATROL HEARD A LARGE VOLUME OF NOISE AND MOVEMENT ON A TRAIL, ALL MOVEMENT WAS TOWARD THE EAST. THE NOISE AND MOVEMENT SEEMED TO BE AT A 100 METER INTERVAL. THERE WAS A LOT OF COUGHING, WOOD CHOPPING, A LITTLE LAUGHING AND GIGGLING, AND METAL CLANGING NOISES. AT 100610H, MOVEMENT HEARD BY PATROL SEEMED TO APPROACH SPOT WHERE BODY OF VC/NVA KIA WAS LEFT ON THE PREVIOUS AFTERNOON. AT THIS TIME, THE MOVEMENT SEEMED TO CONVERGE AROUND THE BODY, THE VOICES SEEMED TO BE EXCITED. THIS CONTINUED FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES.

100630H TO 100830H VIC AT845267 PATROL HEARD MOVEMENT GOING IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION. ALL MOVEMENT TOWARDS THE EAST SEEMED TO STOP. THERE WAS VERY LITTLE COUGHING, AND A SMALLER AMOUNT OF TALKING, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS 5 MINUTES OF WOOD CHOPPING. THE MOVEMENT WAS ALMOST CONSTANT UNTIL 0830H.

100900H TO 100910H PATROL HEARD SMALL GROUP OF VC/NVA MOVING IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION. PATROL STAYED IN THIS POSITION UNTIL 101000H. NO MORE NOISE WAS HEARD.

102035H PATROL LOCATED AT841271 OBSERVED LIGHT AT825276. ALSO OBSERVED FIRE FIGHT GENERAL VIC AT8926. 50 CAL. MG FIRE AIMED AT SPOOKY. THIS FIRE FIGHT LASTED UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 110600H.

110650H VIC AT843267 PATROL HEARD MOVEMENT IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION. PATROL DEPARTED THIS AREA 110655H. MOVEMENT STILL IN PROGRESS WHEN PATROL MOVED OUT. THIS MOVEMENT HAD CONSIDERABLY MORE NOISE DISCIPLINE THAN THE PREVIOUS MOVEMENTS.

110730H VIC AT841271 PATROL HEARD MOVEMENT IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION. THIS MOVEMENT LASTED FOR APPROXIMATELY 3 - 4 MINUTES.

b. TERRAIN: WAS STEEP WITH A CANOPY OF 60-70 FEET. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 8-12 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF VINES, BRIARS, ELEPHANT GRASS, AND BAMBOO. MOVEMENT WAS SLOW AT THE RATE OF 100 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS PLENTIFUL IN STREAMS MARKED ON MAP.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ: AT860260, 2xCH-46 ZONE, OLD RICE PADDY WITH SHORT GRASS. APPROACH FROM THE SOUTH, EXIT TO THE NORTH.

b. EXTRACT LZ: AT843271, SPIE ZONE, VERY SMALL TREES THE PATROL WAS DRAGGED INTO. NO ONE WAS HURT.

c. TRAILS: TRAILS WERE 3-4 FEET WIDE, DUG INTO GROUND FROM 2-5 FEET.

d. OP'S: AT854273, GOOD OBSERVATION ON TRAIL FROM AT860270 TO AT850268.

e. COMM: GOOD. BRAVO RELAY HAD TROUBLE PICKING UP PATROL'S TRANSMISSIONS DUE TO FRIENDLY INTERFERENCE ON NET. NO COMM WAS OBTAINABLE IN THE VICINITY OF AT845267.

f. OBSTACLES: NONE

g. MISC: NONE

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8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 1 VC/NVA KIA

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE TRAIL HAD BEEN USED IN APPROXIMATELY 3-4 WEEKS, UNTIL CONTACT WAS MADE AND THE MOVEMENT WAS HEARD ON 100600H TO 100900H.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: DEBRIEFER EXPLAINED TO THE PATROL MEMBERS THE IMPORTANCE OF MONEY TO THE VC/NVA, AND IN FUTURE INSTANCES, ENSURE SUCH FINDS ARE RETURNED.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

SSGT GRIFFITH	1801103
PFC BERGOLSEN	2493795
PFC GAUTHIER	2441813
PFC LESSARD	2491974
HM3 BOX	B814066
PFC STEVENS	2288269
PFC CANNON	2479251

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Unit/Call Sign 6th Platoon/REPORT CARD

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 reconnaissance of assigned operating area. Monitor enemy traffic on trail network in grid square AT8332, AT8433 and AT8533. Execute a prisoner acquisition.

3. Execution (a) Concept of Operation: Utilize references (a) through (e) inclusive to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HLZ 469 at 080800H, insert vic AT848324, Flip Flop with Rabbit Hutch and extract at 120900H 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-2. Primary and alternate extract and alternate insert zones will be selected at this time.

(1) 6th Platoon/Report Card will operate in conjunction with 5th Platoon/Grim Reaper. Ref: Operation Order #271-69

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

a. Special Equipment
(1) 6x30/Binocular, Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Machine Gun/M-60

5. Comm/Electronics: Primary Freq: 37.00 Alternate: 59.9
Artillery: IPSWICH 60.0
Radio Relay: STONE PIT "A"

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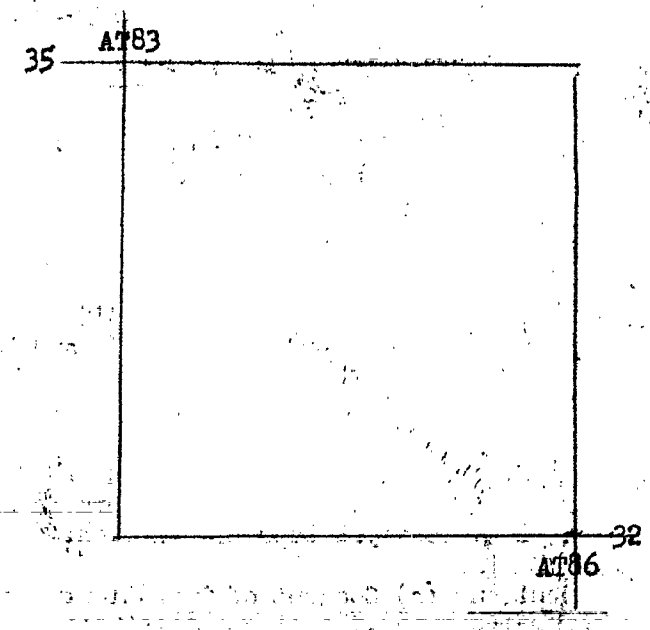
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Unit/Call Sign 5th Platoon/GRIM REAPER

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

2. Mission Conduct a thorough reconnaissance of assigned operating area. Locate Regimental or larger size base camps at vic grid squares AT8431 and AT8531. Be prepared to employ land line communications monitoring system.

3. Execution (a) Concept of Operation: Utilize references (a) through (e) inclusive to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HLZ 469 at 090800H, insert vic AT848323, Flip Flop with Rabbit Hutch and extract at 130900H vic TBA.

(b) Coordinating Instructions: The patrol leader will conduct a map study of the operating area and consult the S-2 for intelligence information on D-1. Primary and alternate extract and alternate insert zones will be selected at this time.

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

a. Special Equipment
(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Camera
(3) Binocular/6x30
(4) Surveillance System 4-114A

5. Comm/Electronics: Primary Freq: 37.0 Alternate: 59.9
Artillery: IPSWICH 60.0
Recon Artillery: ASPARAGUS 57.20
Radio Relay: STONE PIT "A"

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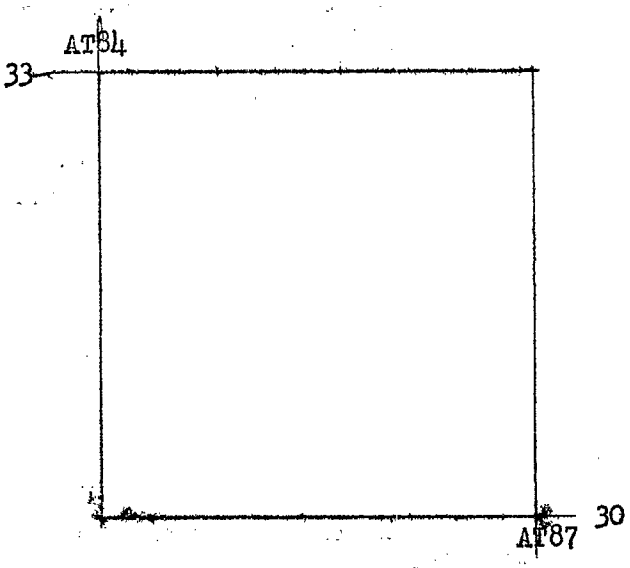
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OPERATION ORDER: #279-69
PATROL: GRIM REAPER (F-51)
DEBRIEFER: SGT M. KOZAKEWICH JR
MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS L7014
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 2 OFF. 5 ENL. 1 USN.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S, 1 6x30'S, 1 WIRE TAP KIT
   d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 2 M-14, 1 M-79, 3 CLAYMORES, 1 M-45B

2. MISSION: CONDUCT A THOROUGH RECONNAISSANCE OF ASSIGNED OPERATING AREA. LOCATE REGIMENTAL OR LARGER SIZE BASE CAMPS AT VIC GRID SQUARES AT8431 AND AT8531. BE PREPARED TO EMPLOY LAND LINE COMMUNICATIONS MONITORING SYSTEM.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 091345H/131430H

4. ROUTE: (SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY)

5. SYNOPSIS: PATROL WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER, AND ROUTINELY EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER 97 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY DURING WHICH 16 GROUPS OF ENEMY WERE OBSERVED TOTALLING 364 VC/NVA. THERE WERE NO UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS. THE PATROL MADE NO CONTACTS AND UTILIZED NO SUPPORTING ARMS.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. ENEMY: 101330H-101355H VIC AT874307 PATROL OBSERVED 73 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 10 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 35 WORE KHAKI AND GREEN SHIRTS AND TROWSERS MIXED. 42 WORE NVA HELMETS. ENEMY WERE ARMED WITH 26 AK-47'S, 15 SKS'S, 1 12.7 HMG, AND 1 RPD. PATROL OBSERVED 2 82MM MORTAR TUBES, 4 122 ROCKETS AND 1 RADIO SIMILAR TO A PRC-10. ENEMY CARRIED 42 PACKS, 7 APPEARED TO BE FILLED WITH MORTAR ROUNDS AND 13 WERE LIGHTLY LOADED. AT THIS TIME TEAM BEGAN TO HEAR VOICES FROM DIFFERENT POSITIONS ON THE TRAIL. THESE VOICES DIDN'T MOVE POSITION FOR THE ENTIRE TIME THE PATROL HEARD MOVEMENT AND VOICES ALL AROUND THEIR POSITION.

101410H-101500H VIC AT874307 PATROL OBSERVED 46 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 22 ENEMY WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, 16 GREEN UTILITIES, 7 MIXED KHAKI AND GREEN UTILITIES AND 1 SET OF PLAID PJ'S. 31 ENEMY WORE PITH HELMETS. ENEMY WAS EQUIPPED WITH 1 RPD, 5 SKS'S, 13 AK-47'S, 1 122 ROCKET, 35 HEAVY PACKS AND 11 LIGHT PACKS.

101510H-101545H VIC AT874307 PATROL OBSERVED 34 VC/NVA OF WHICH 13 WERE WOMEN MOVING SOUTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 7 ENEMY WORE KHAKIS, 9 WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND 5 MIXED KHAKI AND GREEN UTILITIES. 9 WOMEN WORE BLACK PJ'S AND 4 WORE MIXED BLACK AND WHITE CLOTHING. ENEMY WERE EQUIPPED WITH 5 AK-47'S, 4 SKS'S, 17 HEAVY PACKS, AND 2 LIGHT PACKS.

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101545H VIC AT873307 SOUTHEAST TO AT874306 PATROL HEARD AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY (APPROXIMATELY 100). THE ENEMY WERE SETTING IN FOR THE NIGHT IN GROUPS OF 50- 25 METERS TO THE SOUTHEAST, 25-25 METERS TO THE NORTHWEST, AND 25-50 METERS TO THE SOUTHWEST FROM THE PATROLS POSITION. THE ENEMY COULD NOT BE OBSERVED DUE TO THE HEAVY AMOUNT OF UNDERGROWTH IN THE AREA. THE ENEMY WERE TALKING, LAUGHING, COOKING AND COUGHING LOUDLY. THE PATROL COULD OBSERVE 2 VC/NVA; 1 MAN AND 1 WOMAN WERE HAVING INTERCOURSE 15 METERS TO THE PATROLS SOUTHEAST. PATROL COULD ALSO HEAR A TRANSISTOR RADIO PLAYING VN MUSIC LOUDLY TO THE NORTHWEST.

110645H VIC AT880304 PATROL HEARD 1 SHOT. ON THE PREVIOUS DAY 1 SHOT WAS HEARD AT EXACTLY THE SAME TIME AND PLACE.

110810H VIC AT874306 PATROL HEARD APPROXIMATELY 15 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHEAST ON THE TRAIL. THE PATROL WAS NOT YET IN POSITION TO OBSERVE MOVEMENT. THE ENEMY WERE TALKING AND COUGHING LOUDLY. NO SOUND WAS HEARD WHERE THE ENEMY HAD CAMPED THE NIGHT BEFORE.

110930H VIC AT874306 PATROL OBSERVED 23 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 11 ENEMY WORE KHAKIS, 8 GREEN UTILITIES, 9 NVA WORE HELMETS. WOMEN WORE 3 BLACK PJ'S AND 1 GRAY BLOUSE AND BLACK PJ PANTS. THE ENEMY WERE EQUIPPED WITH 5 AK-47'S, 3 SKS'S, 9 HEAVY PACKS AND 6 LIGHT PACKS.

111100H VIC AT874306 PATROL OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA. 1 WAS A FEMALE. ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S AND HAD NO EQUIPMENT. THESE PEOPLE WERE COUGHING BADLY.

111215H VIC AT874306 PATROL OBSERVED 17 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHEAST ON A TRAIL. THE ENEMY WORE 5 BLACK PJ'S, 6 KHAKIS, 4 GREEN UTILITIES, 2 MIXED KHAKI AND GREEN, 6 STEEL HELMETS WITH COVERS (BROWN SIDE OUT) AND 7 NVA HELMETS. THE ENEMY WERE EQUIPPED WITH 3 AK-47'S, 2 M-16'S 4 LIGHT PACKS, 1 GOLD WRIST WATCH, AND 13 HEAVY PACKS. THESE ENEMY WERE COUGHING QUITE A BIT.

111110H-111120H VIC AT874306 PATROL OBSERVED 22 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 14 ENEMY WORE KHAKIS, 6 GREEN UTILITIES MIXED WITH KHAKI AND 2 WORE BLACK PJ'S. THE ENEMY WAS EQUIPPED WITH 10 HEAVY PACKS, 12 LIGHT PACKS, 7 AK-47'S, 2 SKS'S, AND 10 NVA HELMETS.

111305H VIC AT874306 PATROL OBSERVED 11 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 8 ENEMY WORE KHAKIS, 3 MIXED KHAKI AND GREEN UTILITIES AND 3 NVA HELMETS. THEY WERE EQUIPPED WITH 2 AK-47'S, 2 SKS'S, 8 HEAVY PACKS AND 3 LIGHT PACKS.

111330H VIC AT874306 PATROL OBSERVED 17 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 7 ENEMY WORE KHAKIS, 5 WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND 5 WORE KHAKI AND GREEN MIXED UTILITIES. 7 ENEMY HAD NVA HELMETS. THE ENEMY WERE EQUIPPED WITH 6 AK-47'S, 3 SKS'S, 11 HEAVY PACKS, AND 4 LIGHT PACKS.

111330H-111345H VIC AT874306 PATROL OBSERVED 27 VC/NVA, 18 OF WHICH WERE WOMEN, MOVING NORTHWEST ON A TRAIL. 7 ENEMY WORE KHAKIS, 2 WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 5 WOMEN WORE BLACK PJ'S, 12 WOMEN WORE WHITE BLOUSES AND BLACK PJ PANTS, AND 1 WOMAN WORE A GREEN SWEATER AND GREEN SLACKS THAT LOOKED NEW. THE MEN WERE EQUIPPED WITH 3 AK-47'S, 2 SKS'S, AND 9 LIGHT PACKS. THE WOMEN CARRIED 13 BROWN CONTAINERS WHICH APPEARED TO HAVE FOOD IN THEM. THE CONTAINERS WERE ABOUT 1 GALLON CAPACITY. THERE WERE 3 GROUPS OF WOMEN WITH 6 WOMEN IN EACH GROUP. THE FIRST GROUP HAD 2 MEN IN FRONT AND 1 BEHIND IT. THE FRONT AND REAR MAN HAD AK-47'S.

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THE SECOND GROUP HAD 2 MEN IN FRONT AND 1 BEHIND. THE FRONT MAN HAD AN SKS. THE THIRD GROUP HAD 1 MAN IN FRONT AND 2 BEHIND. THE MAN IN FRONT HAD A SKS AND THE ONE IN THE REAR HAD A AK-47. THERE WAS 25 METERS BETWEEN GROUPS. THE WOMEN WERE TALKING AND JOKING.

111420H VIC AT874306 PATROL OBSERVED 16 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHEAST ON A TRAIL. ALL THE ENEMY WORE KHAKIS AND NVA HELMETS. THE ENEMY WERE EQUIPPED WITH 7 AK-47'S, 4 SKS'S, 5 HEAVY PACKS AND 11 LIGHT PACKS. THESE EN WERE NEAT AND CLEAN AND OBSERVED GOOD NOISE DISCIPLINE.

121035H VIC AT874306 PATROL OBSERVED 20 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 13 ENEMY WORE KHAKIS, 7 GREEN UTILITIES AND KHAKIS MIXED, AND 16 NVA HELMETS. THEY WERE EQUIPPED WITH 6 AK-47'S, 3 SKS'S, 1 M-3A1, 1 M-16, 15 HEAVY PACKS AND 5 LIGHT PACKS.

121000H VIC AT874306 PATROL OBSERVED 12 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 8 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 4 WORE KHAKI'S, AND 9 NVA PITH HELMETS. ENEMY WERE EQUIPPED WITH 3 AK-47'S, 4 SKS'S, 8 HEAVY PACKS AND 4 LIGHT PACKS.

120930H VIC AT874306 PATROL OBSERVED 23 VC/NVA, 4 OF WHICH WERE WOMEN, MOVING SOUTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 11 WORE KHAKI'S 3 WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND KHAKI'S, WHILE THE WOMEN WORE WHITE BLOUSES AND BLACK PJ PANTS. 7 MEN WORE NVA PITH HELMETS. THE ENEMY WERE EQUIPPED WITH 6 AK-47'S, 2 SKS'S, 13 LIGHT PACKS, AND 6 HEAVY PACKS.

121240H VIC AT874306 PATROL OBSERVED 17 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHEAST ON A TRAIL. ALL OF THE ENEMY WORE KHAKI'S AND 14 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS. THE ENEMY WERE EQUIPPED WITH 7 AK-47'S, 5 SKS'S, 1 RPD, 4 HEAVY PACKS AND 13 LIGHT PACKS. THIS GROUP OF ENEMY WAS VERY NEAT, HAD GOOD HAIRCUTS, USED GOOD NOISE DISCIPLINE, AND APPEARED TO BE EATING WELL. THEY WERE OBVIOUSLY WELL DISCIPLINED TROOPS.

121335H VIC AT874308 PATROL ESTIMATES THAT 6 VC/NVA WERE USED AS TRAIL GUARDS IN THE VICINITY OF WHERE THE PATROL WAS OBSERVING FROM (AT874306). THE ABOVE GRID WAS WHERE 1 GROUP OF 2 VC/NVA WERE STATIONED, ANOTHER GROUP OF 2 VC/NVA WERE 50 METERS SOUTHEAST OF THIS GRID COORDINATES, AND A THIRD GROUP WAS STATIONED VIC AT875306. (SEE ENTRY 101330H). PATROL HEARD VOICES AT THE ABOVE COORDINATES THAT DID NOT CHANGE POSITION DURING ALL THE MOVEMENT.

b. TERRAIN: STEEP AND VERY ROUGH WITH A ROCKY SOIL THAT WOULD NOT SUPPORT THE WEIGHT OF A MAN WITHOUT GIVING WAY IN SOME PLACES AND CAUSING SMALL ROCK SLIDES. THE CANOPY WAS THICK AT 50-60 FT HIGH WITH VERY FEW OPENINGS. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 15 FT HIGH CONSISTING OF VINES, BAMBOO, AND SMALL TREES AND WAS UNUSUALLY THICK. PATROL HAD TO CRAWL IN SOME PLACES. MOVEMENT WAS DIFFICULT AND RESTRICTED TO A RATE OF 100 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. THERE WAS WATER AVAILABLE AND IT WAS SWIFT RUNNING.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ: AT883313, 1xCH-46, FAIR TAILGATE ZONE, LARGE WITH 5-6 FT ELEPHANT GRASS BUT A DIFFICULT MANEUVER FOR THE HELO DUE TO THE FACT THAT IT MUST TURN 180° TO SET IN RAMP. BEST DIRECTION OF APPROACH IS SW AND LEAVE TO NE.

b. EXTRACT LZ: SAME AS INSERT LZ.

c. TRAILS: PATROL FOUND 1 TRAIL AT AT874307, IT RAN NW-SE, WAS 18-20 INCHES WIDE, 6 INCHES DEEP, AND VERY WELL USED. PATROL ESTIMATED DISTANCE AND LOCATION OF TRAIL ON OVERLAY BY VOICES AND SOUNDS THEY HEARD THAT WERE MOVING ON IT.

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7. (CONTINUED)
d. OP'S: NONE USED OR FOUND.
e. COMM: FAIR WITH "STONE PIT A"
f. OBSTACLES: PATROL HAD TO SKIRT SOME ROCKY AREAS BECAUSE THEY WOULD BE NOISY TO MOVE THROUGH.
g. MISC: AT AT881311 PATROL FOUND A 250 LB BOMB THAT WAS APPARENTLY A DUD. THE FUSE HAD BEEN REMOVED BUT NOTHING ELSE WAS DISTURBED. PATROL DID NOT BLOW IT IN PLACE DUE TO THE PROXIMITY OF THE EXTRACT ZONE AND NOT WANTING TO COMPROMISE IT.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: EXCELLENT

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL LEADER SUGGESTS A LARGE AIR STRIKE ON THE RIDGELINE FROM AT874306 TO AT851312. THIS AREA, IN THE PATROL LEADERS OPINION, IS A LARGE BASE COMPLEX.

11. DEBRIEFERS COMMENTS: THE ENEMY MOVING SE COULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN MOVING TO THE LARGE TRAIL FOLLOWING THE RIDGELINE THAT ACTS AS A BOUNDRY BETWEEN DUC DUC AND QUE SON DISTRICTS.

12. PATROL MEMBERS:

1STLT ROLLINGS	0107099
1STLT JACKSON	0107418
SGT MOORMAN	1994159
CPL CRANE	2442435
LCPL HUCKSTEP	2458910
LCPL MAGRI	2478633
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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. Establish observation and report enemy activities over the trail network from AT900365 to AT885359 and south to AT890345.

3. Execution

a. Concept of Operation: Depart HLZ 469 at 100800H, insert at AT880350 (Flip Flop w/[redacted]) and extract at 140900H vic TBA.
Swift Scout

b. Coordinating Instructions: Utilize references (a) through (e). Acquire HLZ briefing and enemy situation from S-2 on D-1.

4. Admin/Logistics. Ref: (b) and verbal.

a. Special equipment

(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Binocular 7x50
(3) Scope M-49

5. Comm/Electronics

a. Communications Network

(1) Stone Pit; prim: 37.0 alt: 59.9
(2) Stone Pit "A"; radio relay
(3) Ipswich; prim: 60.0; artillery
(4) Asparagus; prim: 57.2, arty Recon.

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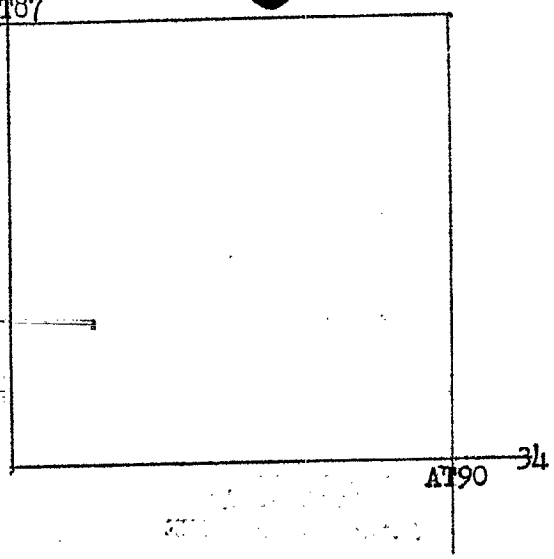
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PATROL: REPORT CARD
DEBRIEFER: SSGT. R. BOLAND
MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS L7014
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF. 4 ENL. 1 USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S, 2 M-49 SCOPES
   d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-79, 3 CLAYMORES

2. MISSION: ESTABLISH OBSERVATION AND REPORT ENEMY ACTIVITIES OVER THE TRAIL NETWORK FROM AT900365 TO AT885359 AND SOUTH TO AT890345.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 100830H/151535H SEPTEMBER 1969

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER, FLIP FLOPPING WITH SWIFT SCOUT ROUTINELY. THE PATROL WAS EXTRACTEDBY THE SAME MEANS FLIP FLOPPING WITH RECON AFTER 127 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY, DURING WHICH 65 GROUPS OF ENEMY WERE OBSERVED TOTALLING 514 VC/NVA. THERE WAS AN UNUSUAL OBSERVATION DURING THE PATROL. THE SIGHTING OF 2 CAUCASIANS. NO CONTACTS WERE MADE. ARTILLERY REGISTERED AND FIRED ON GRID AT886355. NO OTHER SUPPORTING ARMS WERE UTILITIZED.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

   a. ENEMY: THE PATROL ESTABLISHED AN OBSERVATION POST IN THE VICINITY OF AT880350 WHICH PROVIDED THE TEAM GOOD OBSERVATION OF VICINITY AT886355. OF THE 514 VC/NVA OBSERVED 377 OF THE ENEMY WERE MOVING NORTH, 135 WERE MOVING SOUTH, WHILE 2 OF THE ENEMY APPEARED TO BE SENTRIES IN THE VICINITY AT886355. ALL OF THE SIGHTINGS WERE OBSERVED VIC AT886355.

   100925H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL. ENEMY WORE A GREEN UNIFORM. GREEN PACK, NVA PITH HELMET AND BOOTS. ENEMY WAS CAMOUFLAGED WITH LEAVES, MOVING VERY SLOWLY AND STOPPING OFTEN TO LOOK AROUND.

   101130H TO 101140H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 41 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 10 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 11 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 5 WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, 6 WORE GRAY UNIFORMS, 9 WORE MIXED UNIFORMS, 3 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, 28 CARRIED PACKS, 2 CARRIED AK-47 RIFLES, 1 CARRIED A ROUND OBJECT WHICH APPEARED TO BE A 82MM MORTAR BASE PLATE, AND 1 ENEMY WORE A RAINCOAT. THE ENEMIES PACKS WERE VERY SMALL OR EMPTY. ALL OF THE ENEMY DOUBLE TIMED. THE ENEMY COLUMN CAME FROM THE WEST AND TURNED NORTH IN VICINITY AT886353. MANY OF THE ENEMY WERE CAMOUFLAGED.

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101155H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 7 VC/NVA MOVING EAST THEN NORTH ON TRAIL. 1 ENEMY WORE A KHAKI UNIFORM, 2 WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 1 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 3 WORE MIXED UNIFORMS, 2 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, 6 CARRIED PACKS AND 1 CARRIED A BROWN CYLINDER APPROXIMATELY 2 FEET LONG AND 4 INCHES IN DIAMETER.

101300H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 1 ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, 1 WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 1 WORE A NVA PITH HELMET, 1 CARRIED A SMALL PACK AND 1 WORE A CARTRIDGE BELT.

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101320H TO 101345H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 45 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 17 OF THE ENEMY WORE KHAKI'S, 8 WORE GREEN UNIFORMS, 2 WORE GRAY UNIFORMS, 2 WORE BLUE UNIFORMS, 10 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 6 WORE MIXED UNIFORMS, 26 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, 42 CARRIED PACKS, 2 CARRIED RIFLES, 1 WORE A CARTRIDGE BELT, AND 1 POSSIBLY CARRIED A PISTOL. THESE PACKS WERE LARGER THEN THE PACKS OF THE ENEMY SIGHTED EARLIER IN THE DAY. THE FIRST 30 ENEMY WERE CAMOUFLAGED WITH LEAVES. THIS GROUP OF ENEMY HID AS A PLANE FLEW OVER. THE LAST 2 ENEMY IN THE COLUMN LEFT THE TRAIL AT VIC AT886355. PATROL LEADER BELIEVES A BASE CAMP IS LOCATED HERE.

101505H TO 101510H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 6 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 1 ENEMY WORE A KHAKI UNIFORM, 1 WORE A GRAY UNIFORM, 4 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 1 WORE A NVA PITH HELMET, 1 WORE A COOLIE HAT, 4 CARRIED PACKS, AND 1 CARRIED A METAL CYLINDER APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET LONG AND 6 INCHES IN DIAMETER. WHEN THIS GROUP APPROACHED VIC AT886358 THERE WAS SUDDENLY A LOT OF TALKING.

101530H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 7 VC/NVA OF WHICH 3 WERE WOMEN MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. THE 3 ENEMY FEMALES WORE BLUE SHIRTS WITH BLACK TROUSER, 3 MALE ENEMY WORE GREEN UNIFORMS, 1 MALE ENEMY WORE A GRAY UNIFORM, 3 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, 7 CARRIED PACKS, 1 CARRIED A BROWN CYLINDER, APPROXIMATELY 2 FEET LONG AND 4 INCHES IN DIAMETER, AND 3 CARRIED BUNDLES OF STICKS.

101600H TO 101610H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 10 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 2 OF THE ENEMY APPEARED TO BE CAUCASIANS. THE CAUCASIANS WERE APPROXIMATELY 5 MINUTES AHEAD OF THE OTHER VC/NVA. BOTH CAUCASIANS WORE KHAKI SHORTS AND SHIRTS, BOTH THE SHORTS AND SHIRTS WERE ROLLED UP. BOTH WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, CARRIED PACKS AND RIFLES AT SLUNG PORT ARMS. 1 CAUCASIAN APPEARED TO BE ABOUT 6 FEET TALL WEIGHING ABOUT 200 POUNDS, THE OTHER WAS ABOUT 5 FT. 10 INCHES TALL AND WEIGHED ABOUT 220 POUNDS. OF THE OTHER 8 VC/NVA, 6 ENEMY WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, 1 WORE A GRAY UNIFORM, 1 WORE A MIXED UNIFORM AND 5 OF THE ENEMY WORE NVA PITH HELMETS. THE VN VC/NVA CARRIED NO RIFLES.

101620H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL. THE ENEMY WORE A KHAKI UNIFORM AND CARRIED A AK-47 RIFLE. THIS VC/NVA CARRIED NO PACK.

101640H TO 101650H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 31 VC/NVA. OF WHICH 5 WERE WOMEN MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 4 ENEMY WORE GREEN UNIFORMS, 20 WORE MIXED UNIFORMS, 1 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 6 WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, 5 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, 6 CARRIED PACKS, 1 CARRIED A AK-47 RIFLE, 4 CARRIED WHAT APPEARED TO BE 122MM ROCKETS, 1 CARRIED A OBJECT THAT LOOKED LIKE A ROCKET WARHEA AND 22 CARRIED BROWN TUBES APPROXIMATELY 2 FEET LONG AND 4 INCHES IN DIAMETER. THESE OBJECTS LOOKED LIKE 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS IN CANNISTERS.

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101700H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. BOTH ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, 1 CARRIED A PACK, 1 WORE NVA PITH HELMET, 1 CARRIED A AK-47 RIFLE, AND 1 CARRIED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A ROCKET WARHEAD.

101710H TO 101725H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 17 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 5 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 1 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 5 WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, 6 WORE MIXED COLORED UNIFORMS, 6 CARRIED PACKS, 7 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, 8 CARRIED WHAT APPEARED TO BE 122MM ROCKETS, 1 CARRIED 1 AK-47 RIFLE, 2 CARRIED RIFLES THE TYPE OF WHICH COULD NOT BE DETERMINED, AND 3 ENEMY CARRIED WHAT APPEARED TO BE ROCKET WARHEADS.

101735H TO 101745H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 7 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 4 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 1 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 2M WORE MIXED COLORED CLOTHING, 6 CARRIED PACKS, 3 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, 2 CARRIED WHAT APPEARED TO BE 122MM ROCKETS, AND 3 ENEMY CARRIED WHAT APPEARED TO BE ROCKET WARHEADS.

101840H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 6 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 2 ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, 3 A WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 1 WORE NVA PITH HELMET, 3 CARRIED PACKS, 2 CARRIED RIFLES, AND ONE ENEMY WAS BEING CARRIED IN A LITTER BY 2 OF THE ENEMY. PATROL COULD NOT OBSERVE THE UNIFORM OF THE ENEMY IN THE LITTER.

110630H TO 110645H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 21 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH. TEAM OBSERVED THAT ENEMY WAS CARRYING 1 LITTER. TEAM COULD NOT DETERMINE WHAT TYPE OF UNIFORMS THE ENEMY WORE OR THE EQUIPMENT CARRIED DUE TO FOG CONDITION.

110655H TO 110705H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 13 VC/NVA, OF WHICH 9 WERE MOVING SOUTH AND 4 WERE MOVING NORTH ON THE SAME TRAIL. 7 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 6 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 6 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, AND 12 OF THE ENEMY CARRIED PACKS. THE 4 ENEMY MOVING NORTH WERE CAMOUFLAGED WITH LEAVES.

110715H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, NVA PITH HELMET, AND CARRIED A PACK WITH A CYLINDER SHAPED OBJECT STRAPPED ON HIS PACK WHICH WAS APPROXIMATELY 3 FEET LONG AND 5 INCHES IN DIAMETER.

110925H TO 110930H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 11 VC/NVA ON TRAIL, OF WHICH 2 WERE MOVING NORTH AND 9 WERE MOVING SOUTH. 5 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 2 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 3 WORE GREEN SHIRTS WITH BLACK TROUSERS, 3 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, 1 WORE A BUSH HAT AND 7 CARRIED PACKS. 1 ENEMY WAS BEING CARRIED BY 2 VC/NVA IN A LITTER.

111005H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S. NO OTHER EQUIPMENT COULD BE OBSERVED.

111045H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 2 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 1 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 2 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, ALL 3 ENEMY CARRIED PACKS, AND 1 ENEMY CARRIED A AK-47 RIFLE. ALL OF THE ENEMY WERE CAMOUFLAGED WITH LEAVES.

111155H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, A NVA PITH HELMET, HAT AND CARRIED A PACK.

111205H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA NORTH ON TRAIL. 2 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 2 WORE BLACK PJ'S, ALL OF THE ENEMY WORE NVA PITH HELMETS AND PACKS. 1 ENEMY CARRIED A AK-47 RIFLE.

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1 OF THE ENEMY WAS CAMOUFLAGED WITH LEAVES.

111245H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. BOTH ENEMY WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, 1 WORE A WHITE HAT, BOTH CARRIED PACKS, AND 1 CARRIED A AK-47 RIFLE.

111425H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, A NVA PITH HELMET AND CARRIED A PACK.

111540H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 5 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 2 ENEMY WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, 1 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 2 WORE MIXED COLORED CLOTHING, ALL OF THE ENEMY WORE PACKS, AND 2 OF THE ENEMY CARRIED RIFLES THE TYPE OF WHICH COULD NOT BE DETERMINED.

111640H TO 111700H VIC AT886355. TEAM OBSERVED 31 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 9 ENEMY WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, 5 WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 5 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 12 WORE MIXED COLORED CLOTHING, AND ALL OF THE ENEMY CARRIED PACKS. 1 OF THE PACKS SEEMED EXTREMELY HEAVY.

112000H TO 120500H VIC AT884364 TEAM OBSERVED 1 CAMPFIRE WHICH BURNED ALL NIGHT.

120630H TO 120645H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 68 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL. ALL OF THE ENEMY CARRIED HEAVY PACKS, WHILE ONLY 1 ENEMY WAS OBSERVED CARRYING A RIFLE. BECAUSE OF THE FOG COVERING THE TRAIL, THE UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT THE ENEMY COULD NOT BE OBSERVED VERY WELL.

120810H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL. THE ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND CARRIED A PACK. THE ENEMY WAS MOVING VERY SLOWLY AND LOOKING ALL AROUND.

121000H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. BOTH ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, COOLIE HATS, AND CARRIED PACKS. THESE 2 ENEMY MOVED VERY FAST.

121015H TO 121045H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA ON TRAIL. THESE VC/NVA EVENTUALLY MOVED NORTH. 1 ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, 1 WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 1 WORE A NVA PITH HELMET, 1 WORE A CARTRIDGE BELT, AND 1 CARRIED A AK-47 RIFLE. BOTH ENEMY MOVED SOUTH TO VIC AT886353, STIPPED OFF THEIR CLOTHES, LEFT THE TRAIL, AND COULD NOT BE OBSERVED UNTIL 121045H WHEN THEY RETURNED TO THE TRAIL, DRESSED AND MOVED NORTH. BOTH ENEMY LOOKED LIKE MALES.

121105H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 12 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 7 ENEMY WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, 4 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 1 WORE BLACK TROUSERS WITH GREEN SHIRT, 10 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, 12 CARRIED PACKS, AND 2 CARRIED RIFLES, THE TYPE OF WHICH COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. ALL OF THE ENEMY WERE CAMOUFLAGED WITH LEAVES. THE FIRST AND LAST MAN IN THE COLUMN CARRIED RIFLES.

121135H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 8 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 5 ENEMY WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, 2 WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 1 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 4 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, 8 CARRIED PACKS, 2 CARRIED RIFLES, 1 RIFLE WAS AN AK-47, THE TYPE OF THE OTHER RIFLE COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. 5 OF THE ENEMY WERE CAMOUFLAGED WITH LEAVES. THE FIRST AND FOURTH ENEMY IN THE COLUMN CARRIED THE RIFLES.

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121230H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 8 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 3 ENEMY WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, 1 WORE A GREEN UNIFORM, 4 WORE MIXED UNIFORMS, 5 CARRIED PACKS, 1 CARRIED A AK-47 RIFLE AND 2 ENEMY CARRIED AN UNKNOWN TYPE RIFLE. ALL OF THE ENEMY WERE CAMOUFLAGED WITH LEAVES.

121300H TO 121310H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 12 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 7 ENEMY WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, 3 WORE GREEN UNIFORMS, 2 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 6 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, 12 WORE PACKS, AND 1 CARRIED A RIFLE, THE TYPE OF WHICH COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. ALL OF THESE ENEMY WERE CAMOUFLAGED WITH LEAVES.

121345H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. ALL OF THE ENEMY WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS WITH PITH HELMETS, AND CARRIED PACKS.

121620H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 6 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. ALL OF THE ENEMY WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, AND PACKS, AND 3 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS. THIS GROUP OF ENEMY WAS RUNNING AT FULL SPEED.

121645H TO 121655H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 13 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. THERE WAS A FEMALE PRESENT IN THIS GROUP. THE FEMALE WORE A WHITE BLOUSE WITH BLACK TROUSERS, AND CARRIED A PACK. 7 OF THE ENEMY MALES WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 4 WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, 1 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 1 WORE A CARTRIDGE BELT AND 1 CARRIED A RIFLE. THE FIRST 6 ENEMY WERE RUNNING AT FULL SPEED.

121735H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 9 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 5 ENEMY WORE GREEN UNIFORMS, 3 WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, 1 WORE BLACK PJ UNIFORMS, 5 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS AND 9 CARRIED PACKS. ALL OF THE ENEMY WERE CAMOUFLAGED WITH LEAVES AND WALKED SLOWLY.

121750H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 3 ENEMY WORE GREEN UNIFORMS, 1 WORE A KHAKI UNIFORM, 3 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS AND ALL OF THIS GROUP CARRIED SMALL PACKS. THIS GROUP OF ENEMY WALKED VERY SLOW.

130740H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL. ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, NVA PITH HELMETS AND PACKS. THIS GROUP OF ENEMY WAS RUNNING AT FULL SPEED. AT THIS TIME FOG WAS COVERING THE TRAIL AND THE TEAM COULD NOT OBSERVE THE TRAIL VERY WELL.

130815H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL. ENEMY WORE GREEN UNIFORM, NVA PITH HELMET AND A SMALL PACK.

130825H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL. ENEMY WORE GREEN UNIFORM, CARRIED A SMALL PACK AND A AK-47 RIFLE. THE ENEMY WAS CAMOUFLAGED WITH LEAVES AND WALKED VERY SLOW.

130910H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 10 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL. 9 ENEMY WORE GREEN UNIFORMS, 1 WORE A KHAKI SHIRT WITH GREEN TROUSERS, ALL OF THE ENEMY WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, ALL CARRIED PACKS, 1 CARRIED A RPG ROCKET GRENADE LAUNCHER AND 3 CARRIED AK-47 RIFLES. THIS COLUMN OF ENEMY TURNED WEST VICINITY OF AT886353.

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131155H TO 131215H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 10 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 1 ENEMY IN THIS GROUP WAS A FEMALE. THE FEMALE WORE BLACK PJ'S, A COOLIE HAT AND CARRIED A HEAVY PACK. OF THE 9 ENEMY MALES, 6 WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, 2 WORE GREEN UNIFORMS, 1 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 6 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, 1 WORE A COOLIE HAT, ALL CARRIED PACKS AND 2 CARRIED AK-47 RIFLES.

131230H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 1 VC/ NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. THE ENEMY WORE A GREEN UNIFORM, A NVA PITH HELMET AND CARRIED A PACK.

131425H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 7 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 3 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 4 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 3 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, ALL OF THE ENEMY CARRIED PACKS, AND 1 ENEMY CARRIED A AK-47 RIFLE. THE ENEMY WAS WALKING VERY FAST.

131550H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 2 OF THE GROUP OF ENEMY WERE FEMALES. 1 ENEMY FEMALE WORE BLACK PJ'S, AND 1 WORE A WHITE BLOUSE WITH BLACK TROUSERS. EACH FEMALE CARRIED 2 LARGE PACKS ON A STICK OVER THEIR SHOULDERS. 1 ENEMY MALE WORE A KHAKI UNIFORM, 1 WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 1 WORE A NVA PITH HELMET, BOTH CARRIED PACKS, AND 1 ENEMY CARRIED A RIFLE. TYPE OF RIFLE COULD NOT BE DETERMINED.

131650H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 1 ENEMY WORE A KHAKI UNIFORM, 1 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 1 WORE A BLACK SHIRT WITH GREEN TROUSERS, 1 WORE A NVA PITH HELMET, 2 CARRIED LIGHT BROWN PACKS, 1 CARRIED A DARK GREEN PACK, AND 1 ENEMY CARRIED A AK-47 RIFLE.

131715H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. ENEMY WORE A BLACK SHIRT WITH GREEN TROUSERS AND CARRIED A PACK.

131725H TO 131745H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 12 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 7 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 4 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 1 WORE A BLACK SHIRT WITH KHAKI TROUSERS, 8 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, 8 CARRIED PACKS, 1 CARRIED A RIFLE TYPE UNDETERMINED, 2 CARRIED AK-47 RIFLES, 3 CARRIED OBJECTS THAT APPEARED TO BE ROCKETS, THESE OBJECTS WERE APPROXIMATELY 2½ FEET LONG, 6 INCHES IN DIAMETER AND SILVER IN COLOR. 1 ENEMY CARRIED A CYLINDER WHICH WAS APPROXIMATELY 3 FEET LONG AND 6 INCHES IN DIAMETER 1 ENEMY CARRIED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A WARHEAD FOR A ROCKET.

140630H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL. TEAM COULD NOT OBSERVE THE UNIFORM OR EQUIPMENT OF THE ENEMY.

140715H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL. ENEMY CARRIED A PACK, THE ENEMIES UNIFORM COULD NOT BE OBSERVED.

140915H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA ON TRAIL. ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, NVA PITH HELMETS, PACKS, AND CARRIED RIFLES. AT THE PRECEEDING GRID COORDINATES 1 ENEMY CONTINUED MOVING NORTH, THE OTHER 2 ENEMY DISAPPEARED. PATROL LEADER BELIEVES THEY ARE SENTRIES.

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141215H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. BOTH ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, PACKS, 1 WORE A NVA PITH HELMET, AND 1 CARRIED A RIFLE. THE TYPE OF THE RIFLE COULD NOT BE DETERMINED.

141355H TO 141405H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 12 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 3 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 1 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 6 WORE BLACK TROUSERS WITH WHITE SHIRTS, 1 WORE A KHAKI SHIRT WITH BLACK TROUSERS, 1 WORE A BRIGHT BLUE PJ TYPE UNIFORM, 3 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, ALL OF THE ENEMY CARRIED PACKS, AND RIFLES. THE TYPE OF RIFLES THEY CARRIED COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. THIS GROUP OF ENEMY STOPPED ON THE TRAIL, THEN RAN ACROSS THE CLEARING.

141715H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND CARRIED A PACK. THIS ENEMY WAS MONITORED ON THE SID.

141735H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 1 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 2 WORE KHAKI SHIRTS WITH GREEN TROUSERS, 2 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, 2 CARRIED PACKS, AND 1 CARRIED A RIFLE. THE TYPE OF RIFLE CARRIED COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. THIS GROUP OF ENEMY WAS MONITORED ON THE SID.

141745H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 17 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 4 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 2 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 7 WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, 4 WORE LIGHT BLUE COLORED UNIFORMS, 6 WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, 17 CARRIED PACKS, 1 CARRIED A AK-47 RIFLE, 1 CARRIED AN UNKNOWN TYPE OF RIFLE, AND 2 ENEMY CARRIED METAL CYLINDERS APPROXIMATELY 4 FEET LONG, AND 2 INCHES IN DIAMETER, WITH PERPENDICULAR FINS LIKE A SNAKE BOMB ON BOTH ENDS.

150645H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL. ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, A NVA PITH HELMET AND CARRIED A PACK.

150710H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 5 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL. 1 ENEMY WORE A KHAKI UNIFORM, 4 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 4 CARRIED PACKS AND 1 CARRIED A AK-47. THE SECOND ENEMY IN THE COLUMN WORE KHAKI'S CARRIED THE AK-47 AND DID NOT CARRY A PACK. THIS GROUP OF ENEMY WAS NOT PICKED UP ON THE SID.

151110H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. 1 ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, 1 WORE A WHITE SHIRT WITH GRAY SHORTS, AND BOTH ENEMY CARRIED PACKS. THESE 2 ENEMY WERE RUNNING VERY FAST. THE SID'S DID NOT PICKUP THIS GROUP OF ENEMY.

151125H VIC AT886355 TEAM OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL. ALL OF THE ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S AND CARRIED PACKS. 3 ENEMY WORE NVA PITH HELMETS, 1 CARRIED A AK-47 RIFLE AND 1 CARRIED A SKS RIFLE. ALL OF THIS GROUP OF ENEMY WERE CAMOUFLAGED WITH LEAVES AND WERE RUNNING VERY FAST. THIS GROUP OF ENEMY WAS NOT PICKED UP BY THE SIDS.

b. TERRAIN: THE TERRAIN WAS STEEP WITH NO CANOPY. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 5-6 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF ELEPHANT GRASS, AND SHRUBS.

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MOVEMENT WAS EASY AT THE RATE OF 400 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS NOT AVAILABLE ON THE PATROLS ROUTE. THIS PATROL DID NOT MOVE MORE THEN 200 METERS, THEREFORE NOT VERY MUCH OF THE TERRAIN WAS OBSERVED.

CONCEALMENT WAS SCARCE, CONSISTING OF ELEPHANT GRASS, WHICH WAS ABOUT 4-5 FEET HIGH WITH AN OCCASIONAL TREE. MOVEMENT WOULD BE DIFFICULT IN REGARD TO CONCEALMENT. COVER IS BAD IN THIS AREA. MOST OF THE AREA IS WIDE OPEN WITH AN OCCASIONAL DRAW THAT CAN BE USED FOR COVER.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ: AT880350 2xCH-46 GOOD ZONE ON A GENTLE SLOPE. VEGETATION CONSISTED OF ELEPHANT GRASS AND SHRUBS. THE BEST APPROACH WAS ON A AZMUTH OF 300 DEGREES. THE BEST EXIT WAS ON AN AZMUTH OF 300 DEGREES.

b. EXTRACT LZ: SAME AS INSERT LZ.

c. TRAILS: A TRAIL RUNNING NE TO SW VIC AT880350. 1 1/2 FEET WIDE, NOT A WELL USED TRAIL.

d. OP'S: THE ENTIRE RIDGELINE VIC AT880350 IS A GOOD OP. THIS VICINITY GIVES GOOD OBSERVATION OF A WELL DEFINED TRAIL VIC AT866355. GENERALLY IT GIVES GOOD OBSERVATION OF THE VALLEY TO THE N, NE AND AND TO THE SE AREA.

e. COMM: GOOD ON HIGH GROUND. COMM WAS FAIR WHEN THE PATROL MOVED OFF THE HIGH GROUND. PATROL HEARD FRENCH SPOKEN ON THE RADIO SEVERAL TIMES. PATROL RELAYED THRU ALFA RELAY.

f. OBSTACLES: NONE

g. MISC: NONE

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

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: GOOD. PREPARATORY IS DIFFICULT, HOWEVER IT IS EASY TO CALL A ACTUAL FIRE MISSION.

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL LEADER THINKS THERE IS POSSIBLY A BASE CAMP VIC AT886353.

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

1st Lt	RITCHIE	0106920
Cpl	SPERRY	2304682
LCpl	BROWN	2477591
LCpl	SMITH	2396761
Pfc	MYERS	2463598
HM3	WIESE	B622115

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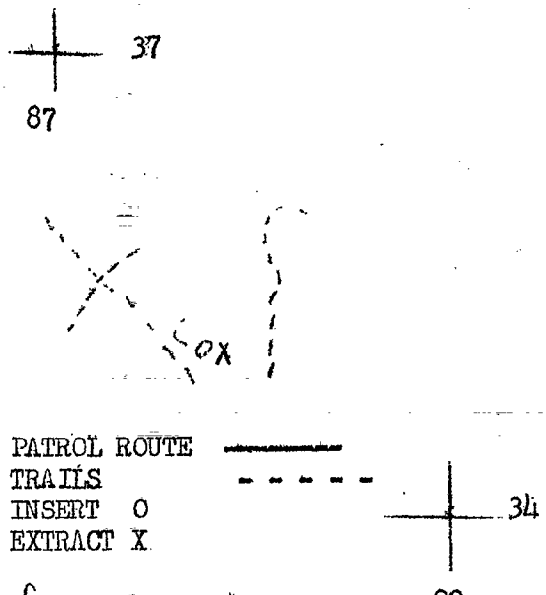
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(b) 1stReconBnO P3000.4
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1. Situation

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 reconnaissance of grid squares AT8930, AT8830 and AT8829. Locate Regimental or larger size base camps and monitor enemy traffic on trail networks in the assigned grid squares. Be Prepared to employ land line communications monitoring system.

3. Execution

a. Concept of Operation: Depart HLZ 469 at 120800H, insert at AT892306 and extract at 160900H vic TBA.

b. Coordinating Instructions: Utilize references (a) through (e). Acquire briefing from S-2 regarding enemy situation in operating area.

c. 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.

a. Special equipment

(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Binoculars 7x50
(3) Camera
(4) Surveillance System 4-114A

5. Comm/Electronics

a. Communications Network/call sign

(1) Stone Pit; prim: 37.0 alt: 59.9
(2) Stone Pit "A"; radio relay
(3) Asparagus; prim: 57.2, arty recon.

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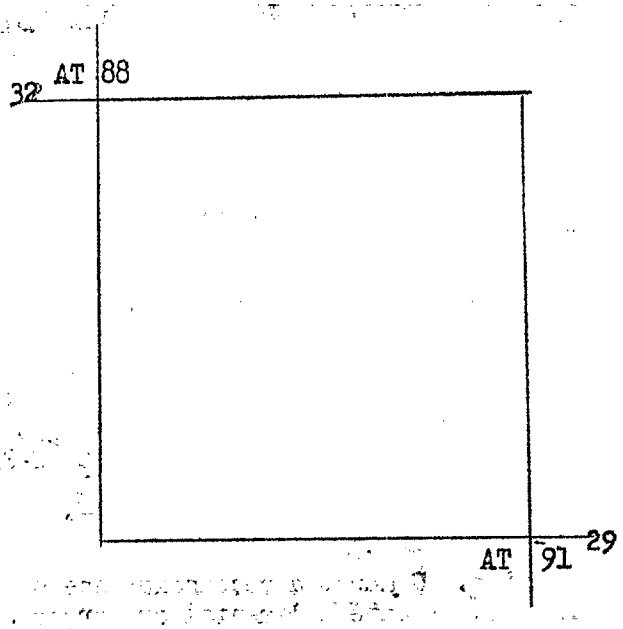
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OPERATION ORDER #277-69
PATROL: RABBIT HUTCH
DEBRIEFER: SSGT R. BOLANDING
MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS L7014
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 7 ENL.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S, 1 PEQ-50'S, 1 CAMERA
   d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-79, 4 CLAYMORES.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT A RECONNAISSANCE OF GRID SQUARES AT8930, AT8830 AND AT8829. LOCATE REGIMENTAL OR LARGER SIZE MAIN CAMPS AND MAIN MONITOR ENEMY TRAFFIC ON TRAIL NETWORKS IN THE ASSIGNED GRID SQUARES. BE PREPARED TO EMPLOY LAND LINE COMMUNICATIONS MONITORING SYSTEM.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 121345H/160930H SEPTEMBER 1969

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND ROUTINELY EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER 93 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY DURING WHICH NO ENEMY WERE OBSERVED. THE PATROL MADE NO CONTACTS WITH THE ENEMY, DID NOT UTILIZE ANY SUPPORTING ARMS AND THE INSERT ZONE WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT. 1 MARINE WAS MED EVUCATED BY HOIST 140800 BECAUSE OF INJURIES SUSTAINED FROM FALLING DOWN A CLIFF.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. ENEMY: 140800H VIC AT897305 TEAM OBSERVED SMOKE COMING FROM THE PRECEEDING GRID COORDINATES, FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 TO 20 MINUTES BEFORE MED EVAC ARRIVED. THE SMOKE WAS NO LONGER VISIBLE WHEN HELICOPTER ARRIVED OVER THE AREA.
   141200H TO 150700H. TEAM IN VIC AT893302 HEARD ISOLATED INSTANCES OF TALKING AND MOVEMENT FROM VIC AT896305. TEAM ALSO OBSERVED FIRES FROM THE SAME LOCATION. AT APPROXIMATELY 150700H AN AO ARRIVED ON STATION. WHENEVER THE AO FLEW OVER THE AREA THE SMOKE COULD NO LONGER BE OBSERVED. THE AO CONDUCTED A THOUGH SEARCH OF THE AREA BUT WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE A TARGET.
   b. TERRAIN: TERRAIN WAS STEEP WITH A CANOPY OF 40-50 FEET. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 8-10 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF VINES, SHRUBS, ELEPHANT GRASS AND BRIARS. MOVEMENT WAS SLOW AND RESTRICTED TO THE RATE OF 150 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS PLENTIFUL. TEAM FOUND STREAMS VIC AT890299 AND AT895302.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:
   a. INSERT LZ: AT890299 1xCH-46 A FAIR TAILGATE ZONE. TEAM HAD TO JUMP ABOUT 5 FEET. VEGETATION CONSIST OF ELEPHANT GRASS APPROXIMATELY 10 FEET HIGH. BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE SOUTH.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

b. EXTRACT LZ: AT897302 1x CH-46 GOOD ZONE. LOCATED ON A 30-35 DEGREE SLOPE. VEGETATION CONSIST OF 10 FEET HIGH ELEPHANT GRASS. BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE SOUTH. BEST EXIT IS TO SOUTH. NO OTHER HLZ'S WERE OBSERVED ON THIS PATROL.

c. TRAILS: NO TRAILS WERE OBSERVED DURING THIS PATROL.

d. OP'S NONE OBSERVED.

e. COMM: GOOD. TEAM USED BRAVO RELAY. SOME VN INTERFERENCE. THIS INTERFERENCE DID NOT SERIOUSLY HINDER COMM: AT ONE TIME A VN VOICE WAS HEARD SAY, "HEY MARINE, HOW MUCH TIME YOU GOT LEFT IN CORPS.

f. OBSTACLES: NONE.

g. MISC: 1 MARINE NBC. INJURED ON FAIL FROM CLIFF. EVAC BY HOIST 140800H.

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

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

	CPL GERBIG	2454030
	LCPL ATKISON	2521145
	PFC PSARAS	2477316
6	PFC SHAWVER	2479250
5	PFC RICKETTS	2488097
	PFC PIERE	2503525
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Unit/Call Sign: 8th Platoon/PUPPET SHOW

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. Establish observation and report enemy activities over the trail network from AT950366 to AT970356. Day and night observation required.

3. Execution

a. Concept of Operation: Depart HLZ 469 at 120800H, insert at AT957377 and extract at 160900H vic TBA.

b. Coordinating Instructions: Utilize references (a) through (e). Acquire briefing from S-2 regarding enemy situation in operating area.

c. 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.

a. Special equipment

(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Binocular 7x50
(3) Scope M-49
(4) Camera

5. Comm/Electronics

a. Communications Network/call sign

(1) Stone Pit; prim: 37.0 alt: 59.9
(2) Stone Pit "A"; radio relay
(3) Asparagus; prim: 57.2, arty recon.

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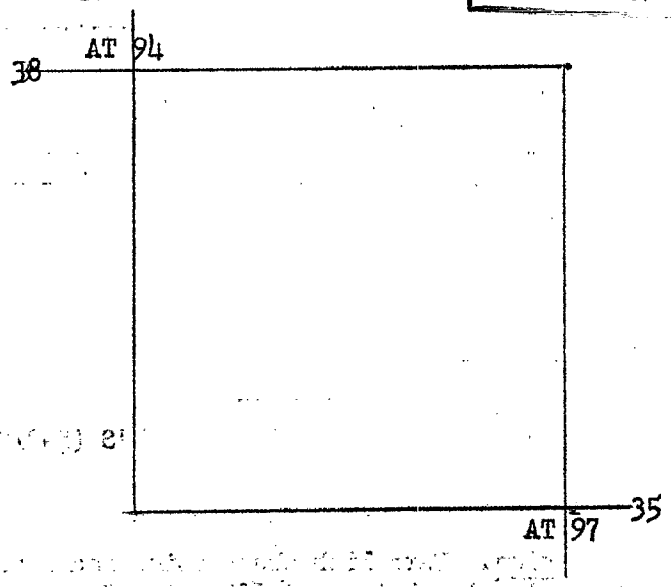
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Unit/Call Sign: 7th Platoon/LUNCH MEAT

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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 reconnaissance of grid square AT9240, AT9340, AT9239, AT9339 and AT9338. Locate enemy base camps and monitor traffic on trail networks in the assigned grid squares.

3. Execution

a. Concept of Operation: Depart HLZ 469 at 120800H, insert at AT924402 and extract at 160900H vic TBA.

b. Coordinating Instructions: Utilize references (a) through (e). Acquire briefing from S-2 regarding enemy situation in operating area.

c. 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

a. Special equipment

(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Binoculars 7x50
(3) Camera

5. Comm/Electronics:

a. Communications Network/call sign

(1) Stone Pit; prim: 37.0 alt: 59.9
(2) Stone Pit "A"; radio relay
(3) Asparagus; prim: 57.2, arty recon

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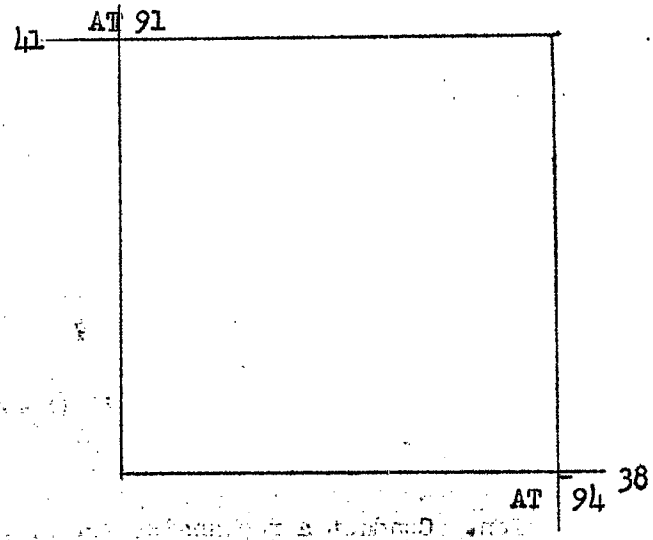
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 6 ENL. 1 USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S, 1 7x50'S, 1 M-49 SCOPE 1 CAMMERA
   d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-79, 2 CLAYMORES

2. MISSION: CONDUCT A RECONNAISSANCE OF GRID SQUARE AT9240, AT9340, AT9239, AT9339 AND AT9338. LOCATE ENEMY BASE CAMPS AND MONITOR TRAFFIC ON TRAIL NETWORKS IN THE ASSIGNED GRID SQUARES.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 121330H/161000H SEPTEMBER 1969

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER ROUTINELY AND FLIP FLOPPED WITH PATROL PUPPET SHOW WHEN EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER 92 1/2 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY DURING WHICH NO GROUPS OF ENEMY WERE OBSERVED. PATROL MADE NO CONTACTS WITH THE ENEMY, NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE UTILIZED AND THE INSERT ZONE WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. ENEMY. 121330H VIC AT913396 TEAM HEARD AUTOMATIC SMALL ARMS FIRE COMING FROM APPROXIMATE VICINITY OF AT913396. THE FIRE WAS CONCURRENT WITH THE INSERT HELICOPTER TAKING OFF FROM THE INSERT ZONE. THE RIFLE FIRE ORIGINATED APPROXIMATELY 200 METERS FROM THE INSERT ZONE.

121615H VIC AT924403 TEAM OBSERVED WHAT APPEARS TO BE A JET ENGINE, FROM A JET AIRCRAFT. THE ENGINE IS 3 FEET LONG AND 3 FEET IN DIAMETER. THE EXTERIOR OF THE ENGINE WAS SILVER IN COLOR AND REVEALED VERY LITTLE RUST. THE ENGINE SEEMS TO BE ABOUT 2 WEEKS TO 1 MONTH SINCE IT WAS WRECKED. ANOTHER PIECE OF METAL BY THE PATROL'S POSITION WAS APPROXIMATELY 1 1/2 FEET WIDE AND 2 FEET IN DIAMETER. THIS PIECE WAS CYLINDER SHAPED, COLORED BLACK AS IF BURNT AND APPEARED TO BE REASONABLY HEAVY.

141500H VIC AT923397 TEAM LOCATED A WELL DEFINED TRAIL, 2' - 3' FEET WIDE. IT APPEARED THAT THIS TRAIL WAS NOT FREQUENTLY USED. SOME SECTIONS OF THE TRAIL CAN BE OBSERVED FROM THE AIR. TEAM HEARD SOME MOVEMENT ABOUT 200 METERS NORTH OF THE PRECEEDING GRID VIC AT925397.

b. TERRAIN WAS FAIRLY STEEP TO ROLLING HILLS, WITH A CANOPY 60 TO 80 FEET ON THE HIGH GROUND. ON THE LOWER GROUND APPROXIMATELY 80 PERCENT OF THE CANOPY WAS 10-12 FEET HIGH. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS VERY THICK AND 4-5 FEET HIGH, CONSISTING OF ELEPHANT GRASS,

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b. TERRAIN: (CONTINUED) AND SHRUBS. MOVEMENT WAS VERY SLOW AND WAS RESTRICTED TO THE RATE OF 100 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. CONCEALMENT WAS GOOD, CONSISTING OF VERY LOW, THICK SHRUBS AND VINES. COVER WAS GENERALLY GOOD CONSISTING OF LARGE ROCKS AND BOULDERS. WATER WAS SCARCE AND WHEN FOUND CONSISTED OF A SMALL TRICKLE IN STREAM. THIS WATER WAS LOCATED IN DRAW VICINITY OF AT927397.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ: AT918399 1xCH-46 GOOD ZONE. VEGETATION CONSISTED OF SPARSE BRUSH. THE AREA HAD BEEN BURNT OFF RECENTLY. THE BEST APPROACH WAS FROM THE WEST. THE BEST EXIT WAS TO THE WEST.

b. EXTRACT LZ: SAME AS INSERT ZONE. NO OTHER HLZ'S WERE OBSERVED BY THE PATROL.

c. TRAILS: VIC AT923397 A WELL DEFINED TRAIL. 2'-3' WIDE. IT APPEARED THIS TRAIL WAS NOT FREQUENTLY USED. SECTIONS OF THE TRAIL COULD BE SEEN FROM THE AIR.

d. OP'S: NONE OBSERVED.

e. COMM: FAIRLY GOOD. FROM THE VIC AT933397 THE TEAM COULD HEAR STONE PIT LOUD AND CLEAR WITH A TAPE ANTENNA.

f. OBSTACLES: NONE.

g. MISC: NONE

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

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE.

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

CPL.	ERNEST	2411661
LCPL	AMES	2406055
LCPL	CRAWFORD	2452323
PFC	COOK	2497230
PFC	YULE	2467857
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1. Situation (a) See current UNITSUM'S
(b) See current OPSUM'S and PIR'S (S-2/S-3)
(c) See Area Study
(d) Attachments, NONE

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2. Mission Conduct a through reconnaissance of assigned operation area. Locate Regimental or larger size base camps at vic grid squares AT8730, AT8630 and AT8531. Be prepared to employ land line communications monitoring system.

3. Execution (a) Concept of Operation: Utilize references (a) through (e) inclusive to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HLZ 469 at 130800H, insert vic AT882313, Flip Flop with Grim Reaper and extract at 170900H vic TBA.

(b) Coordinating Instructions: The patrol leader will conduct a map study of the operating area and consult the S-2 for intelligence information on 12 September 1969. Primary and alternate extraction zones and alternate insert zone will be selected at this time.

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

a. Special Equipment
(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Camera
(3) Binocular/7X50
(4) Surveillance System 4-114A

5. Comm/Electronics: Primary Freq: 37.0 Alternate: 59.9
Recon Artillery: ASPARAGUS 57.20
Radio Relay: STONE PIT "A"

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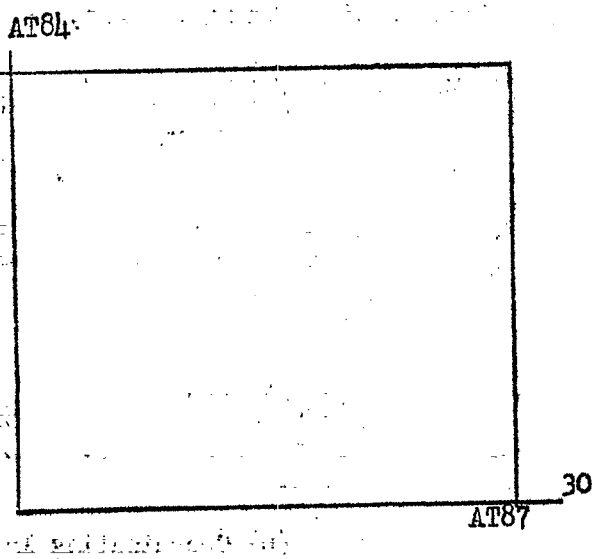
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PATROL: RUDDER (F-62)
DEBRIEFER: SGT M KOZAKEWICH JR.
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
a. COMPOSITION: 6 ENL.
b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 AN/PRC-25'S, 1 7x50'S.
d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79, 2 CLAYMORES.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT A RECONNAISSANCE OF ASSIGNED OPERATION AREA. LOCATE REGIMENTAL OR LARGER SIZE BASE CAMP AT VIC GRID SQUARES AT8730, AT8630, AND AT8531. BE PREPARED TO EMPLOY LAND LINE COMMUNICATIONS MONITORING SYSTEM.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 131430H/181017H SEP 1969.

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND ROUTINELY EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER 116 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY DURING WHICH 1 GROUP OF ENEMY WAS OBSERVED TOTALLING 2 VC/NVA. THERE WERE NO UNUSUAL OBSERVATIONS. PATROL MADE NO CONTACTS AND USED NO SUPPORTING ARMS. INSERT HLZ WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

6. OBSERVATIONS OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. ENEMY: 131425H, VIC AT867317, WHILE PATROL WAS BEING INSERTED, THEY OBSERVED 3-4 VC/NVA STANDING IN A STREAMBED AT ABOVE GRID. 1 RIFLE WAS OBSERVED BUT COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED DUE TO THE DISTANCE OF THE PATROL FROM THE ENEMY. THE ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S AND DID NOT TAKE COVER AS THE HELICOPTER FLEW OVER.

131430H, VIC AT883314, WHILE PATROL WAS BEING INSERTED THEY OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHEAST ON A TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND CARRIED WEAPONS THAT COULD NOT BE OBSERVED DUE TO THE DISTANCE FROM THE PATROL ABOARD THE HELICOPTER.

131435H, VIC AT867312, AS THE INSERT HELO LIFTED OFF THE HLZ IT BEGAN TAKING .50 CAL FIRE FROM THE ABOVE GRID. IT ALSO BEGAN TAKING AK-47 FIRE FROM 4-5 RIFLES AT AT863320. HELO RETURNED FIRE. RESULTS: UNDETERMINED. THE GUNSHIPS EXPENDED THEIR ROCKETS ON THE ABOVE GRID AND THE ENEMY FIRE CEASED.

151630H, VIC AT868317, PATROL OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA TAKING A BATH IN A STREAM. NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT COULD BE OBSERVED.

161100H, VIC AT857323, PATROL FOUND 20-25 SMALL 5-6 MAN HARBOR SITES WHERE VEGETATION HAD BEEN CUT AND CLEARED DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS. NEAR THE CENTER OF THE HARBOR SITE ! A SMALL EXTINGUISHED CAMPFIRE WAS OBSERVED.

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161315H VIC AT852326 PATROL FOUND 1 US BUCKET WITH A BAMBOO HANDLE AND SOLIDIFIED TAR INSIDE. IN THIS SAME AREA THERE WERE MANY SMALL TRAILS, SIMILAR TO THOSE USED BY WOOD CUTTERS, RUNNING NORTH-SOUTH. THESE TRAILS WERE BECOMING OVERGROWN FROM LACK OF USE.

161620H VIC AT848328 PATROL OBSERVED 2" ROUND HOLES CUT INTO THE WALLS OF A 6-8 FT DEEP TRAIL. HOLES WERE 3½-4 FT HIGH MEASURED FROM THE TRAIL UP THE WALLS. HOLES WERE SLIGHTLY ERODED AND APPEARED TO BE APPROXIMATELY 1 MONTH OLD. HOLES EXTENDED FOR 150 METERS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE ABOVE GRID AND WERE SPACED APPROXIMATELY 20 METERS APART. IN ONE SECTION A PATROL MEMBER PUSHED HIS HAND THROUGH THE WALL AND FOUND IT WAS ONLY 2-3 INCHES THICK. MOST AREAS WERE SOLID THOUGH. PATROL LEADER BELIEVES HOLES TO BE VENTS FOR A TUNNEL RUNNING PARALLEL TO THE DUG IN ALTHOUGH HE COULD FIND NO ENTRANCES.

170830H VIC AT842328 PATROL HEARD VOICES MOVING SOUTHWEST IN A DRAW NEAR THE PATROL'S POSITION. WHAT THE PATROL HEARD WAS LAUGHTER, TALKING AND AT LEAST 1 FEMALE VOICE. WAS HEARD BY THE PATROL.

171205H VIC AT843333 PATROL HEARD 12-15 (ESTIMATED) VC/NVA MOVING EAST IN THREE GROUPS. EACH GROUP HAD 4-5 VC/NVA IN IT AND AT LEAST 1 FEMALE BY THE SOUND OF THE VOICES. THERE WAS A 15 MINUTE INTERVAL BETWEEN GROUPS PASSING THE PATROL'S POSITION.

b. TERRAIN: THROUGHOUT THE TERRAIN WAS STEEP WITH A THICK CANOPY OF 40-60 FT. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 10-15 FT HIGH AND CONSISTED OF VINES, SHRUBS, AND SMALL TREES. MOVEMENT WAS DIFFICULT AND RESTRICTED PATROLS PROGRESS TO 50 METERS PER HOUR MOVING CLANDESTINELY. SWIFT RUNNING STREAM WERE PLENTIFUL. AT873323 AND AT873324 ARE THE BEST SOURCES OF WATER IN THE AREA.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ: AT884313, 1xCH-46, TAILGATE ZONE, VEGETATION CONSISTED OF THIN ELEPHANT GRASS 6-8 FT HIGH AND SMALL ROCKS WERE ALSO FOUND. BEST APPROACH IS FROM NW

b. EXTRACT LZ: AT845327, 1xCH-46, SITDOWN ZONE, VEGETATION CONSISTED OF SMALL SHRUBS AND GRASS 4-5 FT HIGH. BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE NORTH.

c. TRAILS: AT860323 RUNNING E-W, 3 FT WIDE AND WELL USED, AT853327 RUNNING NW-SE TO AT847333, 3-5½ FT WIDE AND WELL USED, SOME CUTS ON THIS TRAIL WERE 8 FT DEEP. AT848328 RUNNING SW-NE, 6-8 FT WIDE, CUT IN 5 FT DEEP, HAS NOT BEEN USED IN APPROXIMATELY 1 MONTH, NO VEHICULAR TRACKS SEEN.

d. OP'S: AT873323, GOOD OBSERVATION TO THE NORTH AND NORTH-NORTHWEST TO THE RIVER.

e. COMM: POOR COMM WITH STONE PIT "A"

f. OBSTACLES: AREA BOMBED OUT CAUSING PATROL TO HAVE TO SKIRT SOME AREAS DUE TO DECREASED CONCEALMENT.

g. MISC: NONE

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: NONE USED

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11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL LEADER BELIEVES ENEMY ARE MOVING INTO THIS AREA BECAUSE OF SUITABILITY OF TERRAIN AND RECENTLY CUT HARBOR SITES.

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE

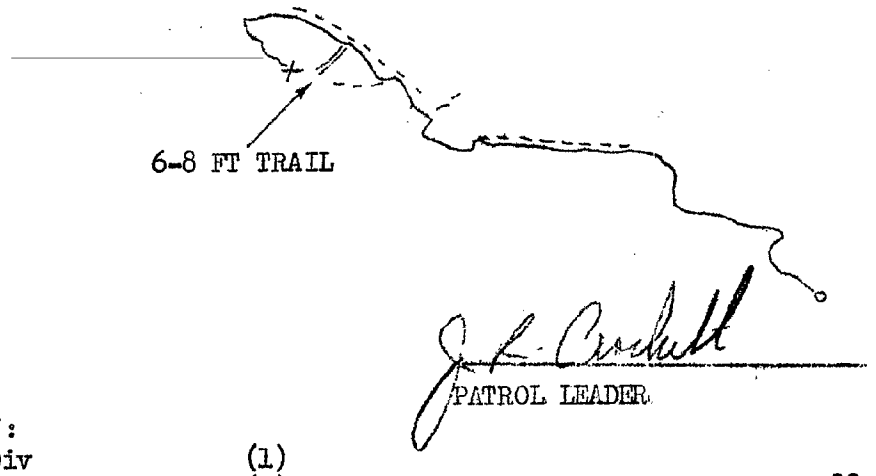
13. PATROL MEMBERS:

SGT CROCKETT	2257776
CPL PARKER	2109329
PFC CUELLAR	2497682
PFC ABRAHAM	2431786
LCPL CASTRO	2402275
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Unit/Call Sign 2D Sq,2D Plt, Co A, 5th ReconBn/PUPPET SHOW

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

2. Mission Conduct a thorough reconnaissance of assigned operating area. Locate base camps and report enemy activity in vic grid squares AT8229, AT8329 and AT8330.

3. Execution (a) Concept of Operation: Utilize references (a) through (e) inclusive to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HLZ 469 at 130800H, insert vic AT815286 and extract at 170900H vic TBA.

(b) Coordinating Instructions: The patrol leader will conduct a map study of the operating area and consult the S-2 for intelligence information prior to insertion. Conduct a visual reconnaissance of the operating area with the pilot of the insert helicopter on 12 September 1969. Primary and alternate insert and extract zones will be selected at this time.

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

a. Special equipment

(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Binocular/7X50
(3) Camera

5. Comm/Electronics: Primary Freq: 37.0 Alternate: 59.9
Recon Artillery: ASPARAGUS 57.20
Radio Relay: STONE PIT "A"

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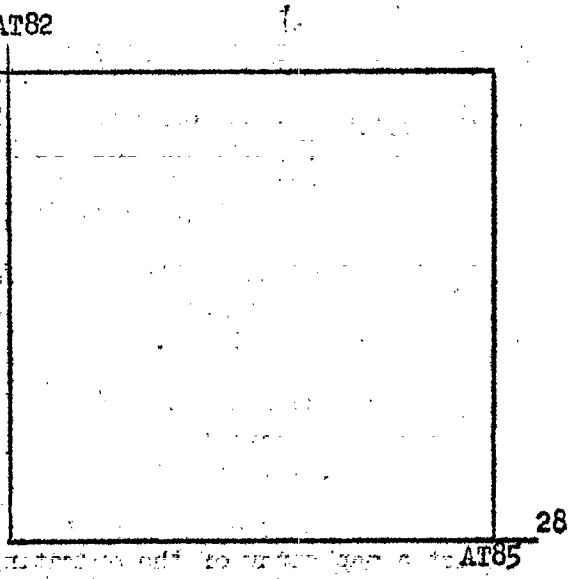
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Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

1st Platoon — 1st Lt Lowder
2nd Platoon — 2nd lt Peters

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. See appropriate Area Studies, current INTSUM'S, PIR'S and S-2 briefings.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) See current OPSUM'S, SITREP'S and S-3 briefings.

(2) 6th Platoon (-) is located in the area bounded by (UL) AT8737 and (LR) AT9034.

2. MISSION. Acquire at least one enemy soldier. Install ground surveillance Anti-Intrusion SID's on trail network from AT886350 north to AT886360, and coordinate an air and/or artillery ambush against major enemy troops moving along the trail.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate simultaneously by helicopter in to the assigned objective area. Install ground surveillance devices. Acquire at least one enemy soldier and coordinate an air/artillery ambush of enemy troop movement within a four day period. Be prepared for extraction upon completion of prisoner acquisition and/or the fourth day following insertion.

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b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 13 September/HLZ 469 (AT990709)

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 16 September/HLZ 469

(3) Insertion/extraction HLZ. TBA.

(4) Operational area: Bounded by (UL) AT8737 and (IR) AT9034

(5) Monitor reports made by the 6th Platoon (-) of enemy movements along the trail extending from AT886350 north to AT886360.

(6) Rules of engagement set forth in reference (c) will be followed.

(7) The preparation and conduct of the patrol will be in accordance with reference (d) and supplementary verbal instructions.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. See reference (d) and other supplementary instructions.

b. Uniform and equipment carried by the patrol will be sufficient to accomplish their mission and sustain themselves for a period of four days.

c. Evacuation of POW's, detainees and Hoi Chanhs will be the subject of verbal instructions when these situations present themselves.

d. Medical. The nature of a patrol member's injury and/or illness and the enemy situation will be the determining factors influencing subsequent evacuation.

e. Special Equipment.

(1) Machine Gun, M-60
(2) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(3) Binoculars, 7x50
(4) Camera
(5) Anti-Intrusion Handsid system

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications-Electronics

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
1st Platoon	AT893357	DETROIT TIGERS	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
2nd Platoon	AT893357	FLAKEY SNOW	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
6th Platoon	AT879351	REPORT CARD	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
"A" Relay	AT837378	STONE PIT "A"	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
"B" Relay	AT990250	STONE PIT "B"	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
4thBn11thMar	AT870475	ASPARAGUS	57.20
CO, 1stForReconCo	AT990709	STONE PIT	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 3 OFF. 7 ENL. 2 USN.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 AN/PRC-25'S, 1 7x50'S.
   d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 2 M-79, 1 M-60, 4 CLAYMORES, 1 M-45B, 1 AR-15.

2. MISSION: ACQUIRE AT LEAST 1 ENEMY SOLDIER. INSTALL GROUND SURVEILLANCE ANTI-INTRUSION SID'S ON TRAIL NETWORK FROM AT886350 NORTH TO AT886360, AND COORDINATE AN AIR/ARTY AMBUSH AGAINST MAJOR ENEMY TROOP MOVEMENTS ALONG THE TRAIL.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 131340H/151525H SEP 1969.

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER ROUTINELY AND WAS EXTRACTED BY HELICOPTER AFTER 50 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY. 1 ENEMY GROUP WAS OBSERVED TOTALLING 12 NVA. THERE WAS 1 UNUSUAL OBSERVATION. PATROL MADE 1 CONTACT. THE RESULTS WERE NOT DETERMINED. 1 AO WAS UTILIZED. RESULTS: UNKNOWN. THE INSERT HLZ WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

6. OBSERVATIONS OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

   a. ENEMY: 131745H, VIC AT890354, PATROL OBSERVED 12 NVA WALKING NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN AND KHAKI UTILITIES, AND NVA TYPE PITH HELMETS. EN CARRIED LARGE RUCKSACK TYPE PACKS, 4 MORTAR ROUNDS, 1 MORTAR TUBE (POSSIBLY 82 MM), AND 2 AK-47'S. THE AK-47'S WERE POSITIONED IN THE FRONT AND THE MIDDLE OF THE COLUMN. THE TROOPS WERE CLEAN AND APPEARED TO BE WELL-DISCIPLINED. THEY MAINTAINED A 4 METER INTERVAL BETWEEN MEN.

   131747H, VIC AT890354, ONE THE EN PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED ABOVE TURNED AND OBSERVED THE POINT ELEMENT OF THE RECON TEAM. THE TEAM INITIATED CONTACT WITH SMALL ARMS. THE RESULTS WERE NOT DETERMINED DUE TO THE UNDERGROWTH AND THE RAPID MOVEMENT OF THE ENEMY. THE TEAM WITHDREW AND HEARD MOVEMENT IN THE VALLEY TO THEIR NORTH. THERE WAS NO ACTION TAKEN.

   150630H, VIC AT893355, PATROL HEARD AN ENGINE START UP TO THEIR NORTHEAST APPROXIMATELY 1500 METERS AWAY. FROM THE SOUND, THE PATROL IS REASONABLY CERTAIN THAT IT WAS A DIESEL TYPE ENGINE SIMILAR TO THAT OF A TANK OR A LARGE GENERATOR.

   b. TERRAIN WAS GENERALLY STEEP WITH A SCATTERED CANOPY CONSISTING OF SMALL TREES AND BAMBOO. THE SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 10-15 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF VINES, ELEPHANT GRASS AND SHRUBS. MOVEMENT WAS AT A MODERATE PACE AND RESTRICTED TO THE RATE OF 300 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS NOT FOUND IN THE OPERATING AREA.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

   a. INSERT LZ: AT895901, 1xCH-46, GOOD ZONE, VEGETATION WAS 4 FT GRASS AND SCRUB GROWTH. THE BEST APPROACH WAS FROM THE EAST AND EXIT THE ZONE WEST.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION (CONT)

b. EXTRACT LZ: AT892355, LxCH-46, FAIR ZONE, VEGETATION WAS MAINLY SCRUB GROWTH WITH NO LARGE OBSTACLES. THE BEST APPROACH WAS FROM THE SOUTH AND EXIT TO THE NORTHWEST.

c. TRAILS: FROM AT878352 TO AT900368, WELL USED TRAIL, MAJOR WELL DEFINED TRAIL.

d. OP'S: NO OBSERVATION POSTS WERE USED ON THIS PATROL.

e. COMM: THE PATROL HAD GOOD COMMUNICATIONS WITH RADIO RELAY "A".

f. OBSTACLES: NONE OBSERVED.

g. MISC: NONE

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: UNDETERMINED

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: THE PATROL UTILIZED 1 AO WHICH GAVE OUTSTANDING SUPPORT.

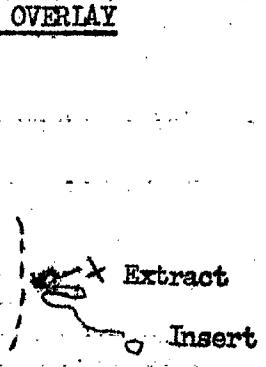
11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THE PATROL LEADER RECOMMENDS A COORDINATED AMBUSH BE CONDUCTED IN THIS AREA.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

1ST LT LOWDER	0107449
2ND LT PETERS	0107002
SGT GRIMES	2183988
SGT AYERS	1680579
SGT MORIN	2148486
LCPL HORN	2465357
PFC FOLEY	2432029
PFC MEINHIET	2486029
LCPL WIX	2460776
HM3 THOMAS	B301713
HM3 ANDREWS	B533755
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b. Command.

(1) The 1st Force Reconnaissance Company Command Post (CP) is located at Hill 34 (coordinance AT990709). Patrols will execute all orders orginating from the Commanding Officer or his designated representative.

(2) The 1st Platoon Commander has command control of 1st Force Reconnaissance personnel within the operational area.

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

3rd Platoon — 1st Lt Champe

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. See appropriate Area Studies, current INTSUM'S, PIR'S and S-2 briefings.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) See current OPSUM'S, SITREP'S and S-3 briefings.

2. MISSION. Establish observation post and report enemy activities over the trail network from AT900365 to AT885359 and south to AT890345. Coordinate an air and/or artillery ambush against major enemy troops moving along the trail.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by helicopter into the assigned objective area, select observation post in vic AT881349 and coordinate an air/artillery ambush of enemy troop movement within a five day period.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 15 September/HLZ 469

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 19 September/HLZ 469

(3) Insertion HLZ AT878353 Flip Flop w/Report Card, extraction HLZ, TBA.

(4) Operational area: Bounded by (UL) AT8737 and (LR) AT9034

(5) Monitor reports made by the 1st Platoon (-) of enemy movements along the trail extending from AT886350 north to AT886360.

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(6) Rules of engagement set forth in reference (c) will be followed.

(7) The preparation and conduct of the patrol will be in accordance with reference (d) and supplementary verbal instructions.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. See reference (d) and other supplementary instructions.

b. Uniform and equipment carried by the patrol will be sufficient to accomplish their mission and sustain themselves for a period of four days.

c. Evacuation of POW's, detainees and Hoi Chanhs will be the subject of verbal instructions when these situations present themselves.

d. Medical. The nature of a patrol member's injury and/or illness and the enemy situation will be the determining factors influencing subsequent evacuation.

e. Special Equipment.

(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Binocular, 7x50
(3) Scope, M-49

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications-Electronics

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
3rd Platoon	AT881351	RECORD	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
"A" Relay	AT837378	STONE PIT "A"	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
"B" Relay	AT990250	STONE PIT "B"	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
4thBn11thMar	AT870475	ASPARAGUS	57.20
CO, 1stForReconCo	AT990709	STONE PIT	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.

b. Command.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 1 USMC OFF. 6 USMC ENLISTED, 1 USN ENLISTED
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 AN/PRC-25'S, 1 7x50'S, 1 M-49 SCOPE
   d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 OVER-UNDER M-16/M-79, 2 CLAYMORES.

2. MISSION: ESTABLISH OBSERVATION POST AND REPORT ENEMY ACTIVITY OVER THE TRAIL NETWORK FROM AT900365 TO AT885359 AND SOUTH TO AT890345. COORDINATE AN AIR AND/OR ARTILLERY AMBUSH AGAINST MAJOR ENEMY TROOPS MOVING ALONG THE TRAIL.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 151530H/191730H SEP 69.

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: PATROL WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND ROUTINELY EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS AFTER 98 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY DURING WHICH 34 GROUPS OF ENEMY WERE OBSERVED TOTALLING 241 VC/NVA. THERE WERE 4 UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS. (1) THE OBSERVATION OF A POW. (2) THE OBSERVATION OF A POSSIBLE BASE CAMP. (3) THE SIGHTING OF AN UNUSUALLY TALL ENEMY THAT DID NOT WALK LIKE A VN. (4) THE OBSERVATION OF 3 VC/NVA WEARING UNUSUAL UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT. THERE WERE NO CONTACTS. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE USED. ZONE WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

6. OBSERVATIONS OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

   a. ENEMY: 151700H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING FROM A TREELINE ONTO A TRAIL AND THEN MOVE SOUTH. IT APPEARED THAT THE ENEMY WERE ACTING AS SECURITY FOR THE TRAIL. THE ENEMY WERE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES AND BUSH COVERS, BOTH WORE A PACK AND CARRIED AK-47 RIFLES.

   151710H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 8 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 5 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND 3 WORE KHAKIS. ENEMY CARRIED 4 BOLT ACTION RIFLES (TYPE UNKNOWN), 5 US TYPE HELMETS AND 4 LARGE PACKS WERE ALSO OBSERVED.

   151720H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 10 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 6 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND 3 WORE SHRT SLEEVE KHAKI SHIRTS AND KHAKI SHORTS. 1 ENEMY WORE WHAT LOOKED LIKE DRESS GREEN TROUSERS AND A SHORT SLEEVE KHAKI SHIRT. THE ENEMY DID NOT HAVE THE CHARACTERISTIC VIETNAMESE WALK AND HE WAS NEAR THE END OF THE COLUMN. THE PATROL COULD NOT OBSERVE THE ENEMY'S FACE BUT HE WAS TALLER THEN THE REST OF THE COLUMN . HE WAS NOT ARMED.

   161023H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA WALKING NORTH ON A TRAIL. EN WORE BLACK PJ'S AND CARRIED A BOLT ACTION RIFLE. (TYPE UNKNOWN).

   161030H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. ENEMY WORE 3 GREEN UTILITIES, 1 SET OF KHAKIS, 1 BUSH COVER, 1 NVA HELMET
   1 ENEMY CARRIED A BOLT ACTION RIFLE.
(TYPE UNKNOWN). THE ENEMY DID NOT APPEAR TO BE IN A GROUP, BUT STRAGGLED ALONG THE TRAIL.

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161105H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 10 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 7 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND 3 WORE KHAKIS. ENEMY CARRIED 5 HEAVY PACKS, 2 AK-47'S, 1 BOLT ACTION RIFLE, AND 5 US TYPE HELMETS WITH THE BROWN CAMOUFLAGE COVER SIDE OUT.

161117H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA RUNNING NORTH ON THE TRAIL. ENEMY WORE KHAKI SHORTS AND SHIRTS. THE ENEMY SEEMED TO BE MESSENGERS. THEY CARRIED 6"x1" LEATHER POUCHES STRAPPED TO THEIR WAISTS.

161133H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 7 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 3 ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, 2 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, AND 2 WORE KHAKI SHORTS AND SHIRTS. ENEMY CARRIED 3 HEAVY PACKS, 1 PITH HELMET, 1 AK-47, 2 BUSH COVERS, AND SOMETHING THAT RESEMBLED A SEABAG SLUNG OVER HIS SHOULDER.

161150H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVELD 8 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 2 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 3 WORE BLACK PJ'S, AND 3 WORE KHAKI SHORTS AND SHIRTS. ENEMY ALSO WORE 3 BUSH COVERS, 2 NVA TYPE HELMETS, 4 HEAVY PACKS WITH BLANKET ROLLS AND 1 LIGHT PACK. ENEMY WERE ARMED WITH 4 AK-47'S AND 2 SKS'S. SIX OF THE ENEMY WERE CAMOUFLAGED WITH GREEN BRANCHES AND LEAVES.

161210H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 1 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND 1 ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S. 1 ENEMY WORE A NVA TYPE HELMET AND CARRIED AN AK-47.

161220H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. EN WORE 2 KHAKI SHIRTS AND 2 SETS OF BLACK PJ' BOTTOMS. 1 EN CARRIED A HEAVY PACK AND 1 CARRIED AN SKS.

161235H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 1 EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 1 ENEMY WORE KHAKI UTILITIES AND 1 ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S. 1 EN CARRIED A HEAVY PACK WITH A BLANKET ROLL SLUNG ACROSS HIS BODY. THIS ENEMY SEEMED TO BE EXTREMEMLY NEAT AND CLEAN. THE OTHER ENEMY CARRIED 1 HEAVY PACK, 2 AK-47'S AND 1 NVA TYPE HELMET. 1 OF THE ENEMY EMERGED FROM THE BRUSH BESIDE THE TRAIL AND JOINED THE OTHER TWO. THIS ENEMY COULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN A TRAIL SECURITY.

161300H AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 5 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 3 ENEMY WORE KHAKI SHORTS AND SHIRTS AND 2 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES. ALL ENEMY CARRIED HEAVY PACKS, 2 CARRIED AK-47'S AND 2 CARRIED SKS'S. 1 ENEMY WAS HEAVILY CAMOUFLAGED WITH LEAVES AND BRANCHES.

161445H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 6 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 2 ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S WITH BLUE SHIRTS, 1 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, AND 3 WORE KHAKI SHORTS AND SHIRTS. ALL THE ENEMY CARRIED LIGHT PACKS AND 1 CARRIED AN AK-47.

161725H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ SHORTS AND GREEN SHIRTS. 3 ENEMY CARRIED HEAVY PACKS AND 1 CARRIED LIGHT PACKS. 2 EN CARRIED AK-47'S AND 2 CARRIED SKS'S.

161728H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S AND 1 CARRIED A SMALL PACK. 1 ENEMY WORE AN NVA TYPE HELMET. BOTH ENEMY WERE HEAVILY CAMOUFLAGED.

171245H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 8 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH AN A TRAIL. 6 ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ SHORTS AND KHAKI SHIRTS AND 2 ENEMY WORE KHAKI SHORTS AND SHIRTS AND 1 WORE A BUSH COVER. 1 EN WORE A US TYPE HELMET, 1 WORE AN NVA TYPE HELMET, 5 CARRIED HEAVY PACKS, AND 2 CARRIED BOLT ACTION RIFLES. ALL THE ENEMY WERE HEAVILY CAMOUFLAGED AND 1 CARRIED A CHI-COM GRENADE IN HIS HAND. THE ENEMY MAINTAINED A 50-75 METER INTERVAL.

171320H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 17 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 5 ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, 6 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, AND 6 ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ SHORTS AND KHAKI SHIRTS. 1 ENEMY CARRIED AN AK-47, AND ALL CARRIED LIGHT PACKS. 2 OF THE ENEMY WERE FEMALE.

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171330H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 13 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 11 EN WORE BLACK PJ SHORTS WITH 7 KHAKI SHIRTS AND 7 BLUE SHIRTS. 2 ENEMY WORE BLUE SHORTS AND BLUE SHIRTS. 1 ENEMY WORE A CONICAL HAT. 5 ENEMY WORE NVA TYPE HELMETS AND 11 CARRIED LIGHT PACKS.

171355H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 2 ENEMY WORE BLUE SHORTS AND BLUE SHIRTS, 2 ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ SHORTS AND KHAKI SHIRTS. 3 ENEMY WORE NVA TYPE HELMETS AND 1 CARRIED A WOODEN CRATE 2½'x2½'x2½'. THERE WERE NO MARKINGS VISIBLE ON THE CRATE. THERE WAS 1 FEMALE IN THE GROUP.

171400H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 1 ENEMY WORE KHAKI SHORTS AND SHIRT AND 1 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES. 1 ENEMY WORE AN NVA HELMET AND 1 CARRIED A SMALL LEATHER POUCH AND A HEAVY PACK.

171405H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 5 NVA/VC MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 3 ENEMY WORE BLUE TROUSERS AND SHIRTS. 2 ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S AND BUSH COVERS. THEY WALKED AT THE HEAD OF THE COLUMN. ENEMY CARRIED AK-47'S AND 1 RPG ROCKET LAUNCHER, 2 CARTRIDGE BELTS WITH SUSPENDER STRAPS AND CHI-COM GRENADES. THE 2 ENEMY IN FRONT CARRIED SKS'S AND WERE VERY ALERT. THE 3 ENEMY IN BLUE LOOKED VERY NEAT AND CLEAN. THEY CARRIED BED ROLLS SLUNG ACROSS THEIR SHOULDERS. THE HELMETS THEY WORE RESEMBLED BRITISH WW I TYPE HELMETS

171435H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 1 ENEMY WORE KHAKI SHORTS AND SHIRT AND 2 ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ TROUSERS AND KHAKI SHIRTS. ENEMY CARRIED PACKS AND 2 NVA HELMETS AND WERE ARMED WITH 1 SKS.

171500H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 2 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND 2 WORE BLACK PJ'S WITH KHAKI SHIRTS. 3 ENEMY CARRIED HEAVY PACKS.

171825H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 14 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 12 ENEMY WORE GREEN SHIRTS AND KHAKI TROUSERS AND 2 ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S. ALL THE ENEMY CARRIED HEAVY PACKS AND 2 CARRIED AK-47'S.

180730H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 16 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. ALL THE ENEMY WERE WEARING PONCHES AND THE PATROL COULD NOT OBSERVE CLOTHING.

180800H, AT885352, PATROL OBSERVED A BASE CAMP LOCATED IN A VALLEY. PATROL HAS BEEN OBSERVING THE ENEMY HARBOR IN THIS SITE TO REST AND COOK. PATROL COULD HEAR TALKING AND SMELL FOOD.

181225H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 10 VC/NVA MOVING NORTHEAST THROUGH A BOMB CRATER. 3 ENEMY WORE KHAKI SHIRTS AND SHORTS, 2 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, AND 1 ENEMY CLAD ONLY IN KHAKI SHORTS. THE ENEMY CLAD ONLY IN SHORTS WAS TIED UP. EN CARRIED 2 M-16'S, 2 SUBMACHINE GUNS (TYPE UNKNOWN) 3 AK-47'S, AND 2 PISTOLS. THE ENEMY IN GREEN CARRIED THE PISTOLS. THIS GROUP WAS THE ONLY ONE WEARING BOOTS. THE ENEMY IN KHAKI SHORTS WAS A PRISONER OF THE TWO IN GREEN UTILITIES.

181240H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. ENEMY WORE KHAKI SHORTS AND GREEN SHIRTS. ENEMY CARRIED 3 LIGHT PACKS, AND 2 NVA TYPE HELMETS. 1 OF THE ENEMY WAS WOUNDED IN THE LEG. (HE LIMPED AND HAD A CLEAN FRESH BANDAGE ON)

181233H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 9 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ SHORTS AND GREEN SHIRTS. 5 ENEMY CARRIED PACKS AND 6 WORE NVA TYPE HELMETS. EN ALSO CARRIED 1 60MM MORTAR AND A BASE PLATE. PATROL OBSERVED 3 CANNISTERS 5" IN DIAMETER, 4½' LONG WITH YELLOW AND WHITE BANDS AROUND IT. PATROL BELIEVED THESE TO BE 140 MM ROCKETS.

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181310H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 16 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 8 ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ SHORTS AND SHIRTS, 3 ENEMY WORE KHAKI SHORTS AND KHAKI SHIRTS, 4 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND 1 WORE YELLOW SHORTS AND SHIRT. ENEMY CARRIED 2 GREEN CANNISTERS 5" IN DIAMETER, 4½' LONG, WITH A YELLOW TIP AND WHITE BAND AROUND IT. ENEMY CARRIED 2 60MM MORTARS WITH 1 BASE PLATE, 2 PISTOLS (UNKNOWN TYPE), 2 AK-47'S, 2 BOLT ACTION RIFLES (UNKNOWN TYPE) 3 CARTRIDGE BELTS, 2 SMALL PACKS, AND 8 HEAVY PACKS. THE ENEMY WAS MOVING IN GROUPS OF 4 100 METERS APART.

181320H, AT886355, PATROL SIGHTED 10 NVA/VC MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 2 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 6 ENEMY WORE KHAKI SHORTS AND SHIRTS, AND 2 WORE BLACK PJ SHIRTS AND SHORTS. 4 ENEMY WORE NVA TYPE HEIMETS AND ALL CARRIED LIGHT PACKS. ENEMY WAS ARMED WITH 2 BOLT ACTION RIFLES.

181615H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 21 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 9 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 5 WORE KHAKI'S, 4 KHAKI SHORTS AND GREEN SHIRTS, AND 3 BLACK SHORTS AND KHAKI SHIRTS. ENEMY CARRIED 7 HEAVY PACKS, 14 LIGHT PACKS, 10 NVA TYPE HELMETS, AND 3 SKS'S.

181415H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 6 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 4 ENEMY WORE GREEN SHORTS AND SHIRTS, AND 2 ENEMY WERE WEARING BLACK PJ'S. 1 ENEMY WORE AN AMERICAN TYPE FLAK JACKET AND 3 CARRIED LIGHT PACKS.

181445H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 6 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 4 ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, AND 2 ENEMY WORE KHAKI UTILITIES. ENEMY CARRIED PACKS AND 2 AK-47'S.

181715H, AT886355, PATROL OBSERVED 22 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 10 ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ SHORTS AND SHIRTS, 4 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 2 ENEMY WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, 7 WORE BLACK SHIRTS ANB KHAKI SHORTS. ENEMY CARRIED HEAVY PACKS, 4 AK-47'S AND 1 SKS.

b. TERRAIN WAS GENERALLY ROLLING WITH A CANOPY OF 30-40 FEET. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 6 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF SCRUB GROWTH, AND BAMBOO. MOVEMENT WAS EASY AND NOT RESTRICTED TO THE RATE OF 300 METERS PER HOUR. WATER WAS AVAILABLE AND WHEN FOUND WAS CLEAN AND COOL. WATER WAS NOT DIFFICUIT TO GET TO. VALLEYS WERE THE BEST PLACE TO FIND WATER.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ: AT880351, 1xCH-46, FAIR ZONE, VEGEATION IN THE ZONE CONSISTED OF 4' GRASS. THE BEST APPROACH WAS FROM THE SOUTHWEST.
b. EXTRACT LZ: SAME AS ABOVE
c. TRAILS: AT887354, EXTREMELY WELL USED RECENTLY, 2' WIDE, SUNKEN 1'.
d. OP'S: AT883348, GOOD OBSERVATION TO THE NORTH, THE OBSERVATION POST IS NOT EASILY DEFENDABLE.
e. COMM: GOOD COMMUNICATIONS WITH "A" RELAY.
f. OBSTACLES: NONE ENCOUNTERED
g. MISC: N/A

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

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL LEADER RECOMMENDS EXTENSIVE ARC-LIGHT RAIDS ESPECIALLY IN THE BASE CAMP AND TRAIL AREAS.

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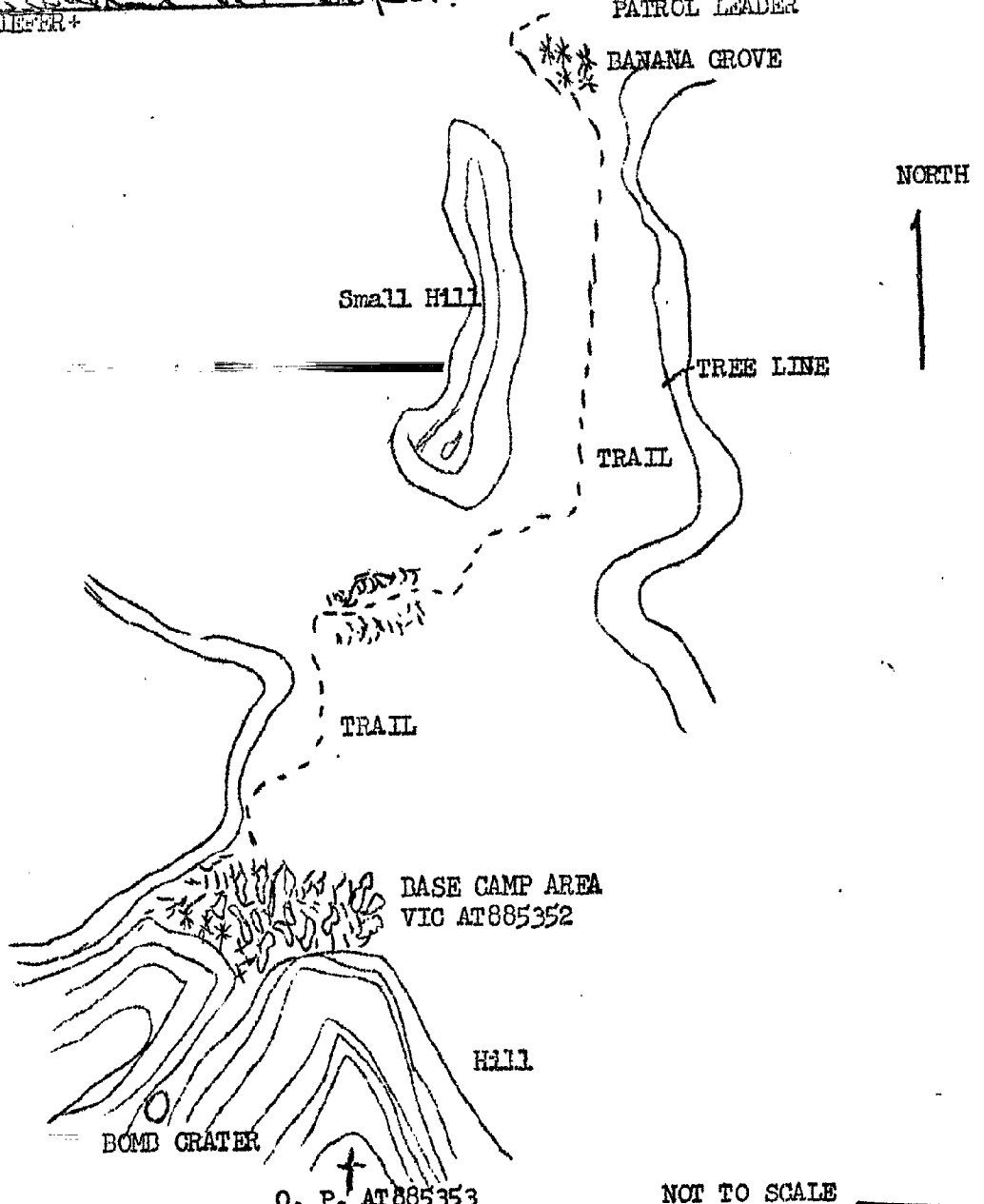
12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

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PFC CANNON	2479251
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(b) 1stMarDivO P3800.1G Ch 1&2 (Intelligence SOP)
(c) 1stMarDivO P00333.2A (Rules of Engagement)
(d) 1stReconBnO P3000.4
(e) CoFragO #284-69

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

2d Sqd. 2d Platoon Co. "A" 5th Recon Bn

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. See appropriate Area Studies, current INTSUM'S, PIR'S and S-2 briefings.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) See current OPSUM'S, SITREP'S and S-3 briefings.

2. MISSION. Establish observation post and report enemy activities over the trails running from ZC190305 to ZC198315 and ZC190304 to ZC200311. Be prepared to coordinate an air and/or artillery ambush against major enemy troop movement in the objective area.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by helicopter into the assigned objective area. Select a vantage point and maintain continued surveillance of the trail networks in grid squares ZC1930, ZC1931 and ZC2031.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 15 September/HLZ 469

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 19 September/HLZ 469

(3) Insertion/extraction HLZ. TBA.

(4) Operational area: Bounded by (UL) ZC1832 and (LR) AT7929

(5) Rules of engagement set forth in reference (c) will be followed.

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(6) The preparation and conduct of the patrol will be in accordance with reference (d) and supplementary verbal instructions.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. See reference (d) and other supplementary instructions.

b. Uniform and equipment carried by the patrol will be sufficient to accomplish their mission and sustain themselves for a period of four days.

c. Evacuation of POW's, detainees and Hoi Chanhs will be the subject of verbal instructions when these situations present themselves.

d. Medical. The nature of a patrol member's injury and/or illness and the enemy situation will be the determining factors influencing subsequent evacuation.

e. Special Equipment.

(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Binocular, 7x50
(3) Scope, M-49

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications-Electronics

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
2dPlt 5thReconBn	ZC207307	VESPER BELLS	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
"A" RELAY	AT837378	STONE PIT "A"	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
"B" RELAY	AT990250	STONE PIT "B"	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
4thBn11thMar	AT870475	ASPARAGUS	57.20
CO, 1stForReconCo	AT990709	STONE PIT	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.

b. Command.

(1) The 1st Force Reconnaissance Company Command Post (CP) is located at Hill 34 (coordinance AT990709). Patrols will execute all orders originating from the Commanding Officer or his designated representative.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 5 USMC ENL. 1 USN ENL.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S, 2 7x50'S
   d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-79, 2 CLAYMORES

2. MISSION: ESTABLISH OBSERVATION POST AND REPORT ENEMY ACTIVITIES OVER THE TRAILS RUNNING FROM ZC190305 TO ZC198315 AND ZC190304 TO ZC200311. BE PREPARED TO COORDINATE AN AIR AND/OR ARTILLERY AMBUSH AGAINST MAJOR ENEMY TROOP MOVENENT IN THE OBJECTIVE AREA.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 151145H/191755H SEPTEMBER 1969

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER 102 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY DURING WHICH 12 GROUPS OF ENEMY WERE OBSERVED TOTALLING 73 VC/NVA. THERE WERE NO UNUSUAL OBSERVATIONS. PATROL MADE NO CONTACTS. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE UTILIZED. THE INSERT HLZ WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. ENEMY: 160715H VIC ZC206295 PATROL FOUND 4 BUNDLES OF STICKS 4' LONG BY 1". THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 20 STICKS TO A BUNDLE AND THEY WERE SPLIT IN HALF LENGTHWISE. 3 BUNDLES WERE POINTING NE DOWN A TRAIL AND 1 BUNDLE POINTED E APPROXIMATELY 5 FT AWAY. TREES IN THIS AREA HAD BEEN CUT FOR THE COLLECTION OF SAP.

170715H VIC ZC203304 PATROL OBSERVED 2 HUTS BUILT ON THE SIDE OF A HILL. THE HUTS WERE 8 FT HIGH, 10 FT WIDE, 1 WAS 15' LONG AND THE OTHER WAS 30 FT LONG. THE HUTS SEEMED TO BE IN GOOD REPAIR AND NO SOUNDS COULD BE HEARD FROM WITHIN. HUTS WERE PARTIALLY HIDDEN BY THE SURROUNDING VEGETATION. PATROL DID NOT INVESTIGATE DUE TO OPEN AREAS NEAR THE HUTS.

171000H - 171100H VIC ZC196308 PATROL OBSERVED 19 VC/NVA MOVING SW ON A TRAIL. (TRAIL MARKED ON MAP) 1 ENEMY WAS WEARING KHAKI SHORTS AND SHIRT. THE REMAINING ENEMY WORE FULL KHAKI UNIFORMS. THE ENEMY WAS EQUIPPED WITH 1 AK-47, 1 SKS, AND 6 RIFLES THAT COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED DUE TO THE VEGETATION AND AMOUNT OF TIME THEY WERE OBSERVABLE. 3 ENEMY WORE NVA HELMETS, 5 WORE LARGE HEAVY PACKS AND 1 WORE A LIGHT PACK. 2 ENEMY WERE OBSERVED CARRYING SOMETHING LARGE AND HEAVY BETWEEN THEM. PATROL COULD NOT OBSERVE THE OBJECT DUE TO THE VEGETATION.

171035H VIC ZC196308 PATROL OBSERVED 25 VC/NVA MOVING SW ON TRAIL. ENEMY WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, 4 NVA HELMETS, 3 BUSH COVERS AND 10 MAROON BERETS WITH NO INSIGNIA. THE ENEMY WERE EQUIPPED WITH 16 RIFLES THAT COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED AND 22 LARGE HEAVY PACKS.

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171130H VIC ZC195315 PATROL OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING NE ON A TRAIL. ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S AND COOLIE HATS. 1 ENEMY WAS CARRYING A SMALL BAG SIMILAR TO A US MUSETTE BAG.

171230H - 171300H VIC ZC196308 PATROL OBSERVED 7 VC/NVA MOVING NE ON A TRAIL. 2 ENEMY WORE KHAKIS, 4 BLACK SHIRTS, AND 1 CAMOUFLAGE SHIRT. (TROUSERS COULD NOT BE OBSERVED DUE TO VEGETATION) THE ENEMY WERE CARRYING 2 RIFLES AND 5 PACKS.

171315H VIC ZC196308 PATROL OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING SW ON A TRAIL. THE ENEMY WORE A BLACK SHIRT AND BUSH COVER. (TROUSERS COULD NOT BE OBSERVED) ENEMY WAS CARRYING 1 HEAVY PACK.

171610H VIC ZC196308 PATROL OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING NE ON A TRAIL. THE ENEMY WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS AND CARRIED 2 SMALL BOATS. THE BOATS WERE 5 FT LONG AND 2 FT WIDE. BOTH RESEMBLED A COLLAPSABLE CANOE.

171720H VIC ZC195315 PATROL OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA MOVING NE ON A TRAIL. 3 ENEMY WORE KHAKIS AND 1 WORE A KHAKI SHIRT AND SHORTS. ENEMY WERE CARRYING 2 HEAVY PACKS, 3 NVA HELMETS, AND 1 RIFLE, WHICH COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED DUE TO THE THICKNESS OF THE VEGETATION NEAR THE ENEMY.

171745H VIC ZC195315 PATROL OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING NE ON A TRAIL. ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S AND CARRIED 2 HEAVY PACKS.

171805H VIC ZC196308 PATROL OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA MOVING NE ON A TRAIL. 1 ENEMY WORE A BLACK UNIFORM THAT WAS NOT CUT LIKE PJ'S BUT RATHER LIKE ARVN UTILITIES 2 OTHER ENEMY WORE GRAY PONCHOS SIMILAR TO THE US TYPE. ALL THREE WORE MAROON BERETS. THE ENEMY WERE EQUIPPED WITH 1 RIFLE AND 2 LIGHT PACKS.

181015H VIC ZC196308 PATROL OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA MOVING SW ON A TRAIL. THE ENEMY WORE BLACK UTILITIES SIMILAR TO THOSE MENTIONED IN THE 171805H ENTRY. ENEMY WERE EQUIPPED WITH 3 HEAVY PACKS.

180845H VIC ZC195315 PATROL OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING SW ON A TRAIL. ENEMY WORE A GRAY PONCHO AND CARRIED AN UNIDENTIFIED RIFLE.

181310H VIC ZC196308 PATROL OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA MOVING SW ON A TRAIL. 1 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 3 WORE KHAKIS, 1 WORE A BUSH COVER, AND 3 WORE MAROON BERETS. THE ENEMY WAS EQUIPPED WITH 3 RIFLES, 1 GRAY PACK, AND 3 VERY LARGE PACKS. (PACKS 4 FT LONG BY 2 FT WIDE BY 2 FT THICK)

b. TERRAIN: WAS STEEP WITH A SCATTERED CANOPY OF 40'-50'. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 8-10 FT HIGH CONSISTING OF THICK BAMBOO AND VINES. MOVEMENT WAS VERY DIFFICULT DUE TO THE UNDERGROWTH AND RESTRICTED TO THE RATE OF 50 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS PLENTIFUL AND WHEN FOUND WAS NOT STAGNANT. WATER WAS NOT DIFFICULT TO GET TO. ZC198303 IS THE BEST PLACE TO GET WATER. DUE TO THE THICKNESS OF THE UNDERGROWTH, CONCEALMENT WAS GOOD, BUT COVER WAS ALMOST NON-EXISTANT.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ: ZC205294, 1xCH-46, 10' JUMP ZONE (HELO COULD NOT LAND DUE TO TREES AROUND THE ZONE). VEGETATION WAS THICK BAMBOO AND ELEPHANT GRASS 4-8 FT TALL. THE BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE SW.

b. EXTRACT LZ: ZC195306, 2xCH-46, GOOD SITDOWN ZONE WITH 3-4 FT ELEPHANT GRASS. BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE SOUTH.

c. TRAILS: AS MARKED ON MAP

d. OP'S: ZC199306, FAIR OBSERVATION TO THE WEST AND NORTHWEST. THIS OP IS EASILY DEFENDABLE. VERY GOOD CONCEALMENT IN THIS AREA.

e. COMM: COMMUNICATIONS WITH STONE PIT "A" WAS POOR. PATROL LEADER BELIEVES RADIOS MAY HAVE BEEN MALFUNCTIONING.

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f. OBSTACLES: NONE

g. PATROL FOUND 1 THOUSAND POUND BOMB AT ZC204301. BOMB HAD NOT BEEN TAMPERD WITH.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: NONE

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL LEADER BELIEVES ENEMY HAVE BASE CAMP IN THE AREA DUE TO THE NUMBER OF ENEMY OBSERVED.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: THE PATROL HAD DIFFICULTY OBSERVING EQUIPMENT DUE TO ELEPHANT GRASS ALONG THE TRAIL AREAS. NO BETTER OP COULD BE FOUND IN THAT AREA AND THEREFORE THERE IS LITTLE SPECIFIC INFORMATION TO IDENTIFY THE RIFLES.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

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SGT BECENTI	2331858
LCPL LORD	2485978
LCPL DUNCAN	2431355
PFC BEAUDRY	2515068
HM3 HEISE	B612536

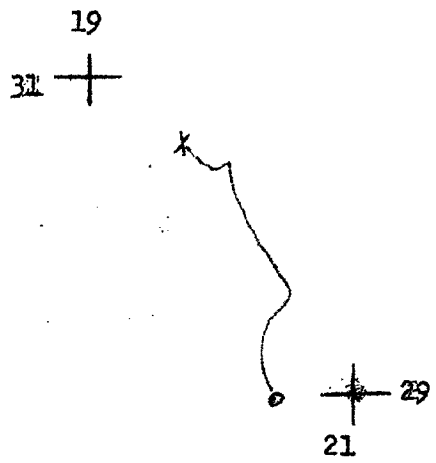
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Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

4th Platoon — Sgt Grimes

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. See appropriate Area Studies, current INTSUM'S, PIR'S and S-2 briefings.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) See current OPSUM'S, SITREP'S and S-3 briefings.

2. MISSION. Establish observation Post and report enemy activities over trail running from ZC205244 to AT790255. Be prepared to coordinate an air ambush against major enemy troop movement in the objective area.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by helicopter into the assigned objective area. Select a vantage point and maintain continued surveillance of grid squares ZC2024, ZC2124 and ZC2125.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) DAte/Place of Departure. 16 September/HLZ 469

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 20 September/HLZ 469

(3) Insertion/extraction HLZ. TBA.

(4) Operational area: Bound by (UL) ZC2026 and (LR) AT8023

(5) Rules of engagement set fourth in reference (c) will be followed.

(6) The preparation and conduct of the patrol will be in accordance with reference (d) and supplementary verbal instructions.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. See reference (d) and other supplementary instructions.

b. Uniform and equipment carried by the patrol will be sufficient to accomplish their mission and sustain themselves for a period of four days.

c. Evacuation of POW's, detainees and Hoi Chanhs will be the subject of verbal instructions when these situations present themselves.

d. Medical. The nature of a patrol member's injury and/or illness and the enemy situation will be the determining factors influencing subsequent evacuation.

e. Special Equipment.

(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Binocular, 7x50
(3) Scope, M-49

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications-Electronics

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
4th Platoon	AT798239	SWIFT SCOUT	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
"A" RELAY	AT837378	STONE PIT "A"	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
"B" RELAY	AT990250	STONE PIT "B"	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
4thBn11thMar	AT870475	ASPARAGUS	57.20
CO, 1stForReconCo	AT990709	STONE PIT	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.

b. Command.

(1) The 1st Force Reconnaissance Company Command Post (CP) is located at Hill 34 (coordinance AT990709). Patrols will execute all orders originating from the Commanding Officer or his designated representative.

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PAREOL: SWIFT SCOUT
DEBRIEFER: SSGT. R.BOLAND
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PATROL REPORTS

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 3 ENL. 1 USN. 2 KCS
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: 2 KIT CARSON SCOUTS
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S, 1 7x50 1 CAMERA
   d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-79, 2 CLAYMORES, 1 COLT 45 CAL. 1 CAR-15

2. MISSION: ESTABLISH OBSERVATION POST AND REPORT ENEMY ACTIVITIES OVER TRAIL RUNNING FROM ZC205244 TO AT790255. BE PREPARED TO COORDINATE AN AIR AMBUSH AGAINST MAJOR ENEMY TROOP MOVEMENT IN THE OBJECTIVE AREA.

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER ROUTINELY AND EXTRACTED UNDER PRIORITY CONDITIONS USING THE SPIE SYSTEM, AFTER 2 HOURS, 45 MINUTES OF PATROL ACTIVITIES, DURING WHICH 2 GROUPS OF ENEMY WERE OBSERVED TOTALLING 5 VC/NVA. PATROL MADE 2 CONTACTS RESULTING IN 5 VC/NVA KIA. NO ARTILLERY OR FIXED WING AIRCRAFT WERE UTILIZED. AN AO AND HUEY GUNSHIPS WERE UTILIZED DURING THE EXTRACTION PHASE OF THE PATROL. THE INSERT ZONE WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. ENEMY: 181150H VIC AT797238 TEAM OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA MOVING WEST ON TRAIL. ENEMY STOPPED ON TRAIL, PROCEEDED TO TAKE OFF THEIR GEAR AND EAT CHOW. TEAM OBSERVED AND LISTENED TO VC/NVA FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 TO 20 MINUTES. A KIT CARSON SCOUT WITH THE PATROL OVERHEARD THE VC/NVA STATE THAT THEY HAD ARRIVED IN SVN FROM HANOI NVN DURING 1966, THAT AMERICAN RECON MUST BE WATCHED FOR, BECAUSE THEY WERE FREQUENTLY IN THE AREA, THAT THEY MUST ARRIVE AT THEIR BASE CAMP THIS EVENING, WHICH WAS LOCATED 3000 TO 4000 METERS NORTH OF THEIR PRESENT POSITION, AND THAT A VC/NVA COMPANY WAS BEHIND THEM AND SHOULD PASS THRU THIS LOCATION AT APPROXIMATELY 1700 HOURS THE SAME DAY. THE PATROL LEADER AND 1 KCS HAD STEPPED OUT ON THE TRAIL AND INITIATED CONTACT. RESULTS 3 NVA KIA, AND 1 NVA WIA. THE PATROL BROKE CONTACT, MOVED WEST AND CALLED FOR AN AO. AT APPROXIMATELY 181255H THE AO ARRIVED OVER THE AREA. WHEN THE AO ARRIVED THE PATROL MOVED TO WHERE THE NVA KIA'S AND THE WIA WERE LOCATED. THE NVA WIA WAS NOW A KIA. THE PATROL STRIPPED THE BODIES AND FOUND THAT ALL THE NVA CARRIED LARGE PACKS FULL OF RICE (SAMPLE OF RICE FORWARDED TO 1ST DIV G-2) AND 1 NVA MEDICAL BAG WITH A NOTE BOOK IN IT, (FORWARDED TO 1ST DIV, IIT). ALL OF THE ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, NVA PITH

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HELMETS, 3 WORE GI TYPE CARTRIDGE BELTS AND 1 WORE A BROWN LEATHER BELT WITH A STAR ON THE SILVER COLORED BUCKLE. WHILE STRIPPING THE BODIES THE PATROL LEADER OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING WEST ON TRAIL. PATROL LEADER INITIATED CONTACT. RESULTS 1 VC/NVA KIA. THE PATROL BROKE CONTACT AND MOVED WEST TO WAIT FOR EXTRACTION.

b. TERRAIN WAS STEEP WITH A CANOPY OF 20 TO 30 FEET. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 10 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF ELEPHANT GRASS, SHRUBS AND BRIARS. MOVEMENT OFF THE TRAILS IN THIS AREA WOULD BE DIFFICULT. THIS PATROL MOVED LESS THEN 200 METERS DURING THEIR PATROL AND HAVE LIMITED AMOUNT OF INFORMATION ON THE TERRAIN AND RATE OF MOVEMENT. CONCEALMENT WAS GOOD CONSISTING OF HEAVY UNDERGROWTH. WATER WAS NOT FOUND DURING THIS PATROL.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ: AT798239 1xCH-46 ON GENTLE SLOPE. VEGETATION CONSISTS OF ELEPHANT GRASS. FAIR ZONE. BEST APPROACH AND EXIT UNKNOWN.

b. EXTRACT LZ: AT796239 EXTRACTED BY THE SPIE SYSTEM. VEGETATION CONSISTED OF ELEPHANT GRASS AND SHRUB BRUSH. COULD POSSIBLY LAND A HUEY IN THIS ZONE. COULD NOT LAND A CH-46.

c. TRAILS: VIC AT797238 TRAIL RUNNING EAST TO WEST. A WELL DEFINED TRAIL, UP TO 10 FEET WIDE IN PLACES, AND 4 FEET DEEP IN SOME SECTIONS. APPEARS TO BE HEAVILY USED.

d. OP'S: NONE OBSERVED.

e. COMM: ADEQUATE COMMUNICATIONS WITH BRAVO RELAY.

f. OBSTACLES: NONE OBSERVED.

g. MISC: NONE

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 5 VC/NVA KIA

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: SUPPORT OF 2 AO'S AND AN UNDETERMINED AMOUNT OF HUEY GUNSHIPS WAS GOOD.

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

SGT.	GRIMES	2183988
KCS.	HOA	[illegible]USMC
PFC	THOMAS	2482431
HM3	DOYLE	B117391
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Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

2d Sqd. 3rd Platoon Co. "A" 5th Recon Bn — 1stLt Jackson

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. See appropriate Area Studies, current INTSUM's, PIR'S and S-2 briefings.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) See current OPSUM'S, SITREP'S and S-3 briefings.

2. MISSION. Monitor and report enemy activity on trails running from AT920395 to AT929400 and AT918398 to AT930403.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by helicopter into the assigned objective area and establish observation/surveillance of trail network specifically in grid squares AT9239 and AT9240.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 16 September/HLZ 469

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 20 September/HLZ 469

(3) Insertion HLZ AT918399 Flip Flop w/Lunch Meat, extraction HLZ TEA.

(4) Operational area: Bounded by (UL) AT9141 and (LR) AT9438

(5) Rules of engagement set fourth in reference (c) will be followed.

(6) The preparation and conduct of the patrol will be in accordance with reference (d) and supplementary verbal instructions.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. See reference (d) and other supplementary instructions.

b. Uniform and equipment carried by the patrol will be sufficient to accomplish their mission and sustain themselves for a period of four days.

c. Evacuation of POW's, detainees and Hoi Chanhs will be the subject of verbal instructions when these situations present themselves.

d. Medical. The nature of a patrol member's injury and/or illness and the enemy situation will be the determining factors influencing subsequent evacuation.

e. Special Equipment.

(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Binocular, 7x50
(3) Camera

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Communications-Electronics

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
1stPltCo5thReconBn	AT925400	PUPPET SHOW	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
"A" RELAY	AT837378	STONE PIT "A"	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
"B" RELAY	AT990250	STONE PIT "B"	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
4thBn11thMar	AT870475	ASPARAGUS	57.20
CO, 1stForReconCo	AT990709	STONE PIT	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.

b. Command.

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PATROL: PUPPET SHOW (SLF)
DEBRIEFER: SGT M. KOZAKEWICH JR.
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 6 ENL, 1 USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMMAND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25'S, 2 M-49 SCOPE
   d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79, 2 CLAYMORES

2. MISSION: ESTABLISH OBSERVATION POST AND REPORT ENEMY ACTIVITIES OVER THE TRAILS RUNNING FROM AT920395 TO AT929400 AND AT918398 TO AT930403.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 161005H/201420H

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER 100 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY, DURING WHICH NO ENEMY OBSERVATIONS WERE MADE. THERE WERE NO UNUSUAL OBSERVATIONS MADE. THE PATROL MADE NO CONTACTS. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE UTILIZED. THE INSERT HLZ WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

   a. ENEMY: 170930H VIC AT923397 THE PATROL FOUND PIECES OF AN UNIDENTIFIABLE AIRCRAFT; 1 PIECE APPEARED TO BE AN HYDRAULIC CYLINDER; ALSO FOUND WAS A FLIGHT HELMET THAT WAS EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED AND BURNED, AND A 10 INCH PIECE OF FLIGHT SUIT.

   171435H VIC AT923397 THE PATROL FOUND A LIGHTLY USED TRAIL, APPROXIMATELY 12 INCHES IN WIDTH, RUNNING FROM NE TO SW.

   b. TERRAIN: WAS STEEP WITH A COMPLETE CANOPY OF 50-60 FT. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 6-10 FT HIGH CONSISTING OF BRUSH, BAMBOO, AND ELEPHANT GRASS. MOVEMENT WAS DIFFICULT AND RESTRICTED TO THE RATE OF 100-150 METERS AN HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS SCARCE AND WHEN FOUND WAS SWIFT MOVING. WATER WAS FOUND AT AT937384. RIDGELINES WERE EASY TO TRAVERSE IF PATROL DID NOT ATTEMPT TO MOVE DOWN OR ALONG THE SLOPES.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

   a. INSERT LZ: AT920400, 1xCH-46, SITDOWN ZONE, VEGETATION WAS LOW SHRUBS AND GRASS. ZONE IS BEST APPROACHED FROM THE NNW.
   b. EXTRACT LZ: AT935380, 2xCH-46, SITDOWN ZONE, VEGETATION WAS 6-8 INCH GRASS. THE LZ WAS AN OLD RICE PADDY.

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c. TRAILS: AS MARKED ON MAP

d. OP'S: AT921398, GOOD OBSERVATION TO THE NW; FAIRLY EASY TO DEFEND: AT935383, GOOD OBSERVATION TO THE SOUTH AND SW; EASILY DEFENDED.

e. COMM: COMMUNICATIONS WITH STONE PIT "A" WAS GOOD

f. OBSTACLES: BOMB CRATERS

g. MISC: NONE

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: NONE

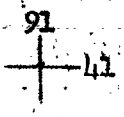
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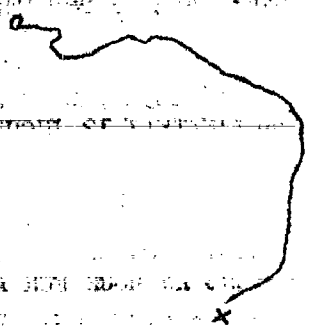
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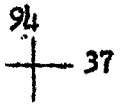
13. PATROL MEMBERS:

1STLT JACKSON	0107418
CPL JIMENEZ	2321449
LCPL PLUNKETT	2449426
PFC RITCHIE	2499175
PFC SIMPSON	2521506
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Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

5th Platoon — 1stLt. Rollings

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. See appropriate Area Studies, current INTSUM'S, PIR'S and S-2 briefings.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) See current OPSUM'S, SITREP'S and S-3 briefings.

2. MISSION. Conduct a reconnaissance of the assigned operating area. Locate Regimental or larger base camps and report enemy activity in vic grid squares AT8432, AT8431 and AT8430. Employ land line communications monitoring system.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation: Infiltrate by helicopter into the assigned objective area. Move overland south, southwest and locate enemy base camps and monitor trail networks. Be prepared to provide terminal guidance for a heliborne landing force.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 17 September/HLZ 469

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 21 September/HLZ 469

(3) Insertion HLZ AT 845326 Flip Flop w/Rudder, extraction HLZ TBA.

(4) Operational area: Bounded by (UL) AT8333 and (LR) AT8730

(5) Rules of engagement set fourth in reference (c) will be followed.

(6) The preparation and conduct of the patrol will be in accordance with reference (d) and supplementary verbal instructions.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. See reference (d) and other supplementary instructions.

b. Uniform and equipment carried by the patrol will be sufficient to accomplish their mission and sustain themselves for a period of four days.

c. Evacuation of POW's, detainees and Hoi Chanhs will be the subject of verbal instructions when these situations present themselves.

d. Medical. The nature of a patrol member's injury and/or illness and the enemy situation will be the determining factors influencing subsequent evacuation.

e. Special Equipment.

(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Binlcular, 7x50
(3) Camera
(4) Surveillance System 4-114A

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Communications-Electronics

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
5th Platoon	AT845326	GRIM REAPER	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
"A" RELAY	AT837378	STONE PIT "A"	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
"B" RELAY	AT990250	STONE PIT "B"	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
1stMarDiv	AT870475	ASPARAGUS	57.20
CO, 1stForReconCo	AT990709	STONE PIT	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.

b. Command.

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12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE

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13: PATROL MEMBERS:

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1stLT ROLLINGS	0107009	83
SGT MOORMAN	1994159	
CPL CRANE	2442435	34
CPL SMITH	2447061	
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LCPL MAGRI	2478633	
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PATROL: DETROIT TIGERS (F-11)
DEBRIEFER: SSGT R. F. BOLAND
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPSITION: 1 USMC OFF. 4 USMC ENLISTED, 1 USN ENLISTED.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 AN/PRC-25, 1 7x50'S
   d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79, 4 CLAYMORES

2. MISSION: LOCATE AND ESTABLISH OBSERVATION POST AND REPORT ENEMY ACTIVITY OVER THE TRAIL NETWORK RUNNING FROM AT900365 TO AT885359 AND SOUTH TO AT890345. INSTALL GROUND SURVELLIANCE ANTI-INTRUSION SID'S ON TRAIL NETWORK, GRID SQUARE AT8635 AND AT8735. COORDINATE AN AIR AND/OR ARTILLERY AMBUSH AGAINST MAJOR ENEMY TROOP MOVEMENT IN THE OPERATIONAL AREA.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 191725H/231140H SEPTEMBER 1969

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER, FLIP-FLOPPED WITH REPORT CARD, AND ROUTINELY EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS AFTER 90 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY, DURING WHICH 30 GROUPS OF ENEMY WERE OBSERVED, TOTALLING 462 VC/NVA. THERE WAS 1 UNUSUAL OBSERVATION: 1 VC/NVA, WHO APPEARED TO BE A FEMALE, DRESSED IN A KHAKI UNIFORM AND WEARING AN NVA PITH HELMET, DID NOT WALK OR CARRY HERSELF LIKE A VIETNAMESE. THERE WERE NO CONTACTS. 1 ARTILLERY FIRE MISSION WAS CALLED BY THE PATROL ON A GROUP OF 25 VC/NVA MOVING NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL IN THE VICINITY OF AT886355. RESULTS: UNDETERMINED. THE INSERT HLZ WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. ENEMY: 191830H VIC AT912373 THE TEAM HEARD SOUNDS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF A DIESEL ENGINE BEING REVVED COMING FROM THE APPROXIMATE VICINITY OF AT912373. THESE SOUNDS CONTINUED FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES, AND THEN STOPPED COMPLETELY. THERE WAS NO CLOUD COVER OR FOG DURING THE PERIOD THE SOUNDS WERE HEARD.

200820H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM OBSERVED 12 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 6 ENEMY WERE WEARING BLACK TROUSERS AND GREEN SHIRTS, AND 6 WERE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES. 5 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING NVA PITH HELMETS; 9 WERE CARRYING PACKS AND 8 WERE WEARING RAIN COATS.

200850H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM OBSERVED 6 VC/NVA MOVING NORTHEAST TO SOUTHWEST ON A TRAIL. 4 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING BLACK PJ'S AND 2 WERE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES. 4 OF THE ENEMY WERE CARRYING MOUNTAIN PACKS, 6 WERE WEARING NVA PITH HELMETS AND 6 WERE WEARING PLASTIC RAIN SUITS.

200937H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM OBSERVED 14 VC/NVA MOVING NORTHEAST TO SOUTHWEST ON A TRAIL. 9 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, 3 WERE WEARING KHAKI UNIFORMS AND 2 WERE WEARING BLACK PJ'S. 4 OF THE ENEMY WERE CARRYING PACKS, 3 WERE WEARING PLASTIC RAIN COATS AND THE THIRD FROM THE FRONT OF THE COLUMN WAS CARRYING A BLACK CYLINDER, APPROXIMATELY 3 FEET LONG AND 3 TO 5 INCHES IN DIAMETER (POSSIBLY A 82MM MORTAR ROUND). THE POINT MAN WAS CARRYING AN SKS RIFLE, AND THE FIFTH FROM THE FRONT OF THE COLUMN WAS WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, CARRYING A PISTOL, AND USING A WALKING STICK (POSSIBLY AN OFFICER).

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2011005H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM OBSERVED 7 VC/NVA MOVING NORTHEAST TO SOUTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 5 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING KHAKI UNIFORMS, 1 WAS WEARING GREEN UTILITIES AND 1 WAS WEARING BLACK PJ'S. 6 OF THE ENEMY WERE CARRYING PACKS APPROXIMATELY 2½ FEET LONG AND 2 FEET WIDE, WHICH EXTENDED TO THE MIDDLE OF THEIR HEADS. THE PACKS APPEARED TO BE VERY HEAVY. 1 MAN WAS CARRYING A PAIR OF BINOCULARS IN A CASE SLUNG OVER HIS SHOULDER. THE FIRST 3MEN IN THE COLUMN WERE CAMOUFLAGED WITH LEAVES AND BRANCHES.

2011105H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 2 OF THE ENEMY WERE CARRYING LIGHT MARCHING PACKS, AND 1 WAS WEARING AN NVA PITH HELMET. ALL OF THE ENEMY CARRIED A BRANCH FROM A TREE FOR CAMOUFLAGE, AND THEY ALL KEPT APPROXIMATELY A 20 METER INTERVAL.

2011130H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM OBSERVED 22 VC/NVA MOVING NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 7 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, 1 WAS WEARING BLUE UTILITIES, 7 WERE WEARING KHAKI UNIFORMS, 3 WERE WEARING BLACK PJ'S AND 4 WERE WEARING KHAKI SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS. 16 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING NVA PITH HELMETS, 12 WERE CARRYING LARGE PACKS, 2 WERE CARRYING LARGE BUNDLES OF STICKS, 2 WERE CARRYING 1 CANTEEN APIECE, 1 WAS CARRYING A BLACK DISC APPROXIMATELY 30 INCHES IN DIAMETER (POSSIBLY A TANK MINE), 1 WAS CARRYING A BROWN CYLINDER APPROXIMATELY 3 FEET LONG AND 4 INCHES IN DIAMETER, 1 WAS WEARING A CARTRIDGE BELT AND 4 WERE CARRYING 1 AK-47 RIFLE EACH. 1 ENEMY WAS CARRYING WHAT POSSIBLY WAS 1x82MM MORTAR ROUND IN A CANNISTER. THE ENEMY WAS TRAVELLING IN GROUPS OF 4 TO 6 MEN, AT APPROXIMATELY A 25 METER INTERVAL.

2011130H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM OBSERVED 15 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 8 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING BLACK PJ'S, 4 WERE WEARING KHAKI UNIFORMS AND 3 WERE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES. 6 OF THE ENEMY WERE CARRYING LIGHT MARCHING PACKS; 2 WERE CARRYING LARGER PACKS AND 2 WERE CARRYING VERY LARGE WHITE PACKS. 4 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING COOLIE HATS AND 1 WAS WEARING AN NVA PITH HELMET. 1 MAN WAS WEARING A CARTRIDGE BELT AND 2 WERE CARRYING WEB GEAR. 1 MAN WAS CARRYING AN AK-47 RIFLE.

2012553H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM OBSERVED 24 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 7 WERE WEARING BLACK TROUSERS AND KHAKI SHIRTS, 14 WERE WEARING KHAKI UNIFORMS, 2 WERE WEARING BLACK PJ'S AND 1 WAS WEARING GREEN UTILITIES. 13 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING NVA PITH HELMETS; 14 WERE CARRYING MARCHING PACKS, 1 WAS CARRYING A LARGE PACK, 1 WAS CARRYING A DUFFEL BAG AND 1 WAS WEARING A BUSH COVER. 5 WERE CARRYING 1 AK-47 RIFLE EACH AND 2 WERE WEARING WEB GEAR (CARTRIDGE BELTS AND CANTEENS).

2013505H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM OBSERVED 26 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 10 WERE WEARING KHAKI UNIFORMS; 9 WERE WEARING KHAKI SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS AND 7 WERE WEARING BLACK PJ'S. 3 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING NVA PITH HELMETS AND 1 WAS WEARING A COOLIE HAT. 16 WERE CARRYING LARGE PACKS; 1 WAS CARRYING A VERY LARGE WHITE PACK, 2 WERE CARRYING LIGHT MARCHING PACKS AND 3 WERE CARRYING 1x60MM MORTAR ROUND APIECE. 1 OF THE ENEMY WAS CARRYING AN SKS RIFLE; 2 WERE CARRYING AK-47 RIFLES AND 1 WAS CARRYING A BOLT ACTION RIFLE (TYPE UNDETERMINED). 1 OF THE ENEMY IN KHAKI UNIFORM AND NVA PITH HELMET HAD A VERY LIGHT COMPLEXION AND WALKED LIKE A WOMAN, BUT NOT A VIETNAMESE.

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization:
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1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. See appropriate Area Studies, current INTSUM'S, PIR'S and S-2 Briefings.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) See current OPSUM'S, SITREP'S and S-3 Briefings.

2. MISSION. Locate and establish observation post and report enemy activity over the trail network running from AT900365 to AT885359 and south to AT890345. Install ground surveillance anti-intrusion SID's on trail network, grid square AT8635 and AT8735. Coordinate an air and/or artillery ambush against major enemy troop movement in the operational area.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by helicopter into the assigned objective area, select observation post in vic AT882351 and coordinate an air/artillery ambush on enemy troop movement within a five day period.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 19 September/HLZ 469

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 23 September/HLZ 469

(3) Insertion HLZ AT877353 Flip Flop w/Record, extraction HLZ TBA.

(4) Operational area: Bounded by (UL) AT8737 and (IR) AT9034

(5) Rules of engagement set forth in reference (c) will be followed.

(6) The preparation and conduct of the patrol will be in accordance with reference (d) and supplementary verbal instructions.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. See reference (d) and other supplementary instructions.

b. Uniform and equipment carried by the patrol will be sufficient to accomplish their mission and sustain themselves for a period of five days.

c. Evacuation of POW's, detainees and Hoi Chanhs will be the subject of verbal instructions when these situations present themselves.

d. Medical. The nature of a patrol member's injury and/or illness and the enemy situation will be the determining factors influencing subsequent evacuation.

e. Special Equipment.

(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Binocular, 7x50
(3) Scope, M-49
(4) Anti-Intrusion HANDSID System

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications-Electronics

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
1st Platoon	AT872358	DETROIT TIGERS	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
"A" RELAY	AT837378	STONE PIT "A"	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
"B" RELAY	AT990250	STONE PIT "B"	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
4thBn11thMar	AT870475	ASPARAGUS	57.20
CO, 1stForReconCo	AT990709	STONE PIT	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.

b. Command.

(1) The 1st Force Reconnaissance Company Command Post (CP) is located at Hill 34 (coordinance AT990709). Patrols will execute all orders originating from the Commanding Officer or his designated representative.

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201412H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM OBSERVED 25 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 15 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING KHAKI SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS; 6 WERE WEARING BLACK PJ'S AND 4 WERE WEARING GREEN SHIRTS WITH BLACK TROUSERS. 18 OF THE ENEMY WERE CARRYING LIGHT MARCHING PACKS; 4 WERE CARRYING LARGE PACKS; 1 WAS CARRYING A VERY LARGE WHITE PACK; 5 WERE WEARING NVA PITH HELMETS; AND 2 WERE WEARING USMC SOFT COVERS. 4 WERE CARRYING 1x60MM MORTAR ROUND EACH AND 1 WAS CARRYING A BOLT ACTION RIFLE (TYPE UNDETERMINED).

201510H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM OBSERVED 11 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 9 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING KHAKI SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS, 1 WAS WEARING BLACK PJ'S AND 1 WAS WEARING A BLACK SHIRT AND WHITE SHORTS. 7 OF THE ENEMY WERE CARRYING LARGE PACKS AND APPEARED TO BE STOOPED OVER FROM THE BURDEN OF THEIR LOAD AND 4 WERE CARRYING LIGHT MARCHING PACKS. 1 MAN WAS CARRYING A SILVER CYLINDER 4 FEET LONG AND 5 INCHES IN DIAMETER, 3 WERE CARRYING 1 CANTEEN EACH AND 1 WAS WEARING A CARTRIDGE BELT. 1 MAN WAS CARRYING AN AK-47 RIFLE.

201630H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM OBSERVED 17 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 1 OF THE ENEMY WAS WEARING BLACK UTILITIES AND 16 WERE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES. 14 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING PONCHOS AND 15 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING NVA PITH HELMETS. ALL OF THE ENEMY WERE CARRYING MARCHING PACKS, 9 WERE WEARING CARTRIDGE BELTS AND 7 WERE CARRYING CANTEENS ON THE CARTRIDGE BELTS.

210910H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM OBSERVED 109 VC/NVA MOVING NORTHEAST TO SOUTHWEST ON A TRAIL. 68 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING KHAKI SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS; 20 WERE WEARING GREEN SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS AND 10 WERE WEARING KHAKI UNIFORMS. 59 WERE CARRYING LIGHT MARCHING PACKS, 16 WERE CARRYING LARGER PACKS; AND 3 WERE CARRYING VERY LARGE WHITE PACKS (APPROXIMATELY 3½ FEET LONG AND 2½ FEET WIDE). 70 WERE WEARING NVA PITH HELMETS AND 1 WAS WEARING A USMC SOFT COVER. 8 OF THE ENIMY WERE CARRYING AK-47 RIFLES; 1 WAS CARRYING AN RPG LAUNCHER; AND 2 WERE CARRYING 1x60MM MORTAR ROUND EACH. 2 OF THE ENEMY WERE CARRYING A BAMBOO POLE STRETCHER WITH 1 MAN ON IT.

211000H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM OBSERVED 5 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 2 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES; 2 WERE WEARING KHAKI UNIFORMS; AND 1 WAS WEARING A KHAKI SHIRT AND WHITE TROUSERS. 2 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING NVA PITH HELMETS; 1 WAS CARRYING A LARGE PACK; AND 4 WERE CARRYING MARCHING PACKS.

211000H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM OBSERVED 12 VC/NVA MOVING NORTHEAST TO SOUTHWEST ON A TRAIL. 2 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING KHAKI UNIFORMS, 7 WERE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES; 1 WAS WEARING A GREEN SHIRT AND KHAKI TROUSERS; AND 2 WERE WEARING KHAKI SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS. 1 OF THE ENEMY WAS WEARING A BLACK BERET AND 4 WERE WEARING NVA PITH HELMETS. 5 WERE CARRYING MARCHING PACKS AND 2 WERE WEARING CARTRIDGE BELTS WITH U.S. TYPE MAGAZINE POUCHES. ALL OF THE ENEMY WERE CARRYING A BRANCH FROM A TREE FOR USE AS CAMOUFLAGE.

211105H VIC AT876381 THE TEAM HEARD SOUNDS SIMILAR TO THOSE MADE BY A DIESEL ENGINE BEING REVVED, COMING FROM THE GENERAL VICINITY OF COORDINATES AT876381. THESE SOUNDS CONTINUED FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES AND THEN STOPPED COMPLETELY. THERE WAS NO FOG OR CLOUD COVER DURING THE TIME THE SOUNDS WERE HEARD.

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211300H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM OBSERVED 16 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 5 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING BLACK PJ'S, 1 WAS WEARING A BLACK SHIRT AND KHAKI TROUSERS; 3 WERE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, AND 2 WERE WEARING BLACK UNIFORMS. 15 OF THE ENEMY WERE CARRYING LIGHT MARCHING PACKS, 1 WAS CARRYING A CANTEEN; 1 WAS CARRYING A ROUND BLACK OBJECT (POSSIBLE MINE) AND 7 WERE WEARING NVA PITH HELMETS .3 OF THE ENEMY WERE CARRYING AK-47 RIFLES; AND ALL OF THE ENEMY WERE CARRYING A BRANCH FROM A TREE FOR USE AS CAMOUFLAGE.

211430H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM OBSERVED 5 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 2 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, 1 WAS WEARING A BLACK SHIRT WITH KHAKI TROUSERS, AND 1 WAS WEARING A KHAKI UNIFORM. 3 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING NVA PITH HELMETS, AND WAS WEARING A CARTRIDGE BELT; AND 3 WERE CARRYING MARCHING PACKS. 1 OF THE ENEMY WAS CARRYING AN AK-47 RIFLE AND 1 WAS CARRYING A BOLT ACTION RIFLE (TYPE UNDETERMINED).

211550H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM CALLED A FIRE MISSION ON A GROUP OF 25 ENEMY MOVING NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL. THE IMPACT OF THE ARTILLERY FIRE WAS LONG AND MISSED THE INTENDED GROUP; HOWEVER, THE ARTILLERY FIRE GAVE GOOD COVERAGE ON A GROUP OF 32 VC/NVA WHICH HAD BEEN OBSERVED MOVING NORTHEAST PREVIOUSLY. AN AIR OBSERVER FLEW OVER THE AREA APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES LATER BUT DID NOT OBSERVE ANY ENEMY KIA'S.

211905H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM OBSERVED 57 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 25 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES; 5 WERE WEARING GREEN SHIRTS WITH BLACK TROUSERS; 15 WERE WEARING KHAKI UNIFORMS; 2 WERE WEARING BLACK PJ'S; 2 WERE WEARING KHAKI SHIRTS AND GREEN TROUSERS AND 8 WERE WEARING BLUE SHIRTS WITH BLACK TROUSERS. 17 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING NVA PITH HELMETS AND 4 WERE WEARING COOLIE HATS. 29 OF THE ENEMY WERE CARRYING MARCHING PACKS. 5 OF THE ENEMY WERE CARRYING 1 CANTEEN EACH AND 3 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING CARTRIDGE BELTS AND HAD WEB GEAR. 4 OF THE ENEMY WERE CARRYING AK-47 RIFLES AND 8 WERE CARRYING AN UNDETERMINABLE NUMBER OF AK-47 RIFLE MAGAZINES IN POUCHES. MANY OF THE ENEMY WERE CARRYING LARGE BUNDLES OF STICKS. 8 FEMALE VC/NVA WERE OBSERVED CARRYING HAND BAGS SLUNG OVER THEIR SH SHOULDERS ON STRAPS AND 2 OF THE FEMALES HAD LIGHT PACKS.

221102H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM OBSERVED 6 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 5 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING KHAKI UNIFORMS AND 1 WAS WEARING BLACK PJ'S. 4 WERE WEARING NVA PITH HELMETS; 3 WERE CARRYING LIGHT MARCHING PACKS; AND 1 WAS USING A WALKING STICK. ALL OF THE ENEMY WERE HEAVILY CAMOUFLAGED WITH LEAVES AND BRUSH AND WALKED VERY FAST IN OPEN AREAS, MAINTAINING A 15 METER INTERVAL BETWEEN EACH MAN.

221130H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 1 OF THE ENEMY WAS WEARING A GREEN SHIRT WITH BLACK TROUSERS, 1 WAS WEARING LIGHT GREEN UTILITIES AND 1 WAS WEARING REGULAR GREEN UTILITIES. 2 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING NVA PITH HELMETS AND ALL 3 WERE CARRYING LIGHT MARCHING PACKS. 1 OF THE ENEMY WAS WEARING A CARTRIDGE BELT. ALL OF THE ENEMY WERE HEAVILY CAMOUFLAGED WITH LEAVES AND BRUSH, AND THEY WALKED BRISKLY THROUGH OPEN AREAS MAINTAINING A 15 TO 30 METER INTERVAL BETWEEN EACH MAN.

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221210H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM OBSERVED 9 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 3 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING BLACK PJ'S, 4 WERE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, 1 WAS WEARING A KHAKI UNIFORM AND 1 WAS WEARING A KHAKI SHIRT WITH BLACK TROUSERS. 3 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING NVA PITH HELMETS. 3 OF THE ENEMY WERE CARRYING LIGHT MARCHING PACKS, 1 WAS CARRYING A LARGE DISC, APPROXIMATELY 2½ FEET IN DIAMETER (POSSIBLY A TANK MINE), CAMOUFLAGED WITH EITHER CANVAS OR PLASTIC, 1 WAS CARRYING A LARGE WHITE PACK, 1 WAS WEARING WEB GEAR WITH A CANTEEN AND 1 WAS CARRYING A BROWN SHOULDER PACK APPROXIMATELY 1 FOOT BY 1 FOOT.

221255H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM OBSERVED 23 VC/NVA MOVING FROM SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 9 OF THE ENEMY WEARING KHAKI UNIFORMS, 11 WERE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES AND 3 WERE WEARING BLACK PJ'S. 16 OF THE ENEMY WERE CARRYING LIGHT MARCHING PACKS, 1 WAS CARRYING A LARGE WHITE PACK AND 1 WAS CARRYING A LARGE BUNDLE OF STICKS. 5 WERE WEARING NVA PITH HELMETS; 1 WAS CARRYING A CIRCULAR PACK, 2 FEET IN DIAMETER (POSSIBLY A TANK MINE). 3 WERE CARRYING 1 CANTEEN EACH AND 1 WAS CARRYING AN AK-47 RIFLE. THE ENEMY WERE MOVING IN 8 MAN GROUPS, AT 15 MINUTE INTERVALS, WITH 30 METERS BETWEEN EACH MAN.

221300H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 2 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES AND 1 WAS WEARING BLACK PJ'S. ALL OF THE ENEMY WERE CARRYING LIGHT MARCHING PACKS AND 1 WAS WEARING A CARTRIDGE BELT WITH 1 CANTEEN ON IT.

221530H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 1 OF THE ENEMY WAS WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, 1 WAS WEARING A KHAKI UNIFORM AND 1 WAS WEARING A KHAKI SHIRT WITH BLACK TROUSERS. ALL OF THE ENEMY WERE CARRYING LIGHT MARCHING PACKS, 1 WAS WEARING A CARTRIDGE BELT AND 1 WAS WEARING WEB GEAR. ALL WERE CARRYING BRANCHES FROM TREES USED AS CAMOUFLAGE AND THEY ALL WERE DOUBLE TIMING.

221715H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM OBSERVED 6 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 4 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, AND 2 WERE WEARING KHAKI SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS. 4 OF THE ENEMY WERE CARRYING 1 CHI-COM GRENADE EACH, 1 MAN WAS CARRYING A LIGHT SUBMACHINE GUN (POSSIBLY AN RPD) AND 2 WERE WEARING NVA PITH HELMETS. THE ENEMY WERE TRAVELLING IN GROUPS OF 2, WITH A 15 METER INTERVAL BETWEEN EACH MAN AND A 5 MINUTE INTERVAL BETWEEN EACH GROUP.

221735H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM OBSERVED 5 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 4 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING KHAKI UNIFORMS AND 1 WAS WEARING A BLACK SHIRT WITH GREEN TROUSERS. 4 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING NVA PITH HELMETS, 4 WERE CARRYING LIGHT MARCHING PACKS AND 1 WAS CARRYING AN SKS RIFLE. THE ENEMY WERE TRAVELLING IN 2 GROUPS WITH 15 METERS BETWEEN EACH MAN AND 5 MINUTES BETWEEN EACH GROUP.

221730H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM OBSERVED 15 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 1 OF THE ENEMY WAS WEARING A BLACK SHIRT WITH KHAKI TROUSERS, 1 WAS WEARING A GREEN SHIRT WITH KHAKI TROUSERS, 8 WERE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES AND 5 WERE WEARING KHAKI UNIFORMS. 2 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING CARTRIDGE BELTS WITH 2 CANTEENS ON EACH BELT, 13 WERE CARRYING 1 LARGE BUNDLE OF STICKS EACH AND 1 WAS CARRYING A BLACK DISC APPROXIMATELY 2 FEET IN DIAMETER AND 4 INCHES THICK (POSSIBLY A TANK MINE). 1 MAN WAS CARRYING AN AK-47 RIFLE.

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221750H VIC AT886355 THE TEAM OBSERVED 5 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 4 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING KHAKI UNIFORMS AND 1 WAS WEARING GREEN UTILITIES. ALL OF ENEMY WERE CARRYING LARGE PACKS, APPROXIMATELY 2½ FEET LONG BY 1½ FOOT WIDE, 2 OF THE ENEMY WERE CARRYING BLACK DISC EACH, APPROXIMATELY 2 FEET IN DIAMETER (POSSIBLY A TANK MINE) AND 1 MAN WAS CARRYING AN AK-47 RIFLE. THERE WAS A 25 METER INTERVAL BETWEEN EACH MAN.

b. TERRAIN: THE TERRAIN WAS VERY STEEP WITH NO CANOPY. THE SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 4 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF SMALL SHRUBS AND GRASS. MOVEMENT WAS MODERATE AT THE RATE OF 250 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. THERE WAS NO WATER AVAILABLE IN THE AREA OF OPERATIONS.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ. AT878351, 1xCH-46; GOOD HLZ, CONSISTING OF GRASS AND SHRUBS APPROXIMATELY 4 FEET HIGH; BEST APPROACH, WEST TO EAST; BEST EXIT, TO NORTH.

b. EXTRACT LZ. AT883347, 1xCH-46; GOOD HLZ, CONSISTING OF GRASS AND SHRUBS 4 FEET HIGH; BEST APPROACH, WEST TO EAST; BEST EXIT, TO NORTH.

c. TRAILS. RUN THE LENGTH OF THE RIDGELINE; APPROXIMATELY 2 FEET WIDE; NOT USED IN APPROXIMATELY 5 MONTHS.

d. OP'S. AT882352, AT881351, AT882349, AT883350; ALL OP'S PROVIDED GOOD OBSERVATION OF ANTENNA VALLEY TO THE EAST, NORTHEAST, NORTH AND NORTHWEST, AND THE SONG THU BON RIVER. THE ONLY RESTRICTIONS OF OBSERVATION IN ANTENNA VALLEY WAS VEGETATION IN THE AREA BEING OBSERVED.

e. COMM. COMMUNICATIONS WITH "A" RELAY WERE EXCELLENT.

f. OBSTACLES. NONE.

g. MISC. NONE.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. NONE.

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL. EXCELLENT.

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS. OUTSTANDING.

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. THE PATROL LEADER OF THIS PATROL AND 4 OTHER PATROL LEADERS OF PREVIOUS PATROLS IN THIS AREA ALL CONCLUDE THAT THERE COULD POSSIBLY BE A BASE CAMP IN THE VICINITY OF AT884354.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER. 479 VC/NVA WERE OBSERVED BY THE PATROL. 280 WERE MOVING NORTHEAST, 39 MOVING NORTH AND 160 MOVING SOUTHWEST. 8 OF THE ENEMY OBSERVED WERE FEMALE. 247 OF THE ENEMY WERE CARRYING PACKS; 65 OF THESE PACKS WERE LARGE AND 182 WERE OF VARIOUS SMALLER SIZES. 45 OF THE ENEMY WERE CARRYING SMALL ARMS; 1 WAS CARRYING AN RPG; 2 WERE CARRYING WHAT WERE POSSIBLY MORTARS; 6 WERE CARRYING WHAT WERE POSSIBLY MORTAR ROUNDS; 7 WERE CARRYING WHAT WERE POSSIBLY ANTI-TANK MINES; AND 1 WAS CARRYING WHAT WAS POSSIBLY A ROCKET. NONE OF THE ENEMY COULD BE OBSERVED WEARING SHOES OR BOOTS. THE ENEMY OBSERVED WERE WEARING HO CHI MINH SANDLES, WALKING BAREFOOT OR WALKING BAREFOOT WITH THEIR SANDLES IN THEIR HANDS. THE ENEMY MOVED ACROSS THE OPEN AREA, WHICH WAS UNDER

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OBSERVATION BY THE PATROL, AT AN AVERAGE INTERVAL OF APPROXIMATELY 25 METERS BETWEEN EACH MAN. THE PATROL OBSERVED THAT A FEW OF THE ENEMY GROUPS WOULD STAGE AT THE EDGE OF THE OPEN AREA BEFORE CROSSING. THE PATROL COULD USUALLY ANTICIPATE N & NE ENEMY MOVEMENTS ACROSS THE OPEN AREA BY THE COMMOTION AND NOISE AT THE EDGE OF THE OPEN AREA PRIOR TO AN ENEMY SIGHTING. BEFORE 0800, THE ENEMY WAS USUALLY NOT CAMOUFLAGED, BUT AFTER 0800 THEY WERE USUALLY CAMOUFLAGED WITH LEAVES OR BRUSH. SOME OF THE ENEMY COULD BE OBSERVED PICKING UP BRUSH TO USE AS CAMOUFLAGE AT THE EDGE OF THE OPEN AREA. THE PATROL HEARD AN ENGINE RUNNING NUMEROUS TIMES DURING THE TIME THEY WERE IN THE OPERATIONAL AREA. USUALLY, THE ENGINE WAS OPERATED AT APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES AT A TIME. THE USUAL TIMES OF OPERATION WERE APPROXIMATELY 0700 TO 0800 AND AT 1900. ALTHOUGH PREVIOUS PATROLS CONSISTENTLY REPORTED OPERATION OF THE ENGINE DURING FOG OR LOW CLOUD COVER AND AT NIGHT, THIS PATROL HEARD THE ENGINE BEING OPERATED ONCE AT 1105 UNDER CLEAR SKIES. THE FIRST POSITION OF THE ENGINE WAS APPROXIMATED AT AT913372. THE PATROL LATER HEARD THE ENGINE AND APPROXIMATED ITS POSITION AT AT876381. THE PREVIOUS APPROXIMATED POSITIONS HAVE BEEN: AT905369; 15 SEP; AT865375; 10 SEP; AT8938; 3 SEP.

13. PATROL MEMBERS. PATROL ROUTE

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SGT MORIN	2148486
PFC STROUD	2481004
PFC BRADSHAW	2503666
HM3 ANDREWS	533755
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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 6 ENL, 1 USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S, 1 6X30'S
   d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-14, 1 M-79, 4 CLAYMORES.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT A RECONNAISSANCE OF THE ASSIGNED OPERATION AREA. LOCATE REGIMENTAL OR LARGER BASE CAMPS AND REPORT ENEMY ACTIVITY IN VIC GRID SQUARES AT8432, AT8431, AND AT8430. EMPLOY LAND LINE COMMUNICATIONS MONITORING SYSTEM.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 181017H/181658H

4. ROUTE SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: PATROL WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND ROUTINELY EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER 7 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY DURING WHICH 3 GROUPS OF ENEMY WERE OBSERVED TOTALLING 25 VC/NVA. THERE WERE 5 UNUSUAL OBSERVATIONS. PATROL MADE 3 CONTACTS. RESULTS: 11 VC/NVA KIA. 3 FLIGHTS OF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT WERE UTILIZED. RESULTS: UNDETERMINED. INSERT HLZ WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

   a. ENEMY: 181026H VIC AT848329, PATROL HEARD TALKING AND MOVEMENT APPROXIMATELY 50 METERS TO THEIR WEST. PATROL LEADER ESTIMATES THAT THERE WERE 10-15 PEOPLE. PEOPLE SPOKE IN LOW TONES. THE NOISE CAME FROM NEAR THE INSERT HLZ.

   181030H VIC AT848329, PATROL HEARD TALKING APPROXIMATELY 30-50 METERS FROM THEIR POSITION. PATROL MOVED TO THE WEST AND STOPPED. THERE WAS TALKING AND MOVEMENT WITHIN 50 METERS OF THEIR POSITION THAT CONTINUED TO BE HEARD.

   181405H VIC AT847328, PATROL OBSERVED 13 VC/NVA IN A TREELINE APPROXIMATELY 15 METERS SOUTH OF THEIR POSITION. EN WERE WEARING MIXED KHAKI AND GREEN UNIFORMS AND BLACK PJ'S. ENEMY CARRIED 2 AK-47'S, 2 SKS'S, 1 M-16 NAD SOME CHI-COM GRENADES. ENEMY DID NOT APPEAR TO BE WELL DISCIPLINED AND THEY WERE SLOPPY AND DIRTY. PATROL INITIATED CONTACT WITH SMALL ARMS. RESULTS: 8 VC/NVA KIA.

   181415H VIC AT848328, (APPROXIMATELY 25 METERS SOUTHEAST FROM THE FIRST CONTACT) PATROL OBSERVED 8 VC/NVA MOVING NORTHEAST ON AN OLD TRAIL. 2 ENEMY WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS AND THE REST MIXED GREEN AND BLACK. ENEMY CARRIED 2 AK-47'S AND 1 LARGE PACK. PATROL INITIATED CONTACT WITH SMALL ARMS. RESULTS: 1 VC/NVA KIA.

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181430H VIC AT848329, PATROL OBSERVED A COLUMN OF 5 VC/NVA MOVING WEST ON A TRAIL. ENEMY WORE KHAKI UTILITIES; THEY CARRIED 1 SKS AND 1 M-16. THE SECOND MAN IN THE COLUMN CARRIED A LIGHT PACK. PATROL INITIATED CONTACT WITH SMALL ARMS. RESULTS: 2 VC/NVA KIA.

181500H VIC AT848331, PATROL UTILIZED THREE AERIAL OVSERVERS AND THREE FLIGHTS OF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT. THE FIXED WING AIRCRAFT EXPENDED THEIR ORDNANCE WITH EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF THE TARGETS TO THE SOUTHEAST, SOUTHWEST, AND SOUTH, OF THE PATROL'S POSITION. RESULTS: UNDETERMINED.

181530H VIC AT848339, PATROL OBSERVED A WELL USED, WELL DEFINED TRAIL RUNNING NORTH AND SOUTH. ALONG SIDE OF THE TRAIL LAY 6 MORTAR CANNISTERS (POSSIBLY 82MM). THE TRAIL ITSELF WAS CUT UP TO 6-8 FEET IN PLACES. MANY WELL BUILT SPIDER TRAPS, FOXHOLES, AND TRENCH SYSTEMS WERE ALSO IN THE AREA.

181610H VIC AT847336, PATROL OBSERVED A LARGE CAVE APPROXIMATELY 10 METERS NORTHEAST FROM THE TRAIL MENTIONED ABOVE. IT APPEARED TO BE QUITE LARGE AND NOT USED RECENTLY. PATROL DID NOT INVESTIGATE DUE TO THE PROXIMITY OF THE ENEMY.

181615H VIC AT845335, PATROL OBSERVED A WIDE, WELL USED TRAIL AS MARKED ON THE MAP AND OBSERVABLE FROM THE AIR. PARALLEL TO THIS TRAIL WERE 2 TRAILS WHICH WERE CONCEALED FROM THE AIR. THE TRAILS RAN ON EACH SIDE OF THE MAIN TRAIL. IT APPEARED THAT THE ENEMY UTILIZED THE ALTERNATE TRAILS WHEN AN AERIAL OBSERVER OR A HELICOPTER WAS IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA.

b. TERRAIN WAS RUGGED WITH A CANOPY OF 60 FEET. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 15 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF VINES, BAMBOO, AND SCRUB GROWTH. MOVEMENT WAS DIFFICULT AND RESTRICTED TO A RATE OF 150 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS AVAILABLE; BUT GENERALLY RESTRICTED TO THE LOW GROUND.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ: AT846329; MULTI-CH-46 ZONE, GOOD VEGETATION WAS 4' HIGH GRASS. BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE NORTH OR SOUTH.

b. EXTRACT LZ: AT840336, MULTI-CH-46, GOOD ZONE, VEGETATION WAS 3' GRASS. THE BEST APPROACH WAS FROM THE NORTH TO THE SOUTH.

c. TRAILS: AT845329, TRAIL 3'-5' WIDE FUNNING NORTH, WELL USED, AT847331, TRAIL 5'-6' WIDE, RUNNING NORTH, WELL USED.

d. OP'S: NONE USED

e. COMM: GOOD COMMUNICATIONS WITH STONE PIT "A".

f. OBSTACLES: NONE ENCOUNTERED

g. MISC: N/A

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8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 11 VC/NVA KIA

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: AERIAL OBSERVERS, GOOD; FIXED WING AIRCRAFT EXCELLENT.

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL LEADER RECOMMENDS THAT THIS AREA UNDERGO EXTENSIVE TPQ-10 RAIDS.

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Ref: (a) Map, VIETNAM, Series L7014 1:50,000, Sheet No. 6640 III
(b) 1stMarDivO P3800.1G Ch 1&2 (Intelligence SOP)
(c) 1stMarDivO P003330.2A (Rules of Engagement)
(d) 1stReconBnO P3000.4
(e) CoFragO #289-69

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

1st Sqd. 3rd Platoon Co. "A" 5th Recon Bn ~~Cpl Warfield~~

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. See appropriate Area Studies, current INTSUM'S, PIR'S and S-2 briefings.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) See current OPSUM'S , SITREP'S and S-3 briefings.

2. MISSION. Monitor and report enemy activity on trail networks in grid squares AT9437, AT9438, AT9537 and AT9538.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by helicopter into the assigned objective area. Move over land east, locate and monitor enemy trail networks.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 20 September/HLZ 469

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 24 September/HLZ 469

(3) Insertion HLZ AT935380 Flip Flop w/Puppet Show, extraction HLZ TBA.

(4) Operational area: Bounded by (UL) AT9340 and (IR) AT9637

(5) Rules of engagement set forth in reference (c) will be followed.

(6) The preparation and conduct of the patrol will be in accordance with reference (d) and supplementary verbal instructions.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. See reference (d) and other supplementary instructions.

b. Uniform and equipment carried by the patrol will be sufficient to accomplish their mission and sustain themselves for a period of five days.

c. Evacuation of POW's, detainees and Hoi Chanhs will be the subject of verbal instructions when these situations present themselves.

d. Medical. The nature of a patrol member's injury and/or illness and the enemy situation will be the determining factors influencing subsequent evacuation.

e. Special Equipment.

(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Binocular, 7x50
(3) Camera

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications-Electronics

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
1stPlt3dSqd5thReconBn	AT935380	RABBIT HUTCH	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
"A" RELAY	AT837378	STONE PIT "A"	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
"B" RELAY	AT990250	STONE PIT "B"	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
4thBn11thMar	AT870475	ASPARAGUS	57.20
CO, 1stForReconCo	AT990709	STONE PIT	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.

b. Command.

(1) The 1st Force Reconnaissance Company Command Post (CP) is located at Hill 34 (coordinance AT990709). Patrols will execute all orders originating from the Commanding Officer or his designated representative.

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G. R. WILLSON
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PATROL: RABBIT HUTCH
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 7 USMC ENL.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S, 1 7x50'S, 1 CAMERA
   d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-79, 3 CLAYMORES.

2. MISSION: MONITOR AND REPORT ENEMY ACTIVITY ON TRAIL NETWORKS IN GRID SQUARES AT9437, AT9438, AT9537, AND AT9538.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 201420H/211815H SEPTEMBER 1969

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: PATROL WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER, FLIP FLOPPING WITH PUPPET SHOW UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS, AND WERE EXTRACTED BY LADDER UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS, AFTER 28 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITIES. THERE WAS ONE UNUSUAL OBSERVATION OF A POSSIBLE HEAVY GUN POSITION. THE PATROL MADE 1 CONTACT RESULTING IN 1 USMC KIA; NO ENEMY WERE SIGHTED. NO ARTILLERY OR FIXED WING AIRCRAFT WERE UTILIZED. AO'S AND HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS WERE UTILIZED TO PROTECT THE PATROL AND THE EXTRACT HELICOPTER DURING THE EMERGENCY EXTRACTION. THE 1 USMC KIA WAS TORN FROM THE LADDER BY THE CANOPY DURING THE LADDER EXTRACTION.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

a. ENEMY. 201700H VIC AT937384 THE PATROL HEARD AUTO AK-47 RIFLE FIRE COMING FROM THE APPROXIMATE VICINITY OF AT935384. THIS ESTIMATED LOCATION WAS APPROXIMATELY 200 METERS EAST OF THE PATROLS LOCATION. THE FIRST BURSTS IMPACTED APPROXIMATELY 50 METERS FROM THE PATROL'S POSITION, AND SEEMED TO TRAVERSE UNTIL IT WAS IMPACTING APPROXIMATELY 150 METERS SOUTH OF THE PATROL. THE PATROL ESTIMATES 4 TO 5, 30 ROUND MAGAZINES WERE FIRED. ONLY 1 RIFLE FIRED AT A TIME BUT THE SOURCE OF THE FIRING SEEMED TO ORIGINATE IN SEVERAL SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT LOCATIONS. PATROL BELIEVES VC/NVA WERE RECONNING BY FIRE.

210220H TO 210400H VIC AT938384. TEAM EXPERIENCED A COMPLETE LOSS OF COMMUNICATIONS ON BOTH PRC-25 RADIO'S. PATROL COULD HEAR A STRONG HUMMING SOUND ON BOTH RADIO'S. PATROL TURNED OFF BOTH RADIO'S AND COULD STILL HEAR THE STRONG HUMMING SOUND. THE HUMMING SOUND WAS COMING FROM THE APPROXIMATE GRID COORDINATES OF AT937384. AT 210400H THE HUMMING SOUND STOPPED AND THE PATROL HAD GOOD COMM.

211500H VIC AT942381. PATROL HEARD TALKING FROM THE APPROXIMATE VIC OF AT940380. MOVING TO VIC AT940382, THE PATROL HAD STOPPED THEN THE VC/NVA INITIATED THE CONTACT. PATROL INITIALLY RECEIVED 2 ROUNDS OF SEMI AUTO FIRE ONE OF WHICH KILLED THE ASSISTANT

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PATROL LEADER. ENEMY FIRE CAME FROM THE APPROXIMATE GRID COORDINATES OF AT940380. PATROL COULD NOT FIND A TARGET BUT RETURNED 4 ROUNDS IN THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF THE ENEMY. ENEMY FIRED APPROXIMATELY 10 MORE ROUNDS WHICH CAME NEAR TO THE PATROL. AN AIR OBSERVER ARRIVED IN APPROXIMATELY 1 HOUR AFTER CONTACT. 3 AO'S, 2 COBRAS, AND 2 HUEY GUNSHIPS PROVIDED CLOSE AIR SUPPORT TO THE PATROL UNTIL THE PATROL WAS EXTRACTED AT 211815H.

211815H VIC AT940383. DURING THE LADDER EXTRACTION OF THE RECON TEAM THE BODY OF THE USMC KIA HAVING BEEN SECURED TO THE LADDER WAS TORN FROM IT AS THE HELICOPTER DRAGGED THE LADDER THRU THE CANOPY. THE HELICOPTER DID NOT STOP TO RECOVER THE BODY.

211130 TO 211400H VIC AT940383 (LATE ENTRY) WHILE ON LOP AT THE PRECEEDING GRID COORDINATES, TEAM OBSERVED A POSSIBLE HEAVY GUN POSITION IN THE APPROXIMATE VICINITY OF AT953377. (SEE SKETCH) TEAM OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE 3 GUNS THE APPROXIMATE SIZE OF A 105 MM ARTILLERY PIECE. THE GUNS WERE DIRECTED GENERALLY IN A NORTHWEST DIRECTION. SOUTH OF THE POSSIBLE GUNS WERE 4 BOX TYPE OBJECTS WHICH WERE APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET HIGH AND 8 FEET LONG. THE 4 BOX TYPE OBJECTS WERE LOCATED INSIDE OF A CIRCLE TYPE ARRANGEMENT. THE 3 GUNS WERE OBSERVED JUST OUTSIDE OF THE CIRCLE TYPE ARRANGEMENT. THE CIRCLE HAD A WHITE SUBSTANCE AROUND IT WHICH COULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN, WHITE SAND, ROCK OR GRAVEL, WHICH WAS NOTED IN THIS AREA. THIS POSITION APPEARED TO HAVE EXCELLENT CONCEALMENT FROM THE AIR UNLESS APPROACHED FROM THE NORTHWEST AT A VERY LOW ALTITUDE. WHILE THIS OBSERVATION WAS MADE AT A DISTANCE OF OVER 1,000 METERS AND WAS IN THE SHADE THE PATROL STATES THAT THE DISTINCTIVE FEATURES AND CONSISTANT DIMENSIONS OF THIS OBSERVATION WERE NOT A NATURAL FEATURE OF THE JUNGLE.

b. TERRAIN WAS GENERALLY STEEP WITH A CANOPY OF 30-40 FEET. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS EXTREMELY THICK, 10-20 FEET HIGH AND CONSISTING OF VINES, BRIARS, SHRUBS AND ELEPHANT GRASS. MOVEMENT WAS AT A SLOW RATE OF 25-50 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL WHILE MOVEMENT IS PAINFULLY SLOW ON THE LOWER GROUND IT BECOMES SLIGHTLY BETTER ON THE HIGHER GROUND. WATER CAN BE FOUND VIC AT935380, HOWEVER THIS SMALL STREAM WOULD PROBABLY NOT HAVE WATER DURING THE DRY SEASON. RICE PADDY WATER CAN BE FOUND IN VIC AT937385. PATROL DID NOT PHYSICALLY REACH THE STREAM VICINITY AT940380 BUT COULD HEAR THE WATER RUNNING.

CONCEALMENT WAS GOOD. VISIBILITY WAS GENERALLY APPROXIMATELY 10 METERS IN THE VEGETATION. COVER WAS AVAILABLE ONLY ON RIDGELINES CONSISTING OF LARGE ROCKS AND BOULDERS.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ. AT935380 1xCH-46 FLAT, GOOD ZONE. CONSIST OF ABANDONED RICE PADDY. GRASS 2 FEET HIGH.

b. EXTRACT LZ. AT940383, LADDER ZONE. ON 45 DEGREE SLOPE. BOMBED OUT LEAVING TREE TRUNKS FROM 10 TO 20 FEET HIGH. LARGE ROCKS AND BOULDERS WERE ON THE SURFACE.

OTHER HLZ'S. VIC 935384 MULTI BIRD ZONE. ABANDONED RICE PADDY.

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c. TRAILS: VIC AT945378 TRAIL 5-6 FEET WIDE. APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT OF TRAIL IS OPEN TO AIR OBSERVATION. A WELL DEFINED TRAIL WHICH IS HUMPED UP IN THE MIDDLE AND WORN DOWN ON BOTH SIDES AS IF TRAVELED BY A WHEELED VEHICLE.

d. OP'S. VIC AT940383 GOOD OBSERVATION OF TRAIL VIC AT945378, AND OF TRAIL VIC AT924374.

e. COMM: SEE ENTRY 210220H TO 210400H UNDER ENEMY: OTHERWISE COMMUNICATIONS WAS GOOD WITH ALFA RELAY.

f. OBSTACLES. VIC AT933381 ROCKS AND BOULDER MAKE MOVEMENT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT BUT IT IS POSSIBLE TO CROSS THIS AREA.

g. MISC. LOST 4 - 7x50'S WITH BODY. DURING LADDER EXTRACTION PATROL WAS DRAGGED THRU THE TREES.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 1 USMC KIA.

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD.

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: GOOD 3 AO'S, 2 COBRAS, 2 HUEY GUNSHIPS, UTILIZED.

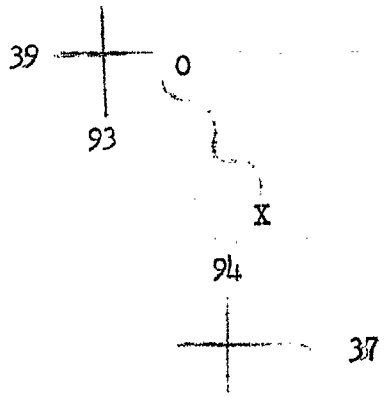
11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

*	LCPL	ATKISON	2521145 KIA
	PFC	RICKETTS	2788097
	PFC	PSARS	2477316
	PFC	SCHULTESS	2514877
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	PFC	SHAWVER	2479260
	CPL	WARFIELD	2369886

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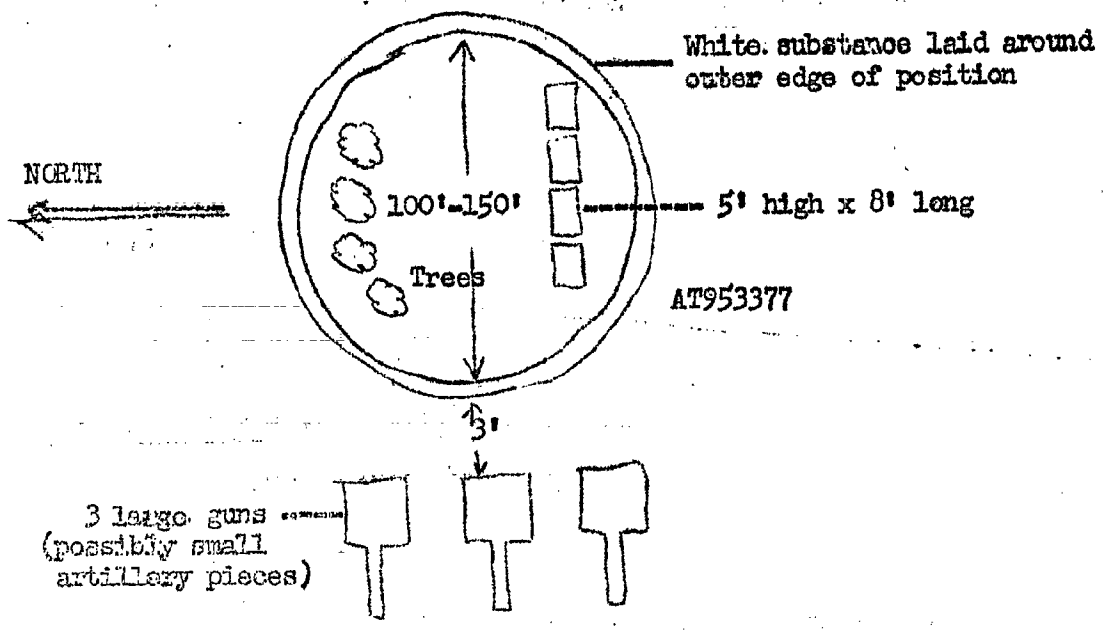
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT
   a. COMPOSITION: 1 USMC OFF, 6 USMC ENL
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC-25's
   d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-14, 1 BODY BAG

2. MISSION: RECOVER BODY OF LCPL ATKINSON, KILLED IN ACTION 21 SEPTEMBER 1969. BODY LOCATED VICINITY OF AT940383.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 271050H/271120H SEPTEMBER 1969.

4. ROUTE: PATROL DID NOT MOVE OUT OF THE INSERT HLZ.

5. SYNOPSIS: PATROL WAS RAPPELL-INSERTED AND EXTRACTED USING THE SPIE SYSTEM WITHOUT INCIDENT AFTER 30 MINUTES OF BODY RECOVERY ACTIVITIES. THE PATROL DID NOT MOVE OUT OF THE INSERT/EXTRACT ZONE. THE EXTRACT HELICOPTER WAS FIRED ON BY THE ENEMY FROM ANTENNA VALLEY DURING THE APPROACH TO THE EXTRACT ZONE. THE BODY WAS SUCCESSFULLY EXTRACTED USING THE SPIE SYSTEM. WHILE IN FLIGHT, THE BODY BAG RIPPED OPEN OVER ANTENNA VALLEY AND THE BODY FELL TO THE GROUND IN THE VICINITY OF AT898388 TO AT902387. THE BODY WAS NOT RECOVERED. THE AREA AROUND THE INSERT ZONE WAS PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT PRIOR TO INSERTION. HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS ACTED AS A COVERING ELEMENT DURING THE BODY RECOVERY ACTIVITIES. THE AREA WHERE THE BODY WAS RECOVERED HAD BEEN SATURATED WITH CRYSTILIZED CS GAS ON 23 SEPTEMBER. THE PATROL LEADER TOOK HIS GAS MASK OFF FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 SECONDS AND TOOK SEVERAL DEEP BREATHS TO TEST THE EFFECTS OF THE GAS. THE PATROL LEADER BELIEVES THAT HE WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO STAY IN THE AREA WITHOUT A GASMASK. THE GAS DID CAUSE MINOR IRRITATION TO THE SKIN OF THE PATROL MEMBERS. THE PATROL MADE NO SIGHTINGS OR CONTACTS WITH THE ENEMY.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

   a. ENEMY: 271120H VIC AT925375 THE EXTRACT HELICOPTER RECEIVED APPROXIMAT LY 10 ROUNDS OF SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLE FIRE FROM THE PRECEEDING GRID COORDINATES DURING THE APPROACH TO THE EXTRACT ZONE.
   271130H VIC AT898388 TO AT902387 WHEN THE BODY FELL FROM THE SPIE, THE CC HELICOPTER TRIED TO RETRIEVE IT FROM THE RICE PADDY IT HAD FALLEN INTOO BUT, THE HELICOPTER TOOK SMALL ARMS FIRE AND HAD TO ABORT THE PICKUP.

   b. TERRAIN: THE TERRAIN SURROUNDING THE INSERT/EXTRACT ZONE WAS STEEP WITH A CANOPY OF 30-40 FEET. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS THICK. REFERENCE, OPERATION ORDER 289-69.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ. AT940382; PATROL RAPPELLED INTO ZONE; THE ZONE IS ON A 45 DEGREE SLOPE, AND HAS BEEN BOMBED OUT, LEAVING 10 TO 20 FOOT TREE STUMPS IN THE AREA. THE SURFACE CONSISTS OF LARGE ROCKS AND BOULDERS.

b. EXTRACT LZ. SAME AS INSERT ZONE; SPIE SYSTEM WAS USED TO EXTRACT THE PATROL.

c. TRAILS. NONE OBSERVED.

d. OPS. NONE OBSERVED.

e. COMM. GOOD.

f. OBSTACLES. NONE ENCOUNTERED.

g. MISC. N/A.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD.

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: COULD NOT OBSERVE.

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

1STLT JACKSON	0107418	PATROL LEADER
CPL WARFIELD	2369868	
CPL DAVIS	2380023	
LCPL SCHULTESS	2514877	
PFC PSARAS	2477316	
PFC PIERE	2502525	
PFC RICKETTS	2488097	

M E Jackson
PATROL LEADER

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

4th Platoon — Sgt Grimes

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. See appropriate Area Studies, current INTSUM'S, PIR'S and S-2 briefings.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) See current OPSUM'S, SITREP'S and S-3 briefings.

2. MISSION. Establish an observation post. Maintain surveillance over trail/stream running from ZC205244 to AT790255. Report enemy activity over this transportation route and be prepared to coordinate an air ambush against major enemy troop movement in the objective area.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by helicopter into the assigned objective area. Select a vantage point and observe enemy activity in grid squares ZC2024, ZC2124 and ZC2125.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 21 September/HLZ 469

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 25 September/HLZ 469

(3) Insertion/extraction HLZ. Insert vic AT831265/Extract vic TBA.

(4) Operational area: Bounded by (UL) ZC2027 and (LR) AT8023

(5) Rules of engagement set forth in reference (c) will be followed.

(6) The preparation and conduct of the patrol will be in accordance with reference (d) and supplementary verbal instructions.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. See reference (d) and other supplementary instructions.

b. Uniform and equipment carried by the patrol will be sufficient to accomplish their mission and sustaim themselves for a period of five days.

c. Evacuation of POW's, detainees and Hoi Chanhs will be the subject of verbal instructions when these situations present themselves.

d. Medical. The nature of a patrol member's injury and/or illness and the enemy situation will be the determining factors influencing subsequent evacuation.

e. Special Equipment.

(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Binocular, 7x50
(3) Scope, M-49
(4) Camera

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications-Electronics

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
4th Plt.	AT831265	SWIFT SCOUT	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
"A" RELAY	AT837378	STONE PIT "A"	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
"B" RELAY	AT990250	STONE PIT "B"	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
4thBn11thMar	AT870475	ASPARAGUS	57.20
CO, 1stForReconCo	AT990709	STONE PIT	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.

b. Command.

(1) The 1st Force Reconnaissance Company Command Post (CP) is located at Hill 34 (coordinance AT990709). Patrols will execute all orders originating from the Commanding Officer or his designated representative.

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PATROL: SWIFT SCOUT (F-41)
DEBRIEFER: CPL R. W. COOPER
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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 3 USMC ENLISTED, 1 USN ENLISTED, 2 KOS.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 AN/PRC 25's, 2 AN/PRC 93's, 1 M-49 SCOPE, 1 35MM CAMERA.
   d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79, 2 CLAYMORES, 1 M-45B, 1 AR-15.

2. MISSION: ESTABLISH AN OBSERVATION POST AND MAINTAIN SURVELLIANCE OVER TRAIL/STREAM RUNNING FROM AT820244 TO AT790255. REPORT ENEMY ACTIVITY OVER THIS TRANSPORTATION ROUTE AND BE PREPARED TO COORDINATE AN ARTY/AIR AMBUSH AGAINST MAJOR ENEMY TROOP MOVEMENT IN THE OBJECTIVE AREA.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 210840H/210845H SEP 1969

4. ROUTE: (PATROL DID NOT DISEMBARK FROM THE INSERT HELICOPTER)

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL ATTEMPTED INSERTION BY HELICOPTER AND RECEIVED A HEAVY VOLUME OF S/A GROUND FIRE FROM THE VICINITY OF THE LANDING ZONE. THE PATROL OBSERVED ONE VC/NVA IN THE HLZ. THE PATROL UTILIZED 1 FLIGHT OF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT ON THE INSERT LANDING ZONE. RESULTS: UNKNOWN.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

   a. ENEMY. 210845H VIC AT813269 THE INSERTION HELICOPTER RECEIVED GROUND FIRE FROM THE SOUTH DURING ITS APPROACH TO THE HLZ. THE PATROL OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA STANDING IN THE INSERT LANDING ZONE. THE ENEMY WAS WEARING GREEN UTILITIES AND CARRYING AN AK-47. ENEMY WAS NOT USING HIS WEAPON, BUT WAS CARRYING IT AT THE READY. PATROL RETURNED FIRE FROM THE HELICOPTER WITH SMALL ARMS. RESULTS: UNKNOWN.
   b. TERRAIN. TERRAIN AROUND THE INSERT HLZ WAS GENERALLY STEEP WITH A HEAVY CANOPY. THE HEIGHT WAS NOT DETERMINED.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

   a. INSERT LZ. (AT813269, 1xCH-46) IT IS A GOOD ZONE WITH DENSE ELEPHANT GRASS. THE BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE NORTHWEST. THE BEST EXIT IS TO THE EAST.
   b. EXTRACT LZ. N/A
   c. TRAILS. NONE OBSERVED
   d. OP'S. THE PATROL DID NOT OBSERVE ANY.
   e. COMM. N/A
   f. OBSTACLES. N/A
   g. MISC. NONE

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. UNKNOWN

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL. GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS. FIXED WING AIRCRAFT EXPENDED THEIR ORDNANCE ON THE INSERT HLZ AFTER THE PATROL LEFT THE AREA. THE RESULTS WERE NOT DETERMINED.

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11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THE PATROL LEADER RECOMMENDS THAT OTHER MEANS OF INSERTION BE UTILIZED IN THIS AREA BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF HELICOPTER LANDING ZONES.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

CPL STOCKHAM	2251309
HM3 DOYLE	B117391
PFC THOMAS	2482431
KCS HAO	129
KCS HOA	441
SGT GRIMES	2183988

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

5th Platoon — 1stLt. Rollings

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. See appropriate Area Studies, current INTSUM'S, PIR'S and S-2 briefings.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) See current OPSUM'S, SITREP'S and S-3 briefings.

2. MISSION. Coduct a reconnaissance of the assigned operating area. Locate Regimental or larger base camps and report enemy activity in vic grid squares AT8630, AT8730 and AT8830. Be prepared to employ special communications equipment.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation: Infiltrate by helicopter into the assigned objective area. Move over land east and locate enemy base camps and monitor trail networks.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 20 September/HLZ 469

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 24 September/HLZ 469

(3) Insertion HLZ AT869292 and extraction HLZ TBA.

(4) Operational area: Bounede by (UL) AT8633 and (LR) AT9030

(5) Rules of engagement set fourth in reference (c) will be followed.

(6) The preparation and conduct of the patrol will be in accordance with reference (d) and supplementary verbal instructions.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. See reference (d) and other supplementary instructions.

b. Uniform and equipment carried by the patrol will be sufficient to accomplish their mission and sustain themselves for a period of five days.

c. Evacuation of POW's, detainees and Hoi Chanhs will be the subject of verbal instructions when these situations present themselves.

d. Medical. The nature of a patrol member's injury and/or illness and the enemy situation will be the determining factors influencing subsequent evacuation.

e. Special Equipment.

(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Binocular, 7x50
(3) Camera
(4) Surveillance System 4-114A

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications-Electronics

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
5th Platoon	AT869292	GRIM REAPER	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
"A" RELAY	AT837378	STONE PIT "A"	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
"B" RELAY	AT990250	STONE PIT "B"	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
4thBn11thMar	AT870475	ASPARAGUS	57.20
CO, 1stForReconCo	AT990709	STONE PIT	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.

b. Command.

(1) The 1st Force Reconnaissance Company Command Post (CP) is located at Hill 34 (coordinance AT990709). Patrols will execute all orders originating from the Commanding Officer or his designated representative.

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PATROL: GRIM REAPER (F-51)
DEBRIEFER: SGT M KOZAKEWICH JR.
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 1 USMC OFF. 6 USMC ENLISTED.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 AN/PRC-25'S, 1 6x30'S, 1 AN/PRC-93 1 WIRE TAP KIT.
   d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-14, 1 M-79, 2 CLAYMORES.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT A RECONNAISSANCE OF THE ASSIGNED OPERATING AREA. LOCATE REGIMENTAL OR LARGER BASE CAMPS AND REPORT ENEMY ACTIVITY IN VIC GRID SQUARES AT8630, AT8730 AND AT8830. BE PREPARED TO EMPLOY SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 201445H/240925H SEPTEMBER 1969

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND ROUTINELY EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER 91 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY DURING WHICH 4 GROUPS OF ENEMY WERE OBSERVED TOTALLING 25 VC/NVA. THERE WERE NO UNUSUAL OBSERVATIONS. THE PATROL MADE NO CONTACTS. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE UTILIZED. THE INSERTION HLZ WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. ENEMY: 211510H VIC AT875305, PATROL HEARD 10-15 VC/NVA TALKING. PATROL COULD NOT OBSERVE ENEMY DUE TO THICK UNDERGROWTH IN THE AREA. THE ENEMY WERE COUGHING LOUDLY. THE SOUNDS HEARD BY THE PATROL INDICATED THE ENEMY WERE NOT MOVING.

221435H VIC AT880304, PATROL HEARD APPROXIMATELY 10 VC/NVA TALKING AND MOVING NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL. ENEMY COULD NOT BE OBSERVED DUE TO THICK UNDERGROWTH IN THE AREA. ENEMY WERE COUGHING LOUDLY.

222200H VIC AT880295 (APPROXIMATE), PATROL HEARD 10-12 MORTAR ROUNDS FIRED. THE ROUNDS APPEARED TO BE IMPACTING IN GRID SQUARE AT8728. 2-3 ROUNDS WERE FIRED; THEN THERE WAS A 10-20 MINUTE INTERVAL THEN 2-3 MORE ROUNDS WERE FIRED. THIS CONTINUED UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 222300H. THE SAME SEQUENCE WAS REPEATED ON THE EVENING OF THE 23RD AT 2200H.

230946H VIC AT888308, PATROL OBSERVED 11 VC/NVA MOVING NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 2 ENEMY WORE KHAKIS, 3 WORE BLACK PJ'S, 5 WORE KHAKI SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS, AND 2 WORE NVA TYPE HELMETS. ENEMY CARRIED 1 AK-47 1 SKS, 2 LIGHT PACKS AND 9 HEAVY PACKS.

230950H VIC AT889309, PATROL HEARD APPROXIMATELY 5 VC/NVA TALKING AND COUGHING HEAVILY. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE ENEMY WERE SITTING NEAR A TRAIL

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231017H VIC AT888308, PATROL OBSERVED 6 VC/NVA MOVING NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 4 ENEMY WORE KHAKI'S, 2 WORE GREEN UTILITIES, AND 3 WORE NVA TYPE HEIMETS. 2 ENEMY CARRIED AK-47'S, 1 CARRIED AN SKS, AND ALL 6 HAD HEAVY PACKS.

231025H VIC AT889309, PATROL OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA TALKING AND SITTING IN WHAT APPEARED TO BE A HARBOR SITE. ALL THE ENEMY WORE KHAKI'S AND 1 WORE AN NVA TYPE HEIMET. THEY WERE EQUIPPED WITH 1 SKS, 1 AK-47, 3 HEAVY PACKS, AND 2 LIGHT PACKS. THE ENEMY HAD THEIR PACKS OFF AND THE RIFLES WERE LYING ACROSS THEM. THE PATROL BELIEVES THERE WERE 2 OR MORE ENEMY HIDDEN BY THE UNDERGROWTH, BY THE AMOUNT OF TALKING.

231045H VIC AT890309, PATROL HEARD APPROXIMATELY 10 VC/NVA TALKING. THE ENEMY SEEMED TO BE SITTING NEAR A TRAIL . THE PATROL COULD SMELL TOBACCO SMOKE AND FOOD COOKING.

231050H VIC AT888308, PATROL OBSERVED 7 VC/NVA MOVING NORTHEAST ON A TRAIL. 3 ENEMY WORE KHAKI'S, 2 WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND 2 WORE BLACK PJ'S, AND 5 WORE NVA HEIMETS. THE ENEMY WERE EQUIPPED WITH 2 AK-47'S, 6 HEAVY PACKS AND 1 LIGHT PACK.

b. TERRAIN WAS STEEP AND EXTREMELY ROUGH WITH A THICK CANOPY OF 50'-60'. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 15-20 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF VINES, BAMBOO, AND ELEPHANT GRASS. MOVEMENT WAS MODERATE AND RESTRICTED TO THE RATE OF 200 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS PLENTIFUL AND WHEN FOUND WAS SWIFT MOVING. WATER WAS NOT DIFFICULT TO GET TO. AT874298 WAS THE BEST PLACE TO GET WATER.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ: AT865290, 1xCH-46, FAIR TAIL-GATE ZONE. THE VEGETATION WAS 3'-5' ELEPHANT GRASS. , THE BEST APPROACH WAS FROM THE NORTH TO THE SOUTH.

b. EXTRACT LZ: AT870292, 1xCH-46, FAIR SITDOWN ZONE. THE VEGETATION WAS 3'-5' ELEPHANT GRASS AND BROKEN TREES. THE BEST APPROACH WAS FROM THE NORTH AND EXIT TO THE SOUTH.

c. TRAILS: AT876305, THIS IS A WELL USED TRAIL RUNNING NORTHWEST TO SOUTHEAST. IT WAS APPROXIMATELY 18"-24" WIDE.

AT871301, THIS IS A WELL USED TRAIL RUNNING SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST. IT WAS APPROXIMATELY 18"-24" WIDE.

AT887308, THIS IS A WELL USED TRAIL RUNNING FROM SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST. IT IS APPROXIMATELY 18"-24" WIDE.

d. OP'S: THERE WERE NO OBSERVATION POSTS USED.

e. COMM: COMMUNICATIONS WAS GOOD WITH STONE PIT "B".

f. OBSTACLES: THERE WERE NO OBSTACLES ENCOUNTERED.

g. MISC: N/A

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: NONE UTILIZED.

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THE PATROL LEADER BELIEVES THAT THE AREA SHOULD BE HEAVILY INTERDICTED WITH ARTY/AIR.

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12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: THE ENEMY WHICH THE PATROL [redacted] IN CONTACTS 211510H, 230950H, AND 231045H COULD BE TRAIL SECURITY. (RJS)

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

1ST. LT ROLLINGS	0107099
SGT MOORMAN	1994159
CPL CRANE	2442435
CPL SMITH	2447061
LCPL HUCKSTEP	2458910
LCPL MAGRI	2478633
PFC LAMBERT	2463827

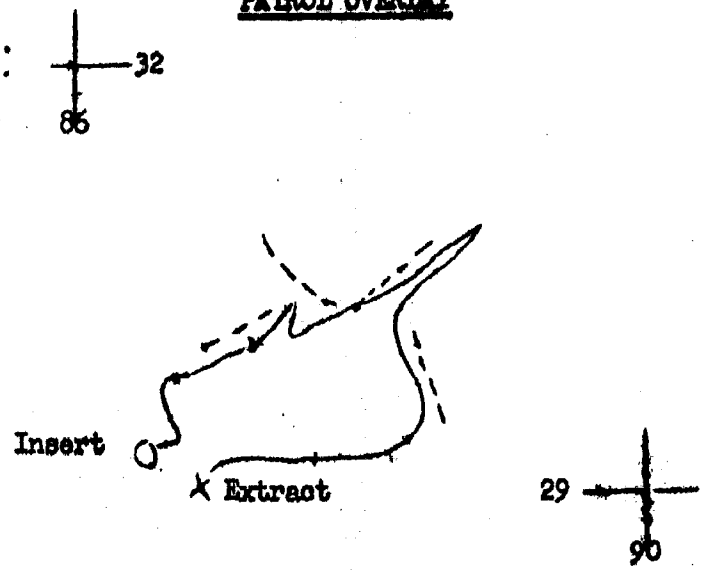
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Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

1st Sqd. 6th Platoon — 1stLt. Ritchie

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. See appropriate Area Studies, current INTSUM'S, PIR'S and S-2 briefings.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) See current OPSUM'S, SITREP'S and S-3 briefings.

2. MISSION. Establish surveillance day and night over road and tangent/ adjacent trails running from coordinances AT944364 to AT966362. Register artillery concentrations in the objective area and be prepared to coordinate an artillery ambush against major enemy troop movement.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by helicopter into the assigned objective area. Move overland and select an observation post and coordinate an air/artillery ambush on enemy troop movement within a five day period.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 20 September/HLZ 469

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 24 September/HLZ 469

(3) Insertion HLZ AT953355, extraction HLZ TBA.

(4) Operational area: Bounded by (UL) AT9437 and (LR) AT9734

(5) Rules of engagement set forth in reference (c) will be followed.

(6) The preparation and conduct of the patrol will be in accordance with reference (d) and supplementary verbal instructions.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. See reference (d) and other supplementary instructions.

b. Uniform and equipment carried by the patrol will be sufficient to accomplish their mission and sustain themselves for a period of five days.

c. Evacuation of POW's, detainees and Hoi Chanhs will be the subject of verbal instructions when these situations present themselves.

d. Medical. The nature of a patrol member's injury and/or illness and the enemy situation will be the determining factors influencing subsequent evacuation.

e. Special Equipment.

(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Binocular, 7x50
(3) Scope, M-49
(4) StarLight Scope

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications-Electronics

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
1stSqd6thPlt	AT953355	REPORT CARD	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
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CO, 1stForReconCo	AT990709	STONE PIT	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

1stSqd. 6th Platoon — 1stLt. Ritchie

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. See appropriate Area Studies, current INTSUM'S, PIR'S and S-2 briefings.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) See current OPSUM'S, SITREP'S and S-3 briefings.

2. MISSION. Locate and establish observation post and report enemy activity over the trail network running from AT900365 to AT885359 and south to AT890345. Install ground surveillance anti-intrusion SID's on trail network, grid square AT8834 and AT8735. Coordinate an air and/or artillery ambush against major enemy troop movement in the operational area.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by helicopter into the assigned objective area, select observation post in vic AT882351 and coordinate an air/artillery ambush on enemy troop movement within a five day period.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 23 September/HLZ 469

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 27 September/HLZ 469

(3) Insertion HLZ AT877352 Flip Flop w/Detroit Tigers, extraction HLZ TRA.

(4) Operational area: Bounded by (UL) AT8737 and (LR) AT9034

(5) Rules of engagement set forth in reference (c) will be followed.

(6) The preparation and conduct of the patrol will be in accordance with reference (d) and supplementary verbal instructions.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. See reference (d) and other supplementary instructions.

b. Uniform and equupment carried by the patrol will be sufficient to accomplish their mission and sustain themselves for a period of five days.

c. Evacuation of POW's, detainees and Hoi Chanhs will be the subject of verbal instructions when these situations present themselves.

d. Medical. The nature of a patrol member's injury and/or illness and the enemy situation will be the determining factors influencing subsequent evacuation.

e. Special Equipment.

(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Binocular, 7x50
(3) Scope, M-49
(4) Anti-Intrusion HANDSID System
(5) Camera

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications-Electronics

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
1stSqd6thPlatoon	AT872358	REPORT CARD	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
"A" RELAY	AT837378	STONE PIT "A"	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 1 USMC OFF. 7 USMC ENL.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S, 1 7x50'S
   d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-79, 2 CLAYMORES

2. MISSION: LOCATE AND ESTABLISH OBSERVATION POST AND REPORT ENEMY ACTIVITY OVER THE TRAIL NETWORK RUNNING FROM AT900365 TO AT885359 AND SOUTH TO AT890345. INSTALL GROUND SURVEILLANCE ANTI-INTRUSION SID'S ON TRAIL NETWORK, GRID SQUARE AT8834 AND AT8735. COORDINATE AN AIR AND/OR ARTILLERY AMBUSH AGAINST MAJOR ENEMY TROOP MOVEMENT IN THE OPERATIONAL AREA.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 231145H/231530H SEP 69 (SEE SECT. 7 g.)
240907H/271335H SEP 69

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER ROUTINELY AND EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER 76 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY DURING WHICH 29 GROUPS OF ENEMY WERE OBSERVED TOTALLING 249 VC/NVA. THERE WERE NO UNUSUAL OBSERVATIONS. PATROL MADE NO CONTACTS. 1 AO, 1 AIR STRIKE AND 14 FIRE MISSIONS WERE UTILIZED RESULTING IN 30 VC/NVA KBA. INSERT HLZ WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT. 23 SEPTEMBER PATROL WAS INSERTED AND AFTER 4 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY WAS EXTRACTED DUE TO 4 HEAT CASUALTIES BEING SUSTAINED.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. ENEMY: 241730H VIC AT875354 PATROL OBSERVED 5 VC/NVA MOVING SW ON A TRAIL. NO UNIFORMS OR EQUIPMENT COULD BE OBSERVED DUE TO THE VEGETATION IN THE VICINITY. (PATROL LEADER BELIEVES THE ENEMY MAY HAVE BEEN CAMOUFLAGED.

250630H VIC AT818352 WHILE AT THIS POSITION, PATROL HEARD WHAT SOUNDED LIKE A DIESEL ENGINE. 1 PATROL MEMBER OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A COLUMN OF SMOKE AT AT867377. SOURCE OF SMOKE WAS OBSCURED BY GROUND FOG. PATROL COULD NOT DETERMINE THE LOCATION OF THE ENGINE BUT AS THE GROUND FOG DISSIPATED, THE SOUND STOPPED. WHEN THE FOG LIFTED COMPLETELY THE SOURCE OF THE SMOKE WAS HIDDEN BY 20' CANOPY.

250740H VIC AT875354 PATROL OBSERVED 9 VC/NVA MOVING SW ON A TRAIL. ALL ENEMY WERE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES AND 5 WORE NVA HELMETS. ALL CARRIED HEAVY PACKS WHILE 3 OF THOSE HAD 2x2x1 FT WIDE SHINY METAL BOXES ATTACHED UNDER THE PACKS. THE ENEMY WERE CAMOUFLAGED WITH LEAVES TIED TO THEIR PACKS.

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250800H VIC AT875354 PATROL OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA MOVING SW ON A TRAIL. 2 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES WHILE 1 WORE GREEN SHORTS AND A BLACK SHORT SLEEVED SHIRT. 1 ENEMY HAD A LARGE WHITE PACK; 1 HAD A LIGHT PACK AND 1 HAD A RICE BAG AROUND HIS NECK WITH AN NVA HELMET HANGING FROM IT.

250815H VIC AT875354 PATROL OBSERVED 5 VC/NVA MOVING SW ON A TRAIL. 2 ENEMY WORE KHAKIS; 1 WORE BLACK PJ'S; 1 WORE GREEN UTILITIES; AND 1 WORE A GRAY SHIRT WITH GREEN TROUSERS. THE ENEMY WITH GREEN UTILITIES WORE A WHITE SCARF AROUND HIS NECK. 4 ENEMY WORE NVA HELMETS. THEY WERE EQUIPPED WITH 2 HEAVY PACKS, 2 WHITE PACKS AND 1 BROWN MARCHING PACK. 1 ENEMY HAD A FULL SAND BAG TIED TO HIS PACK. THE ENEMYS UNIFORMS APPEARED TO BE FRESHLY LAUNDERED.

250830H VIC AT893363 PATROL OBSERVED 8 VC/NVA HARVESTING RICE. ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S. 1 ENEMY CARRIED AN AK-47 AT SLING ARMS. CALLED FIRE MISSION AND RECEIVED GOOD COVERAGE. RESULTS: ENEMY DISPERSED INTO TREELINE NEARBY. PATROL USED WP IN ATTEMPT TO BURN THE ENEMY RICE RICE SUPPLY BUT WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL. THE WP ROUNDS ONLY BURNED A SMALL AREA WHERE THEY IMPACTED.

250850H VIC AT875345 PATROL OBSERVED 5 VC/NVA MOVING SW ON A TRAIL. 1 ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S; 2 WORE KHAKIS; AND 2 WORE GREEN UTILITIES. 3 ENEMY CARRIED BROWN RUCKSACKS; 1 HAD A MARCHING PACK; AND 1 HAD A WHITE PACK. 1 ENEMY CARRIED AN M-16. ALL ENEMY WORE NVA HELMETS.

250915H VIC AT875354 PATROL OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING NE ON A TRAIL. ENEMY WORE KHAKI SHORTS AND A SHORTSLEEVED SHIRT. HE WAS EQUIPPED WITH AN NVA HELMET.

250915H VIC AT886355 PATROL OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING NE ON A TRAIL. ENEMY WORE GREEN SHORTS AND SHIRT WITH AN NVA HELMET. ENEMY WAS EQUIPPED WITH A MARCHING PACK AND CAMOUFLAGED WITH LEAVES.

251015H VIC AT886355 PATROL OBSERVED 9 VC/NVA HARVESTING RICE. ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S AND WERE ARMED WITH 1 AK-47. CALLED FIRE MISSION AND RECIEVED GOOD COVERAGE. RESULTS: UNKNOWN. FIREGRASSER ROUNDS WERE UTILIZED DESTROYING APPROXIMATELY 50% OF THE RICE IN THE TARGET AREA.

251030H VIC AT875354 PATROL OBSERVED 7 VC/NVA MOVING NE ON A TRAIL. ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND CARRIED 2 MARCHING PACKS, 1 HEAVY PACK, 3 CARTRIDGE BELTS, 1 ASSAULT PACK AND NVA HELMETS. 1 ENEMY HAD A BROWN SACK TIED ACROSS HIS CHEST.

251045H VIC AT875354 PATROL OBSERVED 7 VC/NVA MOVING NE ON A TRAIL. ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND CARRIED 1 SKS AND 1 UNIDENTIFIED RIFLE. (RIFLE UNIDENTIFIED DUE TO ANGLE IT WAS ON IN RELATION TO THE OBSERVER.) 1 ENEMY HAD A WHITE TOWEL DRAPED OVER HIS HEAD. THE ENEMY WERE CAMOUFLAGED WITH LEAVES.

251107H VIC AT886355 PATROL OBSERVED 8 VC/NVA MOVING NE ON A TRAIL. PATROL COULD ONLY OBSERVE 3 GREEN UNIFORMS DUE TO THE VEGETATION. ENEMY HAD A 40 METER INTERVAL. CALLED FIRE MISSION BUT RECEIVED POOR COVERAGE DUE TO WIDE DISPERSION OF THE ENEMY. WHEN FIRST ROUND IMPACTED ENEMY BEGAN RUNNING TOWARD THE VILLAGE NE OF THE ABOVE GRID.

251220H VIC AT886355 PATROL OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA MOVING NE ON A TRAIL. 1 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES; 1 WORE GREEN SHIRT AND SHORTS, AND 1 WORE BLACK PJ'S. THE ENEMY WERE EQUIPPED WITH 1 HEAVY PACK AND 2 SMALL PACKS. CALLED FIRE MISSION, BUT RECEIVED CLEARANCE AFTER ENEMY HAD MOVED FROM THE AREA.

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251405H VIC AT875354 PATROL OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA MOVING SW ON A TRAIL. 3 ENEMY WORE KHAKIS AND THE OTHER WORE GREEN UTILITIES. ALL THE ENEMY WERE CAMOUFLAGED BY BRUSH AND LEAVES. FIRST MAN IN THE COLUMN WORE A BUSH COVER, WAS 5 FT 11 IN TALL, WEIGHED 160 LBS, AND APPEARED TO WALK LIKE A CAUCASIAN. THE PATROL COULD NOT SEE THE MANS FACE.

251415H VIC AT886355 PATROL OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING NE ON A TRAIL. 1 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND THE OTHER WORE KHAKIS. THE ENEMY ALSO HAD 2 BUSH COVERS AND 2 MARCHING PACKS. THE ENEMY MOVED THROUGH THE AREA QUICKLY AND A FIRE MISSION COULD NOT BE CALLED.

251425H VIC AT887355 PATROL OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING NE ON A TRAIL. ENEMY WERE WEARING KHAKIS, 2 NVA HELMETS AND 2 PACKS. THE ENEMY KEPT A 50 METER INTERVAL. CALLED FIRE MISSION, BUT ENEMY MOVED THROUGH THIS AREA QUICKLY AND CLEARANCE COULD NOT BE OBTAINED IN TIME.

251705H VIC AT875354 PATROL OBSERVED 10 VC/NVA MOVING NE ON A TRAIL. 7 ENEMY WERE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, 3 WORE KHAKIS AND 2 WORE PACKS, 1 ENEMY WAS ARMED WITH AN RPG. ENEMY WERE CAMOUFLAGED WITH LEAVES AND BRUSH.

251750H VIC AT886355 PATROL OBSERVED 8 VC/NVA MOVING NE ON A TRAIL. 4 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, 4 WORE KHAKI SHIRTS AND SHORTS. 3 ENEMY WORE HEAVY PACKS; 1 WORE A LIGHT PACK; AND 1 AN NVA HELMET. THERE WAS 1 UNIDENTIFIED RIFLE OBSERVED. CALLED FIRE MISSION; RECEIVED GOOD COVERAGE. RESULTS WERE 2 VC/NVA KBA.

251830H VIC AT886355 PATROL OBSERVED 10 VC/NVA MOVING NE ON A TRAIL. 7 EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND 3 WORE KHAKIS. ALL ENEMY WORE LARGE PACKS. CALLED FIRE MISSION AND RECEIVED GOOD COVERAGE. RESULTS: 2 VC/NVA KBA.

251840H-251850H VIC AT875354 PATROL OBSERVED 42 VC/NVA MOVING NE ON A TRAIL. 25 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND 17 WORE KHAKIS. THE ENEMY WERE EQUIPPED WITH 13 PACKS, 12 NVA HELMETS, 6 AK-47'S, 2 SKS'S, 1 RPD, 1 82MM MORTAR TUBE, 3 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS, 1 PISTOL, AND 3 RICE SACKS. PATROL CALLED PREPLOTTED ARTILLERY AMBUSH FOR 252000H. MISSION WAS NOT FIRED. THE REASON WAS UNKNOWN.

261135H VIC AT886355 PATROL OBSERVED 11 VC/NVA MOVING NE ON A TRAIL. THE ENEMY HAD A 20 METER INTERVAL. 8 ENEMY WORE GREEN SHIRTS AND SHORTS, 2 WORE BLACK PJ'S, AND 1 WORE KHAKIS. 7 ENEMY WERE EQUIPPED WITH HEAVY PACKS, 4 WITH LIGHT PACKS; 3 HAD NVA HELMETS; AND 1 AK-47 WAS OBSERVED. CALLED FIRE MISSION AND RECEIVED GOOD COVERAGE. RESULTS WERE UNKNOWN.

261305H VIC AT886352 PATROL OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA RUNNING NE ON A TRAIL. ALL ENEMY HAD GREEN SHIRTS, SHORTS AND HEAVY PACKS. ENEMY MOVED TOO QUICKLY FOR THE PATROL TO CALL A FIRE MISSION.

261335H VIC AT886355 PATROL OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA MOVING NE ON A TRAIL. 2 ENEMY WORE KHAKIS, 1 WORE BLACK PJ'S AND 1 WORE GREEN UTILITIES. THEY WERE EQUIPPED WITH 4 PACKS AND 1 NVA HELMET. CALLED FIRE MISSION AND RECEIVED GOOD COVERAGE. RESULTS: UNKNOWN

261535H VIC AT886352 PATROL OBSERVED 7 VC/NVA MOVING NE ON A TRAIL. ENEMY WORE KHAKI SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS. ALL ENEMY HAD LIGHT PACKS AND NVA HELMETS. CALLED FIRE MISSION, AND RECEIVED POOR COVERAGE DUE TO TIME INVOLVED IN RECEIVING CLEARANCE. RESULTS: UNKNOWN.

261620H VIC AT886355 PATROL OBSERVED 5 VC/NVA MOVING NE ON A TRAIL. 4 ENEMY WORE KHAKI SHIRTS WITH BLACK TROUSERS AND 1 WORE KHAKIS. ALL ENEMY HAD LIGHT PACKS. CALLED FIRE MISSION, RECEIVED GOOD COVERAGE RESULTING IN 1 VC/NVA KBA.

261700H VIC AT886355 PATROL OBSERVED 5 VC/NVA MOVING NE ON A TRAIL. 3 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES; 1 WORE GREEN SHIRT WITH SHORTS; AND 1 WORE KHAKIS. 3 ENEMY WORE NVA HELMETS AND 4 WORE LIGHT PACKS. CALLED FIRE MISSION, RECEIVED GOOD COVERAGE. RESULTS: 1 VC/NVA KBA.

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261720H VIC AT886355 PATROL OBSERVED 21 VC/NVA MOVING NE ON A TRAIL. 9 ENEMY WERE WEARING KHAKIS; 8 WORE GREEN UTILITIES; 2 WORE GREEN SHIRTS WITH SHORTS; AND 2 HAD ON KHAKI SHIRTS AND GREEN SHORTS. 7 ENEMY WORE NVA HELMETS; 7 CARRIED RPG LAUNCHERS, 16 HAD PACKS; AND 1 HAD A LARGE 100 LB. SACK. PATROL CALLED FIRE MISSION AND RECEIVED GOOD COVERAGE. RESULTS: 4 VC/NVA KBA.

261805H VIC AT886355 PATROL OBSERVED 47 VC/NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. 27 WORE GREEN UTILITIES; 15 WORE KHAKIS; AND 5 WORE BLACK PJ'S. ENEMY WERE EQUIPPED WITH 25 PACKS AND 15 NVA HELMETS. CALLED FIRE MISSION AND AN AERIAL OBSERVER DIRECTED AN AIR STRIKE. RESULTS: UNKNOWN. (AIR STRIKE WAS LATE DUE TO MISUNDERSTANDING WITH HEADQUARTERS OVER EMPLOYMENT OF SAME).

6. b. TERRAIN: WAS STEEP WITH A SCATTERED CANOPY OF 15-20 FEET HIGH. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 4-6 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF ELEPHANT GRASS, REEDS AND SCRUB BRUSH. MOVEMENT WAS MODERATE AND RESTRICTED TO THE RATE OF 100-300 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS SCARCE; THE PATROL DID NOT OBSERVE ANY.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ. AT869359; MULTI CH-46 SITDOWN ZONE; ABANDONED FIRE SUPPORT BASE; NO VEGETATION; BEST APPROACH FROM 180 OR 360 DEGREES.

b. EXTRACT LZ. AT883347; 1xCH-46 SITDOWN ZONE; VEGETATION WAS 3-5 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF GRASS AND SCRUB BRUSH; 2-3 SMALL FIGHTING HOLES IN ZONE; BEST APPROACH FROM 060 OR 90 DEGREES.

c. TRAILS. AT895355; APPROXIMATELY 2 FEET WIDE AND 6 INCHES DEEP; VERY HEAVILY TRAVELLED.

d. OP'S. AT876354; GOOD OBSERVATION TO THE NE, E, AND SE; IS NOT EASILY DEFENDABLE, ESPECIALLY FROM THE SURROUNDING HIGH GROUND. AT818352; EXCELLENT OBSERVATION TO THE NE, E AND S; IS NOT EASILY DEFENDABLE, ESPECIALLY FROM THE SURROUNDING HIGH GROUND.

e. COMM. COMMUNICATIONS WERE GOOD WITH "A" RELAY; COMMUNICATIONS WERE NOT GOOD WITH ASPARAGUS.

f. OBSTACLES. THERE ARE SOME AREAS THAT ARE CLEAR WITH NO COVER AND HAVE TO BE AVOIDED OR MOVED THROUGH WITH GREAT CAUTION.

g. MISC. 231145H VIC AT883347 PATROL WAS INSERTED AT THIS GRID AND EXTRACTED AT 231530H VICART880350 DUE TO 3 CASES OF HEAT EXHAUSTION AND 1 SPRAINED ANKLE. NO INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED DURING THIS INSERT.

ON FREQUENCY 37.0, PATROL HEARD VIETNAMESE VOICES SPEAKING IN ENGLISH AT VARIOUS TIMES OF THE DAY; THE VOICES SPOKE OF THE 5th MARINE REGIMENT. RECEPTION WAS POOR AND NOTHING MORE THAN A FEW WORDS AT A TIME COULD BE HEARD.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. NO DIRECT CONTACT WAS MADE BY THE PATROL; 10 VC/NVA KBA.

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL. GOOD.

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS. ARTILLERY; FAIR, POOR ADJUSTING, 300-400 METERS OFF OF TARGET. AERIAL OBSERVER; EXCELLENT. FIXED WING AIRCRAFT; EXCELLENT, CLEARENCE WAS VERY SLOW AT FIRST.

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11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. TRAIL IS PROBABLY BEING USED AT DUSK, DAWN AND DURING DARKNESS. PATROL LEADER BELIEVES THAT SATURATION PATROLLING IN THIS VICINITY MAY LEAD TO A COMPROMISE OF OUR OBSERVATION POSTS ON THIS MAIN LINE OF COMMUNICATION.

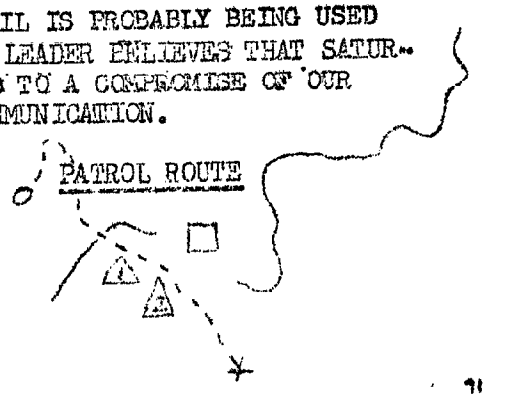
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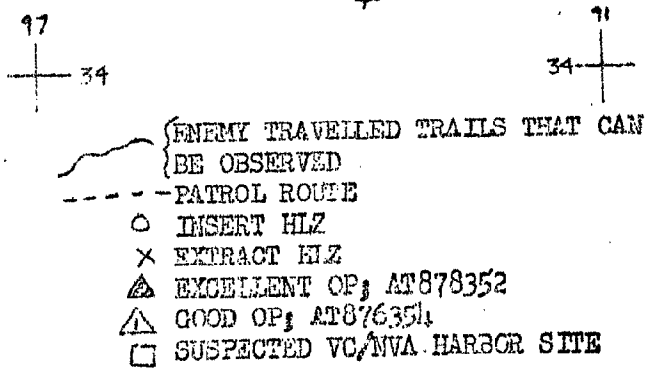
13. PATROL MEMBERS.

1STLT RITCHIE	0106820
SGT CROCKETT	2257776
LCPL BROWN	2477591
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PFC BREWER	2460995
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Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

2nd Platoon — 1stLt. Peters

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. See appropriate Area Studies, current INTSUM'S, PIR'S and S-2 briefings.

b. Friendly Forces.

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2. MISSION. Locate and establish observation post and report enemy activity over trail/stream network running from ZC160273 to ZC180296 and stream intersection ZC170284 to ZC160287. Coordinate an air and/or artillery ambush against major enemy troop movement in the operational area.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by helicopter into the assigned objective area, select observation post in vic ZC169287 and be prepared to conduct artillery registration missions.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 22 September/HLZ 469

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 26 September/HLZ 469

(3) Insertion HLZ ZC171290, extraction HLZ TBA.

(4) Operational area: Bounded by (UL) ZC1630 and (LR) ZC2027

(5) Rules of engagement set forth in reference (c) will be followed.

(6) The preparation and conduct of the patrol will be in accordance with reference (d) and supplementary verbal instructions.

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OPERATION ORDER: 294-69
PATROL: FLAKEY SNOW
DEBRIEFER: SSGT R. BOLAND
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 1 USMC OFF, 5 USMC ENL, 1 USN ENL.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S, 1 PRC'S.
   d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-79, 3 CLAYMORES, 1 CAR-15.

2. MISSION: LOCATE AND ESTABLISH AN OBSERVATION POST AND REPORT ENEMY ACTIVITY OVER TRAIL/STREAM NETWORK RUNNING FROM ZC160273 TO ZC160296, AND THE STREAM INTERSECTION AT ZC170284 TO ZC160287. COORDINATE AN AIR AND/OR ARTILLERY AMBUSH AGAINST MAJOR ENEMY TROOP MOVEMENT IN THE OPERATIONAL AREA.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 221000H/261029H SEPTEMBER 1969.

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY.

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER WITHOUT INCIDENT AND EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER 96½ HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITIES, DURING WHICH 2 GROUPS OF ENEMY WERE OBSERVED TOTALLING 15 VC/NVA. THERE WERE NO UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS. THE PATROL MADE NO CONTACTS. ONE ROUND OF ARTILLERY WAS FIRED FOR THE PATROL FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGISTERING ARTILLERY FIRE. NO OTHER SUPPORTING ARMS WERE UTILIZED. THE INSERT HLZ WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. ENEMY: 241730H VIC AT183227 THE TEAM OBSERVED 6 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. 4 OF THE ENEMY WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS AND 2 WORE BLACK PJ'S. 1 OF THE ENEMY WORE AN NVA PITH HELMET AND 4 CARRIED LIGHT MARCHING PACKS. NO WEAPONS COULD BE OBSERVED. THIS GROUP OF ENEMY WAS MOVING VERY FAST.

   250700H VIC AT183297 THE TEAM OBSERVED 9 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHWEST ON A TRAIL. 5 OF THE ENEMY WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS AND 4 WORE BLACK PJ'S. ALL OF THE ENEMY CARRIED HEAVY RUCKSACK TYPE PACKS. NO WEAPONS COULD BE OBSERVED.

   251500H WHILE THE PATROL WAS OBSERVING A FRIENDLY AIRSTRIKE, THEY OBSERVED 1 BURST OF APPROXIMATELY 10 ROUNDS OF MACHINE GUN FIRE ORIGINATING IN THE VICINITY OF ZC174303, DIRECTED AT THE AIRCRAFT. THE PATROL BELIEVES THE MACHINE GUN FIRE WAS .30 CAL., OR A SIMILAR SIZE.

   231200H VIC AT177297 THE TEAM OBSERVED 3 BUNKERS ON THE SLOPE OF A HILL. THE BUNKERS WERE 15 FEET LONG, 6 FEET WIDE AND 5 FEET DEEP. EACH BUNKER HAD A BOMB SHELTER IN THE REAR. 1 MORE BUNKER LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF ZC177293, WAS CONSTRUCTED SIMILAR TO THE BUNKERS LOCATED AN THE VICINITY OF ZC177297. ALTHOUGH THE REST OF THE AREA

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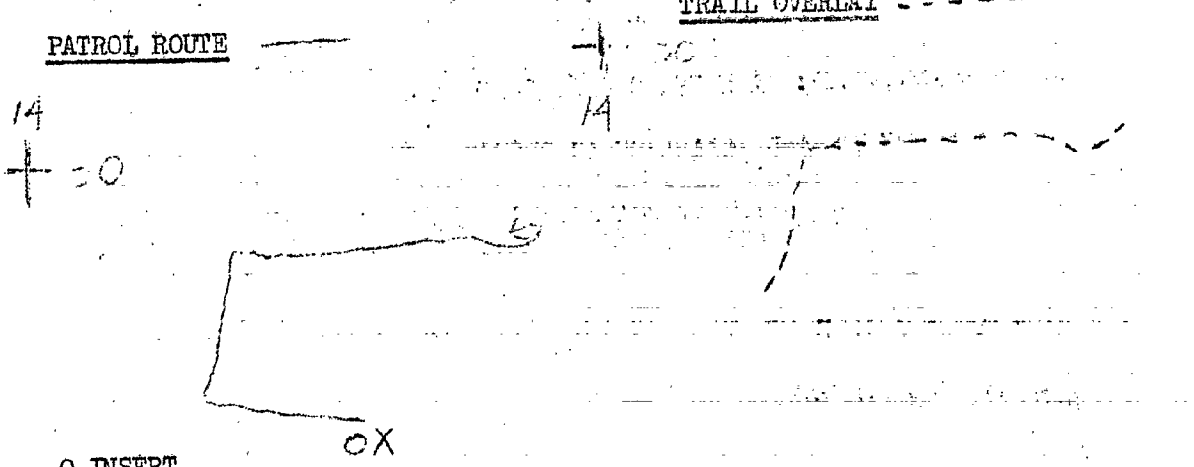
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PATROL ROUTE ——

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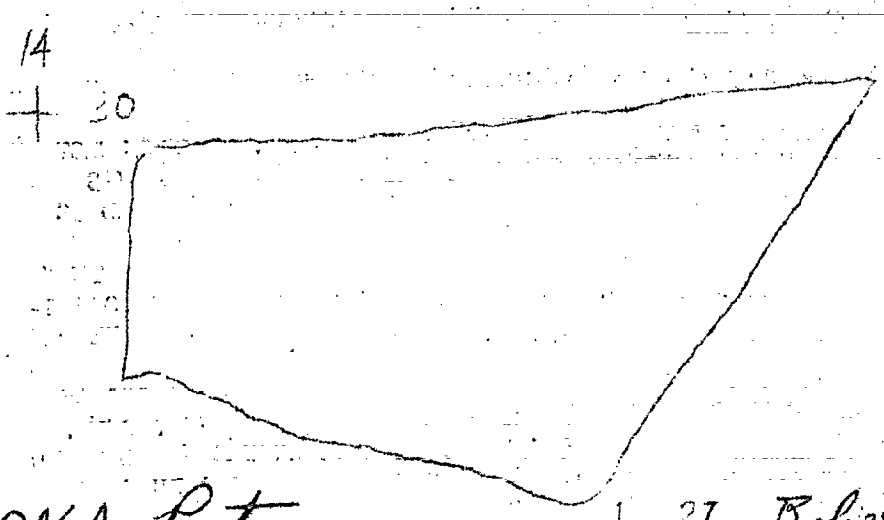


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DEFOILIATED AREA THAT COULD BE OBSERVED BY THE PATROL.



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WAS DEFOILIATED, THE BUNKERS HAD GOOD CONCEALMENT FROM AERIAL OBSERVATION.

b. TERRAIN WAS GENERALLY ROLLING HILLS WITH NO CANOPY. SECONDARY GROWTH CONSISTED OF VERY SPARSE ELEPHANT GRASS. THIS AREA WAS DEFOLIATED OVER 1 YEAR AGO. THE CANOPY HAD BEEN 20 TO 30 FEET HIGH BEFORE BEING DEFOLIATED. THE CANOPY IS STILL STANDING MINUS THE LEAVES. THE RATE OF MOVEMENT IS SLOW AT THE RATE OF 100 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER IS AVAILABLE IN THE PERENNIAL STREAM RUNNING FROM ZC145290 TO ZC170284.

CONCEALMENT IS POOR CONSISTING OF DEFOLIATED TREES. THE SURFACE OF THE GROUND IS COVERED WITH DEAD LEAVES . BRANCHES AND BAMBOO, FROM 6 INCHES TO 24 INCHES DEEP, MAKING MOVEMENT EXTREMELY NOISY. CONCEALMENT FROM THE AIR WOULD BE FAIR TO POOR. COVER IS POOR CONSISTING OF SMALL DEAD TREES. THE DEFOLIATED AREA THAT THE PATROL COULD OBSERVE IS SHOWN IN THE ATTACHED OVERLAY.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ. ZC165282; 1xCH-46; FAIR TAILGATE ZONE ON A BOMB CRATER THAT HAS A 25 DEGREE SLOPE. THE PATROL LEADER DOES NOT THINK THAT THE DIRECTION OF APPROACH OR EXIT IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN THIS ZONE.

b. EXTRACT LZ. ZC 164283; 1xCH-46; FAIR TAILGATE ZONE IN A BOMBCRATER THAT HAS A 25 DEGREE SLOPE. THE PATROL LEADER DOES NOT THINK THAT THE DIRECTION OF APPROACH OR EXIT IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN THIS ZONE.

c. TRAILS. SEE OVERLAY. TRAIL NOT USED IN APPROXIMATELY 1½ YEARS. THE TRAIL IS 1FT. WIDE.TRAILAS MARKED ON THE MAP IN THE VICINITY OF ZC179294, IS A WELL DEFINED TRAIL.

d. OPNS. ZC164283; ZC175295; ZC176296; ALL GIVE OBSERVATION OF TRAIL IN VALLEY IN THE VICINITY OF OF ZC176292 TO ZC182295.

e. COMM. GOOD WITH "A" RELAY. NO INTERFERENCE.

f. OBSTACLES. NONE.

g. MISC. NONE.

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

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: EXCELLENT.

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: IT TOOK APPROXIMATELY 1 HOUR TO REGISTER 1 ROUND.

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL LEADER RECOMMENDS THAT THIS AREA NOT BE USED FOR PATROLLING, ONLY OBSERVATION POSTS IN THE FUTURE, BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF CONCEALMENT AND THE DIFFICULTY IN MOVING WITHOUT MAKING NOISE.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

1STLT PETERS	0107002	PFC HARRINGTON	2281956
SGT AYERS	1680579	HM THOMAS	B301713
LCPL HORN	2465357	LCPL COLEMAN	2407272
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(c) 1stMarDivO P003330.2A (Rules of Engagement)
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Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

2nd Sqd. 6th Platoon — Sgt. Crockett

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. See appropriate Area Studies, current INTSUM'S, PIR'S and S-2 briefings.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) See current OPSUM'S, SITREP'S and S-3 briefings.

2. MISSION. Establish surveillance both (day and Night) over road adjacent trail networks via coordinances AT944364 to AT966362. Register artillery concentrations in the objective area and be prepared to coordinate an artillery ambush against major enemy troop movement.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by helicopter into the assigned objective area. Move over-land and select an observation post and coordinate an air/artillery ambush on enemy troop movement within a four day period.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 23 September/HLZ 469.

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 26 September/HLZ 469.

(3) Insertion HLZ AT953355, extraction HLZ TBA.

(4) Operational area: Bounded by (UL) AT9437 and (IR) AT9734.

(5) Rules of engagement set forth in reference (c) will be followed.

(6) The preparation and conduct of the patrol will be in accordance with reference (d) and supplementary verbal instructions.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. See reference (d) and other supplementary instructions.

b. Uniform and equipment carried by the patrol will be sufficient to accomplish their mission and sustain themselves for a period of four days.

c. Evacuation of POW's, detainees and Hoi Chanhs will be the subject of verbal instructions when these situations present themselves.

d. Medical. The nature of a patrol member's injury and/or illness and the enemy situation will be the determining factors influencing subsequent evacuation.

e. Special Equipment.

(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Binocular, 7x50
(3) Scope, M-49
(4) StarLight Scope

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications-Electronics

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
2ndSqd6thPlt	AT953355	RUDDER	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
"A" RELAY	AT837378	STONE PIT "A"	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
"B" RELAY	AT990250	STONE PIT "B"	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
4thBn11thMar	AT870475	ASPARAGUS	57.20
CO, 1stForReconCo	AT990709	STONE PIT	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.

b. Command.

(1) The 1st Force Reconnaissance Company Command Post (CP) is located at Hill 34 (coordinates AT990709). Patrols will execute all orders originating from the Commanding Officer or his designated representative.

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

4th Platoon — Sgt. Grimes

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. See appropriate Area Studies, current INTSUM'S, PIR'S and S-2 briefings.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) See current OPSUM'S, SITREP'S and S-3 briefings.

2. MISSION. Acquire at least one enemy soldier. Locate base camps and report enemy activity in the assigned operating area.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by helicopter into the assigned objective area. Move overland, locate and report enemy base camps and activities. Be prepared for an extraction upon completion of prisoner acquisition and/or the fourth day following insertion.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 23 September/HLZ 469.

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 26 September/HLZ 469.

(3) Insertion/Extraction HLZ. TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by (UL) AT9740 and (LR) BT0037.

(5) Rules of engagement set forth in reference (c) will be followed.

(6) The preparation and conduct of the patrol will be in accordance with reference (d) and supplementary verbal instructions.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. See reference (d) and other supplementary instructions.

b. Uniform and equipment carried by the patrol will be sufficient to accomplish their mission and sustain themselves for a period of four days.

c. Evacuation of POW's, detainees and Hoi Chanhs will be the subject of verbal instructions when these situations present themselves.

d. Medical. The nature of a patrol member's injury and/or illness and the enemy situation will be the determining factors influencing subsequent evacuation.

e. Special Equipment

(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Binocular, 7x50
(3) Camera

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications-Electronics

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
4th Platoon	AT992395	SWIFT SCOUT	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
"A" RELAY	AT837378	STONE PIT "A"	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
"B" RELAY	AT990250	STONE PIT "B"	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.
4thBn11thMar	AT870475	ASPARAGUS	57.20
CO, 1stForReconCo	AT990709	STONE PIT	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt.

b. Command.

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PATROL: SWIFT SCOUT (F-41)
DEBRIEFER: SGT M. KOZAKEWICH JR.
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 5 USMC ENL, 1 USN ENL, 2 KCS.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S, 1 7x50, 1 M-49 SCOPE, 1 35MM CAMERA, 2 PRC-93'S.
   d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-79, 1 M-45B, 1 CAR-15, 1 AK-47, 2 CLAYMORES

2. MISSION: ACQUIRE AT LEAST ON ENEMY SOLDIER. LOCATE BASE CAMPS AND REPORT ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE ASSIGNED OPERATING AREA.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 231022H/231024H

4. ROUTE: (PATROL DID NOT DISEMBARK FROM THE INSERT HELICOPTER)

5. SYNOPSIS: PATROL ATTEMPTED INSERTION BY HELICOPTER AND RECEIVED A LIGHT VOLUME OF SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM THE VICINITY OF THE LANDING ZONE. THE PATROL OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA IN THE INSERTION HLZ. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA (E). INSERT HLZ WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

   a. 231022H VIC AT992395 AS INSERTION HELICOPTER WAS SITTING DOWN IN THE LANDING ZONE IT RECEIVED A LIGHT VOLUME OF FIRE (8-15 ROUNDS) FROM THE WEST. 1 PATROL MEMBER OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA 50 METERS TO THE WEST RUNNING FROM THE ZONE. ALL ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES WITH NO COVERS. 1 ENEMY WAS ARMED WITH AN AK-47. THE HELICOPTER IMMEDIATELY LIFTED OFF ANL THE INSERTION WAS ABORTED. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA (E). NEITHER PATROL NOR HELICOPTER CREW MEMBERS RETURNED FIRE DUE TO THE SPEED IN WHICH THE HELO EXITED THE HLZ.

   b. TERRAIN: WAS ROLLING WITH A THIN CANOPY OF APPROXIMATLEY 20 FT. SECONDARY GROWTH APPEARED TO BE 3-4 FT HIGH AND CONSIST OF SCRUB AND VINES.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:
   a. INSERT LZ: AT992395, 1xCH-46 SITDOWN ZONE, VEGETATION WAS 2-3 FT GRASS, AND ZONE HAD SEVERAL BOMB CRATERS IN IT. .. (NO HINDERANCE TO LANDING). BEST APPROACH WAS FROM THE NORTHEAST.
   b. EXTRACT LZ. N/A
   c. TRAILS: NONE OBSERVED
   d. OP'S: N/A
   e. COMM: N/A
   f. OBSTACLES: N/A
   g. MISC: NONE

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. 1 USMC WIA (E)

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9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL. GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS. NONE UTILIZED

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. NONE

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER. NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS.

SGT GRIMES *	2183988	WIA
CPL STOCKHAM	2251309	
CPL BROWN	2292760	
LCPL CASTRO	2402295	
PFC THOMAS	2482431	
HM3 DOYLE	B117391	
KCS HAO	129USMC	
KCS HOA	441USMC	

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DEBRIEFER

R C Stockham
PATROL LEADER

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

1stSqd,1stPlat, Co."A", 5th ReconBn — 2NDLT. MANCINI

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. See appropriate Area Studies, current INTSUM'S, PIR'S and S-2 briefings.

b. Friendly Forces. See current OPSUM'S, SITREP'S and S-3 briefings.

2. MISSION. Locate and monitor enemy traffic over trail networks running north and south in the operating area. Examine trails for future ground surveillance anti-intrusion sights. Be prepared to provide terminal guidance 30Sep69 for Heliborne Landing Force vic AT909332.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by helicopter into the assigned objective area, establish surveillance over trails in grid squarea AT9034, AT9134 and AT9234.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 26 September/HLZ 469.

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 29 September/HLZ 469.

(3) Insertion/Extraction HLZ. TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by (UL) AT9036 and (IR) AT9332.

(5) Rules of engagement set forth in reference (c) will be followed.

(6) The preparation and conduct of the patrol will be in accordance with reference (d) and supplementary verbal instructions.

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4. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICS.

a. See reference (d) and other supplementary instructions.

b. Uniform and equipment carried by the patrol will be sufficient to accomplish their mission and sustain themselves for a period of four days.

c. Evacuation of POW's, detainees and Hoi Chanhs will be the subject of verbal instructions when these situations present themselves.

d. Medical. The nature of a patrol member's injury and/or illness and the enemy situation will be the determining factors influencing subsequent evacuation.

e. Special Equipment

(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Binocular, 7x50
(3) Camera

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications-Electronics

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
1stSqd,1stPlat,CoA,5thReconBn	AT925345	LUNCH MEAT	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
"A" RELAY	AT837378	STONE PIT "A"	37.0 Prim. 59.9 Alt
"B" RELAY	AT990250	STONE PIT "B"	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
4thBn,11thMar	AT870475	ASPARAGUS	57.20
CO, 1stForReconCo	AT990709	STONE PIT	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt.

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OPERATION ORDER: 297-69
PATROL: LUNCHMEAT
DEBRIEFER: SSGT R. BOLAND
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 1 USMC OFF, 5 USMC ENL.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC-25'S, 1 7x50'S, 1 CAMERA
   d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79, 3 CLAYMORES

2. MISSION: LOCATE AND MONITER ENEMY TRAFFIC OVER TRAIL NETWORKS RUNNING NORTH AND SOUTH IN THE OPERATING AREA. EXAMINE TRAILS FOR FUTURE GROUND SURVEILLANCE ANTI-INTRUSION SIGHTS. BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE TERMINAL GUIDANCE FOR A HELIBORNE LANDING FORCE 30SEP69 IN THE VICINITY OF AT909332.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 261013H/301203H SEPTEMBER 1969

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS ROUTINELY INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS AFTER 94 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY DURING WHICH NO ENEMY WERE OBSERVED, NO CONTACTS OCCURRED AND NO UNUSUAL OBSERVATIONS WERE MADE. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE UTILIZED AND THE INSERT ZONE WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

   a. ENEMY: 282400H VIC AT923337 THE TEAM HEARD APPROXIMATELY 10 VC/NVA MOVING WEST IN STREAM BED.

   b. TERRAIN: THE TERRAIN WAS FAIRLY STEEP, CONSISTING OF HILLS WITH MOSTLY 40-60 DEGREE SLOPES. THE CANOPY WAS 10-20 FEET HIGH; SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 6-7 FEET HIGH CONSISITNG OF VINES, ELEPHANT GRASS AND BRIARS. MOVEMENT WAS SLOW AT THE RATE OF 100 TO 200 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON TEAM. MOVEMENT WAS IMPARED BY BOTH STEEPNESS AND VEGETATION, OF WHICH VEGETATION WAS THE GREATEST HINDERANCE TO MOVEMENT. CONCEALMENT WAS VERY GOOD ON THE PATROL ROUTE. COVER WAS FAIR, CONSISTING OF LARGE ROCKS AND BOULDERS. WATER WAS FOUND IN THE PERENNIAL STREAMS SHOWN ON THE MAP AND ALSO IN A STREAM THAT SHOULD CONTAIN WATER EXCEPT DURING VERY DRY PERIODS. THE STREAM IS LOCATED IN A DRAW IN THE VICINITY OF AT928342.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

   a. INSERT LZ: AT927345; 1xCH-46; GOOD ZONE CONSISTING OF 1-2 FOOT HIGH GRASS ON FLAT GROUND. NO BEST APPROACH OR EXIT CAN BE RECOMMENDED.

   b. EXTRACT ZONE: SAME AS INSERT LZ.

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c. TRAILS. A TRAIL WHICH WAS NOT MARKED ON THE MAP WAS SIGHTED IN THE VICINITY OF AT927344 RUNNING FROM SOUTHEAST TO NORTHWEST. THE TRAIL WAS APPROXIMATELY 1 FOOT WIDE AND WORN BELOW THE SURFACE OF THE GROUND APPROXIMATELY 2 INCHES. IT HAS NOT BEEN USED IN APPROXIMATELY 1 MONTH; HOWEVER, NO VEGETATION OF SIGNIFICANCE HAD STARTED TO GROW ON THE TRAIL.

d. OP'S. NONE OBSERVED.

e. COMM. COMMUNICATIONS WERE GOOD, EXCEPT DURING RAIN. ALPHA RELAY COULD NOT RECEIVE THE PATROL'S TRANSMISSIONS DURING RAIN, BUT THE PATROL COULD HEAR ALPHA RELAY. CONTACT WAS MAINTAINED BY THE KEYING OF THE HANDSET.

f. OBSTACLES. NONE OBSERVED.

g. MISC. THE PATROL LEADER NOTES THAT THE MAP IS EXTREMELY ACCURATE IN THIS AREA.

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

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD. CPL RILEY MED(E) 291635H DUE TO BLOOD POISONING.

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THE PATROL LEADER BELIEVES THAT THIS AREA SHOULD NOT BE PATROLLED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, DUE TO THE APPEARANT LACK OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBREIFER: NO GOOD OP'S HAVE BEEN LOCATED IN THIS AREA.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

2NDLT MANCINI	0106943
CPL RILEY	2383195
LCPL GOODWIN	2439904
PFC PUCKETT	2457068
PFC MORROW	2473116
PFC MORAN	2442806

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(b) 1stMarDivO P3800.1G (Intelligence SOP)
(c) 1stMarDivO P003330.2A (Rules of Engagement)
(d) 1stReconBnO P3000.4

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

2ndSqd, 1st Plat, Co. "A" 5th ReconBn SGT. ARNENSEN

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. See appropriate Area Studies, current INTSUM'S, PIR'S and S-2 briefings.

b. Friendly Forces. See current OPSUM'S, SITREP'S and S-3 briefings.

2. MISSION. Conduct a reconnaissance of the assigned operating area. Locate base camps and report enemy activity in grid squares AT9541, AT9540 and AT9539. Monitor traffic on trail network running from vic AT954390 to AT955413.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate into the assigned objective area by helicopter. Move overland to vic AT955413 and monitor trail network south and southeast.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 26 September/HLZ 469.

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 29 September/HLZ 469.

(3) Insertion/Extraction HLZ. TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by (UL) AT9442 and (LR) AT9739.

(5) Rules of engagement set forth in reference (c) will be followed.

(6) The preparation and conduct of the patrol will be in accordance with reference (d) and supplementary verbal instructions.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. See reference (d) and other supplementary instructions.

b. Uniform and equipment carried by the patrol will be sufficient to accomplish their mission and sustain themselves for a period of four days.

c. Evacuation of POW's, detainees and Hoi Chanhs will be the subject of verbal instructions when these situations present themselves.

d. Medical. The nature of a patrol member's injury and/or illness and the enemy situation will be the determining factors influencing subsequent evacuation.

e. Special Equipment

(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Binocular, 7x50
(3) Camera

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications-Electronics

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
2dSqd,1stPlat,5thReconBn	AT953417	VESPERS BELLS	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
"A" RELAY	AT837378	STONE PIT "A"	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
"B" RELAY	AT990250	STONE PIT "B"	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
4thBn,11thMar	AT870475	ASPARAGUS	57.20
CO, 1stForReconCo	AT990709	STONE PIT	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt

b. Command. The 1st Force Reconnaissance Company Command Post (CP) is located at Hill 34 (coordinates AT990709). Patrols will execute all orders originating from the Commanding Officer or his designated representative.

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OPERATION ORDER: ~~289-69~~ 398
PATROL: VESPER BELLS (SLF)
DEBRIEFER: SSGT R. F. BOLAND
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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 6 USMC ENL
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S, 1 7x50'S
   d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-79, 3 CLAYMORES

2. MISSION: CONDUCT A RECONNAISSANCE OF THE ASSIGNED OPERATING AREA. LOCATE BASE CAMPS AND REPORT ENEMY ACTIVITY IN GRID SQUARES AT9541, AT9540, AND AT9539. MONITOR TRAFFIC ON TRAIL NETWORK RUNNING FROM VIC AT954390 TO AT955413.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 260930H/301215H SEPTEMBER 1969

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: PATROL WAS INSERTED IN ALTERNATE HLZ BY HELICOPTER WITHOUT INCIDENT AND EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS FLIP FLOPPING WITH SWIFT SCOUT AFTER 98 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITIES DURING WHICH 1 GROUP OF ENEMY WAS OBSERVED TOTALLING 4 VC/NVA. PATROL AND THE ENEMY MADE VISUAL CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER; HOWEVER NO FIRE WAS EXCHANGED. ONE BASE CAMP COMPLEX WAS OBSERVED, ONE SMALL BASE CAMP WAS ALSO OBSERVED AND ONE VENTILATION HOLE WAS FOUND WHICH WAS PROBABLY PART OF A LARGE TUNNEL COMPLEX. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE USED AND THE INSERT ZONE WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

6. OBSERVATIONS OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. ENEMY: 260920H VIC AT953418 AS THE INSERT HELICOPTER WAS APPROACHING THE PRIMARY INSERTION ZONE, THE HELICOPTER CREW CHIEF OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA ON THE HLZ. THE INSERT ON THE PRIMARY ZONE WAS ABORTED AND THE PATROL WAS INSERTED ON THE ALTERNATE ZONE WITHOUT INCIDENT.

280900H TEAM OBSERVED A SERIES OF BASE CAMPS EXTENDING APPROXIMATELY 500 TO 600 METERS ALONG A TRAIL RUNNING FROM VIC AT956417 TO AT957406. TEAM OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY 16 HUTS. THE HUTS WERE CONSTRUCTED OF SAPLINGS AND GRASS. (BAMBOO WAS NOT USED. NO BAMBOO WAS OBSERVED GROWING IN THE AREA.) HUTS WERE 10-15 FEET LONG, 6-10 FEET WIDE AND APPROXIMATELY 6 FEET HIGH. 2 SIDES OF THE HUTS DID NOT HAVE WALLS. A BASEMENT TYPE BUNKER WAS DUG UNDER THE HUTS, USUALLY WITH 2 ENTRANCES TO THE BUNKER LOCATED OUTSIDE THE HUTS. THE BUNKERS WERE 3-4 FEET DEEP. SLEEPING PALLETS WERE USUALLY FOUND IN THE BUNKERS. IN THIS BASE CAMP AREA THE TEAM ALSO OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY 13 CAVES DUG IN THE SIDES OF THE SLOPE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BASE CAMP. EACH OF THE CAVES HAD ROOM FOR 1-3 MEN.

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THESE CAVES CONTAINED SLEEPING PALLETS. THE OPENINGS OF THE CAVES HAD AWNING TYPE STRUCTURES CONSTRUCTED OF GRASS OR SHEETS OF PLASTIC. ENEMY EQUIPMENT FOUND IN THE AREA CONSISTED OF 1 CHI-COM GRENADE, 2 US TYPE BAYONETS, 1 USN MK 2 MACHETE, 1 US TYPE GRENADE POUCH, 2 AK-47 LEATHER AMMO POUCHES, 1 WITH 25 ROUNDS OF AK-47 AMMUNITION IN IT AND THE OTHER WITH 20 AK-47 ROUNDS IN IT, 1 EMPTY GUN OIL CAN, 1 US TYPE HELMET USED AS A COOKING POT, 1 BOTTLE MEDICINE (FORWARDED TO G-2), 1 SHOVEL, MANY CLOTHES, AND PONCHOS. MOST OF THE CLOTHING AND PONCHOS WERE IN THE HUTS. TEAM OBSERVED SOME RECENTLY OPENED C-RATION CANS, SOME FOOD CANS THAT APPEARED TO BE SARDINE CANS. THIS CAMP APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED AS RECENTLY AS A FEW HOURS BEFORE THE RECON PATROL ARRIVED. THE AREA AROUND THE BASE CAMP HAD BEEN BOMBED AND SHELLED BY ARTILLERY; HOWEVER THE BASE CAMP ITSELF HAD BEEN MISSED BY THE BOMBS AND SHELLS. THIS BASE CAMP AREA HAD SEVERAL BRANCHES OF STREAMS RUNNING THRU THE LENGTH OF IT AND SEVERAL SMALL PONDS WHICH FORMED A BRIEF OBSTACLE TO MOVEMENT.

281000H VIC AT957404. WHILE THE PATROL WAS STILL IN THE ENEMY BASE CAMP AREA THE TEAM OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA MOVING FROM NORTH TO SOUTH. THE ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, AND CARRIED PACKS. PATROL WAS UNABLE TO OBSERVE IF THE ENEMY CARRIED RIFLES. THE ENEMY POINT MAN WORE A BLACK BERET. ENEMY APPARENTLY SEEN PATROL AND MOVED NORTHEAST. NO FIRE WAS EXCHANGED BETWEEN THE ENEMY AND THE PATROL.

281030H VIC AT954403. TEAM OBSERVED A SMALL BASE CAMP WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN AN EXTENSION OF THE BASE CAMP SIGHTED EARLIER. THIS CAMP CONSISTED OF 1 HUT 6 FEET BY 6 FEET AND 2 BUNKERS WHICH WERE APPROXIMATELY 10 FEET BY 15 FEET. A HOLE HAD BEEN DUG INTO THE STREAMBED IN THIS VICINITY TO STORE WATER. THE BARE FOOT PRINTS OF 4 TO 5 ENEMY COULD BE OBSERVED AROUND THE WATER HOLE.

281040H VIC AT953405 TEAM OBSERVED A MAN MADE HOLE IN THE GROUND WHICH WAS APPROXIMATELY 18 INCHES IN DIAMETER AND 15 TO 20 FEET DEEP. (SEE SKETCH) PATROL LEADER COULD SEE AN OBJECT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HOLE, BUT COULD NOT DISTINGUISH WHAT IT WAS DUE TO THE BAD LIGHTING AVAILABLE. THE BOTTOM OF THE HOLE APPEARED TO BRANCH OFF IN 2 DIRECTIONS. THE HOLE WAS NEARLY VERTICAL. PATROL LEADER TRIED TO GO DOWN THE HOLE BUT IT WAS NOT WIDE ENOUGH. A FLAT ROUND ROCK WHICH WAS APPROXIMATELY 20 INCHES IN DIAMETER WAS OBSERVED NEAR THE HOLE. THIS ROCK COULD BE USED TO COVER THE HOLE WITHOUT AROUSING THE SUSPICION OF AN OBSERVER. THE PATROL CONDUCTED A BRIEF SEARCH IN THE VICINITY OF THE HOLE FOR OTHER ENTRANCES, BUT COULD NOT FIND ANY. THIS POSSIBLE VENTILATION HOLE WAS 5 METERS FROM A TRAIL.

b. TERRAIN WAS FAIRLY STEEP TO ROLLING HILLS WITH A CANOPY OF 10 TO 15 FEET. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 7-8 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF VINES, ELEPHANT GRASS, BRIARS AND SHRUB BRUSH. MOVEMENT WAS SLOW AT THE 100 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS PLENTIFUL. MANY SMALL STREAMS AND SMALL LAKES IN THE VICINITY OF AT955405. CONCEALMENT WAS CONSISTENTLY GOOD. COVER WAS FAIR CONSISTING OF TREES, LARGE ROCKS AND BOULDERS.

7. OTHER INFORMATION.

a. INSERT LZ. AT939418 1xCH-46 GOOD ZONE. ON FLAT GROUND CONSISTING OF ELEPHANT GRASS AND SHRUBS.

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b. EXTRACT LZ. AT955400. 1xCH-46 GOOD ZONE ON FLAT TERRAIN, CONSISTING OF ELEPHANT GRASS AND SHRUBS. BOMB CRATERS WERE IN THIS VICINITY.

c. TRAILS. IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATE AT954403 IS A NETWORK OF TRAILS 1 TO 2 FEET WIDE AND APPEAR TO BE USED DAILY.

d. OP'S. AT957400 PROVIDES OBSERVATION TO THE EAST, SOUTH, AND THE WEST, BUT NO TRAILS CAN BE OBSERVED FROM THIS POSITION. TO OBSERVE TRAILS IN THIS AREA A PATROL MUST MOVE CLOSE TO THE TRAIL ACCORDING TO THIS PATROL LEADER.

e. COMM. COMM WAS GENERALLY POOR WITH ALFA AND BRAVO RELAY WHEN PATROL WAS IN LOW GROUND. COMM WAS USUALLY GOOD ON HIGH GROUND IF NO CANOPY WAS PRESENT. COMM WAS BAD ON HIGH GROUND UNDER A CANOPY. DURING THE NIGHT OF THE 28TH OF SEPTEMBER THE PATROL COULD NOT RECEIVE OR TRANSMIT WITH ALFA OR BRAVO; BUT COULD TRANSMIT TO AND RECEIVE STONE PIT 3 GOOD. DURING THE NIGHTS OF THE 28TH AND 29TH OF SEPTEMBER PATROL HEARD A HUMMING SOUND AND A HIGH PITCHED WHISTLE ON THEIR RADIO'S. PATROL EXPERIENCE A INSIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF VN INTERFERENCE.

f. OBSTACLES: IN VIC AT955405 SMALL LAKES ARE AN OBSTACLE TO MOVEMENT.

g. MISC. 1 PATROL MEMBER LOST HIS PERSONAL CAMERA ON THE EXTRACT LZ.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTER WITH THE ENEMY. NONE

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL. GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS. N/A

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. PATROL LEADER BELIEVES BASE CAMP AREA THE PATROL OBSERVED HAS LIVING SPACES FOR APPROXIMATELY 2 COMPANIES OF VC/NVA. PATROL LEADER BELIEVES THAT THE BASE CAMP OBSERVED IS MORE EXTENSIVE THEN THE PATROL WAS ABLE TO OBSERVE.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER. NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS.

SGT ARNESEN	2205707
CPL SCHUPP	2474211
LCPL HERRON	2463778
LCPL TOPPING	2494474
LCPL STEPHENS	2429163
LCPL WARREN	2463778

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PATROL LEADER

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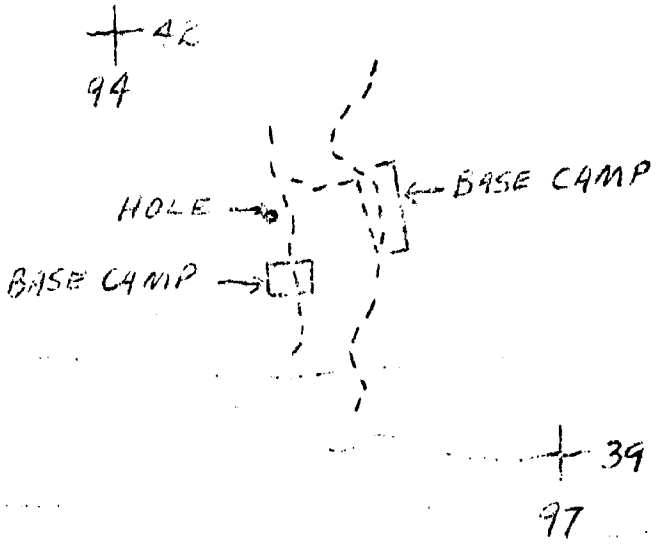
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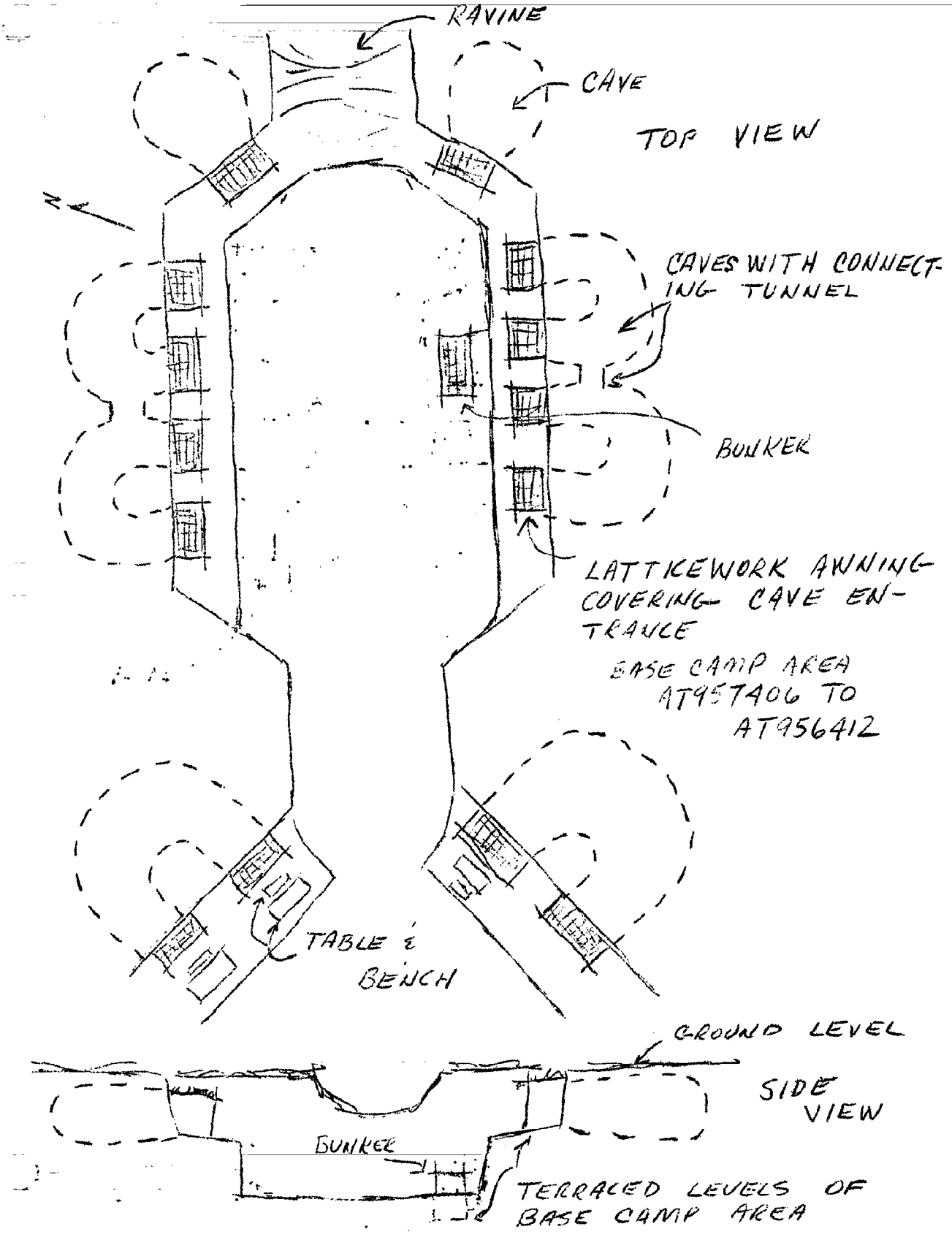
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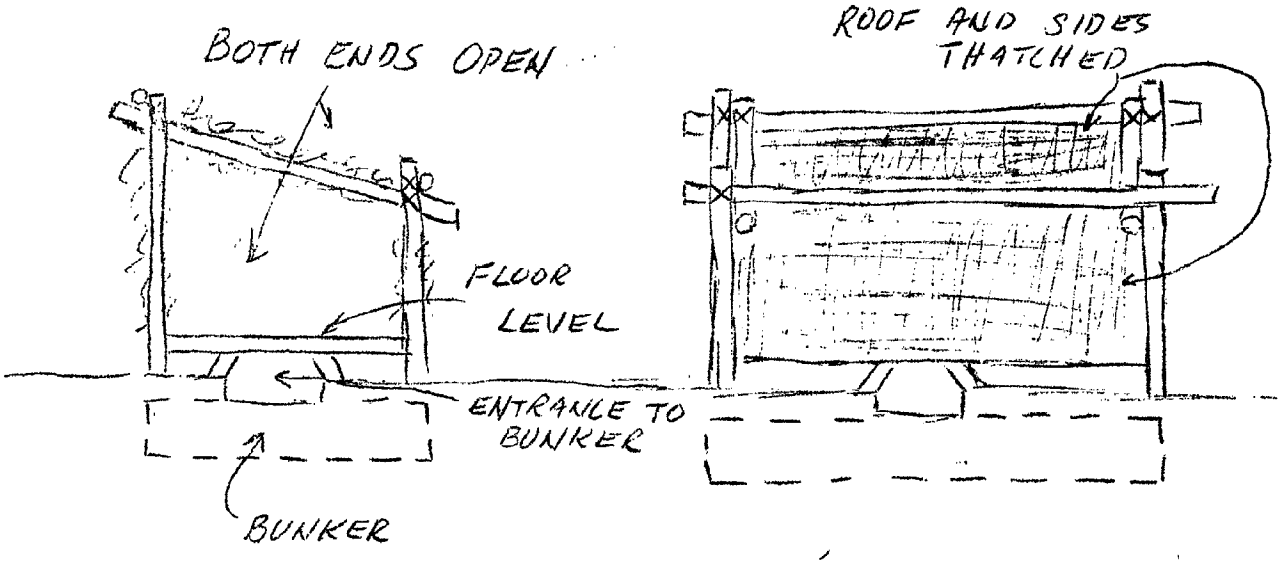
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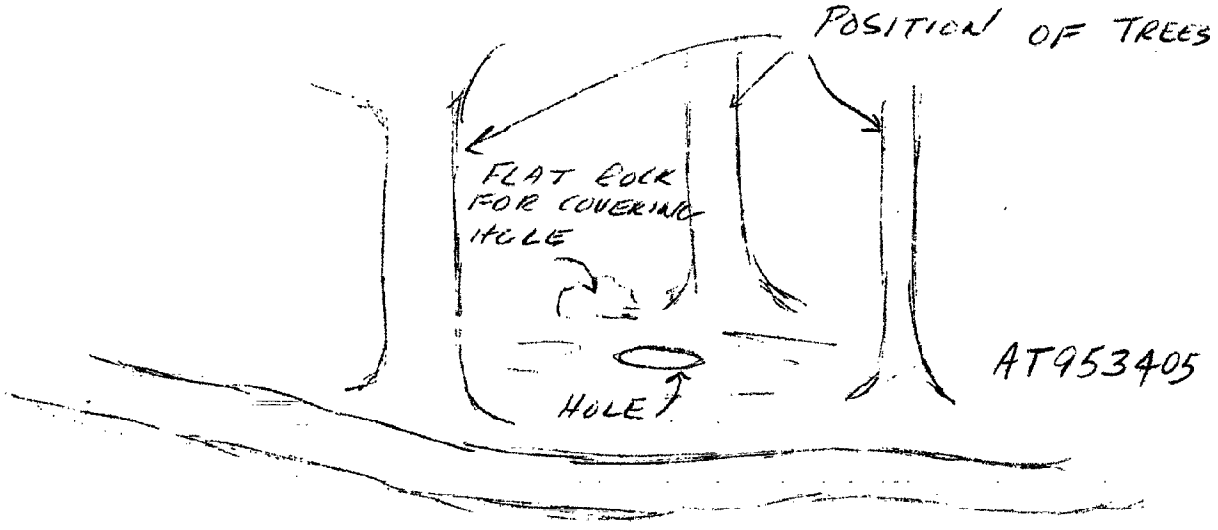
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LAYOUT OF HUTS



16 HUTS 100-150 METERS NORTH OF CAVE COMPLEX AREA; HUTS RAN ALONG TRAIL.

THESE DRAWINGS ARE NOT DONE TO SCALE. THE BASE CAMP AREA WAS SPREAD OUT OVER AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 600 METERS, LEAVING A LARGER SPACE BETWEEN HUTS AND CAVE ENTRANCES; BUT THIS IS THE BASIC LAYOUT OF THE BASE CAMP AREA.



HEAVY UNDERBRUSH ALONG TRAIL, BUT HOLE CAN BE SEEN FROM TRAIL.

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

2ndSqd, 3rd Plat, Co "A" 5th ReconBn SGT. BACHA

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. See appropriate area studies, current INTSUM'S, PIR'S and S-2 briefings.

b. Friendly Forces. See current OPSUM'S, SITREP'S and S-3 briefings.

2. MISSION. Monitor enemy traffic over trail networks running northwest to southeast in the operating area. Examine trails for future ground surveillance anti-intrusion sights.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by helicopter into the assigned objective area, establish observation over trail networks running from AT920312 to AT937306 and AT933314 to AT944306 and AT938323 to AT950319.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 26 September/HLZ 469.

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 30 September/HLZ 469.

(3) Insertion/Extraction HLZ. TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by (UL) AT9233 and (IR) AT9530.

(5) Rules of engagement set forth in reference (c) will be followed.

(6) The preparation and conduct of the patrol will be in accordance with reference (d) and supplementary verbal instructions.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. See reference (d) and other supplementary instructions.

b. Uniform and equipment carried by the patrol will be sufficient to accomplish their mission and sustain themselves for a period of five days.

c. Evacuation of POW's, detainees and Hoi Chanhs will be the subject of verbal instructions when these situations present themselves.

d. Medical. The nature of a patrol member's injury and/or illness and the enemy situation will be the determining factors influencing subsequent evacuation.

e. Special Equipment

(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Binocular, 7x50
(3) Camera

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications-Electronics

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 7 USMC ENL., 1 USN ENL.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S, 1 7x50'S
   d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-14, 1 M-79, 2 CLAYMORES

2. MISSION: MONITOR ENEMY TRAFFIC OVER TRAIL NETWORKS RUNNING NORTHWEST TO SOUTHEAST IN THE OPERATING AREA. EXAMINE TRAILS FOR FUTURE GROUND SURVEILLANCE ANTI-INTRUSION SIGHTS.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 261045H/301145H

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER ROUTINELY AND EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER 97 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY DURING WHICH NO ENEMY WERE OBSERVED. THERE WERE NO UNUSUAL OBSERVATIONS AND THE PATROL MADE NO CONTACTS. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE UTILIZED. THE INSERT HLZ WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

   a. ENEMY: 281930H VIC AT955312 (APPROXIMATE) PATROL OBSERVED SEVERAL LIGHTS THAT SEEMED TO BE SIGNALING EACH OTHER. THESE LIGHTS BLINKED AT IRREGULAR INTERVALS THAT RESEMBLED MORSE CODE. AT 282400 ARTILLERY HIT THIS AREA AND LIGHTS WERE EXTINGUISHED.

   b. TERRAIN: VERY STEEP IF MOVING OFF RIDGELINES. THERE WAS NO CANOPY. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 2-3 FT HIGH CONSISTING OF SCRUB AND GRASS. MOVEMENT WAS EASY AND PATROL COULD COVER 800 METERS AN HOUR MOVING CLANDESTINELY. WATER WAS PLENTIFUL OFF THE RIDGELINE BUT MOVEMENT TO IT IS DIFFICULT. IN THIS AREA CONCEALMENT WAS POOR.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

   a. INSERT LZ: AT933330, 1xCH-46, GOOD SITDOWN ZONE, ZONE WAS COVERED BY 3-4 FT SCRUB AND LOW STUMPS. THE BEST APPROACH WAS FROM THE SOUTH.
   b. EXTRACT LZ: AT942310, 1xCH-46, GOOD SITDOWN ZONE, VEGETATED BY LOW GRASS WITH 4-5 FT SHRUBS WITH SCATTERED ROCKS, THE BEST APPROACH TO THE ZONE IS FROM THE SOUTH AND SETTLE INTO THE ZONE WITH THE HELO NOSE POINTING EAST.
   c. TRAILS. NONE FOUND
   d. OP'S. AT AT942312, GOOD OP, WITH OBSERVATION, TO THE SE AND E, OF VALLEY AT AT 953[illegible] OP IS NOT VERY DEFENDABLE BUT DOES HAVE GOOD COVER.
   e. COMM: POOR WITH STONE PIT "A" AND "B".
   f. OBSTACLES: NONE ENCOUNTERED
   g. MISC.: MAP CORRECTION: STREAM FROM AT943327 RUNS SE TO MARKED STREAM AT AT955310.

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

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: NONE USED

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THERE IS NO NEED FOR ANY OTHER PATROLS TO WORK OVER THIS AREA. RIDGELINE CAN BE OBSERVED BY FRIENDLY FORCES ON SEVERAL OF THE FIRE BASES IN THE VICINITY.

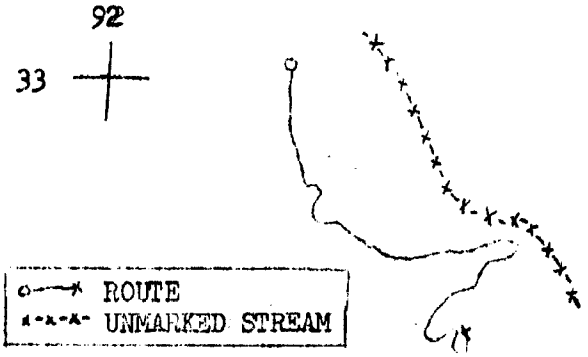
12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

SGT BACHTA	2051749
CPL KOONTZ	2369585
CPL GERBIG	2454030
CPL GIFFORD	2464050
LCPL GIBERSON	2458873
PFC SIMPSON	2521506
PVT JOHNSON	2279552
HN MCNAMARA	B614720

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(b) 1stMarDivO P3800.1G (Intelligence SOP)
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(d) 1stReconBn P3000.4

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

5th Platoon — SGT MOOREMAN

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. See appropriate area studies, current INTSUM'S, PIR'S and S-2 briefings.

b. Friendly Forces. See current OPSUM'S, SITREP'S and S-3 briefings.

2. MISSION. Conduct a helicopter landing area survey vic AT946345 and provide initial terminal guidance for helicopterborne landing force.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by helicopter into the assigned objective area. Move overland to AT946345 (FSB RYDER). Conduct a thorough reconnaissance of the area and submit a HELAS report ASAP the morning of 30 September 1969.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 291800H September/HLZ 469.

(2) Date/Place of Return. 30 September/HLZ 469.

(3) Insertion HLZ AT947346, alternate AT952355 and extract HLZ TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by (UL) AT9336 and (LR) AT9633

(5) Rules of engagement set forth in reference (c) will be followed.

(6) The preparation and conduct of the patrol will be in accordance with reference (d) and supplementary verbal instructions.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. See reference (d) and other supplementary instructions.

b. Uniform and equipment carried by the patrol will be sufficient to accomplish their mission and sustain themselves for a period of 24 hours.

c. Evacuation of POW's, detainees and Hoi Chanhs will be the subject of verbal instructions when these situations present themselves.

d. Medical. The nature of a patrol member's injury and/or illness and the enemy situation will be the determining factors influencing subsequent evacuation.

e. Special Equipment

(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Binocular, 7x50

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications-Electronics

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
5th Platoon	AT946345	GRIM REAPER	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
"A" RELAY	AT837378	STONE PIT "A"	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
"B" RELAY	AT990250	STONE PIT "B"	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
1stReconBn, 11thMar	AT870475	ASPARAGUS	57.20
CO, 1stForReconCo	AT990709	STONE PIT	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt

Note: High Base Frequency: 96.40
Low Base Frequency: 23.10

b. Command. The 1st Force Reconnaissance Company Command Post (CP) is located at Hill 34 (coordinates AT990709). Patrols will execute all orders originating from the Commanding Officer or his designated representative.

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DEBRIEFER: SGT M KOZAKEWICH JR
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 8 USMC ENL
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S, 1 7x50'S, 1 STARLITE SCOPE.
   d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-14, 1 M-79, 1 M-60, 8 CLAYMORES

2. MISSION: CONDUCT A HELICOPTER AREA SURVEY NLT AT946345 AND PROVIDE INITIAL TERMINAL GUIDANCE FOR HELICOPTERBORNE LANDING FORCE.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 291745H/300807H

4. ROUTE: NOT APPLICABLE (PATROL DID NOT MOVE OVER 100 METERS)

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER ROUTINELY AND EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER 15 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY DURING WHICH NO ENEMY WERE SIGHTED. THERE WERE NO UNUSUAL OBSERVATIONS AND NO CONTACTS. INSERT HLZ WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT. MISSION OF PROVIDING INITIAL TERMINAL GUIDENCE FOR A HELICOPTERBORNE LANDING FORCE WAS ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

6. OBSERVATIONS OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

   a. ENEMY: NONE

   b. TERRAIN: WAS GENERALLY STEEP WITH A CANOPY OF 10-15 FEET. SECONDARY GROWTH CONSISTED OF SHRUBS AND VINES AND WAS 3-6 FT HIGH. PATROL DID NOT EXPERIANCE MOVEMENT IN THE HEAVY UNDERGROWTH ON THE SIDES OF THE FIRE SUPPORT BASE, BUT PATROL LEADER ESTIMATES MOVEMENT WOULD BE DIFFICULT AT THE RATE OF 100 METERS AN HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS NON-EXISTANT ON THE HILLTOP ITSELF.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

   a. INSERT HLZ: AT950344, 1xCH-46, GOOD SITDOWN ZONE, FLAT AND CLEARED. NO OBSTACLES. BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE EAST.
   b. EXTRACT HLZ: AT949345, 1xCH-46, GOOD SITDOWN ZONE, FLAT AND CLEARED, VERY DUSTY. BEST APPROACH TO ZONE IS FROM THE EAST.
   c. TRAILS: NONE OBSERVED
   d. OP'S: NONE USED
   e. COMM: GOOD COMMUNICATIONS WITH STONE PIT "A"
   f. OBSTACLES: NONE ENCOUNTERED

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7. OTHER INFORMATION (CONT)

g. MISC: HELICOPTER LANDING AREA SURVEY; SECTION 2: THE LANDING AREA DESCRIPTION. LANDING WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY H/3/11.

a. SIZE: 4xCH-46

b. SURFACE MATERIALS: SMALL ROCKS AND 2-3 FT SHRUBS.

c. BREAKS OR INTERRUPTIONS: TRENCHES SURROUND EACH 1 HELO LANDING POINT.

d. OBSTACLES: BARBED WIRE AND ENGINEERING STAKES ON THE EDGES OF THE ZONE.

e. SLOPES: ZONE SLOPES APPROXIMATELY 4° TO THE NORTH.

f. VEGETATION: GRASS 1-3 FT HIGH

g. LOCAL USE: NONE

h. CULTURAL FEATURES: NONE

i. DESCRIPTION OF ADJACENT TERRAIN: SW, S, AND N STEEP W/DENSE FOLIAGE. 20-40 FT CANOPY. TO EAST IS LOW GRASS AND SHRUBS.

j. EXITS: TO EAST AND SOUTH

k. SURFACE WINDS: 3-5 KNOTS FROM THE NW.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: NONE USED

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL LEADER RECOMMENDS THAT THIS TYPE MISSION ALWAYS BE INSERTED AT 1800,. EARLIER INSERTION ONLY LEAVES THE PATROL MORE VULNERABLE BECAUSE IT GIVES THE ENEMY TIME TO MOVE TO THIS AREA BEFORE DARKNESS; THEREFORE COMPROMISING LANDING FORCE WHEN THEY ARE INSERTED.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

SGT MOORMAN	1994159
LCPL HUCKSTEP	2458910
LCPL MAGRI	2478633
PFC LAMBERT	2463827
CPL SMITH	2447061
PFC HEITMAN	2515389
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Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

2ndSqd, 6th Platoon SGT CROCKETT

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. See appropriate area studies, current INTSUM'S, PIR'S and S-2 briefings.

b. Friendly Forces. See current OPSUM'S, SITREP'S and S-3 briefings.

2. MISSION. Conduct a helicopter landing area survey vic AT871358 and provide initial terminal guidance for helicopterborne landing force.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by helicopter into the assigned objective area. Move overland to AT871358. Conduct a thorough reconnaissance of the area and submit a HELAS report ASAP the morning of 30 September 1969.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 301800H September/HLZ 469.

(2) Date/Place of Return. 01 October/HLZ 469.

(3) Insertion HLZ AT872358, extraction HLZ TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by (UL) AT8637 and (LR) AT8934.

(5) Rules of engagement set forth in reference (c) will be followed.

(6) The preparation and conduct of the patrol will be in accordance with reference (d) and supplementary verbal instructions.

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c. Evacuation of POW's, detainees and Hoi Chanhs will be the subject of verbal instructions when these situations present themselves.

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e. Special Equipment

(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Binocular, 7x50

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications-Electronics

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
2dSqd,6th Platoon	AT871358	RUDDER	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
"A" RELAY	AT837378	STONE PIT "A"	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
"B" RELAY	AT990250	STONE PIT "B"	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
4thBn,11thMar	AT870475	ASPARAGUS	57.20
CO, 1stForReconCo	AT990709	STONE PIT	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt

Note: High Base Frequency: 96.40
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Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

2ndSqd, 6th Platoon — SGT CROCKETT

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. See appropriate area studies, current INTSUM'S, PIR'S and S-2 briefings.

b. Friendly Forces. See current OPSUM'S, SITREP'S and S-3 briefings.

2. MISSION. Monitor enemy traffic over trail networks running from AT872353 east to AT890360. On order, be conduct an artillery ambush on targets of opportunity.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by helicopter into the assigned objective area. Move overland to a vantage point and monitor trail running from AT872353 to AT890360 and report enemy activity. Coordinate with artillery for fire mission capability on enemy targets. Routine extract by helicopter.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 2 October/HLZ 469.

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 6 October/HLZ 469.

(3) Insertion HLZ vic AT879350 and extraction HLZ TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) AT8637 and (LR) AT8934.

(5) Rules of engagement set forth in reference (c) will be followed.

(6) The preparation and conduct of the patrol will be in accordance with reference (d) and supplementary verbal instructions.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. See reference (d) and other supplementary instructions.

b. Uniform and equipment carried by the patrol will be sufficient to accomplish their mission and sustain themselves for a period of five days.

c. Evacuation of POW's, detainees and Hoi Chanhs will be the subject of verbal instructions when these situations present themselves.

d. Medical. The nature of a patrol member's injury and/or illness and the enemy situation will be the determining factors influencing subsequent evacuation.

e. Special Equipment

(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
(2) Binocular, 7x50

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications-Electronics

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FRQUENCY
2dSqd, 6th Platoon	AT879350	RUDDER	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
"A" RELAY	AT837378	STONE PIT "A"	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
"B" RELAY	AT990250	STONE PIT "B"	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
7thMar, FSCC	BT135455	BAD ACTOR	71.65Prim 68.45Alt
CO, 1stForReconCo	AT990709	STONE PIT	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt

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FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP #244-69 010000H TO 012400H SEPTEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) RECON TMS THERE ARE (2) TMS OPER AT (2) LOCATIONS IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (4) (SLF) RECON TMS THERE IS (1) TM OPER AT (1) LOCATION IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

A. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

B. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

C. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

(1) F-62 TRAILER PARK

(2) A-22 ELF SKIN (SLF)

(3) A-31 MOOSE PEAK (SLF)

(4) A-32 RECLINE (SLF)

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E. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

I. REASON INSERTIONS/EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

TMS NOT INSERTED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.

F. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 2 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-62 TRAILER PARK HAVEN UL-ZC2128 LR-AT8235 VIC AT8032[illegible]

(2) A-22 ELF SKIN (SLF) HAVEN UL-AT8429 LR-AT882[illegible] VIC AT8[illegible]289

(3) A-31 MOOSE PEAK (SLF) HAVEN UL-AT8434 LR-AT883[illegible] VIC AT879315

(4) A-32 RECLINE (SLF) HAVEN UL-AT9444 LR-AT974[illegible] VIC AT9[illegible]359

G. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 2 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-31 MINK COAT ZC206306

(2) F-51 SAIL FISH AT946388

3. (1) LOC OF OPEN RECON TMS AS OF 012400H

(1) RADIO RELAY CHERRY JAM "A" AT837378

(2) RADIO RELAY CHERRY JAM "B" AT990250

(3) RADIO RELAY CHERRY JAM "C" AT997463

(4) F-31 MINK COAT ZC206304

(5) F-51 SAIL FISH AT942388

(6) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT892351

4. (1) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (1) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

(1) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 011500H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (5) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES, BUSH HATS AND HELMETS. EN CARRIED (3) AK-47'S AND (5) PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

(2) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 011520H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (1) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES, BUSH HATS AND

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HELMETS. EN CARRIED (3) AK-47'S AND (5) PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

(3) F-3J MINK COAT AT 011645H VIC ZC206315. TM OBSR (8) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE COOLIE HATS AND PONCHOS. EN CARRIED (1) LIGHT MACHINE GUN, (4) AK-47'S AND (3) OTHER RIFLES OF UNK TYPE. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

(4) F-3J MINK COAT AT 011745H VIC ZC206315. TM OBSR (7) VC MOVING NE DOWN THE TRAIL. EN WORE BLACK PJ'S AND CARRIED HEAVY PACKS. EN WAS MOVING VERY QUICKLY. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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1. (C) OF (7) RECON TMS THERE ARE NO TMS OPER IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (4) (SIF) RECON TMS THERE IS (1) TM OPER AT (1) LOCATION IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

A. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

B. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) [illegible] AT 021730H VIC AT944384

(2) [illegible] AT 021815 VIC [illegible]

C. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

(1) F-62 TRAILER PARK

(2) A-22 ELF SKIN (SIF)

(3) A-31 MOOSE PEAK (SIF)

(4) A-32 [illegible] (SIF)

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D. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

E. REASON INSERTIONS/EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

TMS NOT INSERTED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.

F. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 03 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-62 TRAILER PARK HAVEN UL-ZC2128 LR-AT8225 VIC AT803274

(2) A-22 ELF SKIN (SLF) HAVEN UL-AT8429 LR-AT8826 VIC AT864289

(3) A-31 MOOSE PEAK (SLF) HAVEN UL-AT8434 LR-AT8831 VIC AT879315

(4) A-32 RECLINE (SLF) HAVEN UL-AT9444 LR-AT9741 VIC AT973439

G. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 03 SEPTEMBER 69

NONE

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 022400H

(1) RADIO RELAY CHERRY JAM "A" AT837378

(2) RADIO RELAY CHERRY JAM "B" AT990250

(3) RADIO RELAY CHERRY JAM "C" AT997463

(4) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT892352

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

(1) F-31 MINK COAT AT 020700H VIC ZC207314. TM OBSR (19) VC MOVING W ON TRAIL. EN WORE DARK CLOTHING. TM COULD NOT OBSR EQUIPMENT DUE TO POOR VISIBILITY. NO ACTION TAKEN.

(2) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 020755H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (14) NVA MOVING SW ON TRAIL. EN WORE GRAY AND GREEN UTILITIES AND CARRIED (14) PACKS AND (14) RIFLES. NO ACTION TAKEN.

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[redacted] (SLF) AT 020810H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (20) NVA MOVING SW ON TRAIL. EN WORE GRAY AND GREEN UTILITIES AND CARRIED HEAVY PACKS AND PONCHOS. NO ACTION TAKEN.

(4) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 020915H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (20) NVA MOVING SW ON TRAIL. EN WORE PONCHOS AND CARRIED HEAVY PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN.

(5) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 021200H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (11) NVA, (6) WOMEN AND (6) CHILDREN AGES (14) TO (16) MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND CARRIED PACKS AND RIFLES. NO ACTION TAKEN.

(6) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 021340H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (5) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND (3) BUSH HATS AND CARRIED (2) RIFLES AND (5) PACKS. (1) EN APPEARED TO BE AT LEAST A HEAD TALLER THAN THE OTHERS. COULD NOT IDENTIFY DUE TO POOR VISIBILITY AND DISTANCE. NO ACTION TAKEN.

(7) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 021350H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (9) NVA AND (1) WOMAN MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND CARRIED (9) RIFLES AND (1) HELMET. NO ACTION TAKEN.

(8) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 021415H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (10) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND BUSH HATS AND CARRIED (4) RIFLES AND (10) PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN.

(9) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 021420H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (14) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND PONCHOS AND CARRIED (6) RIFLES, (1) TRIPOD, (2) MORTAR TUBES AND (14) PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN.

(10) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 021535H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (30) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES, BUSH HATS, PONCHOS AND CARRIED (17) RIFLES AND [redacted] TAKEN.

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(11) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 021615H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (11) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES, PONCHOS, BUSH HATS AND CARRIED (5) RIFLES AND (11) PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN.

(12) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 021635H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (15) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND PONCHOS. EN CARRIED (15) PACKS, (10) AK-47'S, (1) MORTAR BIPOD AND (1) MORTAR TUBE, BELEIVED TO BE AN 82MM MORTAR. NO ACTION TAKEN.

(13) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 021700H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (10) NVA AND (1) MALE CAUCASIAN MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND PONCHOS. THE CAUCASIAN WORE AN AUSTRALIAN BUSH HAT AND HAD HIS SLEEVES ROLLED UP. HE WAS APPROX (6) FT TALL. THE CAUCASIAN CARRIED A PACK AND (1) RIFLE AT SLING ARMS. THE NVA CARRIED (10) PACKS AND (6) RIFLES. NO ACTION TAKEN.

(14) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 021755H VIC AT866355. TM OBSR (33) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND CARRIED (32) PACKS, (30) RIFLES, AND (1) MORTAR TUBE WHICH APPEARED TO BE AN 82MM MORTAR. NO ACTION TAKEN.

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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TO: [illegible]

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

III MAF FOR COC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP #246-69 030001H TO 032400H SEPTEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) RECON TMS THERE ARE NO TMS OPER IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (4) (SLF) RECON TMS THERE IS (1) TM OPER AT (1) LOCATION IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

A. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

B. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

C. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

(1) F-62 TRAILER PARK

(2) A-22 ELF SKIN (SLF)

(3) A-31 MOOSE PEAK (SLF)

(4) A-32 RECLINE (SLF)

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D. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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E. REASON INSERTIONS/EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

TMS NOT INSERTED DUE TO NON-AVAILIBILITY OF HELS.

F. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 4 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-62 TRAILER PARK HAVEN UL-ZC2128 LR-AT8225 VIC AT803274

(2) A-22 ELF SKIN (SLF) HAVEN UL-AT8429 LR-AT8826 VIC AT864289

(3) A-31 MOOSE PEAK (SLF) HAVEN UL-AT8434 LR-AT8831 VIC AT879345

(4) A-32 RECLINE (SLF) HAVEN UL-AT8[illegible]2 LR-AT8[illegible]29 VIC AT8[illegible]

G. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 4 SEPTEMBER 69

NONE

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 032400H

(1) RADIO RELAY CHERRY JAM "A" AT837378

(2) RADIO RELAY CHERRY JAM "B" AT990250

(3) RADIO RELAY CHERRY JAM "C" AT997463

(4) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT892352

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

(1) (LATE ENTRY) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 021810H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (30) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND BUSH HATS AND CARRIED (20) RIFLES, (1) BASE PLATE, (1) MORTAR TUBE WHICH APPEARED TO BE AN 82MM MORTAR, (2) MACHINE GUNS AND (30) PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO AN (8) SECOND OBSERVATION WINDOW ON TRAIL.

(2) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 030700H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (11) NVA MOVING SW ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND BUSH HATS AND CARRIED (11) RIFLES AND (11) PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN [illegible]

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(8) [illegible] OBSERVATION WINDOW ON TRAIL.

(3) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 030755H VIC AT898364. TM OBSR (4) VC MOVING E ACROSS RICE PADDIES. EN WORE BROWN PJ'S AND CARRIED (4) PACKS. EN WERE LEADING WATER BUFFALO. NW MOVED OUT OF VIEW BEFORE ACTION COULD BE TAKEN.

(4) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 030835H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (15) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND BUSH HATS AND CARRIED (5) RIFLES, (4) PACKS AND BUSHES AND POLES. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO AN (8) SECOND OBSERVATION WINDOW ON TRAIL.

(5) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 030945H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (2) NVA MOVING E ACROSS RICE PADDIES. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND CARRIED (2) HEAVY PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO AN (8) SECOND OBSERVATION WINDOW ON TRAIL.

(6) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 030955H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (3) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND (1) BUSH HAT AND CARRIED (2) RIFLES, (1) PITH HELMET, (1) STEEL HELMET AND (3) PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO AN (8) SECOND OBSERVATION WINDOW ON TRAIL.

(7) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 030955H VIC AT9013O4. TM OBSR (3) NVA MOVING NE ACROSS RICE PADDIES. EN WORE GRAY AND GREEN UTILITIES AND CARRIED (3) PACKS. EN STARTED RUNNING WHEN FIXED WING [illegible] NO ACTION TAKEN.

(8) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 031035H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (7) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND CARRIED (5) RIFLES, (7) PACKS, AND (7) STEEL HELMETS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO AN (8) SECOND OBSERVATION WINDOW ON TRAIL.

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(9) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 031115H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (4) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND CARRIED (2) RIFLES, (4) STEEL HELMETS AND (4) PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO AN (8) SECOND OBSERVATION WINDOW ON TRAIL.

(10) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 031200H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (18) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND BLACK PJ'S AND CARRIED (17) RIFLES, (11) PACKS AND (10) HELMETS. EN USED BUSHES AS C MOUFLAGE. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO AN (8) SECOND OBSERVATION WINDOW ON TRAIL.

(11) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 031240H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (5) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND BLACK PJ'S AND CARRIED (2) RIFLES, (5) PACKS AND (2) STEEL HELMETS. EN USED BUSHES AS CAMOUFLAGE. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO AN (8) SECOND OBSERVATION WINDOW ON TRAIL.

(12) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 031530H VIC AT880352. TM HEARD NUMEROUS VOICES ON TRAIL. TM CALLED FIRE MISSION ON VOICES AND SUSPECTED WAY STATION. IT TOOK (45) MINUTES TO GET MISSION CLEARED, GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGET. RESULTS: UNK.

(13) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 031700H VIC AT886357. TM OBSR (1) NVA WALKING INTO VILLAGE. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND CARRIED (1) HEAVY PACK. NO ACTION TAKEN.

(14) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 031740H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (62) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES. EN CARRIED (32) RIFLES (AK-47'S & SKS'S), (24) EN WERE EACH CARRYING (1) HEAVY BLACK TUBE (5) FT LONG AND (6) IN. IN DIAMETER AND (9) EN WERE CARRYING 82MM MORTAR TUBES. THEY WERE ALL IN ONE GROUP. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO AN (8) SECOND OBSERVATION WINDOW ON TRAIL.

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(15) A-2-1 100TH (SLF) AT 031823H VIC AT886355. TM O.SR (8) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND BLACK PJ'S. EN CARRIED (8) PACKS, (3) NVA HEIMETS, (4) RIFLES, TYPE UNK, AND SEVERAL OF THE EN WERE CARRYING BRANCHES AND TWIGS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO AN (8) SECOND OBSERVATION WINDOW ON TRAIL.

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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CG FIRST MAW

CG AMERICAL DIV

CG FIRST AIR DIV

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

III MAF FOR COC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP #247-69 040001H TO 042400H SEPTEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) RECON TMS THERE IS (1) RECON TM OPER AT (1) LOCATION IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (4) (SLF) REGON TMS THERE ARE (4) TMS OPER AT (4) LOCATIONS IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

A. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-62 TRAILER PARK HAVEN UL-ZC2128 LR-AT8225 VIC AT803274

(2) A-22 ELF SKIN (SLF) HAVEN UL-AT8429 LR-AT8826 VIC AT864289

(3) A-31 MOOSE PEAK (SLF) HAVEN UL-AT8434 LR-AT8831 VIC AT879315

(4) A-32 RECLINE (SLF) HAVEN UL-AT9442 LR-AT9439 VIC ~~AT879469~~ AT919419

B. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

C. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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E. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

F. REASON INSERTIONS/EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

N/A

F. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 5 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT HAVEN UL-AT8737 LR-AT9034 VIC AT893355

G. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 5 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) A-21 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) VIC AT893355

3. (3) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 042400H

(1) RADIO RELAY CHERRY JAM "A" AT837378

(2) RADIO RELAY CHERRY JAM "B" AT990250

(3) RADIO RELAY CHERRY JAM "C" AT997463

(4) F-62 TRAILER PARK AT803274

(5) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT890354

(6) A-22 ELF SKIT (SLF) AT864282

(7) A-31 MOOSE PEAK (SLF) AT879321

(8) A-32 RECLINE (SLF) AT921419

4. (1) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (3) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

(1) (LATE ENTRY) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 031845H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (40) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND CARRIED (30) RIFLES AND (10) HELMETS. TM CALLED FM BUT EN MOVED OUT OF SIGHT BEFORE FM CLEARED.

(2) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 040725H VIC AT886360. TM OBSR (2) NVA ENTER A GROUP OF (4) HUTS. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND CARRIED (2) RIFLES AND (2) PACKS. TM CALLED FM AND DESTROYED (1) HUT.

(3) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 040825H VIC AT88[illegible]

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[redacted] ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND BLACK PJ'S AND CARRIED (2) RIFLES AND (23) HEAVY PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO AN (8) SECOND OBSERVATION WINDOW ON TRAIL.

(4) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 041015H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (2) NVA MOVING S ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN AND GRAY UTILITIES AND CARRIED (1) RIFLE AND (1) PACK. NO ACTION TAKEN.

(5) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 041030H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (22) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND BLACK PJ'S AND CARRIED (9) RIFLES, (22) HELMETS AND (22) PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO AN (8) SECOND OBSERVATION WINDOW ON TRAIL.

(6) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 041040H VIC AT903374. TM OBSR (2) NVA MOVING NE IN TREELINE. EN WORE CAMOUFLAGE UTILITIES AND SUN HATS AND CARRIED (2) RIFLES AND (2) PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN.

(7) A-22 EIF SKIN (SLF) AT 041230H VIC AT864286. TM FOUND FOX HOLES MEASURING (2) FT WIDE, (4) FT LONG AND (3) FT DEEP RUNNING N TO S ON TRAIL. TRAIL NOT USED IN SEVERAL WEEKS.

(8) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 041245H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (26) NVA AND (1) WOMAN MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GRAY AND GREEN UTILITIES AND CARRIED (16) RIFLES, (17) HELMETS, (1) TRIPOD AND (26) PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO AN (8) SECOND OBSERVATION WINDOW ON TRAIL.

(9) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 041240H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (1) NVA MOVING S ON TRAIL. EN WORE GRAY UTILITIES. NO ACTION TAKEN.

(10) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 041435H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (9) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE (7) GREEN UTILITIES AND (2) BLACK PJ'S AND CARRIED (7) RIFLES, (4) HELMETS AND (9) PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO AN (8) SECOND OBSERVATION WINDOW ON TRAIL.

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(1) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 041530H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (14) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND BUSH HATS AND CARRIED (5) RIFLES AND (13) PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO AN (8) SECOND OBSERVATION WINDOW ON TRAIL.

(2) A-21 YOUTH (SLF) AT 041615H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (17) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND BUSH HATS. EN CARRIED (8) PACKS, (9) BUNDLES OF LEAVES AND (2) BAMBOO POLES APPROX (15) TO (20) FT LONG. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO AN (8) SECOND OBSERVATION WINDOW ON TRAIL.

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

III MAF FOR COC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP #248-69 050001H TO 052400H SEPTEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) RECON TMS THERE ARE (2) TMS OPER AT (2) LOCATIONS IN THE FIRT MAR DIV TACR. OF (4) (SLF) RECON TMS THERE ARE (3) TMS OPER AT (3) LOCATIONS IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TACR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

A. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-4L SWIFT SCOUT AT 051025H HAVEN UL-AT8737 IR-AT9034 VIC AT890355

B. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "C" AT 050945H VIC AT997463

(2) A-21 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) AT 051025H VIC AT890355

C. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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D. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

E. REASON INSERTIONS/EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

N/A

F. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 6 SEPTEMBER 69

NONE

G. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 6 SEPTEMBER 69

NONE

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 052400H

(1) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

(2) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

(3) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT892348

(4) F-62 RUDDER AT793272

(5) A-22 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT866288

(6) A-31 RABBIT HUTCH (SLF) AT859319

(7) A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) AT907414

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

(1) A-22 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT 051000H VIC AT863278. TM FOUND (1) OLD BASE CAMP ON FLAT SIDE OF HILL. BASE CAMP WAS SEVERAL WEEKS OLD. BASE CAMP HAD (7) SMALL HUTS AND A TRENCH LINE (4) FT DEEP, (3) FT WIDE AND (3) FT LONG.

(2) A-22 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT 051000H VIC AT863278. TM OBSR (3) VC MOVING SW. EN WERE WALKING TOWARD STREAM. DUE TO VEGETATION, TM WAS UNABLE TO OBSR UNIFORM. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

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[redacted] SELLS (SLF) AT 051400H VIC AT065278. TM MADE UNAVOIDABLE CONTACT WITH (8) TO (10) NVA MOVING SW DOWN TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND BOOTS. EN CARRIED AK-47'S, PACKS AND PITH HELMETS. TM UTILIZED (5) AO'S AND (2) FLIGHTS OF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT. TM BROKE CONTACT AND CONTINUED THEIR MISSION.

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

III MAF FOR COC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP #249-69 060001H TO 062400H SEPTEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) RECON TMS THERE ARE (2) TMS OPER AT (2) LOCATIONS IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (4) (SLF) RECON TMS THERE ARE (3) TMS OPER AT (3) LOCATIONS IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

A. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

B. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

C. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

D. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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E. REASON INSERTIONS/EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

N/A

F. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 7 SEPTEMBER 69

NONE

G. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 7 SEPTEMBER 69

NONE

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 062400H

(1) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

(2) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

(3) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT886346

(4) F-62 RUDDER AT794272

(5) A-22 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT870278

(6) A-31 RABBIT HUTCH (SLF) AT865329

(7) A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) AT896417

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

(1) F-62 RUDDER AT 061220H VIC ZC217254. TM HEARD [illegible] GROUP OF PEOPLE TALKING AND (3) BURSTS OF AW FIRE. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

(2) F-62 RUDDER AT 061335H VIC ZC211267. TM FOUND EN BASE CAMP WITH (1) LARGE HUT AND UNK AMOUNTS OF SMALL LEAN-TOS. CAMP WAS CAPABLE OF HOLDING (20) TO (30) PEOPLE. NO ACTION TAKEN.

(3) F-62 RUDDER AT 061550H VIC ZC214267. TM HEARD (1) SINGLE SHOT FIRE FROM VALLEY. NO ACTION TAKEN.

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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TO: CG III MAF

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

III MAF FOR COC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP #250 69 070001H TO 072400H SEPTEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) RECON TMS THERE ARE (2) TMS OPER AT (2) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TACR. OF (4) (SLF) RECON TMS THERE ARE (3) TMS OPER AT (3) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TACR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

A. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

B. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

C. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

D. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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E. REASON INSERTION/EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED

N/A

F. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 8 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-31 RECORD HAVEN UL-AT8229 LR-AT8626 VIC AT855274

(2) F-51 GRIM REAPER HAVEN UL-AT8335 LR-AT8632 VIC AT848324

(3) F-61 REPORT CARD HAVEN UL-AT8335 LR-AT8632 VIC AT848324

(4) A-21 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) HAVEN UL-AT9042 LR-AT9439 VIC AT930407

G. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 8 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-62 RUDDER VIC AT796276

(2) A-22 VESPER BELLS (SLF) VIC AT855274

(3) A-31 RABBIT HUTCH (SLF) VIC AT848324

(4) A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) VIC AT883406

3. (C) LOSS OF RECON TMS AS OF 072400H

(1) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

(2) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

(3) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT878363

(4) F-62 RUDDER AT796276

(5) A-22 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT859273

(6) A-31 RABBIT HUTCH (SLF) AT858324

(7) A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) AT833408

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

(1) A-22 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT 070815H VIC AT868277. TM FOUND (6) FIGHTING HOLES ON A SMALL FINGER. FIGHTING HOLES WERE (2) FT BY (4) FT BY (3) FT DEEP. FIGHTING HOLES HAVE NOT BEEN SEEN IN SEVERAL MONTHS.

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(2) A-22 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT 071045H VIC AT866274. TM FOUND (1) [illegible] TO (4) FT WIDE RUNNING E AND W.

(3) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 071145H VIC AT866355. TM OBSR (12) NVA MOVING N ALONG TRAIL. EN WORE BLACK PJ'S, KHAKIS, AND GRAY UTILITIES AND CARRIED HEAVY PACKS. EN WALKED WITH GOOD INTERVAL AND VERY SLOW AND CAUTIOUSLY. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO AN (8) SECOND OBSERVATION WINDOW ON TRAIL.

(4) A-22 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT 071150H VIC AT865274. TM FOUND (1) LARGE FIGHTING HOLE BETWEEN (2) TRAILS. FIGHTING HOLE WAS (5) FT BY (8) FT BY (4) FT DEEP.

(5) A-22 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT 071250H VIC AT865274. TM FOUND SMALL HOLES (25) METERS W OF [illegible] FIGHTING HOLE AT VIC AT865274. HOLES WERE LINED WITH WOOD AND WERE (4) IN. BY (4) IN. AND (15) IN. DEEP.

(6) A-22 VESPER BELLS (SIF) AT 071255H VIC AT865274. TM FOUND (3) SMALL HOLES (2) IN. IN DIAMETER. THE HOLES WERE BELIEVED TO BE AIR HOLES.

(7) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 071215H TO 071245H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (28) EN MOVING N. (23) EN WERE VC AND WORE BLACK PJ'S, (5) EN WERE NVA AND WORE KHAKIS. EN CARRIED LARGE GRAY PACKS AND (1) NVA CARRIED (1) RIFLE. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

(8) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 071300H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (4) NVA AND (8) VC MOVING N. NVA WORE KHAKIS AND VC WORE BLACK PJ'S. ALL HAD HEAVY PACKS AND (1) EN CARRIED (1) 122MM ROCKET LAUNCHER. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

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(9) F-4J SWIFT SCOUT AT 0714O'H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (1) VC WEARING BLACK PJ'S AND (1) NVA WEARING A GRAY UNIFORM AND CARRYING AN SKS RIFLE AND A HEAVY PACK. BOTH ENEMY WERE MOVING N. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP #251-69 080000H TO 082400H SEPTEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) RECON TMS THERE ARE (2) TMS OPER AT (2) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (4) (SLF) RECON TMS THERE IS (1) TM OPER AT (1) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

A. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-31 RECORD AT 081230H HAVEN UL-AT6229 LR-AT8626 VIC AT860270

B. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) A-22 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT 081230H VIC AT860270

(2) A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) AT 081255H VIC AT863406

(3) F-62 RUDDER AT 081330H VIC AT796276

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C. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

(1) A-21 LUNCH MEAT (SLF)

(2) F-51 GRIM REAPER

(3) F-61 REPORT CARD

D. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

(1) A-31 RABBIT HUTCH (SLF)

E. REASON INSERTIONS/EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

(1) A-31 RABBIT HUTCH (SLF) EXTENDED (1) DAY

(2) A-21 LUNCH MEAT (SLF), F-51 GRIM REAPER AND F-62 REPORT CARD WERE NOT INSERTED BY DIRECTION OF ~~MISSIONS TERMINATED TO BE AN OFFENSIVE BY A NEGATIVE UNAUTHORIZED BY~~ HIGHER HDQS.

F. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 9 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-51 GRIM REAPER HAVEN UL AT8433 IA AT67[illegible] VIC AT848323

G. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 9 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) A-31 RABBIT HUTCH (SLF) VIC AT848323

3. (C) LOC OF OPFOR RECON TMS AS OF 082400H

(1) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

(2) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

(3) A-31 RABBIT HUTCH (SLF) AT848322

(4) F-11 SWIFT SCOUT AT881350

(5) F-31 RECORD AT853273

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

(1) (LATE ENTRY) A-31 RABBIT HUTCH (SLF) AT 071445H VIC AT855327

TM MADE UNAVOIDABLE CONTACT WITH (8) TO (10) [illegible] ON TRAIL. EN WORE KHAKIS AND CARRIED RIFLES, (1) RIFLE [illegible] M-16. RESULTS [illegible]

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(2) (LATE ENTRY) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 071537H VIC AT886355 TM OBSR (1) NVA AND (7) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. NVA WORE KHAKIS AND VC WORE BLACK PJ'S. EN CARRIED LARGE GRAY PACKS AND (3) RIFLES. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

(3) (LATE ENTRY) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 071600H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (1) NVA AND (5) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. NVA WORE A GRAY SHIRT AND BLACK TROUSERS AND THE VC WORE BLACK PJ'S. EN CARRIED (5) GRAY PACKS, (1) GREEN PACK AND (3) RIFLES. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

(4) (LATE ENTRY) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 071609H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (6) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE BLACK PJ'S AND PITH HELMETS. EN CARRIED LARGE GRAY PACKS. (1) PACK APPEARED TO BE VERY HEAVY. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

(5) (LATE ENTRY) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 071617H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (2) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE BLACK PJ'S AND PITH HELMETS. EN CARRIED (2) LARGE PACKS, (1) RPD AND (1) RIFLE. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

(6) (LATE ENTRY) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 071640H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (4) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE (1) PITH HELMET AND BLACK PJ'S. EN CARRIED LARGE PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

(7) (LATE ENTRY) F-62 RUDDER AT 071615H VIC AT803257. TM OBSR (2) NVA MOVING E ON TRAIL. EN WORE KHAKI SHIRTS, BLACK SHORTS AND HELMETS. EN CARRIED HEAVY PACKS AND (1) RIFLE. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

(8) (LATE ENTRY) F-62 RUDDER AT 071645H VIC AT793254. TM OBSR (2) VC MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE BLACK PJ'S AND HELMETS. EN CARRIED HEAVY PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

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(9) (LATE ENTRY) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 071709H VIC AT886355 TM OBSR (3) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE BLACK PJ'S AND CARRIED (2) GRAY PACKS, (1) GREEN PACK AND (1) RIFLE. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

(10) (LATE ENTRY) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 071730H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (7) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE BLACK PJ'S AND PITH HELMETS. EN CARRIED KHAKI COLORED PACKS AND (1) RIFLE. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

(11) (LATE ENTRY) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 071735H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (1) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE MIXED CLOTHING AND CARRIED (1) HEAVY PACK. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

(12) (LATE ENTRY) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 071740 VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (1) NVA AND (3) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. NVA WORE KHAKIS AND VC WORE BLACK PJ'S AND MIXED UNIFORMS. EN CARRIED (1) BLACK PACK, (2) KHAKI COLORED PACKS AND (1) GREEN PACK. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

(13) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 080635H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (12) VC MOVING S ON TRAIL. EN WORE BLACK PJ'S AND CARRIED HEAVY PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

(14) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 080720H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (4) VC MOVING S ON TRAIL. EN WORE BLACK PJ'S. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

(15) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 081035H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (3) NVA AND (4) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. NVA WORE GRAY UTILITIES AND MIXED UNIFORMS, VC WORE BLACK PJ'S. EN CARRIED HEAVY PACKS AND MOVED AT A DOUBLE TIME. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

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(15) F-4E SWIFT SCOUT AT 081037H VIC AT886355. TM OBS (3) NVA MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE MIXED UNIFORMS AND CARRIED (2) KHAKI PACKS AND (1) GREEN PACK. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP #252-69 090001H TO 092400H SEPTEMBER 69 (C)

1. (C) OF (7) RECON TMS THERE ARE (3) TMS OPER AT (1) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (4) (SLF) RECON TMS THERE ARE NO TMS OPER IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

A. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-51 GRIM REAPER AT 091345H HAVEN UL-AT8433 LR-AT8830 VIC AT883313

B. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) A-31 RABBIT HUTCH (SLF) AT 091535H VIC AT8483

C. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

D. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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REASON FOR ACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

N/A

F. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 10 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-61 REPORT CARD HAVEN UL-AT8737 LR-AT9038 VIC AT880350

G. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 10 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT VIC AT880350

3. (C) LOC OF RECON TMS AS OF 092400H

A. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

B. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

C. F-31 RECORD AT842268

D. F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT879359

E. F-51 GRIM REAPER AT879309

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. ~~(C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS~~

~~(1) (LATE ENTRY) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 081210H VIC AT886355. TM~~ OBSR (4) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE BLACK PJ'S. EN CARRIED (1) GRAY PACK, (2) KHAKI PACKS AND (1) GREEN PONCHO. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

(2) (LATE ENTRY) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 081212H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (1) NVA MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND CARRIED A KHAKI PACK. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

(3) (LATE ENTRY) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 081245H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (10) NVA AND (6) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. NVA WORE RAINSUITS AND (5) HELMETS. VC WORE BLACK PJ'S. EN CARRIED (16) GRAY PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

(4) (LATE ENTRY) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 081250H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR ~~(33) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. (14) EN WORE~~

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5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS
(1) (LATE ENTRY) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT FROM 060210H UNTIL
060190H OBS 155 VC/NVA MVG N VIC AT886355. EN CARRIED
& / 122MM ROCKS, WORE MIXED UNIFORMS. CARRIED HEAVY PACKS,
AND 14 RIFLES. OBS 7 EN MVG S DURING SAME TIME PERIOD AT SAME
LOCATION.
(2) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 090625H TO 090700H VIC AT886355. TM 08SR
(55) VC MOVING S ON TRAIL. EN WORE (26) BLACK PJ'S, (15)
GREEN SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS, (10) KHAKI SHIRTS AND BLACK
TROUSERS, (40) RAINSUITS, (7) PITH HELMETS AND (12) COOLIE
HATS. EN CARRIED (10) KHAKI PACKS, (5) GREEN PACKS AND (5)
GRAY PACKS. TM COULD NOT POSE ANY RIFLES BECAUSE OF A LOW
CLOUD COVERING WHICH LIMITED THEIR VISIBILTY. NO ACTION TAKEN
DUE TO PROXIMITTY OF TM.
(3) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 090800H VIC AT886355. TM 08SR (27) VC
MOVING S ON TRAIL. EN WORE (15) PONCHOS, (2) RAINCOATS AND

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(2) (4:30 PM) 1 SWIFT SCOUT AT [illegible] VIC AT [illegible]. OBSR (4) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE BLACK PJ'S AND (4) [illegible] NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF EN.

(3) 1-H SWIFT SCOUT AT 090645H VIC AT8860355. EN OBSR (31) VC MOVING S ON TRAIL. EN WORE (28) BLACK PJ'S, (15) GREEN SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS, (10) KHAKI GREEN AND BLACK TROUSERS, (30) RAINSUITS, (7) PITH HELMETS AND (2) COOLIE HATS. EN CARRIED (10) GRAY PACKS, (5) KHAKI PACKS AND (5) GRAY PACKS. EN COULD NOT DETER ANY RIFLES BECAUSE OF A LOW (FOG) OVERCAST WHICH LIMITED THEIR VISIBILITY. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF EN.

(4) 1-H SWIFT SCOUT AT 090800H VIC AT8863855. EN OBSR (27) VC MOVING S ON TRAIL. EN WORE (16) PONCHOS, (2) PITH HELMETS AND (5) COOLIE HATS. EN CARRIED (2) PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF EN.

(5) 1-H SWIFT SCOUT AT 090940H VIC AT866855. EN OBSR (3) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE (3) BLUE PONCHOS AND CARRIED (3) PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF EN.

(6) 1-H SWIFT SCOUT AT 091115H VIC AT886355. EN OBSR (21) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE (7) RAINSUITS, (1) KHAKI UNIFORM, (5) GREEN SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS, (4) GREEN UNIFORMS, (2) BLACK PJ'S, (1) PITH HELMET AND (1) COOLIE HAT. EN CARRIED (1) CLOTH PACKS, (5) KHAKI PACKS AND (5) GRAY PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF EN.

(7) 1-H RANGER BIRD (SLY) AT 091127H VIC AT8863[illegible]. EN MADE CONTACT WITH (5) NVA STANDING AROUND (1) RPG-2 AND (5) FORCED THEM TO USE CAMOUFLAGE UTILITIES AND BAD RIFLES. EN BROKE CONTACT AND MOVED TO HLZ FOR EXTRACTION. RESULTS: N.K.

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(7) [illegible] RECORD AT CP 5461 VIC AT8/6267. TM MADE CONTACT WITH (2) MALE VC AND (1) FEMALE MOVING NE ON TRAIL. ALL WORE BLACK PJ'S. (1) MALE CARRIED A AK-47. BOTH MALES CARRIED PACKS AND FEMALE HAD A HAMMOCK AND RICE. A SAMPLE OF RICE WAS OBTAINED. THE FEMALE WIA POW, (1½) HRS LATER DIED OF WOUNDS. TM UTILIZED AO TO BREAK CONTACT.

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP #253-69 100000H TO 102400H SEPTEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) RECON TMS THERE ARE (3) TMS OPER AT (3) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (4) (SLF) RECON TMS THERE ARE NO TMS OPER IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-6L REPORT CARL AT 100830H HAVEN UL-AT8737 LR-AT9034 VIC AT880350

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-4L SWIFT SCOUT AT 100830H VIC AT880350

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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(LATE ENTRY) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 091430H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (10) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE (3) KHAKI UNIFORMS, (5) BLACK PJ'S AND (2) MIXED UNIFORMS CONSISTING OF GREEN SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS. EN CARRIED (10) PACKS, (1) (7) FT POLE, AND (1) LARGE ROCKET TUBE (5) FT LONG AND (5) INCHES IN DIAMETER. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

(LATE ENTRY) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 091442H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (4) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE MIXED UNIFORMS CONSISTING OF KHAKI SHIRTS AND GREEN TROUSERS. EN CARRIED BUNDLES OF CHOPPED WOOD (2½) FT WIDE AND (2) FT IN DIAMETER. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

(LATE ENTRY) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 091540H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (4) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE (3) GREEN UTILITIES AND (1) KHAKI UTILITIES. EN CARRIED (3) KHAKI PACKS AND (1) GREEN PACK. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

(LATE ENTRY) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 091717H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (6) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE (1) BLACK PJ, (1) GREEN UTILITIES AND (4) MIXED UNIFORMS CONSISTING OF GREEN SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS. EN CARRIED (6) PACKS AND (2) RIFLES. FIRST EN AND LAST EN CARRIED RIFLES. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

(LATE ENTRY) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 091725H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (2) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE (1) KHAKI UNIFORM AND (1) MIXED UNIFORM CONSISTING OF GREEN SHIRT AND BLACK TROUSERS. EN CARRIED (1) KHAKI PACK, (1) GREEN PACK AND (2) RIFLES. EN CARRIED RIFLES AT SLING ARMS WITH BARRELS POINTING DOWN. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

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g. (LATE ENTRY) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT091715H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (26) MALE AND (18) FEMALE VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. FEMALE VC WORE BLACK DRESSES, (6) MALE VC WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, (5) MALE VC WORE BLACK PJ'S AND (15) MALE VC WORE MIXED UNIFORMS CONSISTING OF GREEN SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS AND KHAKI SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS. EN CARRIED (30) GRAY PACKS, (7) KHAKI PACKS AND (7) GREEN PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

h. (LATE ENTRY) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 091815H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (41) MALE AND (8) FEMALE VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. FEMALE VC WORE BLACK DRESSES, (10) MALE VC WORE BLACK PJ'S, (3) MALE VC WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, (28) MALE VC WORE MIXED UNIFORMS CONSISTING OF GREEN SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS AND KHAKI SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS AND (12) WORE PITH HELMETS. EN CARRIED (7) RIFLES, (9) KHAKI PACKS AND (40) CAMOUFLAGED PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

i. F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 100645H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (153) VC MOVING S ON TRAIL. EN WORE (98) BLACK PJ'S, (26) KHAKI SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS, (30) GREEN SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS, (1) GREEN UTILITIES AND (1) COOLIE HAT. EN CARRIED (129) KHAKI PACKS, (7) PACKS CAMOUFLAGED WITH BRANCHES, (10) GREEN PACKS, (8) RIFLES, AND (2) EN CARRIED (1) EN IN A HAMMOCK ON A POLE. TM OBSR (2) ROUND OBJECTS, (1) WAS OBLONG (28) INCHES BY (40) INCHES AND (1) WAS ROUND (32) INCHES IN DIAMETER. THE EN IN GREEN UTILITIES DIDN'T CARRY ANY GEAR. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

j. F-61 REPORT CARD AT 100925H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (1) NVA MOVING S ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES, BOOTS AND PITH HELMET. EN CARRIED A GREEN PACK CAMOUFLAGED WITH LEAVES. NO

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MOVED NNE SLOWLY AND STOPPED OFTEN TO OBSR AREA. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

2. F-61 REPORT CARD AT 101130H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (10) NVA MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE (10) GREEN UTILITIES, (11) BLACK PJ'S, (5) KHAKI UNIFORMS, (6) GRAY UNIFORMS, (9) MIXED UNIFORMS CONSISTING OF GREEN SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS AND (5) PITH HELMETS. EN CARRIED (28) PACKS, (2) AK-47'S, (1) 82MM MORTAR BASE PLATE AND (1) SET OF RAIN GEAR. THE PACKS APPEARED TO BE EMPTY. EN WERE DOUBLE TIMING DOWN THE TRAIL. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

3. F-61 REPORT CARD AT 101155H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (7) NVA MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE (1) KHAKI UNIFORM, (2) GREEN UNIFORMS, (1) BLACK UNIFORM AND (3) MIXED UNIFORMS CONSISTING OF KHAKI SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS. EN CARRIED (6) PACKS AND (1) EN CARRIED A BROWN CYLINDER (2) FT LONG AND (4) INCHES IN DIAMETER. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

4. F-61 REPORT CARD AT 101300H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (2) NVA MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE (1) BLACK UNIFORM AND (1) GRAY UNIFORM. EN CARRIED (2) PACK AND (1) CARTRIDGE BELT. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

5. F-61 REPORT CARD AT 101320H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (45) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE (17) KHAKI UNIFORMS, (2) GRAY UNIFORMS, (6) MIXED UNIFORMS CONSISTING OF GREEN SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS, (2) BLUE UNIFORMS, (10) BLACK PJ'S AND (8) GREEN UTILITIES. EN CARRIED (42) PACKS, (24) PITH HELMETS, (2) RIFLES, (1) CARTRIDGE BELT AND (3) PISTOL. THE FIRST (30) PACKS WERE CAMOUFLAGED WITH LEAVES. THE LAST (2) EN LEFT TRAIL VIC AT886353. BELIEVED TO BE A BASE CAMP.

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NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

E. F-51 GRIM REAPER AT 101330H TO 101355H VIC AT874307. TM OBSR (73) VC MOVING SE ON TRAIL. EN WORE (10) GREEN UTILITIES, (35) MIXED UNIFORMS CONSISTING OF KHAKI SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS AND GREEN SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS AND (42) PITH HELMETS. EN CARRIED (26) AK-47'S, (15) SKS'S, (1) HEAVY MG, (1) LIGHT MG, (2) 82MM MORTAR TUBES, (.) RADIO, (42) PACKS, AND (4) ROCKETS (5) FT LONG WHICH WERE SILVER IN COLOR AND CONED SHAPED. (3) EN APPEARED TO HAVE MORTAR RDS IN THEIR PACKS. (2) EN APPEARED TO BE TRAIL GUARDS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

D. F-61 REPORT CARD AT 101505H TO 101510H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (6) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE (1) KHAKI UNIFORM, (1) GRAY UNIFORM, (4) BLACK PJ'S, (1) PITH HELMET AND (1) COONIE HAT. EN CARRIED (4) PACKS AND (1) METAL CYLINDER (5) FT LONG AND (6) INCHES IN DIAMETER. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

C. F-61 REPORT CARD AT 101530H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (4) NVA AND (3) FEMALE VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. NVA WORE (3) GREEN UNIFORMS AND (1) GRAY UNIFORM. FEMALE VC WORE BLUE SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS. EN CARRIED (7) PACKS, (3) HELMETS, (1) BROWN CYLINDER (2) FT LONG AND (4) INCHES IN DIAMETER AND (3) BUNDLES OF STICKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

B. F-61 REPORT CARD AT 101600H TO 101610H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (8) NVA AND (2) MALE CAUCASIANS MOVING N. (6) EN WORE KHAKIS, (1) WORE GRAY UTILITIES AND (1) WORE A GREEN SHIRT AND BLACK TROUSERS. EN CARRIED (2) RIFLES, (10) PACKS AND (8) PITH HELMETS. CAUCASIANS WERE (5) MINUTES AHEAD OF NVA. BOTH

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CAUCASIANS HAD RIFLES AND WORE KHAKI, SHORT SLEEVE SHIRTS, KHAKI SHORTS, PITH HELMETS AND CARRIED PACKS. THEY WERE ABOUT (6) FT TALL AND WEIGHED ABOUT (200) LBS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

e. F-61 REPORT CARD AT 101620H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (1) NVA MOVING S. EN WORE KHAKIS AND CARRIED (1) AK-47. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

6. (U) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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III MAF FOR COC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP #254-69 110001H TO 112400H SEPTEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) RECON TMS THERE ARE (2) TMS OPER AT (2) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (4) (SLF) RECON TMS THERE ARE NO TMS IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-31 RECORD AT 111808H VIC AT842271

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

e. REASON INSERTIONS/EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 12 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) A-21 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) HAVEN UL-AT9141 LR-AT9438 VIC AT924402

(2) A-31 RABBIT HUTCH (SLF) HAVEN UL-AT8832 LR-AT9129 VIC AT892306

~~(3) A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) HAVEN UL-AT9438 LR-AT9735 VIC AT937377~~

g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 12 SEPTEMBER 69

NONE

3. (C) LOC OF OPER TMS AS OF 112400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

c. F-51 GRIM REAPER AT875306

d. F-61 REPORT CARD AT879351

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

a. (LATE ENTRY) F-51 GRIM REAPER AT 101410H TO 101545H VIC AT874307. TM OBSR (29) NVA, (38) VC AND (13) VC FEMALES MOVING SW ON TRAIL. NVA WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, VC WORE (25) GREEN UTILITIES, (12) MIXED UNIFORMS CONSISTING OF KHAKI SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS AND GREEN SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS, (31) PITH HELMETS AND VC FEMALES WORE (9) BLACK PJ'S AND (4) MIXED UNIFORMS CONSISTING OF BROWN SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS. EN CARRIED (18) AK-47'S, (9) SKS'S, (1) MG, (1) ROCKET, SILVER IN COLOR CARRIED BY (2) EN, (65) PACKS, (11) OF WHICH WERE WHITE. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM

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F-61 (LATE ENTRY) F-51 GRIM REAPER AT 101545H VIC AT873307 TO AT874306. TM OBSR AN ESTIMATED (100) NVA HARBORING IN AREA. TM COULD NOT OBSR UNIFORMS OR EQUIPMENT DUE TO HEAVY UNDERGROWTH. EN WAS COOKING FOOD, TALKING AND LAUGHING LOUDLY, AND MANY WERE COUGHING. ~~TM OBSR (2) EN, (1) NVA AND (1) VC FEMALE HAVING INTERCOURSE (35) METERS SE OF THE POSITION.~~ NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

c. (LATE ENTRY) F-61 REPORT CARD AT 101640H TO 101840H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (56) NVA AND (5) VC FEMALE MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE (30) MIXED UNIFORMS CONSISTING OF GREEN SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS, KHAKI SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS AND BROWN SHIRTS AND GREEN TROUSERS, (13) GREEN UTILITIES, (11) KHAKI UNIFORMS, (2) BLACK PJ'S AND (5) HELMETS. EN CARRIED (7) RIFLES, (28) PACKS, (14) 122MM ROCKETS, (3) ARTILLERY PROJECTILES AND (22) BROWN TUBES (1) FT LONG AND (3) INCHES IN DIAMETER. (1) EN WAS BEING CARRIED ON A LITTER. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

d. F-61 REPORT CARD AT 110630H TO 111725H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (39) NVA MOVING S AND (60) NVA MOVING N. EN WORE (13) KHAKIS, (25) GREEN UNIFORMS, (2) GRAY UNIFORMS, (19) BLACK PJ'S, (17) MIXED UNIFORMS CONSISTING OF KHAKI TOPS, GREEN TOPS, BLACK BOTTOMS, (1) BUSH HAT AND (26) PITH HELMETS. EN CARRIED (4) AK-47'S, (1) DARK COLORED CYLINDER (3) FT LONG AND (5) INCHES IN DIAMETER AND (2) MEN ON LITTERS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

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e. F-51 GRIM REAPER AT 110810H TO 111305H VIC AT874306. TM OBSR (62) NVA MOVING NW TO SE, (11) VC AND (?) VC FEMALES MOVING SE TO NW. EN WORE (39) KHAKI UNIFORMS, (12) GREEN UNIFORMS, (16) BLACK PJ'S, (11) MIXED UNIFORMS CONSISTING OF GREEN AND KHAKI TOPS, AND BLACK, GREEN AND KHAKI BOTTOMS AND (6) STEEL HELMETS. EN CARRIED (17) AK-47'S, (7) SKS'S, (2) M-16'S AND (65) PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

III MAF FOR COC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP #255-69 120XXH TO 122400H SEPTEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) OPER RECON TMS THERE ARE (2) TMS OPER AT (2) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (4) (SLF) RECON TMS THERE ARE (2) TMS OPER AT (2) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) A-21 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) AT 121315H HAVEN UL-AT9141 LR-AT9438 VIC AT917400

(2) A-31 RABBIT HUTCH (SLF) AT 121345H HAVEN UL-AT8832 LR-AT9130 VIC AT880294

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

(1) A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF)

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b. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

a. REASON INSERTION/EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED

(1) TM NOT INSERTED; AREA WAS NOT CLEARED BY SEVENTH MAR.

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 13 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS HAVEN UL-AT8737 LR-AT9034 VIC AT893357

(2) F-62 RUDDER HAVEN UL-AT8433 LR-AT8830 VIC AT882013

(3) A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) HAVEN UL-AT8231 LR-AT8528 VIC AT815286

g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 13 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-51 GRIM REAPER VIC AT882313

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 122400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

c. F-51 GRIM REAPER AT880310

d. F-61 REPORT CARD AT881352

e. A-21 LUNCH MEAT AT925404

f. A-31 RABBIT HUTCH AT889301

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

a. (LATE ENTRY) F-51 GRIM REAPER AT 111315H TO 111420H VIC AT874306. TM OBSR (12) NVA MOVING SE AND (13) VC FEMALE MOVING NW ON TRAIL. EN WORE (7) GREEN UTILITIES, (5) MIXED UNIFORMS CONSISTING OF GREEN SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS AND KHAKI SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS, (30) KHAKI UNIFORMS AND THE VC FEMALES WORE (5) BLACK PJ'S, (1) GREEN SWEATER AND GREEN TROUSERS AND (12) MIXED UNIFORMS CONSISTING OF WHITE BLOUSES AND BLACK PJ BOTTOMS. EN CARRIED (16) AK-47'S, (9) SKS'S, (10) [illegible]

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(3) YELLOW CONTAINERS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

b. (LATE ENTRY) F-61 REPORT CARD AT 112000H TO 120300H VIC AT884364. TM OBSR (1) CAMP FIRE BURNING ALL NIGHT. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

c. F-61 REPORT CARD AT 120630H TO 121735H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (132) NVA, (2) VC, (1) VC FEMALE ALL MOVING N ON TRAIL AND (3) NVA MOVING S ON TRAIL. EN WORE (38) KHAKI UNIFORMS, (20) GREEN UTILITIES, (12) BLACK PJ'S, (6) MIXED UNIFORMS CONSISTING OF GREEN, KHAKI AND BLACK TOPS, AND KHAKI, GREEN, AND BLACK BOTTOMS, (2) COOLIE HATS AND (38) PITH HELMETS. EN CARRIED (2) AK-47'S, (9) UNIDENTIFIED RIFLES, (2) CARTRIDGE BELTS, (136) PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

d. F-51 GRIM REAPER AT 120930H TO 121035H VIC AT874306. TM OBSR (68) NVA AND (4) VC FEMALES MOVING SE ON TRAIL. EN WORE (35) KHAKIS, (11) GREEN UTILITIES, (16) MIXED UNIFORMS CONSISTING OF WHITE, GREEN AND KHAKI TOPS, AND BLACK, AND GREEN BOTTOMS, AND (46) PITH HELMETS. EN CARRIED (22) AK-47'S, (14) SKS'S, (1) M-16, (1) .45 CAL SUBMACHINE GUN, (1) LIGHT MACHINE GUN, (9) UNIDENTIFIED RIFLES AND (68) PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

e. F-51 GRIM REAPER AT 121335H VIC AT875306. TM OBSR (8) NVA TRAIL WATCHES BUT COULD NOT GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO IDENTIFY CLOTHING OR EQUIPMENT DUE TO LACK OF CONCEALMENT. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

f. A-21 LUNCH MEAT AT 121615H VIC AT924403. TM FOUND (1) AIRCRAFT JET ENGINE (3) FT BY (3) FT. ENGINE WAS IN (1) PIECE AND HAD VERY LITTLE RUST ON IT. APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN ON GROUND (2) WEEKS TO (1) MONTH. NO FOOTPRINTS.

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(U) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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[illegible] RECON (U) SAT REP #256-69 130001H TO 132400H SEPTEMBER 69 (U)

(U) OF (7) OTHER RECON TMS THERE ARE (3) TMS OPER AT (3) TOC IN THE FIRST MAW AOR TACR. OF (4) (SLF) RECON TMS THERE ARE (2) TMS OPER AT (2) TOC IN THE FIRST DIV TACR.

2. (U) [illegible] & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-[illegible] DETROIT TIGERS AT 131345H HAVEN UL AT8737 LR-AT9034 VIC AT899350

(2) F-[illegible] RUDDER AT 131445H HAVEN UL-AT8430 LR AT8830 VIC AT-8310

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-[illegible] GRIM REAPER AT 131445H VIC AT883310

c. [illegible] NOT COMPLETED

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d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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[redacted] INSERTION/EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED

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[redacted] FIRST TEAM PLANNED FOR 14 SEPTEMBER 69

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[redacted] LAST TEAM PLANNED FOR 14 SEPTEMBER 69

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(2) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 132400H

[redacted] RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

[redacted] RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

[redacted] TIGER AT892354

[redacted] RECORD CARD AT879351

[redacted] AT078316

[redacted] MEAT AT933397

[redacted] HUTCH AT090312

(3) [redacted] AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

(4) [redacted] CONTACTS

[redacted] RECORD CARD AT 130740H TO 131550H VIC AT836355. TM OBSR (2) NVA AND (3) WOMEN MOVING N ON TRAIL AND (3) NVA [redacted] ON TRAIL. EN WORE (19) GREEN UTILITIES, (8) KHAKIS (7) BLACK PJ'S AND (1) KHAKI SHIRT WITH GREEN TROUSERS AND [redacted] (6) AK-47'S, (11) PITH HELMETS AND (26) PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

[redacted] RECORD CARD AT 131650H VIC AT890370. TM OBSR (2) NVA (1) WOMAN MOVING N ON TRAIL EN WORE (2) KHAKIS AND (1) BLACK PJ'S AND CARRIED (1) AK-47, (1) PITH HELMET, (2) LIGHT BROWN PACKS AND (1) GREEN PACK. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

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(1) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

III MAF FOR COC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON SIT REP #257-69 140001H TO 142400H SEPTEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) RECON TMS THERE ARE (3) TMS OPER AT (3) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (4) (SIF) RECON TMS THERE ARE (2) TMS OPER AT (2) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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e. REASON INSERTION/EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED

N/A

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 15 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-31 RECORD HAVEN UL-AT8737 IR-AT9034 VIC AT 878351

(2) A022 VESPER BELLS (SLF) HAVEN UL-ZC1832 IR-AT7929 VIC AT207307

g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 15 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-61 REPORT CARD VIC AT878351

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 142400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

c. F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT893355

d. F-62 RUDDER AT877319

e. A-21 LUNCH MEAT AT924399

f. A-31 RABBIT HUTCH (SLF) AT895303

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

a. (LATE ENTRY) F-61 REPORT CARD AT 131715H TO 131745H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (9) NVA AND (4) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE (7) GREEN UTILITIES, (4) BLACK PJ'S AND (2) MIXED UNIFORMS CONSISTING OF KHAKI SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS. EN CARRIED (3) AK-47'S, (9) PACKS, (3) UNK ROCKET ROUNDS, (1) ROCKET WARHEAD AND (1) BLACK CYLINDER (3) FT LONG AND (6) INCHES IN DIAMETER. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

b. (LATE ENTRY) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT 131735H VIC AT890354. TM MADE UNAVOIDABLE CONTACT WITH (12) NVA MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS AND GREEN UTILITIES. EN CARRIED (4) 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS AND (1) 82MM MORTAR TUBE. TM BROKE CONTACT AND MOVED OUT OF AREA DUE TO PRIMARY MISSION. NO CASUALTIES OBSR.

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c. F-61 REPORT CARD AT 140630H TO 141405H VIC AT390357. TM OBSR (2) NVA MOVING S ON TRAIL AND (13) NVA AND (4) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE (3) GREEN UTILITIES, (16) WHITE SHIRTS WITH BLACK TROUSERS, (1) KHAKI SHIRT WITH BLACK TROUSERS AND (4) BLACK PJ'S AND CARRIED (6) RIFLES, TYPE UNK, (7) PITH HELMETS AND (18) PACKS. COULD NOT OBSR CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT DUE TO HEAVY CLOUD COVERING. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

d. F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT 1625H VIC OF AT891355. HAND ID'S INSTALLED AT 1625H VIC OF AT891355 DETAIL LOCATIONS DETERMINED UPON PATROL EXTRACTION.

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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III MAF FOR COC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP #258-69 150001H TO 152400H SEPTEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) RECON TMS THERE ARE (2) TMS OPER AT (2) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (4) (SLF) RECON TMS THERE ARE (3) TMS OPER AT (3) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) A-22 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT 151145H HAVEN UL-ZC1832 LR-AT 29 VIC ZC820290

(2) F-31 RECORD AT 151537H HAVEN UL-AT8737 LR-AT9034 VIC AT880350

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) A-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT 151525H VIC AT895354

(2) F-61 REPORT CARD AT 151530H VIC AT880350

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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d. INSERTIONS/EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

e. REASON INSERTIONS/EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

N/A

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 16 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SIF) HAVEN UL-AT9141 IR-AT9438 VIC AT918399

g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 16 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) A-31 RABBIT HUTCH (SIF) VIC AT897302

(2) A-21 LUNCH MEAT (SIF) VIC AT918399

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 152400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

c. F-31 RECORD AT882353

d. F-62 RUDDER AT859324

e. A-21 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) AT921397

f. A-22 VESPER BELLS (SIF) ZC204294

g. A-31 RABBIT HUTCH (SLF) AT897302

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

a. F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT 150630H VIC AT893355. TM HEARD WHAT SOUNDED LIKE A DIESEL ENGINE REVVING UP. ENGINE SOUNDED SIMILAR TO OUR TANKS ENGINES. DIRECTION OF SOUND EST TO BE APPROX 1500 METERS BY ONE. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

b. F-61 REPORT CARD AT 150710H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (6) NVA MOVING N AND (5) NVA MOVING S ON TRAIL. EN WORE (9) BLACK PJ'S, (1) KHAKI UNIFORM AND (1) MIXED UNIFORM CONSISTING OF

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[redacted] BLACK TROUSERS. EN CARRIED (10) PACKS, (2) AK-47'S AND (1) SKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

c. F-31 RECORD AT 151700H TO 151720H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (18) NVA MOVING N ON TRAIL AND (2) NVA MOVING S ON TRAIL. EN WORE (13) GREEN UTILITIES, (7) KHAKIS AND (1) DRESS GREEN UNIFORM. EN CARRIED (14) PACKS, (6) AK-47'S, (4) BOLT ACTION RIFLES AND (5) STEEL HELMETS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

III MAF FOR COC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP #259-69 160001H TO 162400H SEPTEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) OPER RECON TMS THERE ARE (2) TMS OPER AT (2) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (4) (SLF) RECON TMS THERE ARE (2) TMS OPER AT (2) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) AT 160958H HAVEN UL-AT9141 IR-AT9438 VIC AT923399

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) A-31 RABBIT HUTCH (SLF) AT 160940H VIC AT897302

(2) A-21 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) AT 160958H VIC AT923399

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

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N/A

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 17 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-41 SHIFT SCOUT HAVEN UL-ZC2026 LR-AT8025 VIC AT8002

(2) F-51 GRIM REAPER HAVEN UL-AT8433 LR-AT8830 VIC AT853327

g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 17 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-62 RUDDER VIC AT853327

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 162400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

c. F-31 RECORD AT882354

d. F-61 RUDDER AT853326

e. A-22 VESPER BELLS (SLF) ZC204303

f. A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) AT919399

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

a. A-22 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT 160715H VIC ZC206295. TM FOUND TRAIL MARKINGS LYING ON TRAIL SW TO NE. MARKINGS WERE (3) BUNCHES OF (15) TO (20) STICKS TIED TOGETHER. MARKINGS WERE POINTING NE. THE END OF THE STICKS WERE BURNT. (1) BUNCH OF STICKS WAS ABOUT (5) FT FROM THE OTHERS AND WAS POINTING E. (5) METERS W OF THE MARKINGS WERE FRESHLY CUT TREES.

b. STONE PIT "A" AT 160159H TO 161645H VIC AT8900354l. (2) DUFFLE BAG METALLIC ACTIVATIONS AND (8) DUFFLE BAG ACTIVATIONS.

c. F-31 RECORD AT 161023H TO 161735H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (43) NVA AND (9) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE (33) GREEN UTILITIES, (10) KHAKIS AND (9) BLACK PJ'S AND CARRIED (13) AK-47'S, (5)

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[illegible] RIFLES. (3) [illegible] TAPE RA[illegible], (4) [illegible] PACKS WITH BLANKET ROLLS, (6) STEEL HELMETS, (5) FIELD HELMETS AND (7) FLAK JACKETS. (9) EM WERE WELL CAMOUFLAGED. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP #260-69 170001H TO 172400H SEPTEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (6) OPER RECON TMS THERE ARE (2) TMS OPER AT (2) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (3) (SIF) RECON TMS THERE ARE (2) TMS OPER AT (2) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

(1) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT

(2) F-51 GRIM REAPER

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

(1) F-52 [illegible]

e. REASON INSERTIONS/EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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DUE TO NON-AVAILIBILITY OF AIRCRAFT.

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 18 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT HAVEN UL-ZC2027 LZ-A[illegible]033 VIC AT800239

(2) F-51 GRIM REAPER HAVEN UL-AT8433 LZ-A[illegible]830 VIC AT845328

g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 18 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-62 RUDDER AT845328

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 172400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

c. F-31 RECORD AT883348

d. F-62 RUDDER AT844329

e. A-22 VESPER BELLS (SLF) ZC200306

f. A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) AT929398

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

a. DECREASE (1) FOR RECON TM DUE TO SICKNESS AND INJURY.

b. DECREASE (1) (SLF) RECON TM DUE TO DEPLOYMENT.

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

a. F-31 RECORD AT 171230H TO 171500H VIC AT88[illegible]55. TM OBSR (38) NVA AND (20) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE (23) BLACK SHORTS AND KHAKI SHIRTS, (19) BLACK PJ'S, (7) KHAKI SHORTS AND SHIRTS, (7) GREEN UTILITIES, (23) PITH HELMETS, (1) STEEL HELMET AND (1) BUSH COVER. EN CARRIED (5) AK-47'S, (2) BOLT ACTION RIFLES, (1) SKS, (1) RPG ROCKET LAUNCHER, (1) WOODEN CRATE (2½) FT BY (2½) FT BY (2½) FT, (2) CARTRIDGE BELTS WITH RANGER STRAPS, (1) SMALL POUCH AND (48) PACKS. (8) EN WERE CAMOUFLAGED. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

b. A-22 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT 171000H TO 171720H VIC ZC195315. TM OBSR (14) NVA MOVING SE, (30) NVA AND [illegible]

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NVA MOVING NE AND (2) NVA AND (5) VC MOVING NW [illegible]

WORE (50) KHAKIS, (6) BLACK PJ'S, (10) BERETS, [illegible] WERE

AND (7) PITH HELMETS. EN CARRIED (1) AK-47, ([illegible]) AND

TYPE RIFLES AND (44) PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN D[illegible] DUE TO

OF TM.

c. A-22 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT 170715H VIC ZC20330 [illegible] (2)

HUTS APPROX (8) FT HIGH, (10) FT WIDE AND (30) [illegible] WIDE

OF HILL. NO ACTION TAKEN.

d. A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) AT 170930H VIC AT923397 [illegible].

PIECE OF AN AIRCRAFT (4) FT BY (3) FT. TM VER [illegible]

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e. F-62 RUDDER AT 171120H VIC AT840328. TM HEARI [illegible]

SW IN DRAW. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY [illegible]

f. F-62 RUDDER AT 171205H VIC AT843333. TM HEARI [illegible]

SW ALONG STREAM. VOICES INDICATED PRESENCE OF [illegible] UNK,

NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

g. STONE PIT "A" AT 170710H TO 170820H VIC AT8900 [illegible])

DUFFIE BAG ACTIVATIONS.

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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III MAF FOR COC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP #261-69 180001H TO 182400H SEPTEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (5) RECON TMS THERE IS (1) TM OPER AT (1) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (3) (SLF) RECON TMS THERE ARE (2) (SLF) TMS OPER AT (2) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-51 GRIM REAPER AT 181017H HAVEN UL-AT8333 LR-AT8730 VIC AT845326

(2) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 181045H HAVEN UL-ZC2026 LR-AT8023 VIC AT798239

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-62 RUDDER AT 181017H VIC AT845326

(2) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 181330H VIC AT796239

(3) F-51 GRIM REAPER AT 181658H VIC AT840337

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c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

e. REASON INSERTION/EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED

N/A

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 19 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS HAVEN UL-AT8737 LR-AT9034 VIC AT877353

g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 19 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-31 RECORD VIC AT877353

(2) A-22 VESPER BELLS (SLF) VIC ZC195305

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 182400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

c. F-31 RECORD AT883348

d. A-22 VESPER BELLS (SLF) ZC199305

e. A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SIF) AT930365

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

a. (LATE ENTRY) A-22 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT 171745H VIC ZC195315. TM OBSR (2) VC MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE BLACK PJ'S AND CARRIED (2) PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

b. (LATE ENTRY) A-22 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT 171805H VIC ZC196308. TM OBSR (3) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WOR. (1) BLACK UTILITIES AND (2) GRAY PONCHOS. EN CARRIED (1) RIFLE AND (2) PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

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c. (LATE ENTRY) STONE PIT "A" AT 171820H VIC AT890035Ll. (14) DUFFLE BAG ACTIVATIONS.

d. (LATE ENTRY) F-31 RECORD AT 171825H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (12) NVA AND (2) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE (12) GREEN SHIRTS AND KHAKI TROUSERS AND (2) BLACK PJ'S. EN CARRIED (14) PACKS AND (2) AK-47'S. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

e. (LATE ENTRY) STONE PIT "A" AT 172220H VIC AT890035Ll. (16) DUFFLE BAG ACTIVATIONS.

f. F-31 RECORD AT 180730H VIC AT885352. TM OBSR (16) NVA MOVING S ON TRAIL. EN WORE PONCHOS. TM COULD NOT OBSR EQUIP DUE TO PONCHOS COVERING EQUIP. TM BELIEVES THERE IS EN BASE CAMP AT VIC AT884351. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

g. F-31 RECORD AT 181240H TO 181615H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (26) NVA AND (21) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE (26) KHAKIS AND (21) BLACK PJ'S. EN CARRIED (4) BOLT ACTION RIFLES, (3) SKS'S, (23) PITH HELMETS, (44) PACKS, (3) 60MM MORTAR TUBES, (7) CANNISTERS (4½) FT LONG BY (5) INCHES IN DIAMETER AND (1) FLAK JACKET. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

h. A-22 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT 180845H VIC ZC195318. TM OBSR (1) NVA MOVING SW ON TRAIL. EN WORE (1) PONCHO AND CARRIED (1) UNK TYPE RIFLE. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

i. A-22 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT 181015H TO 181310H VIC ZC196308. TM OBSR (4) NVA AND (3) VC MOVING SW ON TRAIL. EN WORE (1) GREEN UTILITIES, (3) KHAKIS AND (3) BLACK PJ'S. EN CARRIED (3) UNK TYPE RIFLES AND (7) PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

j. F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 181300H VIC AT796238. TM INITIATED PRISONER ACQUISITION. RESULTS: (4) NVA KIA AND (1) NVA WIA

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POW NOT DETAINED BEFORE EXTRACTION WAS COMPLETED.

k. F-51 GRIM REAPER AT 181200H VIC AT846329. TM MADE UNAVOIDABLE CONTACT WITH (25) NVA. EN WORE (10) KHAKIS AND (15) GREEN UTILITIES. EN CARRIED (4) AK-47'S, (3) SKS'S AND (2) M-16'S. RESULTS: (11) NVA KIA. TM WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MOVE OUT OF PROPOSED CIDG OPERATING AREA BY (19) SEP (69) AS PLANNED. TM WAS ROUTINELY EXTRACTED AT VIC AT840337

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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III MAF FOR COC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP #262-69 190001H TO 192400H SEPTEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (6) OPER RECON TMS THERE IS (1) TM OPER AT (1) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (3) (SIF) RECON TMS THERE IS (1) TM OPER AT (1) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT 191725H HAVEN UL-AT8737 LR-AT9034 VIC AT877353

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-31 RECORD AT 191725H VIC AT877353

(2) A-22 VESPER BELLS (SIF) AT 191755H VIC ZC199305

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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e. REASON INSERTION/EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED

N/A

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 20 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-51 GRIM REAPER HAVEN UL-AT8633 LR-AT9030 VIC AT869292

(2) F-61 REPORT CARD HAVEN UL-AT9[illegible] LR-AT9[illegible] VIC AT953355

(3) A-31 RABBIT HUTCH (SLF) HAVEN UL-AT9339 LR-AT9636 VIC AT935380

g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 20 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) VIC AT935380

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 192400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

c. F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT883352

d. A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) AT935381

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

a. (LATE ENTRY) F-31 RECORD AT 181715H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (12) NVA AND (10) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL. THE NVA WORE (7) GREEN UTILITIES AND (5) KHAKI UNIFORMS. THE VC WORE (10) BLACK PJ'S. THE EN CARRIED (4) AK-47'S, (1) SKS, (8) PITH HELMETS AND (22) HEAVY PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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III MAF FOR COC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP #263-69 200001H TO 202400H SEPTEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (6) RECON TMS THERE ARE (2) TMS OPER AT (2) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (2) (SLF) RECON TMS THERE IS (1) TM OPER AT (1) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) A-31 RABBIT HUTCH (SLF) AT 201420H HAVEN UL-AT9340 IR-AT9637 VIC AT869390

(2) F-51 GRIM REAPER AT 201445H HAVEN UL-AT8633 IR-AT9029 VIC AT862938

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) AT 201420H VIC AT869292

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

e. REASON INSERTIONS/EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

N/A

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 21 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT HAVEN UL-ZC20E7 LR-AT8023 VIC AT813265

g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 21 SEPTEMBER 69

NONE

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 202400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

c. F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT881351

d. F-51 GRIM REAPER AT869302

e. A-31 RABBIT HUTCH AT937393

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

a. DECREASE (1) (SIF) RECON TM DUE TO DEPLOYMENT.

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

a. (LATE ENTRY) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT 191820H VIC AT912373. TM HEARD WHAT SOUNDED LIKE A DIESEL ENGINE REVVING UP. THE ENGINE SOUNDED SIMILAR TO OUR TANKS' ENGINES. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

b. F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT 200710 TO 201500H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (73) NVA AND (27) VC MOVING N ON TRAIL AND (47) NVA AND (6) VC MOVING SW ON TRAIL. (33) EN WORE BLACK PJ'S, (50) KHAKI UNIFORMS, (29) GREEN UTILITIES, (51) GREEN SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS, (16) RAINCOATS, (4) PONCHOS AND (35) NVA HELMETS. EN CARRIED (38) PACKS. (36) PACKS WERE (24) FT LONG AND (2) FT

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(1) WHITE IN COLOR AND (24) WERE LIGHT BROWN, (62) WERE (1½) FT SQUARE AND WERE LIGHT BROWN IN COLOR, (12) AK-47'S, (4) SKS'S, (5) BOLT ACTION RIFLES, (1) PISTOL, (1) MORTAR TUBE BELIEVED TO BE A 60MM AND (1) SILVER CYLINDER (4) FT LONG. SIGHTINGS DURING THIS TIME PERIOD WERE (8) TO (10) EN IN ANY SINGLE GROUP. OF THE FOREGOING, 72 PACKS AND THE SILVER CYLINDER WERE MOVING N; MORTAR TUBE MOVING SW.

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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III MAF FOR COC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP #264-69 210001H TO 212400H SEPTEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (6) OPER RECON TMS THERE ARE (2) TMS OPER AT (2) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (2) (SLF) RECON TMS THERE ARE NO TMS OPER IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) A-31 RABBIT HUTCH (SLF) (EMERGENCY)

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

(1) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

e. REASON INSERTION/EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED

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(2) F-21 SCOUT NOT INSERTED DUE TO TM AND INSERT HEL RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE IN HLZ.

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 22 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-21 FLAKEY SNOW HAVEN UL-ZC1630 LR-ZC2027 VIC ZC171290

g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 22 SEPTEMBER 69

NONE .

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 212400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

c. F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT882359

d. F-51 GRIM REAPER AT873310

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

a. (LATE ENTRY) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT 201610H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (17) NVA MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN WORE (1) BLACK UTILITIES, (16) GREEN UTILITIES, (15) NVA HELMETS AND (1) SOFT COVER. EN CARRIED (14) PONCHOS, (9) CARTRIDGE BELTS, (7) CANTEENS AND (17) PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

b. F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT 210630H TO 211550H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (33) NVA AND (5) VC MOVING NE ON TRAIL AND (110) NVA AND (11) VC MOVING SW ON TRAIL. EN WORE (46) GREEN UTILITIES, (38) KHAKI UNIFORMS, (22) BLACK PJ'S, (74) KHAKI TOPS WITH BLACK BOTTOMS, (25) GREEN TOPS WITH BLACK BOTTOMS, (4) KHAKI TOPS WITH GREEN BOTTOMS, (8) BLACK TOPS WITH BLUE BOTTOMS, (76) NVA HELMETS, (16) PITH HELMETS, (1) BUSH COVER AND (1) BLACK BERET. EN CARRIED (19) AK-47'S, (1) RIFLE TYPE UNK, (100) MARCHING PACKS, (1) COOLIE HATS, (8) CANTEENS, (31) LARGE PACKS (2) FA

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[illegible] (3) WERE WHITE IN COLOR AND (28) WERE LIGHT BROWN, (22) CARTRIDGE BELTS, (1) 82MM MORTAR ROUND, (2) 60MM MORTAR ROUNDS, (1) RPG ROCKET LAUNCHER, (1) BROWN CYLINDER (3) FT LONG AND (4) INCHES IN DIAMETER. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM. THE RPG RKT LAUNCHER, 50 MARCHING PACKS AND 31 LARGE PACKS AVG. S.W. 50 MARCHING PACKS AND BROWN CYLINDER MVG N.E.

c. F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT 211105H VIC AT876381. TM HEARD (1) DIESEL ENGINE REVVING UP. THE ENGINE SOUNDED SIMILAR TO OUR TANKS ENGINE.

d. A-31 RABBIT HUTCH (SLF) AT 211515H VIC AT940382. SUSTAINED S/A FIRE FROM UNK NO EN. EN LOC VIC ~~AT954387~~ AT942380. PATROL RETURNED FIRE, BROKE CONTACT. EMERGENCY EXTRACTION ACCOMPLISHED BY LADDER AT 1815H. RESULTS: (1) USMC KIA, BODY NOT RECOVERED. (FELL FROM LADDER WHEN LEAVING LZ)

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

III MAF FOR COC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT R P #265-69 2200CLH TO 2210OOH SEPTEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (6) RECON TMS THERE ARE (3) TMS OPER AT (3) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (2) (SIF) RECON TMS THERE ARE NO TMS OPER IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-21 FLAMEY SNOW AT 221000H HAVEN UL-ZC1630 LR-ZC2027

VIC ZC1711 87

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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e. [illegible] INSERTION/EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED

N/A

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 23 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT HAVEN UL-AT9740 IR-BT0037 VIC AT992395

~~(2) F-62 RUBBER HAVEN UL-AT9437 IR-AT9734 VIC AT952355~~

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(3) F-61 REPORT CARD HAVEN UL-AT8737 IR-AT9034 VIC AT883347

g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 23 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS HAVEN UL-AT8737 IR-AT9034 VIC AT883347

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 222400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

c. F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT883347

d. F-21 FLAKEY SNOW ZC160282

e. F-51 GRIM REAPER AT885314

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

a. F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT 220915H VIC AT893363. TM OBSR (15) FARMERS AND (1) NVA HARVESTING RICE. THE FARMERS WORE BLACK PJ'S AND THE NVA WORE GREEN UTILITIES. THE NVA STOOD ON DIKE AND OBSR AREA NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF INDIGENOUS CIVILIAN PERSONNEL.

b. F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT 220915H VIC AT914363. TM OBSR (12) FARMERS AND (1) NVA HARVESTING RICE. THE FARMERS WORE BLACK PJ'S AND THE NVA WORE GREEN UTILITIES. THE NVA STOOD ON DIKE AND OBSR AREA. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF INDIGENOUS CIVILIAN PERSONNEL.

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[illegible] AT 220915H VIC AT874373. TM OBSR (9) FARMERS AND (2) NVA HARVESTING RICE. THE FARMERS WORE BLACK PJ'S AND THE NVA WORE GREEN UTILITIES. THE NVA STOOD ON DIKE AND OBSR AREA. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF INDIGENOUS CIVILIAN PERSONNEL.

d. F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT 220915H VIC AT888397. TM OBSR (7) FARMERS AND (1) NVA HARVESTING RICE. THE FARMERS WORE BLACK PJ'S AND THE NVA WORE GREEN UTILITIES. THE NVA STOOD ON DIKE AND OBSR AREA. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF INDIGNEOUS CIVILIAN PERSONNEL.

e. F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT 221105H TO 221520H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (39) NVA AND (8) VC MOVING NE ON TRAIL. THE NVA WORE (21) GREEN UTILITIES, (16) KHAKI UNIFORMS AND (2) KHAKI SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS. THE VC WORE (8) BLACK PJ'S. EN CARRIED (23) LIGHT PACKS, (1) LARGE WHITE PACK (2½) FT LONG AND (2) FT WIDE, (1) BROWN SHOULDER PACK, (14) CARTRIDGE BELTS, (14) PITH HELMETS, (1) AK-47, (1) LARGE DISK (2½) FT IN DIAMETER, (3) BUNDLES OF STICKS (3) FT LONG AND (2½) FT IN DIAMETER AND (3) BRANCHES. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

III MAF FOR COC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP #266-67 230001H TO 232400H SEPTEMBER 67 (U)

1. (C) OF (6) RECON TMS THERE ARE (2) TMS OPER AT (2) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (-) (SLF) RECON TMS THERE ARE NO TMS OPER IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

A. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-61 REPORT CARD AT 231140H HAVEN UL-AT8737 LZ-AT9034 VIC AT883347

B. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT 231140H VIC AT883347

(2) F-61 REPORT CARD AT 231530H VIC AT880350

C. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED // HAS BEEN SENT //

(1) F-62 RUDDER

(2) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT

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d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

e. REASON INSERTIONS/EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

(1) F-62 RUDDER NOT INSERTED DUE TO PROXIMITY OF FRIENDLY COMPANY SIZE UNITS IN AREA OF OPERATION.

(2) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT NOT INSERTED DUE TO INSERT HEL AND TM RECEIVING S/A FIRE IN HEL.

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 24 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-61 REPORT CARD HAVEN UL-AT8737 LR-AT9034 VIC AT888347

g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 24 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-51 GRIM REAPER VIC AT865300

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 232400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT8073?4

b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990150

c. F-4L FLAKEY SNOW 26161294

d. F-51 GRIM REAPER AT868303

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

NONE APPLICABLE

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

a. (LATE ENTRY) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT 221700H TO 221725H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (25) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE (13) KHAKI UTILITIES, (9) GREEN UTILITIES AND (3) BLACK SHIRTS WITH GREEN TROUSERS. EN CARRIED (2) AK-47'S, (1) SKS, (22) LIGHT PACKS, (2) LARGE DISKS (2) FT IN DIAMETER, (8) CARTRIDGE BELTS AND (2) LARGE BUNDLES OF STICKS (3) FT LONG AND (2½) FT IN DIAMETER. TM CONTINUED SURVEILLANCE MISSION.

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[illegible] AT 230946H TO 231050H VIC AT888308. TM OBSR (21) NVA AND (3) VC MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE (9) KHAKI UNIFORMS, (4) GREEN UTILITIES, (8) KHAKI SHIRTS WITH BLACK TROUSERS, (3) BLACK PJ'S AND (19) PITH HELMETS. EN CARRIED (10) AK-47'S, (23) HEAVY PACKS, (3) LIGHT PACKS AND (.) SKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

c. F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 231020H VIC AT992395. TM AND INSERT HEL RECEIVED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WHEN INSERT HEL SAT DOWN ON HLZ. INSERT WAS ABORTED. RESULTS: (1) USMC WIA (E).

d. F-51 GRIM REAPER AT 231025H TO 231135H VIC AT889309. TM OBSR (13) NVA SITTING AND TALKING NEAR THE TRAIL. EN WORE (4) KHAKI UNIFORMS. THE REMAINDER OF EN UNIFORMS AND EQUIP COULD NOT BE OBSR DUE TO THICK UNDERGROWTH. EN CARRIED (1) SKS, (1) AK-47, (3) HEAVY PACKS, (2) LIGHT PACKS AND (1) PITH HELMET. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

e. F-51 GRIM REAPER AT 231045H VIC AT890309. TM OBSR (10) VC SITTING AND TALKING. TM COULD NOT OBSR UNIFORMS AND EQUIP DUE TO THICK UNDERGROWTH. TM COULD SMELL FOOD COOKING AND CIGARETTES. TM HEARD WHAT SOUNDED LIKE A RIFLE BEING HIT AGAINST A TREE. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

~~f. STONE PIT "A" AT 231100H TO 231400H VIC AT890935. (167) RIFLE PLATOON ACTIONS.~~

~~g.~~ (PART THREE) F-51 DETROIT RIVERS AT 231550H VIC AT883635. TM OBSR (32) NVA MVG NE. EN WORE (5) GREEN UTILITIES SHIRTS WITH BLACK TROUSERS, (25) GREEN UTILITIES, (2) BLACK PJ'S. EN CARRIED (4) AK-47'S, (29) PACKS, (17) NVA HELMETS, (5) CANTEENS, (3) CARTRIDGE BELTS, (4) COOLIE HATS AND (8) AK-47 MAGAZINE POUCHES. TM CALLED FIRE

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MISSION. NO CHECKED AREA (30) MINUTES LATER, COULD NOT DETERMINE RESULTS.

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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III MAF FOR CCC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 267-69 240001H TO 242400H SEPTEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (6) RECON TMS THERE ARE (2) TMS OPER AT (2) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (2) (SLF) RECON TMS THERE ARE NO TMS OPER IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-61 REPORT CARD AT 240905H HAVEN UL AT8737 LR AT9034 VIC AT871357

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-51 GRIM REAPER AT 240936H VIC AT870292

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

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N/A

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 25 SEPTEMBER 69

NONE

g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 25 SEPTEMBER 69

NONE

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 242400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990850

c. F-21 FLAKEY SNOW ZC174295

d. F-61 REPORT CARD AT877356

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

a. NONE ~~STONE PIT "A" AT 242600Z TO 250730H VIC AT800003 (98)~~

~~DUFFLE BAG ACTIVATIONS (PHU LOC VALLEY)~~

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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III MAF FOR CGC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 268-69 250001H TO 252400H SEPTEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (6) OPER RECON TMS THERE ARE (2) TMS OPER AT (2) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (2) (SIF) RECON TMS THERE ARE NO TMS OPER IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

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OPERATION INSERTION/EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED

N/A

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 26 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) A-11 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) HAVEN UL AT9036 LR-AT9333 VIC AT925345.

(2) A-12 VESPER BELLS (SLF) HAVEN UL-AT9[illegible] LR-AT9739 VIC AT953417.

(3) A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) HAVEN UL-AT9233 LR-AT9530 VIC AT933330.

g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 26 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-21 FLAKEY SNOW VIC ZC173288

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 252400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

c. F-21 FLAKEY SNOW ZC161288

d. F-61 REPORT CARD AT878353

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

a. (LATE ENTRY) F-21 FLAKEY SNOW AT 241730H VIC ZC183297. TM OBSR (4) NVA AND (2) VC MOVING NE ON TRAIL. NVA WORE (4) KHAKI UNIFORMS AND VC WORE BLACK PJ'S. EN CARRIED (4) LIGHT PACKS AND (1) HELMET. EN EXPOSURE TO OBSR WAS BRIEF. TM CONTINUED SURVEILLANCE MISSION

b. F-61 REPORT CARD AT 250630H VIC AT876381. TM HEARD WHAT SOUNDED LIKE A DIESEL ENGINE REVVING UP. THE ENGINE SOUNDS SIMILAR TO OUR TANK ENGINES. NO ACTION TAKEN. TM UNABLE TO DETERMINE EXACT SOUND LOCATION.

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AT 250700H VIC ZC183297. TM OBSR (5) NVA AND (4) VC MOVING SW ON TRAIL. EN WORE (5) KHAKI UNIFORMS AND (4) BLACK PJ'S. EN CARRIED (9) HEAVY PACKS. WE CONTINUED SURVEILLANCE MISSION.

d. F-61 REPORT CARD AT 250740H TO 251045H VIC AT875345. TM OBSR (21) NVA AND (3) VC MOVING SW AND (15) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE (30) GREEN UTILITIES, (6) KHAKI UNIFORMS, (3) BLACK PJ'S AND (19) PITH HELMETS. EN CARRIED (21) PACKS, (1) AK-47, (1) SKS, (1) M-16, (3) SHINNY METAL BOXES (2) FT LONG, (2) WIDE AND (1) FT TALL, NVA S.W. (9) EN WERE CAMOUFLAGED WITH LEAVES. EN EXPOSURE TO OBSR WAS TOO BRIEF TO ENGAGE BY SUPPORTING ARMS.

e. F-61 REPORT CARD AT 251405H VIC AT875354. TM OBSR (3) NVA AND WHAT APPEARED TO BE (1) CAUCASIAN MOVING SW ON TRAIL. EN WORE (3) KHAKI UNIFORMS, CAUCASIAN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND ALL WERE CAMOUFLAGED WITH LEAVES. EN CARRIED (4) HEAVY PACKS. THE FIRST MAN WAS (5) FT (11) INCHES TALL, WEIGHED APPROX (160) LBS AND WORE A BUSH HAT. EN EXPOSURE TO OBSR WAS TOO BRIEF TO ENGAGE BY SUPPORTING ARMS.

f. F-61 REPORT CARD AT 250930H TO 251015H VIC AT893336. TM OBSR (17) VC HARVESTING RICE. EN WORE BLACK PJ'S AND CARRIED (2) AK-47'S. TM CALLED FIRE MISSION. EN DISPERSED. RESULTS: (2) VC WIA.

g. F-61 REPORT CARD AT 251107H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (8) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND CARRIED (4) HEAVY PACKS, (4) LIGHT PACKS AND (3) PITH HELMETS. TM CALLED FIRE MISSION. RESULTS: EN DISPERSED.

h. F-61 REPORT CARD AT 251220H TO 251425H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (4) NVA AND (1) VC MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS

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EN CARRIED (1) HEAVY PACK, (4) LIGHT PACKS AND (2) PITH HELMETS. TM CALLED FIRE MISSION. EN EXITED TARGET AREA BEFORE FIRE MISSION CLEARANCE COULD BE OBTAINED.

c. F-61 REPORT CARD AT 251415H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (2) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE (1) GREEN AND (1) KHAKI UTILITIES AND (2) BUSH HATS. EN CARRIED (2) PACKS. EN EXPOSURE TO OBSR WAS TOO BRIEF TO ENGAGE BY SUPPORTING ARMS.

~~d. STONE PIT "A" AT 251515H TO 251515H VIC AT935353. (29) DUFFLE BAG ACTIVATIONS ON CHANNEL (33) IN PHU LOC VALLEY~~

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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III MAF FOR CG'S (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 269-69 260001H TO 262400H SEPTEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (6) OPER RECON TMS THERE IS (1) TM OPER AT (1) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (4) (SLF) RECON TMS THERE ARE (3) TMS OPER AT (3) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) A-12 WHISPER BELLS (SLF) 260930H HAVEN UL-AT9442 IR-AT9739 VIC AT938413

(2) A-11 INCH BEAT (SLF) 261033H HAVEN UL-AT9036 IR-AT9333 VIC AT929311

(3) A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) 261100H HAVEN UL-AT9233 IR-AT9530 VIC AT933330

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) A-21 FLAKEY SNOW AT 261028H [illegible]

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NONE

2. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

2a. REASON INSERTION/EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED

N/A

4c. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 27 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) A 31 RABBIT HUTCH HAVEN UL-AT9240 LR-AT9537 VIC AT940383

4o EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 27 SEPTEMBER 69

NONE

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 262400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE FIT "A" AT837378

b. RADIO RELAY STONE FIT "L" AT990250

c. F-61 REPORT CARD AT[illegible]

d. A-21 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) AT929339

e. A-22 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT954403

f. A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) AT935322

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

a. INCREASE (2) (SLF) RECON TMS

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

a. (LATE ENTRY) F-61 REPORT CARD AT 251705H VIC AT875354. TM OBSR (10) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE (7) GREEN UTILITIES, (2) KHAKI UNIFORMS AND (1) WHITE SHIRT WITH GREEN TROUSERS. EN CARRIED (2) PACKS AND (1) RPG ROCKET LAUNCHER. ALL EN WERE WELL CAMOUFLAGED WITH LEAVES AND BRANCHES. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

b. (LATE ENTRY) F-61 REPORT CARD AT 2[illegible]

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[illegible] OF TRAIL. EN WORE (25) GREEN UTILITIES AND (17) KHAKI UNIFORMS. EN CARRIED (13) PACKS, (12) PITH HELMETS, (5) AK-47'S, (1) RPD, (1) 82MM MORTAR TUBE, (5) 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS, (1) PISTOL AND (3) RICE SACKS. EN WERE WELL DEPLOYED. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

c. (LATE ENTRY) F-61 REPORT CARD AT 251750H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (8) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE (4) GREEN UTILITIES AND (4) KHAKI SHIRTS AND SHORTS. EN CARRIED (3) HEAVY PACKS, (3) LIGHT PACK AND (1) RIFLE. TM CALLED FIRE MISSION. GOOD TARGET COVERAGE. RESULTS: (2) NVA KIA.

d. (LATE ENTRY) F-61 REPORT CARD AT 251830H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (10) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE (7) GREEN UTILITIES AND (3) KHAKI UNIFORMS. EN CARRIED (10) LARGE PACKS (3) FT LONG BY (2) FT WIDE. TM CALLED FIRE MISSION. EXCELLENT TARGET COVERAGE. RESULTS: (2) NVA KIA AND (2) NVA WIA.

e. F-61 REPORT CARD AT 260[illegible]5H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (3) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND CARRIED (2) PACKS, (2) PITH HELMETS AND (1) RPG ROCKET LAUNCHER. TM CALLED FIRE MISSION. GOOD TARGET COVERAGE. UNABLE TO DETERMINE RESULTS DUE TO EN MANEUVER FROM TMS OBSR.

f. F-61 REPORT CARD AT 261[illegible]5H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (9) NVA AND (2) VC MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE (8) GREEN UTILITIES, (1) KHAKI UNIFORM AND (2) BLACK PJ'S. EN CARRIED (7) HEAVY PACKS, (4) LIGHT PACKS, (3) PITH HELMETS AND (1) AK-47. TM CALLED FIRE MISSION. GOOD TARGET COVERAGE. RESULTS: UNK.

g. F-61 REPORT CARD AT 261305H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (3) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN SHIRTS AND SHORTS AND CARRIED (3) PACKS. EN MOVED TOO RAPIDLY FROM TMS OBSR FOR A

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6. F-6A REPORT CAP'D AT [redacted] VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (3) NVA AND (1) VC MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE (2) KHAKI AND (1) GREEN UTILITIES, AND (1) BLACK PJ'S. EN CARRIED (4) PACKS AND (1) PITH HELMET. TM CALLED FIRE MISSION. GOOD TARGET COVERAGE. RESULTS: (3) NVA KIA.

(C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

III MAF FOR COC (G-2 CCL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 270-6[illegible] 270000[illegible] TO [illegible]2400H SEPTEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (6) RECON TMS THERE ARE NO TMS OPER IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (4) (SLF) RECON TMS THERE ARE (3) TMS OPER AT (3) INSERTIONS IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) A-31 RABBIT HUTCH (SLF) AT 271050H HAVEN UL AT9240 IR-AT9537 VIC AT9140383

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) A-31 RABBIT HUTCH (SLF) AT 271137H VIC AT9140383

(2) F-61 REPORT CARD AT 271318H VIC AT9032377

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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f. [illegible] EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED

N/A

g. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 28 SEPTEMBER 69

NONE

h. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 28 SEPTEMBER 69

NONE

3. (C) LOC OF OTHER RECON TMS AS OF 272400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

c. A-11 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) AT925337

d. A-12 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT957407

e. A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) AT940318

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

a. (LATE ENTRY) F-61 REPORT CARD AT 241730H TO 251425H VIC AT875354. TM OBSR (12) NVA MOVING SW ON TRAIL. EN WORE (2) KHAKI SHIRTS AND SHORTS, (3) GREEN UTILITIES AND (1) GREEN SHIRT AND SHORTS. TM COULD NOT OBSR EN EQUIPMENT OR REMAINDER OF UNIFORMS DUE TO HEAVY UNDERGROWTH. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

b. (LATE ENTRY) F-61 REPORT CARD AT 261720H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (2[illegible]) NVA MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE (9) KHAKI UNIFORMS, (8) GREEN UTILITIES, (2) GREEN SHIRTS AND SHORTS, (7) WITH [illegible]S AND (2) KHAKI SHIRTS AND SHORTS. EN CARRIED (7) RPG ROCKET LAUNCHERS AND (16) PACKS. TM CALLED FIRE MISSION. EXCELLENT TARGET COVERAGE. RESULTS: (4) NVA KIA AND (5) NVA WIA.

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c. (ARMY ENTRY) F-6[illegible] REPORT CARD AT 261805H VIC AT886355. TM OBSR (2) NVA AND (5) VC MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE (27) GREEN UTILITIES, (15) KHAKI UNIFORMS, (5) BLACK PJ'S AND (15) PITH HELMETS. EN CARRIED (25) PACKS. TM CALLED FIRE MISSION AND UTILIZED AO AND (1) FLIGHT OF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT. GOOD TARGET COVERAGE. UNABLE TO DETERMINE RESULTS DUE TO EN MANEUVER FROM TMS OBSR.

d. F-61 REPORT CARD AT 270[illegible]H VIC AT879351. TM FOUND (1) WRECKED CH-46 APPROX (3) MONTHS OLD, (1) ENTIRE CONTROL STICK, (2) SMASHED PRC-25 AND VARIOUS RADIO COMPONENTS. THE LARGEST PIECE WAS (6) FT BY (8) FT. AIRCRAFT APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN BOMBED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

e. A-31 RABBIT HUTCH (SLF) AT 271050H VIC AT910383. TASKED FOR A BODY RECOVERY MISSION, WAS INSERTED VIA RAPPEL INTO A CS SATURATED OBJECTIVE AREA. BODY AND TM WERE READY FOR EXTRACT WITHIN (½) HR. EXTRACT WAS SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMPLISHED UTILIZING THE SPIE SYSTEM. ENROUTE TO AN HOA VIC AT898387 THE BODY BAG RIPPED APART AND THE BODY FELL FROM THE SPIE TO THE VALLEY FLOOR. (5) ATTEMPTS WERE MADE AT LANDING ON THE VALLEY FLOOR TO RECOVER BODY. NO BODY FORM WAS LOCATED. EACH APPROACH BY THE AIRCRAFT RECEIVED HEAVY S/A FIRE FROM ADJACENT VILLAGES. FURTHER RECOVERY ATTEMPTS WILL BE COORDINATED WITH SCHEDULED FRIENDLY OPERATIONS TO TAKE PLACE IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. PATROL AND AIR CREWS WORE GAS MASKS THROUGHOUT OPERATION.

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

1ST MAR FOR COC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 271-69 280000H TO 282400H SEPTEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (6) OPER RECON TMS THERE ARE NO TMS OPER IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (4) (SLF) RECON TMS THERE ARE (3) TMS OPER AT (3) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

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e. REASON INSERTION/EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED

N/A

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 29 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS HAVEN UL-AT8434 LR-AT8731 VIC AT8493

(2) F-31 RECORD HAVEN UL-AT8933 IR-AT9230 VIC AT917314

(3) F-51 GRIM REAPER HAVEN UL-AT9336 LR-AT9633 VIC AT947346

g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 29 SEPTEMBER 69

NONE

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 282400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

c. A-11 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) AT928340

d. A-12 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT952402

e. A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) AT932312

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

a. A-12 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT 280900H VIC AT957406. TM FOUND (1) EN BASE CAMP. BASE CAMP CONTAINED (10) HUTS OF VARIOUS SIZES. THE LARGEST HUT WAS (10) FT LONG AND (10) FT WIDE. THE HUTS HAD BUNKERS DUG UNDER THEM. TM FOUND (2) BAYONETS, (1) KNIFE, (2) AMMO POUCHES FOR AK-47, (1) CHI COM GRENADE, (3) PONCHOS AND (1) SHOVEL.

b. A-12 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT 281000H VIC AT957404. TM OBSR (4) NVA MOVING S ON TRAIL. EN WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND (1) BLACK BERET. EN CARRIED (4) PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO PROXIMITY OF TM.

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FIRST FOR RECON CO

RELEASER

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

III MAF FOR COC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 272-69 290001H TO 292400H SEPTEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (6) OPER RECON TMS THERE ARE (3) TMS OPER AT (3) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (4) (SLF) RECON TMS THERE ARE (3) TMS OPER AT (3) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT 291045H HAVE UL-AT8434 IR-AT8231 VIC AT848348

(2) F-31 RECORD AT 291105H HAVEN UL-AT8233 IR-AT9230 VIC AT916315

(3) F-51 GRIM REAPER AT 291745H HAVEN UL-AT9336 IR-AT9633 VIC AT950345

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

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c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

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d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

e. REASON INSERTION/EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED

N/A

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 30 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT HAVEN UL-AT9543 LR-AT9940 VIC AT954400

g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 30 SEPTEMBER 69

(1) A-11 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) VIC AT928344

(2) F-51 GRIM REAPER VIC AT947346

(3) A-12 VESPER BELLS (SLF) VIC AT954400

(4) A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) VIC AT945312

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 292400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

c. F-11 DETROIT TIGERS VIC AT849340

d. F-31 RECORD VIC AT913318

e. F-51 GRIM REAPER VIC AT950345

f. A-11 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) VIC AT928342

g. A-12 VESPER BELLS (SLF) VIC AT956400

h. A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) VIC AT947311

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

NONE

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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INFO: CG XXIV CORPS

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CG 101ST ABN DIV

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III MAF FOR TOC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 273-69 300001H TO 302400H SEPTEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (6) OPER RECON TMS THERE ARE (3) TMS OPER AT (3) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (4) (SLF) RECON TMS THERE ARE NO TMS OPER IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 301215H HAVEN UR-AT9543 LR-AT9940 VIC AT956400

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-51 GRIM REAPER AT 300807H VIC AT949345

(2) A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) AT 301150H VIC AT943315

(3) A-11 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) AT 301205H VIC AT927345

(4) A-12 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT 301215H VIC AT956400 UNCLASSIFIED

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NONE

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UNCLASSIFIED. REASON INSERTION/EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED

NONE

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 01 OCTOBER 69

(1) F-61 REPORT CARD HAVEN UL-AT9641 LR-AT9938 VIC AT970388

g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 01 OCTOBER 69

NONE

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 302400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

c. F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT847340

d. F-31 RECORD AT902327

e. F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT960403

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

a. F-31 RECORD AT 300745H VIC AT913318. TM FOUND (1) EN BASE CAMP. BASE CAMP CONTAINED (15) TO (20) HUTS. HUTS VARIED IN SIZE FROM (6) FT BY (10) FT BY (8) FT, TO (30) FT BY (10) FT BY (8) FT AND (1) TUNNEL COMPLEX WITH (8) BUNKERS. BUNKERS WERE (10) FT BY (15) FT. TUNNEL COMPLEX HAS NOT BEEN USED IN SEVERAL MONTHS. TM CONTINUED THEIR SURVEILLANCE MISSION.

b. F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 301255H VIC AT956404. TM OBSR (2) VC MOVING NE ON TRAIL. EN WORE BLACK PJ'S AND COOLIE HATS. EN HAD NO EQUIPMENT. TM CONTINUED THEIR SURVEILLANCE MISSION.

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c. F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT 301700H VIC AT840337. TM OBSR (2) NVA AND (1) VC MOVING W ON TRAIL. EN WORE (2) GREEN UTILITIES AND (1) BLACK PJ'S. EN CARRIED (1) RIFLE. TM CONTINUED THEIR SURVEILLANCE MISSION.

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6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

a. PERSONNEL ON HAND

(1) USMC OFFICERS 10

(2) USMC ENLISTED 138

(3) USN ENLISTED 7

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