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1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), (G-3)  
Via: Commanding Officer, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein) (S-3)  
  
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 010001H October to 312400H  
October 1969  
  
Ref: (a) MCO P5750.2  
      (b) FMFPaco 5750.8A  
      (c) DivO 5750.2C  
  
Encl: (1) First Force Reconnaissance Company Command Chronology  
  
1. Enclosure (1) is submitted in accordance with the provisions  
of references (a), (b) and (c).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

010001H October 1969 to 312400H October 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

1st Force Reconnaissance Company

Major R. E. SIMMONS 1-3 October69

Major W. H. BOND 4-31 October69

ATTACHED UNITS

1stPlt Co A, 5th Recon Bn, FMF (1-28 Oct)  
3d Plt Co A, 5th Recon Bn, FMF (1-28 Oct)

2. LOCATION

1-31 October: DaNang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Capt S. L. OWENS 1-31 October69

S-2

2ndLt R. L. JONES 1-31 October69

S-3

1stLt W. E. ROLLINGS 1-31 October69

Supply Officer

GySgt W. E. SEGREST 1-13 October69

Communications Officer

2ndLt J. S. BENSON 14-31 October69

Motor Transport Officer

SSgt W. R. JOHNSON 1-31 October69

Capt S. L. OWENS 1-13 October69

2ndLt J. S. BENSON 14-31 October69

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
1stForReconCo	10	135		7
1stPlt Co A, 5th Recon Bn	1	18		1
3d Plt Co A, 5th Recon Bn	1	20		1

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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

PART III

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01 Oct 1969 During the month of October the Company continued to support the 1st Marine Division in Reconnaissance Operations.

01 Oct 1969 1st Squad, 6th platoon secured a helicopter landing zone at AT970388 and provided initial terminal guidance for 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment.

28 Oct 1969 1st and 3rd platoons, Company "A", 5th Reconnaissance Battalion were dropped from operation control by 1st Force Reconnaissance Company and came under operation control of 1st Reconnaissance Battalion. (Ref; 1stReconBn Command Chronology 010001H to 312400H October 1969).

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## a. Statistical Data Chart

Patrols	18
Sightings	9
Contacts	5
VC/NVA Sighted	65
Fire Missions	0
Fixed Wing	0
NCF Missions	1
VC/NVA KIA (Conf)	0
Weapons Captured	0
VC/NVA Captured	8
USMC Casualties	1
USN Casualties	0
USMC KIA	8
USMC WIA	0
USN KIA	1
USN WIA	0
USMC DOW	0
USMC MIA	0
USMC NBC	0
USN NBC	0
USMC KNBC	0

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#41: Co Operation Order #324-69 dtd 23 Oct 69  
#42: Patrol Report F-51 Grim Reaper dtd 23 Oct 69  
#43: Co Operation Order #325-69 dtd 25 Oct 69 Cancelled

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## OPERATION ORDER 300-69

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM, Series L7014 1:50,000, Sheet No. 6640 III  
 (b) 1stMarDivO P3800.1G (Intelligence SOP)  
 (c) 1stMarDivO P003330.2A (Rules of Engagement)  
 (d) 1stReconBnO P3000.4

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

1st Platoon

## 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 west to east within the objective area. Examine trails for future ground surveillance anti-intrusion sights.

## 3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by helicopter into the assigned operating area and move overland to vic grid square AT8533. Monitor enemy activity on trail running from AT840338 to AT865340.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 29 September/HIZ 469.

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 3 October/HIZ 469.

(3) Insertion HIZ AT849349, extraction HIZ TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by (UL) AT8434 and (LR) AT8731.

(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 Ho Chi Chans 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) Camera
- (3) Binocular, 7x50

## 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

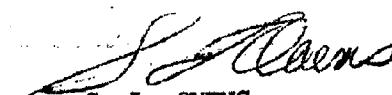
a. Communications-Electronics

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
1st Platoon	AT849349	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
4thIn, 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. Commando. 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.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR R. E. SIMMONS



S. L. OWENS

Captain, U. S. Marine Corps  
Executive Officer

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OPERATION ORDER: 300-69

PATROL: DETROIT TIGERS

DEBRIEFER: SSGT R. BOLAND

MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS L7014

SHETT(S) 6640 III

1ST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE CO  
DANANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM  
031600H SEPTEMBER 19691ST FORCE RECON CO  
PATROL REPORT

C NO. 54U-69

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## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 5 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, 2 CLAYMORES

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2. MISSION: MONITOR ENEMY TRAFFIC OVER TRAIL NETWORKS RUNNING FROM WEST TO EAST WITHIN OBJECTIVE AREA. EXAMINE TRAILS FOR FUTURE GROUND SURVEILLANCE AND INTRUSION SIGHTS.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 291100H/031055H SEPTEMBER 1969

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS ROUTINELY INSERTED BY HELICOPTER WITHOUT INCIDENT, AND EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER FLIP-FLOPPING WITH RUDDER. THERE WERE 96 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY, DURING WHICH THERE WAS 1 SIGHTING OF 3 VC/NVA, NO CONTACTS AND NO UNUSUAL OBSERVATIONS. 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: 301700H VIC AT840337 THE TEAM OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA MOVING WEST ON A TRAIL. 1 ENEMY WAS WEARING BLACK PJ'S AND THE OTHER 2 WERE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES. 1 ENEMY WAS CARRYING A BOLT ACTION RIFLE.

022230H VIC AT844335 THE TEAM SIGHTED A LANTERN DIRECTLY SOUTH OF THEIR HARBOR SITE. THE LIGHT MOVED EAST IN THE VICINITY OF A KNOWN TRAIL. THE PATROL INSPECTED THIS TRAIL AT SUNRISE AND IT APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN USED HEAVILY DURING THE PREVIOUS NIGHT. THE PATROL COULD NOT MAKE AN ESTIMATE AS TO THE NUMBER OF ENEMY USING THE TRAIL DURING THE NIGHT, BUT THEY SUSPECT THAT THE ENEMY IS USING THE COVER OF DARKNESS FOR THE MAJORITY OF HIS MOVEMENT.

b. TERRAIN: THE TERRAIN WAS STEEP WITH A CANOPY OF 50 TO 60 FEET. THE SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 5 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF BAMBOO, ELEPHANT GRASS AND VINES. MOVEMENT WAS SLOW AT THE RATE OF 200-300 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON TEAM. WATER WAS OBTAINABLE FROM A STREAM IN THE VICINITY OF AT845339. CONCEALMENT WAS CONSISTENTLY GOOD. COVER WAS BAD TO FAIR, CONSISTING OF ROCKS AND BOULDERS.

## 7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ. AT849349; LXCH-46; GOOD SITDOWN ZONE; AREA IS BOMBED OUT AND HAS SHORT ELEPHANT GRASS GROWING ON A 10-15 DEGREE SLOPE. THE BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE NE. THE BEST EXIT IS TO THE NW.

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EXTRACT LZ. AT845336; MULTI CH-46 SITDOWN ZONE; ABANDONED RICE  
PADDY AREA; FLAT FIELD.c. TRAILS. THE TRAILS ARE 2-3 FEET WIDE, AND ARE AS SHOWN ON THE  
MAP.d. OP'S. AT847339; OP PROVIDES A VIEW OF APPROXIMATELY 12 FEET OF  
THE TRAIL. THE OP IS IN A BOMBED OUT AREA AND HAS MODERATE CONCEALMENT.  
THE AREA OF THE TRAIL THAT CAN BE OBSERVED IS IN VIC AT840338.

e. COMM. COMMUNICATIONS WERE GOOD WITH "A" RELAY.

f. OBSTACLES. NONE ENCOUNTERED.

g. MISC. NONE.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: EXCELLENT.

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: NONE UTILIZED.

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THE TRAIL IN VICINITY OF AT840338  
WOULD BE THE BEST LOCATION FOR SID DEVICES. THE BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE  
OP VIC AT847339. THE BEST RETIREMENT IS TO RETURN TO THE OP.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

PATROL OVERLAY

1STLT LOWER	0107449
SGT MORIN	2148486
LCPL COLEMAN	2407272
PFC BRADSHAW	2503666
LCPL SLUSHER	2480745
PVT MERCADO	2255703

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+34

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O - INSERT

A - OP

X - EXTRACT

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PATROL LEADER

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14. COMMENTS ON THE PATROL: EXCELLENT.

15. COMMENTS ON THE SUPPORTING ARMS: Robert F. Boland  
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OPERATION ORDER 101-69

1ST FORCE RECON 23 09

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM, Series L7014 1:50,000, Sheet No. 6640 III 23 09  
 (b) 1stMarDivO P3800.1G (Intelligence SOP) 0793  
 (c) 1stMarDivO P003330.2A (Rules of Engagement)  
 (d) 1stReconBnO P3000.4

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

1st Platoon

SGT AYERS

## 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 network running from southwest to northeast within the objective area. Examine trails for future ground surveillance anti-intrusion sights.

## 3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by helicopter into the assigned operating area and monitor trail networks from AT964403 to AT976418. Establish observation over trail running from AT957401 to AT957430.

(b) Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 30 September/H LZ 469.

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 4 October/H LZ 469.

(3) Insertion Flip Flop w/Wesper Bells and Extraction H LZ TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by (UL) AT9543 and (IR) AT9940.

(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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ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.~~CONFIDENTIAL~~~~NOFORN~~

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 Ho Chi Chans 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) M-49 Scope

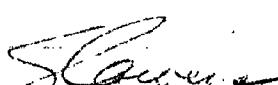
## 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications-Electronics

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
1/5th Platoon	AT956400	SWIFT SCOUT	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
5AG RELAY	AT837378	STCNE PIT "A"	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
5PR RELAY	AT990250	STONE PIT "B"	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
1/5th, 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: 301-69  
 PATROL: SWIFT SCOUT (F-41)  
 DEBRIEFER: SGT M KOZAKEWICH JR  
 MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS L7014  
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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
  - COMPOSITION: 5 USMC ENL, 11 USN ENL, 2 KCS
  - SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
  - COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S, 1 7x50'S, 2 PRC-93'S
  - SPECIAL EQUIP: 11 M-79, 4 CLAYMORES

2. MISSION: MONITOR ENEMY TRAFFIC OVER TRAIL NETWORK RUNNING FROM SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST WITHIN THE OBJECTIVE AREA. EXAMINE TRAILS FOR FUTURE GROUND SURVEILLANCE ANTI-INTRUSION SIGHTS.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 301215H/011746H OCTOBER 1969

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER ROUTINELY AND EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER 29 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY DURING WHICH 1 GROUP OF ENEMY WERE OBSERVED TOTALLING 2 VC/NVA. THERE WERE NO UNUSUAL OBSERVATIONS. PATROL MADE NO CONTACTS. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE UTILIZED. INSERT LZ WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. ENEMY: 301255H VIC AT956404 PATROL OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING NE ON A TRAIL. ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S WITH COOLIE HATS. THE ENEMY WERE UNARMED AND CARRIED NO EQUIPMENT.

301255H VIC AT956407, AT956400, AT9539, AND AT9640 (APPROXIMATE) PATROL HEARD RANDOM RIFLE SHOTS FROM THESE AREAS ALL DAY UNTIL 1915 WHEN THEY TAPERED OFF. THE NEXT DAY THE SHOTS BEGAN AT 0800 IN THE SAME LOCATIONS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A MACHINE GUN BEING HEARD IN THE VICINITY OF AT9640. THE MACHINE GUN FIRED 5 TO 6 ROUND BURSTS WHILE THE OTHER WEAPONS FIRED SINGLE SHOTS.

011000H VIC AT956400 PATROL HEARD POUNDING AND CHOPPING SOUNDS 800-1000 METERS TO THE SOUTHEAST OF THE ABOVE GRID. THE SOUNDS CONTINUED UNTIL THE PATROL WAS EXTRACTED AT 011745H.

b. TERRAIN: SLIGHTLY ROLLING ALONG THE PATROL'S ROUTE, WITH A CANOPY OF 20-30 FT. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 4-6 FT HIGH CONSISTING OF THORN BUSHES, AND ELEPHANT GRASS. MOVEMENT WAS DIFFICULT AND RESTRICTED TO THE RATE OF 100 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS NOT FOUND IN THIS AREA. CONCEALMENT AND COVER WERE POOR IN MOST PLACES.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ: AT956400, 1xCH-46, GOOD SITDOWN ZONE, VEGETATION IS 4-5 FT ELEPHANT GRASS AND THORN BUSHES. BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE NORTH OR SOUTH.

b. EXTRACT LZ: SAME AS INSERT ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~

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c. TRAILS. AT 095400, RUNNING NE TO SW; APPROXIMATELY 1 FOOT WIDE; USED RECENTLY, BUT NOT HEAVILY.

d. OP'S. NONE USED.

e. COMM. COMMUNICATIONS WERE GOOD WITH A WHIP ANTENNA ONLY, TO "A" RELAY.

f. OBSTACLES. AREA OF OPERATIONS CONTAINED BOMBED OUT AREAS WHERE CONCEALMENT WAS POOR.

g. MISC. 301510H - 302000H PATROL RECEIVED SPORADIC INCOMING FRIENDLY ARTILLERY; WHEN ROUNDS BEGAN GETTING CLOSER, PATROL CALLED BACK AND ARTILLERY CEASED.

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: THE PATROL LEADER RECOMMENDS THAT ANY FUTURE PATROLS IN THIS AREA MOVE FROM THE HIGH GROUND TO LOW GROUND IF THE PATROL HAS THE SAME MISSION.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE.

PATROL ROUTE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

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SCT AYERS	1680579
LCPL CASTRO	2402275
LCPL ROTH	2315049
LCPL RODRIGUEZ	2425542
PFC HERZBERG	2517781
HM3 DOYLE	B117391
KCS HOA	441
KCS HAO	129

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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:

1stSqd, 3rd Platoon

1STLT CHAMPE

## 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 north to south within the objective area. Examine trails for future ground surveillance anti-intrusion sights.

## 3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by helicopter into the assigned objective area. Monitor trail networks in grid squares AT9031, AT9032, AT9132 and trail running northwest from AT920324 to AT917330.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 29 September/HIZ 69.

(2) Date/Place of Return. 3 October/HIZ 69.

(3) Insertion HIZ AT917311, extraction HIZ TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by (UL) AT8933 and (LR) AT9230.

(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 Chanh's 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) Camera
- (3) Binocular, 7x50

## 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications-Electronics

UNITE	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
1stSqd, 2nd Platoon	AT 917314	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
4thBn, 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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## PATROL REPORT

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## 1. SIZE COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

a. COMPOSITION: 1 USMC OFF, 6 USMC ENL, AND 1 USN ENL

b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE

c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S, 1 35MM CAMERA

d. SPECIAIL EQUIP: 2 CLAYMORES, M6E-118 GRENADE LAUNCHER

2. MISSION: MONITOR ENEMY TRAFFIC OVER TRAIL NETWORKS RUNNING FROM NORTH TO SOUTH WITHIN THE OBJECTIVE AREA. EXAMINE TRAILS FOR FUTURE GROUND SURVEILLANCE ANTI-INTRUSION SIGHTS.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 291105H/031135H

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER ROUTINELY AND EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER 96 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY DURING WHICH NO ENEMY WERE OBSERVED. THERE WERE NO UNUSUAL OBSERVATIONS AND NO CONTACTS. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE USED. INSERT LZ WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

## 6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. ENEMY: 291630H VIC AT913318 PATROL FOUND AN OLD BASE CAMP. THE CAMP WAS 100 METERS BY 100 METERS. THERE WERE APPROXIMATLEY 15 HUTS. THEY MEASURED FROM 10'x8'x8' HIGH TO 30'x15'x8' HIGH. THE HUTS WERE MADE WITH LOG FRAMES, WOVEN MATS FOR THE WALLS, AND A COURSE THATCH FOR THE ROOF. ON THE INSIDE OF THE HUTS, AND NEARBY OUTSIDE, THERE WERE ENTRANCE HOLES TO A CAVE SYSTEM. THE CAVE SYSTEM LED TO 8 UNDERGROUND BUNKERS WHICH WERE APPROXIMATELY 10'x15'x5' HIGH. THE BUNKERS HAD A COVERING OF 4" LOGS. MUD HAD BEEN PACKED ON TOP OF THEM. THERE WERE ALSO 3-5 TABLES MADE OF STICKS AND TWIGS IN THE AREA. (SEE DIAGRAM)

021600H VIC AT908333 PATROL FOUND FIGHTING HOLES NEAR THEIR EXTRACT LZ. THE HOLES WERE MADE FOR 1 MAN AND WERE 3x3x4 FT DEEP WITH A 2x2x2 FT CUT INTO THE BOTTOM PERPENDICULAR TO THE MAIN SHAFT.

b. TERRAIN: STEEP WITH A THICK CANOPY OF 15-20 FT. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 10-15 FT HIGH CONSISTING OF VINES, BAMBOO, AND SCRUB BRUSH. MOVEMENT WAS DIFFICULT ON THE SLOPES AND RESTRICTED THE RATE OF MOVEMENT TO 100-150 METERS PER HOUR. CONCEALMENT WAS GOOD BUT COVER WAS NOT EASILY FOUND. WATER WAS PLENTIFUL AND WHEN FOUND WAS SWIFT MOVING.

## 7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ: AT917314, 1xCH-46, GOOD SITDOWN ZONE, WAS COVERED BY 1 FT GRASS AND SMALL SHRUBS. THERE WERE 10-12 FIGHTING HOLES IN THE ZONE. THE BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE SW AND LAND FACING THE NE. BEST EXIT TO THE NE.

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b. EXTRACT LZ: AT908333, 2XCH-46, GOOD SITDOWN ZONE, OLD RICE PADDY, 4" GRASS COVERED, WITH 10-15 FT TREES AROUND THE ZONE. THE BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE NW. BEST EXIT IS TO THE NW

c. TRAILS: AT905325, 3-3½ FT WIDE, VERY WELL USED; PATROL SAW 2 FT WIDE WELL USED TRAIL, WHILE THEY WERE BEING INSERTED, ALONG THE HIGH RIDGELINE VIC AT915314.

d. OP'S: NONE USED

e. COMM: POOR WITH TAPE ANTENNA TO BOTH STONE PIT "A" AND "B".

f. OBSTACLES: NONE ENCOUNTERED.

g. MISC: NONE

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

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: NONE USED

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

1stLt CHAMPE	0108666
CPL CAR	2402995
PFC STEVENS	2288269
PFC CANNON	2479251
CMPFC GAUTHIER	2441813
PFC LESSARD	2449074

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12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE

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BUNKER  
ISLA CHAMPS CAVE ENTRANCE

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PFC CANNON

CMPFC GAUTHIER  
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PATROL OVERLAY

BASE CAMP FOUND AT

AT908333

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Task Organization:

1stSqd, 6th Platoon

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1STLT RITCHIE

## 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 (primary zone vic AT970388 and alternate zone vic AT974399) and provide terminal guidance for helicopterborne landing force.

## 3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by helicopter into the assigned objective area vic AT 970388. Conduct a thorough reconnaissance of the area and submit a HELAS report ASAP the morning of 2 October 1969. Routine extract by helicopter.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 011800H October/HIZ 469.

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 2 October/HIZ 469.

(3) Insertion HIZ, primary AT970388, alternate AT974399 and Extraction HIZ TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) AT9641 and (LR) AT9938.

(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.

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- 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

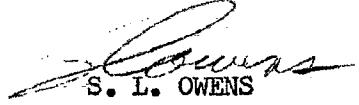
UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
1stSqd, 6th Platoon	AT970388	REPORT CARD	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
"A" RELAY	AT837378	STONE PIT "A"	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
"B" RELAY	AT990250	STONE PIT "B"	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
7thMar, FSCC	BT135455	BAD ACTOR	71.65 Prim 60.45 Alt
CO, 1stForReconCo	AT990709	STONE PIT	37.0 Prim 59.9 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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## PATROL REPORTS

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

a. COMPOSITION: 1 USMC OFC, 8 USMC INF. 1 USMC MEDIC

b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE

c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 AN/PRC-25'S, 1 7x50'S

d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79, 5 CLAYMORES, 1 M-60, 1 AR-15.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT A HELICOPTER LANDING AREA SURVEY FOR PRIMARY ZONE VIC AT970380 AND ALTERNATE ZONE VIC AT974399 AND PROVIDE TERMINAL GUIDANCE FOR HELICOPTERBORNE LANDING FORCE.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 011700H/030835H OCTOBER 1969

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS ROUTINELY INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND AFTER 59 HOURS ON TOP OF HON IAU MOUNTAIN PROVIDED TERMINAL GUIDANCE FOR THE HELICOPTER LANDING OF ELEMENTS OF "E" COMPANY 2D BATTALION, 7TH MARINE REGIMENT. THE PATROL'S HELICOPTER RECEIVED FIRE DURING EXTRACTION AND SUSTAINED 1 USMC WIA(M). THE PATROL MADE 2 SIGHTING OF 1 VC/NVA AND 2 CONTACTS, 1 OCCURRING WHILE ON THE GROUND AND THE OTHER BEING SMALL ARMS FIRE RECEIVED DURING EXTRACTION. THERE WERE NO UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE UTILIZED BY THE PATROL AND THE INSERT ECNE WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

## 6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. ENEMY: 020830H VIC AT970390 PATROL OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH TO SOUTH ON A TRAIL. ENEMY WORE A BUSH COVER AND PONCHO NO OTHER EQUIPMENT COULD BE OBSERVED. PATROL INITIATED CONTACT. RESULTS COULD NOT BE DETERMINED.

C21400H VIC AT970390 THE PATROL HEARD VOICES 50 METERS EAST OF THEIR POSITION ON A TRAIL MOVING NORTH TO SOUTH. THE PATROL COULD NOT OBSERVE THE ENEMY DUE TO TERRAIN.

023700H - 021600H WHILE THE PATROL WAS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF AT970390 THEY COULD HEAR AN ENGINE RUNNING INTERMITTENTLY THROUGHOUT THE DAY. THE PATROL DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE ENGINE WAS IN A FIXED POSITION. THE TONE OF THE ENGINE OFTEN SHIFTED. THE SOUND WAS SIMILAR TO A TRUCK MOVING, THE PATROL ESTIMATES THE LOCATION OF THE ENGINE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS; AT9539, AT9538 AND AT9438.

030835H DURING THE PATROL'S EXTRACTION, THE EXTRACTION HELICOPTER RECEIVED AN UNKNOWN AMOUNT OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM THE APPROXIMATE VICINITY OF AT9539 AND AT9540. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA (MINOR).

b. TERRAIN: THE TERRAIN WAS VERY STEEP WITH A CANOPY 15 TO 30 FEET HIGH, SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 6-8 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF VINES, BRIARS AND ELEPHANT GRASS, THE PATROL MOVED ONLY APPROXIMATELY 50 METERS FROM THE INSERT/EXTRACT ZONE. MOVEMENT WOULD BE DIFFICULT DUE TO

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THE STEEPNESS OF THE TERRAIN. THE VEGETATION DOES NOT IMPAIR MOVEMENT MUCH; RATHER IT IS NECESSARY TO HOLD ON TO THE VEGETATION BECAUSE OF THE STEEPNESS OF THE TERRAIN. CONCEALMENT IS FAIR FOR A STATIONARY PATROL, BUT WOULD NOT BE GOOD FOR MOVEMENT. COVER CONSISTS OF MAN MADE FIGHTING HOLES AND LARGE ROCKS. THE MAN MADE FIGHTING HOLES FURNISH GOOD COVER, BUT THE LARGE ROCKS FURNISH FAIR TO POOR COVER. WATER WAS NOT FOUND BY THE PATROL.

## 7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT ZONE. AT 970390; LENGTH 6 SITDOWN ZONE; SLOPES GENTLY IN ALL DIRECTIONS. THE BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE WEST TO THE EAST. THE BEST EXIT IS TO THE NORTHWEST.

b. EXTRACT LZ. SAME AS INSERT ZONE.

c. TRAILS. RUN NORTH TO SOUTH ON THE RIDGELINE. THEY ARE 2 FEET WIDE, WELL USED, BUT NOT DUG INTO THE SURFACE OF THE GROUND.

d. OP'S. AT 970390; GOOD VIEW OF THE VALLEYS TO THE NORTH, EAST AND WEST.

e. COMM. COMMUNICATIONS WERE GOOD WITH "A" RELAY.

f. OBSTACLES. NO CLIFFS COULD BE OBSERVED, HOWEVER THE TERRAIN IS EXTREMELY STEEP.

g. MISC. HELICOPTER LANDING AREA SURVEY; SECTION 2: THE LANDING AREA DESCRIPTION. THE LANDING WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY H/2/7.

a. SIZE: 1xCH-46

b. SURFACE MATERIALS: HARD PACKED DIRT

c. BREAKS OR INTERRUPTIONS: NONE

d. OBSTACLES: NONE

e. SLOPE: GENTLE SLOPE IN ALL DIRECTIONS FALLING OFF STEEPLY ON EVERY SIDE AFTER APPROXIMATELY 30-50 METERS.

f. VEGETATION: SHORT SCRUB BRUSH IN ZONE, AND SHORT TREES AROUND THE ZONE.

g. LOCAL USE: DOMINATE, KEY TERRAIN FEATURE WITH TRAIL RUNNING NORTH TO SOUTH.

h. CULTURAL FEATURES: NONE

i. DESCRIPTION OF ADJACENT TERRAIN: STEEP RAZOR BACK RIDGE-LINE RUNS INTO FLAT TABLE LIKE MAZE TO SOUTH.

j. EXITS: TO EAST AND WEST

k. SURFACE WINDS: FROM WEST 3-5 KNOTS

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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: THIS MOUNTAIN MAKES A GOOD BASE AREA FOR THE VC/NVA. AN HOA COMBAT BASE AND THE PLAINS SURROUNDING THE BASE CAN BE OBSERVED, WEATHER PERMITTING.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: THIS HILL FREQUENTLY OVERCAST BY CLOUDS DURING THIS TIME OF YEAR.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

PATROL ROUTE

1STLT RITCHIE	0106920
LCPL BROWN	2477591
LCPL SMITH	2396761
PFC MYERS	2463598
LCPL WIX	2460776
PFC MEINHEIT	2486029
LCPL HORN	2465357
CPL SPERRY	2304682
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 (d) 1stReconBnO P3000.4

Time Zone: H

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Task Organization:

1st pl, 1st Platoon 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. Monitor enemy traffic over trail networks from AT8114319 south to AT801300. On order conduct an artillery ambush on targets of opportunity.

## 3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Insert by helicopter into objective area. Move overland to a vantage point and monitor and report enemy activity over trails extending from AT8114319 south to AT801300. Coordinate with supporting artillery for fire mission capability on enemy targets. Routine extraction by helicopter is scheduled.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 3 October/HLZ 469.

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 7 October/HLZ 469.

(3) Insertion HLZ vic AT822316 and extraction HLZ TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) AT8033 and (IR) AT8330.

(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 Chanks 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 evacuations.

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
1stPtl, 1stPtl, 5thReconBn	AT822316	LUNCHMEAT	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, FSOC	BT135455	BAD ACTOR	71.65Prim 68.45Alt

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).

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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:  
 a. COMPOSITION: 1 USMC OFF. 6 USMC ENL. 6 25  
 b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE  
 c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRG-25'S, 1 7x50'S  
 d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-79, 3 CLAYMORES

2. MISSION: MONITOR ENEMY TRAFFIC OVER TRAIL NETWORKS FROM AT814319 SOUTH TO AT801300. ON ORDER CONDUCT AN ARTILLERY AMBUSH ON TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 031050H/101152H OCTOBER 1969

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS ROUTINELY INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND EXTRACTED USING THE SPIKE SYSTEM WITHOUT INCIDENT AFTER 169 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITIES DURING WHICH THE PATROL HAD 1 SIGHTING OF 1 VC/NVA. NO CONTACTS OCCURRED. THE PATROL DID NOT HAVE MAKE ANY UNUSUAL OBSERVATIONS, 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. 041500H PATROL HEARD 1 RIFLE SHOT IN THE VIC AT813316, FOLLOWED BY TALKING.  
 051000H PATROL HEARD 1 RIFLE SHOT IN VIC AT808309.  
 071200H VIC AT827313. PATROL OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA MOVING WEST ACROSS A RIVER. ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, HAD A HIGH AND TIGHT HAIRCUT, WORE A CARTRIDGE BELT WITH 2 CANTEENS AND CARRIED A RIFLE. PATROL COULD NOT DETERMINE WHAT TYPE OF RIFLE ENEMY CARRIED.  
 081100H VIC AT826314. PATROL HEARD APPROXIMATELY 2 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHEAST ON TRAIL. PATROL COULD NOT OBSERVE THE ENEMY DUE TO THE VEGETATION.  
 081700H PATROL HEARD 1 RIFLE SHOT FROM THE APPROXIMATE VICINITY OF AT823315.  
 091309H VIC AT824313. PATROL HEARD 1 RIFLE SHOT. THIS ROUND IMPACTED IN THE TREES ABOVE THE PATROL. THE SHOT SOUNDED AS IF IT CAME FROM APPROXIMATELY 50 METERS TO THE SOUTH OF THE PATROL.  
 THE SOUND OF AN ENGINE WAS HEARD INTERMITTENTLY THROUGHOUT THE PATROL AND SOUNDED AS IF IT WAS EMMANATING FROM VIC GS AT8132.

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b. TERRAIN VARIED FROM STEEP TO FLAT WITH A CANOPY OF 30 FEET. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 6 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF VINES, ELEPHANT GRASS AND BAMBOO. MOVEMENT WAS GENERALLY SLOW AT THE RATE OF 100 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. THE ONLY SOURCE OF WATER DURING THE DRY SEASON WOULD BE THE STREAM IN VICINITY AT825315.

CONCEALMENT WAS VERY GOOD THE ENTIRE PATROL ROUTE. COVER WAS POOR, CONSISTING OF LARGE ROCKS. MOVEMENT VARIED FROM SILENT IN THE HIGHER CANOPY AREAS TO NOISY ON THE LOWER GROUND WHERE THE CANOPY THINNED OUT AND THE SECONDARY GROWTH BECAME THICKER.

7. OTHER INFORMATION.

a. INSERT LZ. AT822315 1XCH-46. CONSIST OF GRASS SURFACE IN OLD RICE PADDY. THE BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE NE TO THE SW. THE BEST DEPARTURE IS TO THE SW.

b. EXTRACT LZ. AT827313 GOOD SPIE ZONE. THIS RECON TEAM BLEW OUT 1 TREE STUMP AND 2 SMALL TREES IN THIS ZONE WITH CLAYMORE MINES. THIS ZONE COULD NOW BE USED AS A FAIR TAILGATE ZONE.

c. TRAILS. SMALL TRAILS EXIST IN THE PATROL'S AREA OF OPERATION WHICH ARE USED TO TRAVEL TO SAP PRODUCING TREES. THESE TRAILS ARE APPROXIMATELY 1 FOOT WIDE AND EVINced LITTLE USE.

d. OP'S. AT814311 PROVIDES GOOD OBSERVATION OF THE TRAIL VICINITY OF AT809310.

e. COMM. GOOD. 1 RADIO SHORTED OUT DUE TO THE RAIN.

f. OBSTACLES. NONE

g. MISC. PATROL WAS UNABLE TO OBSERVE TRAIL VIC AT809310 FOR APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT OF THE DAYLIGHT HOURS DUE TO RAIN AND FOG CONDITIONS.

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

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL. POOR DUE TO IMMERSION FOOT AND BODY RASHES.

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS. N/A

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. NONE

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER. NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS.

2ND LT MANGINT	0706943	PATROL LEADER
LCPL MEADOWS	2456964	
LCPL GOODWIN	2439904	
LCPL LEBOW	2487483	
PFC PUCKETT	2457068	
PFC MORROW	2471116	
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(d) 1stReconBnO P3000.4

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

2ndPMA, 3rd Platoon Co. "A" 5th ReconBn

SGT BACHTA

## 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 from AT918330 to AT920311. On order conduct an artillery ambush on targets of opportunity.

## 3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Insert by helicopter into objective area. Move to a vantage point and monitor and report enemy activity over trails extending from AT918330 south to AT920311. Coordinate with supporting artillery for fire mission capability on enemy targets. Routine extraction by helicopter is scheduled.b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 3 October/HLZ 469.

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 7 October/HLZ 469.

(3) Insertion via Flip Flop w/Record and extraction  
HLZ TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) AT8933 and (LR) AT9230

(5) Rules of engagement set forth in reference (d) 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 Chanks 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.

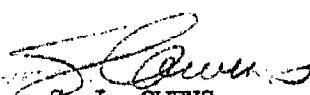
a. Communications-Electronics

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
2dPlt, 3rdPlt, 5thReconBn		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
7thMar, FSCC	BT135455	BAD ACTOR	71.65 Prim 68.45 Alt
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).

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: 5 USMC ENL. 1 USN ENL.
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
  - c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRG-25'S 1 7x50'S 1 M-49 SCOPE
  - d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-14, 1 M-79, 2 CLAYMORE MINES.

2. MISSION: MONITOR ENEMY TRAFFIC OVER TRAIL NETWORKS FROM AT918330 TO AT920311. ON ORDER CONDUCT AN ARTILLERY AMBUSH ON TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 031135H/101255H OCTOBER 1969

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY IN ENCLOSURE 2

5. SYNOPSIS: PATROL WAS ROUTINELY INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS FLIP FLOPPING WITH RECORD AFTER 176 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITIES. 2 GROUPS OF ENEMY TOTALING 32 VC/NVA WERE OBSERVED. NO CONTACTS WITH THE ENEMY WERE MADE. PATROL OBSERVED 1 DEFENSIVE COMPLEX. THE PATROL UTILIZED 1 AIR OBSERVER WHICH MADE 3 STRIKES ON A VC/NVA HARBOR SITE WHERE THE PATROL HAD EARLIER OBSERVED 30 ENEMY. THE PATROL DID NOT CALL ANY ARTILLERY FIRE MISSIONS; HOWEVER THEY OBSERVED 2 FRIENDLY FIRE MISSIONS WHICH RESULTED IN 3 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AND 2 LARGE ORANGE FIRE FLASHES. THE PATROL'S INSERT ZONE WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- ENEMY: 031205H VIC AT908330H VIC AT908330. PATROL HEARD MOVEMENT TO THE NORTHWEST WHICH SOUNDED LIKE 1 ENEMY. NO ACTION TAKEN. 031220H (SEE SKETCH-ENCLOSURE 1) PATROL OBSERVED A ENEMY DEFENSIVE COMPLEX WHICH EXTENDED FROM VIC AT909331 TO AT908328. THIS COMPLEX CONSISTED OF 10 CIRCULAR TRENCHES ON THE NORTHERN END IN THE VICINITY OF AT908328, A TRENCH TO THE SOUTH OF THESE POSITIONS, WITH BUNKERS ALONG SIDE THE TRENCH. SOME OF THE BUNKERS HAD BEEN CAVED IN BY THE RAIN. THE PATROL DID NOT OBSERVE WHERE THE TRENCH BEGAN OR ENDED BUT FOLLOWED THE TRENCH FOR APPROXIMATELY 300 METERS SOUTH WHERE THE PATROL OBSERVED 4 MORE OF THE CIRCULAR TRENCHES IN THE VICINITY OF AT909331. THE ENTIRE COMPLEX WAS CONCEALED FROM THE AIR. THE CIRCULAR DEFENSIVE POSITIONS WERE LOCATED ON KEY TERRAIN IN PAIRS WITH A TUNNEL CONNECTING THE PAIRS OF POSITIONS. OTHER TUNNELS LED OUT OF THE CIRCULAR TRENCH DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. HOW FAR OR WHERE THESE TUNNELS WENT WERE NOT DETERMINED BY THE

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PATROL. THE CIRCULAR TRENCHES WERE WELL CAMOUFLAGED AND THE TERRAIN AROUND THE POSITIONS PROVIDED EXCELLENT FIELDS OF FIRE FOR THE DEFENSIVE POSTS. THESE FIELDS OF FIRE DID NOT FURNISH COVER OR CONCEALMENT FOR AN ASSAULT FORCE. THE ENTIRE AREA WAS WELL POLICED AND NO DIRT COULD BE OBSERVED THAT HAD BEEN DUG OUT OF THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. THIS AREA DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN USED RECENTLY.

+ 031500H VIC AT908328 PATROL OBSERVED 2 HUTS 10' x 6' x 8' HIGH. THE ROOFS OF THE HUTS WERE CONSTRUCTED OF DRIED GRASS. THE PATROL COULD HEAR CHICKENS AND MEN COUGHING IN THE VICINITY. 30 METERS TO THE EAST, THE PATROL OBSERVED A RICE PADDY AREA WHICH COULD BE OBSERVED FROM THE AIR, BUT WAS NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO LAND A CH-46. THIS AREA WAS WELL POLICED; HOWEVER, THERE WERE SIGNS OF RECENT ACTIVITY IN THE AREA.

031235H VIC AT909328 PATROL OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA SITTING UNDER A LEAN-TO. THE ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, CARTRIDGE BELTS AND EACH CARRIED AN AK-47 RIFLE. THE LEAN-TO WAS SUPPORTED ON ONE END BY A BUNKER. 12 FIGHTING HOLES WERE ARRANGED IN A CIRCLE AROUND THE LEAN-TO AND BUNKER. SOME BLACK PJ'S AND WHAT APPEARED TO BE LONG JOHN UNDERWEAR WERE HANGING ON NEARBY TREES. SMALL STICKS WERE STRUCK INTO THE GROUND IN FRONT OF THE FIGHTING HOLES POSSIBLY DESIGNATING FIELDS OF FIRE. AN AREA MEASURING APPROXIMATELY 200 METERS IN DIAMETER HAD BEEN CLEARED AROUND THE ENEMY POSITION. THE PATROL LEADER BELIEVES THAT THIS AREA COULD BE OBSERVED FROM THE AIR. THE PATROL AVOIDED CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY.

031315H VIC AT908330 PATROL OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY 30 VC/NVA HARBORING IN THIS VICINITY. THE ENEMY WORE GREEN AND GRAY UTILITIES. PATROL OBSERVED CARTRIDGE BELTS, PACKS, BEDROLLS, 2 AK-47 RIFLES, AND NUMEROUS OTHER RIFLES WHICH COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED. WHILE OBSERVING THE 30 VC/NVA, THE PATROL HEARD MOVEMENT TO THE NORTH AND THEREFOR MOVED OUT OF THE AREA.

031657H VIC AT905325 PATROL HEARD 1 RIFLE SHOT APPROXIMATELY 500 METERS WEST OF THEIR POSITION.

031730H AERIAL OBSERVER REQUESTED THAT THE PATROL OBSERVE THE EFFECTS OF ORDNANCE BEING EXPENDED ON THE 30 VC/NVA MENTIONED IN 031235H. THE AERIAL OBSERVER EXPENDED ROCKETS AND MACHINE GUN FIRE ON THE ENEMY POSITION. RESULTS: UNKNOWN. THE PATROL COULD NOT OBSERVE THE TARGET AREA FROM THEIR PRESENT POSITION.

042115H PATROL WAS REQUESTED TO OBSERVE AN ARTILLERY MISSION IMPACTING IN THE VICINITY OF AT915333 TO AT916338. PATROL OBSERVED 3 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FIRST ROUNDS IMPACTED THE PATROL COULD HEAR MOVEMENT AROUND THEIR POSITION MOVING WEST. PATROL REQUESTED THAT THE MISSION BE RESUMED. WHEN THE FIRE MISSION RESUMED THE MOVEMENT CONTINUED WEST UNTIL IT COULD NO LONGER BE HEARD. AFTER THE FIRE MISSION RESUMED THE PATROL OBSERVED 2 LARGE ORANGE FIRE FLASHES WHERE THE ROUNDS IMPACTED IN THE APPROXIMATE VICINITY OF AT917337. THE ENTIRE FIRE MISSION CONSISTED OF APPROXIMATELY 180 ROUNDS OF WHICH 16 WERE DUDS.

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051130H VIC AT897327. (SEE SKETCH ENCLOSURE 2) PATROL OBSERVED A FENCED IN AREA APPROXIMATELY 70 FEET BY 70 FEET, AND 9 FEET HIGH. THIS PEN HAD 1 DOOR WHICH WAS 4 FEET WIDE AND 9 FEET HIGH. THE FENCE WAS CONSTRUCTED OF SAPLINGS WHICH WERE 3 TO 6 INCHES IN DIAMETER, 9 FEET HIGH AND SHARPENED AT THE TOP. BARBED WIRE WAS USED TO HOLD THE SAPLINGS TOGETHER. 1 STRAND OF BARBED WIRE WAS AT THE EXTREME TOP, 1 AT THE BOTTOM AND 2 OTHERS WERE SPACED IN BETWEEN. 1 FIGHTING HOLE WAS DUG INSIDE THE PEN NEAR THE DOOR. THE INSIDE OF THE PEN WAS BARE OF GRASS, BUT THERE WAS SOME SMALL SHUBBERY INSIDE THE PEN. A TRAIL WAS RUNNING EAST TO WEST IN THE PROXIMITY OF THE PEN. THE TRAIL DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN USED RECENTLY. THERE IS A PERENNIAL STREAM 200 METERS EAST OF THE PEN. THIS STRUCTURE WAS APPROXIMATELY 2 MONTHS OLD, DID NOT APPEAR TO BE IN CURRENT USE, WAS WELL POLICED AND COULD NOT BE OBSERVED FROM THE AIR.

052020H PATROL WAS REQUESTED TO OBSERVE ARTILLERY FIRE MISSION IN AREA FROM VICINITY AT907333 TO AT908338. PATROL COULD NOT OBSERVE ANY RESULTS. OF 16 ARTILLERY ROUNDS FIRED 4 WERE DUDS.

081215H VIC AT908333. PATROL HEARD 1 BURST OF AUTOMATIC RIFLE FIRE, APPROXIMATELY 300 METERS WEST OF THE PATROLS POSITION. THE PATROL WAS LOCATED AT THE PRECEEDING GRID COORDINATES.

091200H VIC AT908334. THIS AREA CONSISTED OF K OLD GARDENS WHICH HAD NOT BEEN MAINTAINED FOR APPROXIMATELY 6 MONTHS, OR LONGER. THE PRODUCE STILL GROWING CONSISTED OF A FRUIT SIMILAR TO A GRAPEFRUIT, RASPBERRIES, ONIONS, FLOWERS, DATE NUTS, CRABAPPLES, AND POMEGRANITE TREES. SOME OF THE FRUIT HAD BEEN PICKED.

b. TERRAIN WAS MOSTLY ROLLING HILLS WITH A CANOPY OF 60 FEET. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 10 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF VINES, BRIARS, ELEPHANT GRASS AND SHRUBBERY. MOVEMENT WAS FAST AT THE RATE OF 600 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS PLENTIFUL THROUGHOUT THE AREA.

CONCEALMENT WAS GENERALLY GOOD. SILENT MOVEMENT WAS POSSIBLE ON MOST OF THE TERRAIN. COVER WAS GOOD, CONSISTING OF DIKES, LARGE ROCKS AND BOULDERS.

#### 7. OTHER INFORMATION

a. INSERT LZ. AT908333. 3 x CH-46. GOOD ZONE, LOCATED IN AN OLD RICE PADDY. LOW GRASS 2 FEET HIGH. THE BEST APPROACH WAS FROM THE WEST TO THE EAST. THE BEST DEPARTURE IS TO THE NORTHEAST.

b. EXTRACT LZ. SAME AS INSERT LZ.

OTHER LZ'S OBSERVED. AT903334. 1x CH-46. OLD RICE PADDY. THIS LZ IS COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY RIDGELINES. BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE EAST TO THE WEST. BEST DEPARTURE IS TO THE WEST.

LZ AT909330 1xCH-46 OLD RICE PADDY. BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE EAST TO THE WEST. BEST DEPARTURE IS TO THE NORTH.

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c. TRAILS. MANY TRAILS EXIST IN THE VICINITY OF THE PATROLS ROUTE. (SEE TRAIL OVERLAY) PATROL COULD NOT DETERMINE IF THE TRAILS HAD BEEN USED RECENTLY DUE TO THE HEAVY RAINS WHICH OCCURRED ALMOST CONSTANTLY DURING THIS PATROL.

d. OP'S. AT90835. PROVIDES GOOD OBSERVATION OF SOUTHERN ANTENNA VALLEY; AREA BOUNDED BY UPPER LEFT AT9037, LOWER RIGHT AT9236.

e. COMM. GOOD

f. OBSTACLES. NONE

g. MISC. NEED ONLY 2 CANTEENS OF WATER IN THIS AREA, EVEN DURING THE DRY SEASON.

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

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL. POOR. 3 MARINES TREATED FOR IMMERSION FOOT.

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS. AIR OBSERVER STRIKES UNOBSERVER-ED. ARTILLERY FIRE MISSIONS, RESULTED IN 3 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AND 2 LARGE ORANGE FIRE FLASHES. PATROL DID NOT CALL ARTY F/M.

11. PATROL LEADER THINKS THAT MORE PATROLS SHOULD BE SENT INTO THIS AREA BECAUSE OF EXTENSIVE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS CONSTRUCTED BY THE ENEMY, AND THE OTHER INDICATIONS OF ENEMY ACTIVITY, SUGGESTING THAT THERE IS MORE TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE ENEMY IN THIS AREA.

12. THE CIRCULAR DEFENSIVE POSITIONS IN ENTRY 031220H (SEE SKETCH IN ENCLURE 1) ARE POSSIBLY INTENDED TO BE USED AS A BATTLE-FIELD BY THE ENEMY, WHILE THE TUNNELS AND TRENCH SYSTEM IS INTENDED TO BE USED TO RESUPPLY THE BATTLEFIELD AND SERVE AS A WITHDRAWAL ROUTE, PROVIDING COVER FROM OUR SUPPORTING ARMS.

13. PATROL MEMBERS.

CH	GERBIG	2454030	
CL	KOONTZ	2369585	PATROL LEADER
CJ	GIFFORD	2458873	
KL	GIBERSON	2458873	
AC	SIMPSON	2521506	
MC	MC NAMARA	B612472	

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DEFENSIVE POSITIONS (CIRCULAR TRENCHES WITH 2 MAN BUNKER IN CENTER)

DEFENSIVE POSITIONS ARE WELL CONCEALED WITH NATURAL VEGETATION. ALL HAVE GOOD FIELDS OF FIRE. NO COVER OR CONCEALMENT FOR ASSAULTING TROOPS.

IT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED HOW FAR THESE TUNNELS GO.

THESE DEFENSIVE COMPLEX EXTENDS FROM VIC AT 909331 TO AT 908328 AND IS CONCEALED FROM THE AIR.

BOMB SHELTERS EVERY 8 FEET.

TRENCH APPROXIMATELY 300 METERS LONG AND 6-8 FEET WIDE.

3 LOG BRIDGES ON TRENCH.

TUNNELS

TUNNELS CONNECT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.

TRAIL

BUNKERS EVERY 6 METERS.

DEFENSIVE POSITIONS

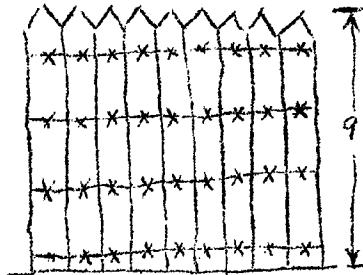
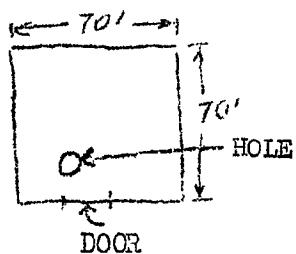
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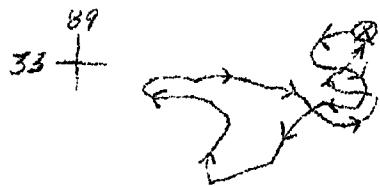
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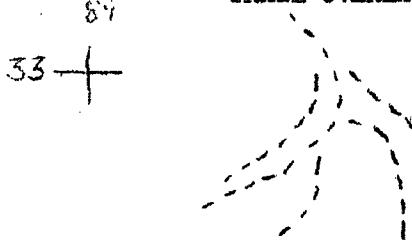
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SAMPLE SECTION OF WALL OF PEN  
SKETCH OF PEN FOUND VIC AT897326

PATROL ROUTE



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2ndPlt, 1st Platoon "A" Co. 5th ReconBn

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

2. MISSION. Monitor enemy traffic over trail networks from AT940420 to AT947441. On order conduct an artillery ambush on targets of opportunity.

## 3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Insert by helicopter into objective area. Move overland to a vantage point and monitor and report enemy activity over trail extending from AT940420 north to AT947441. Coordinate with supporting artillery for fire mission capability on enemy targets. Routine extraction by helicopter is scheduled.

b. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Date/Place of Departure. 3 October/HLZ 469.
- (2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 7 October/HLZ 469.
- (3) Insertion HLZ vic AT935430 and extraction HLZ TBA.
- (4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) AT9145 and (IR) AT9542.
- (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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a. See reference (d) and other supplementary instructions.

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- (1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
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- (3) Camera

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

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CALL/SIGN</u>	<u>FREQUENCY</u>
2dPlt, 1stPlt, 5thReconBn	AT935430	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
7thMar, FSCC	BT135455	BAD ACTOR	71.65 Prim 68.45 Alt
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).

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OPERATION ORDER: 309-69  
 PATROL: VESPER BELLS (SLF)  
 DEBRIEFER: CPL R. W. COOPER  
 MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS L7014  
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 101500H OCTOBER 1969

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: 6 USMC ENL. 1 USN ENL. COPY 16-25
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
  - c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 AN/FRC-25'S, 1 7x50'S.
  - d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-79, 3 CLAYMORES.
2. MISSION: MONITOR ENEMY TRAFFIC OVER TRAIL NETWORKS FROM AT940420 TO AT947441. ON ORDER CONDUCT AN ARTILLERY AMBUSH ON TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 031120H/101305H OCTOBER 1969.
4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY.
5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS ROUTINELY INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER FLIP FLOPPING WITH DETROIT TIGERS. THERE WERE 170 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY, DURING WHICH THERE WERE NO SIGHTINGS OF THE ENEMY AND NO CONTACTS. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE UTILIZED. THE INSERT HLZ WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.
6. OBSERVATIONS OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. ENEMY: 051545H VIC AT927433 THE PATROL HEARD AN UNKNOWN TYPE OF ENGINE START AND STOP INTERMITTENTLY THROUGHOUT THE DAY. THE SOUND SEEMED TO BE IMMINENT FROM THE VICINITY OF AT9245. THE PATROL LEADER BELIEVES THAT IT WAS SOME TYPE OF TRACKED VEHICLE.
  - b. TERRAIN: THE TERRAIN WAS OPEN WITH VERY LITTLE CANOPY. SECONDARY GROWTH CONSISTED OF SPARSE BRUSH AND SCRUB GROWTH APPROXIMATELY 3 FEET HIGH. MOVEMENT WAS EXTREMELY EASY AT THE RATE OF 300 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS PLENTIFUL THROUGHOUT THE AREA, ESPECIALLY IN THE LOWLANDS.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:
  - a. INSERT HLZ. AT933437; LZCH-46, GOOD ZONE WITH ELEPHANT GRASS APPROXIMATELY 4 FEET HIGH SURROUNDING IT; BEST APPROACH FROM THE NORTHEAST; BEST EXIT TOWARDS THE SOUTHWEST.
  - b. EXTRACT HLZ. SAME AS INSERT HLZ.
  - c. TRAILS. THE TRAILS IN THE AREA WERE SMALL AND NOT WELL USED.
  - d. OP'S. NO OP'S WERE OBSERVED THAT WOULD PROVIDE OBSERVATION OF ANY AREAS OF MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE.
  - e. COMM. COMMUNICATIONS WERE GOOD WITH STONE PIT "ALPHA".
  - f. OBSTACLES. NONE ENCOUNTERED.

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8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: POOR, DUE TO THE PATROL MEMBER'S OVER-EXPOSURE TO A LARGE AMOUNT OF PRECIPITATION.

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: NONE UTILIZED.

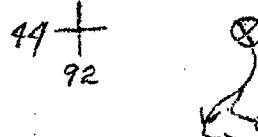
11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THE PATROL LEADER CONCLUDES THAT THERE IS VERY LITTLE ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE AREA AT THE PRESENT TIME.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

PATROL ROUTE

SGT ARNESEN	2205707
LCPL HERRON	2463778
CPL SCHUPP	2474211
LCPL TOPPING	2494474
LCPL STEPHENS	2429163
LCPL WARREN	2463778
HM3 BECK	B119409

Carl A. Arnesen  
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ADDITION TO PATROL REPORT

PARAGRAPH #6 ADD: 031200H VIC AT 928433, PATROL OBSERVED A LARGE CULTIVATED RICE PADDY. IT COVERED AN AREA FROM AT 925428-AT 927429-AT 930427-AT 928425. THE PADDY WAS TERRACED AND DIKED. NO RICE HAD BEEN HARVESTED.

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 (b) 1stMarDivO P3800.1G (Intelligence SOP)  
 (c) 1stMarDivO P003330.2A (Rules of Engagement) 10 15  
 (d) 1stReconBnO P3000.4

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

2nd Platoon, 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 network running from west to east within the objective area. On order conduct an artillery ambush on targets of opportunity.

## 3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Insert by helicopter into assigned operating area and monitor trail networks from AT840337 to AT850336. Establish a vantage point and report enemy activity. Coordinate with supporting artillery for fire mission capability on enemy targets. Routine extraction by helicopter is scheduled.

b. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Date/Place of Departure. 3 October/HLZ 469.
- (2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 7 October/HLZ 469.
- (3) Insertion vic Flip Flop w/Detroit Tigers and extraction HLZ TBA.
- (4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) AT8434 and (LR) AT8731.
- (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 Chanks will be the subject of verbal instructions when these situations present themselves.

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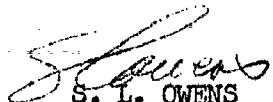
UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
2d FAL, 6th Platoon	AT844337	RUDDER	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
"A" RELAY	AT837378	STONE PIT "A"	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
"B" RELAY	AT990250	STONE PIT "B"	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
7thMar, FSCC	BT135455	BAD ACTOR	71.65 Prim 68.45 Alt
CO, 1stForReconCo	AT990709	STONE PIT	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt

Note: High Base Frequency: 96.40

Low Base Frequency: 23.10

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PATROL: RUDDER

DEBRIEFER: SGT M. KOZAKEWICH

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PATROL REPORT

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## 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, 1 M-49 SCOPE.
- d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-14, 1 M-79, 2 CLAYMORES.

2. MISSION: MONITOR ENEMY TRAFFIC OVER TRAIL NETWORK RUNNING FROM WEST TO EAST WITHIN THE OBJECTIVE AREA. ON ORDER CONDUCT AN ARTILLERY AMBUSH ON TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 031055H/101212H OCTOBER 1969.

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY.

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS ROUTINELY INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER FLIP FLOPPING WITH GRIM REAPER, THERE WERE 170 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY DURING WHICH THERE WAS NO OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY. THERE WAS 1 UNUSUAL OBSERVATION OF AN ANIMAL TRAP. THE PATROL MADE NO CONTACTS AND THERE WERE NO SUPPORTING ARMS UTILIZED. THE INSERT HLZ WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

## 6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. ENEMY: 041415H VIC AT 347338 THE PATROL FOUND 1 LARGE BUNKER APPROXIMATELY 8'x5'x4' DEEP. THE BUNKER HAD 4 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>'-3' LOGS AROUND THE SIDES AND 2-3 INCH STICKS LAID ACROSS THE LOGS FOR OVERHEAD COVER. AROUND THE BUNKER, THERE WERE 7 FIGHTING HOLES 3'x3'x3' DEEP. NEAR THE BUNKER, THE PATROL FOUND 1 OLD, RUSTY AK-47 RIFLE MAGAZINE AND SEVERAL PIECES OF PLASTIC. THE BUNKER APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN DISMANTLED, AS THE STICKS WERE SCATTERED ABOUT THE IMMEDIATE AREA (SEE DIAGRAM).

050724H VIC AT 851337 (APPROXIMATE LOCATION) THE PATROL HEARD 1 RIFLE SHOT FROM THE ABOVE COORDINATES.

050744H VIC AT 845333 (APPROXIMATE LOCATION) THE PATROL HEARD ANOTHER RIFLE SHOT FROM THE ABOVE COORDINATES.

051000H VIC AT 841338 THE PATROL FOUND 1 LARGE FIGHTING HOLE 8'x2'x3' DEEP. THE LONG AXIS OF THE HOLE WAS RUNNING NORTH TO SOUTH, WITH A 6 INCH DIRT PARAPET ON THE WEST SIDE, AND OLD DEAD VEGETATION SCATTERED ABOUT THE IMMEDIATE AREA ON THE SAME SIDE. THE PATROL LEADER BELIEVES THIS VEGETATION SERVED AS CAMOUFLAGE AT ONE TIME.

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051307H VIC AT882337 THE PATROL FOUND 1 BUNKER 12'x5'x5' DEEP ON A FINGER. THE OVERHEAD COVER WAS SIMILAR TO THAT BUNKER MENTIONED IN THE 041415H ENTRY. THERE WAS A PROJECTILE FROM AN EXPENDED ROUND (POSSIBLY 40MM GUN) IMBEDDED IN THE WALL OF THE BUNKER. THERE WAS A TRENCH 15' LONGx2'x4' DEEP, LEADING INTO THE BUNKER. THE OVERHEAD COVER OF THE BUNKER HAD FALLEN IN.

051630H VIC AT843338 THE PATROL FOUND WHAT APPEARED TO BE AN ANIMAL TRAP. THERE WERE 2 GATES; 1 WAS 5'x8' HIGH, AND THE OTHER 3'x4' HIGH. THERE WAS A 15' DEEP PIT IN FRONT OF 1 GATE. THE AREA HAD A STOCKADE TYPE FENCE MADE OF SAPLINGS. THE TRAP WAS OLD AND FALLING APART. ONE GATE HAD A QUICK RELEASE DEVICE WHICH WAS TRIGGERED BY A VINE HIDDEN ON THE GROUND JUST INSIDE THE STOCKADE.

071715H VIC AT843337 THE PATROL HEARD 1 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH TO SOUTH THROUGH A STREAM. THE PATROL COULD NOT OBSERVE THE ENEMY DUE TO THE DENSE VEGETATION.

081630H VIC AT843337 THE PATROL HEARD 1 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH TO SOUTH THROUGH A STREAM. THE PATROL COULD NOT OBSERVE THE ENEMY DUE TO THE DENSE VEGETATION.

b. TERRAIN: THE TERRAIN WAS ROLLING WITH A CANOPY OF 40 FEET. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 15-20 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF THICK VINES, BAMBOO AND GRASS. MOVEMENT WAS VERY DIFFICULT, AND WAS RESTRICTED TO THE RATE OF 65 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS PLENTIFUL, AND WHEN FOUND WAS SWIFT MOVING. CONCEALMENT WAS VERY GOOD, AND THE COVER WAS FAIR IN THE LOW GROUND, CONSISTING OF ROCKS.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT HLZ. AT841337; 1XCH-46 SITDOWN ZONE; OLD ABANDONED RICE PADDIE; BEST APPROACH FROM THE NORTH, AND DEPART TO THE NORTHWEST; SMALL BUSHES SURROUND THE HLZ.

b. EXTRACT HLZ. SAME AS INSERT HLZ.

c. TRAILS. AT841337; WELL USED TRAIL RUNNING NORTH TO SOUTH, APPROXIMATELY 2 FEET WIDE.

d. OP'S. AT843336; GOOD OBSERVATION OF THE TRAIL IN THE VICINITY OF AT843338.

e. COMMUNICATIONS. COMMUNICATIONS WERE GOOD WITH STONE PIT "ALPFA".

f. OBSTACLES. BOMB CRATERS IMPEDED MOVEMENT DUE TO THE LACK OF CONCEALMENT AROUND THEM. THE STREAM IN THE VICINITY OF AT841337 WAS DIFFICULT TO CROSS DUE TO THE STEEPNESS OF THE BANKS.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: POOR; THIS IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE PATROL MEMBERS SUFFERED FROM EXPOSURE DUE TO THE LARGE AMOUNT OF RAIN.

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10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: NONE UTILIZED.

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THE PATROL LEADER BELIEVES THAT THIS AREA IS GOOD FOR A PRISONER ACQUISITION MISSION.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

PATROL ROUTE

SGT CROCKETT	2287776
SSGT LYNCH	1965439
CPL PARKER	2109329
HEM BOYNTON	B208596
PFC CUELLAR	2492682
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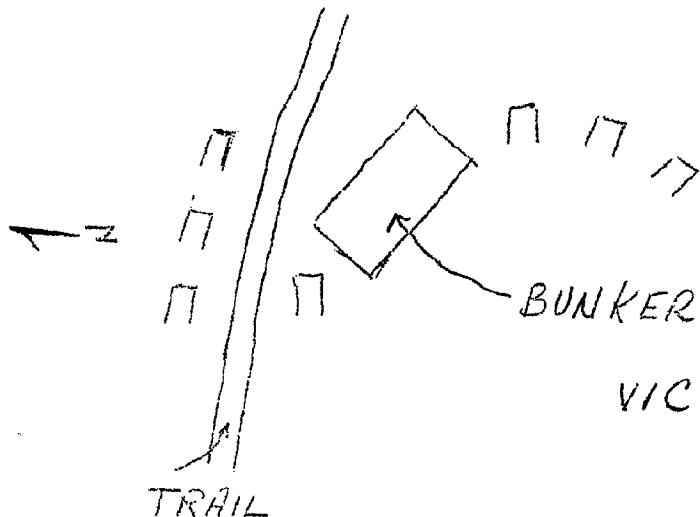
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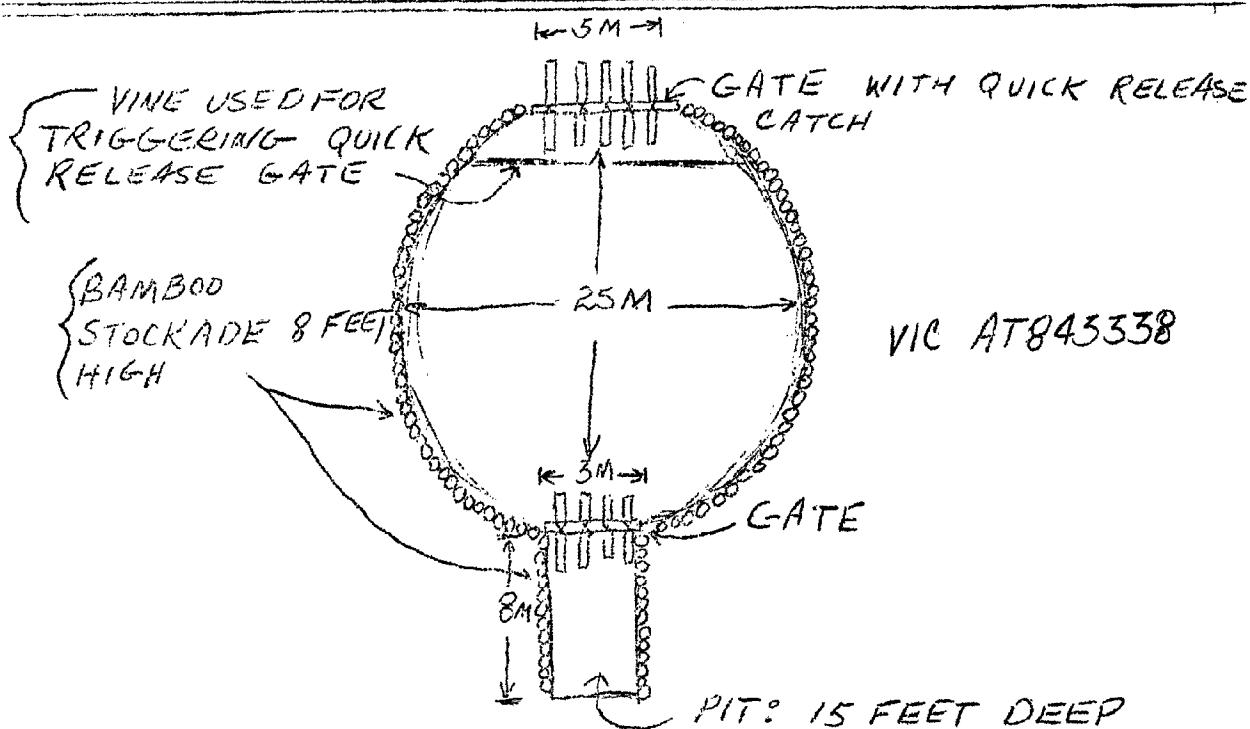
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VIC AT847338

H - FIGHTING HOLES

APPROXIMATELY 5 METERS BETWEEN  
EACH FIGHTING HOLE.BUNKER COMPLEX IN THE 041415H ENTRY

VIC AT843338

ANIMAL TRAP DESCRIBED IN 051030H ENTRY

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(c) 1stMarDivO P003330.2A (Rules of Engagement)  
(d) 1stReconBnO P3000.4 COPY 8 OF 8

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

4th Platoon

SGT AYERS

## 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 and report enemy traffic over trail networks in area bounded by (UL) AT-9545 and (IR) AT-9842. On orders conduct artillery ambushes on targets of opportunity.

## 3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Insert by helicopter into assigned objective area. Move to a vantage point and monitor trail activity from AT984430 to AT988420. Coordinate with the designated artillery unit for indirect fire in support of artillery ambushes. Routine extraction by helicopter is planned.b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 4 October/HLZ 469.

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 8 October/HLZ 469.

(3) Insertion HLZ vic AT983423 and extraction HLZ TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) AT9545 and AT9942.

(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.

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- 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

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- (2) Binocular, 7x50
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## 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications-Electronics

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PATROL: 5447 SCOUT

DEBRIEFER: SGT M KOZAKEWICH JR.

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## PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:  
 a. COMPOSITION: 6 USMC ENLISTED, 2 KCS.  
 b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE  
 c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 AN/PRC-25'S, 1 7.50'S, 1 35-MM-CAMERA  
 1 M-49 SCOPE.  
 d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79, 3 CLAYMORES, 4 M-14 MINES.

2. MISSION: MONITOR AND REPORT ENEMY TRAFFIC OVER TRAIL NETWORKS IN AREA BOUNDED BY (UL) AT9545 AND (IR) AT9842. ON ORDERS CONDUCT ARTILLERY AMBUSHES ON TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 041115H/101315H OCTOBER 1969.

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL ROUTINELY INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER 146 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY DURING WHICH THERE WERE 2 GROUPS OF ENEMY OBSERVED TOTALLING 15 VC/NVA. THERE WERE NO UNUSUAL OBSERVATIONS. THE PATROL MADE NO CONTACTS. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE UTILIZED. INSERT HLZ WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

6. OBSERVATIONS OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. ENEMY: 050700H VIC AT994435, PATROL FOUND A GROUP OF 12 FIGHTING HOLES SPREAD ALONG A TRAIL. THE HOLES WERE 3'x3'x4' DEEP AND RECENTLY DUG. IN THIS AREA THERE ARE MANY LARGE BUNKERS AND THE PATROL OBSERVED 15 HOLES DUG UNDER THESE. THE HOLES SEEMED TO BE RECENTLY DUG. THE PATROL'S "KTF CARSON" SCOUTS BELIEVE THAT THE ENEMY HAS USED THIS AREA WITHIN THE LAST 2 TO 3 DAYS.

070749H VIC AT985435, PATROL OBSERVED 5 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH ON A TRAIL. THE ENEMY WORE DARK GRAY UTILITIES AND PONchos. THE ENEMY WERE ARMED WITH 2 SKS RIFLES, 3 AK-47 RIFLES AND ALL HAD BUSH COVERS.

070830H VIC AT994435 (APPROXIMATE) PATROL HEARD 40-50 ROUNDS OF SEMI- AND AUTOMATIC FIRE FROM THE VICINITY OF THE FIGHTING HOLES THE PATROL HAD FOUND PREVIOUSLY.

070845H VIC AT995445 (APPROXIMATE) PATROL HEARD SINGLE SHOTS AND AUTOMATIC BURSTS SPACED IRREGULARLY THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY.

071720H VIC AT993436, PATROL FOUND A BASE CAMP. THE CAMP WAS SITUATED ON A 45 DEGREE SLOPE AND TERRACED INTO 3 LEVELS. THERE WERE 30 BUNKERS AND 6 THATCHED HUTS AT NO REGULAR INTERVAL ON THE LEVELS. THE AVERAGE SIZE OF THE BUNKERS WAS 6'-10" WIDE, 10'-15" LONG AND 4'-6" DEEP. THERE WAS ONE LARGE HUT WITH NO SIDES. IT WAS 10x30x8 FEET HIGH AND HAD A THATCHED ROOF. THE AVERAGE HUT SIZE WAS 8"x10"x5" HIGH. THE PATROL ALSO FOUND 24 AK-47 AND SKS RIFLE METAL AMMUNITION BOXES. THE MARKING ON THESE BOXES HAD BEEN OBLITERATED. THERE WERE 3 OTHER METAL CANS, 8"x8"x3" LONG IN THE AREA. THERE WERE NO MARKINGS ON THESE EITHER.

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THE BASE CAMP APPEARED TO BE APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR OLD AND HAS NOT BEEN RECENTLY USED. ABOVE THE TOP LEVEL THE PATROL FOUND THREE PUNJI PITS. THESE WERE VERY OLD AND CAVED IN.

101205N VIC AT984443, PATROL OBSERVED 10 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHWEST ON A TRAIL. 6 ENEMY WORE BLUE-GRAY COLORED UNIFORMS WITH GREEN PONCHOS, 4 WORE BLACK PJ'S CUT OFF TO MAKE SHORTS AND 4 WORE BUSH COVERS. THEY WERE EQUIPPED WITH 4 SMALL KHAKI PACKS, 3 LARGE PACKS, 3 SKS'S AND 2 AK-47'S. THE ENEMY HAD A 10 METERS INTERVAL AND WERE MOVING QUICKLY.

b. TERRAIN WAS STEEP WITH NO CANOPY. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 4-20 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF THICK SCRUB AND VINES. MOVEMENT WAS VERY DIFFICULT AT THE RATE OF 50 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS PLENTIFUL AND WHEN FOUND WAS SWIFT RUNNING. WATER WAS NOT DIFFICULT TO GET TO.

## 7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT HLZ: AT988441; 1xCH-46; GOOD SITDOWN ZONE ON A BALD KNOB; BEST APPROACH FROM NORTH TO SOUTH; BEST EXIT TOWARDS THE SOUTH.

b. EXTRACT LZ: SAME AS ABOVE.

c. TRAILS: SEE OVERLAY

d. OP'S: NO OP'S WERE OBSERVED THAT WOULD PROVIDE OBSERVATION OF ANY AREAS OF MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE.

e. COMM: GOOD COMMUNICATIONS WITH STONE PIT.

f. OBSTACLES: N/A

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

## 9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: POOR DUE TO EXPOSURE

## 10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

## 11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL LEADER BELIEVES THAT THERE IS A BASE CAMP AT AT995445 DUE TO THE NUMBER OF SMALL ARMS ROUNDS FIRED IN THE AREA.

## 12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE

## 13. PATROL MEMBERS:

SGT AYERS	1680579
CPL DICKS	2161531
CPL PIERSON	2368134
LCPL CASTRO	2102275
LCPL RODRIGUEZ	2125542
KGS HAO	139
KGS HOA	441
LCPL ROTH	2315049

W. Roganovich Jr.  
DEBRIEFER

Darrell E. Ayers  
PATROL LEADER

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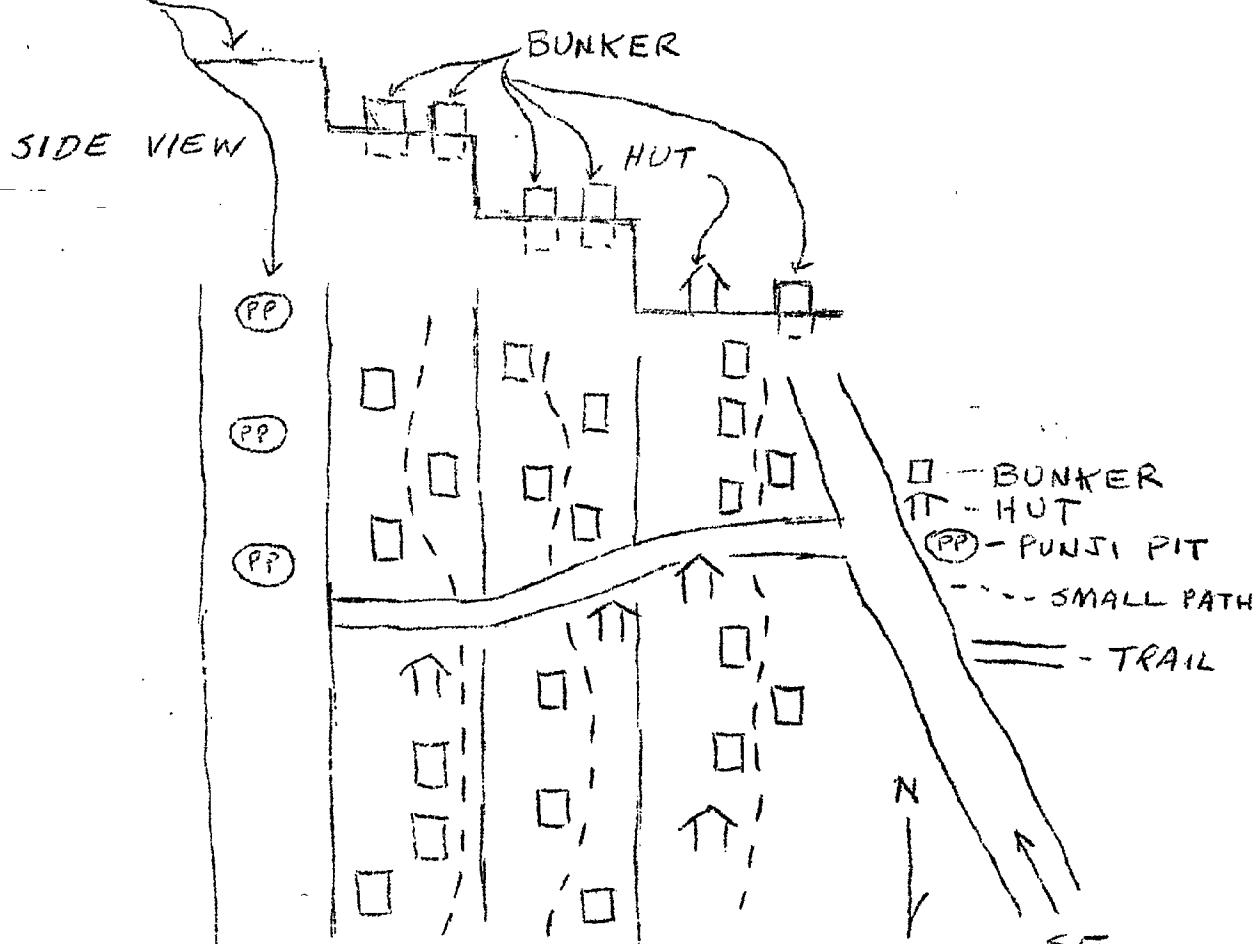
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 (b) 1stMarDivO P3800.1G (Intelligence SOR)  
 (c) 1stMarDivO P003330.2A (Rules of Engagement)  
 (d) 1stReconBnO P3000.4

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

1st Platoon

1STLT LOWER

## 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 and report enemy activity over trail networks in the area bounded by coordinates (UL) AT91145 and (IR) AT9542, with particular emphasis on the trail running from AT947438 south to AT940423. Conduct an artillery ambush on targets of opportunity.

## 3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Insert by helicopter into objective area, monitor trail networks in the area bounded by coordinates (UL) AT91145 and (IR) AT9542, with particular emphasis on trail running from AT947438 south to AT940423. Coordinate with supporting artillery for fire mission capability on enemy targets. Routine extraction is planned.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 7 October/HLZ 469.

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 11 October/HLZ 469.

(3) Insertion via Flip Flop w/Vesper Bells and extraction zone TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) AT91145 and (IR) AT9542.

(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 Chanks 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
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1st Platoon	DETROIT TIGERS	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt	
"A" RELAY	AT837378	STONE PIT "A"	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
"B" RELAY	AT990709	STONE PIT "B"	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
7thMar, FSCC	BT135455	BAD ACTOR	71.65 Prim 68.45 Alt
CO, 1stForReconCo	AT990709	STONE PIT	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt

b. Uniform and equipment carried by the patrol will be sufficient.

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).

b. Medical. The nature of a ~~BY COMMAND OF MAJOR R. E. SIMMONS~~ and the enemy situation will be the determining factors influencing subsequent evacuation.

*S. L. OWENS*

S. L. OWENS  
Captain, U. S. Marine Corps

(1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio). Executive Officer

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b. Communication-Electronics

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
1st Platoon	AT837378	DETROIT TIGERS	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt

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PATROL: DETROIT TIGERS (F-11)  
DETERIET: CPL R. W. COOPER  
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131300H OCTOBER 1969

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PATROL REPORT

## 1ST FORCE RECON CO

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:  
a. COMPOSITION: 1 USMC OFF. 5 USMC ENLISTED  
b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE  
c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 AN/PRC-251  
d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-72, 2 CLAYMORE MINE

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2. MISSION: MONITOR AND REPORT ENEMY ACTIVITY OVER TRAIL NETWORKS IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY COORDINATES (UL) AT 92145 AND (LR) AT 9542, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE TRAIL RUNNING FROM AT 947438 SOUTH TO AT 940423. CONDUCT AN ARTILLERY AMBUSH ON TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 101300H/131000H OCTOBER 1969.

ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: PATROL WAS ROUTINELY INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER 69 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY DURING WHICH 1 GROUP OF ENEMY TOTALLING 2 VC/NVA WERE OBSERVED. THERE WERE NO UNUSUAL OBSERVATIONS. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE UTILIZED. THE INSERT HLZ WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

## 6. OBSERVATIONS OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN

a. ENEMY: 130945H VIC AT 945441, PATROL OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH ON A TRAIL. ENEMY WERE WEARING KHAKI UTILITIES AND CARRYING HEAVY PACKS. NO ACTION TAKEN.

b. TERRAIN IN THE AREA WAS STEEP WITH NO CANOPY...THE SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 3'-4' HIGH CONSISTING OF ELEPHANT GRASS AND SMALL TREES. COVER AND CONCEALMENT WAS VERY POOR. MOVEMENT WAS EASY AT THE RATE OF 300 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS PLENTIFUL IN THE AREA. AT 935140 WAS THE BEST PLACE TO GET WATER.

7. OTHER INFORMATION

a. INSERT LZ: (AT 926435, 1xCH-46) FAIR ZONE, VEGETATION CONSISTED OF ELEPHANT GRASS 1'-2' HIGH. THE BEST APPROACH WAS FROM THE SOUTH AND EXIT TO THE NORTH.

b. EXTRACT LZ: (AT 938441, LXCH-46) GOOD ZONE, VEGETATION CONSISTED OF SMALL GRASS. THE ZONE WAS A HILLTOP WHICH HAD BEEN BURNT OFF RECENTLY. THERE WERE FIGHTING HOLES IN THE ZONE. IT APPEARED THAT THE ZONE HAD BEEN USED PREVIOUSLY AS AN INFANTRY OBSERVATION POST. THE BEST APPROACH WAS FROM THE SOUTH AND EXIT TO THE NORTH.

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MAINTAINING TWO OBSERVATION POSTS AT 936445, GOOD OBSERVATION TO THE NORTHEAST AND SOUTHWEST. THE PATROL COULD OBSERVE THE TRAILS IN THE VALLEY VIC AT 9444. FLOOR. THE OBSERVATION POST WAS EASILY DEFENDABLE.

AT 935447, GOOD OBSERVATION TO THE NORTH THROUGH TO THE SOUTH. THE PATROL COULD OBSERVE THE TRAILS ON THE VALLEY FLOOR VIC AT 9445.

AT 939441, EXCELLENT OBSERVATION IN ALL DIRECTIONS. THIS AREA HAD BEEN USED PREVIOUSLY AS AN INFANTRY OBSERVATION POST OR CP.

d. COMM: COMMUNICATIONS WERE EXCELLENT WITH STONE PTT CP.

e. OBSTACLES: NONE ENCOUNTERED.

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

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: EXCELLENT

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS: ROLLIN COOPER, 1ST TACTICAL AVIATOR, 24X TACTIC: 2107449. C. L. Louden, 1ST TACTICAL AVIATOR, 24X TACTIC: 2107449. Randal W. Cooper, 1ST TACTICAL AVIATOR, 24X TACTIC: 2107449. C. L. Louden, 1ST TACTICAL AVIATOR, 24X TACTIC: 2107449. Randal W. Cooper, 1ST TACTICAL AVIATOR, 24X TACTIC: 2107449.

PFC LAMBERT 21463827

PFC STROUD 2181004

PFC BRADSHAW 2303666

PFC COLEMAN 2107272

PFC DEFORE 2504996

14. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: C. L. Louden, Randal W. Cooper.

DEBRIEFER: PATROL LEADER

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15. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: Randal W. Cooper, 1ST TACTICAL AVIATOR, 24X TACTIC: 2107449. C. L. Louden, 1ST TACTICAL AVIATOR, 24X TACTIC: 2107449.

16. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: Randal W. Cooper, 1ST TACTICAL AVIATOR, 24X TACTIC: 2107449. C. L. Louden, 1ST TACTICAL AVIATOR, 24X TACTIC: 2107449.

17. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: Randal W. Cooper, 1ST TACTICAL AVIATOR, 24X TACTIC: 2107449. C. L. Louden, 1ST TACTICAL AVIATOR, 24X TACTIC: 2107449.

18. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: Randal W. Cooper, 1ST TACTICAL AVIATOR, 24X TACTIC: 2107449. C. L. Louden, 1ST TACTICAL AVIATOR, 24X TACTIC: 2107449.

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Time Zone: H

## Task Organization:

3rd Platoon

1STLT CHAMPE

## 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 from AT918330 to AT920311. On order conduct an artillery ambush on targets of opportunity.

## 3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Insert into objective area. Move to a vantage point and monitor trail activity from AT918330 to AT920311. Coordinate with the designated artillery unit for indirect fire in support of artillery ambushes. Routine extraction by helicopter is planned.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 7 October/HLZ 469.

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 11 October/HLZ 469.

(3) Insertion vic Flip Flop w/Puppet Show and extraction vic TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) AT8933 and (LR) AT9230.

(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 Chanks 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.

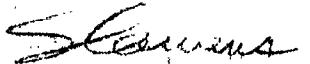
a. Communications-Electronics

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
3rd Platoon		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
7thMar, FSCC	BT135455	BAD ACTOR	71.65 Prim 68.45 Alt
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).

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR R. E. SIMMONS



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Captain, U. S. Marine Corps  
Executive Officer

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PATROL: RECORD

DEBRIEFER: SSGT. R.F. BOLAND

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PATROL REPORT

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## 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,
- d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-16/M-79, 2 CLAYMORE MINES.

2. MISSION: MONITOR ENEMY TRAFFIC OVER TRAIL NETWORKS FROM AT918330 TO AT920311. ON ORDER CONDUCT AN ARTILLERY AMBUSH ON TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 101255H/140954H OCTOBER 69

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: PATROL WAS ROUTINELY INSERTED BY HELICOPTER, FLIP FLOPPING WITH RECON TEAM PUPPET SHOW, AND ROUTINELY EXTRACTED BY HELICOPTER AFTER 93 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITIES DURING WHICH PATROL MADE NO SIGHTINGS, CONTACTS OR UNUSUAL OBSERVATIONS. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE UTILIZED.

## 6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. ENEMY: PATROL OBSERVED NO SIGNS OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. NO ENEMY FOOT PRINTS COULD BE OBSERVED ON TRAILS; HOWEVER ALMOST CONSTANT RAIN OCCURRED PREVIOUS TO THIS PATROLS' INSERTION AND DURING ITS PATROL ACTIVITIES.

b. TERRAIN WAS MOSTLY ROLLING HILLS, WITH A CANOPY OF 25 TO 60 FEET. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 10 TO 15 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF VINES, BAMBOO, BRIARS AND SHRUB BRUSH. MOVEMENT WAS MODERATE OFF THE TRAILS AT THE RATE OF 150 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER COULD BE OBTAINED EASILY OVER THE ENTIRE PATROL ROUTE. PATROLS THAT OPERATE IN THIS VICINITY SHOULD NOT NEED MORE THAN 4 CANTEENS OF WATER EVEN DURING THE DRY SEASON. CONCEALMENT WAS VERY GOOD THROUGHOUT THE PATROLS ROUTE. MOVEMENT WAS SILENT DUE TO THE ALMOST CONSTANT RAINS THAT OCCURRED DURING THIS PATROLS ACTIVITIES. MOVEMENT WOULD BE SOMEWHAT NOISIER DURING DRY WEATHER. COVER WAS POOR CONSISTING OF LARGE ROCKS.

## 7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ. (AT908333. 3xCH-46 GOOD ZONE) LZ LOCATED IN AN OLD RICE PADDY. LOW GRASS 2 FEET HIGH. THE BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE WEST TO THE EAST. THE BEST DEPARTURE IS TO THE NORTHEAST

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- b. EXTRACT LZ. SAME AS INSERT LZ.
- c. TRAILS AS SHOWN ON THE I . TRAIL OVERLAY ARE GENERALLY 2 FEET WIDE AND ARE WELL DEFINED, BUT HAVE NOT BEEN USED RECENTLY.
- d. OP'S. NONE FOUND
- e. COMM. THE WHIP ANTENNA HAD TO BE USED TO REACH ALFA RELAY.
- f. OBSTACLES. NONE
- g. MISC.

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

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL. 1 MARINE HAD A TEMPERATURE; BUT DID NOT HINDER THE PATROLS ACTIVITIES. THE OTHER PATROL MEMBERS ARE IN GOOD CONDITION.

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS. N/A

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

1ST LT CHAMPE	0102666 PATROL LEADER
PFC CANNON	2479251
PFC WEEKS	2480402
PFC HUGGINS	2421404
PFC GAUTHIER	2441813
PFC BURNSIDE	2461407
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 (d) 1stReconBnO P3000.4

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

5th Platoon

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

2. MISSION. Monitor enemy traffic over trail running from west to east within the area bounded by coordinates (UL) AT8434 and (IR) AT8731. On order conduct an artillery ambush on targets of opportunity.

## 3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Insert by helicopter into operating area and monitor trail networks from AT840337 to AT860339. Establish a vantage point and report enemy activity. Coordinate with supporting artillery for fire mission capability on enemy targets. Routine extraction by helicopter is planned.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 7 October/HLZ 469.

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 11 October/HLZ 469.

(3) Insertion vic Flip Flop w/Rudder and extraction vic TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) AT8434 and (IR) AT8731.

(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.
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  - (1) Long Wire Antenna (each radio)
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  - (3) Camera

## 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications-Electronics

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
5th Platoon		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
7thMar, FSCC	BT135455	BAD ACTOR	71.65 Prim 68.45 Alt
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).

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OPERATION ORDER: 314-69  
PATROL: GRIM REAPER (F-51)  
DEBRIEFER: SGT M. KOZAKEWICH JR  
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## NOT TAKING PART IN THE PATROL REPORT

YESTERDAY 10:00 A.M. A HOT 3331

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:  
a. COMPOSITION: 7 USMC ENL  
b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE  
c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRO-25'S, 1 6x30'S  
d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-14, 1 M-79, 3 CLAYMORES, 1 M-14 MINE.

2. MISSION: MONITOR ENEMY TRAFFIC OVER TRAIL RUNNING FROM WEST TO EAST, WITHIN THE AREA BOUNDED BY COORDINATES (UL) AT 8434 AND (LR) AT 8731, ON ORDER CONDUCT AN ARTILLERY AMBUSH ON TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 101215H/110945H

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS ROUTINELY INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER 97 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY DURING WHICH NO ENEMY WERE OBSERVED. THERE WERE NO UNUSUAL OBSERVATIONS. THE PATROL MADE NO CONTACTS AND UTILIZED NO SUPPORTING ARMS. FIXED WING PREPARATION OF THE INSERT ZONE WAS NOT USED DUE TO "GRIM REAPER" FLIP-FLOPPING WITH RUDDER.

## 6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

3. ENVY: N/A.  
4. TERRAIN: ROLLING HILLS WITH A CANOPY OF 20-30 FT. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 5-6 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF VINES AND SHRUBS. MOVEMENT WAS EASY AT THE RATE OF 200 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS PLENTIFUL. THERE WAS FAIR CONCEALMENT IN THE AREA CONSISTING OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED UNDERGROWTH AND FAIR COVER CONSISTING OF LARGE TREE TRUNKS.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ: (AT 841338, 1xCH-46, GOOD SITDOWN ZONE) VEGETATION CONSISTED OF 2-3 INCH GRASS ON A DRY RICE PADDY. SURROUNDING THE ZONE WERE 4-5 FOOT HIGH BUSHES. BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE NE AND EXIT TOWARD THE SW.

b. EXTRACT 12: (AT 842337, LXCH-46, GOOD SITDOWN ZONE) GRASS 6-8 INCHES HIGH BLANKETED THE ZONE, WHICH WAS SURROUNDED BY 6-8 FOOT HIGH SHRUBS.

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CO 2000 FT. AMOUNT OF VEGETATION IS SPARSE. THE TRAIL IN THE VICINITY OF AT843336, RUNNING EAST TO WEST, HAS SPARSE GRASS GROWING ON IT, INDICATING IT HAS NOT BEEN USED RECENTLY. THE PATROL LEADER WAS IN THE VICINITY ON 19 SEPTEMBER 1969, AND THE TRAIL APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN HEAVILY USED AT THAT TIME.

d. OP'S. AT843337; THIS IS A FAIR OP WHICH PROVIDES OBSERVATION OF A TRAIL IN THE VICINITY OF AT843336 FOR A LENGTH OF APPROXIMATELY 5 METERS. THE TRAIL CANNOT BE OBSERVED MORE THAN 5 METERS DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF VEGETATION AROUND IT. NINH LONG VILLAGE IN THE VICINITY OF AT8333 CANNOT BE OBSERVED DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF VEGETATION IN THE AREA; HOWEVER, THE EAST WEST TRAIL IN THIS GRID SQUARE CAN BE OBSERVED INTERMITTENTLY.

e. COMM. COMMUNICATIONS WERE GOOD WITH STONE PIT "ALPHA".

f. OBSTACLES. THE PATROL WAS FORCED TO ALTER THEIR ROUTE OFTEN, DUE TO BOMBED OUT AREAS WHERE COVER AND CONCEALMENT WERE POOR.

g. MISC. IN THE VICINITY OF AT882337, THE PATROL FOUND 1 BUNKER MENTIONED IN PATROL REPORT OF OPERATION ORDER 310-69, 051307 ENTRY.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD.

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: NONE WERE UTILIZED.

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THE PATROL LEADER RECOMMENDS THAT FUTURE PATROLS WITH THE MISSION OF MONITORING THE EAST WEST TRAIL IN THE VICINITY OF AT843336, BE INSERTED SOUTH OF THE STREAM IN THE VICINITY OF AT843336, BECAUSE BETTER OBSERVATION POSTS ARE AVAILABLE SOUTH OF THIS STREAM. ALSO, BECAUSE CONCEALMENT IS POOR FOR DAYLIGHT MOVEMENT IN THE MANY BOMBED OUT AREAS THAT EXIST THERE.

THE PATROL LEADER CONCLUDES THAT THE EAST WEST TRAIL IN THE VICINITY OF AT843336 WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT FOR THE ENEMY TO USE BECAUSE OF THE STREAM THAT CROSSES THE TRAIL IN THE VICINITY OF AT841337. DURING THE TIME THE PATROL WAS IN THE AREA, THE STREAM WAS DEEP AND RAPID, DUE TO HEAVY RAINS IN THE AREA.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

CPL CRANE	2442435
CPL STOCKHAM	2251309
CPL SMITH	2447061
LCPL HUCKSTEP	2458910
LCPL MAGRI	2476633
PFC RUSH	24677109
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(d) 1stReconBnO P3000.4

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

2nd Platoon

1STLT PEETERS

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 and report enemy traffic over trail networks in the area bounded by coordinates (UL) AT8033 and (LR) AT-8330, with particular emphasis on the trail running from AT822330 south to AT801300.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Insert by helicopter into objective area. Establish a vantage point and report enemy activity as directed. Coordinate with supporting artillery for indirect fire support. Routine extraction by helicopter is planned.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 7 October/HLZ 469.

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 11 October/HLZ 469.

(3) Insertion vic Flip Flop w/Lunch Meat and extraction vic TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) AT8033 and (LR) AT8330.

(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 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 Chanks 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

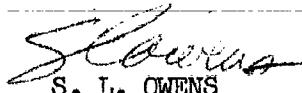
UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
2nd Platoon		FLAKEY SNOW	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
"A" RELAY	AT837378	STONE PIT "A"	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
"B" RELAY	AT990250	STONE PIT "B"	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
7thMar, FSOC	BT135455	BAD ACTOR	71.65 Prim 68.45 Alt
CO, 1stForReconCo	AT990709	STONE PIT	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt

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).

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OPERATION ORDER 316-69

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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:

1st Ptl, 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. See current OPSUM'S, SITREP'S and S-3 briefings.

2. MISSION. Monitor and report operations and logistics movement over trail networks in area bounded by coordinates (UL) AT9545 and (LR) BTO042. On order conduct artillery ambushes on targets of opportunity.

## 3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Insert by helicopter into assigned objective area, and monitor and report enemy activity for a period of five days. Coordinate with the designated artillery units for indirect fire. On order prepare for extraction by helicopter.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 8 October/HIZ 469.

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 12 October/HIZ 469.

(3) Insertion via Flip Flop w/Swift Scout and extraction HIZ TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) AT9545 and (LR) BTO042.

(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.

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OPERATION ORDER 316-69

PATROL: FLAKEY SNOW (F-21)

DEBRIEFER: SGT M KOZAKEWICH JR.

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PATROL REPORT

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## 1. COMPOSITION, SIZE, AND EQUIPMENT:

a. COMPOSITION: 1 USMC OFF. 6 USMC ENLISTED 12 OF 19

b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE

c. COMM AND OBSERVATION: 2 AN/PRC-25'S, 1 7x50'S

d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79, 3 CLAYMORES

## 2. MISSION: CONDUCT A RECONNAISSANCE OF THE AREA BOUNDED BY COORDINATES (UL) AT 8089 AND (LR) AT 8386.

## 3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 140830H/181006H OCTOBER 1969

## 4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS ROUTINELY INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY DURING WHICH THERE WERE NO SIGHTINGS OR CONTACTS. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE USED. THE INSERTED LZ WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

## 6. OBSERVATIONS OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. ENEMY: NO EVIDENCE OF THE ENEMY WAS OBSERVED BY THE PATROL.

b. TERRAIN WAS VERY STEEP WITH A CANOPY OF 30-50 FEET. THE SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 8 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF VINES, THORNS, AND VERY THICK STANDS OF BAMBOO. MOVEMENT WAS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AND RESTRICTED TO 50 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS PLENTIFUL IN THE AREA. CONCEALMENT WAS GOOD DUE TO THE THICK UNDERGROWTH. COVER WAS POOR.

## 7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ: AT 808858, 2XCH-46 ZONE. VEGETATION WAS CLEARED FROM THE ZONE. IT APPEARED TO BE AN OLD FSB. THE ZONE HAS GOOD APPROACHES FROM ALL SIDES.

b. EXTRACT LZ: AT 815868, MULTIXCH-46 ZONE. THE ZONE WAS A RICE PADDY WITH 3'-4' GRASS. IT WAS NOT UNDER CULTIVATION. THE BEST APPROACH TO THE ZONE WAS FROM THE NORTHEAST AND EXIT TO THE SOUTHWEST.

c. TRAILS: NO TRAILS WERE OBSERVED.

d. OPS: AT AT 814868 THERE IS A GOOD OP. THIS OP OFFERS OBSERVATION FROM AT AT 817872 CLOCKWISE TO AT 832862. THIS OP AFFORDED A VIEW OF THE RIVER VALLEY AND THE TRAILS ON THE VALLEY FLOOR.

e. COMM: COMM WAS EXCELLENT WITH STONE PIT "D" RELAY.

f. OBSTACLES: NONE ENCOUNTERED EXCEPT TERRAIN AND VEGETATION.

g. MISC: PATROLS MUST BE AWARE OF ABUNDANCE OF WILDLIFE IN VICINITY. ROCK APES SOUND LIKE THE ENEMY MOVING THROUGH THE BRUSH.

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8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD ~~EXCELLENT~~ ~~FOR TODAY~~

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: NONE UTILIZED.

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL LEADER BELIEVES PATROLS THAT ARE INSERTED IN THIS VICINITY IN THE FUTURE SHOULD BE MADE TO UNDERSTAND THE THICKNESS OF THE UNDERGROWTH SO THEY MAY ALLOW FOR IT IN THEIR PLAN FOR MOVEMENT TO A SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEFENDER: NONE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS: AND YOU RECOGNIZE OF DOLL PATROL OVERLAY  
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 (b) 1stMarDivO P3800.1G (Intelligence SOP)  
 (c) 1stMarDivO P003330.2A (Rules of Engagement) " OF 43  
 (d) 1stReconBnO P3000.4

Time Zone: H

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

2. MISSION. Conduct a bomb damage assessment of area bounded by coordinates (UL) AT8591 and (IR) AT8889.

## 3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Insert by helicopter into objective area and conduct a bomb damage assessment with particular emphasis on grid squares AT8590 and AT8690. Routine extraction by helicopter is planned.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 14 October/HLZ 469.

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 17 October/HLZ 469.

(3) Insertion HLZ vic TBA and extraction HLZ TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) AT8591 and (IR) AT8889.

(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 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 Chanks 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)
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## 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications-Electronics

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
1stPlt, 6thPlatoon "D" RELAY	AT838827	REPORT CARD STONE PIT "D"	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt 37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
4thBn, 11thMar CO, 1stForReconCo	AT921797 AT990709	ASPARAGUS NORTH STONE PIT	33.3 Prim 37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt

- b. Command. The 1st Force Reconnaissance Company Command Post (CP) is located at Hill 34 (coordinates AT990709).

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OPERATION ORDER: 317-69  
 PATROL: REPORT CARD (F-61)  
 DEBRIEFER: SSGT R.F. BOLAND  
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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT: COPY 14 OF 19
  - a. COMPOSITION: 1 USMC OFF, 6 USMC ENL.
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
  - c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC-25'S, 1 6x30'S
  - d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-79, 2 CLAYMORES
2. MISSION: CONDUCT A BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT OF AREA BOUNDED BY COORDINATES (UL) AT 8591 AND (LR) AT 8889.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 190820H/221455H OCTOBER 1969

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS ROUTINELY INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND EXTRACTED PRIOR TO THE PROJECTED DATE DUE TO IT'S BEING COMPROMISED BY THE ENEMY. TO EFFECT THIS EXTRACT THE SPIKE SYSTEM WAS UTILIZED BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF SUITABLE HLZ'S IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE PATROL. NO ENEMY FIRE WAS RECEIVED DURING THE EXTRACTION. THE PATROL SUSTAINED 3 USMC NBC(E) DURING THE EXTRACTION WHEN THE EXTRACTION HELICOPTER INADVERTANTLY DRAGGED THE PATROL THROUGH THE CANOPY WHILE TRYING TO GAIN ALTITUDE. THE OTHER 4 MEMBERS OF THE PATROL WERE TREATED FOR MULTIPLE CONTUSIONS AND ABRASIONS AND RELEASED FROM 1ST MEDICAL BATTALION. DURING 78 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY 1 GROUP OF ENEMY WERE OBSERVED TOTALLING 8 VC/NVA. THE PATROL MADE 1 CONTACT RESULTING IN 1 VC/NVA KIA. 2 ENEMY BASE CAMPS WERE OBSERVED THAT HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY B-52 STRIKES. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE USED.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

a. ENEMY: 211500H VIC AT 873897, THE PATROL FOUND A BASE CAMP CONSISTING OF 7 HUTS AND 6 TUNNELS. THE HUTS WERE BADLY DAMAGED BY AN AIR STRIKE BUT THEIR SIZE COULD BE ESTIMATED BY THE REMAINING FOUNDATIONS WHICH WERE 15-20 FT LONG AND 8-12 FT WIDE. THE HUTS HAD WOODEN PLANK FLOORS WITH BUNKERS DUG UNDERNEATH. THE TUNNELS WERE DUG APPROXIMATELY 15-20 FT INTO THE HILLSIDE AND WERE NOT DAMAGED BY THE AIR STRIKE. THE ENTRANCES WERE 6-8 FT IN DIAMETER AND REINFORCED WITH LOG FRAMES. A RIFLE RACK CAPABLE OF HOLDING 14 FIRLES WAS FOUND IN 1 OF THE TUNNELS. A LARGE STOVE WITH 2 CHIMNEYS WAS FOUND. IT WAS APPROXIMATELY 10 FT LONG AND 3 FT WIDE. ALSO FOUND WERE 3 AK-47 MAGAZINES (BADLY RUSTED), 1 CHI-COM GRENADE, 1 PAIR OF SWIMMING GOGGLES (WITHOUT GLASS) AND 1 CYLINDER APPROXIMATELY 2 IN IN LENGTH. (THIS GEAR WAS FORWARDED TO G-2) A LARGE AMOUNT OF AMMUNITION WAS FOUND. THIS CONSISTED OF: 10-15 RDS 5.56, 70 RDS 7.62 LINKED (US), 15-20 .38 CAL RDS AND APPROXIMATELY 200 RDS OF AK-47 AMMUNITION. 1 LATRINE WAS FOUND AND THE PATROL OBSERVED A TREE WITH VIETNAMESE WRITING ON IT (PHOTOS TAKEN OF THE AREA).

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220730H VIC AT 871900 THE PATROL FOUND A BASE CAMP CONSISTING OF 6 HUTS WITH TUNNELS DUG UNDERNEATH. ALSO FOUND WERE 150 RDS AK-47 AMMUNITION IN A US AMMO BOX, 4 EMPTY 5.56 AMMO BOXES, AND 6 EMPTY 1 GAL SIZE CANS WITH U.S. AID PRINTED ON THEM. ON A TRAIL THAT CONNECTED THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED CAMP AND THIS ONE THE PATROL FOUND A ONE MAN FIGHTING HOLE EVERY 25 METERS TOTALLING 20 HOLES.

221145H VIC AT 864906, THE PATROL OBSERVED 8 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH ON A TRAIL. THE ENEMY WORE MIXED UNIFORMS OF KHAKI, GREEN AND BLACK. 1 ENEMY WORE A FLOPPY TYPE BUSH COVER. THE ENEMY CARRIED 1 AK-47, 3 UNKNOWN TYPE RIFLES, 1 LARGE PACK AND 7 LIGHT MARCHING PACKS. WHEN THE ENEMY WAS APPROXIMATELY 25 METERS AWAY THE PATROL INITIATED CONTACT. THE ENEMY DID NOT RETURN FIRE, BUT BROKE CONTACT IMMEDIATELY. 5 ENEMY MOVED NORTH ON A TRAIL, 2 MOVED WEST THROUGH THE BRUSH AND 1 MOVED EAST THROUGH THE BRUSH. THE PATROL PURSUED THE ENEMY BY FIRE AND OBSERVED SEVERAL BEING HIT. WHEN THE PATROL SEARCHED THE AREA THEY FOUND VERY LARGE POOLS OF BLOOD AND DRAG MARKS. FOUND IN THIS VICINITY WAS AN AK-47 WITH AN EMPTY MAGAZINE, 1 PACK CONTAINING 1 GRENADE MADE FROM A MACKERAL CAN, 1 KHAKI UNIFORM, A SMALL BUNDLE OF ROOTS AND A HAMMOCK.

b. TERRAIN: EXTREMELY STEEP WITH THICK DOUBLE AND TRIPLE CANOPY 100-150 FT HIGH. NO LARGE OPENINGS IN THE CANOPY WERE FOUND. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS SPARSE, 3-8 FT HIGH AND CONSISTED OF VINES AND SHRUBS. MOVEMENT WAS RESTRICTED TO THE RATE OF APPROXIMATELY 150-200 METERS AN HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. THE SECONDARY GROWTH DID NOT IMPEDE MOVEMENT TO ANY EXTENT, HOWEVER THE STEEPNESS RESTRICTED MOVEMENT A GREAT DEAL. CONCEALMENT WAS FAIR CONSISTING OF THE SPARSE SECONDARY GROWTH MENTIONED ABOVE. COVER WAS GOOD IN THE ENEMY BASE CAMP AREAS CONSISTING OF BUNKERS AND TUNNELS. COVER IN THE OTHER AREAS WAS FAIR ALSO AND CONSISTED OF GULLIES AND STREAM BEDS.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ: AT 897907, 1xCH-46, FAIR SITDOWN ZONE ON LEVEL TERRAIN. THE SURFACE OF THE LZ CONSISTED OF 3-4 FT TREE STUMPS AND LOW SCRUB. THESE DID NOT INTERFERE WITH HELO OPERATIONS. THE BEST APPROACH WAS FROM THE SOUTH TO THE NORTH AND EXIT TO THE NORTH.

b. EXTRACT LZ: AT 864903, SPIE, POOR ZONE, BOMB DAMAGED TREES 100-150 FT HIGH ARE OBSTACLES TO HELO OPERATION. BEST APPROACH AND DEPARTURE ARE UNKNOWN. (USE NOT RECOMMENDED IN THE FUTURE DUE TO THE LACK OF ROOM FOR HELO MANEUVERING.)

c. TRAILS: (SEE OVERLAY) 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  FT WIDE, NOT WELL DEFINED, GENERALLY FOLLOWED A STREAM.

d. OP'S: NONE FOUND

e. COMM: GOOD COMMUNICATIONS WITH "DELTA" RELAY (AT 837827) EXCEPT WHEN THE PATROL WAS ON LOW GROUND VIC AT 8690 AND AT 8789. ON 22 OCTOBER COMM WAS DIFFICULT DUE TO JAMMING. AFTER THE PATROL MADE CONTACT AN UNKNOWN RADIO ATTEMPTED TO KEY OUT THE PATROL'S TRANSMISSIONS.

f. OBSTACLES. PATROL HAD DIFFICULTY CLIMBING THE CLIFF VIC AT 873898. PATROL MOVED TO AT 874896 WHERE THEY WERE ABLE TO BYPASS IT.

g. MISC: DURING EXTRACTION OPERATIONS USING THE SPIE SYSTEM THE HELICOPTER DRAGGED THE PATROL THROUGH THE CANOPY FOR APPROXIMATELY 200 METERS. 3 MARINES WERE TORN FROM THE APPARATUS AND FELL TO THE GROUND. THEY WERE THEN EXTRACTED USING THE JUNGLE PENNANTATOR. EQUIPMENT LOST DURING EXTRACTION WAS 6 M-16 RIFLES, 1 PATRON LEADERS NOTE BOOK, 2 PRO-25S AND 1 CAPTURED AK-47. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
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## 7. OTHER INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

h. WEATHER: THE WEATHER WAS CLEAR DURING THE DAYLIGHT HOURS OF THIS PERIOD WITH UNLIMITED VISIBILITY. EACH NIGHT THE PATROL EXPERIENCED INTERMITTENT SHOWERS BETWEEN 2200 AND 2400.

## i. BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT REPORT (REFER TO BDA FORMAT)

A. UNKNOWN

B. 19OCT-22OCT69. IN DAMAGED AREA FROM 211500H TO 221355H OCTOBER 1969

C. UNKNOWN

D. ENEMY USED EXTENSIVE AND WELL CONSTRUCTED BUNKERS AND TUNNELS TO ESCAPE INJURY.

E. NONE OBSERVED

F. 1 VC/NVA KIA BY GROUND FOLLOW UP.

G. NONE

H. NONE

I. PROBABLY SCARED THEM, BUT GAVE THEM CONFIDENCE IN THEIR BUNKERS.

J. HUTS, TUNNELS, BUNKERS. (DESCRIPTION IN PATROL REPORT)

K. (GIVEN IN PATROL REPORT)

L. NONE

M. (GIVEN IN PATROL REPORT)

N. SEE OVERLAY, 70-90% SURFACE DAMAGE (ABOVE SURFACE), 2 BUNKERS SUB-SURFACE DESTROYED BY DIRECT HITS.

O. N/A

P. SEE OVERLAY

Q. BOMBS DID NOT DESTROY TUNNELS OR BUNKERS. SURFACE DAMAGE WAS EXTENSIVE.

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

## 9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: POOR, NO LONGER OPERATIONAL

## 10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: NONE USED.

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL LEADER RECOMMENDS INSERT/EXTRACT NCO INSTRUCT PILOT AS TO WHEN SPIKE IS CLEAR OF CANOPY BEFORE PILOT BEGINS TO FLY FORWARD. IN THE OPINION OF THE PATROL LEADER THE B-52 STRIKES WERE ONLY PARTIALLY EFFECTIVE DUE TO LACK OF DAMAGE OF BUNKERS AND TUNNELS.

## 12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE

## 13. PATROL MEMBERS:

1STLT RITCHIE	0106920
* GYSGT THOMPSON	1631998
LCPL BROWN	2477591
* PFC MYERS	2463598
* LCPL WALKER	2454903
LCPL SMITH	2396761
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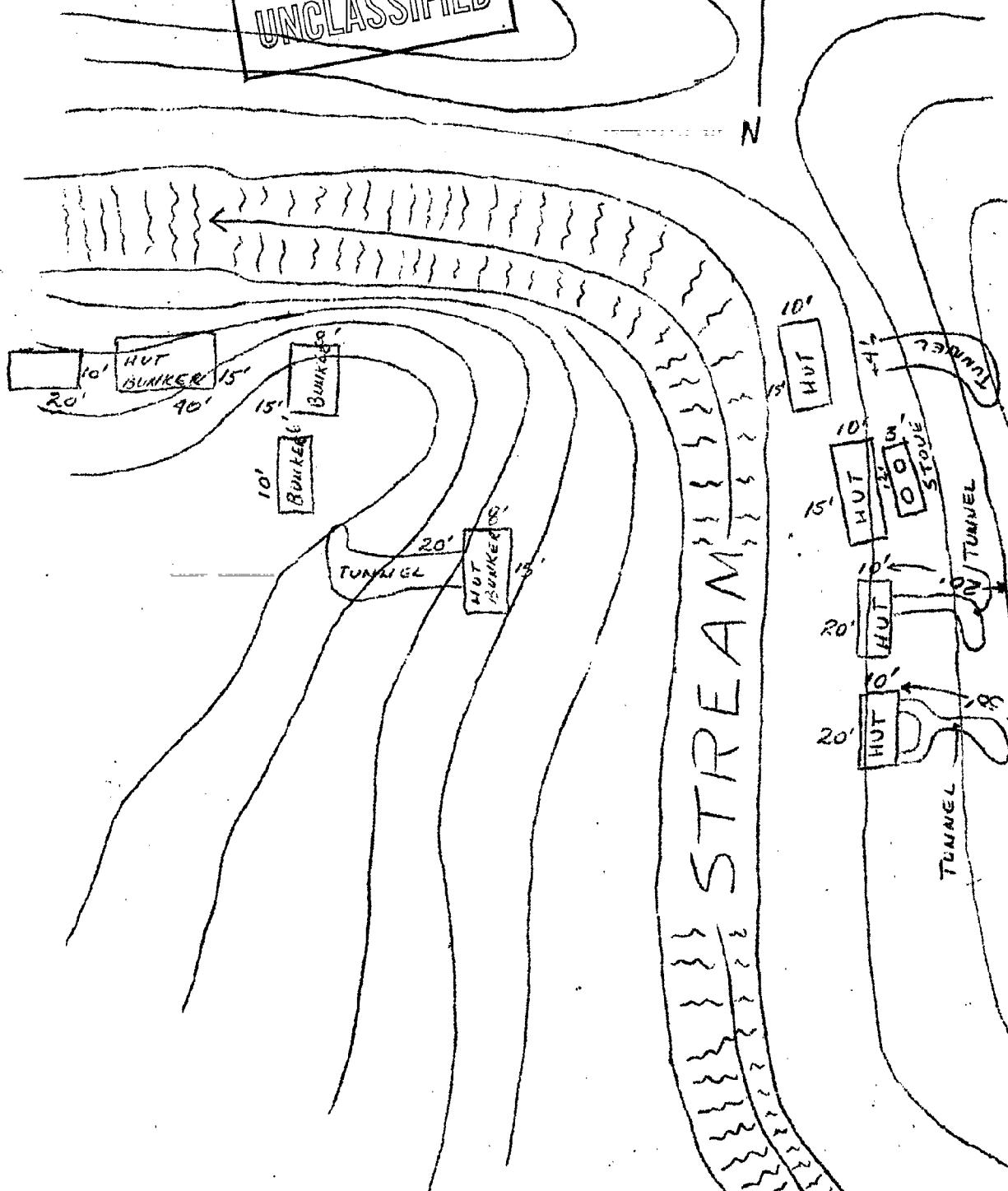
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 (b) 1stMarDivO P3800.1G (Intelligence SOP)  
 (c) 1stMarDivO P003330.2A (Rules of Engagement)  
 (d) 1stReconBnO P3000.4

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

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

## 2. MISSION. Conduct an area reconnaissance of the area bounded by coordinates (UL) AT8089 and (LR) AT8386.

## 3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by helicopter into assigned objective area. Conduct an area reconnaissance with particular emphasis on grid square AT8287. Report enemy activity and on order call in artillery on targets of opportunity. Extraction by helicopter is planned.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 14 October/HLZ 469.

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 18 October/HLZ 469.

(3) Insertion HLZ vic AT811876 and extraction HLZ TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) AT8089 and (LR) AT8386.

(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 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 Chahs 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

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CALL/SIGN</u>	<u>FREQUENCY</u>
2nd Platoon	AT811876	FLAKEY SNOW	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
"D" RELAY	AT838827	STONE PIT "D"	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
4thBn, 11thMar	AT921797	ASPARAGUS NORTH	33.3 Prim
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).

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

4th Platoon

1STLT MILLER

## 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 clandestine reconnaissance and surveillance mission within area bounded by (UL) AT8787 and (LR) AT9084. Emphasis should be placed on locating enemy trail networks and traffic.

## 3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Insert by helicopter into assigned objective area, and locate enemy trail networks. Report any enemy activity and be prepared to call in artillery on targets of opportunity.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 16 October/HLZ 169.

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 20 October/HLZ 169.

(3) Insertion HLZ via AT891866 and extraction HLZ TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) AT8787 and (IR) AT9084.

(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 Chanks 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

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- (3) Camera

## 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
11th Platoon	AT894866	SWIFT SCOUT	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
"D" RELAY	AT838827	STONE PIT "D"	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
4thBn, 11thMar	AT921797	ASPARAGUS NORTH	33.3 Prim
CO, 1stForReconCo	AT990709	STONE PIT	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt

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OPERATION ORDER: 319-69

PATROL: SWIFT SCOUT

DEBRIEFER: CPL R. W. COOPER

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241130H OCTOBER 1969

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PATROL REPORT S C NO

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## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION. 1 USMC OFF, 4 USMC ENRY. COPY 20F 24
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: 2 KIT CARSON SCOUTS.
- c. COMMUNICATION AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC-25's, 1 35MM CAMERA, 1 M-45B.
- d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79, 2 M-18A1 WEAPONS, 10 M-14 ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT A CLANDESTINE RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE MISSION WITHIN THE AREA BOUNDED BY (UL) AT8787 AND (LR) AT9084. EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON LOCATING ENEMY TRAIL NETWORKS AND TRAFFIC.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 201400H/241030H OCTOBER 1969.

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY.

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS ROUTINELY INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER 93 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY. DURING THIS PERIOD, THERE WERE NO SIGHTINGS, NO CONTACTS WITH THE ENEMY, AND NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE EMPAIRED. THE INSERT HILZ WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

## 6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY, TERRAIN AND WEATHER:

a. ENEMY. 211805H VIC AT894862 THE PATROL OBSERVED A TRAIL, APPROXIMATELY 3 FEET WIDE, RUNNING NORTHEAST. THE TRAIL WAS NOT WELL USED. ONE OF THE KIT CARSON SCOUTS ACCOMPANYING THIS PATROL STATED THAT THIS TYPE OF TRAIL IS USED 2 TO 3 TIMES A MONTH FOR COURIER RUNS OR RICE RESUPPLY MISSIONS.

b. TERRAIN. THE TERRAIN IN THE PATROL'S OPERATING AREA WAS GENERALLY STEEP. THE CANOPY WAS APPROXIMATELY 25 FEET HIGH AND BROKEN IN DIFFERENT PLACES THROUGHOUT THE AREA. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 6 TO 10 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF VINES AND ELEPHANT GRASS. THE SECONDARY GROWTH HAMPERED THE MOBILITY OF THE PATROL DUE TO DENSITY OF THE VEGETATION. COVER IN THE AREA OF OPERATIONS WAS POOR. THERE WERE 4 GOOD FIGHTING HOLES OBSERVED. CONCEALMENT WAS GOOD DUE TO THE DENSE UNDERGROWTH. MOVEMENT WAS MODERATE AT THE RATE OF 150 METERS PER HOUR. THE PATROL UTILIZED TRAILS WHENEVER POSSIBLE. SOIL COMPOSITION CONSISTED MAINLY OF SANDS AND GRAVEL. WATER WAS FOUND IN ABUNDANCE THROUGHOUT THE OPERATING AREA.

c. WEATHER. DURING THE 4 DAY PERIOD THE PATROL WAS IN THE OPERATING AREA, THE WEATHER WAS CLEAR, AND THE TEMPERATURES RANGED FROM 85 DEGREES TO 105 DEGREES DURING THE DAYLIGHT HOURS. DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS, THE SKY BECAME CLOUDLY AND OVERCAST WITH TEMPERATURES RANGING FROM 70 DEGREES TO 75 DEGREES.

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## 7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT HLZ. AT901869; 2xCH-46 SITDOWN ZONE, 40 METERS BY 200 METERS WITH SCRUB GROWTH 4 TO 6 FEET HIGH IN THE ZONE. THE ZONE WAS ON A SADDLE BETWEEN TWO SMALL HILLS. THE BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE EAST, AND THE BEST EXIT IS TO THE WEST.

b. EXTRACT HLZ. AT898853; 1xCH-46; POOR SITDOWN ZONE, 35 FEET BY 125 METERS LOCATED ON A HILLTOP. THERE IS ONE TREE 25' HIGH IN THE SOUTH WEST CORNER OF THE HLZ. THE BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE NORTH TO THE SOUTH AND THE BEST EXIT IS TO THE SOUTH.

c. TRAILS. THE TRAILS IN THIS AREA WERE AS MARKED ON THE MAP.

d. OP'S. NO OP'S WERE UTILIZED OR OBSERVED.

e. COMM & GOOD WITH STONE PW W/ (AF897047)

f. OBSTACLES. THERE WERE NO OBSTACLES ENCOUNTERED.

g. MISC. HLZ OBSERVED BUT NOT UTILIZED: AT894862; 1xCH-46 SITDOWN ZONE 40 METERS BY 100 METERS WITH 2 TO 5 FOOT ELEPHANT GRASS AND SMALL SAPLINGS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE ZONE.

## 8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NO ENEMY WERE ENCOUNTERED.

## 9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: THE CONDITION OF THE PATROL WAS GOOD.

## 10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE EMPLOYED.

## 11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THE PATROL LEADER SUGGESTS THAT NO COBRA PREPARATION OF THE HLZ BE USED IN THE FUTURE, BECAUSE IT COMPROMISES THE PATROL'S INSERT POSITION. THE PATROL LEADER FEELS THAT AN HLZ PREPARATION OF ANY TYPE IS UNNECESSARY.

## 12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NO COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER.

## 13. PATROL MEMBERS:

1STLT MILLER	0104708
SSGT LUNCH	1965439
LCPL RUSH	2467109
PFC THOMAS	2482431
PFC GAONA	2487434
KCS HOA	441
KCS HAO	129

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

2. MISSION. Monitor trail and road networks in area bounded by coordinates (UL) ZG 1387 and ZG 1684.

### 3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Insert by helicopter into designated operating area. Monitor trail and road networks with particular emphasis on observation of the road running from ZO 131845 east to ZC 153850. Report enemy activity and coordinate with supporting artillery for fire mission capability on targets of opportunity. Routine extraction by helicopter is planned.

### b. Coordinating Instructions

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**(1) Date/Place of Departure**

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 21 October/HLZ 469.

(3) Insertion HLZ via ZG 148860 and extraction HLZ TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) ZC 1687 and 1684.

(5) Rules of engagement set forth in reference (4) 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.

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## 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications-Electronics

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
2dPtl, 1stPlt, 5thReconBn	ZC148860	VESPER BELLS	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
"D" RELAY	AT838827	STONE PIT "D"	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
4thBn, 11thMar	AT921797	ASPARAGUS NORTH	33.3 Prim
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).

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OPERATION ORDER: 320-69  
 PATROL: VESPER BELLS (F-25)  
 DEBRIEFER: SSGT R. F. BOLAND  
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1ST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE CO.  
 DANANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM  
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PATROL REPORT

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## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION. 5 USMC ENL, 1 USN ENL.
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS. NONE.
- c. CCOMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP. 2 PRC-25's, 1 7x50's.
- d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT. 1 M-79, 3 CLAYMORES, 1x.45 CAL PISTOL.

2. MISSION: MONITOR TRAIL AND ROAD NETWORKS IN AREA BOUNDED BY CO-  
 ORDINATES (UL) ZC1387 AND (LR) ZC1684.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 171009H/210905H OCTOBER 1969.

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY.

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS ROUTINELY INSERTED BY HELICOPTER. THE  
 INSERT ZONE WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT. THE PATROL WAS  
 ROUTINELY EXTRACTED AFTER 95 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY. THE PATROL  
 OBSERVED NO ENEMY, MADE NO CONTACTS, MADE NO UNUSUAL OBSERVATIONS AND  
 DID NOT UTILIZE ANY SUPPORTING ARMS.

## 6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. ENEMY. 201800H VIC ZC155850 APPROXIMATELY 5 METERS FROM ROUTE  
 546, AN AREA HAD BEEN USED AS A HARBOR SITE BY APPROXIMATELY A 30 TO 40  
 MAN GROUP. THE ELEPHANT GRASS AND SMALL BRUSH HAD BEEN PUSHED DOWN; 6  
 SAPLINGS HAD BEEN CHOPPED DOWN, AND 3 ONE MAN FIGHTING HOLES HAD BEEN  
 DUG. NO FORTIFIED CONSTRUCTIONS WERE OBSERVED IN THIS AREA. THE PATROL  
 LEADER BELIEVES THIS AREA WAS UTILIZED BY THE ENEMY FOR APPROXIMATELY  
 3 TO 5 DAYS. THE AREA WAS WELL POLICED AND CONCEALED FROM THE AIR.  
 THE PATROL LEADER ESTIMATES THAT THIS AREA'S HARBOR SITE WAS LAST USED  
 3 MONTHS AGO. OTHER THAN THIS HARBOR SITE, THE PATROL COULD FIND NO  
 OTHER EVIDENCE OF HUMAN ACTIVITY. THE PATROL TRAVELED ROUTE 546 FOR  
 APPROXIMATELY 600 METERS. THE ROAD WAS SUITABLE FOR LIGHT VEHICLE  
 TRAFFIC IN SOME SECTIONS WHERE THE ROAD HAD BEEN PAVED WITH ASPHALT.  
 OTHER SECTIONS OF ROUTE 546 WERE OVERGROWN WITH ELEPHANT GRASS AND 3  
 TO 8 FOOT HIGH SHRUBS. NO OTHER SHRUBS OR ELEPHANT GRASS HAD BEEN  
 PUSHED DOWN OR OTHERWISE DISTURBED TO INDICATE THAT THE ENEMY HAD  
 USED THE ROAD RECENTLY. A BRIDGE WAS OBSERVED IN THE VICINITY OF  
 ZC146852. IT WAS CONSTRUCTED OF METAL BEAMS FOR SUPPORTS, AND COVERED  
 WITH 2 INCH THICK WOODEN PLANKS WHICH WERE ROTTED AND PROBABLY WOULD NOT  
 HOLD THE WEIGHT OF A JEEP. THE PATROL OBSERVED 2 DEER AND HEARD ANIMAL  
 SOUND (POSSIBLY A TIGER) WITHIN 20 METERS OF THEIR POSITION.  
 THE PATROL ALSO OBSERVED ANIMAL FECES WHICH WERE POSSIBLY EXCRETED BY AN  
 ELEPHANT. THE FECES WERE TOO OLD FOR THE PATROL TO ESTIMATE THE  
 LENGTH OF TIME THEY HAD BEEN THERE.

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(ENEMY. CONTINUED) THE SONG BAC RIVER, VICINITY ZC1585, IS FROM KNEE DEEP, TO AN UNKNOWN DEPTH, AND FROM 15 TO 50 FEET WIDE. THE RIVER IS SWIFT RUNNING AND CLEAR. THE PATROL COULD OBSERVE AN ABUNDANT AMOUNT OF FISH IN THE RIVER IN THIS VICINITY.

THE BUILDINGS SHOWN ON THE MAP IN THE VICINITY OF ZC145852, ZC152853, AND ZC154851 COULD NOT BE FOUND BY THE PATROL.

b. TERRAIN. THE TERRAIN WAS STEEP TO ROLLING HILLS WITH NO CANOPY. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 6 TO 10 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF VINES, BRIARS, SHRUBS, BAMBOO AND ELEPHANT GRASS. MOVEMENT WAS SLOW OFF OF THE ROAD, AT THE RATE OF 100 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS ABUNDANT THROUGHOUT THE PATROL'S ROUTE. THERE WERE DEAD TREES 50 TO 70 FEET HIGH THROUGHOUT THE AREA. CONCEALMENT WAS GOOD. COVER WAS FAIR, CONSISTING OF SMALL STREAM BEDS.

## 7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT HLZ. ZC145850; GOOD MULTI CH-46 SITDOWN ZONE; THE HLZ WAS ON LEVEL GROUND AND THE VEGETATION IN THE AREA CONSISTED OF ELEPHANT GRASS. THE BEST APPROACH TO THE HLZ IS FROM THE EAST TO THE WEST. THE BEST EXIT IS TO THE WEST.

b. EXTRACT HLZ. ZC155851; 1xCH-46 GOOD SITDOWN ZONE; THE HLZ WAS ON LEVEL GROUND AND THE VEGETATION IN THE AREA CONSISTED OF 3-5' HIGH ELEPHANT GRASS. THE BEST APPROACH TO THE HLZ IS FROM THE NORTH TO THE SOUTH. THE BEST EXIT IS TO THE NORTH.

c. TRAILS. NONE OBSERVED.

d. OP'S. NONE OBSERVED.

e. COMM. COMMUNICATIONS WERE GOOD WITH "DELTA" RELAY. (AT 834828)

f. OBSTACLES. THE SONG BAC RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES ARE DIFFICULT TO PASS IN SOME PLACES.

g. MISC. (WEATHER) DURING THE DAY, THE WEATHER WAS CLEAR AND HOT. AT NIGHT SCATTERED THUNDER SHOWERS OCCURRED AT 2000 AND CEASED AT APPROXIMATELY 0400 THE NEXT DAY.

## 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: NONE.

## 12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE.

## 13. PATROL MEMBERS:

SGT ARNESEN	2205702
CPL SCHJUPP	2474211
LCPL HERRON	2463778
LCPL TOPPING	2494474
HN DECK	5119409
PFC SAULMON	2471295

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 (b) 1stMarDivO P3800.1G (Intelligence SOP) 10 OF 15  
 (c) 1stMarDivO P003300.2A (Rules of Engagement)  
 (d) 1stReconBnO P3000.4

Time:Zone: H

Task Organization:

1stPlt, 1stPlat ACo., 5thReconBn

SGT PLUNKETT

## 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 an area reconnaissance within area bounded by (UL) ZC1982 and (LR) ZC1879. Emphasis should be placed on locating an enemy base camp.

## 3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. Insert by helicopter into operating area and locate enemy base camp in vicinity of ZC169798. Report enemy activity and on order call in artillery on targets of opportunity. Routine extraction by helicopter is planned.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 19 October/HLZ 469.

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 23 October/HLZ 469.

(3) Insertions HLZ vic ZC174810 and extraction HLZ TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) ZC1582 and (LR) ZC1879.

(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 Hoi Chanh's 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
1stPlt, 1stPlt, A Co, 5thReconBn "D" RELAY	ZC 169798 AT 838827	LUNCHMEAT STONE PIT "D"	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt 37.0 Prim 59.0 Alt
4thBn, 11thMar	AT 921797	ASPARAGUS NORTH	33.3 Prim
CG, 1stForReconCo	AT 990709	STONE PIT	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt

b. Command. The 1st Force Reconnaissance Company Command Post (CP) is located at Hill 34 (coordinates AT 990709).

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OPERATION ORDER: 321-69  
 PATROL: LUNCH MEAT (SLF)  
 DEBRIEFER: CPL R.W. COOPER  
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## PATROL REPORT

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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 35MM CAMERA
  - d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-14, 1 M-79, 3 CLAYMORES
2. MISSION: CONDUCT AN AREA RECONNAISSANCE WITHIN AREA BOUNDED BY (UL) ZC1982 AND (LR) ZC1879. EMPHASIS SHOULD BY PLACED ON LOCATING AN ENEMY BASE CAMP.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 191430H/230830H OCTOBER 1969
4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY
5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS ROUTINELY INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER 90 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY DURING WHICH THERE WERE NO SIGHTINGS AND ONE CONTACT BY FIRE DURING THE PATROL'S EXTRACTION. RESULT OF THE CONTACT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE EMPLOYED. THE INSERT HLR WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.
6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. ENEMY: 201410H VIC ZC173805, PATROL OBSERVED A TRAIL APPROXIMATELY 4 FT WIDE RUNNING SE TO NW ON A RIDGELINE. ALONG THIS TRAIL THE PATROL OBSERVED 6 PUNJI STAKE PITS. THE PITS LOOKED TO BE ABOUT 8 MONTHS OLD. THE PITS WERE 2 FT DEEP, 1 FT WIDE AND 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  FT LONG. THEY WERE NOT CAMOUFLAGED. THERE WERE MARKERS ON THE TRAIL POINTING TOWARD WHERE THE PITS WERE. THESE MARKERS CONSISTED OF A BRANCH SPLIT PARTIALLY AND SPREAD TO FORM A "V" AND STUCK IN THE GROUND. THERE WAS ANOTHER BRANCH IN THE VERTEX OF THE "V" POINTING TOWARD THE PITS. THE FIRST TWO PITS WERE APPROXIMATELY 20 FT APART AND THE NEXT 2 WERE 50-75 FT APART. AT A BEND IN THE TRAIL THERE WERE 6 TREE STUMPS CUT OFF TO A HEIGHT OF 4 FT. THE TREE STUMPS HAD A "U" SHAPED CUT IN THE TOP OF THEM. THE PATROL LEADER SUGGESTS THAT THESE MAY HAVE BEEN USED AS FIRING POSITIONS OR POSSIBLY SUPPORTS FOR A SHELTER. BEHIND THE STUMPS THERE WAS AN "S" SHAPED TRENCHLINE WITH THE LONG AXIS OF THE "S" PERPENDICULAR TO THE TRAIL. THE TRENCH WAS 3 FT DEEP AND 2 FT WIDE. IT APPEARED TO BE VERY OLD AND THE SIDES WERE STARTING TO CAVE IN. BEHIND THE TRENCHLINE WERE 2 MORE PUNJI STAKE PITS (SAME SIZE AS PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED) APPROXIMATELY 30 FT APART. THE PATROL LEADER REMARKED THAT THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN AN EXCELLENT AMBUSH SITE BECAUSE OF THE NARROWNESS OF THE RIDGELINE AND THE EXTREMELY THICK VEGETATION ON EITHER SIDE OF THE TRAIL.

230830H VIC ZC173801, PATROL RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM THE SIDE OF THE HILL NORTH OF THE EXTRACTION ZONE. ONE PATROL MEMBER OBSERVED 4-5 MUZZLE FLASHES. THE PATROL RETURNED FIRE WITH SMALL ARMS. RESULTS COULD NOT BE DETERMINED.

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6.a. ENEMY (CONT INUED) ON THE NIGHTS OF THE 21ST AND 22ND OF OCTOBER BETWEEN 0200 AND 0400 THE PATROL HEARD WHAT SOUNDED LIKE ROCKETS LEAVING THEIR LAUNCHING APPARATUS AND IMPACTING IN THE APPROXIMATE VICINITY OF AT9386. THE ROCKETS SOUNDED AS IF THEY WERE COMING FROM THE VICINITY OF ZC1779. DURING THIS TIME THE PATROL ALSO HEARD 2-3 SIGNAL SHOTS IN THE VICINITY THAT THE ROCKETS WERE LAUNCHED FROM.

b. TERRAIN: THE TERRAIN IN THE OPERATING AREA WAS STEEP AND MOUNTAINOUS. THE VEGETATION CONSISTED OF 2-5 FT. HIGH GRASS AND VINES MATTED TOGETHER. THE VEGETATION AT GROUND LEVEL WAS EXTREMELY THICK AND HAMPERED THE PATROL'S MOBILITY. CONCEALMENT WAS EXCELLENT DUE TO THE THICK UNDERGROWTH. COVER WAS ADEQUATE. THERE WAS A NUMBER OF LARGE ROCKS AND TREES WHICH AFFORDED GOOD FIGHTING POSITIONS. MOVEMENT WAS DIFFICULT ON THE SIDES OF THE RIDGES AND OFF THE TRAILS. THE PATROL COULD MOVE THROUGH THESE AREAS AT THE APPROXIMATE RATE OF 75-100 METERS PER HOUR. WATER WAS NOT FOUND BY THE PATROL ALONG THEIR ROUTE.

c. WEATHER: DURING THE FOUR DAY PERIOD THE PATROL WAS IN THE OPERATING AREA THE DAYLIGHT HOURS WERE GENERALLY HOT AND CLEAR. THE THICK UNDERGROWTH HAD A MODERATING EFFECT ON THE HEAT. THE NIGHTS WERE WET WITH THE RAINFALL BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 1830 TO 0230. THIS PRECIPITATION DID NOT HAMPER THE MOVEMENT OR EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PATROL.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT HLZ: ZC174811, AT THIS LOCATION THERE IS A POOR TAILGATE ZONE. THE ZONE WAS APPROXIMATELY 45 FT LONG BY 20 FT WIDE. THE VEGETATION IN THE ZONE CONSISTED OF VINES, ELEPHANT GRASS AND SAPLINGS APPROXIMATELY 4 FT HIGH. THE ZONE WAS ON THE SIDE OF A HILL AND HAD TREES APPROXIMATELY 20-40 FT IN HEIGHT ON BOTH SIDES. THE BEST APPROACH WAS FROM THE SOUTHEAST AND EXIT TO THE NORTHWEST.

b. EXTRACT HLZ: ZC173801, AT THIS LOCATION THERE IS A POOR TAILGATE ZONE. THE ZONE WAS APPROXIMATELY 60 FT LONG AND 25 FT WIDE. THE HELICOPTER DROPPED HIS RAMP AND THE TEAM CLIMBED IN. THE VEGETATION CONSISTED OF ELEPHANT GRASS 5 FT HIGH AND VINES. THERE WERE TREES APPROXIMATELY 30 FT HIGH ON BOTH SIDES. THE BEST APPROACH WAS FROM THE SOUTHEAST AND NORTHWEST.

c. TRAILS: ZC173805, 4 FT WIDE RUNNING SE-NW ON A RIDGELINE. TRAIL HAD NOT BEEN USED RECENTLY.

d. OP'S: THIS AREA WAS NOT CONDUCIVE TO OBSERVATION POSTS DUE TO THE EXTREMELY THICK UNDERGROWTH.

e. COMM: COMMUNICATIONS WERE GOOD WITH STONE PIT "D" (AT877827).

f. OBSTACLES: NONE ENCOUNTERED

g. MISC: NONE

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: COULD NOT BE DETERMINED

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL LEADER SUGGESTS THAT A PATROL BE INSERTED TO THE SOUTH (ZC1779) TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF ROCKET SITES IN THIS VICINITY

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12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE

PATROL OVERLAY

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

SGT PLUNKETT	2209718
CPL RIEY	2383159
LCPL ROBERTS	2435471
LCPL LEBOW	2487483
PFC RISING	2507538
PFC MORROW	2471116
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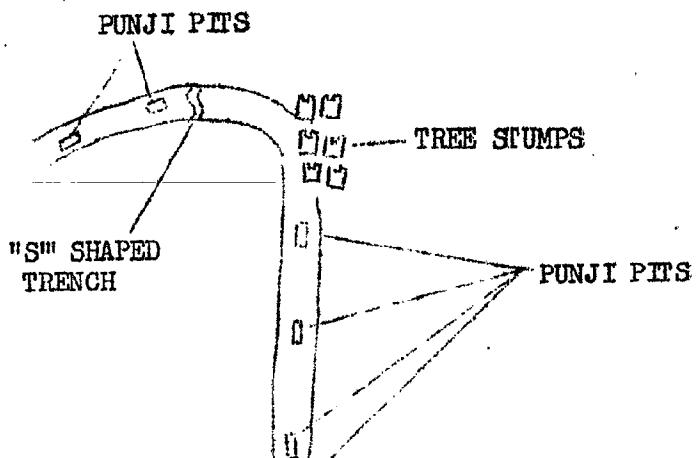
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Task Organization:

1stPtl, 3rd Platoon

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

2. MISSION. Conduct an area reconnaissance within assigned haven (UL) AT8890 and (LR) AT9187, with particular emphasis on locating trail networks in that area.

## 3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Insert by helicopter into assigned objective area. Locate trail networks and report any enemy activity; coordinate with supporting artillery for fire mission capability on targets of opportunity. On order, prepare for extraction by helicopter.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 21 October/HLZ 469.

(2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 25 October/HLZ 469.

(3) Insertion HLZ vic AT898890 and extraction HLZ TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) AT8890 and (LR) AT9187.

(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.

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Time Zone: H

1ST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY

Task Organization:

1st Platoon

SGT MORIN

## 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 an area reconnaissance within assigned haven (UL) AT8096 and (LR) AT8493.

## 3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Insert by helicopter into assigned objective area. Move overland and conduct an area reconnaissance with emphasis upon locating possible enemy trail networks. Be prepared to conduct artillery ambushes on enemy units and enemy installations. Routine extraction by helicopter is planned.

b. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Date/Place of Departure. 25 October/HLZ 469.
- (2) Date/Place of Return. NLT 29 October/HLZ 469.
- (3) Insert HLZ via AT834947 and extraction HLZ TBA.
- (4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) AT8096 and (LR) AT8493.
- (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.

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## 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications-Electronics

UNIT	LOCATION	CALL/SIGN	FREQUENCY
1st Platoon	AT834947	DETROIT TIGERS	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
"D" RELAY	AT838827	STONE PIT "D"	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
46th Bn, 11th Mar	AT921797	ASPARAGUS NORTH	33.3 Prim
1st 125 Guns	AT920800	LATIN REBEL	64.50 Prim
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).

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OPERATION ORDER 523-69  
 PATROL: DETROIT TIGERS (F-11)  
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 SHEET 6641 II

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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION, 7 USMC BN. 1 USN BN.
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
  - c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 AN/PRC-25'S, 1 7x50'S, 1 35MM CAMERA.
  - d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79, 2 M-13A1 WEAPONS.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT AN AREA RECONNAISSANCE WITHIN THE ASSIGNED HAVEN (UL) AT8096 AND (LR) AT8493.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 260820H/300920H OCTOBER 1969.
4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY
5. SYNOPSIS: PATROL WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND ROUTINELY EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER 95 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY. THERE WERE NO SIGHTINGS OR CONTACTS. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE EMPLOYED. THE INSERT HLZ WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.
6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY, TERRAIN AND WEATHER:
  - a. ENEMY: 292300H, VIC AT833947, PATROL HEARD AN ENCOUNTER BY FIRE APPROXIMATELY 1000 METERS TO THE NORTH (AT8495). PATROL ESTIMATED THAT THE ENGAGEMENT CONSISTED OF SEMI-AUTOMATIC, AUTOMATIC AND SUPPORTING ARMS FIRE. THE ENGAGEMENT CONTINUED SPORADICALLY FOR APPROXIMATELY 1 HOUR. 300700H-300800H, VIC AT833947, PATROL HEARD M-79 FIRE IMPACTING APPROXIMATELY 500 METERS TO THE EAST OF THEIR EXTRACTION HLZ. (VIC AT837946)
  - b. TERRAIN: THE TERRAIN IN THE OPERATING AREA WAS STEEP, ROCKY, AND VERY RUGGED. FOOTING WAS DIFFICULT DUE TO THE LOOSE ROCKY SOIL. THE CANOPY WAS SCATTERED AT 40-60 FEET. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 4-6 FEET IN HEIGHT AND EXTREMELY DENSE. THE GROWTH CONSISTED OF VINES WITH A DIAMETER OF APPROXIMATELY 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  INCHES, BRUSH, AND SCRUB GROWTH. THERE WERE LARGE BOULDERS APPROXIMATELY 3-6 FEET IN DIAMETER OBSTRUCTING THE PATROL'S ROUTE. COVER IN THE AREA WAS GOOD DUE TO THE NUMBER OF BOULDERS WHICH AFFORDED REASONABLE CONCEALMENT. CONCEALMENT WAS EXCELLENT DUE TO THE DENSE UNDERGROWTH. HIGHER SLOPES, INTERREGULAR LIVELINE MIGHT BEAD EASY TO FIND. MOVEMENT WAS DIFFICULT DUE TO DENSE UNDERGROWTH AND STEEPNESS OF THE TERRAIN. THE RATE OF MOVEMENT WAS APPROXIMATELY 75 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS ABUNDANT IN THE OPERATING AREA. SOIL COMPOSITION WAS LOOSE SAND AND SMALL ROCKS.
  - c. WEATHER: DURING THE FOUR DAYS THE PATROL WAS IN THE OPERATING AREA THERE WAS CONSTANT PRECIPITATION. THE RAINFALL WAS HEAVY DURING THE DAYLIGHT HOURS AND DIMINISHED DURING THE EVENING.

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## 6. c. WEATHER: (cont)

TEMPERATURE WAS CONSTANT AT APPROXIMATELY 70 DEGREES WITH SOME DEGREE OF HUMIDITY VARIATION DURING THE DAY. VISIBILITY WAS POOR DUE TO THE HEAVY CLOUD COVER. THE CEILING WAS APPROXIMATELY 500 FEET.

## 7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ: AT 848938, THIS WAS A 1xCH-46 TAILGATE ZONE. THE ZONE WAS 30'x50' AND SURROUNDED BY 30' TREES. IT WAS AT THE APEX OF A SMALL HILL. THE BEST APPROACH WAS FROM THE EAST AND THE BEST EXIT TO THE WEST.

b. EXTRACT LZ: AT 838947, THIS WAS A MULTICH-46 ZONE. IT WAS LOCATED IN AN UNUSED RICE PADDY WITH 4 INCH WATER IN IT. THE BEST APPROACH WAS FROM THE NORTH-NORTH-EAST AND THE BEST EXIT WAS TO THE SOUTH-SOUTH-WEST. THE PATROL UTILIZED AN AIR PANEL AND A YELLOW SMOKE GRENADE TO SIGNAL THE HELICOPTERS.

c. TRAILS: AT 838935-AT 838937. THERE IS A 2-3 FT TRAIL RUNNING SOUTH TO NORTH. THE TRAIL DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN USED RECENTLY. THE TRAIL COMES TO AN ABRUPT END AT VIC AT 838937 WHERE THE TERRAIN DROPS APPROXIMATELY 50 FEET TO A RIVER 20-30 FEET WIDE AND 2-5 FEET DEEP. THE RIVER FLOWED EAST-NORTH-EAST. THE CLIFF WAS NOT IMPASSABLE.

d. OP'S: THE PATROL DID NOT OBSERVE ANY SUITABLE OP SITES.

e. COMM: THE PATROL HAD FAIR COMMUNICATIONS WITH "STONE PIT ECHO" (AT 834999). THE PATROL FOUND IT NECESSARY TO USE THE WHIP ANTENNA AT NIGHT.

f. OBSTACLES: THE PATROL ENCOUNTERED NUMEROUS LARGE BOULDERS THROUGHOUT THEIR PATROL ROUTE WHICH CAUSED THEM TO ALTER THEIR COURSE TO A SMALL DEGREE. THERE WAS A CLIFF APPROXIMATELY 50 FEET IN HEIGHT AT VIC AT 838937. THERE WAS A PASSAGE AROUND THE OBSTACLE TO THE WEST.

g. MISC: AT 838938, THE PATROL OBSERVED A FLASH FLOOD OCCURRING ALONG A RIVER. BEFORE THE FLOOD THE RIVER WAS APPROXIMATELY 5-8 FEET WIDE AND IT EXPANDED TO APPROXIMATELY 18 FEET DURING THE FLOOD. THE WATER WAS VERY SWIFT DURING THE FLOOD. THE FLOOD CAME ABOUT AFTER A HEAVY THUNDER STORM.

## 8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: THERE WERE NO ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY.

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE PATROL DETERIORATED ON THE THIRD DAY OF PATROL ACTIVITY DUE TO THE CONSTANT EXERCISE AND EXPOSURE TO THE ELEMENTS BUT DID NOT REACH A MANNER HAMPER THE INFFECTIVENESS OF THE PATROL.

## 10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE EMPLOYED.

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THE PATROL LEADER FEELS THAT THE TERRAIN AND WEATHER ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA TEND TO DISCOURAGE ENEMY ACTION.

## 12. COMMENTS BY THE DISSELETER: NONE.

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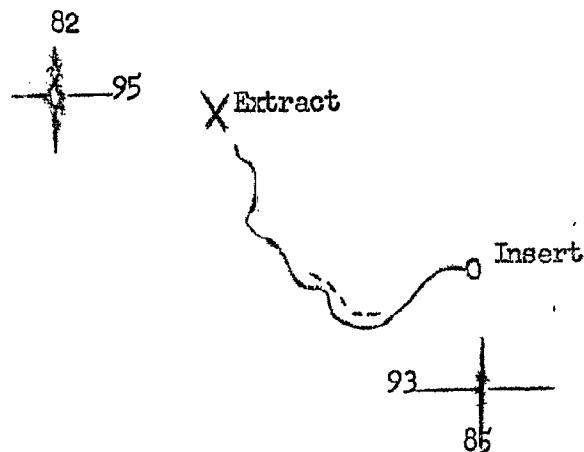
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## 13. PATROL MEMBERS:

SSGT LYNCH	1965439
CPL SMITH	2147061
IAPL JACKSON	2465123
PFC KETTNER	2515889
PFC COLEMAN	2407272
PFC BRADSHAW	2503666
PFC STROUD	2481004
HM3 ANDREWS	B533755

## PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

DEBRIEFER

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 PATROL LEADER

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OPERATION ORDER 324-69

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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:

5th Platoon

Sgt MOORMAN

**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. Reaction force for Recon team Big Flower. Emphasis should be placed upon preparing Big Flower for emergency extraction on the (SPIE).

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a. Concept of Operation. Insert by (SPIE) system into a landing zone in vicinity of ZC156480. Locate Recon team Big Flower and assist the team members in preparing for a (SPIE) extraction. Upon completing the (SPIE) extraction of Big Flower, also prepare for extraction by the (SPIE) system. VIETNAM, Series L7014 1:50,000, Sheet No. 6641 II

(b) 1stMarDivO P3800.1G (Intelligence SOP)

b. Coordinating Instructions (Rules of Engagement)

(1) 1stReconBnO P3000.4

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 22 October/HLZ 469

Time Zone: H

(2) Date/Place of Return. 23 October/HLZ 469

Task Organization:

(3) Insertion HLZ Vic ZC156480

5th Platoon

Sgt MOORMAN

(4) Operational area. ZC156480

**2. SITUATION**

(5) Rules of engagement set forth in reference (c) will be followed. Enemy Forces. See appropriate area studies, current INTSUM'S, PIR'S and S-2 briefings.

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

3. MISSION. Reaction force for Recon team Big Flower. Emphasis should be placed upon preparing Big Flower for emergency extraction on the (SPIE).

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**4. EXECUTION**

a. Concept of Operation. Insert by (SPIE) system into a landing zone in vicinity of ZC156480. Locate Recon team Big Flower and assist the team members in preparing for a (SPIE) extraction. Upon completing

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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 Chanks 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/STGN	FREQUENCY
5th Platoon	ZC156480	GRIM REAPER	37.0 Prim 59.0 Alt
"A" RELAY	AT837378	STONE PIT "A"	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt
CO, 1stForReconCo	AT990709	STONE PIT	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt

- a. See reference (d) and other supplementary instructions.
- b. Command. The 1st Force Reconnaissance Company Command Post (CP) is located at Hill 34 (coordinates AT990709). The nature of a patrol member's injury and/or illness and the enemy situation will be the determining factors influencing subsequent evacuation.

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

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- 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.

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## 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

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a. Communications-Electronics

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5th Platoon	ZC156480	GRIM REAPER	37.0 Prim 59.0 Alt
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OPERATION ORDER: 324-69  
 REACTION FORCE: GRIM REAPER  
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PATROL REPORT

1ST FORCE RECON CO  
 S & C NO. 566-69  
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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: 6 USMC ENL. 1 USN ENL.
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
  - c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S, PY 16 OF 24
  - d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-14, 1 M-79, 1 BODY BAG, 7 EXTRA SPIE HARNESES.
2. MISSION: PROVIDE REACTION FORCE FOR 1ST RECON BN TEAM BIG FLOWER. EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON PREPARING RECON TEAM BIG FLOWER FOR EMERGENCY EXTRACTION ON THE SPIE.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 230030H/230100H OCTOBER 1969
4. ROUTE: SEE SKETCH
5. SYNOPSIS: REACTION FORCE GRIM REAPER WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS, FLIP FLOPPING WITH 1ST RECON BN REACTION FORCE CHARLIE ALFA. AFTER 30 MINUTES OF REACTION FORCE ACTIVITIES DURING WHICH THE TEAM MADE NO POSITIVE OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY. REACTION FORCE GRIM REAPER RECEIVED 1 UNKNOWN TYPE EXPLOSION AND 1 GRENADE. RESULTS: 3 USMC WIA (EVAC) AND 2 USMC WIA (MINOR). REACTION FORCE WAS PROVIDED CONSTANT FLARE ILLUMINATION BY SPOOKY. REACTION FORCE GRIM REAPER DID NOT CALL ANY SUPPORTING ARMS. COBRA GUNSHIPS FLEW IN SUPPORT OF 1ST RECON BN TEAM BIG FLOWER.
6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. ENEMY: 230040H REACTION FORCE MOVED APPROXIMATELY 50 METERS EAST OF THE INSERT HLZ VIC ZC156480 WHERE IT RECEIVED AN UNKNOWN TYPE EXPLOSION, POSSIBLY A COMMAND DETONATED DIRECTIONAL TYPE, VIC ZC156480. RESULTS: 2 USMC WIA (EVAC), 2 USMC WIA (MINOR). 230045H REACTION FORCE GRIM REAPER'S PATROL LEADER OBSERVED 1 POSSIBLE ENEMY ON TOP OF SMALL HILL VIC ZC157480. RECON TEAM BIG FLOWER WAS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 50 METERS SOUTH OF GRIM REAPER.
  - 220051H VIC ZC156480. REACTION FORCE GRIM REAPER MOVING WEST TOWARD THEIR INSERT HLZ WITH MARINE WIA'S RECEIVED 1 INCOMING GRENADE WHEN THEY WERE LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 30 METERS EAST OF INSERT HLZ. RESULTS: 2 PREVIOUSLY WOUNDED MARINES SUSTAINED ADDITIONAL WOUNDS.

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230100H VIC ZC156480 REACTION FORCE GRIM REAPER MOVED TO THE HLZ. 1ST RECON BN REACTION FORCE CHARLIE ALFA WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND GRIM REAPER REACTION FORCE WAS EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS.

b. TERRAIN: WAS STEEP WITH NO CANOPY. SECONDARY GROWTH CONSISTED OF VERY SPARSE SHRUBS 1 TO 2 FEET HIGH. THE AREA HAD BEEN BOMBED AND BURNT OFF RECENTLY. THE SURFACE OF THE GROUND CONSISTED OF DRY, HARD PACKED DIRT.

7. OTHER INFORMATION

a. INSERT LZ. ZC156480. FAIR TAILGATE ZONE. BEST APPROACH IS FROM NORTH TO SOUTH. BEST DEPARTURE IS TO THE SOUTH.

b. EXTRACT LZ. SAME AS INSERT LZ.

c. TRAILS. NONE OBSERVED

d. OP'S. NONE OBSERVED.

e. COMM. GOOD

f. OBSTACLES. NONE

g. MISC. NONE

i. WEATHER. CEILING WAS APPROXIMATELY 200 FEET.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. 3 USMC WIA EVACUATED. 2 USMC WIA MINOR.

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL. 5 MEMBERS OF TEAM NOT OPERATIONAL. 2 MEMBERS OF TEAM ARE IN GOOD CONDITION AND OPERATIONAL.

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: COBRA GUNSHIPS SUPPORTED RECON TEAM BIG FLOWER. GOOD SUPPORT.

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE.

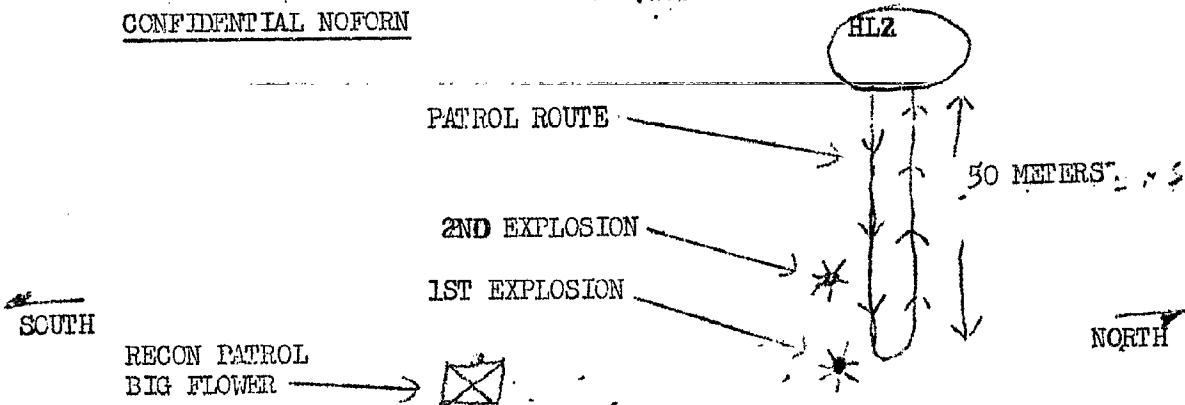
13. PATROL MEMBERS:

* SGT MOORMAN	1994159 PTL LD
Sgt MORIN	2148486 ASST PTL LD
CPL CARR	2402995 POINT
** LCPL MAGRI	2478633 ALTERNATE RADIO
** CPL CRANE	2442435 PRIMARY RADIO
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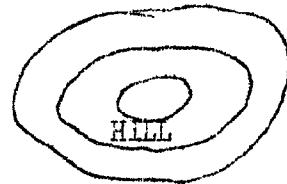
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OPERATION ORDER 325-69

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 (b) 1stMarDivO P3800.1G (Intelligence SOP)  
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 (d) 1stReconBnO P3000.4

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

1stPtl, 3rd Plat, 5thReconBn

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

2. MISSION. Monitor and report enemy traffic over trail networks area bounded by coordinates: (UL) AT8794 and (LR) AT9091. On order conduct artillery ambushes on targets of opportunity.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by helicopter into objective area. Move overland to a vantage point and monitor enemy traffic over trail networks. Coordinate with supporting artillery for fire missions on enemy targets. Routine extraction by helicopter is planned.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 27 October/HLZ 469.

(2) Date/Place of Return. 31 October/HLZ 469.

(3) Insert HLZ vic AT872924; Extraction HLZ TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) AT8794 and (LR) AT9091.

(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

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LA, 175 Guns	AT900600	LATIN REBEL	64.50 Prim
CO, 1stForReconCo	AT990709	STONE PIT	37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt

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2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-41 REPORT CARD AT 011730H HAVEN UL-AT9641 LR-AT9938 VIC

AT970388

(2) LIAISON TM LTONE PIT "C" AT 011800H VIC BT135455

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 011746H VIC AT954410

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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a. EXTRACCTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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b. REASON INSERTION/EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED

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c. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 2 OCTOBER 69

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d. EXTRACCTIONS PLANNED FOR 2 OCTOBER 69

(1) F-61 REPORT CARD VIC AT970388

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 012400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

c. LIAISON TM STONE PIT "C" BT135455

d. F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT844336

e. F-31 RECORD AT899326

f. F-61 REPORT CARD AT969391

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS &amp; CONTACTS

NONE

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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FIFTH MAR

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SEVENTH MAR

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ELEVENTH MAR

TWENTY-SIXTH MAR

MAG ONE SIX

CO C FIFTH SEGA

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 275-69 020001H TO 022400H OCTOBER 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 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

(1) F-61 REPORT CARD

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TRANSMISSION/EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED

(1) TM EXTENDED (1) DAY DUE TO OPER COMMITMENTS

1. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 3 OCTOBER 69

(1) F-62 RUDDER HAVEN UL-AT84434 LR-AT8731 VIC AT844337

(2) A-11 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) HAVEN UL-AT8033 LR-AT8330 VIC AT822316

(3) A-12 VESPER BELLS (SLF) HAVEN UL-AT9115 LR-AT9542 VIC

AT935430

(4) A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) HAVEN UL-AT8933 LR-AT9230 VIC

AT909332

g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 3 OCTOBER 69

(1) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS VIC AT844337

(2) F-31 RECORD VIC AT909332

(3) F-61 REPORT CARD VIC AT970390

3. (c) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 022400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

c. LIAISON TM STONE PIT "C" BT135455

d. F-11 DEEROIT TIGERS AT844336

e. F-31 RECORD AT904333

f. F-61 REPORT CARD AT969391

4. (c) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (c) SIGHTINGS &amp; CONTACTS

a. F-61 REPORT CARD AT 020822H VIC AT970391. TM MADE UNAVOIDABLE CONTACT WITH (1) VC WHICH WAS MOVING S. EN WORE A PONCHO AND A BUSH HAT. EN STOPPED AS HE SAW TM, TURNED AND BEGAN TO RUN. TM FIRED AT HIM. AT970391

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b. F-61 REPORT CARD AT 021400H VIC AT970390. TM HEARD

NUMEROUS VOICES WHICH APPEARED MOVING S ON TRAIL. TM  
CONTINUED THEIR MISSION.

## 6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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DRAFTER

FIRST FOR RECON CO

RELEASER  
Gardie H. H. S. G. S.

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TO: CG XIII MAF  
INFO: CG XXIV CORPS  
CG FIRST MAW  
CG AMERICAL DIV  
CG 101ST AEN DIV

FIFTH MAR

SEVENTH MAR

ELEVENTH MAR

TWENTY-SIXTH MAR

MA 1 ONE SIX

CG G FIFTH SFCA

C O N F I D E N T I A L

XII MAF FOR COC (Q-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 276-69 030001H TO 032400H OCTOBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (6) OPER RECON TMS THERE IS (1) TM OPER AT (1) LOG IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TACR. OF (4) (SLF) RECON TMS THERE ARE (3) TMS OPER AT (3) LOG IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TACR.
2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS
  - a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) A-11 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) AT 031050H HAVEN UL-AT8033 IR-AT8330

VIC AT822316

(2) F-62 RUDDER AT 031055H HAVEN UL-AT8434 IR-AT8731 VIC

AT845337

(3) A-12 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT 031120H HAVEN UL-AT9245 IR-AT9542

VIC AT921442

(4) A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) AT 031135H HAVEN UL-AT8933 IR-AT9230

VIC AT909328

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b. F-4 REPORT CARD AT 030835H VIC AT970390. TM AND EXTRACT HELO RECEIVED HEAVY VOLUME OF AW FIRE ON EXTRACT. NO ACTION TAKEN BY TM DUE TO FRIENDLIES IN AREA. RESULTS: (1) USMC WIA (E).

c. A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) AT 031220H VIC AT908329. TM FOUND TRENCH LINE (6) TO (8) FT WIDE AND (9) FT DEEP. TRENCH LINE HAS STORAGE HOLES APPROX (8) FT APART ON BOTH SIDES OF TRENCH. THE STORAGE HOLES WERE (3) FT BY (3) FT BY (4) FT. TM CONTINUED SURVEILLANCE MISSION.

d. A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) AT 031315H VIC AT908330. TM OBSR (30) NVA IN A HARBOR SITE; ALL WORE GREEN AND GRAY UNIFORMS. EN CARRIED RIFLES, PACKS, BLANKET ROLLS AND CARTRIDGE BELTS. TM CALLED AO. AO MADE (3) PASSES FIRING ROCKETS AND MINIGUNS AT THE EN TARGET. TM COULD NOT OBSR RESULTS.

e. A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) AT 031500H VIC AT908328. TM FOUND (2) HUTS (10) FT BY (10) BY (10) FT. (30) METERS E OF HUTS THERE WERE CULTIVATED RICE PADDIES. THE TM HEARD SEVERAL CHICKENS CACKLING. TM CONTINUED SURVEILLANCE MISSION.

## 6. (c) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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b. EXTRactions COMPLETED

- (1) F-61 REPORT CARD AT 030834H VIC AT970390
- (2) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT 031055H VIC AT845337
- (3) F-31 RECORD AT 031135H VIC AT909328
- c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED
  - NONE
- d. EXTRactions NOT COMPLETED
  - NONE
- e. REASON INSERTION/EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED
  - N/A
- f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 4 OCTOBER 69
  - (1) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT HAVEN U AT9545 LR-AT9912 VIC AT986441
- g. EXTRactions PLANNED FOR 4 OCTOBER 69
  - NONE
- 3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 032400H
  - a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378
  - b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250
  - c. LIAISON TM STONE PIT "C" BT135455
  - d. F-62 RUDER AT848339
  - e. A-11 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) AT815317
  - f. A-12 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT931433
  - g. A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) AT907325
- 4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS
  - N/A
- 5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS
  - a. (LATE ENTRY) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT 022230H VIC AT844335. TM OBSR (1) LANTERN MOVING E ON TRAIL. TM CONFIRMED THIS IS A RUDER MISSION.

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FROM: CG FIRST MAR DIV

DRAFTER

FIRST FOR RECON CO

RELEASER

Maj. J. H. Mosley  
AC/5, 22

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INFO: CG XXIV CORPS

CG FIRST MAW

CG AMERICAL DIV

CG 100ST ABN DIV

FIFTH MAR

SEVENTH MAR

ELEVENTH MAR

TWENTY-SIXTH MAR

MAG ONE SIX

CO C FIFTH SFGA

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ALL MAP FOR CGC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 277-69 040001H TO 042400H OCTOBER 69 (U)

1. (c) OF (6) OPER 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) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 041100H HAVEN UL AT9545 LR-BT0042

VIC AT989442

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

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a. ~~RECON~~ INSERTION/EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED

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f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 5 OCTOBER 69

NONE

g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 5 OCTOBER 69

NONE

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 012400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

c. LIAISON TM STONE PIT "C" BT135455

d. F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT992437

e. F-42 RUDDER AT845337

f. A-11 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) AT814312

g. A-12 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT927433

h. A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) AT901325

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS &amp; CONTACTS

a. F-42 RUDDER AT 040415H VIC AT847338. TM FOUND (1) BASE CAMP ALONG THE SIDE OF A TRAIL. BASE CAMP HAS (7) FIGHTING HOLES (3) FT BY (3) FT BY (3) FT AND (1) BUNKER (8) FT BY (5) FT BY (4) FT IN THE CENTER OF BASE CAMP. TM ALSO FOUND (1) AK-47 MAGAZINE AND PIECES OF AN INDIGENOUS PONCHO. TM CONTINUED THEIR SURVEILLANCE MISSION.

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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FROM: CG FIRST MAR DIV

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FIRST FOR RECON CO

INFO: CG XXIV CORPS

RELEASER  
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AC/S, 3-2

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CG AMERICAL DIV

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CG 101ST ABN DIV

INFO PP

FIFTH MAR

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SEVENTH MAR

ELEVENTH MAR

TWENTY-SIXTH MAR

MAJ ONE SIX

CO C FIFTH SFGA

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III MAF FOR COG (4-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 278-69 050001H TO 052400H OCTOBER 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) (SIF) 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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2. REARM INSERTION/EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED

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3. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 6 OCTOBER 69

NONE

4. EXTRATIONS PLANNED FOR 6 OCTOBER 69

NONE

3. (C) LOG OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 052400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

c. LIAISON TM STONE PIT "C" BT135455

d. F-411 SWIFT SCOUT AT984435

e. F-62 RUDER AT842336

f. A-11 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) AT816318

g. A-32 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT933433

h. A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) AT895328

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

a. INCREASE (1) RECON TM.

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

a. A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) AT 051130H VIC AT897327. TM FOUND (1) BASE CAMP IN CLEARED OUT AREA. BASE CAMP WAS (30) FT BY (50) FT AND APPROX (2) MONTHS OLD. TM CONTINUED SURVEILLANCE MISSION.

b. F-62 RUDER AT 051307H VIC AT882337. TM FOUND (1) HUT DUE INSIDE OF Bunker. HUT WAS (12) FT BY (5) FT. TRENCH LEADING TO HUT WAS (2) FT WIDE BY (12) FT LONG. HUT HAD NOT BEEN USED RECENTLY. TM CONTINUED SURVEILLANCE MISSION.

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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FROM: CG FIRST MAR DIV  
**CONFIDENTIAL**  
To: CG III MAF

FIRST FOR RECON CO

INFO: CG XXIV CORPS

RELEASER

CG FIRST MAF

CG AMERICAL DIV

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CG 101ST ABN DIV

ACTION O

FIFTH MAR

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SEVENTH MAR

CONFIDENTIAL

ELEVENTH MAR

TWENTY-SIXTH MAR

MAG ONE SIX

CO C FIFTH SFGA

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 279-69 060001H TO 062403H OCTOBER 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 (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

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- f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 7 OCTOBER 69
  - (1) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS HAVEN UL-AT9145 LR-AT9542 VIC AT927437
  - (2) F-21 FIAKEY SNOW HAVEN UL-AT8033 LR-AT8330 VIC AT822316
  - (3) F-31 RECORD HAVEN UL-AT8933 LR-AT9230 VIC AT908327
  - (4) F-51 GRIM REAPER HAVEN UL-AT8434 LR-AT8731 VIC AT841339
- g. EXTR ACTIONS PLANNED FOR 7 OCTOBER 69
  - (1) F-62 RUDDER VIC AT841339
  - (2) A-11 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) VIC AT822316
  - (3) A-12 VESPER BELLS (SLF) VIC AT927437
  - (4) A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) VIC AT908327
- 3. (c) LOG OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 062400H
  - a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378
  - b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250
  - c. LIAISON TM STONE PIT "C" BT135455
  - d. F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT984435
  - e. F-62 RUDDER AT842338
  - f. A-11 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) AT818313
  - g. A-12 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT931433
  - h. A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) AT894328
- 4. (c) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS  
N/A
- 5. (c) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS  
NONE
- 6. (c) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS  
NONE

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FROM: CG FIRST MAR DIV  
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*W.H. Don*  
 DRAFTER

FIRST FOR RECON CO

INFO: CG XXIV CORPS  
 CG FIRST MAW  
 CG AMERICAL DIV  
 CG 101ST ABU DIV  
 FIFTH MAR  
 SEVENTH MAR  
 ELEVENTH MAR  
 TWENTY-SIXTH MAR  
 MAG ONE SIX  
 CG C FIFTH SFCA

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*Glashy Froscher*  
 AC/S, G-2

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INFO FOR COC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 280-69 070000H TO 072400H OCTOBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (6) OPER RECON TMS THERE ARE (2) TMS OPER AT (2) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (4) (SIF) 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
    - (1) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS
    - (2) F-21 FLKEY SNOW
    - (3) F-31 RECORD
    - (4) F-51 GRIM REAPER

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e. EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED

- (1) F-62 RUDDER
- (2) A-11 LUNCH MEAT (SLF)
- (3) A-12 VESPER BELLS (SLF)
- (4) A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF)

e. REASON INSERTION/EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED

- (1) NON AVAILABILITY OF AIRCRAFT DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 8 OCTOBER 69

- (1) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS HAVEN UL-AT9145 LR-AT9542 VIC AT927437
- (2) F-21 FLAKY SNOW HAVEN UL-AT8033 LR-AT8330 VIC AT822316
- (3) F-31 RECORD HAVEN UL-AT8933 LR-AT9230 VIC AT908327
- (4) F-51 RIM REAPER HAVEN UL-AT8434 LR-AT8731 VIC AT841339
- (5) F-61 REPORT CARD HAVEN UL-AT9545 LR-AT9042 VIC AT989441

g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 8 OCTOBER 69

- (1) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT VIC AT989441
- (2) F-62 RUDDER VIC AT841339
- (3) A-11 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) VIC AT822316
- (4) A-12 VESPER BELLS (SLF) VIC AT927437
- (5) A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) VIC AT908327

3. (c) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 072400H

- a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378
- b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250
- c. LIAISON TM STONE PIT "C" BT134455
- d. F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT992437
- e. F-62 RUDDER AT842338
- f. A-11 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) AT824313
- g. A-12 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT932438
- h. A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) AT903330

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(C) INCREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

## 5. (C) SIGHTINGS &amp; CONTACTS

5a. F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 070945H VIC AT 985435. TM OBSR (5) NVA MOVING S ON FINGER. EN WORE DARK GRAY UTILITIES AND RAIN JACKET. EN CARRIED (3) AK-47'S AND (2) SKS'S. TM CONTINUED THEIR SURVEILLANCE MISSION.

## 6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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FM: 101ST ABN DIV

TO: CG III MAF

INFO: CG XXIV CORPS

CG FIRST MAW

CG AMERICAL DIV

CG 101ST ABN DIV

FIFTH MAR

SEVENTH MAR

ELEVENTH MAR

TWENTY-SIXTH MAR

MAG ONE SIX

CG C FIFTH SFGA

C O N F I D E N T I A L

III MAF FOR COC (3-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 281-69 080000H TO 082400H OCTOBER 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 (3) TMS OPER AT (3) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

(1) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS

(2) F-21 FLKEY SNOW

(3) F-31 RECORD

(4) F-51 GRIM REAPER

Wayne E. Fawley's  
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FIRST FOR RECON CO

Chas. W. Hough  
RELEASER  
AC/5, 012

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(5) F-61 REPORT CARD

a. EXTRactions NOT COMPLETED

- (1) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT
- (2) F-62 RUDDER
- (3) A-11 LUNCH MEAT (SLF)
- (4) A-12 VESPER BELLS (SLF)
- (5) A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF)
- e. REASON INSERTIONS/EXTRactions NOT COMPLETED
  - (1) WE W INCLEMENT WEATHER
- f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 9 OCTOBER 69
  - (1) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS HAVEN UL-AT9145 LR-AT9542 VIC AT927437
  - (2) F-21 FLKEY SNOW HAVEN UL-AT8033 LR-AT8330 VIC AT822316
  - (3) F-31 RECORD HAVEN UL-AT8933 LR-AT9230 VIC AT908327
  - (4) F-51 GRIM REAPER HAVEN UL-AT8434 LR-AT8731 VIC AT841339
  - (5) F-61 REPORT CARD HAVEN UL-AT9545 LR-BTOOL2 VIC AT989441
- g. EXTRactions PLANNED FOR 9 OCTOBER 69
  - (1) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT VIC AT989441
  - (2) F-62 RUDDER VIC AT841339
  - (3) A-11 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) VIC AT822316
  - (4) A-12 VESPER BELLS (SLF) VIC AT927437
  - (5) A-32 PUPPET SHOW VIC AT908327
- 3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 082400H
  - a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378
  - b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250
  - c. LIAISON TM STONE PIT "C" BT135455
  - d. F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT989442
  - e. F-62 RUDDER AT841340
  - f. A-11 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) AT824314

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g. A-12 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT923428

h. A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) AT908333

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS &amp; CONTACTS

a. (LATE ENTRY) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 071725H VIC AT993436. TM FOUND (1) BASE CAMP. BASE CAMP CONTAINED (30) BUNKERS OF VARIOUS SIZES AND (6) STRAW HUTS OF VARIOUS SIZES. THE BASE CAMP HAS NOT BEEN USED RECENTLY. TM TOOK PICTURES AND CONTINUED THEIR SURVEILLANCE MISSION.

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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FROM: CG FIRST MAR DIV  
TO: CG III MAF

INFO: CG XXIV CORPS  
CG FIRST MAF  
CG AMERICAL DIV  
CG 101ST ABN DIV  
FIFTH MAR  
SEVENTH MAR  
ELEVENTH MAR  
TWENTY-SIXTH MAR  
MAG ONE SIX  
CO C FIFTH SFGA

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III MAF FOR COC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 282-69 090001H TO 092400H OCTOBER 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 (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

(1) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS

(2) F-21 FLKEY SNOW

(3) F-31 RECORD

(4) F-51 GRIM REAPER

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DRAFTER

FIRST FOR RECON CO

*glas. he. blaster*  
RELEASED  
AC/S, G-2

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(5) F-61 REPORT CARD

d. EXTRactions NOT COMPLETED

(1) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT

(2) F-62 RUDDER

(3) A-11 LUNCH MEAT (SLF)

(4) A-12 VESPER BELLS (SLF)

(5) A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF)

e. REASON INSERTIONS/EXTRactions NOT COMPLETED

(1) NON AVAILABILITY OF AIRCRAFT AND DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 10 OCTOBER 69

(1) F-41 DETROIT TIGERS HAVEN UL-AT91445 LR-AT95142 VIC AT927437

(2) F-31 RECORD HAVEN UL-AT8933 LR-AT9230 VIC AT908327

(3) F-51 GRIM REAPER HAVEN UL-AT84134 LR-AT8731 VIC AT841339

g. EXTRactions PLANNED FOR 10 OCTOBER 69

(1) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT VIC AT989441

(2) F-62 RUDDER VIC AT841339

(3) A-11 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) VIC AT822316

(4) A-12 VESPER BELLS (SLF) VIC AT927437

(5) A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) VIC AT908327

3. (c) LOG OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 092400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

c. LIAISON TM STONE PIT "C" BT135455

d. F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT992442

e. F-62 RUDDER AT841340

f. A-11 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) AT825313

g. A-12 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT932437

h. A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) AT908333

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4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

NONE

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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DRAFTER

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FIRST FOR RECON CO

TO: CG III MAF

RELEASER  
G. H. Mosher  
AC/S, G-2

INFO: CG XXIV CORPS

CG FIRST MAW

PRECEDENCE

CG AMERICAL DIV

CG 101ST ABN DIV

ACTION O

FIFTH MAR

INFO PP

SEVENTH MAR

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ELEVENTH MAR

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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 SET REP 283-69 100001H TO 102400H OCTOBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) 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-51 GRIM REAPER AT 101212H HAVEN UL-AT8434 LR-AT8731  
VIC AT841340

(2) F-31 RECORD AT 101255H HAVEN UL-AT8933 LR-AT9230 VIC AT908333

(3) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT 101305H HAVEN UL-AT9115 LR-AT9542  
VIC AT932437

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) 4-11 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) AT 101147H VIC AT9223

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42 MAY 1968 REAPER AT 101212H VIC AT841340

- (3) A-32 PUPPET SHOW (SLF) AT 101255H VIC AT908333
- (4) A-12 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT 101305H VIC AT932437
- (5) F-4J SWIFT SCOUT AT 101315H VIC AT989442
- c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED  
NONE
- d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED  
NONE
- e. REASON INSERTIONS/EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED  
N/A
- f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 11 OCTOBER 69  
NONE
- g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 11 OCTOBER 69  
NONE

3. (C) LOC OF OPEN RECON TMS AS OF 102400H

- a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378
- b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250
- c. LIAISON TM STONE PIT "C" BT135455
- d. F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT933440
- e. F-31 RECORD AT903328
- f. F-51 GRIM REAPER AT843334

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS  
N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS  
NONE

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS  
NONE

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FROM: CG FIRST MAR DIV

Wayne E Hollings

DRAFTER

TO: CG III MAF  
 INFO: CG XXIV CORPS  
 CG FIRST MAW  
 CG AMERICAL DIV  
 CG 101ST ABN DIV  
 FIFTH MAR  
 SEVENTH MAR  
 ELEVENTH MAR  
 TWENTY-SIXTH MAR  
 MAG ONE SIX  
 CO C FIFTH SF GA

FIRST FOR RECON CO

RELEASED BY  
Chas Lichner  
AC/S, G-2

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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 284-69 110001H TO 112400H OCTOBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) OPER RECON TMS THERE ARE (3) TMS OPER AT (3) 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

NONE

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

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e. REASON INSERTIONS/EXTRactions NOT COMPLETED

N/A

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 12 OCTOBER 69

NONE

g. EXTRactions PLANNED FOR 12 OCTOBER 69

NONE

3. (C) LOG OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 112400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

c. LIAISON TM STONE PIT "C" ET135455

d. F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT936444

e. F-31 RECORD AT906325

f. F-51 GRIM REAPER AT842337

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

(1) DECREASE (2) (SLF) RECON TMS DUE TO MEDICAL DISABILITY

5. (C) SIGHTINGS &amp; CONTACTS

NONE

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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DRAFTER

TO: CG III MAF  
 INFO: CG XXIV CORPS  
 CG FIRST MAF  
 CG AMERICAN DIV  
 CG 101ST ABN DIV  
 FIFTH MAR  
 SEVENTH MAR  
 ELEVENTH MAR  
 TWENTY-SIXTH MAR  
 MAG ONE SIX  
 CO C FIFTH SFCA

FIRST FOR RECON CO

RELEASER

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MAGS, O-2

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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 285-69 12000L H TO 122400H OCTOBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) OPER RECON TMS THERE ARE (3) TMS OPER AT (3) 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

NONE

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

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e. LIAISON INSERTIONS/EXTRactions NOT COMPLETED

N/A

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 13 OCTOBER 69

NONE

g. EXTRactions PLANNED FOR 13 OCTOBER 69

(1) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS VIC AT937441

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. LIAISON TM STONE PIT "C" BT135455

d. F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT938441

e. F-31 RECORD AT908326

f. F-51 GRIM REAPER AT842337

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS &amp; CONTACTS

NONE

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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CG FIRST MAW

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CG AMERICAL DIV

PRECEDENCE

CG 101ST ABN DIV

ACTION O

FIFTH MAR

INFO PP

SEVENTH MAR

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ELEVENTH MAR

TWENTY-SIXTH MAR

MAG ONE SIX

CO C FIFTH SFCA

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 286-69 130001H TO 132400H OCTOBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) 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) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT 131001H VIC AT 937441
  - c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED  
NONE
  - d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED  
NONE

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EXTRACTION/INJECTION/EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED

N/A

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 14 OCTOBER 69

- (1) F-21 FLAKEY SNOW HAVEN UL-AT8089 IR-AT8386 VIC AT811876
- (2) F-61 REPORT CARD HAVEN UL-AT8591 IR-AT8389 VIC AT898901
- (3) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "D" VIC AT838827

g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 14 OCTOBER 69

- (1) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" VIC AT837378
- (2) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" VIC AT990250
- (3) LIAISON TM STONE PIT "C" VIC BT135455
- (4) F-31 RECORD VIC AT907333
- (5) F-51 GRIM REAPER VIC AT841338

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 132400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT837378

b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT990250

c. LIAISON TM STONE PIT "C" BT135455

d. F-31 RECORD AT906328

e. F-51 GRIM REAPER AT843337

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS &amp; CONTACTS

NONE

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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DRAFTER

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 CG FIRST MAW  
 CG AMERICAL DIV  
 CG 101ST ABN DIV  
 FIFTH MAR  
 SEVENTH MAR  
 ELEVENTH MAR  
 TWENTY-SIXTH MAR  
 MAG ONE SIX  
 CO C FIFTH SFCA

FIRST FOR RECON CO

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Glossy Gasher  
AC/S, G-2

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

III MAF FOR COG (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 287-69 140001H TO 142400H OCTOBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) OPER RECON TMS THERE IS (1) TM OPER AT (1) 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) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "D" AT 140820H VIC AT 838827

(2) F-21 FLKEY SNOW AT 140830H HAVEN UL-AT 8089 LR-AT 8386  
VIC AT 810827

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-51 GRIM REAPER AT 140945H VIC AT 841338

(2) F-31 RECORD AT 140954H VIC AT 907333

(3) LIAISON TM STONE PIT "C" AT 141210H VIC AT 8386

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(4) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT 141310H VIC AT 990250

(5) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "A" AT 141325H VIC AT 837378

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

(1) F-61 REPORT CARD

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

e. REASON INSERTIONS/EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

(1) INSERT NOT COMPLETE DUE TO PRE-ARRANGED ORDNANCE NOT BEING EXPENDED.

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 15 OCTOBER 69

(1) F-61 REPORT CARD HAVEN UL-AT8591 LR-AT8889 VIC AT 898907

g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 15 OCTOBER 69

NONE

3. (c) LOG OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 142400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "D" AT 838827

b. F-21 FLKEY SNOW AT 805865

4. (c) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (c) SIGHTINGS &amp; CONTACTS

NONE

6. (c) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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DRAFTER

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FIRST FOR RECON CO

INFO: CG XXIV CORPS

RELEASER

CG FIRST MAR

PRECEDENCE

CG AMERICAL DIV

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CG 101ST ABN DIV

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FIFTH MAR

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SEVENTH MAR

ELEVENTH MAR

TWENTY-SIXTH MAR

MAF ONE SIX

CG C FIFTH SFCA

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III MAF FOR COG (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 288-69 150001H TO 152400H OCTOBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) OPER RECON TMS THERE IS (1) TM OPER AT (1) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (4) (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  
(1) F-61 REPORT CARD
  - d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED  
NONE

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REASON: DEPLOYMENT/EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED(1) INSERT NOT COMPLETE DUE TO PRE-ARRANGED ORDNANCE NOT  
BEING EXPENDED.

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 16 OCTOBER 69

(1) F-4J SWIFT SCOUT HAVEN UL-AT8787 LR-AT9084 VIC AT894866

(2) F-6J REPORT CARD HAVEN UL-AT8591 LR-AT8889 VIC AT898901

g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 16 OCTOBER 69

NONE

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 152400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "D" AT838827

b. F-21 FLKEY <sup>SNOW</sup> ENWS AT811867

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

- (1) INCREASE (2) (SLF) RECON TMS

5. (C) SIGHTINGS &amp; CONTACTS

NONE

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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INFO: CG XXIV CORPS

CG FIRST MAR

CG AMERICAL DIV

CG 101ST ABN DIV

FIFTH MAR

SEVENTH MAR

ELEVENTH MAR

TWENTY-SIXTH MAR

HAG ONE SIX

CO C FIFTH SF GA

C O N F I D E N T I A L

III DAF FOR COC (C-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 289-69 160000H TO 162400H OCTOBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) OPAR RECON TMS THERE IS (1) TM 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
 

NONE
  - b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED
 

NONE
  - c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED
 

(1) F-61 REPORT CARD

(2) F-61 SWIFT SCOUT
  - d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

16/10/15    NONE

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DRAFTER

FIRST FOR RECON CO

Chas J. Walker  
RELEASER

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MISSION EXTRactions/EXTRactions NOT COMPLETED

(1) F-4L SWIFT SCOUT NOT INSERTED DUE TO OPERATIONAL REASONS.

(2) F-61 REPORT CARD NOT INSERTED DUE TO OPERATIONAL REASONS.

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 17 OCTOBER 69

(1) A-12 VESPER BELLS (SLF) HAVEN UL-ZC1387 LR-ZC1684 VIC  
ZC1148860

g. EXTRactions PLANNED FOR 17 OCTOBER 69

NONE

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TWS AS OF 162400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "D" AT838827

b. F-21 FLKEY SNOW AT817867

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TWS

R/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

NONE

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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FIRST FOR RECON CO

INFO: CG XXIV CORPS

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CG FIRST MAR

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CG AMERICAL DIV

PRECEDENCE

CG 101ST A&amp;S DIV

ACTION O

FIFTH MAR

INFO PP

SEVENTH MAR

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ELIMINATE MAR

TWENTY-SIXTH MAR

HAG ONE SIX

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INFO FOR COC (3-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 290-69 170001H TO 172400H OCTOBER 69 (3)

1. (C) OF (3) OPR RECON TIS THERE IS (1) IN OPR AT (1) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OR (4) (SLF) RECON TIS THERE IS (1) IN OPR AT (1) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) A-12 FLSPN BILLS (SLF) AT 171000H HAVEN RL-ZC1387 AND LR-ZC1684 VIC ZC144856

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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EXTRACTS/EXT ACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

1. (C) EXTRACTS PLANNED FOR 18 OCTOBER 69  
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2. (C) EXTRACTS PLANNED FOR 18 OCTOBER 69  
(1) F-21 FLAKY SHOW VIC AT617875  
3. (C) LOC OF OPEN RECON T/S AS OF 172400H  
a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "D" AT338827  
b. F-21 FLAKY SHOW AT815868  
c. A-12 WASPER MILLS ZCL44856  
4. (C) RELEASE/DISCARse IN AVAIL RECON T/S  
/A  
5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS  
NONE

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INFO: CG XXIV CORPS

CG FIRST MAR

CG AMERICAL DIV

CG 101ST ABN DIV

FIFTH MAR

SEVENTH MAR

ELEVENTH MAR

TWENTY-SIXTH MAR

MAG ONE SIX

MAG ONE ONE

CO C FIFTIETH SF GA

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III MAF FOR COG (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 291-69 180000H TO 182400H OCTOBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) OPEN RECON TDS THERE ARE NO TDS OPER IN THE FIRST MAR

DIV TAOR. OF (4) (SLF) RECON TDS THERE ARE (2) TDS OPER AT (2)  
LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS &amp; EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) A-31 RABBIT HUTCH (SLF) AT 181430H HAVEN, FIRST BN SEVENTH  
MAR TAOR VIC AT935365

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-21 FLAKY SNOW AT 181005H VIC AT815868

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

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FIRST FOR RECON CO

Gus W. Kiebler  
AC/S, G-2

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f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 19 OCTOBER 69

(1) A-11 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) HAVEN UL-ZC1582 IR-ZC1879 VIC

ZC174810

(2) REPORT CARD HAVEN COORD AT8591 ALONG DIV BOUNDARY

TO AT9091 TO AT9089 TO AT8589

(3) SWIFT SCOUT HAVEN UL-AT8787 IR-AT9085

g. EXTRactions PLANNED FOR 19 OCTOBER 69

NONE

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 182400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "D" AT838827

b. A-12 VESPER BELLS ZC146856

c. A-31 RABBIT HUTCH AT937362

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS &amp; CONTACTS

NONE

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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 INFO: CG XIV CORPS  
 CG FIRST MAR  
 CG AMERICAL DIV  
 CG 101ST ABN DIV  
 FIFTH MAR  
 SEVENTH MAR  
 ELEVENTH MAR  
 TWENTY-SIXTH MAR  
 MAG ONE SIX  
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 CG C FIFTH SFMA

FIRST FOR RECON CO

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Gus. L. H. Hesher  
AC/IS, 3-2

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III MAF FOR COC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 292-69 190001H TO 192400H OCTOBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) OPER RECON TMS THERE IS (1) TM OPER AT (1) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (4) (SIF) RECON TMS THERE ARE (3) TMS OPER AT (3) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSE TIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-61 REPORT CARD AT 190820H HAVEN UL-AT8591 LR-AT8889

VIC AT8590Y

(2) F-61 SWIFT SCOUT AT 190845H HAVEN UL-AT8787 LR-AT9084

VIC AT84866

(3) A-11 LUNCH MEAT (SIF) AT 191130H HAVEN UL-ZC1584 LR-ZC1579

VIC ZC174810

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b. EXTRactions COMPLETED

(1) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 190850H VIC AT894866

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

d. EXTRactions NOT COMPLETED

NONE

e. REASON INSERTION/EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED

N/A

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 20 OCTOBER 69

(1) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT HAVEN UL-AT8787 LR-AT9081 VIC AT894866

g. EXTRactions PLANNED FOR 20 OCTOBER 69

NONE

3. (C) LOG OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 192400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "D" AT838827

b. F-61 REPORT CARD AT885907

c. A-11 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) ZC174807

d. A-12 VESPER BELLS (SLF) ZC147851

e. A-31 RABBIT HUTCH (SLF) AT909381

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS &amp; CONTACTS

NONE

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

a. F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT 190845H, INSERT HEL HOVERED AT APPROX 6 TO 8 FEET AND HAD TM JUMP IN TO HLZ. TM RECEIVED (2) NBC INSERT HEL T EN CAME DOWN TO AN APPROX 2 FOOT HOVER AND PICKED UP TM.

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INFO: CG XXIV CORPS

CG FIRST AF

CG AMERICAL DIV

CG 101ST ABN DIV

FIFTH MAR

SEVENTH MAR

ELEVENTH MAR

TWENTY-SIXTH MAR

MAJ ONE SIX

MAJ ONE ONE

CO C FIFTH SFMA

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III MAU FOR COC (3-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 293-69 20000LH TO 202400H OCTOBER 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) OPER RECON TMS THERE ARE (3) TMS OPER AT (3) LOCATIONS IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.
2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-4J SWIFT SCOUT AT 201400H "HAVEN" UL AT878 LR AT9084  
 VIC AT894866

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

FIRST FOR RECON CO

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 CRAFTER  
 RELEASED  
*Class W. Fletcher*  
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e. REASON INSERTIONS/EXTRactions NOT COMPLETED

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2. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 21 OCTOBER 69  
(1) F-31 RECORD HAVEN JL AT8390 LR AT9236 VIC AT898890

3. EXTRactions PLANNED FOR 21 OCTOBER 69  
(1) A-12 VESPER BELLS (SLF) VIC ZC155860

3. (c) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 202100H  
(1) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "D" AT838327  
(2) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT897866  
(3) F-61 REPORT CARD AT875905  
(4) A-11 LUNCH MEAT ZC171808  
(5) A-12 VESPER BELLS ZC155849  
(6) A-31 RABBIT HUTCH AT896385

4. (c) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS  
N/A

5. (c) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS  
NONE

6. (c) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS  
NONE

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TO: CG III MAF

INFO: CG CIV CORPS

CG FIRST MAR

CG AMERICAL DIV

CG 101ST ABN DIV

FIFTH MAR

SEVENTH MAR

ELEVENTH MAR

TWENTY-SIXTH MAR

MAG ONE SIX

MAG ONE ONE

CG C FIFTH SFMA

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III MAF FOR CCC (Q-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SET REP 294-69 210001H TO 212400H OCTOBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) OPIR & CON TMS THERE ARE (3) TMS OPEN AT (3) LOC IN  
 THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (4) (SLF) RECON TMS THERE ARE (2)  
 TMS OPIR AT (2) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-31 RECORD AT 210850H HAVEN UL-AT8890 IR-AT9187

VIC AT898872

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) A-12 VESPER BELLS (SLF) AT 210905H VIC AC155891

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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*Chas. A. Hough*  
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RECON EXTRCTIONS/EXTRCTIONS NOT COMPLETED

N/A

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 22 OCTOBER 69  
NONE

g. EXTRCTIONS PLANNED FOR 22 OCTOBER 69  
NONE

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 212400H

- RADIC RELAY STONE PIT "D" AT838827
- F-31 RECORD AT393883
- F-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT889861
- F-61 REPORT CARD AT872899
- A-11 LUNCH NEAR (SLF) ZC174801
- A-31 RAB HIT HUNCH AT896385 (SLF)

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS  
N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

- F-61 REPORT CARD AT 211500H VIC AT873896. TM FOUND (1) BASE CAMP. BASE CAMP CONTAINED (6) TUNNELS, AND (7) HUTS OF VARIOUS SIZES, (3) AK-47 MAGAZINES, (1) CHI COM GRENADE, (1) PAIR OF SWIMMING GOGGLES, (1) BOAT PADDLE AND (300) RDS OF ASSORTED A.M.O. HUTS WERE DESTROYED BY BOMBS. TM CONTINUING SURVEILLANCE MISSION.

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS  
NONE

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TO: CG III MAF  
 INFO: CG XXIV CORPS  
 CG FIRST MAR  
 CG AMERICAL DIV  
 CG 101ST ABN DIV  
 FIFTH MAR  
 SEVENTH MAR  
 ELEVENTH MAR  
 TWENTY-SIXTH MAR  
 MAG ONE SIX  
 MAG ONE ONE  
 CO C FIFTH SFCA

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III MAF FOR COC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIC REP 295-69 220001H TO 222400H OCTOBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (6) OPER RECON TMS THERE ARE (2) TMS OPER AT (2) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (1) (SLF) RECON TMS THERE IS (1) TM OPER AT (1) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-61 REPORT CARD AT 221545H VIC AT 863901

(2) A-31 RABBIT HUTCH (SLF) AT 221600H VIC A 886397

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EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED

NONE

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

e. REASON INSERTION/EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED

N/A

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 23 OCTOBER 69

NONE

g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 23 OCTOBER 1969

(1) A-11 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) VIC ZC173801

3. (C) LOG OF OPER RECON TIS AS OF 222400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "D" AT898827

b. P-61 RECOND AT897887

c. P-61 SWIFT SCOUT AT897854

d. A-11 LUNCH MEAT (SLF) ZC174801

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TIS

a. DECREASE (1) RECON TIS DUE TO BATTLE CASUALTIES.

5. (C) SIGHTINGS &amp; CONTACTS

a. P-61 REPORT CARD AT 220730H VIC AT871900. TM FOUND (1) EN BASE CAMP. BASE CAMP CONTAINED (6) HUTS, (6) TUNNELS AND (150) AK-47 ROUNDS. TM CONTINUED SURVEILLANCE MISSION.

b. P-61 REPORT CARD AT 221145H VIC AT865906. TM MADE UNAVOIDABLE CONTACT WITH (3) VC MOVING S ON TRAIL. EN WORE MIXED UNIFORMS CONSISTING OF KHAKIS, GREEN UTILITIES AND BLACK PJ'S. EN CARRIED (1) AK-47, (3) UNK TYPE RIFLES AND (8) PACKS. TM CAPTURED (1) AK-47, (1) PACK AND (1) HOME-MADE GRENADE. TM WAS EXTRACTED BY THE SPIE SYSTEM. WHILE BEING EXTRACTED, (1) AK-47, (1) EN PACK, (6) M-16's, (1) PRC-25, (1) M-16, (1) CONFIDENTIAL

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TORN FROM IN BY BRANCHES AND TREES. THREE TURLEBERS WERE  
TORN FROM THE SPINE SYSTEM WHEN BEING SLAUGHTERED THROUGH TREES.  
RESULTS: (3) USMC WIA (E).

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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TO: CG III AF

INFO: CG XXIV CORPS

(1) FIRST MW

(2) AMERICA DIV

(3) 101ST A&S DIV

FIFTH MAR

SEVENTH MAR

ELEVENTH MAR

TWENTY-EIGHTH MAR

MAJ ONE SIX

MAJ ONE ONE

CG C FIFTH SFDA

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AC/S, G-2

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III AF FOR CGC (A-2 CO.)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 296-69 230001H TO 232400H OCTOBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (5) OPER RECON TNS THERE ARE (2) TNS OPER AT (2) LOC IN THE FIFTH MAR DIV TAOR. OF (6) FIFTH RECON BN TNS THERE ARE NO TNS OPER IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-51 GRIM REAPER AT 230130H VIC ZC156480

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-51 GRIM REAPER AT 230200H VIC ZC156480

(2) A-11 LUNCH MEAT AT 230830H VIC ATL73801

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

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EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED

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- e. REASON INSERTIONS/EXTRactions NOT COMPLETED  
N/A
- f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 24 OCTOBER 69  
NONE
- g. EXTRactions PLANNED FOR 24 OCTOBER 69
  - (1) P-41 SWIFT SCOUT VIC AT898853
  - (2) LOC OF OPR RECON TNS AS OF 232400H
    - a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "D" AT838827
    - b. P-51 RECORD AT900872
    - c. P-41 SWIFT SCOUT AT897855
4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TNS
  - a. DECREASE (1) RECON TM DUE TO COMBAT CASUALTIES.
  - b. INCREASE (2) RECON TNS (FIFTH RECON BN)
5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS
  - a. P-51 REACTION FORCE GRIM REAPER AT 230040H VIC 2G156460. APPROX (50) METERS E OF INSERT HLZ TM RECEIVED (1) UNK TYPE EXPLOSION. AT THIS TIME TM HAD (5) WIA. TM MOVED BACK TO INSERT HLZ FOR EXTRACTION. TM RECEIVED (1) INCOMING GRENADE WHEN THEY WERE APPROX (30) METERS FROM HLZ, RESULTING IN (2) PREVIOUSLY WOUNDED MARINES SUSTAINING ADDITIONAL WOUNDS. RESULTS: (5) USMC WIA (E).
6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS  
NONE

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FROM CG FIRST MAR DIV

TO: CG III MAF

INFO: CG XXIV CORPS

CG FIRST MAR

CG AMERICAL DIV

CG 101ST AM LIV

FIFTH MAR

SEVENTH MAR

ELEVENTH MAR

TWENTY-SIXTH MAR

MAG ONE SIX

MAG ONE ONE

CO C FIFTH SFGR

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III MAF FOR COC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 297-69 240001H TO 242400H OCTOBER 69 (J)

1. (C) OF (5) OPER RECON TMS THERE IS (1) TM OPER AT (1) LOG IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (6) (5TH RECON BN) OPER TMS THERE ARE NO TMS OPER IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRactions

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

STONE PIP "E" AT834999

b. EXTRactions COMPLETED

(1) F-4J SWIFT SCOUT AT 241025 VIC AT898853

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

d. EXTRactions NOT COMPLETED

NONE

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REASON: INSERTIONS/EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

T/A

2. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 25 OCTOBER 69

NONE

g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 25 OCTOBER 69

(1) F-31 RECORD VIC AT 900373

3. (C) LOC OF OPLR RECON TNS AS OF 242400H

(1) RADIO RELAY SZONE PIT "D" AT 838327

(2) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "E" AT 834999

(3) F-31 RECORD AT 899871

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TNS

T/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS &amp; CONTACTS

NONE

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

1. CORRECTION TO SIT RPT #296-69; REACTIONARY GRIM REAPER

OP-4 INSERTED AT 230015H AND EXTRACTED AT 230105H

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Major

FIRST FOR RECON CO

C. MALEAS  
John W. Hausey  
AC/5, G-2

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 INFO: CG XXIV CORPS  
 CG FIRST MAR  
 CG AMERICAL DIV  
 CG 101ST ABN DIV  
 FIFTH MAR  
 SEVENTH MAR  
 ELEVENTH MAR  
 TWENTY-SIXTH MAR  
 MAG ONE SIX  
 MAG ONE ONE  
 CO C FIFTH SFGA

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III MAF FOR COG (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 298-69 250000H TO 252400H OCT 13 1969 (U)

1. (C) OF (5) OPER RECON THIS THERE ARE NO TMS OPER IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (6) FIFTH RECON BN OPER RECON THIS THERE ARE NO TMS OPER IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED  
NONE

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED  
(1) F-31 RECORD AT 251400H VIC AT900873

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED  
NONE

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED  
NONE

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SAC-CHICAGO INSERTIONS/EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 26 OCTOBER 69

(1) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS HAVEN UL-AT8096 IR-AT8493 TIC AT834930

g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 26 OCTOBER 69

NONE

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 252400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "D" AT838827

b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "E" AT834999

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS &amp; CONTACTS

NONE

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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TO: CG III MAF

INFO: CG XXIV CORPS

CG FIRST MAR

CG MEDICAL DIV

Sgt. Major  
MAFTER

FIRST FOR RECON CO

CG 101ST ABN DIV

PRINCIPLE

FIFTH MAR

ACTION O

SEVENTH MAR

INFO PF

ELEVENTH MAR

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TWENTY-SIXTH MAR

MAG ONE SIX

MAG ONE ONE

CG C FIFTH SFJA

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III MAF FOR COC (1-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 299-69 260001H TO 262400H OCTOBER 69 (U)

1. (c) OF (5) OPER RECON TMS THERE IS (1) TD OPER AT (1) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TACR. OF (4) (5TH RECON BN) OPER RECON TMS THERE ARE NO TMS OPER IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TACR.

2. (c) INSERTIONS AND EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) 7-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT260827H "HAVEN" JL AT8096 LB  
AT8493 VIC AT827930

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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f. INSARTIONS PLANNED FOR 27 OCTOBER 69

(1) A-31 RABBIT HUTCH (5TH RECON BN) HAVET TIN AT8794 13  
AT9091 VIC AT873921

g. EXEXCTIONS PLANNED FOR 27 OCTOBER 69

NONE

3. (c) LOC OF OPER RECON TIN AS OF 262400H

(1) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "D" AT838827  
(2) RADIO RELAY STONE "E" AT834997  
(3) FULL DESTROY TINNS AT820930

4. (c) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TIN

(1) INCREASE OF ONE FORCE RECON TIN. PLACED IN TRAINING  
CIRCLE. NO NET INCREASE OF OPER RECON TIN. ERROR IN  
SIT REP 297-69 AND 298-69 SHOWED (6) 5TH RECON BN OPER  
TIN. SHOULD HAVE SHOWED (4) 5TH RECON BN OPER TIN.

5. (c) SIGNINNS &amp; CONTACTS

NONE

6. (c) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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TO: CG III MAF

FIRST FOR RECON CO

INFO: CG XXIV CORPS

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CG FIRST MAF

AC/S, G-2

CG AMERICAN DIV

PRECEDENCE

CG 101ST ABN DIV

ACTION O

FIFTH MAR

INFO PP

SEVENTH MAR

CONFIDENTIAL

ELEVENTH MAR

TWENTY-SIXTH MAR

MAG ONE SIX

MAG ONE ONE

CG C FIFTH SFCA

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III MAF FOR COG (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 300-69 270001H TO 272400H OCTOBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (5) OPER RECON TNS THERE IS (1) TM OPER AT (1) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. OF (4) (5th RECON BN) OPER TNS THERE ARE NO TNS OPER IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

(1) A-31 RABBIT HUTCH

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

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e. REASON INSERTIONS/EXTRactions NOT COMPILTED

(1) RABBIT HUTCH NOT INSPIRED DUE TO PENISY OF WOOD CUTTERS

WORLING IN HAVEN.

f. INSERTIONS : LANNED FOR 28 OCTOBER 69

NONE

g. EXTRactions : LANNED FOR 28 OCTOBER 69

NONE

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 272400H

a. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "D" A 838827

b. RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "E" AT834999

c. F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT834935

4. (C) INCREASE/DEC. EASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS &amp; CONTACTS

NONE

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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TO: CG III MAF  
CG FIRST AF  
CG AMERICAL DIV  
CG 101ST ABN DIV  
FIFTH FAR  
SEVENTH FAR  
ELEVENTH FAR  
TWENTY-SIXTH FAR  
MAF ONE SIX  
MAF ONE ONE  
CG C FIFTH SFJA

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III. DIAF FOR COC (3-2 COL)

INFO FOR RECON CO SIT SEP 301-69 280001H TO 282400H OCTOBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (5) OPER RECON THIS THERE IS (1) TM OPR AT (1) LOC IN THE FIRST BAR DIV PACK.
2. (C) INSERTIONS AND EXTRACTIONS
  - a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED  
NONE
  - b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED  
NONE
  - c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED  
NONE
  - d. EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED  
NONE

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e. RELEASES/IN SITIONS/EXTRAC TIONS OF COMPLETED

NONE

f. IN SITIONS PLANNED FOR 29 OCTOBER 69

NONE

g. EXTRAC TIONS PLANNED FOR 29 OCTOBER 69.

NONE

3. (C) LOC OF OPTIC RECON TNS AS OF 282400H

(1) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "D" AT838827

(2) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "E" AT834999.

(3) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT834937

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TNS

(1) DECREASE (4) (5TH RECON BN) TNS *NON SHOWN ON* ~~RECON BN~~ ~~5TH BN~~(1ST RECON BN) *SIT REP.*

5. (C) SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS

NONE

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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TO: CG III MAFF

FIRST FOR RECON CO

INFO: CG XXIV CORPS

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FORT WORTH  
AC76, 3-2

CG FIRST MAR

PRECEDENCE

CG AIR REGAL DIV

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FIFTH MAR

INFO FP

SEVENTH MAR

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ELEVENTH MAR

TWENTY-SIXTH MAR

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MAF OIL ONE

CO C FIFTH SFJA

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III MAFF FOR COC (3-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 302-69 290001H TO 292400H OCTOBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (5) OPR RECON THIS THERE IS (1) THE OPR AT (1) LOC IN  
THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS AND EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

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e. INSERTIONS/EXTRactions NOT CO. RECD

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f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 30 OCTOBER 69

(1) F-31 RE CORD AT829930

g. EXTRactions PLANNED FOR 30 OCTOBER 69

(1) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT833946

3. (C) LOG OF PARACLS AS OF 292400Z OCT 1969

(1) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "D" AT838827

(2) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "E" AT838827

(3) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT833947

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TNS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

NONE

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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FROM: CG FIRST MAR DIV

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TO: CG III MAF  
 INFO: CG XXIV CORPS  
 CG FIRST MAF  
 CG AFRICAN DIV  
 CG 101ST ABN DIV  
 FIFTH MAR  
 SEVENTH MAR  
 ELEVENTH MAR  
 TWENTY-SIXTH MAR  
 MAG ONE SIX  
 MAG ONE ONE  
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AC/5, 3/2

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III MAF FOR COC (4-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 303-69 30000LH TO 302400N OCTOBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (6) OPR RECON TMS THERE ARE NO TMS OPER IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.
2. (C) INSERTION & EXTRACTIONS
  - a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED  
NONE
  - b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED  
(1) F-11 DETROIT TI.HRS AT300920H VIC AT833947
  - c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED  
(1) F-31 RECORD
  - d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED  
NONE

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MAJOR INSERTIONS/EXTRactions NOT COMPILED

(1) F-31 RECORD (INSERT) DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS.

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 30 OCTOBER 69.

(1) F-31 RECORD VIC AT829930

g. EXTRactions PLANNED FOR 30 OCTOBER 69.

    NONE

3. (C) LOC OF OPAK RECON TPS AS OF 302400H

    (1) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "D" AT836827

    (2) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "E" AT834999

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TPS

    (1) INCREASE F-51 CRIM REAP DUE TO PERSONNEL RETURNING TO FULL DUTY.

5. (C) SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS

    NONE

6. (C) ADDITIONAL CONTENTS

    NONE

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TO: CG III MAF  
 INFO: CG XXIV CORPS  
 CG FIRST MAF  
 CG AN RICAL DIV  
 CG 101ST ABN DIV  
 FIFTH MAF  
 SEVENTH MAF  
 ELEVENTH MAF  
 TWENTY-SIXTH MAF  
 MAG ONE SIX  
 MAG ONE ONE  
 CO C FIFTH SFGA

FIRST FOR RECON CO

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III MAF FOR COC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 304-69 310001H TO 312400H OCTOBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (6) OPER RECON TMS. THERE IS (1) TM OPIR AT (1) LOC IN THE FIRST MAF DIV TAOR.
2. (C) INSERTIONS AND EXTRACTIONS
  - a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED
 

(1) F-31 RECORD AT 311005H "HAVEN" JL AT8094 LR AT8491  
 VIC AT835930
  - b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED
 

NONE
  - c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED
 

NONE
  - d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED
 

NONE

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e. REAR EQUATIONS/EXTRACTS NOT COMPLETED

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f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 1 NOVEMBER 69

- (1) F-51 GRIM REAPER "HAWK" UL AT8592 LR AT8689  
VIC AT865916

g. EXTRACTS PLANNED FOR 1 NOVEMBER 69

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3. (C) LOG OF PATROLS AS OF 312400H

- (1) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "D" AT838827
- (2) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "E" AT834999
- (3) F-31 RECORD AT837914

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS &amp; CONTACTS

a. F-31 RECORD AT 311030H VIC AT835930 TM MADE UNAVOIDABLE  
CONTACT WITH (6) VC SITTING IN A DEFENSIVE POSITION (20)  
METERS S OF INSERT NLZ. WHO WORE (1) GREEN SHIRTS AND KHAKI  
SHORTS, (2) GREEN SHORTS AND SHIRTS. EN CARRIED (1) AK-47  
AND CHICOM GRENADES. BOTH CH-46'S R CEIVED FIRE WHEN THEY  
INSERTED TM. TM BROKE CONTACT AND CONTINUED THEIR  
SURVEILLANCE MISSION.

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COLLINS

**BOARD**

a. PERSONNEL ON ~~HAWK~~ USMC OFFICER 10 USMC ENLISTED 135  
USN ENLISTED 7

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