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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 November to 232400H  
November 1969  
Ref: (a) MCO F5750.2  
      (b) FMFPacO 5750.8A  
      (c) DivO 5750.20  
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 November 1969 to 232400H November 1969

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1st Force Reconnaissance Company Major W. H. BOND 1-23 November 1969

ATTACHED UNITS

Detachment, 7thCommBn (1-23 Nov69)

2. LOCATION

1-23 November: Da Nang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

|                         |                       |             |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Executive Officer       | Maj S. L. OWENS       | 1-11 Nov69  |
| S-2                     | Capt L. H. ANDERSON   | 12-23 Nov69 |
| S-3                     | 2ndLt R. L. JONES     | 1-23 Nov69  |
| Supply Officer          | 1stLt W. E. ROLLINGS  | 1-23 Nov69  |
| Communications Officer  | 2ndLt J. S. BENSON    | 1-23 Nov69  |
| Motor Transport Officer | SSgt W. R. JOHNSON    | 1-8 Nov69   |
|                         | 1stLt R. J. WADLE JR. | 9-23 Nov69  |
|                         | 2ndLt J. S. BENSON    | 1-23 Nov69  |

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

|                       | USMC |     | USN |     |
|-----------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|
|                       | OFF  | ENL | OFF | ENL |
| 1stForReconCo         | 12   | 134 |     | 7   |
| Detachment, 7thCommBn |      | 4   |     |     |

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

01 - 23 Nov 1969 During this period of November the Company continued to support the 1st Marine Division in Reconnaissance Operations.

17 Nov 1969 Team "NIGHT COVER", F-51 conducted a successful night combat insertion by parachute.

24 Nov 1969 The Company was dropped from Operational and Administrative control by 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division and came under the control of III Marine Amphibious Force.

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PART IV

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- a. Statistical Data Chart
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a. Statistical Data Chart

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Patrols           | 9 |
| Sightings         | 1 |
| Contacts          | 1 |
| VC/NVA Sighted    | 2 |
| Fire Missions     | 0 |
| Fixed Wing        | 0 |
| NCF Missions      | 0 |
| VC/NVA KIA (Conf) | 0 |
| Weapons Captured  | 0 |
| VC/NVA Captured   | 0 |
| USMC Casualties   | 0 |
| USN Casualties    | 0 |
| USMC KIA          | 0 |
| USMC WIA          | 0 |
| USN KIA           | 0 |
| USN WIA           | 0 |
| USMC DOW          | 0 |
| USMC MIA          | 0 |
| USMC NBC          | 0 |
| USN NBC           | 0 |
| USMC KNBC         | 0 |

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## OPERATION ORDER 326-69

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM, Series L7014 1:50,000, Sheet No. REGION CO  
 (b) 1stMarDivO P3800.1G (Intelligence SOP) 570-69  
 (c) 1stMarDivO P003330.2A (Rules of Engagement) 0840  
 (d) 1stReconBnO P3000.4

Time Zone: H

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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. Conduct an area reconnaissance in haven bounded by coordinates (UL) AT8094 and (LR) AT8491. Emphasis should be placed on locating enemy trail networks.

## 3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Insert by helicopter into assigned area, and patrol the ridge line running from AT839920 west to AT812925 for possible enemy trail networks. Be prepared to conduct artillery ambushes on targets of opportunity. Routine extraction by helicopter is planned.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 30 October/HLZ 469.

(2) Date/Place of Return. 3 November/HLZ 469.

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

(4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) AT8094 and (LR) AT8491.

(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 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       | AT829930 | RECORD          | 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          |
| 1st 175 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).

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR W. H. BOND

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Tab B-#1: Co Operation Order #326-69 dtd 29 Oct 69  
#2: Patrol Report F-31 Record dtd 06 Nov 69  
#3: Co Operation Order # 327-69 dtd 30 Oct 69  
#4: Patrol Report F-51 Grim Reaper dtd 07 Nov 69  
#5: Co Operation Order #328-69 dtd 01 Nov 69  
#6: Patrol Report F-62 Rudder dtd 07 Nov 69  
#7: Co Operation Order #329-69 dtd 04 Nov 69  
#8: Patrol Report Flakey Snow dtd 09 Nov 69  
#9: Co Operation Order #330-69 dtd 04 Nov 69  
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#11: Co Operation Report #331-69 dtd 07 Nov 69  
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OPERATION ORDER: 326-69

PATROL: RECORD (F-31)

DEBRIEFER: SSGT R.F. BOLAND

MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS L7014

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1ST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE CO  
DANANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM  
061400H OCT 1969

PATROL REPORT

1ST FORCE RECON CO  
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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: 1 USMC OFF, 6 USMC ENL
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
  - c. COMMUNICATION AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S
  - d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 2 M-18A1 WEAPONS, 1 M-79/M-16

2. MISSION: CONDUCT AN AREA RECONNAISSANCE IN HAVEN BOUNDED BY COORDINATES (UL) AT 8094 AND (LR) AT 8491. EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON LOCATING ENEMY TRAIL NETWORKS.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 311005H/061115H OCTOBER 1969

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: PATROL WAS ROUTINELY INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND EXTRACTED BY SPIKE SYSTEM AFTER 14.5 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY DURING WHICH 1 SIGHTING OF 6 VC/NVA AND 1 CONTACT WERE MADE. RESULTS OF THE CONTACT WERE NOT DETERMINED. MARINE GUNSHIPS OBSERVED 20-25 EN APPROXIMATELY 100 METERS NORTH OF THE ZONE 10 MINUTES AFTER THE PATROL HAD BEEN INSERTED.

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

- a. ENEMY: 311115H VIC AT 825932, MARINE GUNSHIPS OBSERVED 20-25 VC/NVA MOVING IN THE DIRECTION OF THE PATROL'S INSERTION HLT. THE GUNSHIPS THEN DELIVERED ORDNANCE IN THE VICINITY OF THE ENEMY. RESULTS COULD NOT BE DETERMINED.

311145H VIC AT 825931 PATROL OBSERVED 6 VC/NVA MOVING TOWARD THEIR POSITION. 4 ENEMY WORE GREEN SHORTS WITH KHAKI SHIRTS AND 2 WORE GREEN SHORTS AND SHIRTS. 1 ENEMY CARRIED AN AK-47 RIFLE. THE PATROL INITIATED CONTACT AND THE ENEMY THREW 1 GRENADE. AT THIS TIME THE ENEMY BROKE CONTACT AND THE PATROL MOVED AWAY FROM THE AREA. NO RESULTS WERE DETERMINED.

311300H VIC AT 828924, PATROL FOUND 1 M-26 GRENADE PLACED AS A SURPRISE FIRING DEVICE. THE GRENADE, WITH THE PIN PULLED, WAS PUT UNDER SOME U.S. 782 GEAR AND ROCKS TO HOLD THE SPOON IN PLACE. IN THIS VICINITY THERE WAS OTHER ASSORTED U.S. GEAR AND AMMO INCLUDING 75-80 M-60 ROUNDS AND ANOTHER M-26 GRENADE. ANYONE DISTURBING THESE SUPPLIES WOULD HAVE PROBABLY ACTIVATED THE BOOBY TRAP. IT WAS PLACED APPROXIMATELY 1 1/2 FT FROM THE TRAIL AND EASILY NOTICABLE. 2 U.S. HELMETS AND ASSORTED CLOTHING WERE ALSO FOUND. THE PATROL DID NOT DISMANTLE OR BLOW THE SFD DUE TO THE PROXIMITY OF THE ENEMY WHICH THEY HAD MADE CONTACT WITH. REF: ENTRY 311145H VIC AT 825931.

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b. TERRAIN: WAS EXTREMELY STEEP, WITH SLOPES AVERAGING 60° (APPROXIMATE). IN MOST OF THE AREAS COVERED THE CANOPY WAS 60-70 FT HIGH. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 15-20 FT HIGH AND EXTREMELY THICK AND CONSISTED OF SHRUBS, VINES AND BRIARS. MOVEMENT OF THE PATROL WAS EASY ON THE TRAILS FOUND BUT DIFFICULT AT THE RATE OF 75 METERS PER HOUR ELSEWHERE. CONCEALMENT WAS GOOD WHILE COVER WAS FAIR CONSISTING OF LARGE ROCKS APPROXIMATELY 4-6 FT IN DIAMETER. THE SOIL IN THE AREA WAS ROCKY AND COVERED WITH DEAD VEGETATION.

c. WEATHER: THE PATROL EXPERIENCED CONSTANT RAIN, RANGING FROM LIGHT DRIZZLE TO HEAVY SHOWERS, DURING THEIR 6 DAYS IN THE FIELD. VISIBILITY WAS POOR AT 50-60 METERS.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ: AT825931, 1xCH-46, FAIR REAR WHEEL SITDOWN ZONE. THE LZ HAD BEEN CUT BY U.S. FORCES AND THE TREES HAD BEEN PLACED AROUND THE PERIMETER. THESE TREES MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE PATROL TO EXIT THE ZONE. THE BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE NE AND BEST DEPARTURE IS TO THE NW.

b. EXTRACT LZ: AT831945, GOOD SPIE SYSTEM, LADDER, OR JUNGLE PENETRATOR ZONE. THERE ARE 10 FT TREES SURROUNDING THE ZONE AND 6 FT HIGH SCRUB IN IT. THE BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE NE AND DEPARTURE IS TO THE SAME DIRECTION.

c. TRAILS: (SEE TRAIL OVERLAY) TRAILS FOUND ARE WELL DEFINED AND 2½ FT WIDE. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF RECENT USAGE OBSERVED. THE PATROL FOLLOWED A TRAIL ON THE RIDGELINE SEPARATING THUA THIEN AND QUANG NAM PROVINCES. FROM AT839918 TO AT803937. MOVEMENT IN THIS AREA IS RESTRICTED ENTIRELY TO THIS TRAIL DUE TO THE STEEP SLOPES ON EITHER SIDE.

d. OP'S: NONE FOUND

e. COMM: COMMUNICATIONS WERE SATISFACTORY WITH STONE PIT "E" (AT833999). UNTIL THE PATROL MOVED TO THE VICINITY OF AT818937. FROM THIS POINT UNTIL THE PATROL WAS EXTRACTED AT AT831945 THEY HAD NO COMM WITH "E" RELAY. COMM WAS MAINTAINED DURING THIS PERIOD BY UTILIZATION OF AN AO AND HELICOPTERS.

f. OBSTACLES: NONE ENCOUNTERED

g. MISC: PATROL MEMBERS HAD A SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH LEECHES UNTIL THEY CROSSED THE PERENNIAL STREAM VIC AT818937. ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THIS STREAM NO LEECHES WERE FOUND.

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

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: PATROL SUFFERED SLIGHT IMMERSION FOOT DUE TO THE LARGE AMOUNT OF RAIN THEY ENCOUNTERED. THE PATROL LEADER SUSTAINED A SPRAINED ANKLE WHEN HE FELL FROM A WATERFALL IN THE VIC OF AT831945. RESULTS: 1 USMC NBC (M).

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: INSERT GUNSHIP'S EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF PATROL'S MOVEMENT AWAY FROM THE ZONE ENABLED THE PATROL TO AVOID CONTACT WITH THE LARGER ENEMY FORCE.

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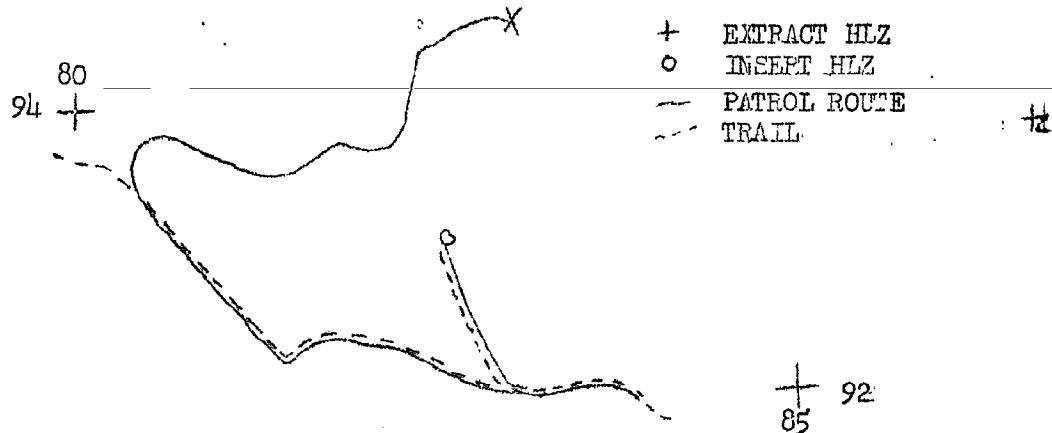
11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THE PATROL LEADER CONCLUDES THAT IT IS NOT PRACTICAL FOR ENEMY TO LIVE IN THE AREA COVERED BY THE PATROL DURING THIS SEASON DUE TO THE LARGE AMOUNT OF LEECHES FOUND AND THE FREQUENCY OF POOR WEATHER. HOWEVER THE TRAIL FOUND ON THE RIDGELINE SEPARATING THE PROVINCE EVIDENTLY HAS BEEN USED IN THE PAST AND IS A POSSIBLE UNRESTRICTED AVENUE OF APPROACH.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| 1STLT CHAMPE    | 0102666 |
| LCPL BERG-OLSEN | 2493795 |
| PFC CANNON      | 2479251 |
| PVT TURNER      | 2510475 |
| LCPL GAUTHIER   | 2441813 |
| PFC WEEKS       | 2480402 |
| PFC PIENKOS     | 2517596 |

## PATROL AND TRAIL OVERLAY



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## OPERATION ORDER 327-69

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM, Series L7014 1:50,000, Sheet No. 6641 II  
 (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. Locate base camps in assigned objective area (UL) AT8592 and (LR) AT8889. On order conduct artillery ambushes on targets of opportunity.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Insert by helicopter into assigned haven. Locate enemy base camps in grid squares AT8590 and AT8690. Coordinate with artillery for fire mission capability on enemy units and installations. Extraction by helicopter is planned.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 1 November/HLZ 469.

(2) Date/Place of Return. 5 November/HLZ 469.

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

(4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) AT8592 (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 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 Champs 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>   |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 5th Platoon       | AT829930        | GRIM REAPER      | 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          |
| 1st 175 Guns      | AT920800        | LATIN REBEL      | 64.5 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 3 $\frac{1}{4}$  (coordinates AT990709).

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OPERATION ORDER: 327-69  
 PATROL: GRIM REAPER (F-51)  
 DEBRIEFER: LCPL J.R. MAYER  
 MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS I7014  
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PATROL REPORTCOPY ~~30F 20~~

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: 6 USMC ENL
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
  - c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S, 1 6x30'S, 1 35MM CAMERA
  - d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-14, 1 M-79, 2 M-18A1 WEAPONS
2. MISSION: LOCATE BASE CAMPS IN ASSIGNED OBJECTIVE AREA (UL) AT 8592 AND (LR) AT 8882. ON ORDER CONDUCT ARTILLERY AMBUSHES ON TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 031230H/071030H NOVEMBER 1969
4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY
5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS ROUTINELY INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS, UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS AFTER 94 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY. THERE WERE NO SIGHTINGS, NO CONTACTS, AND NO UNUSUAL OBSERVATIONS MADE. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE USED.
6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY, TERRAIN, AND WEATHER:
  - a. ENEMY: N/A
  - b. TERRAIN: GENERALLY STEEP WITH A CANOPY 60 FT HIGH AND OF MEDIUM THICKNESS. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 4-6 FT HIGH AND CONSISTED OF SHRUBS, VINES, AND PALMETTO TREES. COVER AND CONCEALMENT WERE GOOD; COVER BEING PROVIDED BY TREE TRUNKS AND 3-4 FT IN DIAMETER ROCKS AND CONCEALMENT BEING MADE UP OF THE UNDERGROWTH. MOVEMENT WAS MODERATE AND RESTRICTED TO THE RATE OF 150 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. THE SOIL CONSISTED OF SMALL GRAVEL AND RICH, DARK, LOAM. WATER WAS PLENTIFUL IN THE AREA.
  - c. WEATHER: DURING THIS PERIOD THE PATROL ENCOUNTERED CONTINUOUS RAIN (INTENSITY VARIED). FOG AND CLOUDS RESTRICTED VISIBILITY TO 10-20 METERS. THE WIND WAS OUT OF THE EAST AND GUSTING FROM 10-20 KNOTS THE ENTIRE PERIOD.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:
  - a. INSERT HLZ: AT 864916, FAIR 1xCH-46 SITDOWN, IT WAS APPROXIMATELY 30'x300' IN LENGTH. THERE ARE LARGE ROCKS AND TREE STUMPS THROUGHOUT THE ZONE, AND THE TERRAIN SLOPES TO THE WEST IN TERRACED LEVELS. BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE NW AND EXIT TO THE SAME DIRECTION.

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b. EXTRACT LZ: AT864920, FAIR 1xCH-46 TAILGATE ZONE. 30'x150'. THERE IS A LARGE PILE OF ROCKS IN THE CENTER OF THE ZONE. ZONE APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN CUT BY FRIENDLIES. WHEN CUT LARGE STUMPS WERE LEFT SCATTERED AROUND IT. BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE NE AND EXIT IS TO THE E.

c. TRAILS: AT865913-AT863920 TRAILS RUNS FROM NNW TO SSE AND IS APPROXIMATELY 1-2 FT WIDE. NO SIGNS OF RECENT USE WERE OBSERVED.

d. OP'S: NONE OBSERVED

e. COMM: COMMUNICATIONS WITH "E" RELAY (AT833999) WERE POOR, THIS IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY THE EXPOSURE OF THE RADIOS TO THE EXTREME DAMPNESS THE PATROL ENCOUNTERED.

f. OBSTACLES: NONE ENCOUNTERED

MISC: N/A

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

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: THE OVERALL CONDITION OF THE PATROL WAS POOR DUE TO THE EXPOSURE TO THE POOR WEATHER CONDITIONS.

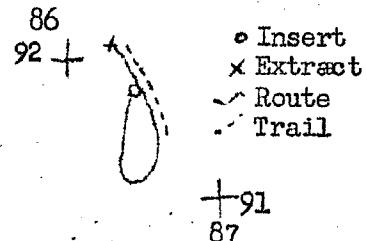
10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THE PATROL LEADER RECOMMENDS THAT NO MORE PATROLS BE SENT INTO THE HIGH GROUND IN THIS AREA UNTIL THE MONSOON SEASON SUBSIDES. HE BELIEVES THAT THE ENEMY HAVE CURTAILED THEIR ACTIVITIES DUE TO THE EXTREMELY ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS. HE ALSO SUGGESTS THAT A CLOSER LIASION BE MADE WITH THE ARTILLERY UNITS IN THE AREA. THE PATROL EXPERIENCED ARTY H&I FIRE, ON 03 AND 04 NOV AT APPROXIMATELY 2000-2400 WITHIN 500 METERS OF THE PATROLS POSITION.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| SGT MOORMAN  | 1994154 |
| CPL PARKER   | 2109329 |
| CPL SMITH    | 2447061 |
| LCPL LYONS   | 2479669 |
| LCPL GULDA   | 2463604 |
| PFC HIGHLAND | 2484825 |

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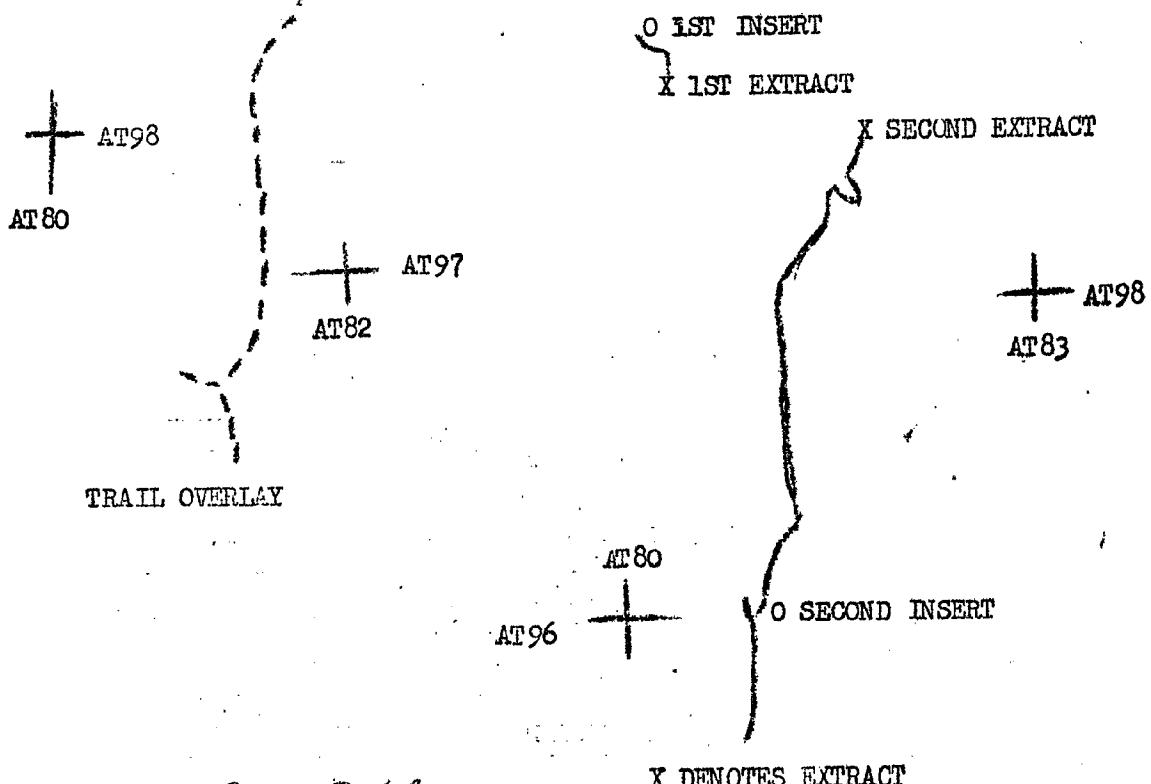
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## f. OTHER HLZ'S OBSERVED BY THE PATROL:

AT812977 1xCH-46 GOOD SITDOWN ZONE ON TOP OF A RIDGELINE. THE ZONE HAS BEEN BLASTED OFF. BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE EAST. BEST DEPARTURE IS TO THE WEST.

AT807963 1xCH-46 GOOD TAILGATE ZONE ON A HILLTOP. THIS ZONE HAS BEEN BLASTED OFF.

AT805999 1xCH-46 GOOD SITDOWN ZONE. SURFACE CONSIST OF SMALL ROCKS AND SCRUBS.

AT793934 1xCH-46 GOOD TAILGATE ZONE. ZONE HAS BEEN BLASTED OFF LEAVING 2-3 FOOT STUMPS.

AT817988 1xCH-46 GOOD TAILGATE ZONE. SURFACE CONSISTS OF SMALL STUMPS. BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE SOUTHEAST. BEST DEPARTURE ROUTE IS TO THE WEST.

AT818992 1xCH-46 GOOD SITDOWN ZONE ON TOP OF A HILL. BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE NORTHEAST, AND THE BEST DEPARTURE ROUTE IS TO THE NORTHWEST.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: MARINE COBRAS WERE EFFECTIVE IN SUPPRESSING ENEMY FIRE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SECOND INSERT. NO OTHER SUPPORTING ARMS WERE UTILIZED.

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THE MAJORITY OF THE PATROLS NO FIRE ZONE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE USED BY THE ENEMY AND IS FAR FROM IDEAL FOR USE BY THE ENEMY DUE TO THE LACK OF CONCEALMENT BOTH FROM AIR OBSERVATION AND OBSERVATION FROM THE GROUND. PATROL LEADER CONCLUDES THAT ANY ENEMY IN THE AREA OF OPERATIONS WOULD BE LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID SQUARE AT8096, BECAUSE THIS WAS THE LOCATION OF THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT INCIDENT MENTIONED IN ENTRY 121010H AND THE 2 NVA THE PATROL MADE CONTACT WITH CAME FROM AND RETREATED INTO THIS AREA. THIS GRID SQUARE ALSO APPEARS TO HAVE BETTER CONCEALMENT THAN THE REST OF THE NO FIRE ZONE. THE PATROL LEADER BELIEVES THAT THIS GRID SQUARE SHOULD BE CHECKED OUT BY ANY FUTURE PATROLS THAT MAY BE SENT INTO THIS AREA.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEEPIFER: NONE

## 13. PATROL MEMBERS:

|               |         |               |
|---------------|---------|---------------|
| SGT. CROCKETT | 2257776 | PATROL LEADER |
| HM2 BOYNTON   | B208596 |               |
| LCPL CUELLAR  | 2497682 |               |
| LCPL GIBSON   | 2502734 |               |
| LCPL BREWER   | 2463803 |               |
| LCPL SPARKS   | 2463803 |               |
| LCPL MAKOSKY  | 2467244 |               |
| PFC ABRAHAMS  | 2431786 |               |

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OPERATION ORDER: 333-69

PATROL: SCREENTEST

DEELEADER: S-Sgt. R.F. ROLAND

MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS L7014

SHIPS: 6641. III &amp; 6641. IV

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## PATROL REPORT

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## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: 1 UECM PW, 1 USN EMT
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
- c. COMMUNICATION AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S 1 7x50'S
- d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-14, 1 M-67, 2 M-18A1 WEAPONS.

2. MISSION: LOCATE ENEMY UNITS AND TRAIL NETWORKS IN AREA BOUNDED BY COORDINATES (UL) AT87900 AND (LR) AT83297.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 121000H/161515H NOVEMBER 1969

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS ROUTINELY INSERTED BY HELICOPTER ON 11 NOVEMBER AND EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS ON 12 NOVEMBER BECAUSE THE ORIGINAL INSERT ZONE WAS IN A POPULATED AREA. THE PATROL WAS RE-INSERTED ON 12 NOVEMBER, THE INSERT HELICOPTER AND THE ESCORT GUNSHIPS RECEIVING ENEMY FIRE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE INSERT WAS COMPLETED. THE PATROL WAS ROUTINELY EXTRACTED AFTER 125 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITIES DURING WHICH THE PATROL HAD 1 SIGHTING OF 2 NVA AND SUBSEQUENTLY MADE CONTACT WITH THEM, RESULTING IN NEGATIVE CASUALTIES. THE PATROL MADE NO UNUSUAL OBSERVATIONS, DID NOT UTILIZE ANY SUPPORTING ARMS AND THE INSERT ZONE WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

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

a. ENEMY: 121010H VIC AT8C7952 THE MARINE COBRA GUNSHIPS FLYING ESCORT FOR THE INSERT HELICOPTER AND THE INSERT HELICOPTER RECEIVED SMALL ARMS AUTOMATIC, SEMI-AUTOMATIC AND 50 CAL. FIRE FROM VICINITY AT802968. THE MARINE COBRA'S EXPENDED THEIR ORDNANCE IN THE VICINITY OF THE SOURCE OF THE ENEMY FIRE.

121125H VIC AT8C7952 PATROL OBSERVED 2 NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL. ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND BUSH COVERS. BOTH ENEMY CARRIED AK-47 RIFLES, CARTRIDGE BELTS AND HEAVY PACKS. THE PATROL INITIATED CONTACT. 1 OF THE ENEMY APPEARED TO BE WOUNDED. BOTH ENEMY FLED WHEN CONTACT. THEY CAME BURNING SOME LARGE ROCKS AND BOULDERS. THE PATROL DID NOT SEARCH THE AREA WHERE THE ENEMY FLED BECAUSE THE ENEMY WAS ON THE HIGH GROUND AND HAD EXCELLENT COVER CONSISTING OF THE ROCKS AND BOULDERS MENTIONED ABOVE. THE PATROL MONITORED THE AREA OF CONTACT FOR 4 HOURS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

141630H VIC AT817988 PATROL OBSERVED 3 FIGHTING HOLES 2 FT X 2 FT X 3 FEET DEEP, 2 HUTS WHICH HAD ROTTED AND FALLEN DOWN, 1 PIECE OF NVA GREEN UTILITY AND 1 NVA TYPE PICK. THIS AREA APPEARED NOT TO HAVE BEEN USED FOR APPROXIMATELY 9 MONTHS.

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b. TERRAIN: WAS STEEP WITH SCATTERED 20 FOOT TREES. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 10 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF VINES, BRIARS AND SCRUB BRUSH. MOVEMENT OFF OF THE TRAILS IS RESTRICTED BY FALLEN TREES AND THE SECONDARY GROWTH TO 75 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. MOVEMENT ON THE RIDGELINES AND TRAILS IS MODERATE TO GOOD. SOIL COMPOSITION IS BLACK LOAM AND ROCKY. CONCEALMENT IS FAIR CONSISTING OF THE SECONDARY GROWTH MENTIONED ABOVE. COVER IS GOOD TO FAIR CONSISTING OF LARGE ROCKS AND BOULDERS. WATER IS AVAILABLE AS SHOWN ON THE PERENNIAL STREAMS MARKED ON THE MAP. THESE STREAMS ARE VERY FAST RUNNING.

c. WEATHER: NO VISIBILITY EXCEPT DURING 14 AND 15 NOVEMBER WHEN THE SKIES WERE CLEAR. WINDS AT NIGHT WERE NORTHEASTERLY AT 12-14 KNOTS. TEMPERATURE DURING THE DAYS WAS APPROXIMATELY 80 DEGREES GOING DOWN TO 70-75 DEGREES DURING THE NIGHTS.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT HLZ: 1ST INSERT ZONE: AT801000 1xCH-46 GOOD ZONE ON A TRAIL THE SURFACE CONSISTED OF SMALL ROCKS AND SCRUBS. BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE NORTHWEST. THE BEST EXIT ROUTE IS TO THE NORTHEAST.

2ND INSERT ZONE: AT807962 1xCH-46 GOOD TAILGATE ZONE ON A HILLTOP. THIS ZONE HAS BEEN BLASTED OFF LEAVING 2 FOOT STUMPS IN THE ZONE. THE BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE WEST. THE BEST DEPARTURE ROUTE IS TO THE NORTH.

b. EXTRACT ZONES: 1ST EXTRACT ZONE IS SAME AS 1ST INSERT ZONE.

2ND EXTRACT ZONE: AT818992 1xCH-46 GOOD SITDOWN ZONE. THE SURFACE IS FLAT WITH SHORT GRASS. THE BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE NORTHWEST. THE BEST DEPARTURE ROUTE IS TO THE NORTHEAST.

c. TRAILS: THE TRAILS AS SHOWN ON THE TRAIL OVERLAY DID NOT APPEAR TO BE WELL USED; BUT DID SHOW SOME SPARSE RECENT USAGE. THESE TRAILS ARE 1 1/2 FEET WIDE.

d. OP'S: AT807962 GOOD OBSERVATION TO THE SOUTH, SOUTHWEST, NORTH AND THE NORTHWEST.

AT812973 GOOD OBSERVATION TO THE NORTHEAST THE EAST AND THE SOUTHEAST.

AT811964 GOOD OBSERVATION TO THE WEST, NORTHWEST, NORTH, NORTHEAST, EAST AND THE SOUTHEAST.

AT812982 GOOD OBSERVATION IN ALL DIRECTIONS. ALL OF THE ABOVE OP'S ARE EASILY DEFENDABLE HAVING LARGE ROCKS AND BOULDERS FOR COVER. NO OVERHEAD CONCEALMENT FROM THE SUN EXISTS IN THE ABOVE OP'S.

e. COMM: GOOD COMM WITH ECHO RELAY VIC AT8397. BAD COMM WITH HELICOPTERS. PILOTS TOLD THE PATROL LEADER THAT THEY CANNOT REACH THE PATROL'S HIGH PRIMARY FREQUENCY OF 58.25. FEW OF THE HELICOPTERS ARE EQUIPPED TO REACH THIS HIGH FREQUENCY.

f. OBSTACLES: FALLEN TREES CAUSED BY ARTILLERY AND AIR STRIKES EXIST THROUGHOUT THE NO FIRE ZONE AND ARE AN OBSTACLE TO MOVEMENT, BUT ARE NOT IMPASSABLE.

g. MISC: ON 12 NOVEMBER THE PATROL WAS EXTRACTED FROM THEIR ORIGINAL INSERT ZONE AND RE-INSERTED BECAUSE THE ORIGINAL INSERT WAS IN A POPULATED AREA AND THE PATROL COULD NOT MOVE TO THE HIGH GROUND IN THEIR NO FIRE ZONE IN THE TIME ALLOTED AND THUS ACCOMPLISHED THE PATROL'S MISSION.

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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

| <u>UNIT</u>       | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>CALL/SIGN</u> | <u>FREQUENCY</u>    |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 6th Platoon       | TBA             | SCREEN TEST      | 58.25 Prim 43.2 Alt |
| "D" RELAY         | AT838827        | PONY BOY         | 58.25 Prim 43.2 Alt |
| B-1-13Mar         | AT832999        | LUNCHMEAT        | 66.80 Prim          |
| CO, 1stForReconCo | AT990709        | PONY BOY         | 58.25 Prim 43.2 Alt |

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

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## OPERATION ORDER 333-69

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM, Series L7014 1:50,000, Sheet No. 3641 II CON CO  
 (b) 1stMarDivO P3800.1G (Intelligence SOP) 582-69  
 (c) 1stMarDivO P00330.2A (Rules of Engagement) 0852  
 (d) 1stReconBnO P3000.4

Time Zone: H

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## Task Organization:

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. Locate enemy units and trail networks in area bounded by coordinates (UL) AU7900 and (LR) AT8297.

## 3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by helicopter into assigned haven. Establish the location of possible enemy installations and routes of movement; Report any enemy activity and coordinate with supporting artillery batteries for fire missions on targets of opportunity. Routine extraction by helicopter is planned.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 11 November/HLZ 469

(2) Date/Place of Return. 15 November/HLZ 469

(3) Insertion HLZ Vic AT TBA and extraction HLZ TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) AU7900 and (LR) AT8297.

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

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

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OPERATION ORDER: 332-69

PATROL: MAD HATTER

DEBRIEFER: S-SGT. R.F. BOLAND

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0856PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: 1 USMC OFF, 6 USMC ENCPY 30 OF 30
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
  - c. COMMUNICATION AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S, 1 7x50'S
  - d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-79, 2 M-18A1, 2 SWK SUB-M.G.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT AN AREA RECONNAISSANCE IN THE DESIGNATED HAVEN BOUNDED BY COORDINATES (UL) AT8294 AND (LR) AT8692.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 110910H/151000H NOVEMBER 1969
4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY
5. SYNOPSIS: PATROL WAS ROUTINELY INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER 97 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITIES DURING WHICH TIME THE PATROL MADE NO SIGHTINGS OF THE ENEMY AND HAD NO CONTACTS WITH THE ENEMY. PATROL MADE 1 OBSERVATION OF A BASE CAMP THAT HAD NOT BEEN USED IN APPROXIMATELY 1 YEAR. THE PATROL DID NOT UTILIZE ANY SUPPORTING ARMS AND THE INSERT HLZ WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.
6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY, TERRAIN, AND WEATHER:
  - a. ENEMY: 111145H VIC AT832932 PATROL FOUND AN OLD ENEMY BASE CAMP CONSISTING OF 6 HUTS WHICH WERE BUILT UNDER BOULDERS. THE HUTS WERE FAILING APART FROM ROT. THE PATROL LEADER ESTIMATES THAT THE BASE CAMP WAS APPROXIMATELY 1 YEAR OLD AND HAS NOT BEEN USED BY THE ENEMY IN APPROXIMATELY THE SAME LENGTH OF TIME. 1 BUSH HAT AND A M-16 AMMO POUCH WAS FOUND IN THE BASE CAMP.
  - b. TERRAIN: TERRAIN WAS STEEP WITH SINGLE AND DOUBLE CANOPY RANGING FROM 40 TO 100 FEET IN HEIGHT. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 8-12 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF VINES, BRIARS AND SCRUB BRUSH. MOVEMENT WAS MODERATE AT THE RATE OF 100 TO 300 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. THE SOIL IS SANDY WITH SCATTERED ROCKS AND BOULDERS. COVER WAS GENERALLY GOOD CONSISTING OF LARGE ROCKS AND BOULDERS. CONCEALMENT WAS GOOD CONSISTING OF THE SECONDARY GROWTH MENTIONED ABOVE. WATER WAS PLENTIFUL THROUGHOUT THE RECON TEAM'S AREA OF OPERATION.
  - c. WEATHER: DURING THE FIRST 2 DAYS OF PATROL ACTIVITIES THE SKIES WERE OVERCAST WITH INTERMITTENT RAIN SHOWERS. DURING THE LAST 3 DAYS OF PATROL ACTIVITIES SKIES WERE CLEAR WITH NO RAIN.

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## 7. OTHER INFORMATION:

- a. INSERT HLZ: AT826926 1xCH-46 A FAIR REAR WHEEL SITDOWN ZONE ON A FINGER WITH A GENTLE SLOPE IN ALL DIRECTIONS. THE SURFACE OF THE ZONE HAS BEEN BLASTED OFF, LEAVING SCATTERED STUMPS AND ROCKS ON THE SURFACE OF THE ZONE. THE BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE EAST. THE BEST DEPARTURE ROUTE IS TO THE WEST.
- b. EXTRACT HLZ: AT848938 1xCH-46 A FAIR REAR WHEEL SITDOWN ZONE. THIS ZONE IS LOCATED ON A FINGER WITH A GENTLE SLOPE IN ALL DIRECTIONS. THE ZONE HAS BEEN BLASTED OFF LEAVING SCATTERED STUMPS AND ROCKS ON THE SURFACE OF THE ZONE. THE BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE EAST TO THE WEST. BEST DEPARTURE ROUTE IS TO THE WEST. A MIRROR, AIR PANEL AND SMOKE WAS USED TO SIGNAL THE HELICOPTER.
- c. TRAILS: THE TRAILS AS SHOWN ON THE TRAIL OVERLAY ARE HEAVILY OVERGROWN AND HAVE NOT BEEN USED RECENTLY.
- d. OP'S: NONE OBSERVED.
- e. COMM: GOOD WITH ECHO RELAY LOCATED VIC AT8397.
- f. OBSTACLES: NONE
- g. MISC: NONE

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

## 9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

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

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL LEADER OBSERVED NO SIGNS OF RECENT ENEMY ACTIVITY AND BELIEVES THAT IT IS NOT WORTHWHILE TO SEND ANOTHER RECON PATROL INTO THIS AREA IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

## 12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE.

## 13. PATROL MEMBERS:

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| 1ST LT RITCHIE | 0106920 |
| CPL LOCKETT    | 2172026 |
| LGPL BROWN     | 2477591 |
| LCPL WALKER    | 2454903 |
| LGPL SMITH     | 239676  |
| PFC LANDES     | 2488510 |
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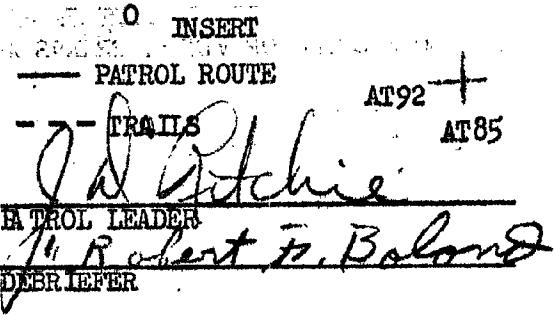
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— PATROL LEADER

DEBRIEFER

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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 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)
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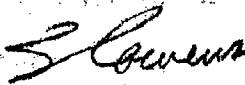
## 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Communications-Electronics

| <u>UNIT</u>       | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>CALL/SIGN</u> | <u>FREQUENCY</u>    |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 6th Platoon       | AT825930        | MAD HATTER       | 58.25 Prim 43.2 Alt |
| "D" RELAY         | AT838827        | PONY BOY         | 58.25 Prim 43.2 Alt |
| B-1-13Mar         | AT832999        | LUNCHMEAT        | 66.80 Prim          |
| 1st 175 Guns      | AT920800        | STATION BREAK    | 57.90 Prim          |
| CO, 1stForReconCo | AT990709        | PONY BOY         | 58.25 Prim 43.2 Alt |

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

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OPERATION ORDER 332-69

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

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Time Zone: H

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Task Organization:

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 an area reconnaissance in the designated haven bounded by coordinates (UL) AT8294 and (IR) AT8692.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by helicopter into assigned objective area. Determine the location of enemy units, caches, and trail complexes. Conduct artillery ambushes on targets of importance. Routine extraction by helicopter is planned.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 11 November/HLZ/ 469

(2) Date/Place of Return. 14 November/HLZ/ 469

(3) Insertion HLZ Vic AT825930 and extraction.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) AT8294 and (IR) AT8692.

(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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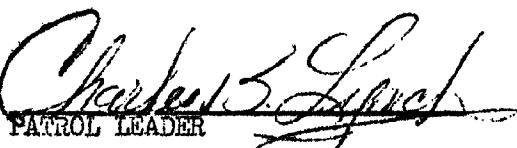
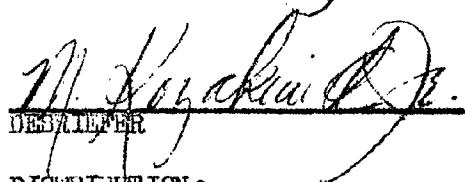
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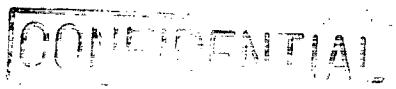
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OPERATION ORDER: 331-69

PATROL: SWIFT SCOUT

DEBRIEFER: SGT M. KOZAKEWICH JR.

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## PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: 5 USMC ENL, 1 USN.
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: 1 KCS.
- c. COMMUNICATION AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25's, 1 7x50's, 1 35MM CAMERA (NO PHOTOGRAPHS)
- d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-14, 1 M-79, 2 M18A1 WEAPONS.

2. MISSION: DETERMINE THE LOCATION OF ENEMY TRAIL NETWORKS AND BASE CAMPS IN AREA BOUNDED BY COORDINATES (UL) AT8291 AND (LR) AT8588.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 091055H/131000H NOVEMBER 1969.

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY.

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS ROUTINELY INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND EXTRACTED BY THE SAME METHOD. AFTER 95 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY, THE PATROL FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF ENEMY USAGE OF THE AREA. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE EMPLOYED AND THE INSERT HLR WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

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

a. ENEMY: NO ENEMY WERE OBSERVED.

b. TERRAIN: THE TERRAIN WAS VERY STEEP WITH 50 TO 80 DEGREE SLOPES. THE CANOPY AND ITS HEIGHT RANGED FROM 40 TO 100 FEET. SECONDARY GROWTH IS SPARSE IN HIGH AREAS. IN THE LOW AREAS IT IS 3 TO 4 FEET HIGH AND CONSISTS OF SMALL BUSHES, BAMBOO, BRUSH AND VINES. MOVEMENT ON HIGH GROUND IS EASY DUE TO THE SPARSE VEGETATION, AND AVERAGES 500 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. IN THE LOW AREAS, HOWEVER, MOVEMENT IS DIFFICULT AND SLOWER AT THE RATE OF 100 METERS PER HOUR. THERE IS VERY LITTLE COVER IN THIS REGION; WHAT LITTLE COVER THAT IS PRESENT CONSISTS OF TREE TRUNKS. CONCEALMENT IS GOOD ON LOWER GROUND AND POOR IN THE HIGHER AREAS. THE COVERING SOIL IS COMPOSED OF FINE GRAVEL TO COURSE SAND ON THE SLOPES, AND RICH DARK SOIL ON THE LOW GROUND. PERENNIAL STREAMS WILL SUPPLY AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF WATER DURING THE DRY SEASON IN THE PATROL LEADER'S ESTIMATION.

c. WEATHER: THE PATROL EXPERIENCED LIGHT RAIN DURING THE EVENINGS. THE DAYLIGHT HOURS WERE CHARACTERIZED BY SUNNY TO MODERATELY CLOUDY SKIES. THE TEMPERATURE DROPPED TO 60 DEGREES ON THE HIGH GROUND DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS, BUT OTHERWISE STAYED BETWEEN 70 TO 80 DEGREES AT ALL OTHER TIMES. AT IRREGULAR INTERVALS, THE CEILING WOULD DROP, LIMITING VISIBILITY (15 MINUTES MAXIMUM) FOR SHORT PERIODS OF TIME. THE WIND WAS FROM THE NNE AT 1 TO 5 KNOTS AND GUSTED DURING THE EVENING FROM 10 TO 15 KNOTS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE PATROL EXPERIENCED PRECIPITATION.

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## 7. OTHER INFORMATION:

- a. INSERT HLZ: AT824890, 1xCH-46 FAIR TAILGATE ZONE 75 METERS LONG AND 50 METERS WIDE. THE ZONE HAS ROCKS AND BOULDERS SCATTERED OVER IT. THEIR AVERAGE SIZE IS 3 TO 6 FEET IN DIAMETER. BETWEEN THE BOULDERS IS THICK ELEPHANT GRASS 6 TO 8 FEET HIGH. THE BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE SOUTH AND EXIT TO THE NORTH.
- b. EXTRACT HLZ: AT826815, 1xCH-46 GOOD SITDOWN ZONE 100 METERS LONG AND 75 METERS WIDE. AT IRREGULAR INTERVALS AROUND THE ZONE WERE HIGH TREES. THE BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE WEST AND EXIT TO THE WEST, ALSO. A SIGNAL MIRROR WAS USED TO VECTOR THE HELICOPTER INTO THE ZONE.
- c. TRAILS: NO TRAILS WERE FOUND.
- d. OP'S: AT828891, EXCELLENT 180 TO 270 DEGREES OBSERVATION LIMITS OF A ROAD IN ELEPHANT VALLEY. DEFENSE OF THE OP IS GOOD TO THE SW AND POOR TO THE NE.
- e. COMMUNICATIONS: COMMUNICATIONS WERE POOR THROUGHOUT THE PATROL'S ACTIVITY. THE PATROL LOST RADIO CONTACT AT 101600H AND DID NOT REGAIN IT UNTIL 111000H. THE PATROL LEADER AND RADIOMEN HAVE NO IDEA WHY THERE WAS A COMMUNICATIONS FAILURE. THE PATROL WAS COMMUNICATING WITH "DELTA" RELAY (AT838828).
- f. OBSTACLES: A CLIFF AT AT828899 FORCED THE PATROL TO ALTER THEIR ROUTE.
- g. MISCELLANEOUS: NONE.

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

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

## 10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: THE INSERT, EXTRACT AND MEDEVAC HELICOPTERS WERE EXCELLENT. THERE WAS A MINIMUM OF DELAY IN THE EXECUTION OF THE TASKS AT HAND.

## 11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE.

## 12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE.

## 13. PATROL MEMBERS:

|             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| SSGT LYNCH  | 1965439  |
| SSGT BOLAND | 1855906  |
| SGT KERN    | 2078316  |
| LCPL THOMAS | 21482431 |
| PTC GAONA   | 21487434 |
| *HM3 DOYLE  | B117391  |
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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                                |
|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 4th Platoon<br>"D" RELAY | AT821896<br>AT838827 | SWIFT SCOUT<br>STONE PIT "D" | 37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt<br>37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt |
| 4thBn, 11thMar           | AT921797             | ASPARAGUS NORTH              | 33.3 Prim                                |
| 1st 175 Guns             | AT920800             | LATIN REBEL                  | 64.5 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 331-69

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 (b) 1stMarDivO P3800.1G (Intelligence SOP)  
 (c) 1stMarDivO P00330.2A (Rules of Engagement) C C NO. 5 78-69  
 (d) 1stReconBnO P3000.4

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Time Zone: H

## Task Organization:

4th Platoon

SSgt LYNCH

## 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. Determine the location of enemy trail networks and base camps in area bounded by coordinates (UL) AT8291 and (IR) AT8588.

## 3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by helicopter into assigned haven. Conduct an area reconnaissance with emphasis upon location enemy traffic on trails, and enemy base camps. Coordinate with supporting artillery for fire missions on enemy units or establishments. Plan for routine extraction by helicopter.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 8 November/HLZ 469

(2) Date/Place of Return. 12 November/HLZ 469

(3) Insertion HLZ Vic AT821896 and extraction HLZ TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) AT8291 and (IR) AT8588.

(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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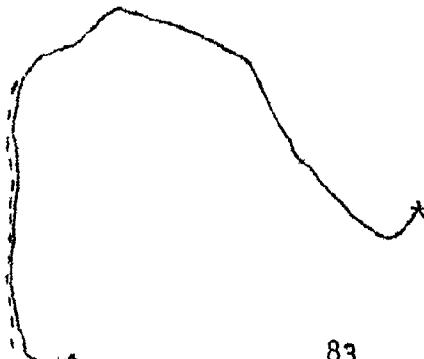
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| SGT MORIN    | 2148486  |
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| LCPL COLEMAN | 2407272  |
| PFC BRADSHAW | 2503666  |
| PFC ELLIOT   | 2510859  |
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OPERATION ORDER: 330-69  
 PATROL: DETROIT TIGERS (F-11)  
 DEBRIEFER: SGT M. KOZAKEWICH JR  
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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, 1 7x50'S
  - d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-79, 4 M-18A1 AP WEAPONS
2. MISSION: CONDUCT AN AREA RECONNAISSANCE IN AREA BOUNDED BY COORDINATES (UL) AT 7997 AND (LR) AT 8294. PRIMARY AREA OF RECONNAISSANCE SHOULD BE THE RIDGE LINE RUNNING FROM AT 808944 NORTH TO AT 808962.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 071030H/111610H NOVEMBER 1969
4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY
5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS ROUTINELY INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER 102 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY DURING WHICH NO EVIDENCE OF ENEMY PRESENCE IN THE AREA WAS ENCOUNTERED. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE UTILIZED. PATROL SUSTAINED 1 USMC NBC (E) DUE TO AN ACCIDENT RESULTING IN A BROKEN ANKLE. (SEE SECTION 7g)
6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY, TERRAIN, AND WEATHER:
  - a. ENEMY: NONE OBSERVED
  - b. TERRAIN: ROCKY AND EXTREMELY STEEP, WITH A THICK CANOPY 40-50 FT HIGH. SECONDARY GROWTH IS 4-6 FT HIGH, VERY DENSE AND CONSISTS OF SHRUBS, BRIARS AND VINES. COVER IS GOOD AND CONSISTS OF 8-10 FT IN DIAMETER ROCKS AND BOULDERS. CONCEALMENT IS ALSO GOOD DUE TO THE THICKNESS OF THE SECONDARY GROWTH. MOVEMENT IS GENERALLY DIFFICULT WHEN NOT ON TRAILS AND THE PATROL WAS RESTRICTED TO THE RATE OF 50-75 METERS AN HOUR DURING THOSE PERIODS. MOVEMENT WAS PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT WHEN THE PATROL WAS FORCED TO MOVE THROUGH AREAS WHERE THE THICK UNDERGROWTH HAD GROWN BETWEEN THE LARGE BOULDERS. THE SOIL WAS COMPOSED OF RED LOAM MIXED WITH SMALL PEBBLES AND ROCKS, AND WAS COVERED WITH DEAD VEGETATION. THERE WERE MANY STREAMS IN THIS VICINITY AND WATER WAS PLENTIFUL.
  - c. WEATHER: THIS PERIOD WAS CHARACTERIZED BY POOR WEATHER. THE PATROL EXPERIENCED INTERMITTENT RAIN THROUGHOUT THE PATROL WITH AN INCREASE EVIDENT DURING THE NIGHT AT APPROXIMATELY 2300 AND IN THE MORNING BETWEEN 0500-0700. VISIBILITY WAS POOR AT 75-100 METERS ON HIGH GROUND (OVER 500M ABOVE SEA LEVEL). THE TEMPERATURE IS EXTREMELY LOW DURING THE EVENING HOURS AT APPROXIMATELY 50°. DURING THE DAY THE TEMPERATURE IS WARMER AT 60-65°. WIND WAS BRISK AT APPROXIMATELY 7 KNOTS FROM THE EAST. THE AVERAGE CEILING WAS 600 FT.

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## 7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ: AT812944; 1xCH-46 SITDOWN LZ; 100Mx40M IN SIZE. SCATTERED OVER THE ZONE WERE 5-7 FT IN DIAMETER BOULDERS AND 3 FT HIGH TREE STUMPS. SURROUNDING THE ZONE WERE 40 FT TREES. THE ZONE WAS ON A 25-30 DEGREE SLOPE. AROUND THE PERIMETER WERE CUT DOWN TREES WHICH INTERFERED WITH THE PATROLS MOVEMENT AWAY FROM THE CLEARING. THE BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE E AND EXIT TO THE SAME DIRECTION.

b. EXTRACT LZ: AT835953; 1xCH-46 SITDOWN ZONE; 75Mx75M IN SIZE. ZONE IS COVERED BY 3-4 FT BRUSH AND SCRUB. IT IS SITUATED ON FLAT GROUND AND HAS NO OBSTACLES. THE ZONE IS BEST APPROACHED FROM THE NORTH AND EXITED TO THE SOUTH.

c. TRAILS: AT807944-AT808962, 2 FT WIDE, N-S, NOT RECENTLY USED. AT808959, 2 FT WIDE, E-W, NOT RECENTLY USED

d. OP'S: AT808962, GOOD OP, LATERAL LIMITS OF OBSERVATION ARE, COUNTER CLOCKWISE, 195° TO 170°. OP IS EASILY DEFENDABLE AND PROVIDES OBSERVATION OF THE ENTIRE COASTLINE NORTH OF DANANG. OBSERVATION WILL BE POOR DURING THE MONSOON SEASON.

e. COMM: COMMUNICATIONS WERE GOOD WITH STONE PIT "D" (AT837827) AND "E" (AT999832). THE PATROL HAD A COMM FAILURE THE NIGHT OF THE 9TH DUE TO FAULTY HANDSETS. COMM WAS LOST AT 2300 AND NOT REESTABLISHED UNTIL 0630 THE MORNING OF THE 10TH.

f. OBSTACLES: NONE ENCOUNTERED

g. MISC: 090800H NOV 69 THE PATROL MED-EVACED 1 USMC NBC WHO WAS INJURED DURING THE INSERTION. MARINE WAS NOT EVACUATED EARLIER DUE TO INSUFFICIENT VISIBILITY FOR THE EVAC HELICOPTER. PATROL ALSO FOUND 2 LZ'S WHICH THEY DID NOT UTILIZE: AT808962, 3xCH-46, 135x50M IN SIZE. THIS ZONE HAD THE APPEARANCE OF HAVING BEEN CUT BY U.S. FORCES. THERE WERE NO OBSTACLES. THE ZONE IS SURROUNDED BY 40 FT TREES. THE BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE N AND EXIT IS TO THE E. AT808952, 2xCH-46, 125Mx50M IN SIZE. THIS ZONE ALSO APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN CUT BY U.S. FORCES. THERE WERE NO OBSTACLES. THE ZONE HAS 5-6 2 FT TREE STUMPS IN THE CENTER BUT THEY WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH HELO OPERATIONS. THE BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE E OR W AND EXIT TO THE SAME DIRECTION.

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

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: POOR DUE TO EXPOSURE AND MULTIPLE AB-RASIONS AND CONTUSIONS RECEIVED FROM MOVEMENT THROUGH VERY ROCKY REGIONS.

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: INSERT HELO PILOT SHOWED SUPERIOR FLYING ABILITY BY INSERTING PATROL ON A ZONE THAT WAS HIDDEN BY CLOUDS.

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL LEADER BELIEVES THAT OPERATION LENGTH SHOULD BE SHORTENED TO 4 DAYS. HE STATES THAT AFTER 4 DAYS THE PERSONNEL LOSE EFFECTIVENESS DUE TO EXPOSURE. THE PATROL LEADER ALSO BELIEVES THAT THE ENEMY IS NOT USING THIS AREA. THE STEEPNESS OF THE SLOPES IN THE REGION WOULD PROHIBIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF BASE CAMPS.

## 12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE

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Time Zone: H

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 in area bounded by coordinates (UL) AT7997 and (LR) AT8294. Primary area of reconnaissance should be the ridge line running from AT808944 North to AT808962.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Insert by helicopter into assigned haven. Locate routes of enemy movement and the location of any enemy units or installations. Conduct artillery ambushes on targets of importance. Routine extraction by helicopter is planned.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 6 November/HLZ 469

(2) Date/Place of Return. 10 November/HLZ 469

(3) Insertion HLZ vic AT806948 and extraction HLZ TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) AT7997 and (LR) AT8294.

(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 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 | DALL/SIGN        | FREQUENCY          |
|--------------------|----------|------------------|--------------------|
| 1st Platoon        | AT806948 | DETROIT TIGERS   | 37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt |
| "B" RELAY          | AT833999 | STONE PIT "B"    | 37.0 Prim 59.9 Alt |
| BLT 1/2 3rd MarDiv | AT833999 | EMPIRE STATE BTH | 33.3 Prim          |
| 1st 175 Guns       | AT920800 | LATIN REBEL      | 64.5 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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b. EXTRACT HLZ: AT898888, FAIR 1xCH-46 SITDOWN ZONE APPROXIMATELY 30 FEET BY 45 FEET RECTANGULAR. THE PATROL USED AN M60A1 WEAPON (CLAYMORE) TO REMOVE A LARGE TREE OBSTRUCTION FROM THE ZONE. TALL TREES SURROUND THE ZONE AND ARE A DETERRENT TO THE PILOT'S VISION. THE BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE NORTHEAST, AND EXIT TO THE SOUTHWEST. AN AIR PANEL WAS USED TO SIGNAL THE HELICOPTER AND IDENTIFY THE ZONE.

c. TRAILS: TRAILS ARE APPROXIMATELY 2 FEET WIDE AND LOCATED AS MARKED ON THE DANANG MAP SHEET 6641 III. THESE TRAILS DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN USED IN APPROXIMATELY 6 MONTHS.

d. OP'S: NONE USED.

e. COMMUNICATIONS: COMMUNICATIONS WITH "DELTA" RELAY (AT838828) WERE GOOD DURING THE ENTIRE PERIOD OF PATROL ACTIVITY.

f. OBSTACLES: NONE ENCOUNTERED.

g. MISCELLANEOUS: NONE.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NOT APPLICABLE.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: FAIR; ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS HAMPERED THE HEALTH OF THE PATROL MEMBERS.

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: NONE EMPLOYED.

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: IN THE PATROL LEADER'S OPINION, THE ENEMY MOVED OUT OF THIS AREA SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

|               |         |                     |
|---------------|---------|---------------------|
| SGT AYERS     | 1680579 | + 90                |
| CPL HORN      | 2465357 | 87                  |
| LCPL MEINHEIT | 2486029 |                     |
| PFC IRELAND   | 2497873 | <u>PATROL ROUTE</u> |
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OPERATION ORDER: 329-69

PATROL: FLAKY SNOW

DEBRIEFER: LCPL J. R. MAYER JR.

MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS L7014

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1ST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE CO.

DANANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

091300H NOVEMBER 1969

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PATROL REPORT

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## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: 6 USMC ENL, 1 USN ENL.
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE.
- c. COMMUNICATION AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC 25'S, 1 7x50'S.
- d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79, 4 M63A1 WEAPONS, 1 M17A1 WEAPON.

2. MISSION: MONITOR TRAIL COMPLEXES IN HAVEN (UL) AT8891 AND (LR) AT9188. BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT A PRISONER ACQUISITION.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 051500H/091100H NOVEMBER 1969.

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY.

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS ROUTINELY INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND EXTRACTED BY THE SAME METHOD. AFTER 92 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY THERE WERE NO SIGHTINGS, NO CONTACTS AND NO UNUSUAL OBSERVATIONS. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE EMPLOYED.

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

a. ENEMY: NOT APPLICABLE.

b. TERRAIN: GENERALLY STEEP WITH A DOUBLE CANOPY. THE LOWER CANOPY IS 20 FEET HIGH, AND THE UPPER CANOPY IS 80 FEET HIGH AND BOTH ARE OF MODERATE THICKNESS. THE SECONDARY GROWTH IS 5 TO 10 FEET HIGH AND CONSISTS OF ELEPHANT GRASS, THORN BUSHES, VINES AND SCRUB BRUSH. COVER AND CONCEALMENT IS GOOD; COVER BEING PROVIDED BY TREE TRUNKS 3 TO 5 FEET IN DIAMETER AND LARGE ROCKS 5 TO 7 FEET IN DIAMETER. CONCEALMENT IS PROVIDED BY THE SECONDARY GROWTH. MOVEMENT IS RESTRICTED TO THE RATE OF 150 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. THE SOIL COMPOSITION CONSISTS OF SMALL GRAVEL AND SANDY LOAM. WATER IS PLENTIFUL IN THE AREA.

c. WEATHER: DURING THE PERIOD OF PATROL ACTIVITY, CONTINUOUS RAIN-SHOWERS OF VARIED INTENSITY PREVAILED. FOG AND CLOUDS RESTRICTED VISIBILITY TO 20 METERS. THE WIND WAS OUT OF THE EAST AND VARIABLE FROM 8 TO 15 KNOTS.

## 7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT NLZ: AT898878, FAIR 1xCH-46 SITDOWN ZONE APPROXIMATELY 30 FEET WIDE AND 50 FEET IN LENGTH. ELEPHANT GRASS 5 FEET HIGH GROWS BETWEEN LARGE TREE STUMPS AND COVERS THE ZONE. THE BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE SOUTHWEST, AND EXIT TO THE NORTHEAST.

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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 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       | AT898904 | 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          |
| 1st 175 Guns      | AT920800 | LATIN REBEL     | 64.5 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 329-69

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 (c) 1stMarDivO P003330.2A (Rules of Engagement) S & C NO. 574-69  
 (d) 1stReconBnO P3000.4 0844

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

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2nd 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 trail complexes in haven (UL) AT8891 and (LR) AT9188. Be prepared to conduct a prisoner acquisition.

## 3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation. Insert by helicopter into assigned objective area. Move overland and locate trail networks. Report enemy activities and on order be prepared to conduct a prisoner acquisition. Coordinate with supporting artillery batteries for fire missions on targets of opportunity. Extraction by helicopter is planned.
- b. Coordinating Instructions
  - (1) Date/Place of Departure. 5 November/HLZ 469
  - (2) Date/Place of Return. 9 November/HLZ 469
  - (3) Insertion HLZ vic TBA and extraction HLZ TBA
  - (4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) AT8891 and (LR) AT9184
  - (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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12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| SGT CROCKETT | 2257776 |
| HM2 BOYNTON  | B208596 |
| LCPL CUELLAR | 2497682 |
| LCPL GIBSON  | 2502735 |
| LCPL SPARKS  | 2463803 |
| PFC ABRAHAMS | 2431786 |
| PFC BREWER   | 2460995 |

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OPERATION ORDER: 328-69

PATROL: RUDDER (F-52)

DEBRIEFER: 2ndLT R.L. JONES

MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS L7014

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DANANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: 6 USMC ENL, 1 USN ENL.
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S, 1 7x50'S
  - d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-79, 2 M-18A1 WEAPONS
2. MISSION: DETERMINE THE LOCATION AND EXTENT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY WITHIN THE LAND MASS BOUNDED BY COORDINATES (UL) AT9795 AND (LR) BT0192.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 030430H/071100H NOVEMBER 1969
4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: PATROL WAS INSERTED BY RUBBER BOAT AND ROUTINELY EXTRACTED BY HELICOPTER AFTER 102 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITY DURING WHICH NO ENEMY WERE OBSERVED. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE UTILIZED.

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

a. ENEMY: 041900H-042200H VIC AT994927-BT095927, (APPROXIMATE), PATROL HEARD WHAT THEY BELIEVED TO BE SMALL FISHING BOATS IN CLOSE TO SHORE. THE BOATS WERE IN THE VICINITY WITHOUT RUNNING LIGHTS. PATROL COULD NOT OBSERVE ANY BOAT ACTIVITY.

061500H VIC AT999934, PATROL FOUND WHAT APPEARED TO BE A FRIENDLY HARBOR SITE UTILIZED BY APPROXIMATELY A COMPANY SIZED UNIT. C-RATION CANS AND LRPR WRAPPERS INDICATED THAT THIS AREA HAD BEEN USED APPROXIMATELY 10-12 MONTHS AGO FOR A WEEK.

061520H VIC AT998937, PATROL FOUND 15 TRENCHES 4'x10-12'x4' DEEP. THE TRENCHES WERE REINFORCED BY SANDBAGS. IN THE VICINITY 2 U.S HELMETS, 3 M-14 BAYONETS, 1 FLIGHT CREW HELMET, AND A DESTROYED M-60 MG WERE FOUND. ALL EQUIPMENT WAS RUSTED AND OTHERWISE DECAYING FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE WEATHER. THE PATROL LEADER BELIEVES THIS AREA TO BE PART OF THE HARBOR SITE DESCRIBED IN THE 061500H ENTRY.

b. TERRAIN: WAS STEEP WITH THICK CANOPY 15 FT HIGH ON THE SLOPES AND 25 FT HIGH ALONG THE RIDGELINES. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 8-10 FT TALL AND CONSISTED OF VINES, SCRUB BRUSH AND PALMETTO TREES. THIS SECONDARY GROWTH WAS DENSE AND PROVIDED GOOD CONCEALMENT. ALONG THE RIDGELINE THERE WERE LARGE 15 FT IN DIAMETER BOULDERS WHICH AFFORDED GOOD COVER. THE SOIL WAS COMPOSED OF RED CLAY AND SMALL ROCKS ON THE SLOPES AND RICH LOAMY SOIL ON THE RIDGELINES. DRAINAGE WAS GOOD WITH MANY SMALL STREAMS THAT WERE ONLY FILLED DURING PERIODS OF RAIN. THE PATROL EMPLOYED THE LATERAL TRAVERSE METHOD IN ORDER TO NEGOTIATE THE STEEP TERRAIN. MOVEMENT WAS DIFFICULT AND WAS RESTRICTED TO APPROXIMATELY 25 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

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c. WEATHER: THE PATROL EXPERIENCED RAIN SHOWERS DAILY COMMENCING AT APPROXIMATELY 1800 AND TERMINATING AT 2100. THERE WAS A TEMPERATURE DROP DURING THE EVENING HOURS TO 70-75 DEGREES. IN THE MORNING HOURS THERE WAS INTERMITTANT RAIN BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 0400-0600. CLOUD COVERAGE DURING THE DAY WAS SCATTERED AT 2,000 FT. WIND WAS FROM THE NNE AT 8-10 KNOTS DAILY AND GUSTED TO 16 KNOTS ON OCCASION.

## 7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT BEACH: AT988927, 15 METER CONCAVE BEACH WITH THE FORESHORE BEING ROCKY AND 5-7 METERS FROM THE BACK SHORE. SCATTERED OVER THE BEACH WERE LARGE ROCKS 5-8 FT IN DIAMETER. THE BACKSHORE CONSISTED OF SCRUB BRUSH AND VINES. 2 SCOUT SWIMMERS WERE EMPLOYED TO GUIDE THE BOAT IN. SIGNALLING WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY USING FLASHLIGHTS WITH RED LENSES. THE LANDING SITE WAS A GRADUAL DECLINE WITH A 1 TO 10 GRADIENT RATIO. NO SUBMERGED OBSTACLES WERE ENCOUNTERED.

b. EXTRACT HLT: AT993935, 1xCH-46, FAIR SITDOWN ZONE. ZONE WAS 35 METERS IN DIAMETER. ON THE SURFACE OF THE AREA THERE WERE LARGE ROCKS 5-7 FT IN DIAMETER BY 2 FT HIGH. GRASS GREW IN BETWEEN THE ROCKS AT APPROXIMATELY 1 FT HIGH. SURROUNDING THE ZONE ARE 8-10 FT TREES TO THE EAST AND WEST AND 15 FT HIGH TREES TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH. AN M-26 GRENADE WAS FOUND ON THE ZONE. IT HAD BEEN EXPOSED TO THE WEATHER FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 MONTHS BY APPEARANCE.

c. TRAILS: NONE FOUND

d. OP'S: AT988935 GOOD OP, LATERAL LIMITS OF OBSERVATION; 180°-215°. EASTERN VISIBILITY MASKED BY TREES. AT989933 GOOD OP, LATERAL LIMITS; 130°-180°. OTHER DIRECTIONS MASKED BY TREES. BOTH OP'S EASILY DEFENDABLE DUE TO THE STEEP TERRAIN.

e. COMM: COMMUNICATIONS WERE EXCELLENT WITH ALL STONE PIT RELAYS.

f. OBSTACLES: PATROL WAS FORCED TO SKIRT AREAS THAT WERE VERY ROCKY DUE TO DIFFICULTY OF MOVEMENT.

g. MISC: 061600H VIC AT993945, A COBRA GUNSHIP (AH-1G) MADE 3 40MM STRAFING RUNS IN THE PATROL'S HAVEN. THE PATROL THEN CONTACTED SWIFT 5-1 (CH-46) WHICH WAS AT THIS TIME CONDUCTING EXTRACTION OPERATIONS FOR TEAM RECORD, TO RELAY THE CEASE FIRE ORDER TO THE GUNSHIPS. THE COBRA THEN MADE ONE MORE PASS VIC AT988937 WITH MINI-GUNS AND DEPARTED. THIS LAST STRAFING RUN CAME WITHIN 50 METERS OF THE PATROL'S POSITION. PATROL BELIEVES CONTACT WAS MADE AFTER THE LAST RUN BETWEEN SWIFT 5-1 AND THE GUNSHIP.

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

## 9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: VERY GOOD

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

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THE PATROL LEADER RECOMMENDS THAT FUTURE PATROLS IN THIS OPERATING AREA BE CONDUCTED WITH A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF EQUIPMENT DUE TO THE TERRAIN. HE ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT A PATROL BASE BE SET UP AND 3 MEN WITHOUT EQUIPMENT BE SENT OUT TO RECON THE AREA. HE FURTHER STATES THAT A BEACH PATROL TO MONITOR THE SHORE LINE VIC AT994927 TO B1005927 MIGHT BE ABLE TO LOCATE ANY SUPPLY DROP-OFF POINTS LOCATED IN CAVES NEAR THE WATER. BOAT TRAFFIC COULD ALSO BE OBSERVED.

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

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. Determine the location and extent of enemy activity within the land mass bounded by coordinates (UL) AT9795 and (IR) BT0192.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Insert by inflatable rubber boat into assigned objective area. Locate enemy units, installations, and caches. Coordinate and conduct artillery strikes against enemy targets. Extraction by helicopter on D+plus 5 is planned.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 3 November/NAVA/COASTA Squadron Headquarters.

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

(3) Insertion BLZ Vic AT987927 and extraction HLZ TBA.

(4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) AT9795 and (IR) BT0192.

(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

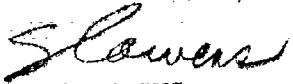
## 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Communications-Electronics

| UNIT              | LOCATION | CALL/SIGN       | FREQUENCY          |
|-------------------|----------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 6th Platoon       | AT987927 | RUDDER          | 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          |
| 1st 175 Guns      | AT920800 | LATIN REBEL     | 64.5 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

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. See Annex A (Intelligence)

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) B/1/13 provide pre-registered and on call artillery fires on order.

(2) MAG 16 provide 2-AH-1G or UH-1E and 2-CH-46D helicopters for VR on D-1, insert on D-day, and extract on D+4.

c. Attachments: none

2. MISSION. Conduct an area reconnaissance in the designated area bounded by coordinates (UL) AU815090 and (LR) AU850050 with particular emphasis on locating enemy caches. Conduct fire missions on targets of opportunity. Conduct a POW snatch on order.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by parachute. Conduct an area reconnaissance of assigned haven and prepare for helicopter extraction on order.

b. 5th Platoon

(1) Provide one six man team to carry out the assigned mission.

(2) See Annex B - Parachute Operation

(3) Parachutes will be buried in the immediate vicinity of the drop zone.

(4) Extract on D+4 in Vic AU839055 after parachute recovery.

(5) Be prepared to designate alternate extract landing zone.

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- (1) Provide one seven man reaction force.
- (2) On D-1, move to AU834999.
- (3) Be prepared to be inserted on order in Vic AU839050.
- (4) On D+1 return to LZ-469.

## d. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) D-day 16Nov69 (Tentative)
- (2) H-hour 0430H (Tentative)
- (3) Conduct of Patrol - See reference (b)

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. See reference (b) and other supplementary instructions.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

## a. Call signs and frequencies

- (1) 5th Platoon - F-51 NIGHT COVER 43.20 Prim 58.25 Alt
- (2) 3rd Platoon - F-32 DATE PALM 43.20 Prim 58.25 Alt
- (3) B/1/13 - LUNCHMEAT BRAVO 66.80 Prim
- (4) Det-Mag 16 - TBA 43.20 Prim 58.25 Alt
- (5) RADIO RELAY - PONY BOY ECHO 43.20 Prim 58.25 Alt

b. COMMAND POSTS

- (1) 1stForReconCo Forward - Airborne (Initially)
- (2) 1stForReconCo Rear - AT990709

c. RADIO SILENCE - Broken on Order.

## ANNEXES:

✓ A-Intelligence (NOTAL)

✓ B-Parachute Operation

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OPERATION ORDER: 334-69  
 PATROL: NIGHT COVER  
 DEBRIEFER: S-SGT.R.F.BOLAND  
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## PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: 1 USMC OFF, 4 USMC ENL, 1 USN ENL
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
  - c. COMMUNICATION AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S 1 6x30
  - d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-14, 1 M-79, 2 M-18A1, 1 AR-15
2. MISSION: CONDUCT AN AREA RECONNAISSANCE IN THE DESIGNATED AREA BOUNDED BY COORDINATES (UL) AU815090 AND (LR) AU850050 WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON LOCATING ENEMY CACHES. CONDUCT FIRE MISSIONS ON TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY. CONDUCT A POW SNATCH ON ORDER.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 170429H/210845H NOVEMBER 1969.
4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY
5. SYNOPSIS: "PATROL WAS INSERTED BY PARACHUTE FROM A CH-46D AIRCRAFT. AFTER 100 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITIES THE PATROL WAS ROUTINELY EXTRACTED BY HELICOPTER. DURING THIS PERIOD THE PATROL HAD NO SIGHTINGS, NO CONTACTS AND MADE NO UNUSUAL OBSERVATIONS. THERE WERE NO SUPPORTING ARMS EMPLOYED AND THE DROP ZONE WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIRE PRIOR TO THE PARACHUTE DROP. THE PATROL HAD (1) NBC EVACUATED ON 19 NOVEMBER WITH SEVERE HORNET STINGS.
6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY, TERRAIN, AND WEATHER:
  - a. ENEMY: N/A
  - b. TERRAIN: THE TERRAIN IS LEVEL IN THE LOWLANDS, RISING ABRUPTLY TO VERY STEEP WITH A CANOPY OF 10-40 FEET ON THE HIGH GROUND. IN THE LOWLAND AREAS THE CANOPY WAS 10-20 FEET HIGH. SECONDARY GROWTH IS EXTREMELY THICK 5-10 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF VINES, BAMBOO AND BRIARS. MOVEMENT IS RESTRICTED TO 100 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. SOIL COMPOSITION IN THE LOWLAND REGION IS VERY SANDY, ON THE HIGH GROUND THE SOIL COMPOSITION IS BLACK LOAM AND ROCKY. WATER IS PLENTIFUL IN THE LOWLANDS BUT IS NOT AVAILABLE ON THE HIGH GROUND. CONCEALMENT WAS GENERALLY GOOD; HOWEVER IN SOME AREAS THE TERRAIN IS OPEN AFFORDING ONLY FAIR CONCEALMENT. COVER IS FAIR CONSISTING OF LARGE ROCKS AND BOULDERS.
  - c. WEATHER: THE PATROL HAD INTERMITTENT SHOWERS EVERY MORNING BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 0100 TO 0500. THE DAYLIGHT HOURS WERE CLEAR WITH GOOD VISIBILITY.

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## 7. OTHER INFORMATION:

- a. INSERT DROP ZONE: AU810032 CANOPY 10-20 FEET HIGH. SECONDARY GROWTH IS EXTREMELY THICK CONSISTING OF VINES AND BRITARS. SOME SCATTERED POOLS OF WATER WHICH ARE KNEE TO WAIST DEEP.
- b. EXTRACT HLZ: AU835070 1xCH-46 GOOD ZONE WITH GRASS 2-3 FEET HIGH, ON A GENTLE SLOPE. THE BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE NORTHEAST. THE BEST DEPARTURE ROUTE IS TO THE SOUTHWEST.
- c. TRAILS: NONE
- d. OP'S: AU836060 HILL #282 GOOD OBSERVATION TO THE SOUTH, SOUTHWEST AND THE WEST.
- e. COMM: BAD COMM WITH ECHO RELAY VIC AT8397 WHEN THE PATROL MOVED BEHIND HILLS AND DID NOT HAVE DIRECT LINE OF SIGHT WITH ECHO RELAY.
- f. OBSTACLES: NONE ENCOUNTERED.
- g. MISC: NONE

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

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: 1 NBC DUE TO SEVERE HORNET STINGS. THE REMAINDER OF THE PATROL IN EXCELLENT CONDITION.

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

## 11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

## 12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE

## 13. PATROL MEMBERS:

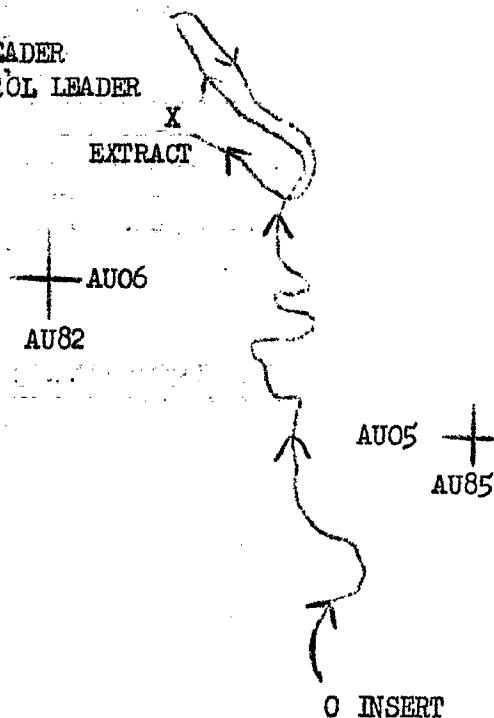
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| CPL SMITH       | 2447061 |                    |
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## Annex A (Intelligence) to Operation Plan 334-69

Ref: (a) Map, VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS L7014 Sheet 6641 IV THON TRUNG KIEN  
 (b) 1stForReconCo P3800.1B (Intelligence SOP)

## 1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

See current III MAF, 1stMarDiv, and 26thMarRegt INTSUMs and Appendix 1, Intelligence Estimate.

## 2. MISSION

Conduct an area reconnaissance in the designated area bounded by coordinates (UL) AU815090 and (LR) AU850050 with particular emphasis on locating enemy caches. Conduct fire missions on targets of opportunity. Conduct a POW snatch on order.

## 3. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

a. Determine if the enemy is using this area as a supply/logistics staging site. If so where and in what strength?

b. Determine if the enemy that inhabit this area are part of a supply unit. If so what is the unit designation?

## 4. INTELLIGENCE TASKS

## a. Orders to Subordinate Units

(1) 5th Platoon (-) (Rein)

## (a) Report as obtained

1. Number, size, and composition of enemy troops, and time they were observed.

2. Location and size of caches.

3. Number and activity of fishing boats in the waters around the objective area.

4. Location and size of enemy base camps and/or fortifications.

5. Any attempt to establish an anti-recon screen.

## 5. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PRISONERS, CAPTURED DOCUMENTS, AND MATERIEL

a. Prisoners of War, Deserters, Repatriates, Inhabitants, Escapees, and Other Persons. See reference (b), paragraph 6001.

b. Captured Documents and Materiel. See reference (b) paragraph 6002, sub-paragraph 2.

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## 6. MAPS, CHARTS, MODELS, AND PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Maps. See reference (b), paragraph 7000, VIETNAM, 1:50,000  
THON TRUNG KIEN, (6641 IV)

b. Photos. The following airphotos will be furnished.

(1) Annotated mosiac of the operating area (Appendix 2)

(2) Non-stationary photos taken of Insertion zone and key terrain features (Appendix 3)

## 7. COUNTER INTELLIGENCE

a. All measures to deny the enemy capability to compromise this mission, which are outlined in OPNAV P5510.1, will be carried out.

b. All units coordinate use of aircraft through operation area to minimize number of aircraft in air over haven prior to insertion.

## 8. REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION

a. Normal reports will be submitted in accordance with existing procedures.

b. Spot reports will be submitted when required.

## 9. AUXILIARY AGENCIES

a. 1stMarDiv PIIU provide photo coverage of operating area.

## 10. TARGET INFORMATION

a. Targets will be added to current lists by separation into 4 categories.

(1) Ground surveillance

(2) VR and Photo reports

(3) Anti aircraft incidents

(4) Agent Reports

b. Targets requested by the patrol in this area will have priority.

c. The Target List will not be disseminated except on request by higher headquarters.

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in a cave in the vicinity of AU836956, his place of capture. In the vicinity of AU833043 there are man made structures. Reports from infantry, that have passed through this area indicate that these structures are either uninhabited or destroyed. Civilians periodically cross the river (AU827045) to take care of gravesites near these structures. The civilians' origin is unknown.

b. Enemy Capabilities:

(1) Attack. Enemy forces may organize and implement an attack against a patrol dependent on the situation.

(2) Defend. The enemy will not be in a position to defend against a clandestine entry into the operating area.

(3) Reinforce. The enemy may reinforce by using units to the south and west. It is doubtful that he would do this however.

(4) Withdraw. It is unlikely that the enemy could be forced to withdraw in the face of a Reconnaissance Patrol.

c. Analysis of Enemy Capabilities

a. The enemy is believed to be poorly armed in this vicinity. This would insure a recon patrol superior firepower with organic weapons. This fact would effect enemy reaction to our operation.

b. The enemy could defend in this area because of familiarity with the area and not because of any static defensive plan. The fortifications found in the region previously were Air/Arty defenses.

c. Any attempt to reinforce would be risky at best due to the great distances involved and openness of the terrain. The enemy could however, increase his fighting strength by 2 Battalions in 10-15 days.

d. It is likely that if the enemy finds that a recon patrol is searching the area he will attempt to hide. The enemy is believed to have poor morale in this area and no fighting spirit. There is a possibility that the enemy might surrender to any FWMF that passes through the region.

d. Conclusions

(1) The relative probability of enemy action is unknown.

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Appendix 4 (Target List) to Annex A to Operation Plan 331-69

Ref: (a) Map, VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS L7014 Sheet 6641 IV THON TRUNG KIEN

1. GROUND SURVEILLANCE TARGETS

18 Oct 69, AU833070, 100 lbs of rice, 25 lbs of salt, found by D/2/502d  
03 Oct 69, AU804058, 77 lbs of food (NFI) found by Recon/2/502d  
30 Aug 69, AU805050, 50 lbs of rice found by Recon/2/502d  
09 May 69, AU831062, cave complex of 5 caves, found misc equipment, ammo, clothing, and 2 weapons. Found by C/1/327th  
10 May 69, AU823078, cave complex of 2 caves, fish pot, rope and fish. Recently used. Found by C/1/327th  
10 May 69, AU829056, cave complex of 5 caves, 200 lbs polished rice, 1 U.S. Claymore. Recently used. Found by C/1/327th  
28 Jun 69, AU832063, tunnel with 220 lbs of rice, 5 VC grenades and 6 fish nets. Found by Phu Loc intel plat  
07 Jun 69, AU832062, tunnel with rice (NFI) 3 SKS's and 1 RPG, found by C/1/327th  
27 Jun 69, AU834064, tunnel with 4 K-44's and 100 rds, 1 M-1 with 500 rds, 4 fish nets and misc clothing found by unknown unit.  
28 Jun 69, AU834064, Found 100 lbs of rice in ammo can, C/1/327th  
28 Jun 69, AU823067, cave with 3 satchel charges, 6 fish nets and 100 lbs of rice found by unknown unit.  
28 Jun 69, AU828054, tunnel with 5 lbs of salt, 10 lbs of rice, 40 rds of AK-47 ammo, and 10 sets of female clothing  
28 Jun 69, AU837063, tunnel with 22 lbs of rice, 5 VC grenades, 6 fish nets and 2 stoves (NFI)

2. VR AND PHOTO INTERPRETATION REPORT TARGETS

Jun 69, AU832051, 1 tunnel  
AU825080, 5 bunkers and 1 trench  
AU819054, 3 possible AA/AW positions  
AU818055, 1 " " " " "  
AU817055, 3 " " " " "  
AU826064, 3 huts  
AU829050, 4 huts  
30 Aug 69, AU805050, Observed 4 enemy carrying rice (NFI)  
20 Aug 69, AU823088, Observed 2 enemy (NFI)  
20 Aug 69, AU832068, Observed 1 enemy (NFI)

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3. ANTI-AIRCRAFT INCIDENT TARGETS

03 Jun 69, AU834047, Helicopter received light fire (NFI)

4. AGENT REPORT TARGETS

08 Aug 69, AU825080, Agent reported 87 VC/NVA from unidentified units which were in the vicinity.

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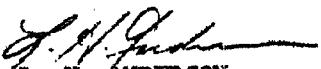
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## II. WEATHER

a. The patrol may request a 24,48, or 72 hour forecast from this headquarters at any time while they are in the field.

b. Supplemental weather information is contained in Appendix 1.

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## APPENDIXES:

- ✓ 1. Intelligence Estimate
- 2. Mosaic Study of Area (NOTAL)
- 3. Non-stationary photos of  
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- / 4. Target List

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Appendix 1 (Intelligence Estimate of the Situation) to Annex A  
 (Intelligence) to Operation Plan 334-69

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS L7014 Sheet 6641 IV, THON THUNG  
 KIEN  
 (b) Quarterly Climatological Summary for Danang, Vietnam

1. AREA OF OPERATION

a. BOUNDRIES: The area of operation is bounded by AU8109 to the northwest and AU8505 to the southeast.

b. WEATHER:

(1) Existing Situation: At the present time the monsoons have made conditions poor due to the amount of precipitation that any operation will encounter. During the hours of darkness this area usually experiences moderate to light rain. Winds will probably be from the north-northeast to easterly in origin. A noticeable temperature drop can be expected during periods of rain as can be gusting winds up to 15 knots. Statistical data can be gained from reference (b).

(2) Effects on enemy operations: The enemy can be expected to use periods of decreased visibility to cover his movements. Caves and bunkers situated in the lowlands will most probably be flooded thus leaving the enemy exposed to Air and Artillery support. Enemy on the peninsula that are not actively engaged in their supply/logistics effort may be expected to be in their shelters.

(3) Effects on our operations: A reconnaissance patrol in this region can expect rain and therefore must be prepared for an excessive amount of dampness and a lower temperature than they are normally accustomed to. Footing will be poor in the lowlands and most paddy areas will be flooded deeper than usual. Helicopter Operations will be limited during periods of poor visibility. Communications could possibly be hampered by the amount of moisture encountered.

c. TERRAIN:

(1) Terrain is moderately steep with a canopy up to approximately 40 ft in height in the majority of the canopied areas. The canopy characteristic is essentially continuous from a vertical view but exhibits some discontinuity from an oblique view. Generally openings in it are covered with elephant grass and small scattered shrubs. This is especially true on the ridgeline running from north to south. Approximately 70% of the peninsula is covered by canopied dense undergrowth forest while the remainder of the area is almost all light undergrowth, grass or rice paddies. The paddied area in the vicinity of AU834052 (center mass) is covered by up to 2 ft of water at the present time.

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The river in the vicinity of AU825035 has been recently forded by the infantry at AU828046 and AU826032. In these instances it was found that the river was 20-50 ft wide and 5 ft in depth. The current in this vicinity was estimated at 5 knots by an infantry platoon commander who crossed the river on the 6th of November. In his estimation the current was not considered hazardous to troops crossing it. Surf on the seaward beaches is estimated at 4-5 ft high. The availability of water is unknown, but we can assume that during the monsoon season that there will be an abundance of streams on the ridges. Cover should be fair and consist of tree trunks and rocks in the canopied areas and of paddy dikes in the open areas. Concealment will be good in the forest areas and will consist of dense undergrowth. Open areas will probably be poor consisting of grass and small shrubs.

(2) Effects on enemy operations: The enemy will be able to use the canopied areas to cover his activity from air observation. On the ridgeline he will use caves and bunkers as shelters and caches. Movement will not be difficult for the enemy because of a predetermined trail network which we may expect him to utilize in almost all his movements. The dense undergrowth will restrict his visibility to some degree and hamper his efforts to locate a Recon team should they be compromised.

(3) Effects on our operations: A Recon patrol must expect to be restricted to the areas containing dense undergrowth at least during the daylight hours. Any movement in the open area on the western portion of the ridge would result in them being visible for a considerable distance. Air support will be limited in the areas of dense canopy due to the difficulty in locating the enemy and defining the patrols position. The number of HLZ's in the area is abundant. The patrol leader will have no difficulty in finding suitable extraction zones.

### 3. ENEMY SITUATION

a. Recapitulation: In the area of operation many enemy caches have been found in the past. Information of enemy supply/logistics locations tend to indicate that the enemy is in fact using this region as a supply staging point for his forces which operate to the south. There is a definite possibility that their supply effort might be directed at moving small loads by water from a concealed point across the small inlet to the western coast of the peninsula. Although this would seem to be overly complicated, it must be understood that the region directly south is undergoing rice denial operations by the 26th Marine Regiment. The majority of enemy caches were found in the vicinity of AU8306. These were made up almost entirely of food supplies. Tran THUONG, a coolie laborer with the C-3 Company, Phu Loc armed Bn, captured 05 November, reports that his transportation squad is located in a cave in the vicinity of AU8306. This would seem to indicate that the area is still in use as a supply staging point. THUONG is a member of the Transportation platoon which he states is short of supplies. The present location of the company and platoon is unknown. When THUONG was not on a supply mission he lived with 4 other members of his squad

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Ref: (a) Map: Vietnam, Sheet 66111 IV

(b) 1stForReconCoO P3000.1C

Time Zone H

**1. Conduct.**

a. All participating personnel will be governed by the provisions of reference (b) for pre-jump operations.

b. No drop zone commander will be used.

c. Adverse weather and/or wind velocity in vicinity of AU834999, exceeding 10 knots will result in a one day postponement.

d. Final authority for jump lies with Commanding Officer, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company.

**2. Operational Data**

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| a. Type                 | Night Tactical                                       |
| b. Drop Zone            | NUI TRAN   |
| c. DZ Elevation         | 5 Meters   |
| d. Clearance/NOTAM      | G-3, 1stMAW (0300-0800, 16Nov69)                     |
| e. Drop Altitude        | 1000 Feet  |
| f. Airfield             | HLZ 469  |
| g. Drop Speed           | 90 Knots   |
| h. Type Aircraft        | CH-46D   |
| i. Air/Ground Frequency | Primary AN/PRC-25 43.20<br>Alternate AN/PRC-25 58.25 |
| j. Assembly Point       | AU839055   |

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3. Participating Personnel

- a. Pre-Flight Rigger Sgt COOK
- b. Jumpmaster 2ndLt JONES
- c. Assistant Jumpmaster Maj BOND
- d. Parachutists

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>MSN</u> |
|-------------|-------------|------------|
|-------------|-------------|------------|

|            |       |           |           |
|------------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| ROLLINGS   | 1stLt | 010 70 99 | Stick Ldr |
| SMITH      | Cpl   | 244 70 61 |           |
| CHAMBERLIN | SSgt  | 151 60 28 |           |
| NOBLE      | HM3   | B72 46 58 |           |
| LYONS      | LCpl  | 247 96 69 |           |
| MOORMAN    | Sgt   | 199 41 59 |           |

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

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

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3rd Platoon

1STLT CORBETT

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 networks in area bounded by coordinates (UL) AT9032 (LR) AT9329.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by helicopter into assigned haven. Monitor trail networks in area. Report any enemy activity and coordinate with supporting artillery batteries for fire missions on targets of opportunity. Routine extraction by helicopter is planned.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Date/Place of Departure. 20 November/HIZ 469

(2) Date/Place of Return. 23 November/HIZ 469

(3) Insertion HIZ Vic AT TBA and extraction HIZ TBA

(4) Operational area. Bounded by coordinates (UL) AT9032 (LR) AT9329.

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

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

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## 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. See reference (d) and other supplementary instructions.
- b. Uniform and equipment carried by the patrol will be sufficient to accomplish their mission and sustain themselves for a period of four days.
- c. Evacuation of POW's detainees and Hoi 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       | TBA      | CAYENNE      | 58.25 Prim 43.2 Alt |
| "A" RELAY         | AT837378 | PONY BOY     | 58.25 Prim 43.2 Alt |
| 3rdBn11thMar      | AT873474 | REWARD MONEY | 70.3 Prim 71.5 Alt  |
| CO, 1stForReconCo | AT990709 | PONY BOY     | 58.25 Prim 43.2 Alt |

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

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## PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: 1 USMC OFF, 5 USMC ENL, 1 USN ENL
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
- c. COMMUNICATION AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 PRC-25'S 1 7x35'S
- d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 2 M-16A1 WEAPONS 1 M-79/M-16, 1 SWEDISH-K

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2. MISSION: MONITOR TRAIL NETWORKS IN AREA BOUNDED BY COORDINATES (UL) AT9032 (LR) AT9329.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 201730H/261530H NOVEMBER 1969.

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THE PATROL WAS ROUTINELY INSERTED BY HELICOPTER AND EXTRACTED BY THE SAME MEANS AFTER 1 1/2 HOURS. THERE WERE NO ENEMY SIGHTINGS, CONTACTS, OR UNUSUAL OBSERVATIONS MADE DURING THIS PERIOD. SUPPORTING ARMS WERE NOT UTILIZED AND THE INSERT ZONE WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT. AFTER 39 1/2 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE PATROLLING, RECON TEAM "CAYENNE" LINKED UP WITH AN INFANTRY PLATOON SIZE PATROL (2ND PLATOON L/3/7) AT 2200H NOV 69. "CAYENNE" REMAINED WITH THE INFANTRY PLATOON PATROL UNTIL BEING EXTRACTED.

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

a. ENEMY: N/A

b. TERRAIN: IS STEEP WITH A CANOPY OF 40-50 FEET. SECONDARY GROWTH IS 3-5 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF VINES, BRIARS, ELEPHANT GRASS AND SCRUBS. MOVEMENT OFF THE TRAILS IS RESTRICTED TO 100-200 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. CONCEALMENT IS GOOD. COVER IS POOR. WATER WAS PLENTIFUL DURING THIS PATROL BECAUSE OF INTERMITTENT SHOWERS; HOWEVER, WATER WOULD BE SCARCE DURING THE DRY SEASON AS ONLY INTERMITTENT STREAMS EXIST IN THIS NO FIRE ZONE.

c. WEATHER: THE PATROL HAD INTERMITTENT SHOWERS DURING THE ENTIRE PATROL WITH A LOW CEILING AND IMPAIRED VISIBILITY.

## 7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT HLZ: AT990317 1xCH-46 POOR ZONE. 3 FOOT SCRUB BRUSH IN THE ZONE WITH 20 FOOT TREES SURROUNDING ZONE. (SEE ITEM 11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS)

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b. EXTRACT HLZ: AT990360 MULTI BIRD ZONE LOCATED IN A RICE PADDY. THIS ZONE WAS OCCUPIED DURING THE TEAMS EXTRACTION BY ELEMENTS OF THE 7TH MARINES. (SEE ITEM 11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS)

c. TRAILS: TRAILS AS SHOWN ON THE TRAIL OVERLAY HAVE BEEN RECORDED PREVIOUSLY. THE TRAILS ARE ALL WELL DEFINED BUT HAVE NOT BEEN USED RECENTLY AS EVIDENCED BY VEGETATION OVERGROWTH.

d. OP'S: NONE WERE UTILIZED

e. COMM: COMM WAS FAIR WITH "A" RELAY LOCATED VIC AT836378. VIETNAMESE INTERFERENCE CAUSED THE FAILURE OF THE FIRST EXTRACT ATTEMPT ON 23 NOVEMBER 1969.

f. OBSTACLES: NONE WERE ENCOUNTERED

g. MISC: NONE

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

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: PATROL SUFFERED FROM SLIGHT IMMERSION FOOT.

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: NONE WERE EMPLOYED

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL WAS INSERTED AT 1730 HOURS. PATROL LEADER RECOMMENDS THAT LATE AFTERNOON INSERTS BE AVOIDED IF POSSIBLE. IF INSERTED LATE THE PATROL DOES NOT HAVE TIME TO ORIENT THEMSELVES BEFORE DARKNESS AND AIR SUPPORT IS LESS EFFECTIVE AFTER DARKNESS IF THE PATROL HAPPENS TO MAKE CONTACT LEAVING THE INSERT ZONE DURING TWILIGHT HOURS.

PATROL LEADER DOES NOT RECOMMEND THAT INSERT HLZ VIC AT906317 BE USED IN THE FUTURE, BECAUSE OF TREES AROUND THE ZONE.

PATROL LEADER DOES NOT RECOMMEND THAT THE EXTRACT ZONE VIC AT990360 BE USED BY RECON PATROLS BECAUSE THE AREA SURROUNDING IT LACKS CONCEALMENT.

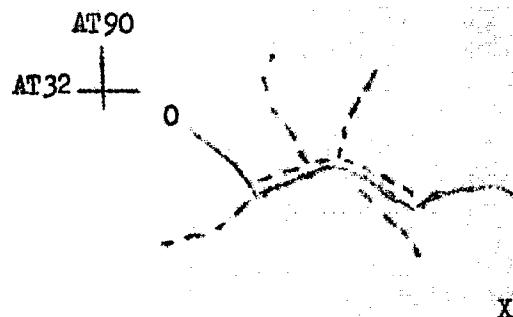
12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

|         |          |         |
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| LST LT. | CORBETT  | 0106756 |
| CPL.    | LEDFORD  | 2257338 |
| CPL.    | ORLANDO  | 2465921 |
| LCPL.   | HEITMAN  | 2515889 |
| LCPL.   | HIGHLAND | 2481825 |
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| HM3     | ANDREW   | B533755 |

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III MAF FOR COC (O-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 305-69 010001H TO 012000H NOVEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (6) OPLR RECON TJS THERE IS (1) T. OPLR AT (1) LOC IN THE FIRST LAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS &amp; EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

(1) F-51 GRIM REAPER

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

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EXTRACTIONS/EXTRactions NOT COLLECTED

(1) LUSCOT F-51 GRIN REAPER PRIMARY R-10 HAWK BECOME SICK

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f. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 2 NOVEMBER 69.

(1) F-31 GRIN REAPER "HAVE" (IL) AT8592 (LR) AT8689 VIC

AT865916.

g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 2 NOVEMBER 69.

NONE

3. (C) LOC OF OFW RECON PTLS AS OF 012400H

(1) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "D" AT838827

(2) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "E" AT834999

(3) F-31 RECORD AT814923

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

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS

NONE

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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INFO: CG XIV CORPS  
CG FIRST MAU  
CG AMERICAL DIV  
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SEVENTH MAR  
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EIGHTY-SIXTH MAR  
MAJ ONE SIX  
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III IIAF FOR COC (3-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT RRP 306-69 020001H TO 022400H NOVEMBER 69 (U)

1. (c) OF (6) OPER ECON TMS FLOW IS (1) IN AT (1) LOC IN THE FIRST WAR DIV AACR.
2. (c) INSERTIONS AND EXTRACTIONS
  - a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED  
NONE
  - b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED  
NONE
  - c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED  
(1) F-51 CRASH REAPAR VIC AT 65916
  - d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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ALSO INSERION/EXTRACTION NOT CONDUCTED

- (1) F-51 GRIM REAPER 04W INSURANCE DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER
- 1. INSERIONS PLANNED FOR 03 NOVEMBER 69
- (1) F-51 GRIM REAPER "HAVEN" UL AT8532 LR AT6689 VIC  
AT865916
- (2) F-62 RUMBLE "HAVEN" UL AT9795 LR AT0192 VIC  
AT987927
- 2. EXTRactions PLANNED FOR 03 NOVEMBER 69  
NONE
- 3. (C) LOC OF PATROLS AS OF 022400H
  - (1) RADIO RELAY STORE PIT "J" AT838827
  - (2) RADIO RELAY STORE PIT "L" AT834999
  - (3) F-31 RECORD AT813944
- 4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS  
/A
- 5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS  
NONE
- 6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS  
NONE

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 INFO: CG XXIV CORPS  
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 CG AIRCRAFT DIV  
 CG 101ST AAA DIV  
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III MAF FOR COC (3-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SET REP 307-69 0300H TO 032400H NOVEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (6) OPER RECON TWS THREE A&E (3) IT'S OPER AT (3) LOC IN  
THE FIRST MAR DIV DAOR.
2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS
  - a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED
    - (1) F-42 RUDER AT 030515H "HAVEN" JL AT9795  
Lt BT0192 AT987927
    - (2) F-51 GRIM REAPER AT 031305H "HAVEN" JL AT8592  
Lt AT8889 AT865916
  - b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED  
NONE
  - c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED  
NONE

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## e. QUASOT INSERTIONS/EXTRACTIONS NOT COPIED

N/A

## f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 01 NOVEMBER 69

NONE

## g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 01 NOVEMBER 69

(1) F-31 RECORD VIC AT818937

## 3. (c) LOG OF OPER RECON TIS AS OF 032400Z

(1) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "D" AT838827

(2) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "E" AT831999

(3) F-31 RECORD AT818937

(4) F-51 MIKE REAPER AT862914

(5) F-62 KUNTER AT989933

## 4. (c) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TIS

N/A

## 5. (c) SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS

NONE

## 6. (c) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE

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CG FIRST MAF  
CG ATOMICAL DIV  
CG 101ST ABN DIV  
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ELEVENTH MAR  
TWENTY-SIXTH MAR  
MAG ONE SIX  
MAG ONE ONE  
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III MAF FOR COC (3-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 308-69 010000H TO 012100H NOVEMBER 69 ( )

1. (C) OF (6) OP/R RUCON TMS THERE ARE (3) TMS OPERAT (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. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 05 NOVEMBER 69

(1) F-21 FLAKEY SNOJ HAVEN IL AT8391 IN AT9186 VIC AT8984

3. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 05 NOVEMBER 69

(1) F-31 RECORD VIC AT824945

3. (C) LOC OF OPER RECON TDS AS OF 042400Z

(1) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "D" AT838827

(2) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "L" AT834999

(3) F-31 RECORD AT824945

(4) F-51 GRIM REAPER AT865913

(5) F-62 RIDDER AT989935

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

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS

NONE

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

N/A

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III MAF FOR COC (G-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 309-69 050001H TO 052400H NOVEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (6) OPER RECON THIS TIME ARE (4) THIS OPER AT (4) LOC IN  
THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-21 FLAME SNOW AT051600H "HAVEN" UL AT8891 LR AT9108

VIC AT898875

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

(1) F-31 RECORD

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e. INSPECTIONS/EXTRactions NOT COMPLETED

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f. INSPECTIONS PLANNED FOR 06 NOVEMBER 69

(1) F-11 DETROIT TIERS "HAWK" GL AT7997 IN ATC24

VIC AT812952

g. EXTRactions PLANNED FOR 06 NOVEMBER 69

(1) F-31 RECORD VIC AT831949

3. (c) LOC OF OP. R. RECOL 213 AS OF 052100H

(1) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "L" AT838627

(2) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "E" AT634999

(3) F-21 FLA BY SNOW AT883884

(4) F-31 RECORD AT830946

(5) F-51 GRIM MAP IR AT865915

(6) F-62 RUDER AT994935

4. (c) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL NEGOTI T/S

X/A

5. (c) SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS

NONE

6. (c) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

(1) CHANGE #293-69 TO #294-69 IN STRAMP 21 OCTOBER 69

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III WAF FOR COC (Q-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON: CO SIT REP 310-69 060000H TO 062400H NOVEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OR (6) OPER RECON TDS THERE ARE (3) TDS OPER AT (3) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TACR.
2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS
  - a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED  
NONE
  - b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED  
(1) F-31 RECORD AT 061115H VIC AT831945
  - c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED  
(1) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS VIC AT612952
  - d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED  
NONE

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a. (1) INSERTIONS/EXTRactions NOT COMPLETED

(1) F-11 DETROIT TIERS INSERTION NOT COMPLETED DUE TO

INCLEMENT WEATHER

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 07 NOVEMBER 69

(1) F-11 DETROIT TIERS "HAVEN" CL A27997 LR AT8294 VIC

AT812952

g. EXTRactions PLANNED FOR 07 NOVEMBER 69

(1) F-51 ORIN REAPER VIC AT863920

(2) F-62 RUDDER VIC AT993935

3. (c) LOC OF OPAR RECON TMS AS OF 062400H

(1) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "B" AT833827

(2) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "L" AT834999

(3) F-21 FLKEY SNOW AT895904

(4) F-51 ORIN REAPER AT863919

(5) F-62 RUDDER AT994935

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

N/A

5. (c) SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS

NONE

6. (c) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

N/A

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MAJ ONE SIX  
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III MAF FOR COC (3-2 COL)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SET REP 311-69 070001H TO 072400H NOVEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (6) OPLR RECON TBS THERE ARE (2) TBS OPLR AT (2) LOG IN  
THE FIRST MAU DIV TAOR.
2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS
  - a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED
    - (1) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT 071020H "HAVEN" JL AT7997  
LR AT8294 VIC AT801945
  - b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED
    - (1) F-51 JEWL REAPER AT 071030H VIC AT63920
    - (2) F-62 RUDLER AT 071040H VIC AT993935
  - c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED  
NONE

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EXTRactions NOT COMPLETED

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f. EXTRactions PLANNED FOR 08 NOVEMBER 69

- (1) F-4J SKIFF SCOUT "HAVEN" (UL) AT8291 (IR) AT8586  
VIC AT821596

g. EXTRactions PLANNED FOR 08 NOVEMBER 69

NONE

3. (c) LOC OF OPR RECON TTS AS OF 072400H

- (1) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "D" AT830827
- (2) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "1" AT834999
- (3) F-11 DETROIT TIGERS AT801944
- (4) F-21 FLKEY SHOW AT886894

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

N/A

5. (c) SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS

NONE

6. (c) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

DETROIT TIGERS REPORTED ONE NON-BATTLE CASUALTY. THE RATIO OPERATOR SUFFERED A SPRAINED ANKLE UPON EXITING THE AIRCRAFT.  
THE MARINE WAS NOT EVACUATED.

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 MAR ONE SIX  
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FIRST FOR RECO: CO SIT REP 312-69 000001M TO 002400N NOVEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OR (6) OPER RECON TNS TNS ARE (2) TNS OPER AT (2) LOC IN  
THE FIRST MAR DIV TACK.
2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS
  - a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED  
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  - b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED  
...QIK
  - c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED  
(1) F-4L SHIFT SCOUT VIG AT 0210396
  - d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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C. PERSONAL INFORMATION/EXTRactions OF COMBAT

(1) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT INSERTION NOT COMPLETED DUE TO LIGHTNING

N/A

F. INTEGRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 09 NOVEMBER 69

(1) F-41 SWIFT SCOUT "RAVEN" AT 02291 LR AT 0500 VIC

AT021896

G. INTEGRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 09 NOVEMBER 69

(1) F-21 FLAKY SNOW VIC AT 0900H

3. (C) LOC OF OPEN RECON THIS AS OF 082400H

(1) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "D" AT 035827

(2) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "E" AT 034999

(3) F-21 FLAKY SNOW AT 0900H

(4) F-51 DETROIT TILLS AT 001944

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

N/A

5. (C) SIGNIFILAS AND CONTACTS

NONE

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

N/A

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CG 101ST ABN DIV

INFO 0

FIFTH MAR

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FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT RV 313-69 090000H TO 092400H NOVEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OR (6) OVER RECON T/S THERE ARE (2) T/S OP... AT (2) LOG IN  
THE FIRST MAR DIV TACR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS &amp; EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-4J SWIFT SCOUT AT091055H "HAVEN" LL AT0291 IR AT8538

VIC AT021896

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-21 FLAKY SNOW AT091110H VIC AT090806Z

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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- d. EXTRactions NOT COmPLETED
  - None
- e. RTASOT INSERTIONS/EXTRactions NOT COmPLETED
  - N/A
- f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 10 NOVEMBER 69
  - None
- g. EXTRactions PLANNED FOR 10 NOVEMBER 69
  - None
- 3. (c) LOC OF OPER RECON TNS AS OF 092400H
  - (1) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "D" AT833827
  - (2) RADIO RELAY STONE PIT "E" AT834999
  - (3) F-41 DETROIT TIERS AT807962
  - (4) F-41 SHIFT SCOUT AT833904
- 4. (c) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TNS
  - N/A
- 5. (c) SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS
  - None
- 6. (c) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
  - None

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III MAF FOR COC (3-2 SEC)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 311-69 100000L TO 102400H NOVEMBER 69 (U)

1. (c) OF (7) OPER RECON TIS THERE ARE (2) TIS OPEN AT (2) LOC IN THE FIRST MAF 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. MISSION INSERTIONS/EXTRactions NOT COMPLETED

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f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 11 NOVEMBER 69

(1) F-61 MAD HATTER "HAVE" UL AT8294 LR AT8692 VIC AT625930

(2) F-62 SCHEM TEST "HAVE" UL AT8297 LR AT8692 VIC AT603000

g. EXTRactions PLANNED FOR 11 NOVEMBER 69

(1) F-11 HAWK/NORTH VIC AT834952

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

(1) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "D" AT838827

(2) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "E" AT834999

(3) F-11 HAWK/NORTH AT828960

(4) F-41 EMPIRE STATE AT840024

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

(1) INCREASED STRENGTH BY 1 OPERATIONAL PONY. DUE TO

COMPLETION OF TRAINING CYCLE

5. (C) SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS

NONE

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

(1) EMPIRE STATE REPORTED ONE NOV-BATTLE CASUALTY. THE

CORPSMAN SUFFERED A SPRAINED ANKLE AND WAS MED-EVAC.

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INFO: CJ XXIV CORPS

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CJ AMERICAL DIV

CJ 101ST ASW DIV

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TWENTY-SIXTH MAU

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III MAF FOR COC (4-2 SEC)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 315-69 11000H TO 112400H NOVEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) OPR RECOI THIS THESE ARE (3) T-5 OPR AT (3) LOC IN THE FIRST MAU DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS &amp; EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-61 MAD HATTER AT110920H "HAVEN" UL AT8294 LR AT8692

VIC AT826927

(2) F-62 SCHEU TEST AT110930H "HAVEN" UL AU7900 LR AT8297

VIC AT805900

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-11 HAWNSWORTH AT111600H VIC AT834951

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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d. EXTRactions NOT COMPLETED

NONE

e. MISSION INSERTIONS/EXTRactions NOT COMPLETED

N/A

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 12 NOVEMBER 69

NONE

g. EXTRactions PLANNED FOR 12 NOVEMBER 69

NONE

3. (c) LOC OF OPER RECON TNS AS OF 112400H

(1) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "D" AT838627

(2) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "E" AT834999

(3) F-41 KEPPL STATE AT829891

(4) F-61 HAL HATTER AT836929

(5) F-62 SCREEN TEST AT807998

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

N/A

5. (c) SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS

(1) F-61 HAL HATTER AT111450H VIC AT834936 IN FOUND BASE

CAMP CONSISTING OF 5 HUTS. HUTS WERE BUILT UNDER ROCKS.

BASE CAMP HAD NOT BEEN USED FOR LONG PERIOD OF TIME.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

6. (c) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

(2) F-62 SCREEN TEST AT 111530H VIC AT807998 IN OBSERVED

22 WOOD-CUTTERS WITH AXES. WOOD-CUTTERS WERE WORKING.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

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TO: CG III MAF

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*BT*

INFO: CG XXIV COMPS

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FIFTH MAR

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THE TWENTY-SIXTH MAR

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III MAF FOR COC (G-2 SRC)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 316-69 120000H TO 122400H NOVEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) OPL RECON TMS THERE ARE (3) TMS OPL AT (3) LOC IN  
THE FIRST MAR DIV TACR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS &amp; EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-62 SCREEN TEST AT 120920 HAVEN UL AU7900 LR AT8297

VIC AT812982

b. EXTRactions COMPLETED

(1) F-62 SCREEN TEST AT 120915 VIC AU805000.

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c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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e. MISSION INSERTIONS/EXTRCTIONS NOT COMPLETED  
N/A

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 13 NOVEMBER 69  
NONE

g. EXTRCTIONS PLANNED FOR 13 NOVEMBER 69  
(1) F-4L EXPINE STATE VIC AT828877

3. (c) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 122400H  
(1) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "L" AT836827  
(2) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "B" AT834999  
(3) F-4L EXPINE STATE AT828877  
(4) F-4L MAD HATTER AT811933  
(5) F-62 SCREEN TEST AT812982

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

5. (c) SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS  
(1) F-62 SCREEN TEST AT 121125H VIC AT811978. TWO NVA  
UNAVOIDABLE CONTACT WITH (2) NVA MOVING N ON TRAIL. EN  
ROUTE GREEN UTILITIES AND BUSH COVERS AND CARRIED (2)  
AK-47'S (2) CARTRIDGE BELTS AND (2) HEAVY PACKS. TWO  
FIRED S/A AND BROKE CONTACT.

6. (c) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS  
(1) F-62 SCREEN TEST EVENT'S WERE PERFORMED AS A FLIP FLOP  
DUE TO WOOD CUTTERS COMPROMISING TMS MISSION ON 11NOV69

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TO: CG III MAF

FIRST FOR RECON CO

INFO: CG XXIV CORPS

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III MAF FOR COC (G-2 SRC)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 317-69 130001H TO 182400H NOVEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) OPR RECON TIS THERE ARE (2) TIS OPR AT (2) LOC IN  
THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS &amp; EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-4L EMPIRE STATE AT 131045H VIC AT828877

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

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e. MEASURES INSPIRED BY/NOTED IN PLANNING

(1) (b) 1. NIGHT COVER PLANNED

INCLEMENT WEATHER

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 17 NOVEMBER 69

(1) F-51 NIGHT COVER HAVEN UL AUS109 IR AUS505 VIC AUS37053

g. EXTRATIONS PLANNED FOR 17 NOVEMBER 69

None

3. (c) LOG OF OP.R RECON TDS AS OF 162400H

(1) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "D" AT838827

(2) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "W" A-821529

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

N/A

5. (c) SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS

None

6. (c) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

N/A

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TO: CG III MAF

INFO: CG XIV CORPS

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III MAF FOR COC (1-2 SEC)

FIRST FOR RECOV CO SIT REP 321-69 170000H TO 172400H NOVEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) OPER RECOV MS THERE IS (1) TO OPER AT (1) LOC IN  
THE 1ST MAR DIV TACR.

2. (C) INSERIONS &amp; EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-51 NIGHT COVER AT 170429H HALEN JL AU8109

IN AU8505 VIC AU836009 BY PARACHUTE

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

c. INSERIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED 171552

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e. RELASOL INSERTIONS/EXTRactions LOT 00 (PLANNED)  
N/A

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 18 NOVEMBER 69  
NONE

g. EXTRactions PLANNED FOR 18 NOVEMBER 69  
NONE

3. (G) LOG OF OPER RECON TNS AS OF 172400H

- (1) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "D" AT838827
- (2) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "E" AT834999
- (3) F-5B NIGHT COVER AUS38048

4. (G) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TNS  
N/A

5. (G) SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS  
NONE

6. (G) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS  
N/A

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FM: 11TH MAR FOR COC (G-2 SNG)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 318-69 140000H TO 142400H NOVEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OR (V) OPER RECON TDS THEM ARE (2) TS OPER AT (2) LOC TN

THE FIRST MAR DIV TADS

2. (C) INSERTIONS &amp; EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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3. (C) IN-ROUTE INSPECTION/EXTRACTION AS OF 19 NOVEMBER 69

N/A

4. (C) SIGHTINGS PLANNED FOR 19 NOVEMBER 69

NONE

5. (C) EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 19 NOVEMBER 69

N/A

3. (C) LOG OF OPER RECON THIS AS OF 192400Z

(1) RADIO RELAY POSEY BOY "D" AT836827

(2) RADIO RELAY TUNY BOY "E" AT831999

(3) F-41 NIGHT COVER AT839060

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

N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS

NONE

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

(1) F-41 SMA SIDE INSERTION ON 19 NOVEMBER 69 CANCELLED DUE  
TO NEG CLEARANCE FOR HAVEN.

(2) (LATE ENTRY) F-41 GARDENIE INSERTION ON 19 NOVEMBER 69  
CANCELLED DUE TO NEG CLEARANCE FOR HAVEN.

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1. TRANSMISSIONS PLANNED FOR 15 NOVEMBER 69

None

2. EXTRCTIONS PLANNED FOR 15 NOVEMBER 69

(1) F-61 TAU HATPIR VIC AT848938

3. (a) LOG OF OPER. IN COH TCS AS OF 142400H

(1) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "D" AT 38027

(2) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "H" AT834999

(3) F-61 TAU HATPIR AT848938

(4) F-62 SCREEN TEST AT817988

4. (c) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAILABLE RECORDS

✓/A

5. (c) SITTINGS AND CONTACTS

None

6. (c) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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08. MISSIONS/EXTRATIONS/EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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1. MISSIONS PLANNED FOR 14 NOVEMBER 69

NONE

2. EXTRATIONS PLANNED FOR 14 NOVEMBER 69

NONE

3/ (c) LOC OF OPER RECON TNS AS OF 132400H

(1) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "D" AT838827

(2) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "E" AT834999

(3) F-61 MAD HATTER AT848938

(4) F-62 SCREAM TEST AT812980

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

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5. (c) SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS

NONE

6. (c) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 324-69 200001H TO 202400H NOVEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) OPR RECON TMS THERE ARE (2) TMS OPR AT (2) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-51 CAYENNE 41201810H HAVEN UL AT9312 R AT9329

VIC AT910312

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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Q. EXTRactions NOT COMPLETED

NONE

Q. REASON INERTIONS/EXTRactions NOT COMPLETED

S/A

Q. INERTIONS PLANNED FOR 21 NOVEMBER 69

NONE

Q. EXP-Actions PLANNED FOR 21 NOVEMBER 69

(1) F-51 NIGHT COVER 140838070

Q. LOG OF OP-2 PLANNED THIS AS OF 202400H

(1) RADIO RELAY P-51 BOX "A" 142837370

(2) RADAR RELAY P-51 BOX "B" 142836321

(3) RADAR RELAY P-51 BOX "C" 142834990

(4) F-51 GATHERING 140715Z

(5) F-51 NIGHT COVER 140838070

Q. INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TMS

S/A

Q. (C) SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS

NONE

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

N/A

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FIFTH MAF

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SEVENTH MAF

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TWENTY-SIXTH MAF

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III MAF FOR COC (3-2 SRC)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 325-69 210000H TO 212400H NOVEMBER 69 (U)

1. (c) OF (7) OPER RECON TMS THERE IS (1) IN OPER AT (1) LOC IN THE FIRST MAF DIV TACR.

2. (c) INSERTIONS &amp; EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-51 NIGHT COVER AT 210855H VIC AU839070

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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REASON FOR THIS REPORT

N/A

1. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 22 NOVEMBER 69

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(1) F-51 NIGHT COVER AT834032

2. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 22 NOVEMBER 69

(1) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "D" AT836827

(2) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "W" AT831699

(3) F-51 NIGHT COVER AU834033

3. (a) LOG OF OPIN RECON TDS AS OF 212100Z

(1) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "A" AT837376

(2) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "D" AT836627

(3) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "E" AT834999

(4) F-31 CAYenne AT926309

4. (a) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAIL RECON TDS

N/A

5. (a) SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS

NONE

6. (a) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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INFO: CG XXIV COMPS

CG FIRST MAR

CG AMERICAL DIV

CG 101ST ABN DIV

FIFTH MAR

SEVENTH MAR

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TWENTY-SIXTH MAR

MAG ONE SIX

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III MAF FOR COC (3-2 SRC)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 326-69 220001H TO 222400H NOVEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) OPER RECON TMS THERE IS (1) TM OPER AT (1) LOG IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.
2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS
  - a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED
    - (1) F-51 NIGHT COVER AT 221440H VIC AU839070
  - b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED
    - (1) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "D" AT 220900H VIC AT838827
    - (2) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "E" AT 221600H VIC AT834999
    - (3) F-51 NIGHT COVER AT 221400H VIC AU839070
  - c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

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NONE

e. REASON INSERTIONS/EXTRactions NOT COMPLETED

N/A

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 23 NOVEMBER 69

(1) F-51 NIGHT COVER VIC AU839070

g. EXTRactions PLANNED FOR 23 NOVEMBER 69

(1) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "A" VIC AT837378

(2) F-31 CAYENNE VIC AT946332

(3) F-51 NIGHT COVER VIC AU839070

3. (c) LOG OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 222400H

(1) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "A" AT837378

(2) F-31 CAYENNE AT946332

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

N/A

5. (c) SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS

NONE

6. (c) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

N/A

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FROM: CG FIRST MAR DIV

TO: CG III MAF FIRST FOR RECON CO

INFO: CG XIV CORPS

CG FIRST MAR

CG AMERICAL DIV

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FIFTH MAR

SEVENTH MAR

ELEVENTH MAR

THIRTY-SIXTH MAR

MAG ONE SIX

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III MAF FOR COC (3-2 SRC)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 327-69 230001H TO 232400H NOVEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) OPER RECON TMS THERE IS (1) TM OPLR AT (1) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TACK.
2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS
  - a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED  
NONE
  - b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED  
NONE
  - c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED  
(1) F-51 NIGHT COVER VIC AU839070
  - d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED  
(1) F-51 GAYNE, VIC AT939303

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e. REASON INSERTIONS/EXTRactions NOT COMPLETED

(1) F-31 CAYENNE EXTRACTION NOT COMPLETED DUE TO INCLEMENT

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(2) F-51 NIGHT COVER INSERTION NOT COMPLETED DUE TO INCLEMENT

WEATHER

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 24 NOVEMBER 69

(1) F-51 NIGHT COVER VIC AU839070

g. EXTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR 24 NOVEMBER 69

(1) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "A" VIC AT837378

(2) F-31 CAYENNE VIC AT845344

(3) F-51 NIGHT COVER VIC AT839070

3. (c) LOC OF OPLK RECON TMS AS OF 232400H

(1) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "A" AT837378

(2) F-31 CAYENNE AT945344

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

N/A

5. (c) SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS

NONE

6. (c) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

N/A

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e. REASON INSERIONS/EXTRactions NOT COMPUTED

N/A

f. INSERIONS PLANNED FOR 16 NOVEMBER 69

(1) F-51 NIGHT COVR HAVEN UL AU8109 LR AU8505 VIC AU837053

g. EXTRactions PLANNED FOR 16 NOVEMBER 69

(1) F-62 SCREEN TEST VIC AT817908

h. (c) LOC OF OPER INCON TMS AS OF 152400H

(1) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "D" AT836827

(2) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "E" AT834999

(3) F-62 SCREEN TEST AT817908

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

N/A

j. (c) SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS

NONE

(c) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

N/A

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INFO FOR COC (G-2 &amp; G)

FILED FOR 10000 CO SIT REP 320-69 160000Z NOVEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) ORIGIN COU TS THERE ARE (O) TS OF (O) LOC TO THE FIRST MAR DIV TAOR.

2. (C) INSERTIONS &amp; EXTRACTIONS

a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED

NONE

b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED

(1) F-62 SCREEN TEST AT 161515H VIC AT 617988

c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED

(1) F-51 NIGHT COVR VIC AT 837053

d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

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 CG 101ST ABN DIV  
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III MAP FOR COC (3-2 SRC)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 322-69 180000Z TO 182400Z NOVEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) OPER RECON THIS THERE IS (1) TM OPER AT (1) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TACR.
2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS
  - a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED  
NONE
  - b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED  
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  - c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED  
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  - d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED  
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III MAF FOR COC (C-2 SRC)

FIRST FOR RECON CO SIT REP 323-69 190000H TO 192400H NOVEMBER 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) OPER RECON TMS THERE IS (1) TN OPER AT (1) LOC IN THE FIRST MAR DIV TACR.
2. (C) INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS
  - a. INSERTIONS COMPLETED  
(1) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "A" AT 191000H AT 837378
  - b. EXTRACTIONS COMPLETED  
NONE
  - c. INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED  
NONE
  - d. EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED  
NONE 191350

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e. REASON INSERTIONS/EXTRactions NOT COMPLETED

N/A

f. INSERTIONS PLANNED FOR 20 NOVEMBER 69

(1) F-31 CAVETTE HAVEN UL AT9032 LR AT9329 VIC AT917315

g. EXTRactions PLANNED FOR 20 NOVEMBER 69

NONE

3. (c) LOC OF OPER RECON TMS AS OF 192400H

(1) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "A" AT837378

(2) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "D" AT836827

(3) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "N" AT834999

(4) F-51 NIGHT COVER A 837070

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

N/A

5. (c) SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS

NONE

6. (c) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

(1) F-51 NIGHT COVER (1) ROUTINE MED-EVAC DUE TO NBC.

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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)

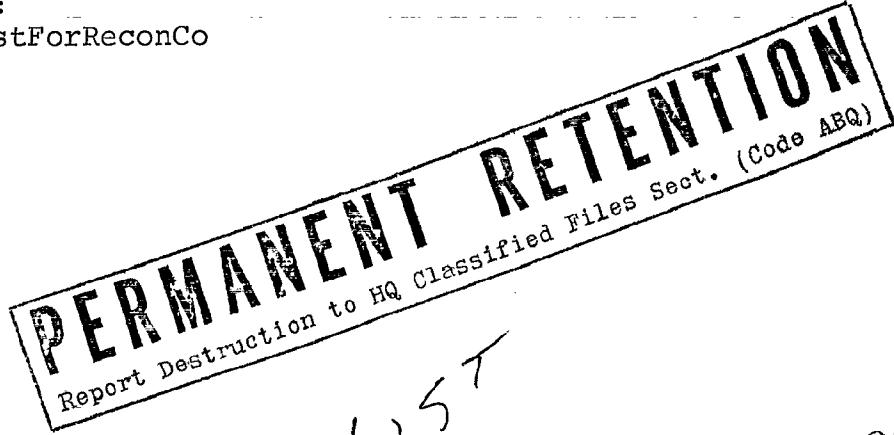
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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CO, 1stForReconCo ltr 3/WER/dg over 5750 of 2Dec69

From: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force  
 To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)  
 Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 240001H November to 302400H  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)  
Via: (1) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force  
      (2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
  
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 240001H November to 302400H  
      November 1969  
  
Ref: (a) MCO P5750.2  
      (b) FMFPacO 5750.8A  
  
Encl: ✓(1) First Force Reconnaissance Company Command Chronology  
  
1. Enclosure (1) is submitted in accordance with the provisions  
of references (a) and (b).

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1ST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY  
FPO San Francisco, Calif 96602

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

240001H November 1969 to 302400H November 1969

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

1st Force Reconnaissance Company Major W. H. BOND 24-30 November 1969

ATTACHED UNITSDetachment, 7thCommBn (24-30 Nov69)  
Detachment, 5thCommBn (24-30 Nov69)2. LOCATION

24-30 November: Da Nang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

|                         |                       |             |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Executive Officer       | Capt L. H. ANDERSON   | 24-30 Nov69 |
| S-2                     | 2ndLt R. L. JONES     | 24-30 Nov69 |
| S-3                     | 1stLt W. E. ROLLINGS  | 24-30 Nov69 |
| Supply Officer          | 2ndLt J. S. BENSON    | 24-30 Nov69 |
| Communications Officer  | 1stLt R. J. WADLE JR. | 24-30 Nov69 |
| Motor Transport Officer | 2ndLt J. S. BENSON    | 24-30 Nov69 |

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

|                       | USMC |     | USN |     |
|-----------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|
|                       | OFF  | ENL | OFF | ENL |
| 1stForReconCo         | 12   | 134 |     | 7   |
| Detachment, 7thCommBn |      | 4   |     |     |
| Detachment, 5thCommBn |      | 4   |     |     |

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

24 Nov 1969 The Company was dropped from Operational and Administrative control by 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division and came under the control of III Marine Amphibious Force.

24 - 30 Nov 1969 During this period of November the Company supported III Marine Amphibious Force in Reconnaissance Operations.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS  
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓ a. Statistical Data Chart
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## a) Statistical Data Chart

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Patrols           | 2 |
| Sightings         | 1 |
| Contacts          | 1 |
| VC/NVA Sighted    | 5 |
| Fire Missions     | 1 |
| Fixed Wing        | 0 |
| NGF Missions      | 0 |
| VC/NVA KIA (Conf) | 1 |
| Weapons Captured  | 0 |
| VC/NVA Captured   | 0 |
| USMC Casualties   | 0 |
| USN Casualties    | 0 |
| USMC KIA          | 0 |
| USMC WIA          | 0 |
| USN KIA           | 0 |
| USN WIA           | 0 |
| USMC DOW          | 0 |
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| USMC NBC          | 0 |
| USN NBC           | 0 |
| USMC KNBC         | 0 |

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OPERATION ORDER: # 38-69

PATROL: SEASIDE

DEBRIEFER: S/Sgt R. F. BOLAND

MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000AMS L7614

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S &amp; C NO. 593-69

PATROL REPORT

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## 1. SITE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: 6 MEN 1 AL.
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: WSE
- c. COMMUNICATION AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 FRC-251'S, 1 7x50'S
- d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-60, 1 M-79, 2 M-134L

2. MISSION: TO CONDUCE RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS WITHIN HAVEN (UL) ZC1632 (LR) ZC0632 TO DETECT VC/NVA TROOPS AND INTELLIGENCE MOVEMENT. BE PREPARED TO CALL AND ADJUST AC/ARTILLERY ON INTRACTIVE TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY, AND IF POSSIBLE CAPTURE A PRISONER.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 001104Z/30NOV1969  
011043Z/01DEC1969

## 4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: 301115H NOV. HELICOPTER INSERT OF PATROL WAS ABORTED DUE TO HEAVY GROUND FIRE AND THE OBSERVATION OF 3 VC/NVA IN THE VICINITY OF THE INSERT ZONE.

301115H NOV. PATROL WAS ROUTINELY INCREASED VIC ZC188307 BY HELICOPTER AND RETRACTED UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS AFTER 20 MINUTES OF PATROL ACTIVITIES. PATROL SHOTDOWN 4 NVA AND SUBSEQUENTLY MADE CONTACT WITH THEM RESULTING IN 1 NVA KIA.

AT 011043Z DEC. PATROL WAS RE-INSERTED BY HELICOPTER VIC ZC187311. THE INSERT HELICOPTER RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE DURING THE INSERTION. AFTER 3 HOURS OF PATROL ACTIVITIES PATROL WAS EXTRACTED UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS USING THE SPIKE SYSTEM. DURING THIS PATROL, 1 DECEMBER THE PATROL HAD 4 SIGHTINGS OF 12-14 NVA, ALL OF THE SIGHTINGS SUBSEQUENTLY RESULTED IN UNAVOIDABLE CONTACTS. PATROL HAD 3 NVA KIA CONFERRED. PATROL UTILIZED AC'S AND MARINE GUNSHIPS. NONE OF THE INSERT ZONES WERE PREPARED BY FLEWING AIRCRAFT. THE HELICOPTER SUSTAINED 3 HITS FROM GROUND FIRE.

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

a. ENEMY: 301115H NOV. VIC ZC172289 MARINE GUNSHIPS FLYING ESCORT FOR THE RECON INSERT HELICOPTER OBSERVED ENEMY FIRE COMING FROM VIC ZC168288, AND OBSERVED 3 NVA IN THE SAME VICINITY. THE INSERTION OF RECON TEAM SEASIDE HAD NOT BEEN COMPLETED AT THIS TIME. THE INSERT HELICOPTER WAS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET OFF THE GROUND WHEN THE GUNSHIPS REPORTED THE ENEMY ACTIVITY. THE INSERT WAS ABORTED. THE INSERT HELICOPTER RECEIVED FIRE FROM VICINITY ZC203293 WHILE DEPARTING THE INSERT ZONE.

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30 NOV. PATROL RE-INSERTED VIC ZC188307 AT 1115H. PATROL OBSERVED 4 NVA MOVING TOWARDS PATROL'S POSITION VIC ZC188306. ENEMY WORE LONG SLEEVE GRAY SHIRTS, WEB GEAR AND EACH ENEMY CARRIED AN AK-47 RIFLE. PATROL INITIATED CONTACT FROM AN APPROXIMATE DISTANCE OF 25 METERS. POINT MAN MOVED FORWARD TO THE AREA WHERE THE ENEMY HAD BEEN OBSERVED. 1 NVA CAME OUT OF A SPIDER HOLE AND FIRED APPROXIMATELY 5 ROUNDS AT THE POINT MAN. THE POINT RETURNED FIRE. POINT MAN MOVED BACK AND FIRED 60 ROUNDS INTO THE GENERAL AREA WHERE THE ENEMY WAS OBSERVED. THE PATROL THEN MOVED BACK INTO THE AREA WHERE THE INITIAL CONTACT WAS MADE AND FOUND 4 SPIDER HOLES IN THE VICINITY WHICH WERE VACANT. PATROL FOUND POOLS OF BLOOD, DRAG MARKS AND 1 AK-47 MAGAZINE WITH 29 ROUNDS OF AMMO. (AK-47 MAGAZINE WAS FORWARDED TO III MAF G-2) PATROL MARKED THE AREA WITH RED SMOKE AND MOVED OUT. MARINE GUNSHIPS EXPENDED ORDNANCE IN VICINITY OF THE RED SMOKE. DURING THIS CONTACT MARINE GUNSHIPS OBSERVED MOVEMENT TOWARD THE PATROL IN VICINITY ZC190308. MARINE GUNSHIPS ALSO EXPENDED ORDNANCE ON THIS GRID COORDINATES. PATROL THEN MOVED TO HLZ AND WERE EXTRACTED. RESULTS 1 NVA KIA CONFIRMED BY PATROL.

011045H DECEMBER ZC185315 PATROL OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY 20 ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS AUTOMATIC AND SEMI AUTOMATIC FIRE FROM VICINITY ZC185314. THE FIRE APPEARED TO BE DIRECTED AT THE INSERT HELICOPTER AS IT DEPARTED THE INSERT ZONE. AFTER THE INSERT HELICOPTER DEPARTED THE AREA THE PATROL HEARD VOICES COMING FROM APPROXIMATELY THE SAME VICINITY AS THE FIRING.

011045H DECEMBER VIC ZC184315 PATROL'S REAR SECURITY MAN OBSERVED 3 NVA FOLLOWING THE PATROL. ENEMY WORE GRAY LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS AND WEB GEAR. THE TROUSERS COULD NOT BE OBSERVED DUE TO THE VEGETATION. THE ENEMY DID NOT WEAR COVERS OR CARRY PACKS. 2 OF THE ENEMY CARRIED AK-47'S AND 1 CARRIED A US M-1 CARBINE. THE ENEMY CARRYING THE CARBINE FIRED 3 ROUNDS AT THE PATROL. THE PATROL RETURNED 1 GRENADE.

011155H VIC ZC184315 THE REAR SECURITY MAN OF THE PATROL OBSERVED 5-6 NVA IN A SMALL CIRCLE. 1 NVA WAS TALKING AND THE OTHERS WERE LISTENING TO HIM. ENEMY WORE LONG SLEEVE GRAY SHIRTS WITH A MIXTURE OF GREEN OR GRAY TROUSERS. ENEMY DID NOT WEAR COVERS NOR CARRY PACKS. ENEMY WORE WEB GEAR AND 3 AK-47 RIFLES COULD BE OBSERVED. THE REAR MAN IN THE PATROL THREW 1 GRENADE AT THIS GROUP OF ENEMY RESULTING IN 2 NVA KIA. THE PATROL CALLED AN AIR OBSERVER, LEFT A CLAYMORE MINE WITH A 2 MINUTE TIME FUSE ON THEIR TRAIL AND MOVED NORTH NORTHWEST. THE PATROL HEARD THE CLAYMORE DETONATE 2 MINUTES LATER.

011210H VIC ZC186313 PATROL OBSERVED 1 FIRECRACKER ROUND.

011320H VIC ZC186314 REAR SECURITY OF THE PATROL OBSERVED 1 NVA MOVING TOWARDS PATROL. ENEMY WORE GRAY LONG SLEEVE SHIRT, THE ENEMY'S TROUSERS COULD NOT BE OBSERVED. THE ENEMY DID NOT WEAR A COVER OR CARRY A PACK. THE ENEMY CARRIED A RIFLE WHICH COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED DUE TO THE VEGETATION. THE REAR SECURITY MAN OF THE PATROL INITIATED CONTACT. RESULTS 1 NVA KIA.

011345H VIC ZC185314 WHILE THE PATROL WAS IN THE EXTRACT ZONE WAITING FOR EXTRACTION 3-4 NVA WERE OBSERVED IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY MOVING TOWARDS THE PATROL. THE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT OF THE ENEMY COULD NOT BE OBSERVED DUE TO THE DENSE VEGETATION.

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THE PATROL INITIATED CONTACT AND MARINE AH-1G'S EXPENDED ORDNANCE ON THE VICINITY OF THE ENEMY SIGHTING/CONTACT. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THIS CONTACT THE PATROL WAS EXTRACTED USING THE SPIE SYSTEM. THE EXTRACT HELICOPTER RECEIVED FIRE FROM VIC ZC186319; ZC186311; AND ZC191317. THE INSERT/EXTRACT NCO ABOARD THE EXTRACTION HELICOPTER OBSERVED 5 AIR-BURSTS BELOW THE RECON TEAM AND THE SPIE SYSTEM. THE EXTRACT HELICOPTER SUSTAINED 3 HITS.

b. TERRAIN WAS GENERALLY ROLLING HILLS WITH A CANOPY OF 20-30 FEET. SECONDARY GROWTH CONSISTED OF 4-10 FEET HIGH ELEPHANT GRASS, BAMBOO AND A THICK NETWORK OF VINES. MOVEMENT WAS RESTRICTED TO 50 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS PLENTIFUL IN THE AREA. CONCEALMENT IS FROM GOOD TO POOR. POOR CONCEALMENT EXISTS IN THE MANY BOMBED OUT AREAS IN THE VICINITY OF STREAMS VIC ZC188303 AND ZC185305. COVER IS FAIR CONSISTING OF BOMB CRATERS. SOIL COMPOSITION IS RED CLAY WHICH IS SLIPPERY WHEN WET MAKING MOVEMENT ON STEEP TERRAIN DIFFICULT.

c. WEATHER: CLEAR AND WARM.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. 1ST INSERT HLZ: 001441H NOV. 69 VIC ZC186307 1xCH-46 GOOD SITDOWN ZONE ON LEVEL GROUND WITH 3 FOOT GRASS. BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE SOUTHEAST. BEST DEPARTURE IS TO THE NORTHWEST OR THE SOUTHEAST.

b. 1ST EXTRACT HLZ: 030145H VIC ZC189304 1xCH-46 SITDOWN ZONE. GOOD ZONE ON LEVEL GROUND WITH 6 FOOT GRASS. BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE SOUTHEAST. BEST DEPARTURE ROUTE IS TO THE EAST.

(1) 2ND INSERT HLZ: 011045H DEC 69 VIC ZC187311 1xCH-46 A GOOD TAILGATE ZONE LOCATED ON THE KNOB OF STEEP HILL. 6 FOOT ELEPHANT GRASS IN THE ZONE. BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE EAST. THE BEST EXIT IS TO THE EAST.

(2) 2ND EXTRACT HLZ: 011345H DEC 69. VIC ZC185314 SPIE ZONE IN A BOMBED OUT AREA. THE GROUND AND CANOPY IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE ZONE ROSE TO APPROXIMATELY 85 FEET.

c. TRAILS: VIC ZC186313 PATROL OBSERVED A HIGH SPEED TRAIL RUNNING FROM EAST TO WEST, 4-5 FEET WIDE AND 4-5 FEET DEEP. TRAIL APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN USED THE SAME DAY PATROL OBSERVED IT.

d. OP'S: NONE EVER UTILIZED

e. COMM: COMM WAS DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF FRIENDLY TRAFFIC ON PRIMARY FREQUENCY OF 36.90.

f. OBSTACLES: VALLEY'S VIC ZC188303 AND ZC185305 WERE OBSTACLES BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF CONCEALMENT IN THEM.

g. MISC: NONE

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 4 NVA KIA BY RECON PATROL.

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: MARINE AIR OBSERVER AND GUNSHIP SUPPORT WAS OUTSTANDING.

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11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL LEADER STATES THAT THIS IS A DIFFICULT AREA TO BE INSERTED INTO WITHOUT BEING OBSERVED BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF HLZ'S. THE EXISTING HLZ'S ARE LOCATED ON LOW GROUND AND LACK GOOD CONCEALMENT.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: 1ST MARINE DIV POW SUPP INTERR REPORT. REFERENCE: DTC300247Z NOV 69. REPORTS THAT THE 1ST REGT. MF VC CP IS LOCATED IN GRID SQUARE ZC1831. ALL OF THE ENEMY OBSERVED BY THE PATROL HAD NEAT HAIRCUTS. NONE OF THE ENEMY OBSERVED BY THE PATROL CARRIED PACKS OR WORE COVERS. INDICATIONS ARE THAT THIS AREA IS NOW USED AS A BASE AREA BY THE ENEMY AT THE PRESENT TIME. SIGHTINGS IN SEPTEMBER 1969 AND EARLIER THIS YEAR INDICATE THAT THE ENEMY USED THIS AREA TO MOVE SUPPLIES THRU THE LINE.

## 13. PATROL MEMBERS:

|                 |         |        |
|-----------------|---------|--------|
| SGT. AYERS      | 1680579 | PTL LD |
| SGT. WILLIAMSON | 2356121 |        |
| CPL ADAMS       | 2492165 |        |
| PFC WHITEWING   | 2458340 |        |
| PFC IRELAND     | 2497878 |        |
| LCPL MANHEIT    | 2486029 |        |

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Patrol LeaderRobert E. Boland

DEBRIEFER

ZC1629

④ DENOTES GROUND CONTACTS AND  
ANTI-AIRCRAFT INCIDENTS.

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Ref: (a) Map: Vietnam, Sheet 6540 II  
 (b) 1stReconBnO PC3000-4  
 (c) 1stForReconCo Frag Crder 336-69  
 (d) III MAF OP Crder 8-69

Time Zone H

1. Situation

a. Enemy Forces. See Annex A (Intelligence)  
 b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 3rd 175 Battery, 11th Marines will provide pre-registered and on-call fires on order.

(2) Mag 16

a. Provide 2 AH-1G or UH-1E and 2 CH-46D helicopters and 1 OV-10 aircraft for insert on D-day and extraction on order.

b. Provide lift for reaction forces in accordance with reference (d).

(3) 1stMarDiv

a. Provide one AO for insert, extract and contacts, on order.  
 b. Provide reaction force in accordance with reference (d).

c. Attachments: none

2. Mission. Conduct a reconnaissance and surveillance operation with in assigned havens bounded by coordinates (UL) ZC1632, (LR) ZC2029 and (UL) ZC1328, (LR) ZC1625, to detect VC/NVA troop and logistics movement. Be prepared to call and adjust air/artillery on targets of opportunity. Be prepared to capture a prisoner on order.

3. Execution

a. Concept of Operation. Infiltrate by helicopter. Conduct an reconnaissance of designated area and extract by helicopter on order.

b. 2nd Platoon

(1) Provide one six man team to carry out the assigned mission in haven bounded by coordinates (UL) ZC1632 and (LR) ZC2029.

(2) Insert will be in vicinity of ZC164283

(3) Be prepared to designate extraction HLZ on D+4.

c. 4th Platoon

(1) Provide one six man team to carry out the assigned mission in haven bounded by coordinates (UL) ZC1328 and (LR) ZC1625.

(2) Insert will be in vicinity of ZC150262

(3) Be prepared to designate extraction HLZ on D+4.

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**SECRET**d. 5th Platoon

(1) Provide one seven man reaction force at AT990709, (LZ 469).

(2) Be prepared to insert on order.

## e. Coordinating Instructions

(1) D-day 28Nov69

(2) H-hour 0900 (Tentative)

(3) Conduct of Patrol - See reference (b)

## 4. Administration and Logistics

## a. See reference (b)

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.

c. 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 COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

## a. Call Signs and Frequencies

(1) 2nd Platoon - F-21 SEA SIDE Prim 36.90 Alt 58.25

(2) 4th Platoon - F-41 EMPIRE STATE Prim 36.90 Alt 58.25

(3) 5th Platoon - F-51 NIGHT COVER Prim 36.90 Alt 58.25

(4) 3rd 175mm gun battery - SWAMP LAND Prim 58.20

(5) Aerial Observer - COWPOKE Prim 42.90 Alt 31.90

(6) Det-mag 16 - TBA Prim 36.90 Alt 43.20

(7) RADIO RELAY - PONY BOY "A" Prim 36.90 Alt 58.25

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## b. Command Post

(1) 1stForReconCo AT990709

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Annex:

## A - Intelligence (NOTAL)

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TO-AYS INERTION: NONE

TO-AYS EXTRACTION: NONE

TO-AYS INERTION NOT COMPL-TED: F-51 NIGHT COVR VIC AT 839040

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TO-AYS NOT COMPL-TED: RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "A" VIC AT 837378

F-31 CAYENN- VIC AT 945344

TOMORROWS INERTION: NONE

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TODAYS INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED: M E E E E E E N U M E

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TODAYS INSERTIONS: NONE

TODAYS EXTRACTIONS: F-31 CAYENNE VIC AT 980350

TODAYS INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED: NONE

TOMORROW'S EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED OF NINE MEN ON RADIO RELAY PONY  
BOY "A" VIC AT 814383

TOMORROWS EXTRACTIONS: NONE

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OF TWO MEN VIC AT 81 383

TODAYS EXTRACTIONS: NONE

TODAYS INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED: NONE

TODAYS EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED: NONE

TOMORROWS INSERTIONS:

F-21 SEASIDE VIC ZC171289  
F-1 EMPIRE STATE VIC ZC143278

TOMORROWS EXTRACTIONS: NONE

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RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "A" TWO MEN ON RADIO RELAY VIC AT814383

TODAYS INSERTIONS: NONE

TODAYS EXTRACTIONS: NONE

TODAYS EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED: NONE

TODAYS INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED: F-21 SEASIDE VIC ZC 171289

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TOMMORROWS INSERTIONS: F-21 SEASIDE VIC ZC171289

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TOMMORROWS EXTRACTIONS: NONE

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RADIO RELAY PUNY BOY "A" TWO MEN ON RADIO RELAY VIC AT81 383EEEE  
VIC AT 814383

TODAYS INSERTIONS: NONE

TODAYS EXTRACTIONS: NONE

TODAYS INSERTIONS NOT COMPLETED: F-21 SEASIDE VIC ZC171289

F-41 EMPIRE STATE VIC ZC143276 DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

TODAYS EXTRACTIONS NOT COMPLETED: NONE

TOMORROWS INSERTIONS: F-21 SEASIDE VIC ZC171289

F-41 EMPIRE STATE VIC ZC143278

TOMORROWS EXTRACTIONS: NONE

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OF SEVEN AVAILABLE TEAMS THERE IS (1) TEAM IN THE FIELD AS  
 OF 2400H THIS DATE

TEAM

(1) RADIO RELAY PONY BOY "A" TWO MEN ON RADIO  
 RELAY VIC AT814383

(2) F-41 EMPIRE STATE VIC ZC148261  
 TODAYS INSERTIONS-F-21 SEA SIDE  
 VIC ZC189305

F-41 SEA SIDE VIC ZC150262 CONTACT WITH 5 NVA  
 TODAYS EXTRACTIONS-F-21 SEA SIDE EXTRACTED AFTER MAKING  
 TOMORROWS INSERTIONS-F-21 SEA SIDE TBA  
 TOMORROWS EXTRACTIONS- NONE

SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS

TEAM MADE CONTACT WITH 5 NVA MOVING NE TO SW. ENEMY WORE (5)  
 GRAY UTILITIES, ENEMY CARRIED (5) AK-47S AND COMPLETE WEB GEAR  
 1 ENEMY STOOD FROM SPIDER HOLE PUTTING SMALL ARMS ON TEAM. TEAM  
 ALSO SPOTTED 6-8 OTHER SPIDER HOLES IN GENERL AREA.  
 ACTION TAKEN: TEAM USED SMALL ARMS TO DISPERSE ENEMY AND

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BR AK CONTACT. TEAM HIT ONE ENEMY WITH SMALL ARMS BUT ENEMY  
 RECOVERED BODY AND WEAPON LEAVING (1) AK-47 MAGAZINE BEHIND WHICH  
 TEAM RECOVERED. TEAM HEARD LARGE AMOUNT OF MOVEMENT IN AREA.  
 TEAM WAS EXTRATED AFTER GUNSHIPS EXPENDED SMALL ARMS AND ORDNANCE.  
 175 GUNS IN AN HOA EXPENDED 20 RDS HE ON AREA AFTER TEAM EXTRACTED.  
 PATROL LEADER: SGT. D. E. AYERS

EXPERIENCE: 14 PATROLS &amp; RECONDO SCHOOL

WORD PICTURE OF ZONE: 4' TO 5' HIGH ELEPHANT GRASS, NUMEROUS SCRUB  
 TREES 4' TO 6' HIGH. 8-10 SPIDER HOLES SURROUNDING LZ.

REASON FOR ZONE MIXUP: AREA WAS BOMBED OUT CONSEQUENTLY WHEN BIRDS  
 GOT TO AREA ONE STREAM WAS MISTAKEN FOR A SECOND RESULTING IN  
 APPROX 1,000 METER ERROR.

ENTIRE MESSAGE CONCERNS TEAM F-21 SEA SIDE.

GENERAL

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

TEAM F-51 NIGHT COVER IS ON STAND BY AS A  
 REACTION FORCE VIC AT988708  
 HAVE HAD COM PROBLEMS ON 36-90. ARMY ART  
 IS ALSO ON NET. WILL CORRECT TOMORROW.

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