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Ref: (a) MCO 3480.1

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- (1) Operation Order 135-65
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- (39) TAOR/RAOR Overlay

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1. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

- a. Reporting Unit: 3d Reconnaissance Battalion
- b. Period Covered: 1 August to 31 August 1965
- c. Date of Submission: 8 September 1965
- d. Commanding Officer: LtCol D. H. BLANCHARD 039061
- e. Command Post: DANANG, VN (AT 955754)
- f. Subordinate Units:
 - (1) H&S Co: 1 August to 17 August Captain FRICKER, J. T. 079130
18 August to 31 August Captain CHAPMAN, E. J. Jr 060034
 - (2) CoA: Captain HUNTER, B. G. 060615
 - (3) CoB: Captain COMPTON, J. L. 071749
 - (4) CoC: Captain REVELL, J. E. 073593
 - (5) CoD: Captain COLLINS, P. G. 076320

- 2. MISSION. To establish a reconnaissance net between the PHU BAI, DANANG and CHU LAI enclaves.

3. OPERATIONS.a. Company A Operations.

- (1) 1-4 August: The Second Platoon's First Squad manned the position on DONG DEN Mountain (AT 837827), and extracted the Second Squad, First Platoon. Enclosure (1) and (2)
- (2) 2-3 August: Participated in OPERATION BLASTOUT 1 by establishing four OP's. Enclosure (38)
- (3) 4-6 August: Placed the Second Squad, First Platoon on DONG DEN Mountain. Enclosure (3)
- (4) 6-9 August: Placed the First Squad, First Platoon on DONG DEN Mountain replacing the Second Squad, First Platoon. Enclosure (4)
- (5) 6-8 August: The Second Platoon conducted night area reconnaissance, established daylight OP's and set in night ambush positions vic (AT 8471). Six significant sightings were reported and four VCS apprehended. Enclosure (5)
- (6) 7 August: A command group conducted a helo-recon of RAOR'S 2 and 3 vic (AT 8670). Enclosure (6)
- (7) 8-11 August: The Third Platoon conducted reconnaissance operations in RAOR-3 from (AT 847688) to (AT 852673). Enclosure (7). Two significant sightings resulted in addition to discovering a VC encampment.
- (8) 8 August: A command group conducted an aerial reconnaissance in order to determine routes of access into RAOR-4 and locations of possible OP sites. Enclosure (8)
- (9) 9-12 August: The Second Squad, Second Platoon was helo-lifted to DONG DEN Mountain to maintain the established OP. Enclosure (9). One significant sighting was reported.

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- (10) 9 August: A command group conducted an aerial reconnaissance of RAOR-4 to determine future landing zones. Enclosure (10)
- (11) 10 August: A command group conducted an aerial reconnaissance of RAOR-2 to select land routes for future operations in addition to day and night OP sites. Enclosure (11)
- (12) 11-14 August: The First Platoon conducted reconnaissance activities in RAOR-2 (AT 899775-AT 815748-AT 820775-AT 840782-AT 899775). Enclosure (12). Five significant sightings resulting in 21 VC's observed were reported.
- (13) 11-17 August: One team manned an OP at (AT 959745).
- (14) 12-15 August: The First Squad, Second Platoon relieved the Second Squad on DONG DEN Mountain. Enclosure (13)
- (15) 14-17 August: The Third Platoon conducted reconnaissance activities in RAOR-3 vic (AT 838720). Enclosure (14)
- (16) 15 August: The Second Squad, Second Platoon relieved the First Squad at DONG DEN Mountain. Enclosure (15). The Squad was relieved by a squad from Company D on 17 August.
- (17) 16-17 August: A composite platoon patrolled RED BEACH 2 (AT 935830 to AT 973798) during the hours of darkness. Enclosure (16)
- (18) 17-22 August: The Company was dispatched to CHU LAI where it supported OPERATION STARLIGHT. It returned at 221240.
- (19) 23-26 August: The Second Squad, First Platoon resumed the Company's manning of the OP at DONG DEN. Enclosure (17)
- (20) 24-31 August: Platoon and Squad sized units patrolled RED BEACH 2 during the hours of darkness. Enclosure (16)
- (21) 24 August: An aerial reconnaissance of RAOR's 1, 2 and 4 was conducted by the command group.
- (22) 26-29 August: The Second Platoon conducted reconnaissance activities in RAOR-3 vic (AT 918666). Enclosure (18). Four significant sightings totaling 25 VC's were reported. An artillery fire mission was requested and adjusted on 28 August resulting in an estimated 3 VC KIA's. Two USMC KIA's were sustained from a booby trap.
- (23) 26-29 August: The First Squad, First Platoon manned DONG DEN Mountain. Three significant sightings were reported totaling five VC's. Enclosure (19)
- (24) 29-31 August: The Second Squad, First Platoon manned DONG DEN Mountain. Six significant sightings were reported. Enclosure (20)

- (25) 29 August: A scuba team conducted a river search. (AT 998707 to AT 957680). Sniper fire was received. Enclosure (21)
- (26) 30 August: A command group conducted a helo-reecon of RED BEACH 2 and the area WEST of DONG DEN Mountain.
- (27) 30 August: A scuba team conducted a bridge reconnaissance (AT 927843) to determine the presence of any explosives; with negative results. Enclosure (22)
- (28) 30-31 August: The Third Platoon conducted reconnaissance activities in RAOL's 3 and 4 vic (AT 880650). Two significant sightings were reported totaling 18 VCS. Artillery fire was requested and delivered on 31 August. Unable to observe results. Enclosure (23)

b. Company D Operations.

- (1) 1-31 August: Manned an OP at MARBLE Mountain (BT 071709) with one platoon. During the reporting period four significant sightings were reported, to include 6 VCS on 5 August and 50 junks lying off-shore on 21 August. Small arms fire was received on 26 August with no casualties resulting. Enclosure (24) and (31)
- (2) 2-3 August: The Company (-) participated in OPERATION BLAST OUT 1, conducting a search and destroy mission on 2 August and a riparian reconnaissance on 3 August. Enclosure (36)
- (3) 4-5 August: The Second and Third Platoons conducted a screening mission in support of the Second Battalion, Ninth Marines. Enclosure (25)
- (4) 6-7 August: The Third Platoon conducted an area reconnaissance of CAM NE (1) and CAM NE (2). Enclosure (26)
- (5) 8 August: The Second Platoon conducted riparian operations on the SONG CAU DO (BT 021721 to BT 017718) without incident. Enclosure (27)
- (6) 12-13 August: The First and Second Platoons conducted a screening mission in support of Second Battalion, Ninth Marines. Enclosure (28)
- (7) 15 August: The Second Platoon conducted a riparian reconnaissance of the SONG CON BIEU (BT 050729 to BT 065703). Three VCS were apprehended (BT 045743) after the platoon received sniper fire. Enclosure (29)
- (8) 17-22 August: Manned the OP at DONG DEN. Six significant sightings were reported involving fifteen enemy personnel moving in the area of observation.

- (9) 17, 19-26 August: Platoons patrolled RED BEACH One without incident. Enclosure (30)
- (10) 18 August: The First Platoon conducted a screening operation in support of First Battalion, Ninth Marines by establishing four CP's (AT 987660 WEST to the SONG YEN). Sniper fire was received (AT 950660). The First Squad, Third Platoon ferried G/2/9 across the SONG CAU DO (AT 970699) without incident. Enclosure (32)
- (11) 19 August: Assisted G/2/9 in a river crossing utilizing rubber boats without incident.
- (12) 20 August: The First Squad, First Platoon ferried E/2/3 across the SONG CA DE using rubber boats. An CP was established (AT 878838) following the ferry. No incidents took place. Enclosure (33)
- (13) 24 August: The Third Platoon conducted a riparian reconnaissance of the SONG YEN. Enclosure (34)
- (14) 27 August: A team conducted an aerial point reconnaissance of the 9th Marines TAOR. Enclosure (35)
- (15) 28-29 August: First and Second Platoons conducted a surveillance screen in support of a First Battalion, Ninth Marines sweep. Enclosure (36)

c. H&S Company Operations.

- (1) 1-31 August: Manned OP (AT 959745).
- (2) 18 August: Patrolled RED BEACHES One and Two with a platoon. Enclosure (37)

d. 3d Reconnaissance Battalion Operations. The Battalion minus participated in OPERATION BLASTOUT 1. Enclosure (38)

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Operation Order 135-65

1. SITUATION.
 - a. Enemy Forces. Current ISUM'S
 - b. Friendly Forces. Current USUM'S AND PIR'S.
 - c. Attachments. None
2. MISSION. 1st 24 hour Scout Eagle OP 24 hours a day reporting all significant activity. Primary direction of observation WEST to NORTH, Secondary direction of observation, NORTH to EAST.
3. EXECUTION.
 - a. 1st 24 will leave 12 PIRN and land at OP Scout Eagle, relieving 2d.
 - b. Improvements will be made continuously on landing point.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.
 - a. Helos leave 12 PIRN at 300815. Pickup to be by 2 August 65 at a time to be designated.
 - b. 3d Recon SOP for supply and service pertaining to squad size operations.
 - c. Helmets and body armor will be worn.
 - d. Identification tags and Geneva Convention cards will be worn by each man.
5. COMBAT AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
 - a. 3d Recon SOP for communications will apply.
 - b. FREQ: P-43.6, A-51.9, Change "FLIP FLOP"
 - c. UDC: "QUICK HADON", 1st numeral starts with the day of the month and changes daily at 0001.
 - d. TUNING LINE: 860.
 - e. Company OP located at 3d Marines OP.

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Operation Order 136-65

1. SITUATION.
 - a. Enemy Forces. Current ISUM'S
 - b. Friendly Forces. Current OSUM'S AND PIR'S
 - c. Attachments. None.
2. MISSION. 2A12 man Seat Eagle OP 24 hours a day reporting all significant activity. Primary direction of observation WEST to NORTH, Secondary direction of observation, NORTH to EAST.
3. EXECUTION.
 - a. 2A12 will leave LZ FINCH and land at OP Seat Eagle, relieving 1A.
 - b. Improvements will be made continuously on landing point.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.
 - a. Helos leave LZ FINCH at 010900. Pickup to be by 4 August 65 at a time to be designated.
 - b. 3d Recon Bn SOP for supply and service pertaining to squad size operations.
 - c. Helmets and body armor will be worn.
 - d. Identification tags and Geneva Convention cards will be worn by each man.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS- ELECTRONICS.
 - a. 3d Recon Bn SOP for communications will apply.
 - b. FREQ: FM-40.4, AM-3662 2453.
 - c. DBC: "TIGER CLAWS", 1st numeral starts with the day of the month and changes daily at 0001.
 - d. TROOP LINE: 8684
 - e. Company CP located at 3d Marines CP.

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1. SITUATION.
 - a. Enemy Forces. Current ISUM'S
 - b. Friendly Forces. Current OPSUM'S AND PIR'S
 - c. Attachments. None
2. MISSION. 1A34 man Seat Eagle OP 24 hours a day reporting all significant activity. Primary direction of observation WEST to NORTH, Secondary direction of observation, NORTH to EAST.
3. EXECUTION.
 - a. 1A34 leave LZ FINCH and land at OP Seat Eagle, relieving 2A.
 - b. Improvement will be made continuously on landing point.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.
 - a. Helos leave LZ FINCH at 1030 4 August 65. Pickup to be by 7 August 65 at a time to be designated.
 - b. 3d Recon Bn SOP for supply and service pertaining to squad size operations.
 - c. Helmets and body armor will be worn.
 - d. Identification tags and Geneva Convention cards will be worn by each man.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
 - a. 3d Recon Bn SOP for communications will apply.
 - b. FREQ: FM-40.4 AM-2452
 - c. UBC "TIGER CLAWS", 1st numeral starts with the day of the month and changes daily at 0001.
 - d. THRUST LINE: 8684
 - e. Company CP located at 3d Marines CP.

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General (A/C of S, G-2)

Subj: Action Report, 2d Sqd, 1st Plt, Company A, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, 6 August 1965.

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1
(b) Map: Series L701, 1:50,000, Sheet 6658 IV.

1. In compliance with reference (a) the following report is submitted:

2. On the morning of 4 August 1965 at 1105H, 6 men led by Sgt R. H. HEASLEY from the 2d sqd, 1st plt, Company A, were helo lifted to DONG DEN Mountain, Coord AT 837827. The mission of the patrol was to man an observation post for a period of two days.

3. a. General review of significant events.

On arrival at the OP position the patrol immediately used the B.C. Scope to conduct an area surveillance of the EASTERN and WESTERN portion of RAOR #1. From 041130H to 050001H no significant sightings were observed. At 050130H in Grid Square 9486 a small series of explosions was heard. We observed one fuel storage tank in flames, possibly two. At 050230H in the general area of the blazing fuel tanks, tracer rounds being fired into that area were observed.

The area was then kept under observed the remainder of the night. At 051620H, Coord AT 852862, three men were observed. The 3 men stopped for a period of about 5 minutes and separated in various directions. Their movement was lost due to vegetation and natural obstacles. These VCS had no weapons or equipment. At 051625H, coord AT 860860, one man walking at the river's edge heading in a ~~NORTH~~ ^{NORTH} W. direction was observed. No weapons or equipment were noted. The patrol lost sight of the man when he entered a vegetated area. At 061140H, coord AT 859862, eight men were observed coming down the foot hills at coord AT 851861 to the vicinity of the village at coord AT 857862. At the village they proceeded to a hut and entered it, never being observed exiting. From 061140H to 061515H no significant sightings were observed. The patrol was relieved by 1st sqd, 1st plt, Co A, at 061525H and Helo lifted back to the 3d Recon Bn CP.

b. Patrol leaders evaluation of significant events:

- (1) Explosion in the fuel storage area could have been by the VC.
- (2) The firing of tracers could have been utilized to set off other fuel tanks in the immediate area.

c. Factual information in support of significant events.

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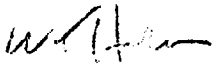
- (1) A fuel tank did burn.
- (2) Tracers were observed.

d. Conclusions

None

e. Recommendations

- (1) Clear away a portion of the NORTHERN area of the OP site for better observation of assigned areas.


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Operation Order 138-65

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current ISUM's
- b. Friendly Forces. Current OPSUM's and PIR's
- c. Attachments. NONE

2. MISSION. 1A12 man Soat Eagle OP 24 hours a day reporting all significant activity. Primary direction of observation WEST to NORTH, Secondary direction of observation, NORTH to EAST.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. 1A12 will leave LZ FINCH and Land at 061015OP Soat Eagle, Relieving 1A34
- b. Improvements will be made continuously on landing point.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Helos leave LZ FINCH at 061000. Pickup to be by 9A0065 at a time to be designated.
- b. 3dReconBn SOP for supply and service pertaining to squad size operations.
- c. Helmets and body armor will be worn.
- d. Identification tags and Navy Convention cards will be worn by each man.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. 3dReconBn SOP for communications will apply.
- b. FREQ: AM-49.1, FM-2452
- c. UBC "TIGER CLAWS" 1st Numeral starts with the day of the month and changes daily at .
- d. THRUST LINE:
- e. Company CP located at 3d Marines CP.

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Ref: (a) Map: INDO-CHINA, 1:50,000, Sheet 6657 III Series L701

TIME ZONE: H

TASK ORGANIZATION:

2nd Platoon CoA, 3d Recon Bn

2/Lt MACCASKILL

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current ISUM'S
- b. Friendly Forces. Current OPSUM'S AND PIR'S
- c. Attachments. Two (2) ARVN SOLDIERS.

- 2. MISSION. 2nd Platoon CoA will conduct night undetected land recon, establish daylight OP's and establish night selective ambush positions in RAOR-3 from 6-8 August 65.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operation. The 2nd Platoon CoA w/attachments will leave ReconBn area at 061730 and truck to vicinity of 899774. Make final liaison with F/2/3 for exit and reentry. At 062000 2A will depart detrucking area to CP's #1, 2, and 3 arriving at the latter NLT 070200. 2A34 remain vicinity CP #3 and establish night OP along trail. 2A3 and 2A4 remain in vicinity of CP'S 3 and 4 and establish daylight OP's prior to daylight. 2A12 move onto vicinity CP's 5 and 6 establish a night OP near trail vicinity of CP's 5 and 6. 2A12 establish daylight OP's in vicinity of CP's 5 and 6 prior to daylight. At 072000, 2A12 move to CP's 7, 4, and 3 joining up with 2A34 in vicinity of CP's 4 and 3, NLT 072400. 2A then proceed to CP's 8, 2, 1, and intrucking area arriving NLT 080600. At intrucking area 2A secure area, contact F/1/3 prior to entry into area until pickup by truck at 080630 August 65.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. 2nd Plat, CoA truck from ReconBn area at 061730 and truck to vicinity of 899774. Pickup 080630 August 65 at 899774 and return to ReconBn area.
- b. 3d Recon SOP pertaining to supply and personnel for platoon size operations.
- c. Body armor and helmets will be worn unless deemed undesirable by the Patrol Leader.
- d. Identification tags and Geneva Convention cards will be worn and carried by each man.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. 3d ReconBn SOP for communications pertaining to platoon size operations.
- b. All stations will report each hour on the hour and at other times deemed necessary.

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- c. Position reports will be asked for by using the code "BRAVO REPORT".
- d. A report of "all secure, situation remains the same", will be reported "Alpha Sierra Sierra Romeo Sierra".
- e. ~~FREQ: FM-40.4, (Long-Range PLP)~~
- f. URG: "NIGHT WALKS", 1st letter starting with the day of the month and changing daily at 0001.
- g. THRUST LINE: 8775
- h. E&E: "MAKE TRACKS".
- i. Authentication: Baseball team-City.
- j. Platoon Commander with 2A1.

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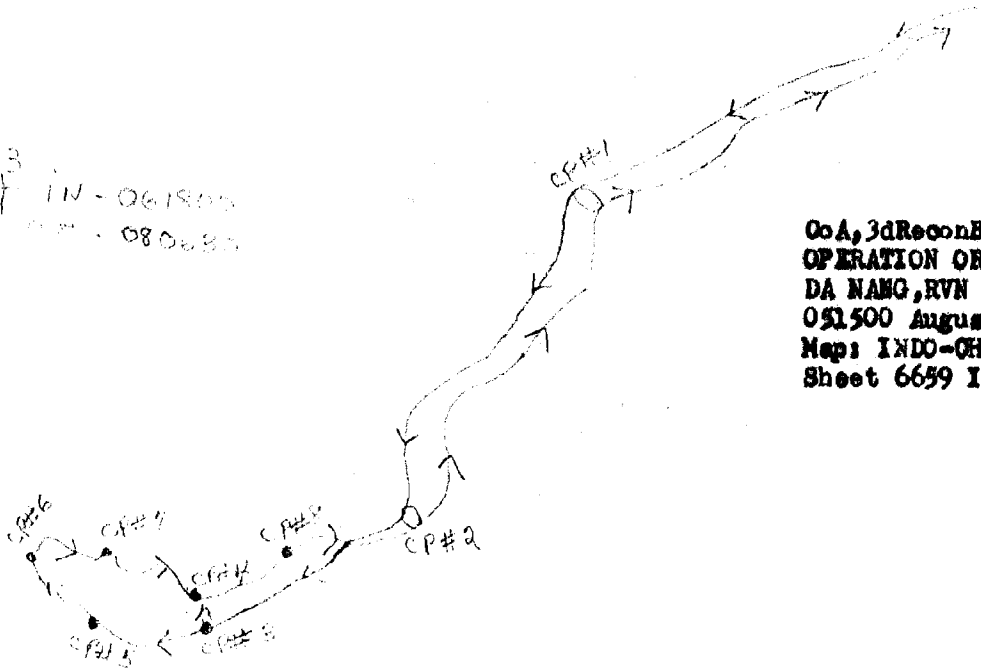
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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat 2-A

MAPS: No 6659 III Series L701, 1:50,000

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Officer (18) Enlisted (1) USN
(1) ARVN
2. MISSION: Area Recon of RAOR #3 and a night route recon.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 061700H August 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 080700H August 1965
5. ROUTE: See overlay to Company A, Operation order #139-65
6. OBSERVATIONS:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
062100H Aug 65	AT 861735	3 VC in village of TAN-AN-DHUONG
062230H Aug 65	AT 8477	6 VC were in village of LONG SON
070800H Aug 65	AT 841719	1 VC was apprehended.
070830H Aug 65	AT 841719	3 VC were apprehended.
070830H Aug 65	AT 840719	Two large cement structures were observed
070830H Aug 65	AT 840719	3 VC's were fleeing the area of two cement constructed structures.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

- a. In the village of LONG SON. AT 847719 6 VC were harrassing some of the village people. The patrol was within audible & visual distance. The ARVN interpreter assigned to the patrol confirmed the fact that the 6 men, harrassing the people, were VC. This was determined by the exchange of talk between the people.
- b. One VCS was apprehended AT 841719. The patrol was proceeding along the trail when the VCS made contact with the point element of the patrol. The VCS was not armed and did not possess any documents. He was not released, but taken with the patrol until turned over to ARVN ITT later

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- c. The patrol proceeding on the trail in a westerly direction, was overtaken accidentally by 3 VCS. (P 841719). The rear point of the patrol, heard movement from his immediate rear. He took cover and apprehended the 3 VCS as they passed the rear point of the patrol. The 3 VCS were not armed and did not possess any equipment. One VCS was released after being interrogated by the ARVN interpreter. The two other VCS continued with the patrol until released to ARVN personnel.
 - d. The three VCS apprehended by the patrol were released to the ARVN ITT team operating with Company A 1st Bn 3rd Marines.
 - e. The two cement structures at Coord AT 840719 were living spaces for lepers. Nine people were found inside these structures. All 9 people had leprosy. This was confirmed by the ARVN interpreter & the patrol corpman. Inside the living spaces, 8, 100 lb. sacks of grain were noted. In addition, there were 11 large sacks of charcoal, & 4 shoulder carrying haversacks. Stenciled on the 8 sacks of grain, the people to people symbol was noted. Prior to entering the leper area, 3 VCS were sighted fleeing from the vicinity in a North Westerly direction. No weapons or equipment were noted.
 - f. The road followed as depicted by patrol overlay is restricted to light vehicular traffic. The road is restricted to one way traffic. From AT 845748 to AT 846720, the road is constricted by heavy vegetation. All small bridges have been destroyed but are easily repairable. To bypass destroyed bridges would prove difficult in certain areas. The road is not suitable for 1/4 or 3/4 ton vehicles. Mules for resupply purposes could be utilized.
 - g. Communications in areas of grid squares AT 8471, AT 8472, AT 8473, and AT 8573 are unreliable, especially in and around the valleys & ravines, but excellent for the high ground.
 - h. Water along the patrol route was plentiful and drinkable by utilizing Halizone tablets.
- 8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: (3) VCS apprehended.
 - 9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: good.
 - 10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Recommend another patrol be designated in that area.

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11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None

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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Seat A-6

MAPS: Series L701, Sheet 6658 IV, 6659 III, 1:50,000

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: 3 - Capt. HUNTER, Lt COLLET, Cpl CUNNINGHAM
2. MISSION: Recon of R/LR's 2 & 3
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 071615H August 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 071700H August 1965
5. ROUTE: See Overlay
6. OBSERVATIONS:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
071655H Aug 65	AT 8670	One lone tree on a ridge line, short grass; 2 VCS NORTH side of tree and 2 SOUTH side in column about 10 - 15 meters apart dressed in white straw hats, black PJ's. Two had PJ's cut off or rolled up. When first observed just beginning to run, then noticed fifth man on low ground coming up hill, 50 to 75 meters to rear. They remained in column running along ridge line toward brush. As hole circled seen running into brush and disappeared from view of binoculars one lone man in rear disappeared in gully on WEST side of ridgeline.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

Could not locate a trail into mouth of Happy Valley although stream bed appeared passable. (8967) Did see trail leading from mouth into canopy on SOUTH EAST side of BA' NA' (2070). Observed a trail on NORTH EAST side of BA' NA' leading into canopy way station (8972) and observed 3 people, these in the one bldg observed.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

No contact.

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9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:

Excellent

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Believe that 5 men observed not normal farmers and were at least connected with VC movements.

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER:

None

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 061500 August 65

OPERATION ORDER 140-65

Ref: (a) Map: Vietnam 1:50,000, Sheet 6659 IV

TIME ZONE: H

TASK ORGANIZATION:

3rd Platoon CoA

1/Lt COLLET

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current ISUM'S
- b. Friendly Forces. Current OPSUM'S AND PIR'S
- c. Attachments. One (1) ARVN SOLDIER

2. MISSION. 3rd Platoon CoA will conduct undetected night land reconnaissance, establish daylight OP's and establish selective night ambush positions in RAOR-3 from 8-11 August 1965.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operation. The 3rd Platoon CoA w/attachments will helo lift from LZ upper FINCH at 081800 and land vicinity LZ (847688). 3A will at 082000 move to CP's 1 and 2, arriving at the latter NLT 082400. 3A establish night OP in vicinity of CP #2 until about 090500. At about 090500, 3A12 locate trail and move to vicinity of CP #3 and establish daylight OP. At 090500 3A34 locate trail and move to vicinity of CP #4 and establish daylight OP. At 092000 3A12 move to vicinity CP #5 and establish a night OP position, remaining in this general location for daylight OP following day at 092000. 3A34 move to vicinity CP #6 and establish night OP. At about 100500 3A34 move to vicinity CP's 8 and 10 confirm intelligence reports from these areas. After reconnaissance in vicinity of CP's 8 and 10, 3A34 establish daylight OP in vicinity of CP# 6, 8 or 10, reporting position selected. At 102000 3A12 move to CP's 7, 9 and 2 arriving the latter NLT 110200 for join up with 3A34. At 102000 3A34 move to CP's 12 and 2 arriving the latter NLT 110200 for join up with 3A12. 3A move at 110200 to LZ(852673) arriving NLT 110600. Secure LZ and remain until pickup at 110630.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. 3rd Platoon CoA helo lift from LZ upper FINCH at 081800 and land vicinity LZ(847688). Pickup time 110630 at LZ(852673) and return to LZ upper FINCH.
- b. 3rd Recon Bn SUP pertaining to supply and personnel for platoon size operations.
- c. Body armor and helmets will be worn unless deemed undesirable by Platoon Leader.
- d. Identification tags and Geneva Convention cards will be worn by each man.

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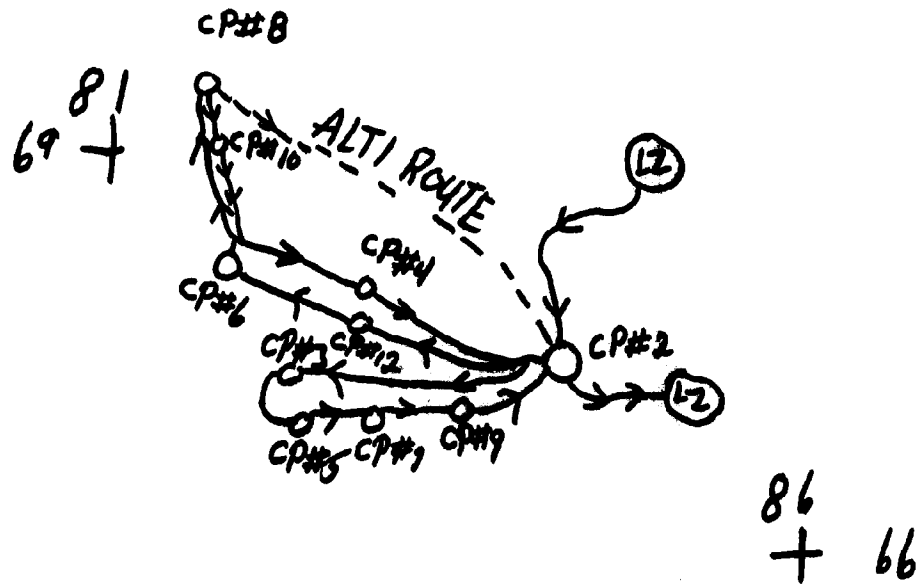
- a. 3rd ReconBn SOP for communication pertaining to platoon size operations.
- b. All stations will report each hour on the hour and at other times deemed necessary.
- c. Position reports will be asked for by using code "BRAVO REPORT".
- d. A report of "all secure, situation remains the same", will be reported "Alpha Sierra Sierra Romeo Sierra".
- e. FREQ: 40.4
- f. THERUST LINE: 8670
- g. CB: "RAD WHISKEY, 1st letter starting with the day of the month and changing daily at 0001.
- h. Authentication: Baseball team-STATE
- i. Platoon Commander with 3412.

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081700H 081700H
3rd Reconnaissance Bn
DA HANG, VI
081700H, Aug 1965

PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Seat 3-A

MAPS: NONO SON 6658 IV Ser. L-701 1:50,000

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off ⁽¹⁵⁾ Enl (1) ARVN
2. MISSION: Area reconnaissance in RAOR #4
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 081700H
4. TIME OF RETURN: 101800H
5. ROUTE (SHOWN ON OVERLAY): Refer to operation order 140-65
6. OBSERVATIONS-ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
090730H	AT 860690	Patrol observed 8 VC walking in an Easterly direction.
090740H	AT 860690	Patrol observed two groups of four men at river bank.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 082030H AT 875691 near the village of CAO-SUNG #3, the patrol was moving in a Westerly direction when they heard movement and many voices from three directions, North, South, and West. No contact was made.
- (2) 090740H AT 860690 the patrol observed two groups of four men each floating undetermined objects down stream in tin containers. The men were not armed.
- (3) 090730H AT 860690 the patrol observed 8 VC heading in an Easterly direction. Three of the VC had rifles. The other 5 VC were carrying rice sacks slung diagonally across their shoulders. Visual contact was lost due to dense vegetation.
- (4) 091300H AT 851690 the patrol observed possible elephant tracks, and elephant spoor at the stream junction at grid coordinate AT 851690. This area could be a water point for elephants.
- (5) 100630H AT 838691 The patrol entered a VC incampment. The encampment consisted of three huts. The foundations of the huts were built around the trees. This enabled the huts to be elevated from the ground. The huts were built about two or three months ago. This was determined by the

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green bamboo used in the construction and still remaining visible. In one hut was a kitchen and sleeping area. The kitchen area in the hut contained a stove of Vietnamese origin. A shelf in the kitchen area contained twenty six 81 mm Mortar containers. It was noted that the containers were new. One M5 prop INCR F/81 mm-m Lot RAD-64578 was found near the container. No Mortar rounds or fuses were found in the area. Rations and medical supplies of a small quantity were found. The paper bindings around the rations had the people to people symbol. The cups in the kitchen were clean and neatly arranged on a shelf. The sleeping area & the kitchen area were clean & well kept. The sleeping platform could accommodate 5 or 6 people. The second hut was a sleeping area. There were two distinct sleeping platforms. These two sleeping platforms could accommodate thirty to forty men, possibly more. This sleeping area was also neatly kept. Butt kits were noted in both huts. This was determined by the ARVN interpreter who read the Vietnamese writing on the containers. Hooks were noted in both huts for hanging clothing or other items. The camp itself was in proper police. In the camp area near the dwelling approximately 100 ft of clothes line was noted. Within the camp site were two freshly dug shelters; one was L shaped, one was rectangular. Both were of military specifications. These two shelters were believed used for demonstration purposes. Another shelter, containing a subterranean excavation was also noted. This could have been used as a bunker or ammo storage space. Three cleared areas near the camp site may be of significant value. Two of the cleared areas were approximately 10 ft in diameter, and one was 60 ft in diameter. These three areas were masked but had overhead clearance. The rest of the camp site was obscure from aerial observation due to trees and tropical vegetation which measured from ten to fifteen ft high. This canopy extended down to the banks of the river, and around the camp site except for the three cleared areas previously mentioned. The camp site is approximately 75 meters from the river. There are numerous trails leading to and from the camp site. Vegetation along these trails is dense and natural overhead cover throughout exists. The river runs from East to West. The width from bank to bank is approximately six to eight feet; the depth from 6" to 4 ft in some areas. The water is drinkable with the use of Halzone tablets. One trail leading from the camp site on Easterly direction has been obstructed with a man made obstacle. This obstacle is constructed of bamboo & brush approximately four to five ft high.

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Its purpose could not be determined. The trails leading to and from the camp site were not observed to be booby-trapped. One trail leading from the camp site to the river's edge continues from the opposite bank in a North-Westerly direction towards hill mass 995. Documents of significant value acquired by the patrol were forwarded to ITT for inspection. The patrol leader 1st Lt. L.G. GOLLET, 3d Plt Co A, 3d Reconnaissance Bn. took photos of the camp site area, 81 mm mortar container, possible elephant tracks, and possible 81 mm mortar positions. The film roll will be forwarded for development.

3. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No contact made
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Fair, no casualties.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Recommendation: That the camp site area be considered for a possible search and clear operation. Conclusion: Movement of the patrol through out the area was very difficult and time consuming due to the dense vegetation, limited trails and numerous leeches.

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081200H August 1965

PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat Alpha

MAPS: Tourane Sheet No 6658 IV, Series L701, 1:50,000

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (3) Officers (2) Enlisted
2. MISSION: Aerial Recon of possible routes of access into RAOR #4 and locations of possible OP sites.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 081200H August 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 081230H August 1965
5. ROUTE
6. OBSERVATIONS:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
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No significant sightings

7. OTHER INFORMATION: Possible OP sites for observation into RAOR #4 are as follows: (1) AT 081571 (2) AT 810575 (3) AT 818579 (4) AT 834580 (5) AT 861588 (6) AT 880600 (7) AT 888603 (8) AT 892610 (9) AT 904611. OP sites not favorable for future operations; this was determined by lack of a cover resulting from previous fires in these areas. (1) AT 878577 (2) 948598.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:
Good
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
Recommend OP sites referred to in para #7 be considered.

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1stLt Co A

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None

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Operation Order 741-65

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current ISUM's
- b. Friendly Forces. Current OPSUM's and PIR's
- c. Attachments. NONE

2. MISSION. 2A 34 man Scat Eagle OP 24 hours a day reporting all significant activity. Primary direction of observation WEST to NORTH, Secondary direction of observation, NORTH to EAST.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. 2A234 will leave LZ FINCH and Land at 090950 OP Scat Eagle, Relieving 1A 34
- b. Improvements will be made continuously on landing point.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Helos leave LZ FINCH at 090950. Pickup to be by 12 Aug 65 at a time to be designated.
- b. 3dReconBn SOP for supply and service pertaining to squad size operations.
- c. Helmets and body armor will be worn.
- d. Identification tags and Geneva Convention cards will be worn by each man.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. 3dReconBn SOP for communications will apply.
- b. FREQ: 40.4
- c. UBC "nightwalk", 1st Numeral starts with the day of the month and changes daily at
- d. THRUST LINE:
- e. Company CP located at 3d Marines CP.

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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat (2-A-2) 2d Sqd, 2d Plt, Company A

MAPS: Tourane: Sheet No 6659 III, Series L701, 1:50,000

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (7) Enlisted (1) USN
2. MISSION: Observation and surveillance from OP Scat Eagle of RAOR #1
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 091000H August 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 120940H August 1965
5. ROUTE: N/A
6. OBSERVATIONS -

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
1009340H Aug 65	AT 851865	One metal object was observed at coordinates AT 851865. 6 to 8 VCS were attempting to conceal object from view.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

The Squad leader, Sgt K. D. LESTER, 2d Squad, 2d Plt, Company A, whose squad was occupying OP Scat Eagle reported at 1009340H that he had observed from his observation point a silver greyish metal object. (AT 851865) The metal object was brought to attraction because of the sun's reflection causing a glare. The metal object was cylindrical in shape; only about five feet of the metal object was visible due to surrounding vegetation. The aperture of the metal object was approximately 2 feet in diameter.

Around the metal object were 8 VCS. These VCS were in chest high vegetation. It was noted that the 8 VCS wore a green type shirt with no head gear. No weapons or equipment could be observed. Activity of the 8 VCS were as follows: (1) They first cleared an area approximately 20 to 30 yds wide through the vegetation for the metal object. (2) They then reversed their activity and were replacing the vegetation in order to conceal the metal object. Through this process both metal object and the 8 VCS were obscured from view and visual contact was broken.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

No contact made.

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9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:

Good

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusions None.

Recommendation: That small mount be made or requisition for BC scope on tree.

K. D. LESTER
Sgt USMC
2dSqd, Ldr, 2dPlt

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: In view of events which transpired as a direct result of this sighting, it is apparent that, as the 3d Recon Bn CO has often commented. The greatest weakness of Marines today is faulty map reading. This was true in WW II, KOREA and is true today. It is apparent that this sighting, albeit with 7 X 50 binoculars, failed to allow for irregularities in the conformity of the 5000m of intervening terrain between the observer and the object being observed, thereby resulting in an error of 1000 meters in the coordinates as reported by the NGF Spot Team.

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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat Alpha

MAPS: Tourane Sheet No 6658 IV, Series L-701, 1:50,000

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (3) Officers (4) Enlisted
2. MISSION: Aerial Recon of TAOR #4
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 091100H
4. TIME OF RETURN: 091200H
5. ROUTE (SHOW ON OVERLAY):
6. OBSERVATIONS-ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
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No significant sightings

7. OTHER INFORMATION: Purpose of Mission: To designate certain areas in TAOR #4 as future landing zones. (1) Designated landing zones selected were as follows: (1) AT 885604 (2) AT 921616 (3) AT 927631 (2) Designated landing zones on ridges in Vic of grid squares, (1) AT 8861 (2) AT 8961 (3) AT 8692 (4) 9063.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No contact made
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:
Excellent
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
Recommend that landing zones designated be considered for future Reconnaissance operations in TAOR #4

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: Debriefers concurs with recommendation by patrol leader.

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100900H, 10 August 1965

PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat Alpha X-RAY

MAPS: Tourane Sheet No 6659 III, Series L-701, 1:50,000

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (2) Officers (5) Enlisted
2. MISSION: Aerial Reconnaissance of RAOR #2
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 100900H
4. TIME OF RETURN: 100930H
5. ROUTE (SHOW ON OVERLAY): Not Applicable
6. OBSERVATIONS-ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
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No significant sightings

7. OTHER INFORMATION: Purpose of Mission: (1) To determine and select land routes for future operations into RAOR #2 (2) To determine & select day or night observation post sites for future operations in RAOR #2 (3) 100930H grid square AT 8477. The village of THON HOA TRUNG did not appear to be inhabited.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No visual observation was made.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Excellent, no casualties.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Conclusion. (1) That the recent aerial reconnaissance flights have been vital instruments of visual terrain analysis for the planning of future operations.

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11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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092330, Aug 1965

Operation Order 142-65

Ref: (a) Map: Vietnam 1:50,000, Sheet 6659 III Ser. L-701

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: 1st Platoon Co A. 2/1t RECON BN.

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy forces. Current ISOM'S
- b. Friendly forces. Current OPSUM'S and PIR'S
- c. Attachments. One (1) ARVN Soldier

2. MISSION. 1st Platoon Co A will conduct undetected nightland reconnaissance, establish day light OP's and selective night ambush positions in AOI #2 from 11-14 Aug 65.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operation. The 1st Platoon Co A with attachments will leave Recon Bn area at 111700 and truck to vicinity of (AT 899774). Make final liaison with F/2/3 for exit and reentry of their position. at 111930, 1A will depart detrucking area and proceed to CP #1, 2, 3, and 4 arriving at the latter MLT 112400. At CP #4 (squad release point) 1A12 proceed to CP #5 and set up a night CP position on trail. 1A34 move to CP #6 and set a night CP position. By 120600, 1A12 and 1A34 will establish day light OP's in vicinity of CP #5 and 6 respectively. At 131931, 1A12 move to CP's 5 and 4 arriving not later than 132130. 1A34 move through village of THON 104 MLT 132300 arriving at CP #9 MLT 132300. 1A12 will move from CP #4 paralleling 1A34 (moving through village) and join up with 1A34 at CP #9 MLT 132300. 1A depart CP #9 at 132300 and proceed to CP's 3, 2 (check village) and 1 (check village). 1A will wait for day light prior to passing through friendly positions (contact by radio if possible) and proceed to intrucking area arriving MLT 140700. Return to Recon Bn area.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. 1st Platoon Co A truck from Recon Bn area at 111700 to vicinity of (899774). Pickup 140630 at (899774) and return to Recon Bn area.
- b. 3rd Recon Bn SOP pertaining to supply and personnel for platoon size operations.
- c. Body armor and helmets will be worn unless deemed impractical by patrol leader.

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d. Identification tags and Geneva Conventions cards will be worn and carried by each man.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL NOTATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. 3rd Recon In SOP for communication pertaining to platoon size operations.
- b. All stations will report each hour on the hour and at other times deemed necessary.
- c. Position reports will be asked for by using code bravo report.
- d. A report of all secure, situation remains the same will be reported "ALPHA BRAVO THREE ROMEO BRAVO".
- e. FREQ: 40.4
- f. TALKOUT TIME: 0530
- g. UBC: "SHIP AROUND", 1st letter starting with the day of the month and changing daily at 001.
- h. AWT LOCATION: Baseball team-state.
- i. Platoon Commander with 1412.
- j. Company C.P. located at 3rd Marines.

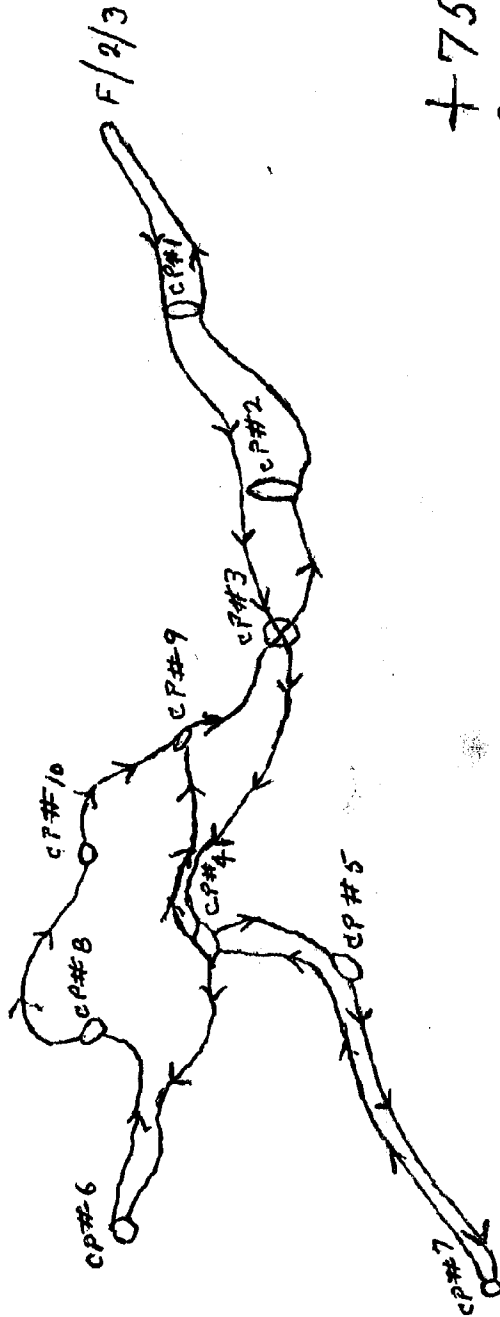
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3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of operation. The 1st Platoon Co A with attachments will leave Recon Bn area at 111700 and truck to vicinity of (AT 899774). Make final liaison with F/2/3 for exit and reentry of their position. At 111930, 1 A will depart detrucking area and proceed to CP #1, 2, 3, and 4 arriving at the latter NLT 112400. At CP #4 (squad release point) 1A12 proceed to CP #5 and set up a night OP position on trail. 1A34 move to CP #6 and set a night OP position. By 120600, 1A12 and 1A34 will establish day light OP's in vicinity of CP #5 and 6 respectively. At 121930, 1A12 move to CP #7 and establish night OP. At 121930, 1A34 move to CP #8 and establish a night OP. By 130600 1A12 and 1A34 will establish daylight OP's in vicinity of CP's 7 and 8 respectively. At 131930, 1A12 move to CP #5 and 4 arriving NLT 132130. 1A34 move through village of THAN HOA TRUNG arriving at CP #9 NLT 132300. 1A12 will move from CP #4 parrelling 1A34 (moving through village) and join up with 1A34 at CP #9 NLT 132300. 1A depart CP # 9 at 132300 and proceed to CP's 3, 2, (check village) and 1 (check village). 1A will wait for daylight prior to passing through friendly positions (contact by radio if possible) and proceed to intrucking area arriving NLT 140700. Return to Recon Bn area

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 DA NANG, VI
 110900H, August 1965

PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Seat 1-A 1st Plt. Company A

MAPS: Tourane: 6659 III Ser. L-701 1:50,000

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (15) Enl. (1) USN (1) AMN
2. MISSION: Area Reconnaissance of RAOM #2
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 111700H
4. TIME OF RETURN: 140900H
5. ROUTE (SHOW ON OVERLAY): Refer: OP. order 142-65
6. OBSERVATIONS-ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

TIME	COORDINATES	OBSERVATION
131500H	AT 838779	(1) One VC woman, carrying a rucksack moving from North to South.
131515H	AT 838779	(2) 5 VC were observed in rice paddy moving from NORTH to SOUTH.
131600H	AT 838779	(3) 5 VC were observed moving SOUTH to NORTH in rice paddy.
131745H	AT 838779	(4) 9 VC were observed moving SOUTH in rice paddy.
131745H	AT 838779	(5) One VC possibly wounded from artillery fire.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. The VC woman observed by the patrol at 131500H at grid coordinates AT 838779 was not armed. She was carrying a rucksack which was filled to capacity. The rucksack was green in color. The woman's garments consisted of a standard straw Vietnamese hat, a blue shirt, and black pajama trousers. As she proceeded across the rice paddy complex she would stop occasionally and observe in all directions. Hearing a dense vegetated area she removed her head gear for approximately 5 min. The patrol believed this to be a signal. It is also believed she was the point or scout for a smaller unit attempting to cross the rice paddy complex. The woman entered the densely vegetated area and

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visual contact was broken. The woman entered the vegetated area at grid coordinates AT 838779. The woman was young and had long hair.

b. At 131515H 4 VC and one woman were observed crossing the rice paddy complex coming from the same direction and heading for the same area that the other woman had been observed entering. One VC was armed with an M-1 rifle. Another VC was carrying a green ruck sack which was filled to capacity. The other two VC had no weapons, and equipment was not observed. The woman had no weapon or equipment. The 5 VC were wearing shirts and trousers of various color, but no head gear was noted. They were walking in a file and entered the vegetated area at grid coordinates AT 838779.

c. At 131600H at grid coordinates AT 838779, 5 VC were observed leaving the area they had previously occupied. The VC all had weapons but no equipment was noted. Mid way between the rice paddy complex they suddenly halted, looked in all directions and returned to the vegetated area at grid coordinates AT 838779. The patrol leader believes someone had informed the VC that they were under observation.

d. The patrol leader requested artillery fire at grid coordinates AT 838779. Artillery fire was delivered in that area, but no kills or casualties were noted.

e. At 131745H at grid coordinates AT 838779 9 VC were observed leaving the area in a SOUTHERLY direction. The lead man had an automatic weapon. The other 8 VC were armed with rifles. The type of rifle could not be determined. Some of the VC had bandoleers of ammo across their chests. No cartridge belts or equipment were noted. They moved across a rice paddy complex in two groups. The first group consisted of 6 men. Interval between the groups was approximately 100 meters. They were moving in file, in a crouched position, and at a hasty pace. One man was carrying two rifles. One VC's arm hung limply at his side. This VC may have been wounded by the artillery barrage. Visual contact was broken when the 9 VC entered the densely vegetated area. Artillery fire was delivered in this area. Visual contact was broken and no determination of the artillery's effect could be ascertained.

f. The patrol then entered the area at grid coordinates AT 838779. This is the area in which the 5 VC had been hiding. In this area a clearing was observed approximately 100 meters long and 50 meters wide. The area was surrounded by dense vegetation. The EASTERN portion of the clearing contained 7 well camouflaged spider holes. The spider holes were 2 feet wide and were 3 to 4 feet deep. In the area a pair of shower shoes were noted. No blood stains were observed.

g. The patrol leader indicated that at 132100H while the patrol was passing on the outskirts of the village of TRON - PHUOC - DONG at grid coordinates AT 834768 numerous voices were heard. The ARVN interpreter listened and informed the patrol leader that the VC were talking

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to some inhabitants of the village.

h. The patrol leader indicated the village of THON - PHUOC - SON at grid coordinates AT 866780 is deserted at 112300H at grid coordinates AT 845768 a member of the patrol found a 20mm shell casing on the road.

i. At 121300H the patrol passed through the village of THON - HOA - TRUNG at grid coordinates AT 846773. The village was deserted. The trail leading through the village contained a few spider holes. These spider holes were not camouflaged one large bare trap was found in a hut. At 130800H the patrol observed from the village of THON - HOA - TRUNG at grid coordinates AT 846773 14 Vietnamese leave the village in a WESTERLY direction towards the vicinity of grid coordinates AT 828784. At 131100H the same 14 Vietnamese returned carrying wood and grass. Near the village there are a few Vietnamese farmers working the rice paddies. These Vietnamese farmers could be an early warning system for the VC in the area around the village complex.

j. The bridge on the road at grid coordinates AT 875762 had been blown. The bridge was made of concrete, 12 to 15 feet wide and 12 to 15 long. The stream under the bridge is now dry. The bypasses on either side are impassable. Near the vicinity of this bridge an M-422 mine is present and completely demolished. From grid coordinates AT 900774 to AT 875762 a road is constructed of dirt. No culverts were noted. Two way traffic is possible. The road from grid coordinates AT 875702 to AT 875762 is limited to possibly mules and $\frac{1}{2}$ ton vehicles with numerous constructions and traffic limited to one way only. The condition of the road is bad and there are numerous stream crossings. The map indicates the road ends at grid coordinates AT 827772. A map correction has been noted. The road continues in a NORTH WESTERLY direction for approximately 1800 to 2000 meters into the hill mass. No trails could be found leading to hill mass 350 from the NORTH side of the road.

k. The area in which the patrol operated during the four days is very dense with vegetation. For rapid movement frequently used trails had to be used. In some portions of the area trails are limited. In the low lands, marshes are infested with leeches. The water level through marshes is at knee height. Water in the general area is plentiful and drinkable with the use of Malizone tablets.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

No contact made.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:

Good, no casualties sustained.

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10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusions: (1) The area where the 5 VC were observed at AT 838779 could possibly be a VC staging area for weapons and equipment.

(2) That the village of THON - HOA - TRUNG in vicinity of AT 837778 is partially deserted, but people have been observed entering and exiting. The village is possibly VC controlled.

(3) Recommendation: That a future clear and search operation be considered in the area of THON - HOA - TRUNG village at AT 837778.

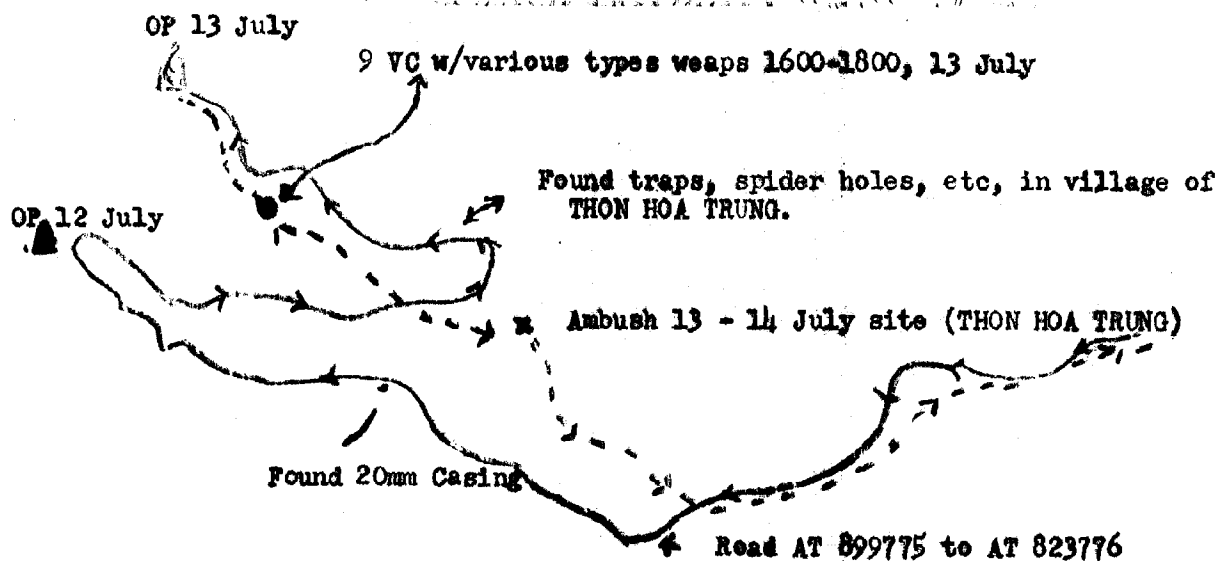
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11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER.

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 Co A 1st Plt
 Time departed 111700H
 Time returned 140900H
 Area Recd: See OP Order 1126-65

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Operation Order. 143-65

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current ISUM's
- b. Friendly Forces. Current OPSU's and PIR's
- c. Attachments. NONE

2. MISSION. 2A1-2 man Seat Eagle OP Coord AT 837827, 24 hours a day reporting all significant activity. Primary direction of observation WEST to NORTH, secondary direction of observation, NORTH to EAST.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. 2A1-2 will leave LZ FINCH and land at OP Seat Eagle 12 Aug65 relieving 2A34
- b. Improvements will be made continuously on landing point.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Helos leave LZ FINCH at 121000 Aug 65. Pickup to be by 15 Aug 65 at a time to be designated.
- b. 3d Recon Bn SOP for supply and service pertaining to squad size operations.
- c. Helmets and body armor will be worn.
- d. Identification tags and Geneva Convention cards will be worn by each man.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. 3d Recon Bn SOP for communications will apply.
- b. FREQ: 40.4
- c. UBC "slip around", 1st numeral starts with day of the month and changes daily at 0001H
- d. THRUST LINE: 8684
- e. Company CP located at 3d Marines CP.

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DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Seat 2-A. 1st Sqd. 2nd Plt. Co ...

MAPS: Tourane. 6659 III Ser. L-701 1:50,000

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (5) Enl (1) USN
2. MISSION: Area surveillance of RUCR #1 from OP Seat Eagle.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 111100H
4. TIME OF RETURN: 151100H
5. ROUTE (SHOWN ON OVERLAY): N/A
6. OBSERVATIONS-ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
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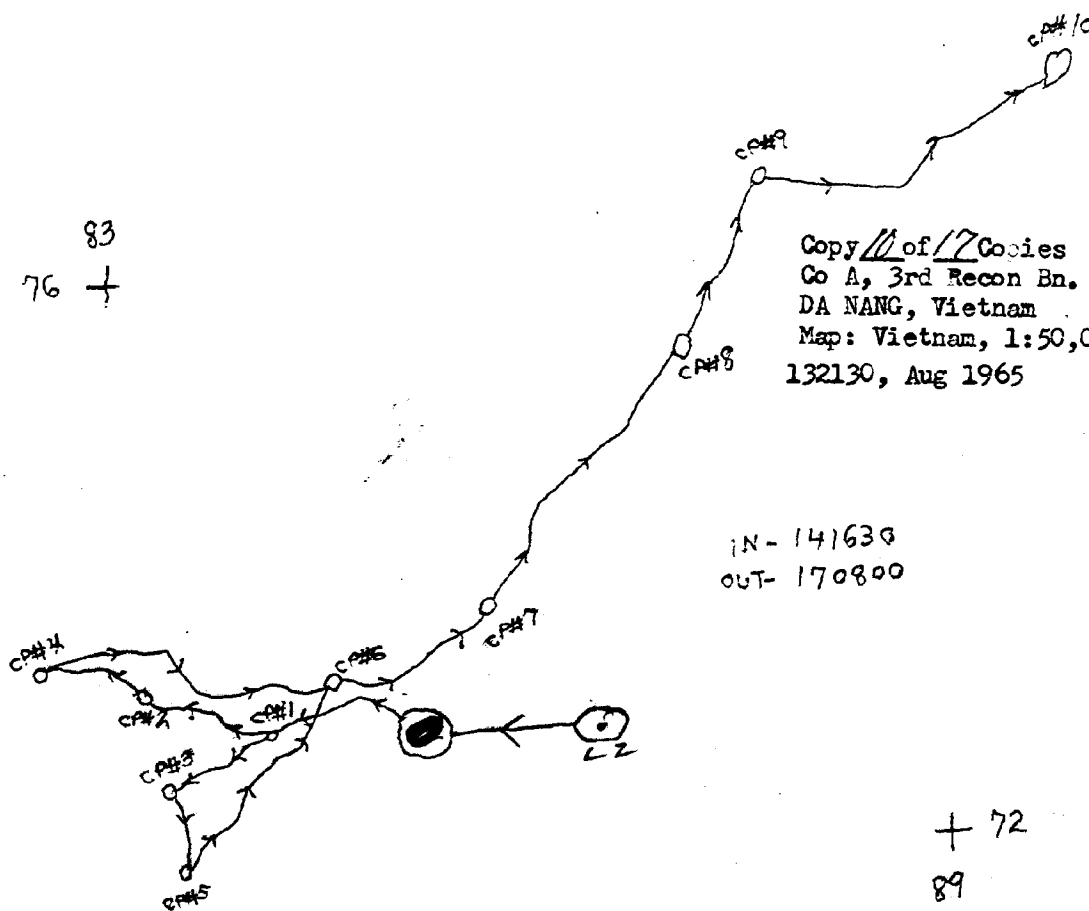
No significant sightings

7. OTHER INFORMATION: 150900H AT 8683. On the SONG-DO-RIVER the patrol observed 2 river boats. One boat contained 11 people. The other boat contained 2 people. No weapons or equipment were noted. The boats were heading in an Easterly direction until they observed an LVT coming up stream. They then reversed course & headed up stream. Visual contact was broken when the boats rounded a bend in the river.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No contact made.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Good, no casualties
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None
11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None

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TIME ZONE: H

TASK ORGANIZATION:

3d Platoon CoA

1/Lt COLETT

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current ISUM'S
- b. Friendly Forces. Current OPSUM'S AND PIR'S
- c. Attachments. One (1) ARVN SOLDIER

2. MISSION. 3d Platoon CoA will conduct undetected night land reconnaissance, establish daylight OP's and establish selective night ambush positions in RAOR-3 from 14-17 August 65.3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. The 3d Platoon CoA w/attachments will helo lift from LZ UPPER FINCH at 141630 and land vicinity LZ(853728). 3A will at 141930 move to CP #1 (squad release point), arriving NLT 142130. 3A12 will proceed to vicinity CP #2 and establish a night/daylight OP position, arriving NLT 150100. 3A34 proceed to vicinity CP #3 and establish a night/daylight OP position, arriving NLT 150100. At 151930 3A12 move to vicinity of CP #4 and establish a night/daylight OP position arriving NLT 152200. 3A34 move to vicinity CP #5 and establish night/daylight CP position, arriving NLT 152300. At 161930, 3A12 move to CP #6 for join up with 3A34, arriving at 162200. At 161930, 3A34 move to CP #6 for join up with 3A12, arriving at 162200. Upon join up at CP #6, 3A move to CP's 7, 8, and 9, remaining at CP #9 until light enough to pass safely through friendly positions, at this time move to CP #10 and board truck for return trip to Recon Bn area. Radio contact with F/2/3 should be made if possible prior to passing through their outpost positions. Night OP positions should be selected so that they can be utilized as selective ambush positions also.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. 3d Platoon CoA helo lift from LZ UPPER FINCH at 141630 and land vicinity LZ(853728). Pickup time by truck at a time designated (APPROX 170730) via radio.
- b. 3d Recon Bn SOP pertaining to supply and personnel for platoon size operations.
- c. Body armor and helmets will be worn unless deemed undesirable by Patrol Leader.
- d. Identification tags and Geneva Convention cards will be worn and carried by each man.
- e. A patrol roster will be submitted to Recon Bn. S-3 and Company Commander CoA prior to departure.

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- a. 3d Recon Bn SOP pertaining to Platoon size operations.
- b. Seat Eagle will act as relay station if needed.
- c. All stations will ~~report~~ each hour on the hour and at other times deemed necessary.
- d. The patrol will not move into an area where communications cannot be effected.
- e. Position reports will be asked for by using code "BRAVO REPORT".
- f. A report of "All secure, situation remains the same", will be reported "Alpha Sierra Sierra Romeo Sierra".
- g. FREQ: 40.4
- h. THRUST LINE: 8575
- i. UBC: "PAMM BROKER", 1st letter starting with the day of the month and changing daily at 0001.
- j. AUTHENTICATION: Baseball team-State.
- k. Platoon Commander with 3A12.

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1. SITUATION.
 - a. Enemy Forces. Current ISUM's
 - b. Friendly Forces. Current OPSUM's and PIR's
 - c. Attachments. NONE
2. MISSION. 2A34 man Seat Eagle OP Coord AT 837827 24 hours a day reporting all significant activity. Primary direction of observation WEST to NORTH, Secondary direction of observation, NORTH to EAST.
3. EXECUTION.
 - a. 2A34 will leave LZ FINCH and Land at 150915 AT OP Seat Eagle, Relieving 2A12..
 - b. Improvements will be made continuously on landing point.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.
 - a. Helos leave LZ FINCH at 150900 Pickup to be by 181000.
 - b. 3dReconBn SOP for supply and service pertaining to squad size operations.
 - c. Helmets and body armor will be worn.
 - d. Identification tags and Geneva Convention cards will be worn by each man.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
 - a. 3dReconBn SOP for communications will apply.
 - b. FREQ: 40.4 2/3 TAC net 49.3
 - c. UBC: Pawn Broker 1st Numeral starts with the day of the month and changes daily at
 - d. THRUST LINE: 84-86
 - e. Company CP located at 3d Marines CP.

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OPERATION ORDER 146-65

Ref: (a) Map: DA NANG 6659 III

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy. Current ISUM'S
- b. Friendly. Current OPSUM'S AND PIR'S
- c. Attachments. One (1) ARVN SOLDIER

2. MISSION. One Platoon patrol beach area (AT936835) to (AT968800) from 2300 to 0400 daily. Primary direction of observation 360°.3. EXECUTION.

- a. Platoon will depart Recon Bn area at varied times so as not to set a pattern, but arriving at beach area prior to 2300 daily.
- b. Different entrance and exit points will be used daily.
- c. Departure time from beach area will be at varied times but not before 0400 daily.
- d. Liaison will be established with Commanding Officer of Ranger unit at the beach daily prior to patrol.
- e. Check points will be utilized for reporting purposes.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Transportation to patrol area will be by 6x6 truck and one MRC-38 as lead.
- b. Truck and MRC-38 will proceed to danger compound after dropping patrol and remain there until patrol is ready to return to Recon Bn area.
- c. 3d Recon Bn SOP for supply and service pertaining to Platoon size operations will apply.
- d. Helmets and body armor will be worn.
- e. Identification tags and Geneva Convention cards will be worn and carried by each man.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. 3d Recon Bn SOP for communications will apply.
- b. FREQ: 40.4
- c. UBC: "PAWN BROKER", 1st numeral starts with the day of the month and changes daily at 0001.
- d. Patrol will utilize an/PRC 10's to MRC-38 at Ranger compound which will in turn, relay to STAKE OUT.
- e. All stations will report each hour on the hour and at other times deemed necessary.
- f. Position reports will be asked for by code "BRAVO REPORT".
- g. A report of "All secure, situation remains the same", will be reported "Alpha Sierra Sierra Romeo Sierra".

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- h. TRIPLET LINE: 9763
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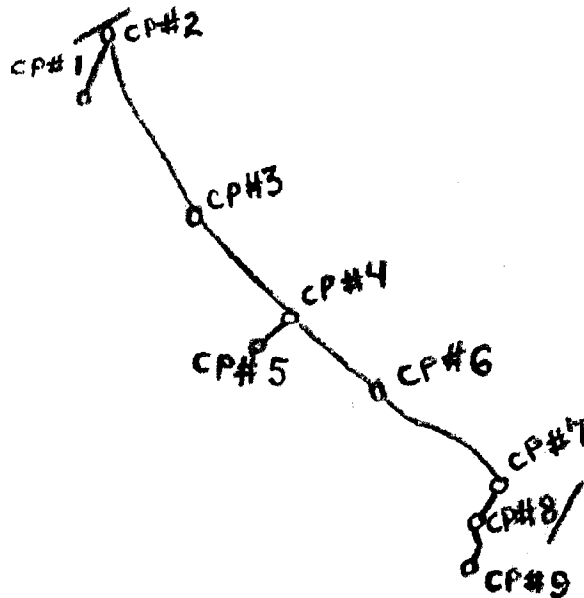
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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat 1-A-12

MAPS: DA NANG: 6659 III Ser. L-7011 1:50,000

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (10) Enl. (1) USN (1) ARVN

2. MISSION: Night patrol and surveillance of RED BEACH.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 291900H August 1965

4. TIME OF RETURN: 300630H August 1965

5. ROUTE (SHOW ON OVERMAP): Refer to OPORD 146-65

6. OBSERVATIONS:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
292023H	(AT 959809)	(1) junk sighted moving North.
292035H	(AT 949819)	(2) junks sighted moving North.
292045H	(AT 959809)	(5) junks sighted moving North.
292057H	(AT 959809)	(15) junks sighted moving North.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: All junks sighted were running lights. One junk had three sails. The other junks had two sails. All boats came within 300 yards of RED BEACH generally moving in a Northerly direction. When air illumination was used the junks headed towards the open sea.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No contact made.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED.
Good.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None

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11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current ISUM'S
- b. Friendly Forces. Current OPSUM'S AND PLANS
- c. Attachments. None.

2. MISSION. 1430 men Seab Eagle OP Coord (AT 827827) 24 hours a day reporting all significant activity. Primary direction of observation WEST to NORTH, Secondary direction of observation, NORTH to EAST.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. 1430 will leave LZ FINCH and land at 0915 23 Aug 65 at OP Seab Eagle, relieving 3D.
- b. Improvements will be made continuously on landing point.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Helos will leave LZ FINCH at 230900. Pickup to be by 250900 Aug 65.
- b. 3d Recon Bn SOP for supply and service pertaining to sound size operations.
- c. Helmets and body armor will be worn.
- d. Identification tags and Geneva Convention cards will be worn by each man.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONICS.

- a. 3d Recon Bn SOP for communications will apply.
- b. FREQ: AM-24.52, TM-40.4
- UBC: TIGER CLAWS, 1st numeral starts with the day of the month and changes daily at 0001.
- d. TRUST LINE: 8684
- e. Company CP located at 3d Marines CP.

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OPERATION ORDER 148-65

REF: (a) MAP: Vietnam, 1:50,000, Sheet 6658 IV

TIME ZONE: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: 2nd Platoon Co A, 3d Recon 2/Lt MACCASKILL

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces: Current ISUM'S
- b. Friendly Forces: Current OPSUM'S and PIA'S
- c. Attachments: One ARVN soldier

2. MISSION. 2nd Plt, Co A will conduct night undetected land Reconnaissance, establish day OP's and selective night ambush positions within the assigned patrol area from 26-29 August 1965.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. The 2nd Platoon, Co A with Attachments will leave LZ FINCH at 261800 and land LZ (AT 918666). 2 A move to CP#1 and remain that vicinity until 262000. At 262000 2 A move to CP's #2, 3 and 4 arriving the latter NLT 270500. 2 A12 will establish day light OP on NORTH slope and be in position NLT 270600. 2A34 will establish day light OP on SOUTH slope and be in position NLT 270600. The distance between 2A12 and 2A34 will not be more than 200 meters apart. At 272000, 2A move to CP's #5 and 6 arriving the latter NLT 272200 and establish night OP/LP along trail. At 280200 2A move to CP #7 with 2A12 establishing a day light OP on NORTH slope and 2A34 establishing day light OP on SOUTH slope. OP's will be in position by 280600 and not more than 100 meters apart. At 282000, 2A move to CP#8, establish a night OP/selective ambush position along trail junctions and remain in this position until 290330. At 290330, 2A move along assigned patrol route to vicinity LZ (AT 903678), arrive the area not before 290600. Secure LZ and remain in area for lift out at 290630 to return to LZ FINCH.

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- a. 2nd Plt, Co A helo lift from LZ FINCH at 261800 and land LZ (AT 918666). Pickup by helo at LZ (AT 908678) at 290630 and return to LZ FINCH.
- b. 3d Recon Bn SOP pertaining to supply and personnel for platoon size operations apply.
- c. Body armor and helmets will be worn unless deemed undesirable by patrol leader.
- d. Identification tags and Geneva convention cards will be worn and carried by each man.
- e. A patrol roster will be submitted to 3d Recon Bn (S-3) and company commander prior to departure.
- f. MED-EVAC if necessary will be accomplished in accordance with previous instructions.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. 3d Recon Bn SOP pertaining to communications for platoon size operations apply.
- b. SCAT EAGLE will act as relay station if necessary.
- c. All stations will report each hour on the hour and at other times deemed necessary.
- d. No patrol will move into an area where communications cannot be effected.
- e. Position Reports will be asked for by using code "BRAVO report".
- f. A report of "All secure, situation remains the same", will be reported "Alpha Sierra Sierra Romeo Sierra".
- g. Freq: P-40.4 A-52.9 Change "Flip-Flop".
- h. Thrust Line: 9270
- i. UBC: "NIGHT WALKS", 1st letter starting with the day of the month and changing daily at 0001.
- j. Authentication: Baseball Team-league
- k. Platoon Commander with 2412 when squads separated.

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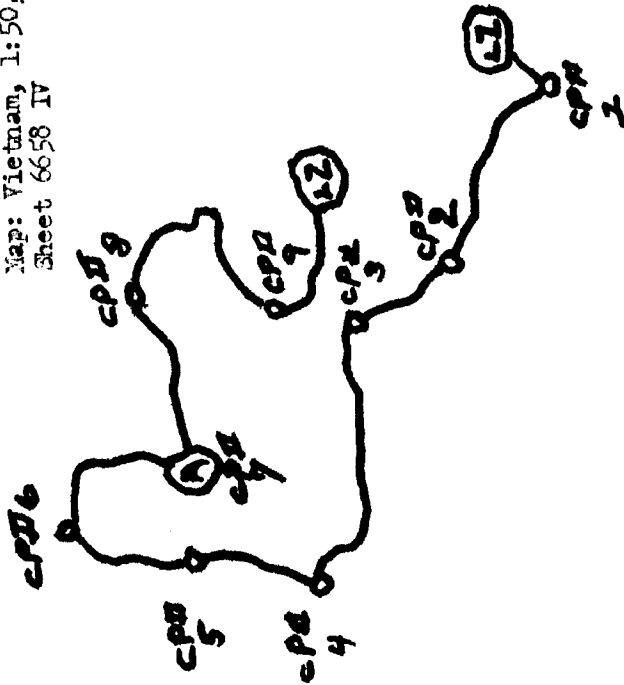
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PATROL REPORT

DETERMINATION OF PATROL: Sect 2-A

DATE: 2001-300 6558 IV Ser. L-701 1:50,000

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) off (17) Enl. (1) USM (1) AWW
2. MISSION: To conduct day and night patrols and occupy OP's during the day.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 261800H
4. TIME OF RETURN: 270630H
5. ROUTE (FROM ON OVERLAY): Refer to operation order 148-65
6. OBSERVATIONS:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
280915H	AT886697	5 VC in column moving in an easterly direction.
280940H	AT878694	3 VC moving in an easterly direction.
281207H	AT878704	14 VC in column moving North.
281335H	AT876977	3 VC noted around hut.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) At 280915H 5 VC were observed in a column formation moving in an easterly direction (AT886699). Three VC were armed with weapons of unknown manufacture. The other two VC were carrying French ruck sacks. The ruck sacks appeared filled to capacity. The VC were not wearing head gear, and their clothing consisted of khaki shirts with black trousers. No cartridge belts or grenades were noted. Visual contact was broken when they entered a dense vegetated area. (2) At 280940H (AT878694) 3 VC were observed moving in an easterly direction toward the village of Cao Sung No. 1. Two of the VC were armed. The two weapons noted were possibly M-1 Rifles. No equipment was noted. They were wearing straw hats, short trousers, along with various colored shirts. (3) At 281207H (AT878704) 14 VC were moving North in a tactical column from vicinity of the village of Cao Sung No. 1. Their rate of march was rapid, and they were utilizing a point and rear guard as their security elements. Two

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to limited observation only three weapons could be observed. The type of weapons could not be determined. No equipment or web gear was observed. The uniforms were of various civilian attire, with straw hats. Visual contact was broken as the VC headed towards the river. (4) 281335H at (AT87697) 3 VC were seen occupying a hut in the Coa Sung village. They entered hut with their weapons, and were later observed leaving hut without their weapons. They proceeded toward the river. An artillery fire mission was requested and granted. Results of the artillery resulted in 2 VC killed and 2 wounded. This was confirmed by visual means only. The hut was destroyed by fire from a WP round and numerous secondary explosions were noted lasting approximately 10 minutes.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No physical contact made. Results of artillery were 2 VC killed, 2 VC wounded.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: An activated booby trap of local manufacture resulted in 2 marine WIA. Their injuries were minor and they were helo evacuated to C and C. Condition of remainder of patrol good.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
Conclusion: Artillery support was excellent.
Recommendations: That a search and destroy operation be considered near the stream.

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1st Lt. Co. A

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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 260900H Aug 65

OPERATION ORDER 149-65

1. SITUATION.
 - a. Enemy. Current ISUM'S
 - b. Friendly. Current OPSUM'S AND PIR'S
 - c. Attachments. None.
2. MISSION. 1A12 Ban Seat Eagle OP Coord (AT 837827) 24 hours a day reporting all significant activity. Primary direction of observation WEST to NORTH, Secondary direction of observation, NORTH to EAST.
3. EXECUTION. ²⁶⁰⁹¹⁵
 - a. 1A12 will leave LZ FINCH and land at ~~260915~~ at OP Seat Eagle, relieving ~~1A34~~ 1A34
 - b. Improvements will be made continuously on landing point.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.
 - a. Helos will leave LZ FINCH at 260900. Pickup to be by 290900 Aug 65.
 - b. 3d Recon Bn SOP for supply and service pertaining to squad size operations.
 - c. Helmets and body armor will be worn.
 - d. Identification tags and Geneva Convention cards will be worn by each man.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS.
 - a. 3d Recon Bn SOP for communications will apply.
 - b. FREQ: FM-40.4, AM-2452
 - c. UBC: "TIGER CLAWS", Changes daily at 0001.
 - d. TRUST LINE: 8684
 - e. Company CP located at 3d Marines CP.

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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat A-12

MAPS: DA NANG: 6659 III Ser. L-701 1:50,000

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (9) Enl. (1) USN

2. MISSION: Area surveillance RAOR 1.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 251045H August 1965

4. TIME OF RETURN: 291100H August 1965

5. ROUTE (SHOW ON OVERLAY):

6. OBSERVATIONS:

TIME	COORDINATE	OBSERVATION
281100H	(AT 837826)	Two VC were pulling a cart up a road.
281910H	(AT 837826)	The OP observed two VCS run across rice paddies. One VCS was carrying a bundle.
281533H	(AT 837826)	One VCS was sneaking along ridge line towards hill 100.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: None

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No contact made.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:
Good.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None

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11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER:
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OPERATION ORDER 150-65

1. SITUATION.
 - a. Enemy. Current ISUM'S
 - b. Friendly. Current OPSUM'S AND PIR'S
 - c. Attachments. None.
2. MISSION. 1A34 man Seat Eagle OP Coord (AT 837827) 24 hours a day reporting all significant activity. Primary direction of observation WEST to NORTH, Secondary direction of observation, NORTH to EAST.
3. EXECUTION.
 - a. 1A34 will leave LZ PINCH at 290900 and land at OP Seat Eagle at 290915 relieving 1A12.
 - b. Improvements will be made continuously on landing point.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.
 - a. Helos will leave LZ PINCH at 290900. Pickup to be by 010915 Sept. 65.
 - b. 3d Recon Bn SOP for supply and service pertaining to squad size operations.
 - c. Helmets and body armor will be worn.
 - d. Identification tags and Geneva Convention cards will be worn by each man.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
 - a. 3d Recon Bn SOP for communications will apply.
 - b. FREQ: FM-40.4, AM- 2452.
 - c. UBC: "TIGER CLAWS", 1st numeral starts with the day of the month, changing daily at 0001.
 - d. THRUST LINE: 8684
 - e. Company CP located at 3d Marines CP.

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 021400H, September 65

PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat 1 - A - 34

MAPS: Tourane: 6659 III Ser. L-701, 1:50,000

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (8) Enl. (1) USN
2. MISSION: Area surveillance of RAOR #3
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 290900H, August 65
4. TIME OF RETURN: 021400H, September 65
5. ROUTE (SHOW ON OVERLAY): Refer to Operation Order 150-65
6. OBSERVATION: No visual observation of VC were noted.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:
 1. 291655H (AT 858860) 4 men were working the fields. No unusual occurrences were noted.
 2. 301914H (AT 865600) 1 man was walking towards a tree line. No unusual occurrence was noted.
 3. 300920H (AT 865857) 5 men in a boat were moving down stream close to the left bank heading in a South-easterly direction. A tarp covering the cargo prevented its contents from being determined. 4 of the men aboard were wearing gray civilian attire.
 4. 300953H (AT 855858) Ten farmers were talking. No unusual occurrences were noted.
 5. 301920H (AT 862855) 1 small boat was moving in a Southeasterly direction. The boat pulled into shore (AT 862855) no individuals were observed coming ashore.
 6. 311020H (AT 854862) 5 men were talking in the field complex. Two Helos passed over their position and they immediately took cover and did not return.

Significant Information:

- (1) At 311000H (AT 864826) 4 rounds of W.P. were fired approximately 1000 meters from OP. Scat Eagle at DONG DEN MOUNTAIN. NFG and Artillery F.O.'s at the OP site had not requested any fire missions.

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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Seat A-5

MAPS: Tarrano: 6659III Ser 1-701 1:50,000

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) off (3) Enl.
2. MISSION: A VC weapons search on river bottom of Song Cau Do River and Song Yen River.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 291400H
4. TIME OF RETURN: 292000H
5. ROUTE (SHOW ON OVERLAY): N/A
6. OBSERVATIONS:

- | <u>TIME</u> | <u>COORDINATE</u> | <u>OBSERVATION</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 291600H | AT957680 | 1 VC sniper fired 3 rounds at patrol. |
7. OTHER INFORMATION: At 291400H (AT998707) to (AT957680) one rubber boat and 2 scuba divers proceeded down the Song Cau Do River and Song Yen River in search of VC weapons that were thrown overboard when a boat was sunk a few days ago. No weapons were retrieved. (?) The river bottom was generally composed of sand. The eastern bank was composed of rock. The western bank of sand. The current was approximately 6 to 8 knots. Visibility of the river bottom was negative. The gradient on the western bank was 78°. The gradient on the eastern bank approximately 90°.
 8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No contact made.
 9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Good.
 10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
Recommendation: That the eastern and western banks of the Song Yen River be searched.

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11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEREFER: None

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8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No contact made.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Good.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

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11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat A-6

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1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (4) Enl (1) USN
2. MISSION: Bridge reconnaissance.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 301245H August 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 301655H August 1965
5. ROUTE (SHOW ON OVERLAY): N/A
6. OBSERVATIONS:

See item No. 7 below

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

1. At 301450H a team of SCUBA divers from Company A conducted reconnaissance of the TRUSS Bridge. (AT 927843). The purpose of the reconnaissance was to determine whether any explosives or demolitions had been placed below the water line and around the three concrete supports.
2. The reconnaissance commenced at 301450H and terminated at 301600H. All bridge supports were carefully observed above, and below the water line. No explosives or demolitions were noted.
3. SIGNIFICANT DATA:
 - a. The TRUSS Bridge was supported by three main supports. These supports were constructed of concrete. The condition of the three supports was excellent.
 - b. The first support near the Southern bank from the water line to the base was 26' in depth. The base of the support was composed of rock approximately 10' in radius around the support. The second support from water line to the base was approximately 32' in depth. The base of the support was composed of rock with radius 10' around the support. A steel girder 30' long and 24" wide extends below the surface at a 15° angle. From the Western side of support No. 2. This steel girder would be a navigational hazard to any vessels that would displace 12 to 14 ft of water. The third support near the Northern bank from the water line to the base is approximately 12' in depth on the Eastern side and approximately 9' on the Western side. The base of the support is composed of sand.

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4. Visibility below surface was 1'
5. During the reconnaissance no boats were noted on the river complex.
6. The flow of the current was from West to East with a current of approximately 5 Knots at 301500H and 3 Knots at 301600H.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No contact
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:
Excellent
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Conclusion: It would be possible for an enemy under water demolition team to place explosives or charges on this bridge.
11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: Recommend that team be dispatched to remove the steel girder 30' long and 24" wide that extends below the water line from the western side of support No. 2. To preclude the possibility of vessels with a draft of from 12-14' being damaged.

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OPERATION ORDER 151-65

Ref: (a) Map: Vietnam, 1:50,000, Sheet 6658 IV

TIME ZONE: H

TASK ORGANIZATION:

3d Platoon, CoA, 3d ReconBn

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1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current ISUM'S
- b. Friendly Forces. Current OPSUM'S AND PER'S
- c. Attachments. One ARVN SOLDIER

2. MISSION. 3d Platoon, CoA conduct night undetected land reconnaissance, establish day OP's and selective night ambush positions within the assigned patrol area from 30 August to 2 September 1965.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. The 3d Platoon, CoA with attachments will leave LZ FINCH at 301730 and land LZ(912649). Upon consolidation in LZ, 3A move to CP #1 and remain there until 302000 at which time 3A move to CP #2. 3A34 will drop off at CP #2 and establish a day OP position, being in position MLT 310600. 3A13 move on to CP #3, establish day OP and be in position MLT 310600. 3A34's primary direction of observation to NORTH and EAST, 3A12's primary direction of observation to NORTH and WEST. At 312000, 3A34 move to 3A12's position, join up and 3A move to CP #4 and 5. 3A34 establish day OP vicinity CP #5 and be in position MLT 010600. 3A12 continue to CP #6 and establish day OP that vicinity being in position MLT 010600. 3A34's primary direction of observation NORTH and EAST. 3A12's primary direction of observation NORTH and WEST. At 012000, 3A12 move to CP #5, join up with 3A34 and 3A move to CP #7 and 6. Upon arrival CP #8, 3A establish a selective night ambush position near trail in that vicinity. 3A should be in position near CP #8 MLT 012230. At 020600, 3A move to LZ (873625), secure LZ and remain in area until scheduled liftout at 030630.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. 3d Platoon, CoA helo lift from LZ FINCH at 301730 and land LZ(912649). Pickup by helo at LZ(873625) at 020630 and return to LZ FINCH.
- b. 3d ReconBn SOP pertaining to supply and personnel for Platoon size operations apply.
- c. Body armor and helmets will be worn unless deemed undesirable by Patrol Leader.
- d. Identification tags and Geneva Convention cards will be worn and carried by each man.
- e. A patrol roster will be submitted to 3d ReconBn (S-3) and Company Commander prior to departure.
- f. Med-evac if necessary will be accomplished in accordance with previous instructions.

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- a. 3d ReconBn SOP pertaining to communications for Platoon size operations apply.
- b. SCAT EAGLE will act as relay station if needed.
- c. All stations will report each hour on the hour and at other times deemed necessary.
- d. No patrol will move into an area where communications cannot be effected.
- e. Position reports will be asked for by using code "BRAVO REPORT".
- f. A report of "All secure, situation remains the same", will be reported, "Alpha Sierra Sierra Romeo Sierra".
- g. PRBQ: P-40.4, A-52.9, Change "FLIP FLOP".
- h. THRUST LINE: 9368
- i. UBC: "OUTSIDE MAN", 1st letter starting with the day of the month and changing daily at 0001.
- j. Water proofing material will be carried and utilized in case inclement weather
- k. AUTHENTICATION: Baseball team-League
- l. Platoon Commander with 3A12 when squads separated.

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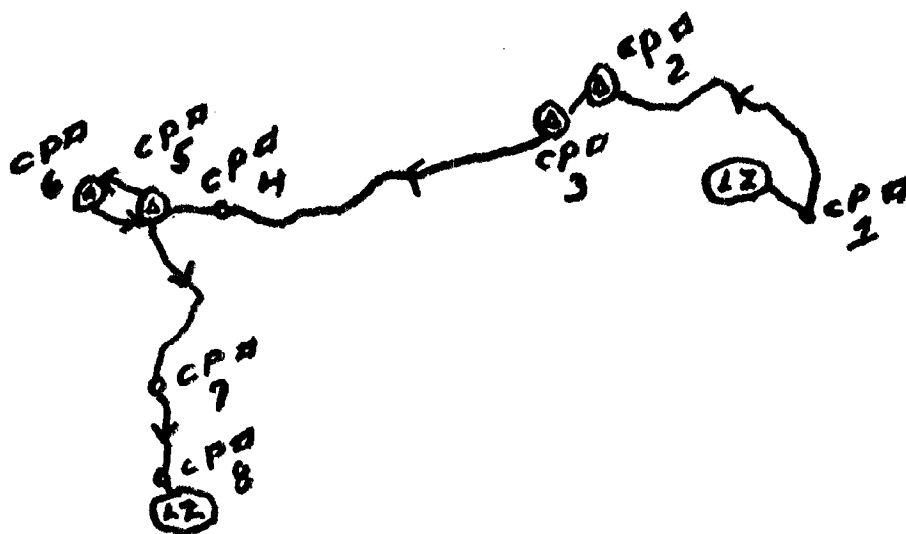
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OPERATION ORDER 426-65

Ref: (a) MAP: 1:50,000 Sheet 6659 II and IV.

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy V.C. Sniper activity north and west of MCB-9 compound.
- b. Friendly See current OPSUMS.
- c. Attachments and Detachments None.

2. MISSION:

Co. D, on 9 August, 1965 will continue manning daylight observation post at Marble mountain for ~~Marble~~ south and west of that area; during the hours of darkness establish nightly patrol routes north of Marble Mountain to the MCB-9 compound which will act as a security patrol against VC activity in that area. This operation will be for an indefinite period of time to continue surveillance of the TAOR, and provide night security for the eastern edge of the TAOR.

3. EXECUTION:a. Concept of Operation

Starting on 10 August a platoon from Co. D, will rotate every 48 hours at Marble mountain, establish a patrol base at the ARVN fort; put in 3 OP's during daylight hours. One north of the fort, one south of the fort and one east of the fort all on the high ground. During the hours of darkness establish three patrols: nightly throughout the area north of the fort to include 400 yards north of MCB-9 and west of the highway to the CAN BIEN river.

- b. 1st. Platoon carry out order 423-65.
- c. 2nd. Platoon maintain camp security.
- d. 3rd. Platoon carry out this order effective 1000 9 August 65.
- e. HQ's Section provide liaison personnel at 6th. Marines C.P.
- f. Coordinating instructions
 - (1) Do not operate south of the fort.
 - (2) All night patrols will have to be coordinated prior to departure with S-2/security officer MCB-9.
 - (3) Any patrols east of the highway are prohibited
 - (4) Prior to patrol departure notify Regt. of proposed location.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. One meal per day will be provided by MCB-9.
- b. Transportation after nightly patrols will come from MCB-9.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS

a. Frequencies

Primary PRB-10 52.1 - Co. net
Alternate PRB, 13 43.9 - Plt. net.

b. Reports

Patrol Base to Regt. hourly.
Patrol Base to DA NANG Special Sector - every 6hr's.
Patrol Base to MCB-9 - when situation requires.

c. Call Signs

Patrol - Platoon call sign.
Regt. - Peepsight 29.
DA NANG Special Sector - Airmass India (on 49.5)
MCB-9 - Emphatic (on 52.1)

d. Codes

Thrust 07-71.
E&E Scram
Init Brevity Code- Collins
Authentication - use - Jargon.

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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Seat 3 - A

MAPS: NONG-SON 6658 IV, Ser. L-701, 1:50,000

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (18) Enl, (1) USN
(1) ARVN
2. MISSION: Conduct night land reconnaissance, establish day
OP sites and select night ambush positions.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 301800H, August 65
4. TIME OF RETURN: 021330H, September 65
5. ROUTE (SHOW ON OVERLAY): Refer to Operation Order 151-65
6. OBSERVATION:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATE</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
311100H	(AT 881654)	10 VC's entered a wooded area.
311430H	(AT 881645)	8 VC's entered a wooded area.
011000H	(AT 877652)	1 VC with carbine moving East on trail.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

1. AT 311100H (AT 881654) 10 VC's were observed entering a
densely wooded area when visual contact was broken.
Their attire consisted of straw hats, black trousers,
and black shirts. 3 of the VC's were carrying packs.
No weapons were noted.
2. At 311430H (AT 881654) 8 VC's entered the same wooded
area that the other 10 VC's had entered. Their attire
also consisted of straw hats, black trousers, and black
shirts, no weapons or equipment was noted. At 031455H
an artillery fire mission was requested on the area
(AT 881654). The first barrage and its effect resulted
in 8 VC's fleeing the area toward the village of DUONG
NGHE. (AT 885655) The second barrage produced negative
activity. The effects of the artillery on determining
any VC killed or wounded could not be confirmed or an
accurate estimate given. The area was too densely
vegetated to make any observations.

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- (3) At 011000H (AT 879652) 1 VC armed with a carbine was stopping local people along trail (AT 885656). He was attired in black trousers, black shirt, and a black soft cover. His equipment consisted of a pack. After he had talked with approximately 3 or 4 persons he ran toward the village of PHUOC - NHAN # 3.

Significant observations:

- (1) The rain forest and dense jungle growth and lack of trails made movement very difficult throughout the area.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No enemy contact made.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Good.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend: That the area in which the VC were observed be searched by infantry units in the future.

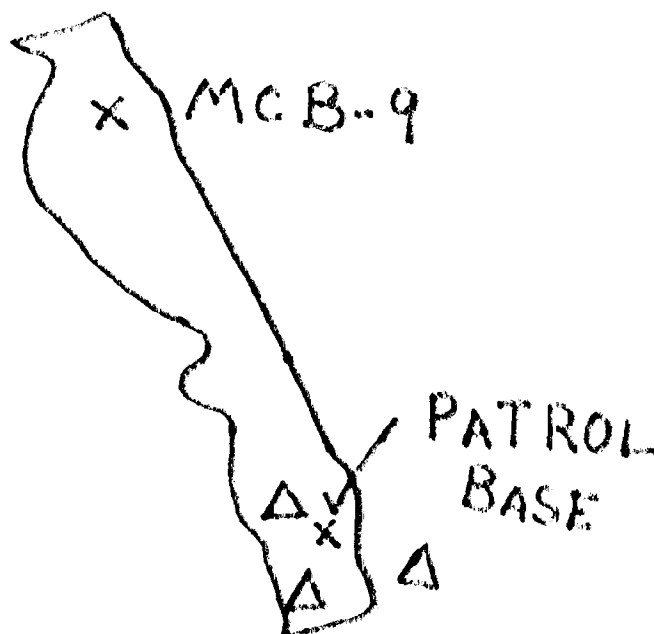
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11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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To: Commanding General (A/C of S, G-2)

Subj: Action Report, 2d and 3d Platoons Co D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion
5 August 1965

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1
(b) Map: Viet Nam Series L701, Sheet number 6659 III, 1:50,000

1. In compliance with reference (a) the following report is submitted:
2. On the morning of 4 August 1965 two platoons of Co D departed the Fort located at BT 070708 to conduct a screening mission in support of the Second Battalion, Ninth Marines.
3. a. General review of significant events.

At 050845 while moving through the village of NGAN TRUNG #1 (BT 055645), with tanks in support, the platoon came under sniper fire from the flanks and front. The platoon and the tanks immediately engaged the VC with concentrated fire, resulting in one 2d Platoon, Co D killing two (2) VC and possibly wounding three (3) others. The tanks killed two (2) and wounded six (6).

The route followed by the 3d platoon went from BT 070708 SOUTH to the bridge located at BT 072702, then WEST to the village of BINH KY (1) at BT 058698 searching that village and setting up a screen from BT 050700 SOUTH to BT 050670. During the course of the patrol it sighted ten (10) VC at BT 050685 and received fire from 048685. It chased ten (10) VC from this point capturing three (3) VCS. Three (3) groups of seven (7) VC each were sighted at BT 048672, BT 032665, and BT 048672. The group located at BT 048672 had a wounded man with them. At 1600 another VCS was captured at BT 048685.

An unusual part of the patrol was the sighting of homing pigeons flying westward from the areas covered by the patrol.

At 051135 the infantry units with tanks were taken under sniper fire near the village of KHAI-TAY #3 (BT 042672). The tanks and infantry returned fire but no VC killed or wounded were noted.

The 2d platoon had seven (7) actual contacts during the course of its patrol. Although sniper fire was received it was noted that there were no AW involved. Every village in the area has a trench line complex three (3) to four (4) feet deep and two (2) feet wide. Two (2) definite MG emplacements were noted at BT 054702.

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b. Commanders evaluation of significant events.

- (1) There was approximately a VC platoon operating in the area of the mission.
- (2) Pigeons noted flying westward provided information as to our operation to VC units in the WEST.
- (3) Immediate action taken by all elements of Co D involved in this operation proved once again their alertness.
- (4) That there is a trench and tunnel system in the area of operations.

c. Factual information is support of significant events.

- (1) Patrol encountered sniper fire.
- (2) Approximately 45 VC were observed.
- (3) Sniper fire was returned.
- (4) The patrol suffered three (3) casualties as a result of Panji traps.
- (5) Two (2) VC were killed.
- (6) Four (4) VC were wounded.
- (7) Four (4) VCS were taken.

d. Conclusions.

- (1) Outstanding Reconnaissance tank coordination was achieved.
- (2) The mission was successfully accomplished.

e. Recommendations.

- (1) That aircraft be utilized for screening operations to effectively pursue groups sighted by ground units.
- (2) That future operations involving screening operations be conducted with entry at night and the establishment of flank OP's.
- (3) That if tanks are used, employ four recon men per tank, one to control and three to spot targets.


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 (b) 9th Mar FragOrder 9-65

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1. Situation. Remains the same.

2. Mission. CoD in support of the 9th Marines conduct surveillance of CAM NE (1) & CAM NE (2) vicinity GC (AT) 990690, from 6Aug65 to 8Aug65, to determine the extent of VC activity within this area.

3. Execution.

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b. 3rd Plt carry out the execution of this order.

c. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Rules of engagement apply.

(2) Be debriefed immediately upon return.

(3) EEI's

(a) VC emplacements.

(b) VC strength.

4. Administration & Logistics

a. Battalion support 2 day patrols.

5. Command and Communications-Electronics.

a. Freq: Primary 43.9,
 Alternate 52.1, Change Freq - Home Run

b. Thrust: 98-68

c. E & E: Elude

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- d. Reports: Every $\frac{1}{2}$ hour.
- e. Monitor: Continuous

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Ref: (a) 9th MAR OPORDER 321A-65
(b) 9th Mar FragOrder 9-65

Encl: (1) Overlay

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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Seat 3-D, 1st Team, 2d Squad, 3d Platoon.

M/PS: NONG SON, No. 6658 IV, Series L701, 1:50,000

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Officer (18) Enlisted (1) USN.
2. MISSION: Area Recon of DUONG SON #2
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 061715H August 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 071800H August 1965.
5. ROUTE: See overlay
6. OBSERVATIONS:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
070600H Aug 65	AT 995679	The patrol entering the village of DUONG SON #2 received one round of sniper fire. Two VC were observed. Return fire was distributed by patrol. The two VC were observed fleeing towards DUONG SON #3. The patrol continued on patrol route.
070630H Aug 65	BT 996675	18 VC were observed moving SOUTH WEST in a file formation.
070730H Aug 65	AT 994674	four VC were observed in a bunker.
070830H Aug 65	AT 994674	The patrol received small arms fire from approximately 16 VC.
070840H Aug 65	AT 987674	Patrol received small arms fire from 3 VC.
070840H Aug 65	AT 987674	One VC was wounded, and captured by patrol. VC was Helo evacuated to 9th Mar Regt.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

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The 18 VC observed at AT 996675 were armed with M-1 rifles and automatic weapons. Their equipment consisted of packs and cartridge belts. Their uniform consisted of black shirts, and grey shorts. No head gear was noted. Grenades were visible on their cartridge belts.

The 4 VC observed in the bunker at AT 994674 fled the bunker towards DUONG SON #3 by utilizing the trench in the rear of the bunker. The trench runs directly from the bunker into the village of DUONG SON #3. The trench is approximately 2½ feet wide and 3½ to 4 feet deep.

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At AT 992680 a barbed wire obstacle extends across the railroad tracks and on either side of the embankment. The wire obstacle extending across the rail road track consists of two single strands one strand approximately 1 foot from ground level. The second strand is approx. four feet from ground level. The wire obstacles extending on either side of the banks consists of four single strands interwoven with bamboo and bramble vines approximate height from ground level, 4 feet.

Gates have been placed in certain areas of the wire complex. These gates or entrances are heavily booby trapped. On observation of the gates it was noted that they were partially open. Foreign type grenades were observed tied by string attached to the base of the gate frame.

At AT 996675 the patrol observed an area cleared, and possibly at one time used as a Helo landing site. This landing site is now booby trapped with panji sticks approximately 5 feet high.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

25 VC were observed during patrol mission
1 VC was wounded and Helo evacuated.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:

Good.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

None

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DESHLETER:

None

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1 VC was wounded and Helo evacuated.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:

Good.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

None

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER:

None

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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Seat 3-D, 1st Team, 1st Squad, 3d Plt.

MAPS: NORG-SON 6658 IV, Series L701, 1:50,000

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) officer (18) Enlisted (1) GSN
2. MISSION: Area Recon of villages of CAM NE' (1) and CAM NE' (2)
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 061715H August 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 071800H August 1965
5. ROUTE: by vehicle to Marble Mountain, by foot to patrol route
6. OBSERVATIONS:

At 07093H near the village of CAM NE' (2) the patrol, 1st team, 1st sqd, 3d Plt of Company D received one round of sniper fire from BT 985689. The VC was observed and concentrated fire was delivered on his position. The VC was killed. Patrol continued on mission.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

The VC killed was wearing a green uniform. The VC fired from a distance of 400 yards. The weapon the VC was using was an M-1 rifle.

The village of CAM NE' #1 has a trench line complex which extends around the outer edges of the village. The trench complex is approximately 3 feet deep and 2 feet wide.

On inspection of the trenches it was noted they had not been used for a period of time.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

(1) VC killed

9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:

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Operation Plan 423-65

Ref: (a) Map: TOURANE, 1:50,000, Sheet 6659 III

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

3d Recon Bn-Lt. Col. BLANCHARD
 CoD-3d Recon Bn-Captain COLLINS

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy. See current ISUM'S AND PIR'S
- b. Friendly. See current OPSUM'S AND PIR'S
- c. Attachments. Two (2) Navy Personnel (LCM-6 Crew). One (1) ARVN

- 2. MISSION. the 2d Platoon, CoD will conduct river reconnaissance and surveillance of the HAN SONG RIVER on 23 July 65.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. The 2d Platoon, CoD will leave the Battalion CP by M-35 at 0700, 23 July 65 and proceed to the Naval Component Command boat landing (CPA) where they will detruck and embark on a LCM-6. A river reconnaissance will be conducted from CP A to CP E. Refer to ANNEX A (Operation Overlay).

b. Essential Elements of Reconnaissance.

- (1) Depth soundings each twenty-five (25) meters.
- (2) Possible fording sights.
- (3) Points of egress.
- (4) Bottom consistency.
- c. Sketches will be made of both banks. Photographs will be made of each bridge, with particular attention to overhead structure and clearance. A profile will be made of the bottom from CP A to CP E.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. 2d Plt. CoD will depart Bn CP at 0700, 23 July 65 to arrive at boat landing by 0730. Pickup will be at 1700, 23 July.
- b. Rations for one (1) meal and two (2) five gallon water cans.
- c. Eight (8) body armor vests and eight (8) helmets.
- d. Two (2) LOR's will be utilized.
- e. Life jackets for all personnel will be taken.
- f. Identification tags will be worn by all personnel.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- a. 3d Recon Bn SOP for communications pertaining to platoon sized operations will apply.
- b. A report will be made at each check point. A situation report will be each 1/2 hour. Position reports will be sent in the clear when necessary.

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10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

For large scale operations in the areas of C/M NE' #1 and #2, rice paddies in the two approaches to the villages should be avoided due to the lack of cover and knee deep mud in the rice paddies.

Machetes should be used for rapid penetration into the vegetated areas on the outer edges of the villages of C/M NE' #1 and #2.

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11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER:

None

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- c. FREQ: Primary 40.9 Alternate 42.4, PRO-47, 2173.
- d. E&S: ESCAPE
- e. Authentication: City*State.

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5. COMMAND COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS.

- a. THRUST - 07 - 71
- b. E & E - Scram
- c. AUTHENTICATION - By JARGON
- d. FREQUENCIES

PRIMARY - FM 43.9
 ALTERNATE - FM 52.1

- e. UBC LEADER SYSTEM - COLLINS C-1st Day
- f. REPORTS AND SIGNALS

- (1) Report Sit Rep. - Every hour on the hour report sit rep to "Air Mass India" (DA NANG Special Sector) every 6 hours on FM 49.5.
- (2) Smoke - Red VC in sight
 Yellow - "No" evac/friendly units.
- (3) "Emphatic" (MCB - 9) Seabees monitor our net

- g. LIAISON. (1) effected with MCB-9 before launching patrols nightly. (2) OP's at Marble Mt. during daylight will be tied in with plt CP by TA - 1's

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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Co. D, 1st and 2d Plt, Hq's Sect.

MAPS: Series L701, Sheet 6658 IV, 1:50,000

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: 2 Plt's of Co. D, Plus Hq's Section.
2. MISSION: To secure DUONG SON 3 ((AT 995671) and screen SOUTH of There.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 120530H August 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 131130 August 1965
5. ROUTE: From RR Bridge (AT 998705) SOUTH along tracks to DUONG SON (3). then SOUTH to (AT 993674).
6. OBSERVATIONS - ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
121630H Aug 65	AT 989665	VC snipers moving WEST after he fired at (AT 997666)
130300H Aug 65	AT 993674	3 VCS moving from SOUTH to NORTH EAST of our position
130515H Aug 65	AT 989662	Received fire from the village on one of our teams patrols which returned fire.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

The village of DUONG SON (3) has no activity, trenches, or panji, The village of YAM NE (1) (AT 939662) has extensive night time movement. The villagers were seen moving out of this village around 1630 - 1730. The indication is that the VC had moved in. At 1500 a 4 man OP at (AT 997665) reported that they saw a VC armed with a carbine who went into YAM NE (1) - this would indicate that he was a VC.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

1 USMC WIA - 0515, 13 August 1965 - Panji - Sgt MILES W. W. Jr.
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9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:

Good - USMC WIA Walked back.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) more night small unit patrols to curb cross country movements of snipers and small units of VC in the DUONG SON (3), YAM NE (1) area

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OPERATION ORDER 424-65

Ref: (a) Map: Tourane 1:50,000, Sheet 6699 III

TIME ZONE H

ASK ORGANIZATION: No change.

1. SITUATION: No change.

2. MISSION: CoD (-) on 8 August 1965 conduct a river route reconnaissance and riparian search of the TOURANE river and the SONG CAN LIEN river, to determine the extent of VC river activity.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of operations. CoD (-) will send one platoon (-) plus elements of the Headquarters section to the NAVAL COMPONENT COMMAND dock in DA NANG, pick up one LCVP, proceed SOUTH and WEST on the TOURANE river to Coord AT990899, then EAST to the junction of the TOURANE and SONG CAN LIEN rivers, then proceeding SOUTH on the CAN LIEN to Coord BT063710 checking the river banks and sampan traffic.

3. EXECUTION:

a. 1st Platoon. Remain at MARBLE mountain and carry out observation assignments.

b. 2nd Platoon. Provide one squad to carry out this order.

c. 3rd Platoon. Provide administrative support and reaction force.

d. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Rules of engagement will apply.

(2) This order effective 081000 August 65.

(3) Turn in a personnel roster to Bn S-3 prior to departure.

e. Essential elements of reconnaissance.

(1) Trafficability of rivers.

(2) Forging sites.

(3) Cave locations.

(4) Sampan activity.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

a. On days rations and water.

b. Naval arms and ammunition w/one M-60 LMG.

c. One rubber boat and two sets of fins/face mask.

d. Three probing canes.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS:

- a. Two PRC-10's with extra battery's and handsets.
- b. Primary frequency 43.9, Alternate frequency 52.1.
- c. Thrust line---04-73.
- d. 2nd Platoon provide liaison personnel at the 9th Marines C.P.
by 080930 August 65.
- e. Reports: Utilize SA UTE, CONTACT, Sitreps every $\frac{1}{2}$ hour.

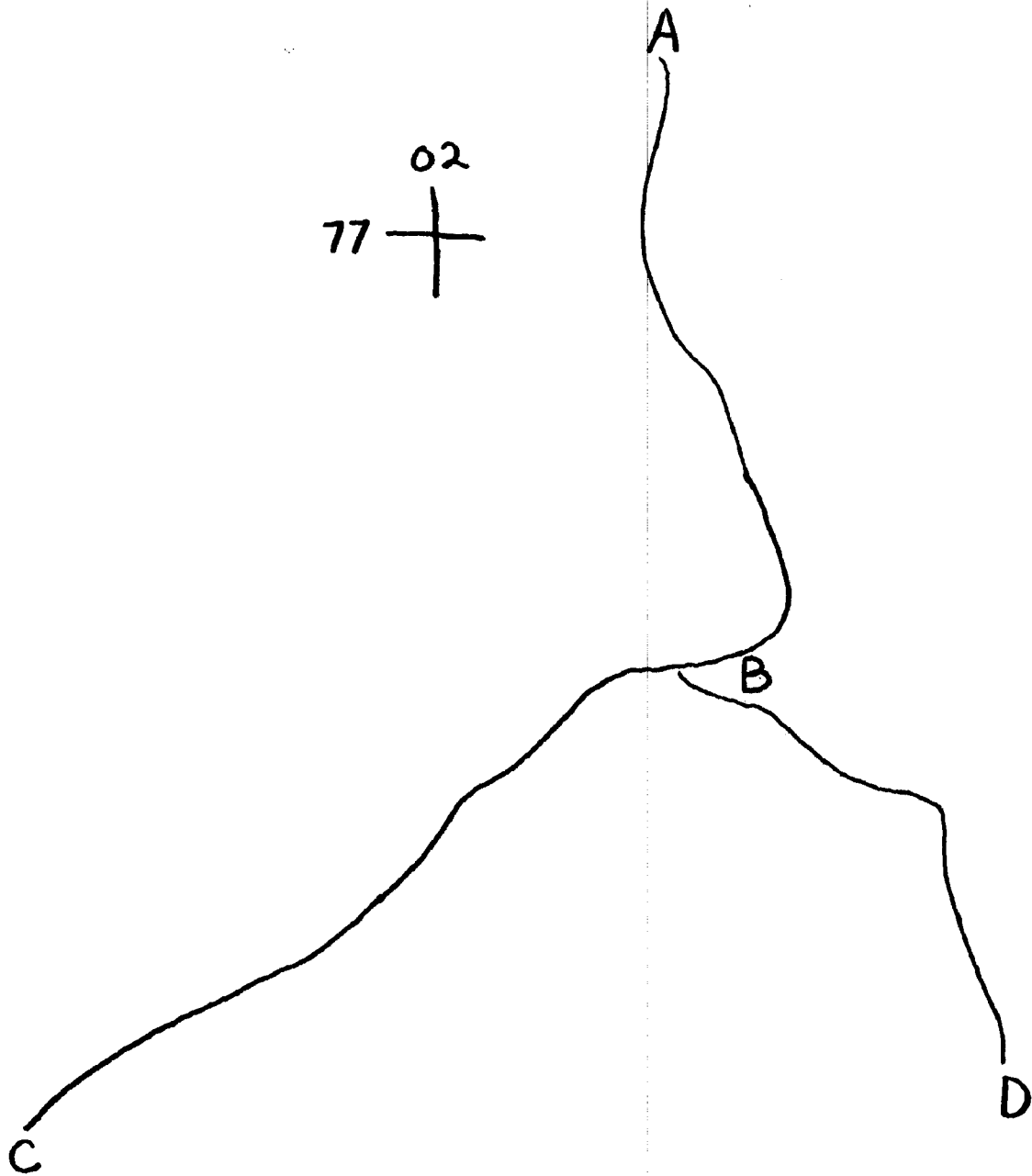
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3. EXECUTION.

- a. One Platoon of CoD during the hours of daylight 12 August 65 conduct a river search of SONG CAN BIEN from Coord (BT 050729) SOUTHEAST to Coord (BT 065703).
- b. 1st Platoon. Act as a alert force.
- c. 2d Platoon. Carry out this order.
- d. 3d Platoon. Carry out Company OPERATION ORDER 426-65.
- e. Coordinating Instructions. Same, except cancel Paragraph 2.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

Refer to Company OPERATION ORDER 426-65 dated 9 August 65.

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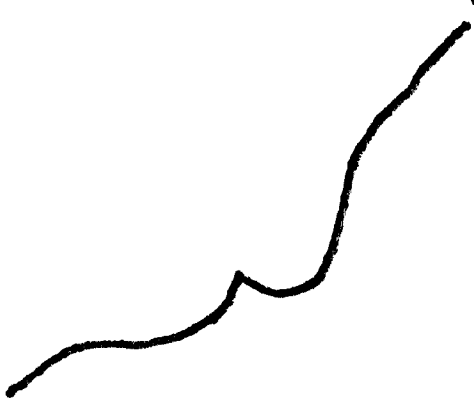
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1. Situation same
2. Mission

During hours of darkness patrol Red Beach #1 Via vehicle or foot starting on 16 Aug and to continue every night till further notice.

3. Execution

(a) Concept of Operation

1 Plt Co D from 2000 till 0600 nightly
+ 78 establish a 6X6 patrol Base
03 and work out from there on
foot to cover area.

(b) 3d Plt - Carry out this order.

(c) ~~EEF~~ Any VC activity particularly
- mortars.

(d) Coordinating Instructions

(a) respond and react to any VC
activity.

4. Administration and Logistics - No Change

5. Command and Comm-Elect.

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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat 1-D

MAPS: TOURNE: 6659 II, Series L701, 1:50,000

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Officer (20) Enlisted (1) USN
2. MISSION: Select night ambushes and occupy daylight OP's
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 141000H August 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 161130H August 1965
5. ROUTE: N/A
6. OBSERVATIONS - ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
150730H Aug 65	BT 082712	20 VCS were apprehended and delivered to the 9th Marines.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

- (1) 150900H August 65, BT 067702 (1) LVT, hit a mine one secondary explosion was noted. The members of the crew all vacated the burning vehicle.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

No contact

9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:

Good.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

None

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11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER:

None

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Operation Order 427-65

Ref: (a) 9th Mar Frag Order 11-65
 (b) 2/9 OP Order 15-65

Time Zone: H

Task Organization

3d Recon Bn
 Co D-3d Recon Bn

Lt Col BLANCHARD
 Capt COLLINS

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces See current ISUM's & PIR's
- b. Friendly Forces See current OPSom's
- c. Attachments and detachments

(1) 4 demolition men 3d Engr. Bn.

2. MISSION

Company D (-) Maintain Surveillance of the SOUTH Flank of the 2/9 sweep and clearing operation of 18 August 1965 and conduct a river search of SONG YEN River on 19-20 August 1965.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. During the hours of darkness, 17 August insert one Plt through 9th Marine positions at DUONG SON (2) SOUTH of grid line 66, establish OP's along this line from Coord (AT 987 660) WEST to the SONG YEN River from the night of the 17 to daylight the 19. Move this Plt to a rally point at Coord (AT 958680) by 190800 Aug 65. Have one Plt assist G-2-9 across the Tourane River Coord (AT 970699) the night of 17 August, stay at the crossing site the 18 and move SOUTH on the SONG YEN the morning of the 19 to meet the surveillance Plt by 0600 at Coord (AT 958680). Co D (-) then conduct a River search of the SONG YEN from Coord (AT 958680) NORTH to Coord (AT 970699) then EAST on the Tourane River to Coord (AT 998 706) during the hours of daylight 19-20 August 1965. See Annex A (Operation Overlay)

b. HQ's Section

(1) Establish a comm link at Coord (AT 975705) from darkness 17 August to the afternoon of 20 August.

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- (2) Maintain liaison personnel at 9th Marine CP.
- (3) Move with 3d Plt on the 19 to the tentative rally point and control the River search of the 19-20.

c. 1st Plt

- (1) Pass through, DUONG SON (3) by 1900, 17 August proceed SOUTH grid 66-establish surveillance SOUTH from night of the 17 to daylight the 19 from the railroad WEST to the river along and SOUTH of grid line 66.
- (2) Be at the tentative rally point Coord (AT 958680) by 0800 19 August 1965.
- (3) Provide river flank security for the search on 19-20 August 65.

d. 2d Plt

- (1) Maintain an OP and carry out MCB-9 security patrols at MARBLE Mountain 16-20 August 1965.
- (2) Send one (1) sqd to Co CP to provide security from 171400 August 1965 to 201800 August 1965.
- (3) Plt LDR be liaison at 9th Marines from 1800-18 to 1800-20

e. 3d Plt

- (1) Report to the S-3 2/9 at 171200 August 1965 w/5 LCR's and then proceed to Coord (AT 970699).
- (2) Assist G-2-9 Across the Tourane River the night of 17 August (AT 970699).
- (3) Stay at (AT 970699) on the 18.
- (4) By 190800 be at the tentative rally point Coord (AT 958680).
- (5) Conduct the river search on the 19-20 w/5 LCR's.

f. Coordinating Instruction

- (1) Rules of Engagement will apply
- (2) Be prepared to ~~carry out further assignments~~
- (3) ~~E&E~~ will be NORTH to 2/9 positions.

g. Essential Elements of Recon

- (1) VC activity and movement
- (2) River Recon (Fording sites and soundings, routes of egres.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. 1st Plt carry 2 day's rations
- b. 3d Plt will assist in resupply of Co D (-) at the rally point on the 19th.
- c. Resupply by HQ's Section will be at (AT 970699) on call.

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13 August 1965

PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat 1D

MAPS: Series L701, Sheet 6659 III, 1:50,000

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: 1 Officer, 13 Enlisted, 1 USN
2. MISSION: Surveillance of area from AT tracks (AT 9766) to River.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 171730H August 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 181000H August 1965
5. ROUTE:
6. OBSERVATIONS - DUE TO TERRAIN:

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180030H Aug 65 AT-976656

While moving towards tree line, came to stream that couldn't be crossed. Tried to get boat that was located in this area. While attempting to move boat received SA fire from our rt and left flanks. Saw 5 VC on right flank and 4 VC on left flank. Flares being fired in area illuminated patrol as well as VC. Just prior to being fired on could hear song 6 times. Then whistles were heard, then firing. Commenced, fire was not returned as it was determined that our position had not been firmly fixed by VC.

180020H Aug 65

AT 976647

Heard drums from village of LE SON (3). Drums were beat 5 times fast then 10 second break then 5 times fast again. This is heard four times then stop for 10 minutes. Then drums start again. This pattern was followed three times.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

Stream encountered at AT 976659 shows on map as rice paddies. Stream is approximately 300 meters long EAST and WEST and 300 meters long.

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PRC-10 Primary 52.1
 PRC-10 Alternate 43.2 - Alt Net
 PRC-47 Primary 2452
 Leader C O L L I N S - 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0
 (17,18,19,20,21,22,23)
 Thrust 97-66
 CP Location - Forward 2/9 OP 17-19 August 1965

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NORTH and SOUTH after bend. Approx 20 yards wide and approximately 6 feet deep.

Fence located (AT 987670 - 994670) has extensive panji traps, man traps and bamboo stakes approx 2 to 3 feet from it. Barbed wire interlaced with bamboo had to be cut to cross through. Fence approx 500 meters long.

From 171900 to 171945 observed fire into villages of YEN NE (3) and CAM NE (6) (AT 9868). SA, (2) HU 13's and (1) F4B Arty fire started action. Another Arty concentration was fired into this area at approx 172000.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

Received approximately 10 rounds SA fire over patrols heads.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:

Good

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Movement in area of patrol route must be accomplished at night and there is no adequate cover for daylight observation. Movement must be accomplished over trails as rice paddies are knee deep in water. Recommend that new 7X50 binoculars issued to this patrol be used for all night patrols as they are far superior to other glasses used in past.

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER:

None

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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Seat 1D

MAPS: Series L701, Sheet 6659 III, 1:50,000

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: 1 Officer, 13 Enlisted, 1 USN
2. MISSION: Surveillance of area from rail tracks (AT 9766) to River.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 171730H August 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 181000H August 1965
5. ROUTE:
6. OBSERVATIONS - ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATE</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
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180030H Aug-65	AT 978659	While moving towards tree line, came to stream that couldn't be crossed. Tried to get boat that was located in this area. While attempting to move boat received fire from our rt and left flanks. Saw 5 VC on right flank and 4 VC on left flank. Flares being fired in area illuminated patrol as well as VC. Just prior to being fired on could hear gong 6 times. Then whistles were heard, then firing. Commenced, fire was not returned as it was determined that our position had not been firmly fixed by VC.
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180020H Aug 65	AT 973647	Heard drums from village of LE SON (3). Drums were beat 5 times fast then 10 second break then 5 times fast again. This is heard four times then stop for 10 minutes. Then drums start again. This pattern was followed three times.
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7. OTHER INFORMATION:

Stream encountered at AT 973659 shows on map as rice paddies. Stream is approximately 300 meters long; EAST and WEST and 300 meters long

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MAPS: Series L701, Sheet 6659 III, 1:50,000

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: 1 Officer, 13 Enlisted, 1 USN
2. MISSION: Surveillance of area from air tracks (AT 9766) to River.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 171730H August 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 181000H August 1965
5. ROUTE:
6. OBSERVATIONS - ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATE</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
180030H Aug 65	AT 978659	While moving towards tree line, came to stream that couldn't be crossed. Tried to get boat that was located in this area. While attempting to move boat received 3A fire from our rt and left flanks. Saw 5 VC on right flank and 4 VC on left flank. Flares being fired in area illuminated patrol as well as VC. Just prior to being fired on could hear gong 6 times. Then whistles were heard, then firing. Commenced, fire was not returned as it was determined that our position had not been firmly fixed by VC.

180020H Aug 65	AT 978647	Heard drums from village of LE SON (3). Drums were beat 5 times fast then 10 second break then 5 times fast again. This is heard four times then stop for 10 minutes. Then drums start again. This pattern was followed three times.
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7. OTHER INFORMATION:

Stream encountered at AT 978659 shows on map as rice paddies. Stream is approximately 300 meters long, EAST and WEST and 300 meters long.

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191500H Aug 65

OPERATION ORDER 429-65

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. See current ISUM'S
- b. Friendly Forces. Second Battalion, 3d Marines
- c. Attachments. None

2. MISSION. To establish an undetected observation post in the vicinity of Hill at Coord (AT 878837) and to ferry one (1) Platoon of the Second Battalion, 3d Marines across the river to establish a communication net.3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operation. 3D12 will depart at 191530 from Recon CP and arrive at Second Battalion, 3d Marines CP at 191600. Depart for Fort LE MY to arrive NLT 191800. At 192000 start the river crossing. One reconnaissance marine with each LCR.
- b. Immediate action for river crossing. If units come under fire from the bank of the river, all boats will go directly toward hostile beach and debark and return fire upon the enemy.
- c. Establish OP at Coord (AT 878837) manned by 9 men-1 PRC 10, 1 ANAC 6 (REMOB). To report enemy movement by definitive reporting, making use of EER'S. To be retrieved at 211200 Aug 65. Plan of immediate action for OP.
- d. If taken under fire and unable to establish fire superiority use Escape and Evasion tactics to the friendly front lines closest to your position.
- e. Patrol leader will be assisting the Company Commander at the Fort LE MY as Coordinator.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Two (2) days ration-Ammo-grenades-Air Panel-M-14 rifle-helmet.
- b. Resupply will be at position when needed from Second Battalion, 3d Marines.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. Bn OP, 2 Co at Fort LE MY Coord (AT 821898) Pn Aid Station.
- b. Primary Freq: 2/3 Bn Tac-49.3 STAKE OUT
- c. Primary Freq: Sect-D 40.4
Alternate-52.1

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230800 Aug 65

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OPERATION ORDER 431-65

Ref: (a) 9th Marine Frag Order 15-65

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy. Current ISUM'S AND PIR'S
- b. Friendly. Current OPSUM'S
- c. Attachments. None.

2. MISSION. CoD(1) conduct a river search from (AT 670966) NORTH to (AT 969699) then EAST to (AT 998707) on 24 Aug 65, to determine extent of VC activity.3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operation. One Platoon in conjunction with a 1/9 operation conduct a river search of the SONG YEN River at the TOURANE-destroying tunnels and apprehending any VCS in the area.
- b. Headquarters Section.
Provide Liaison/radio personnel at 9th Marines CP.
- c. 1st Platoon.
Maintain patrols and OP at MARBLE mountain.
- d. 2d Platoon.
Maintain patrols on RED BEACH 1, continue surveillance of the Bridge and surrounding area (AT 998707)
- e. 3d Platoon.
Carry out this order.
- f. Essential Elements of reconnaissance.
 - (1) Fording Sites
 - (2) Tunnel formation
- g. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Rules of Engagement will apply
 - (2) Be prepared to carry out further assignments in the field.
 - (3) Turn in list of patrol members to 3-3 prior to leaving
 - (4) Be prepared to be debriefed 1/2 hour after return.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Rations. One day
- b. Ammo. Normal for (1) dry patrols
- c. Resupply. None

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- a. Frequencies.
 - Primary-FRC-10 52.1
 - Alternate-FRC-10 43.9
- b. Call signs.
 - Patrol-Scat 3 Delta
 - Regiment-PEEP SIGHT 29
 - RELAY-Scat Delta Relay
- c. Reports.
 - (1) Continuous monitoring.
 - (2) Report every hour utilizing SALUTE and CONTACT
- d. Codes.

(1) UBC-BLACKING	(4) E & E-Evaporate
(2) Leader-SCARFANO	(5) Compromise-Candy
(3) THRUST-9770	(6) Switch Frequency-FIZZLE

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One VC was possibly killed or wounded when shot from a tree by a member of the patrol. Due to the distance, and the continuation of the patrol a confirmation on the disposition of the injured VC could not be determined.

(3) During the exchange of fire the patrol observed the VC were not using any automatic weapons.

(4) At grid coordinates AT 957682 a village near the EASTERN bank had a trench and tunnel complex around its outer fringes. The trenches were approximately 1 and 1/2 feet wide and 3 feet deep.

(5) Significant Sightings:

Caves and tunnels were noted on the WESTERN bank of the SONG YEN river from grid coordinates AT 957680 to AT 968699. With the use of demolitions, the patrol destroyed 10 caves along this route. It was noted the caves were not being occupied, and no equipment was sighted. From grid coordinates AT 968698 to AT 997706 no caves or tunnels were observed.

(6) At 241115H at grid coordinates AT 954684 Marines were observed swimming approximately 150 meters from where the patrol was taken under fire by the VC.

(7) The patrol while on the river bank at grid coordinates AT 957682 found three documents of significant value. One document was written in English. It was found nailed to a post at grid coordinates AT 956681. This document, written in English was the first decisive document found by this organization which indicated the VC were attempting the use of psychological warfare.

• RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- (1) One WIA. Condition good. The Marine was evacuated by helo to C and C.
- (2) One VC was possibly killed or wounded.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:

Good.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusion. That the VC which attacked the patrol were possibly attempting to attack the Marines who were swimming in river.

Recommendation. That extensive patrolling be conducted SOUTH of the SONG YEN river at grid coordinates AT 957600.

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1st Lt. CoD

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3d Reconnaissance Bn
DA NANG, VI
242200H August 1965

PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Seat 3-D

MAPS: NONG-SON 6658 IV Series, L-701, 1:50,000

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (22) Enl (1) UTM
2. MISSION: Conduct a river reconnaissance from (AT 957680) to (AT 968699) to (AT 998706).
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 240730H
4. TIME OF RETURN: 241630H
5. ROUTE (SHOW ON OVERLAY): Refer to Operation Order 431-65
6. OBSERVATIONS-ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
241130H	AT 957680	The patrol observed 4 VC on WESTERN bank and then 6 VC on EASTERN bank of SONG YEN river.
241135H	AT 957680	The patrol received sniper fire from EASTERN and WESTERN bank of SONG YEN river.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) At 241130H while the patrol was proceeding up stream on the SONG YEN river, in a NORTHERNLY direction at grid coordinates AT 957680, they observed 4 VCS on the WESTERN bank, and 6 VCS on the EASTERN bank. When the VCS noted they had been observed, they fled towards wooded areas which lined portions of the EASTERN and WESTERN banks at grid coordinates AT 957680. The VCS were not bearing any weapons, and no equipment was noted. Their garments consisted of the standard straw hats, black shirts, and short trousers of various colors.

(2) Within a few minutes after the disappearance of the VCS, the patrol received approximately 50 rounds of small arms fire at grid coordinates AT 957680. The small arms fire first came from the WESTERN bank and then as the rubber boats were beaching on the WESTERN bank they received small arms fire to their immediate front at grid coordinates AT 957683. The patrol immediately deployed, and directed concentrated fire on the VC. After fire superiority had been gained by the patrol, the VC ceased fire.

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231100 Aug 65

OPERATION ORDER 432-65

Ref: (a) Map: 1:50,000, Sheet 6658 IV, I

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy. Current ISUMS AND PIR'S
- b. Friendly. Current OPSUM'S
- c. Attachments and Detachments:
 - (1) One NVN SOLDIER
 - (2) Two HU-1B's

2. MISSION. CoD conduct a point reconnaissance of the 9th Marine TAOR on 25 Aug 65, to determine the extent of VC activity at selected points of interest.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operation. A 4 Man team will fly over the selected areas, reconnoiter points of interest, and capture any VCS in the area.
- b. Headquarters Section. Provide a 4 man team
- c. 1st Platoon. MARBLE mountain patrol
- d. 2d Platoon. RED BEACH 1 Patrol
- e. 3d Platoon. SONG YAI Patrol
- f. Essential Elements of Reconnaissance.
 - (1) VC activity
 - (2) Route recon of Route #1
- g. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Rules of Engagement will apply.
 - (2) Be prepared to carry out further assignments in the field.
 - (3) Turn in list of patrol numbers to S-3 prior to leaving.
 - (4) Be prepared to be debriefed 1/2 hour after return.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Rations. None.
- b. Ammo. Normal arms and 2 frag.
- c. Resupply. None.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. Frequencies.
 - Primary-PRC-10 52.1
 - Alternate-PRC-1- 43.9
- b. Call signs.
 - Patrols-Scat Delta
 - Relay-Scat Delta
- c. Reports.
 - (1) Continuous monitoring.
 - (2) Report every hour utilizing SALUTE and CONTACT
- d. Codes.
 - (1) UBC-COLLINS a leader
 - (2) THRUST-0063

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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Seat Delta

MAPS: DA NANG. 6659 III Ser. 1-701 1:50,000

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (4) Enl (2) H-34's (2) HU-1B's
2. MISSION: To conduct a point reconnaissance of the 9th Marine TAOR and selected points of interest south of the TAOR, by helicopter
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 271600H August 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 271800H August 1965
5. ROUTE (SHOW ON OVERLAY): N/A
6. OBSERVATIONS - ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
271620H	(BT 153608)	Received sniper fire. Saw two VC running into village
271625	(BT 154604)	Extensive trenching w/revetments. Trenches run East and West. Fire orientation is South.
271640H	(AT 985588)	Received automatic weapons fire. One round hit one helicopter..
271650H	(AT 992577), (AT 914576)	Route No#14 has extensive cuts in the road. Tanks can not navigate over them or by pass them.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: 271710H, The DMZ YEN river, from (AT 962660) north to (AT 956680), has fighting trenches running parallel to the river on both banks. 271715H. The railroad tracks, from (AT 994606) north to (AT 990642), has extensive digging along the track that are fighting holes, not tunnels. These holes are staggered so as to cover the East or the West depending on the way the advance is coming 271725H. The river, from (AT 902565) East to (AT 997547), has extensive harvest of the rice crop activities along the river banks. Forty to fifty men in the field in six or seven locations. Indications are of a hurried pre-harvest by large groups. 271740H. (AT 972622) The helicopter set down to reconnoiter the area and flushed 1 VC sniper. VC was armed with a bolt action rifle. We returned fire and killed VC as he was running. Kill was confirmed.

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8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: Killed one VC sniper
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:
Good, no casualties.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.
11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER:
 1. Capt. BRIDGES of HMM 361, the pilot of the aircraft, flew the entire patrol at 150 ft. A very worthwhile & productive method of conducting this type of operation.
 2. Recommend that future operations such as this be carried on extensively. Particularly when S-2 has an agent intelligence report that needs to be varified.

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OPERATION ORDER 434-65

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy. Current ISUM'S AND PIR'S
- b. Friendly. Current OP'S
- c. Attachments. None.

2. MISSION. CoD(-) conduct screening and surveillance SOUTH of 1/9 along grid line 65 from 0400 29 Aug to 1600 29 Aug to determine extent of VC activity.3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of operation. CoD move to the ferry landing in DA NANG, then by 6x6 to MARBLE mountain. At 2300 pickup a guide and proceed to A-1-9 position, then move with A-1-9 to vicinity of (BT 085680) where they will move into position and CoD then move to vicinity of (BT 095657), establish a patrol base then send out four squad patrols to cover the SOUTHERN and WESTERN extremity-return at 1600 along the highway and MARBLE mountain.
- b. 1st Platoon. Carry out this order.
- c. 2d Platoon. Carry out this order.
- d. 3d Platoon. Maintain OP's at MARBLE mountain and provide Liaison personnel for 1/9.
- e. Essential Elements of reconnaissance.
 - (1) VC activity SOUTH of grid 65
 - (2) Terrain study and route analysis
 - (3) Hydrography study
- f. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Rules of Engagement will apply.
 - (2) Be prepared to carry out further assignments in the field.
 - (3) Turn in list of patrol numbers to S-3 prior to leaving.
 - (4) Be prepared to be debriefed one half hour after return.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Rations. 1 day
- b. Ammo. Normal ammo
- c. Resupply. None

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. Frequencies.
 - Primary-PRC-10 52.1
 - Alternate-PRC-10 43.9
 - PRC-47 2152
- b. Call signs.
 - Patrol-Scat Delta
 - Company- Scat Delta
 - Regiment-PEEPSIGHT
 - 1/9-REDWOOD on 52.5
 - Relay-Scat 3 Delta
- c. Reports.
 - (1) Continuous monitoring.
 - (2) Report every hour utilizing SALUTE and CONTACT
- d. Codes.

(1) UBC-COLLINS	(4) E & E-SOOT
(2) LEADER-COLLINS	(5) COMPROMISE-SHAFTED
(3) THRUST-10-65	(6) SWITCH FREQUENCY-SHUFFLE

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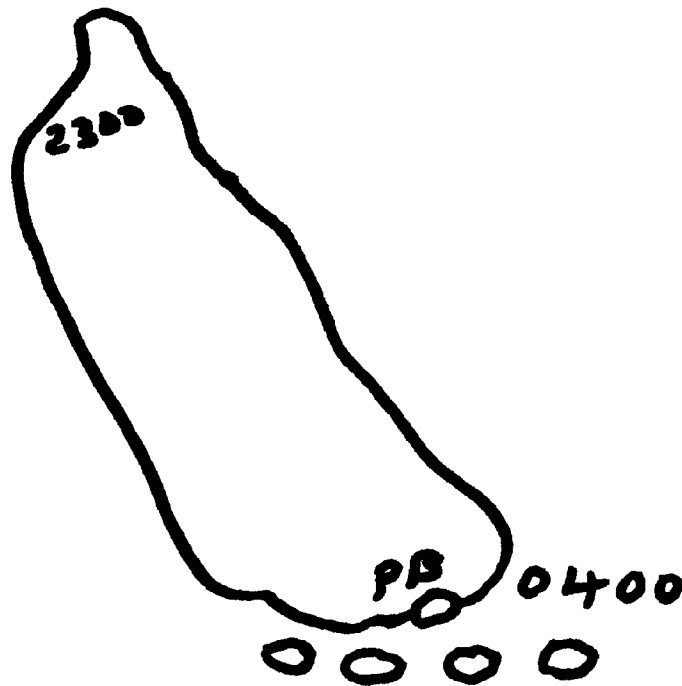
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 292030H, August 65

PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat Delta

MAPS: DA NANG. 6659 III Ser. L-701 1:50,000

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (2) Plts. plus HQ section. (3) Off
(49) Enl.
2. MISSION: to conduct a screening surveillance screen of the 1st Bn.
9th Marine sweep.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 282200H August 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 291700H August 1965
5. ROUTE (SHOW ON OVERLAY). Refer to OPOD 434-65
6. OBSERVATIONS:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
290524H	(BT 077660)	Blinking flashlights, individuals smoking cigarettes, and people talking.
290600H	(BT 080654)	Five VC moving West. They were wearing standard black pajamas, without hats. All of them were carrying carbines. Three VC moving East approximately 200 yards from the five man unit. They were wearing standard black pajamas. One man had orange scarf around his neck. He was carrying two carbines and one O3.
290730H	(BT 060624)	Small arms firing. One sniper observed moving along treesline throughout the area using a carbine. Firing by sniper continued sporadically from 290730H to 291130H.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: 290935H, Vicinity of (BT 080654) one VCS previously sighted carrying an M-1 rifle in company with a VCS carrying a carbine and moving to the West, was captured upon his return. This VCS returned to his house without the M-1 previously sighted on his person. A two man team apprehended the subject at this time.

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8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: (2) VC KIA (3) VCS captured and returned to ITT.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:
Good.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
Small patrols can get in at night, set up ambushes and return in the morning. VC had no idea that Marines were in the area. Element of surprise was excellent.

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11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER:
Patrol was in five different surveillance positions when encountered with eight VC at Coordinates (BT 080654). Patrol opened fired after letting two of the men walk by. Third man in the column fell in a hole occupied by one of the patrol members. Marine fired seven rounds killing the VC.

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OPERATION ORDER 334-65

Ref: (a) Map: Series L701, DA NANG, 6659 III, 1:50,000

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy. Current INTSUM's.
- b. Friendly. Current OPSUM's.
- c. Attachments. Three RVN Soldiers.

2. MISSION. H&S Company conducts two squad patrols of RED BEACHES #1 and 2 (AT 938332) to (BT 023793) commencing at 2200 and terminating at 0500 daily until cancelled.3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operation. H&S Company provides two squads of nine men each to conduct nightly patrols of RED BEACHES #1 and 2.
- b. 1st Squad: Patrol RED BEACH #1 (AT 973798 to BT 023793).
- c. 2d Squad: Patrol RED BEACH #2 (AT 938332 to AT 973798).
- d. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Vary times of departure from Bn and beach areas.
 - (2) Vary entrance and exit points from beach areas.
 - (3) Establish liaison with CO, Ranger unit, daily.
 - (4) One RVN each squad, Lt w/Patrol base.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Transportation to beach area by 6X6's and 1 M4C-38.
- b. M4C-38 remain at patrol base with patrol leader to coordinate squads.
- c. Helmets, armor vests, ID tags, Geneva Convention card w/normal arms and equipment will be carried by patrol personnel.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. 3d Recon Bn CO for communications will apply.
- b. Freq: 40.4, 2452 on PRC-47 to Peepsight.
- c. UBC: Pawn Broker, 1st numeral starts with the day of the month and changes daily at 0601.
- d. Patrols will utilize AN/PRC-10's to the M4C-38 at the Ranger compound which will in turn, relay to STAKEOUT and PEEPSIGHT on the PRC-47.

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- e. All stations will report each on the hour at a minimum.
- f. Position reports will be as follows by code "BRAVO REPORT".
- g. A report of "All secure, situation remains the same", will be transmitted, "ALPHA SIERRA SIERRA ROMEO SIERRA".
- h. Thrust line: 9783
- i. Authentication: Baseball Team-State.
- j. Patrol Base at Ranger Compound (BT ~~004770~~).

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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Boat 4-2

MAPS: Series L701, Sheet 6659 III, 1:50,000

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: 9 Enlisted, 1 ARVN
2. MISSION: Recon of Red Beach 2
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 172015H August 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 180600H August 1965
5. ROUTE:
6. OBSERVATIONS-ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATE</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
172040 Aug 65	972797	3 men standing w/lantern. When we approached they moved away at a fast walk.
172200H Aug 65	AT 9184 - 9284	Heard firing consisting of SA/AW fire and then observed arty. coming in to one of the positions at (AT 9184).
172200H Aug 65	AT 959807	Man ran from water edge to sand dune, laid down at sand dune then ran in direction of Hway #1.
172235H Aug 65	AT 9683	Boat approx 30' long, about 1000 meters from beach was using blinking light. Light flashed 4 times, stopped, flashed 4 more times stopped then blinked twice more. No answering light from area. One man from patrol stated same signals were being sent back to boat from AT 9879. Boat remained in area approx 5 minutes then headed NORTH WEST. Boat moved under power but no sails were visible.

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172330 - 0300
Aug 1965

AT 936834
AT 948377

Observed flashing lights with no set pattern throughout this period. Blinking would occur for approx 10 minutes then cease for approx 30 minutes then start again. Lights were observed returning flashes from boat in area that boat headed towards in report above.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

There were seven boats on the beach area covered by this patrol, of note was the fact that none of these boats had any movement or life in or near them during the duration of the patrol. These were old wheeled vehicle tracks from 4 exits off beach, no new tracks were noted.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

No contact

9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:

Good.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

In order to prevent any small boat landings this area should be patrolled by foot patrols. Use of vehicles for this patrol would not be feasible due to the soft composition of the sand in the beach area.

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11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER:

None

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SPECIAL SITREP-OPERATION BLAST OUT I

1. Reporting Unit: 3d Reconnaissance Battalion (-) REIN
2. Summary of events, 02001-032400 August 65
3d Reconnaissance Battalion (-) departed the B attalion area at 020530, arriving at DA NANG Air Field at 020605. The helo-lift was airborne at 020630, and completed at 020640 with Company A landing in LZ RED, Companies C and D in LZ WHITE and H&S 1000 meters East of LZ WHITE. Company A immediately commenced surveillance operations with it's CP established vic AT 915649. A Battalion OP was established vic AT 936646, and the remaining companies established a hasty perimeter defense around LZ WHITE. Preparations were completed for commencing the sweep operations as depicted by enclosure (1). The sweep commenced as planned and was completed by 021700 with 73 VCS apprehended and helolifted to LZ QUAIL. Two medical evacs were caused by heat exhaustion, and no casualties were sustained or inflicted. On account of enemy action.
Company A (-) (Rein), 3d Tank Battalion with a Headquarters tank, one plat, of gun tanks one tank flame section, one dozer tank, and two LVTE's arrived at 021212H under operational control of 3d Reconnaissance Battalion and were employed in a perimeter defense role around LZ WHITE after conducting a reconnaissance of the area of operation. A perimeter defense was established that evening as shown by enclosure (2). The night of 2-3 August passed uneventfully with the exception of an artillery mission fired at 021737, Coord AT 922622, where Company A reported 3 VC were hiding in the brush. Helicopter resupply of water, Class V and batteries was effected at LZ WHITE at 021845H. At 030530H elements of Company D departed to secure the LZ Vic AT 932643 where the rubber boats were to arrive. The LZ was secured and marked, with the boats arriving at 030743H. Company D, followed by Company C, began a riparian reconnaissance. Company A (-) (Rein), 3d Tank Battalion passed to operational control of 1st Battalion, 3d Marines at 030600H. Company D destroyed a cave Vic AT 954632 at 031037H. AT 031140H, Company D found 3 networks of tunnels Vic AT 956629. These were destroyed with demolitions and the use of the LVTE's at 031335. Company D discovered a cave at AT957630 with 2 VC hiding in it. Hand grenades were employed, killing one and wounding the other. AT 1420H, Company D reported the destruction of one large and one small tunnel, and three VC KIA at AT 953627. Company D returned to LZ WHITE, at 031545H. Company C, remained at the river guarding the boats. Company D, was Helolifted out at 031647H. H&S Company, plus Company C's equipment were helolifted out at 031737 from LZ WHITE; and Company A departed LZ RED at 031710H.

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Company C was extracted from SONG YEN, at AT 957652, by helo-lift at 031647H. Company A, maintained surveillance of the area from OF's at AT 928634, AT 922628, AT 927645, and AT 925645, during the day. ~~The contents of enclosure (4) were taken from the 73 VGS and 3 VC KIA's~~

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