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Ref: (a) DivO 05750.1

Encl: (1) Operation Order 349-65
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- (37) Patrol Report of 31 December 1965
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- (56) Patrol Report of 28 December 1965
- (57) Patrol Report of 4 January 1966
- (58) Patrol Report of 2 January 1966

1. In compliance with reference (a), the below report is submitted.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

a. Reporting Unit: 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion (AT 959749).

b. Period covered: 1 - 31 December 1965.

a. Commanding Officer	LtCol. R. R. VAN CLEVE
Executive Officer	Major T. R. STUART
Adjutant	2ndLt. M. J. GILDEA
Operations Officer	Major D. A. COLBY
S-4	1stLt. L. T. BALL
CO, H&S Company	Capt. E. J. CHAPMAN
CO, Company A	Capt. B. G. HUNTER
CO, Company C	Capt. J. E. REVELL
CO, Company D	Capt. J. S. TARDY
CO, Recon Group Alpha	Capt. J. L. COMPTON
CO, Company B	Capt. J. L. COMPTON
CO, Company C, 1st Recon Bn	Capt. R. B. TIFFANY
CO, 1st Force Recon Company	Capt. W. C. SILVER

d. Average monthly strength:

- (1) USMC Officers 30
- (2) USN Officers 1
- (3) USMC Enlisted 450
- (4) USN Enlisted 24

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- (1) Construction on the Battalion Command bunker was initiated.
- (2) One M-35 truck was received from the supply system.

b. Civil Affairs

- (1) This Battalion provided a library for HOA VANG High School with facilities available for both the HOA VAN District and the HOI VUC District. The material for the library was donated by the IVA ALICE MANN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL in Tacoma, Washington. The school adopted the HOA VAN High School and will continue to support the program through the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion.
- (2) The Battalion distributed toys and candy at the PHU THONG Orphanage, and school supplies at the PHU THONG primary school.
- (3) The Battalion doctor treated 100 citizens at the PHU THUONG Xa Refugee Center.

4. OPERATIONS

- a. The 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion in general support of the 3rd Marine Division, maintained its elements deployed around the periphery of the Division TAC's.
- b. Company A conducted reconnaissance patrols for a total of 63 platoon patrol days during the month of December, reporting 8 significant sightings that included 37 VC and 13 VCS. Numerous new trails, VC gun emplacements, panji traps, harbor sites and campsites were located. During this period the company discovered and destroyed 600 pounds of rice and 4 booby traps. Six contacts with the Viet Cong inflicted 4 enemy killed and 3 enemy wounded, while no USMC casualties were sustained. One VCC and 13 VCS were captured. (Enclosures 7 - 19).
- c. Company C conducted one company size operation in support of "Operation HARRY ST MOORE" and conducted reconnaissance patrols for a total of 48 platoon patrol days during the month of December. The company reported 3 significant sightings totalling 26 VC. During this period the patrols discovered new trails, VC harboring sites, a 1000 pound bomb dud and located and destroyed 2 booby traps and several panji pits. Two contacts with the Viet Cong resulted in 1 enemy wounded while 2 Marines were MIA. One other member of the company was slightly wounded by a booby trap. (Enclosures 20 - 27)

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- d. Company D with OPCON of the Fourth Platoon, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company, conducted one company size and eleven platoon size reconnaissance operations for a total of 57 patrol days during the month of December. They reported 7 significant sightings totalling 27 VC. In addition the company discovered numerous new trails, VC harbor sites, trench lines, fighting holes and helicopter landing zones. The patrols also discovered several old barracks and a Viet Cong supply point which contained 2 weapons, aiming stakes for a 60mm mortar, 2 shape charges, 5 Chinese communist grenades, and a large amount of ammunition. Five contacts with the enemy resulted in 1 enemy killed and 1 estimated wounded while no USMC casualties were sustained. (Enclosures 28 - 41).
- e. Reconnaissance Group Alpha located at CHU LAI consists of Company B (-), 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion and Company C, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion. Reconnaissance Group Alpha conducted one company (-) operation and 16 platoon size patrols during the month of December reporting 46 significant sightings totalling 226 Viet Cong. During this period the Group also located several VC campsites, trench lines and 4 booby traps. Six contacts with the enemy resulted in 5 VC estimated wounded while one USMC wounded was sustained. Artillery strikes called by the patrols were thought to have killed 26 VC and wounded an estimated 12. Two Marines also suffered minor panji stake wounds during this period. (Enclosures 42 - 58)

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Ref: (a) BnOpO 336-65
 (b) Maps: 1:50,000, Series L 701, Sheet Numbers 6559 I, II;
 6659 I, III, IV; 6558 I, II; 6658 I; 6657 I, II; 6757
 II, III, IV; 6656 I; 6756 I, IV.

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Reference (a).

1. SITUATION.a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUM'sb. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 12th Marines. Provides artillery fire support.
- (2) 1st Marine Air Wing. Provides fixed and rotary wing air support.
- (3) 3rd Marines. Provides ready alert strike forces.

c. Attachments and detachments. Reference (a)

2. MISSION. 3dReconBn (-) (Rein) establishes a reconnaissance net in the DA NANG and CHU LAI enclaves.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operation. 3dReconBn (-) (Rein) accomplishes its assigned mission by maintaining area surveillance and reconnaissance patrolling within RZ's.
- b. Co A: DA NANG. Conduct a company size reconnaissance operation in RZ 3 and that portion of RZ 2 WEST of grid line 88 emphasizing the Elephant Valley-CA DE SONG avenue of approach and observation of the NAM YEN area during the period 3 - 8 Dec 1965 inclusive. Insert First Platoon and Command Group on 3 Dec using this insertion as a re-supply for Second and Third Platoons already deployed. Capture and return to U. S. Control, one VCC or VCS during this period. Maintain surveillance in RZ's 2 and 3, 13 - 17 Dec 1965 utilizing 50% of available forces.
- c. Co C: DA NANG. Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ 6 during the period 3 - 12 Dec 1965 utilizing one platoon. During the period 7 - 12 Dec conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ's 2 and 3 utilizing 2 platoons and putting particular emphasis on the avenue of approach from Elephant Valley and observation of the NAM YEN area. Maintain one platoon in RZ 6 during the period 13 - 17 Dec 1965.

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- d. CoD: DA NANG. Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ 4-5 during the period 2-18 Dec 1965 expanding to include RZ 6 during the period 8-13 Dec 1965. An overall utilization of 50% of available forces will be maintained. Particular emphasis will be placed on the avenue of approach from Happy Valley.
- e. Recon Group Alpha: CHU LAI.
 - (1) Operations will be confined to an area SOUTH of grid line 10 and West of grid line 53 within RZ's. 40% of available forces will be utilized to conduct continuous reconnaissance operations within RZ's during the period 3-17 Dec 1965 emphasizing critical avenues of approach.
 - (2) Determination of critical avenues of approach will be made after consultation with cognizant Regimental Commanders.
- f. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Fire support and infantry reinforcement requirements will be effected by direct liaison with cognizant Regimental Commanders.
 - (2) Submit Company employment schedule for the required period by 291200H (DA NANG and CHU LAI).
 - (3) Reconnaissance operations will be conducted as set forth in paragraph 3a of reference (a).
 - (4) Coordinate all missions with cognizant Regimental Commanders.
 - (5) EEI's. Annex A to reference (a).
 - (6) Submit helicopter requirements to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) not later than 48 hours prior to execution of missions.
 - (7) Use varying means and times of entry and exit; helo LZ's will normally be no closer than 3000 meters to objective area.
 - (8) Submit operation orders to this Headquarters not later than 48 hours prior to execution of assigned missions (Attn: S-3) for reproduction and distribution.
 - (9) Submit patrol rosters to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) prior to execution of assigned missions. DA NANG only.
 - (10) Cause patrol leaders to report to Battalion S-2 immediately on return to the Battalion area for debriefing. DA NANG only.
 - (11) Be prepared to execute assigned missions using foot marches as the method of insertion and/or extraction.
 - (12) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire.
 - (13) If an air strike is requested and approved, display a single red panel at position when aircraft are on station.
 - (14) Be prepared to recommend infantry reinforcement and suitable primary and alternate LZ's for its entry.
 - (15) For DA NANG RZ's, Annex B to reference (a); CHU LAI RZ's, Annex C, reference (a).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Reference (a).CONFIDENTIAL

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. Reference (a).
- b. Battalion Command Post remains the same.



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Change No. 1 to Operation Order 348-65

Ref: None

Time Zone: H

1. Make the following pen changes to Operation Order 348-65:

- a. Paragraph 3.b. Co A: next to last line change to read, "...RZ's 2 and 3, 12 - 17 December 1965...".
- b. Paragraph 3.c. Co C: change to read, "Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ 6 during period 3 - 9 Dec 65 utilizing one platoon. During the period 7 - 12 Dec 65 conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ 2 utilizing one platoon...".

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Change No 2 to Operation Order 349-65

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1. Make the following pen changes to Task Organization in Operation Order 349-65:

- posted 13 Oct 66*
- a. H&S Company: Change Captain CHAPMAN to 1stLt NASH.
 - b. Co A: Change Captain HUNTER to 1stLt BEST.
 - c. Co C: Change Captain REVELL to Captain STUDDS.
 - d. Co D: Change Captain COLLINS to Captain TARDY.

2. Remove and destroy present Annex B (DA NANG RZ's) and insert therefore the enclosed Annex B. *(2-4 pgs)*

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4th Marines	(2)	TOTAL	<u>35</u>
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9th Marines	(2)		
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Bn Ln, 3dMarDiv	(1)		
Recon Group Alpha	(3)		
Co A	(1)		
Co C	(1)		
Co D	(1)		
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(b) BnO P4000.1
(c) BnO 2000.1E
(d) Maps: VIET NAM, 1:50,000, AMS Series L701, Sheets 6558 I, II;
6559 I, II; 6658 I, II, III, IV; 6659 II, III, IV; 6758 III,
IV; 6656 I, II; 6657 I, II; 6756 I, II, III, IV; 6757 II,
III, IV.

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Task Organization:3rd Reconnaissance Battalion (-) (Rein)

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H&S Co.

1st Lt. NASH

~~Capt. CHAPMAN~~

Co A

1st Lt. BEST

~~Capt. HUNTER~~

Recon Group Alpha

Capt. COMPTON

Co B (-)

Capt. COMPTON

Co C, 1st Recon Bn

Capt. TIFFANY

Co C

Capt. STUDDS

~~Capt. REVELL~~

Co D

Capt. TARDY

~~Capt. COLLINS~~1. SITUATION.a. Enemy forces. Annex A (Intelligence)b. Friendly forces.

- (1) 12th Marines provides artillery fire support. (DA NANG)
- (2) 3/12 Bn Artillery Group provides artillery fire support
(CHU LAI)
- (3) 1st Marine Air Wing provides fixed and rotary wing air
support.

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(4) Cognizant regiment provides ready alert strike force.

- c. Attachments and detachments. 3rd Platoon, Company B detached to 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines.
2. MISSION. 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion (-) (Rein) establishes and maintains a reconnaissance network in the Division TAOR's/RZ's.
3. EXECUTION.
- a. Concept of operation. 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion (-) (Rein) employs its companies in general support of the 3rd Marine Division to gain intelligence information by establishing a reconnaissance net on the perimeter of the DA NANG and CHU LAI TAOR's and within RZ's to find and fix the enemy in order to permit his destruction by friendly forces. Accomplishment will be by aggressive reconnaissance of routes, rivers, zones and areas in depth; and by establishment of early warning and observation/listening posts on critical terrain overlooking avenues of approach into the 3rd Marine Division TAOR's. Supporting arms, as required, will be furnished by higher headquarters. Special operations will be conducted as directed.
- b. Co A:
- (1) General support, DA NANG RZ's
 - (2) Be prepared, on order, to assume a direct support mission, 3rd Marines.
- c. Recon Group Alpha:
- (1) General support, CHU LAI RZ's.
 - (2) Submit SITREP daily by courier.
 - (3) Co B (-): Be prepared, on order, to assume direct support mission, 4th Marines.
 - (4) Co C, 1st Recon Bn: Be prepared, on order, to assume direct support mission, 7th Marines.
- d. Co C:
- (1) General support, DA NANG RZ's.
 - (2) Be prepared, on order, to assume direct support mission, 9th Marines.
- e. Co D: General support, DA NANG RZ's.

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C O N F I D E N T I A Lf. Coordinating instructions.

- (1) RZ's: Annex B (DA NANG RZ's) and Annex C (CHU LAI RZ's).
- (2) Emphasize EEI: Annex A (Intelligence).
- (3) Effective on receipt.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.a. Supply.(1) Supply Sources

- (a) "B" Company, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion will receive logistic support from the 4th Marine Regiment.
- (b) "C" Company, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion will receive logistic support from the 7th Marine Regiment.
- (c) Reconnaissance units will be supported logistically by the units to which they are attached.
- (d) Any logistic problems peculiar to reconnaissance operations will be referred to this headquarters.

(2) Control and Distribution

- (a) Normal control and distribution is effected.

(3) Resupply

- (a) On all operations of five days duration or less the individuals will carry the necessary supplies.
- (b) Operations of six days or more will normally be resupplied by helicopter.
 1. Landing zones will be utilized whenever possible.
 2. When no landing zone is available external hoist will be used.
- (c) Resupply of water will not be accomplished unless specifically requested; water purification tablets and local water sources will be used.

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- (a) Evacuate to Battalion or Recon Group Alpha CP for intelligence evaluation and disposition.
- (b) Unless otherwise directed, evacuate no live ordnance -- destroy in place or otherwise render useless.

b. Evacuation and hospitalization.

- (1) 2 day evacuation policy.
- (2) Emergency medical evacuation by helicopter. Request through supporting Regiment.

c. Transportation.

- (1) Requests for air transportation to or from the operating area must be submitted prior to 0300 the day before the flight.
- (2) Requests for vehicular transportation should be placed 24 hours in advance of departure time. Tactical lifts have priority over all other requirements unless specifically designated by the Commanding Officer.
- (3) Transportation means will be utilized in both directions. A company inserting and extracting the same day will do so by round trip transportation.

d. Service. 2nd echelon maintenance will be provided through the cognizant special staff section on request.e. Personnel

- (1) Report all casualties to this headquarters by the most expeditious means.
- (2) Captured VC will be evacuated to the supporting Regiment CP in accordance with Annex A (Intelligence).

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- A - Intelligence
- B - DA NANG RZ's
- C - CHU LAI's RZ's
- D - Communications-Electronics

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Annex A (Intelligence) to Operation Order 349-65

- Ref: (a) MAPS: AMS: Series L-701; 1,50,000; Sheets 6559 I, II; 6659 II, III, IV; 6558 I, IV; 6657 I, II; 6757 II, III, IV; 6656 I; 6756 I, IV.
 (b) 3dMarDiv OpOrd 343-65
 (c) 3dMarDiv Ord 3800.1E

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1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION. See current Periodic Intelligence Summaries, Periodic Intelligence Reports and 3d Reconnaissance Battalion Patrol Reports.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION.

- a. Will the Viet Cong attack the CHU LAI and DANANG TAOR? If so, when? Where? In what strength? With what units?
- b. Will the Viet Cong defend against USMC operations in Viet Cong held or Viet Cong controlled areas? If so, where? How? In what strength? With what units?
- c. What defenses will the Viet Cong employ in and around their combat hamlets? (Special attention to their employment of automatic weapons and supporting arms, weak points/strong points in their defensive system, secret exits, hiding places for personnel and material, and tunnel patterns.
- d. Will the Viet Cong reinforce units now in contact or in the 3d Marine Division area of operations? If so, when? Where? With what forces?
- e. Will the Viet Cong employ artillery or heavy mortars to shell or support an attack upon the 3d Marine Division positions and installations at CHU LAI or DANANG? If so, from what positions? When? On what targets? (Special attention to howitzers, heavy mortars, antiaircraft guns and other large caliber weapons).
- f. What are the road and bridge conditions and capacities in the I Corps Tactical Zone?

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g. What suitable helicopter landing zones exist in projected areas of operations in and around the TAOR's? What is the capacity of these zones? If vulnerable to interdiction by ground fire, from what locations?

2. RECONNAISSANCE AND OBSERVATION MISSIONS.

a. Determine exact locations of all Viet Cong units, camps, rest areas, training areas, special cultivation areas, supply points and weapons and ammunition storage areas.

b. Determine the direction and technique of movement of Viet Cong forces. (Special attention to infiltration of individuals or units by deceptive or covert means, to include tunneling).

c. Determine Viet Cong communications and signal systems. Location of sites. Types of equipment. Antenna systems or farms. Telephone equipment. (Special attention to signals used for the purposes of warning; breaking contact; opening fire; marking minefields, stake traps, and booby traps; and the use of drums, bugles, whistles, flares, lights, signs and markers; and use of carrier pigeons.

d. Determine the Viet Cong reactions to defenses and counter-measures against reconnaissance, surveillance and detection techniques and devices. (Special attention to their methods of avoiding detection and contact with 3d Marine Division forces.

e. Determine trafficability of road and trail networks, and waterways within the TAOR's. Include bridge type, location, construction and condition. Tunnel location, serial number, type, length, width, alignment and gradient. Location of vehicular fording, ferrying, and swimming sites.

f. Determine the location of obstacles and barriers, both man made and natural.

g. Determine the location and extent of field fortifications, weapons emplacements and bunkers. Mines and booby traps.

h. Determine the location, types and number of crew served weapons. (Special attention to artillery, heavy mortars and antiaircraft weapons).

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DANANG, RVN4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING CAPTURED PERSONNEL, DOCUMENTS AND MATERIAL

- a. References (b) and (c) provide basic guidance in the handling of captured personnel, documents and material.
- b. Captured Personnel.
 - (1) The term "prisoner of war" will not be used in connection with captives taken in counter guerrilla operations against the Viet Cong since the Viet Cong are not foreign nationals, and this is not a declared war. For operations in Vietnam, the term "captive" will be used in reference to all prisoners taken by 3d Reconnaissance Battalion units.
 - (2) Classification of Captives. Due to the nature of counter guerrilla operations and the environment in which the enemy is found, captives taken in sweep operations will generally fall into one of several possible categories. In referring to captives, they will be classified by the following definitions:
 - (a) Viet Cong Captive (VCC) applies to members of the Viet Cong forces, auxiliaries to those forces, or Viet Cong cadre infiltrated into RVN in any form or by any means; spies, agents or persons who speak a North Vietnamese dialect; and persons from other than North or South Vietnam; and any person taken captive while engaging in combat against any 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, RVN or allied unit under any circumstances.
 - (b) Very Important VCC applies to important captives requiring flagging and special processing depending on intelligence requirements. VCC considered "very important" include VC officers (platoon leaders and above), intelligence agents, communications/crypto personnel, district level or higher political (or finance, recruiting, etc.) commissars or cadre. Very Important VCC will be redefined periodically.
 - (c) Viet Cong Suspects (VCS) applies to collaborators, accomplices or others taken captive who, while not directly or

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conclusively known to have been engaged in combat against 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, RVN or allied forces, are suspected of being Viet Cong, collaborators or accomplices by virtue of their unexplained presence or actions in or near the scene of action between 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, RVN or allied forces and Viet Cong forces; or who, although unarmed, are suspected of having taken part in such action and have been captured in subsequent sweep operations; or persons whose unexplained presence, behavior or actions in or near 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, RVN or allied unit positions or facilities arouses suspicion as to their legal status and intentions.

- (d) Other Indigenous Captives applies to persons captured by 3d Reconnaissance Battalion units under unusual circumstances. Their status will generally be in question at the time of capture due to lack of identification, their being encountered in an area of operations, or such other circumstances that require further investigation in order to clear them. Often this includes aged men, women or children. These latter should not be categorized as VCS unless there is firm evidence of hostile or suspicious activity. They should not be indiscriminately evacuated as VCS. The great majority of captives including suspects are eventually cleared and returned to their villages.

- (e) "Ralliers" applies to those individuals not engaging in combat who voluntarily surrender and rally to the cause of the Government of the Republic of Vietnam under the "Open Arms" or CHIEU HOI policy of the Vietnamese Government.

(3) Handling Captives.

- (a) All captives taken by 3d Reconnaissance Battalion units will be accorded firm, just, humane treatment at all times in accordance with the law of land warfare as derived from custom and treaties, such as the Geneva Conventions. While the Viet Cong cannot be termed "prisoners of war" as defined by Article 4, Geneva Convention Relative to Treatment of Prisoners of War, 1949, they will be treated humanely in the manner prescribed therein.

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- (b) Normal procedures in processing "prisoners of war" apply to the processing of captives taken in counterinsurgency operations in Vietnam. Extreme care must be taken to ensure that friendly or potentially friendly civilians taken captive are not subject to any treatment that might engender a hostile attitude on their part toward the 3d Reconnaissance Battalion.
 - (c) Handling of captives will be firm at all times, but will not involve force beyond that necessary to defend against or subdue resisting Viet Cong Captives or Viet Cong Suspects. Captives will be led firmly, but gently when blindfolded. Special care must be exercised in the handling of captives who are blindfolded and tied when being moved or transported to or from aircraft or vehicles. These captives are helpless and must be assisted to prevent injury.
 - (d) Viet Cong Captives and Viet Cong Suspects will be bound in such manner as to ensure they cannot escape or harm either their captors, guards, interrogators or other captives. Bindings will ensure security but will not be such as to cut off blood circulation, cut, injure or otherwise cause pain. Captives will not be trussed in any way that is, could be, or may be mistaken to be, tortuous.
 - (e) Commanding Officers will ensure that all Marines and other personnel in their command are instructed in the proper manner and procedures in the handling of "prisoners of war" and that these procedures are applied to all insurgent captives.
- (4) Processing Captives.
- (a) See references (b), (c) and 3d Reconnaissance Battalion Order 3800.1A.
 - (b) All captives will be searched, segregated, tagged and evacuated through the intelligence chain as expeditiously as possible. Innocent civilians will be separated from VC and VCS as quickly as possible.

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- (c) Captives taken by reconnaissance patrols working in support of a battalion or regiment will be evacuated to the collection point of the unit being supported. Captives taken into custody during general support operations will be evacuated to the 3d Reconnaissance Battalion Collection Point.
- (d) Patrol Commanders will ensure that all documents, personal belongings and equipment taken into custody with the captive are transported back to the collection point at the same time as the captive.

5. MAPS, CHARTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS.

- a. Standard reference maps will be utilized.
- b. Requests for maps, charts and photographs, will be submitted to the S-2, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion.

6. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE.

- a. See references (b), (c) and 3d Reconnaissance Battalion Order 3800.1A.
- b. Countersigns: See Section 8 of reference (c) and Section 10 of 3d Reconnaissance Battalion Order 3800.1A.

7. REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION.

- a. See Section 12 of reference (c).
- b. Daily INTSUMS of the CHU LAI TAOR will be prepared and submitted, by the Commander, Reconnaissance Group Alpha, to the S-2 Section, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion by the most expeditious means available.
- c. Patrol reports will be prepared immediately upon completion of assigned reconnaissance missions. Format will be in accordance with Figure 5-2 of reference (c). The Commander, Reconnaissance Group Alpha, will submit patrol reports to the S-2, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion by the most expeditious means available.

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- (3) A copy of all patrol reports will be forwarded to cognizant Regimental Commanders.



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ANNEX D (COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS) to Operation Order 349-65

Ref: (a) DivOpO 343-65
(b) DivO 02000.2C
(c) DivO P2000.4B

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) See Annex A (Intelligence) to Operation Order 349-65
- (2) See current ISUM's and PIR's
- (3) The enemy has the capability to:
 - (a) Conduct electronic countermeasures both active and passive.
 - (b) Tap wire lines.
- (4) Abandoned enemy communications equipment will probably be booby trapped.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) Reference (a).
- (2) Command Posts:
 - (a) 3d Reconnaissance Battalion (-) (Rein) (AT 959749)
Camp Reasoner, DA NANG, RVN.
 - (1) Co A, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, (AT 959749)
Camp Reasoner, DA NANG, RVN.
 - (2) Co B, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, (BT 533089)
CHU LAI, RVN.
 - (3) Co C, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, (AT 959749)
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(4) Co. "D" 3d Reconnaissance Bn AT 959749 Camp Reasoner,
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(5) Co. "C" 1st Reconnaissance Bn AT 565045, CHU
LAI, RVN

2. MISSION. Communications-Electronics elements provide Communications and electronics support for the 3d Reconnaissance Battalion in general support of the 3d Marine Division.

3. EXECUTION

(a) Communications Platoon, H&B Company

- (1) Establish and maintain message center at Camp Reasoner.
- (2) Guard Division Reconnaissance Net (D-6).
- (3) Guard Division Tactical Net #2 (D-208).
- (4) Guard Division Air Observation Net (D-197).
- (5) Be prepared to guard additional nets as required.
- (6) Establish and maintain a telephone switching central.
- (7) Provide communication personnel and equipment to augment deployed units, as required.
- (8) Support letter companies in the supply and repair of communication and electronics equipment.

b. Companies "A", "C", "D" and Recon Group Alpha.

- (1) Guard Division Reconnaissance Net (D-6) at the Regiment where liaison group(s) is assigned.
- (2) When deployed as a unit a company will normally enter the Division Reconnaissance Net (D-6) directly.
- (3) Establish relay stations as required to maintain constant communications.
- (4) Establish and maintain internal communication as required.

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(a) 3d MarDiv maintains a scheduled helicopter messenger service.

(b) Vehicular messenger service will be provided by the message center as required.

(3) Radio

(a) Radio call signs: item 3, reference (b)

(b) Radio frequency assignments; Item 4, reference (b)

(c) All incoming or outgoing tactical messages will be written on a message blank. Outgoing messages will have the signature of a Staff NCO or Officer authorized to release.

(d) Radio circuit logs will be maintained by units on the Div Recon Net and by at least one station on each Company Net.

(e) It is essential that radio circuit logs be neat and complete.

(4) Wire

(a) Communication Platoon, H&S Company will establish and maintain a telephone switching central.

(b) Communication Platoon, H&S Company will maintain the electrical wiring within Camp Reasoner

(c) Switchboard Code Names: Item 6, reference (b)

(d) Traffic diagram: Appendix (1)

(5) Communication with ARVN elements: Arrange through Battalion Communications Officer.

(6) Visual and Sound, Attack, Warning, and Alert

(a) Visual: Appendix (2).

(b) Attack, Warning, and Alert: Appendix (3)

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- (a) Authentication: KAA-60 will be used-not to be carried forward of the frontline Battalion CP's
- (b) KAC-138 CINCPAC numerical code is effective-not to be carried forward of the frontline Battalion CP's.
- (c) All deployed units will ensure that authentication and coupling systems are included in their operation orders and a copy accompanies the unit. All deployed units will be prepared to authenticate upon request. Coupling will be used for position reports when other means have been compromised or have become otherwise unsuitable.

(8) Communication Center

- (a) References (b) and (c) and effective publications
- (b) Cryptographic: Item 9 (Cryptographic) reference (b) and Appendix (1), Annex I, reference (b)
- (c) 3d Marine Division Communication Center is cryptoguard for all incoming traffic.

(9) Communication Security

- (a) In case of suspected enemy jamming, or imitative deception, the following action will be taken immediately by the 3d Reconnaissance Battalion in DA NANG or by Recon Group Alpha in CHU LAI.
 - (1) DA NANG-Telephone Parachment 53.
 - (2) CHU LAI-Telephone Afterglow 202.
 - (3) PHU LAI-Telephone Bearmat 202.
 - (b) Upon reaching the appropriate number give the code word "DAVID" followed by the frequency designator of frequency involved.
 - (c) Suspected instances will be reported in the unit PIN.
 - (d) Annex I, reference (a).
- (10) When reconnaissance units are in direct support of 3d Marine Division units, the supported units will provide communication to the supporting unit.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Paragraph 4, basic order.
- b. Paragraph (4), Annex I, reference (a).
- c. The communication platoon, H&S Company will:
 - (1) Maintain and distribute all batteries.
 - (2) Perform all 2d echelon maintenance.
 - (3) Arrange for higher echelon maintenance as required.
 - (4) Augment letter companies with communication equipment as required.



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- 1 - Wire Traffic Diagram
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Appendix 2 (Visual Signals) to Annex D (Communications-Electronics)
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Ref: DivO 02000.20

Time Zone: H

VISUAL SIGNALS

1. AIRCRAFT MANEUVER SIGNALS

AIRCRAFT MANEUVER

MEANING

360 degree RIGHT turn

Mission completed.

Sharp "S" turn

Will support, you mark target.

Circle RIGHT-ROCKING wings

Am trying to contact you by radio.

2. SMOKE SIGNALS

TYPES

MEANINGS

Signal, Ground, YELLOW smoke, M64
 OR

Signal, Rifle, Yellow smoke
 OR

Grenade, Hand, YELLOW smoke M18

Marking of the friendly units
 position or of a secured area
 for an urgent or normal aircraft
 landing.

Signal, Ground, GREEN smoke M65
 OR

Grenade, Rifle, GREEN smoke M18
 OR

Grenade, Rifle, GREEN smoke

Please inform us of the enemy
 direction or position.

Grenade, Rifle, RED smoke

Marking of the enemy position.

3. ILLUMINATION SIGNALS

TYPES

Signal, Ground, RED STAR CLUSTER
 (One signal is fired)

Encircled or attacked by the enemy.
 Request support (type of support,
 such as aircraft, artillery, re-
 lieving forces etc, must be
 affirmed by radio.

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Signal, Ground, RED STAR CLUSTER
(continuous fire of 3 or more
signals)

Request for emergency illumination
(radio liaison must be established)

Signal, Ground, GREEN STAR,
(parachute)

Request for ammunition.

Signal, Ground, GREEN STAR, (hand-
held) (M125)

Request for evacuation.

Signal, Ground, WHITE STAR, Parachute
OR M127 (Hand-held)
Signal, Ground, WHITE STAR, amm 44A1

Radio breakdown.

Signal, Ground, WHITE STAR CLUSTER
(fire of one signal)

Request for radio communications
on the air-ground frequency.

Signal, Ground, WHITE STAR CLUSTER
(continuous fire of 3 or more signals)

Request for cease of illuminations
firing and shelling.

Signal, Ground, RED STAR, parachute
M126 (hand-held)

We are withdrawing from this
position.

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Ref: (a) DivO 02000.2C

Time Zone: H

ATTACK, WARNING AND ALERT SIGNALS

<u>SIGNALS</u>	<u>MEANING</u>	<u>HOW DISSEMINATED</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
"FLASH RED" (if known airborne "Nuclear" or "Gas" add to "Flash Red")	AIR ATTACK IMMINENT. (this includes aircraft and missiles).	FLASH MSG and short repeated sounding of sirens. Word of mouth.	Sirens will not be used for any other purpose in objective area.
"FLASH BLUE"	FRIENDLY Nuclear attack imminent. (5 minutes)	FLASH MSG to appropriate units. Word of mouth.	Preparatory msg will normally be sent.
"GAS"	GAS(ENEMY OR FRIENDLY)	Percussion bells, Gongs, Triangles, Shell cases, etc., Flash msg to appropriate units. Word of mouth.	Preparatory msg will normally be sent 45 minutes prior execution of friendly gas attack.
"ALL CLEAR _____" (RED, BLUE OR GAS)	ALL CLEAR from Flash Red, Blue or Gas.	Message, word of mouth.	

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(c) Bn OpO 349-65

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Co C (-) (Rein)

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Co C (..)
FAC Team

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) Ref (b)
- (2) Current INTSUM'S

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) Commencing at M₀Hour on D-Day, 1stBn, 1st Marines conducts search and destroy operations along NORTH side of SONG VU GIA River in the vicinity of the SOUTHWEST corner of the DA NANG TAOR. This operation has the unclassified code name LONG LANCE.
- (2) 12th Marines provides artillery support.
- (3) 1st Marine Air Wing provides fixed and rotary wing air support.

c. Attachments and Detachments.

- (1) Task Organization.
- (2) Effective on order.

2. MISSION. 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, in support of operation LONG LANCE, provides observation and surveillance over the objective area from the high ground NORTH of Route 14 and the SONG VU GIA River advising the 3d Marines of VC movement into or out of 1stBn, 1st Marines area of operation.

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- (1) One company less one platoon enters area of operation in sufficient time to be in position to provide surveillance of helicopter landing zone vic (AT 8356) when blocking force is inserted.
- (2) Move along the high ground to the NORTH of the SONG VU GIA River with and ahead of the 1stBn, 1st Marines advising the 3rd Marines and Commanding Officer, 1stBn, 1st Marines directly of VC movement into and out of the area of operation.
- (3) Remaining platoon enters area of operation on D+3 prepared to remain, conducting reconnaissance operations in RZ 6 after conclusion of operation LONG JANCE.

b. Co C (-).

- (1) Commencing D-1, provide surveillance for a 3rd Marines operation NORTH of the SONG VU GIA River.
- (2) Be directly responsive to the needs of Commanding Officer 1stBn, 1st Marines.
- (3) Report sightings directly to 3rd Marines and Commanding Officer, 1stBn, 1st Marines.
- (4) Provide surveillance of heliborne landing area to be utilized by the blocking force.

c. Coordinating instructions.

- (1) Direct liaison with 3rd Marines is authorized and directed.
- (2) Employment of riot control agents only on authority this Headquarters.
- (3) D-Day will be designated by Commanding Officer, 3rd Marines.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Paragraph 4, Ref (b).
- b. Resupply as required will be accomplished on insertion of last platoon.

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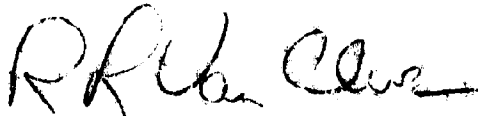
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- a. Communications-Electronics, Ref (b).
- b. Command Posts.

- (1) Bn CP remains the same.

- (2) Report Co CP location when established and thereafter in accordance with Ref (b).

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(b) 3rd MarDiv OpO 356-65
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Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Co D (Rein)
Co D
Det Comm Plt, H&S Co.

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) Reference (b).
- (2) Current INTSUM's.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 12th Marines provides artillery support.
- (2) 1st Marine Air Wing provides fixed and rotary wing air support as requested.

c. Attachments and Detachments.

- (1) Task Organization.
- (2) Effective on order.

2. MISSION. 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion conducts reconnaissance in force of Happy Valley commencing on G-Day.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation.

- (1) Commencing 19 December 1965, one reconnaissance company proceeds to a point vic HILL 995 (AT 821705) and establishes a patrol base.

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- (2) The company conducts platoon size patrols toward Happy Valley to locate routes suitable to move the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion into Happy Valley.
- (3) This operation will be entirely conducted to the EAST of grid line 80 and will cover a period of about five days.

b. C o m p.

- (1) Establish a patrol base vic HILL 995 (LT 821705).
- (2) Locate and plot routes from vic HILL 995 into Happy Valley suitable for the movement of 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion.
- (3) Locate and plot helicopter landing zones suitable for Med-evac missions between HILL 995 and Happy Valley.
- (4) Locate and plot OP's suitable for use in overwatching movement into and out of the EASTERN end of Happy Valley.

c. Detachment Comm Plt. H&S Co. Provide a station on the Division Recon Net at the company patrol base.d. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Fire support and infantry reinforcement. ~~requirements will~~ be effected by direct liaison with Commanding Officer, 3rd Marines.
- (2) Submit helicopter requirements to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) not later than 48 hours prior to commencement of mission.
- (3) Submit operations order to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) NLT 13 December 1965.
- (4) Submit patrol roster to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) prior to commencement of operation.
- (5) Submit after action report detailing information obtained in response to this mission within 24 hours of return to Camp Reasoner.
- (6) Cause patrol leaders to report to Battalion S-2 immediately on return to Camp Reasoner for debriefing.
- (7) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire.
- (8) If an air strike is requested and approved, display a single red panel at position when aircraft are on station.
- (9) Be prepared to recommend infantry reinforcement and suitable primary and alternate LZ's for its entry. ENCLOSURE (4)

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- a. Reference (c).
- b. Utilize long range patrol packet if available.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS.

- a. Communication-Electronics. Reference (c).
- b. Command Posts. Report location promptly when established.

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Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: Reference (a)1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUM's.
- b. Friendly Forces. Reference (a).
- c. Attachments and Detachments.

(1) 1st Plt, Force Reconnaissance Company remains attached to Co D.

(2) Detach Force Reconnaissance Platoon on order.

2. MISSION. 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion (-) (Rein) establishes and maintains a reconnaissance network in the Division TAOR's/RZ's.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operation.

(1) Reference (a).

(2) Platoons will operate as two squad size patrols in the field.

- b. Co A. Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ-3, DA NANG, during the period 17-31 December 1965 inclusive. Emphasize the Elephant Valley, CA DE SONG avenue of approach and the PHON HOA TRUNG Valley. Utilize 50% of available forces throughout the period except 2/3 of available forces will be utilized during the period 19-27 December 1965.
- c. Co C. Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ-5, DA NANG, during the period 17-31 December inclusive. Emphasize the avenue of approach through Mortar Valley and along the SONG VU GIA.

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Utilize 50% of available forces throughout the period except 19-27 December 1965. Reference (b) will apply during the period of Operation LONG LANCE.

- d. Co D. Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ-4, DA NANG, during the period 17-31 December 1965 inclusive. Utilize 50% of available forces throughout the period except where otherwise prescribed by reference (c). Particular emphasis will be placed on the HAPPY VALLEY avenue of approach and the TUNG SON Valley area.
- e. Recon Group Alpha.
- (1) Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ's 2 and 3 and that portion of RZ-4, CHU LAI, WEST of grid line 55, during the period 17-31 December 1965 inclusive. Utilize 40% of available forces during this period. Emphasize critical avenues of approach.
 - (2) Determination of critical avenues of approach will be made after consultation with cognizant Regimental Commanders.
- f. Coordinating Instructions.
- (1) Fire support and infantry reinforcement requirements will be effected by direct liaison with cognizant Regimental Commanders.
 - (2) Submit company employment schedule for the required period by 14 1900H December 1965.
 - (3) Coordinate all missions with cognizant Regimental and Battalion Commanders.
 - (4) EEI's. Annex A to Reference (a).
 - (5) Submit helicopter requirements and operation orders to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) not later than 48 hours prior to commencement of missions.
 - (6) Use varying means and times of entry and exit: Helo landing zones will normally be no closer than 3000 meters to objective area.
 - (7) Submit patrol rosters to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) prior to execution of assigned missions (DA NANG Only).
 - (8) Cause patrol leaders to report to Battalion S-2 or company debriefing officer at CHU LAI immediately on return to the unit area for debriefing.

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- (9) Be prepared to insert and/or extract patrols by foot.
- (10) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire.
- (11) If an air strike is requested and approved, display a single red panel at position when aircraft are on station.
- (12) Be prepared to recommend infantry reinforcement and suitable primary and alternate LZ's for its entry.
- (13) At least one trained sniper with sniper rifle will accompany each patrol.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Reference (a).
- b. Utilize long range patrol packet if available.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS.

- a. Communication-Electronics. Reference (a).
- b. Command Posts.
 - (1) Report Co CP locations as soon as established.
 - (2) Report location of patrol bases and each separate patrol once each hour.
 - (3) ~~Inner~~ platoon communications by PRC-10.

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Reference (b).1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUM's.

b. Friendly Forces. Reference (b).

c. Attachments and Detachments.

(1) Reference (b).

(2) 1st Force Recon Co., OPCON 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion.

2. MISSION. 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion (-) (Rein) establishes and maintains a reconnaissance network in the Division TAOR's/RZ's.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation.

(1) Reference (b).

(2) Platoons will operate as ~~two~~ widely separated squad size patrols in the field.

b. Co A.

(1) During the period 13 - 19 January 1966 conduct company training as outlined in reference (d).

(2) During the period 1 - 5 January 1966 inclusive, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ 3 DA NANG. Emphasize the Elephant Valley - CA DE SONG avenue of approach. Utilize 1/3 of available forces during the period.

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- (3) During the period 6 - 12 January 1966 inclusive, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 3 and 4, DA NANG, utilizing 2/3 of available forces. Emphasize the Elephant Valley-CA DE SONG and Happy Valley avenues of approach.

e. Co C.

- (1) During the period 30 Dec 65 - 5 Jan 66 conduct company training as outlined in reference (d).
- (2) Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ 5, DA NANG, during the period 6 - 19 January 1966 inclusive, emphasizing the avenue of approach through Mortar Valley. Utilize 1/3 of available forces throughout the period.
- (3) Be prepared to execute ref (c) if directed.

d. Co D.

- (1) During the period 6 - 12 January 1966 conduct company training as outlined in reference (d).
- (2) During the periods 1 - 5 and 13 - 19 January 1966 inclusive conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ 4, DA NANG. Particular emphasis will be placed on the Happy Valley avenue of approach and secondarily on the TUNG SON Valley area.

- e. Recon Group Alpha. Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ's 2 and 3 and that portion of RZ 4, CHU LAI, WEST of grid line 55 during the period 15 - 19 January 1966. Utilize 40% of available forces during this period. Emphasize critical avenues of approach. Determination of critical avenues of approach will be made after consultation with cognizant Regimental Commanders. Coordinate training and operations during period 1 - 14 January 1966.

(1) Co B.

- (a) During the period 1 - 7 January 1966 inclusive, conduct company training in basic reconnaissance skills.
- (b) During the period 8 - 14 January 1966 inclusive, maintain the CHU LAI reconnaissance screen with one platoon operating two independent squad patrols, widely separated.

(2) Co C, 1st Recon Bn.

- (a) During the period 8 - 14 January 1966 inclusive, conduct company training in basic reconnaissance skills.

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- (b) During the period 1 - 7 January 1966 inclusive maintain the CHU LAI reconnaissance screen with 50% of available forces. Widely separated squad size patrols shall be utilized during this period.

f. 1st Force Recon Co.

- (1) Conduct operations vicinity of TRA BONG as directed.
- (2) During the period 30 Dec 1965 - 5 Jan 1966 inclusive, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ 5, DA NANG utilizing one platoon. Emphasize the avenue of approach along the SONG WU GIA and place secondary emphasis on the avenue of approach through Mortar Valley.
- (3) During the period 13 - 19 Jan 1966 inclusive, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ 3, DA NANG utilizing one platoon. Emphasize the Elephant Valley-CA DE SONG avenue of approach.
- (4) Be prepared to conduct other reconnaissance operations as directed.

g. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Fire support and infantry reinforcement requirements will be effected by direct liaison with cognizant Regimental Commanders.
- (2) Submit company employment schedule for the required period by 291900H December 1965.
- (3) Submit company training schedule 72 hours prior to start of training week.
- (4) Coordinate all missions with cognizant Regimental Commanders.
- (5) EET's. Annex A to Reference (a).
- (6) Submit helicopter requirements and operations order to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) not later than 48 hours prior to commencement of missions.
- (7) Use varying means and times of entry and exit. Helo landing zones will normally be no closer than 3000 meters to objective area.

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- (8) Submit patrol roster to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) prior to execution of assigned mission. (DA NANG Only).
- (9) Cause patrol leaders to report to Battalion S-2 or company debriefing officer at CHU LAI immediately on return to the unit area for debriefing.
- (10) Be prepared to insert and/or extract patrols by foot.
- (11) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire.
- (12) If an air strike is requested and approved, display a single red panel at position when aircraft are on station.
- (13) Be prepared to recommend infantry exploitation or reinforcement and suitable primary and alternate LZ's for its entry.
- (14) Each company in the DA NANG Enclave shall report hourly to this Headquarters, the location and situation of each element of each patrol out.
- (15) At least one school trained sniper with rifle will accompany each patrol.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Utilize long range patrol packet when available.

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

- (1) Reference (a).
- (2) Each platoon size patrol shall carry a PRC-25 for its primary means of communications. Inter-platoon communications by PRC-10.

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b. Command Posts. Report CP locations as soon as possible.

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 DANANG, RVN
 071030H December 1965

PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat 3-Alpha

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

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (12) Enl (1) USN
2. MISSION: Conduct day and night undetected land reconnaissance to locate Viet Cong Camp sites, storage areas, communication routes and signs of activity; capture and return to U.S. Control VCC or VCS and establish day OP's and selective night ambush positions within RZ #3 and that portion of RZ #2 West of grid line 88 from 29 November-8 December 1965.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 291000H - November 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 060915H - December 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 188-65
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
292100H	(AT 828864)	1 VC killed by small arms fire.
302400H	(AT 823866)	8 people were following the patrol.
292200H	(AT 819865) to (AT 825865)	A covered culvert.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) At 292100H as the patrol was moving in an Easterly direction, the point observed a man near the bank of a stream at (AT 828864). The point immediately engaged the man with a burst of small arms fire. On impact, the man fell backwards into the stream and was quickly swept away by the swift current. Approximately 10 seconds elapsed when a loud scream was heard 30 meters from the patrols right flank. This was immediately followed by the detonation of a grenade (not friendly) at (AT 828864). The patrol departed the area to avoid further contact as to continue on their assigned mission.

(2) 302400H as the patrol was moving North at (AT 823866) the rear point observed 8 people at a distance 10 meters following the

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patrol through the 15 foot elephant grass. The patrol leader immediately initiated an ambush, but the ambush was not activated by the possible VC. It is believed they had altered their course.

(3) At 031030 one man required Helo evacuation for emersion foot at (AT 827867). The site chosen at these coordinates for extraction is considered an excellent Helo extraction point.

(4) From (AT 819865) to (AT 825865) a stream is actually a covered culvert which has been interwoven with elephant grass.

This culvert is providing a covered route from the 324 hill complex in the West at (AT 796865) to the 912 hill mass to the North in grid squares (AT 8387) and (AT 8487).

(5) The small valley in grid square (AT 8286) is vegetated with 15 foot elephant grass. The 3 streams in this area are now swollen and are approximately 20 meters wide with currents of 12 to 15 knots making stream crossings very treacherous and hazardous. Future patrols should be equipped with atleast one climbing rope for river crossings.

(6) The AN/PIC 25 provided excellent communications throughout the area of operation.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 1 VC killed and 1 possibly severely wounded.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Good. 1 man evacuated by Helo for emersion foot. Condition considered good.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
 Recommendation: That the stream running from (AT 819865 to (AT 825865) moving East or West is an elephant grass covered culvert which is being used as a route of egress and access to hill complex North of NAM YEN. Recommend that aerial ordnance (Napalm) be initiated immediately during day light hours.

J. LATERRA
1st Lt. Co. A

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: Concur with the patrol leader's Recommendation.

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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat-2-Alpha

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

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (14) Enl (1) USN
2. MISSION: Conduct day and night undetected land reconnaissance to locate Viet Cong Camp sites, storage areas, communication routes and signs of activity; capture and return to U.S. control a VCC or VCS and establish day OP's and selective night ambush positions within ~~RZ#3~~ and that portion of ~~RZ#2~~ West of grid line 88 from 29 November to 8 December 1965.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 010930H December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 081530H December 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to OPORD 188-65
6. OBSERVATIONS:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
011300H	(AT 866865)	Located one 155 mm dud.
011400H	(AT 864871)	Located one VC Camp site.
031335H	(AT 856868)	Contact made with 10 VC,
051100H	(AT 837866)	Observed one small elephant
071730H	(AT 851864)	Located one decomposed male VN body.
071800H	(AT 857862)	Located 3 MG emplacements.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) At 011300H the patrol located a 155mm dud in a vegetated area at (AT 866865).

(2) At 011400H a VC camp site was located at (AT 864871). The site is approximately 50 meters in diameter and concealed from aerial observation by a 20 foot canopy. Numerous well used trails were noted leading into the site. The trails were not booby trapped. Located in the site were 4 dismantled hutches. Fresh rice was found

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in a 55 gallon drum along with two 6 foot beat paddles. The rice was destroyed by submerging in water. Indications are that the camp site had been used in the last month.

(3) On 2 December a patrol observation post was established and numerous VCS sightings were made in grid square (AT 8585) moving from route 14 in the South to the village of PHO NAM THOUNG HA to the North. No unusual occurrences were noted except for one incident where a man in black shorts fished a rifle out of the SONG CA DE' at (AT 855857). He later made an improvised raft out of banana stalks, placed a bundle on the raft and proceeded to the Eastern bank of the SONG CA DE'. On reaching the raft he changed into black pajamas and entered the village complex at (AT 858577) with his bundle.

(4) At 011335H 10 VC were observed proceeding up a trail at (AT 856868) in the vicinity where the patrol had established a patrol base. The VC were armed with US Carbines, wore dark brown clothing with light colored helmets. Their foot wear consisted of black rubberized sandals. The VC were moving in file at an estimated 5 to 10 meters interval when the point element of the VC was engaged by small arms fire from the security element of the patrol. The VC immediately returned the fire, threw one grenade and broke contact by fleeing back down the trail. Blood and one pair of black rubberized sandals were found after the initial encounter. A search was initiated by the patrol leader by no bodies or equipment were found. The patrol then displaced.

(5) At 051100H one small elephant was observed stripping leaves off a tree at (AT 837866).

(6) At 071730H a search was conducted in the village complex at (AT 851864). A decomposed body was found at this location. Indications are the man had been killed by artillery fragments 10 days prior. Numerous huts in the village were damaged by recent artillery concentrations. The village was deserted and recent use was not evident. One bear trap and some articles of clothing were found in its enclave.

(7) At 071800H 50 meters West of a church in the village complex at (AT 857862) 3 well concealed emplacements have been constructed at the base of a finger. The emplacements were constructed of rock and packed with mud and were "U" shaped approximately 8 feet wide and the center 3 feet deep. No man made obstacles paralleled the emplacements. Fields of fire covered the Southeastern portion of the rice paddy complexes and the North and South banks of the SONG CA DE'. The huts and church in the area appeared abandoned and the interiors had been ransacked.

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(8) At 072000H the patrol entered the Eastern portion of NAM YEN and proceeded West on a trail which paralleled the center of the village. Every 15 meters along this trail fighting holes 3 feet wide and 5 feet deep were noted. It was further noted after passing through NAM YEN that the Eastern edge is presently being used. This was indicated by well kept huts, fresh smells of rice and smoke. Neat clean clothing was found hanging in one hut. No documents were found in the garments. Although used, no people were noted occupying the dwellings. The Western portion of NAM YEN is also deserted, but the huts are unkempt and the main trail is over grown and unattended. Many huts are deteriorating from lack of use and the elements.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 1 VC severely wounded.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Fair.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusion: That the Eastern portion of NAM YEN is still being utilized by the VC as a route of ingress and egress to the hill masses to the North.

D. P. WYATT
1stLt CoA

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER:

Indications are that the VC are presently occupying and utilizing the Eastern edges of NAM YEN as routes of ingress and egress from route #14 paralleling the SONG CA DE' basin to the hill masses to the North. VC elements utilizing the trail networks towards the North are possibly Main Force personnel which are part of a recently reported VC company working in conjunction with local and guerrilla forces within this area.

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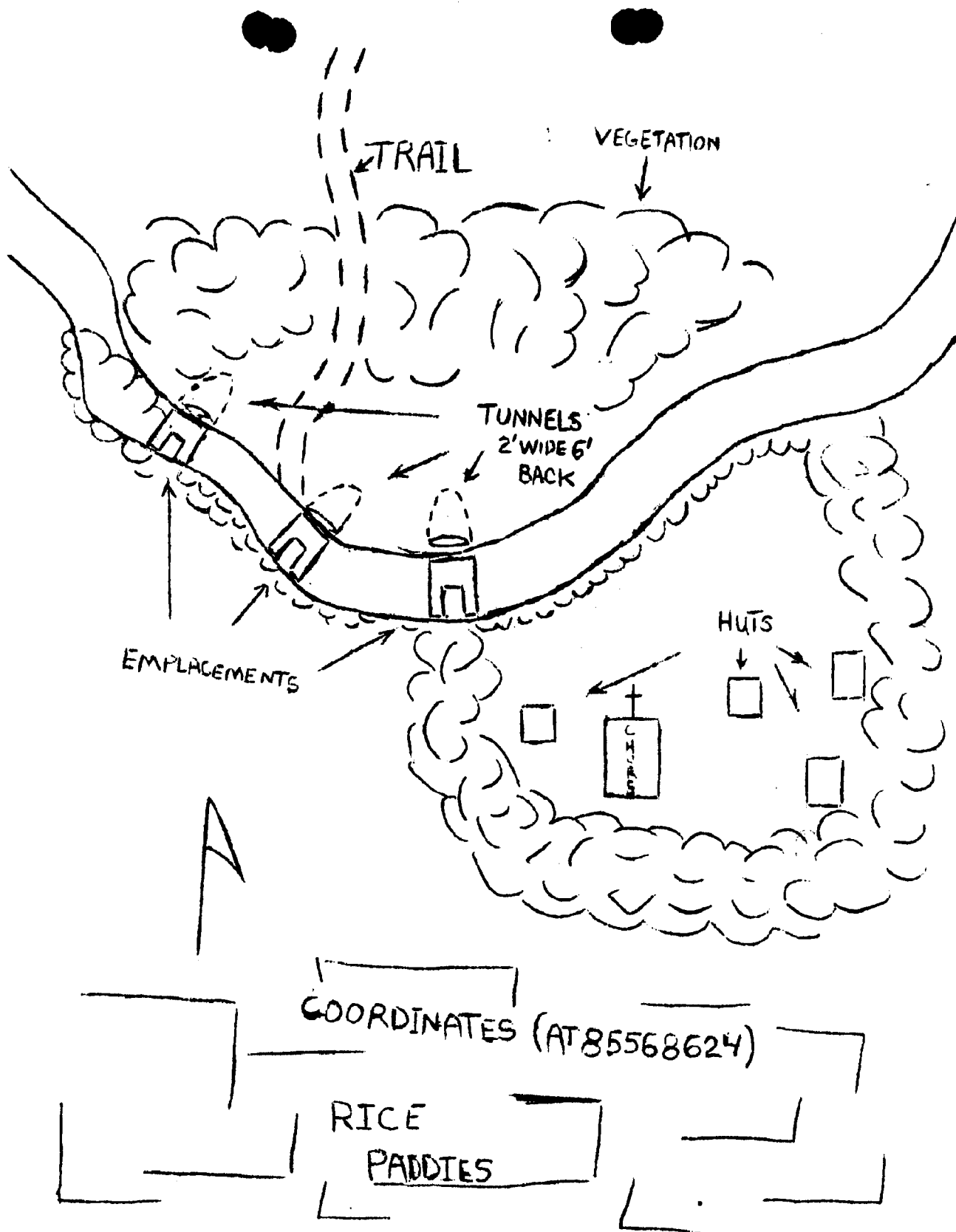
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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat 1-Alpha

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1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (14) Enl (1) USN
2. MISSION: Conduct day and night undetected land reconnaissance to locate Viet Cong Camp sites, storage areas, communications routes and sign's of activity; capture and return to U.S. Control VCC or VCS and establish day OP's and selective night ambush positions within RZ #3 and that portion of RZ #2 West of grid line 88.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 031000H - December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 110800H - December 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 188-65
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
071700H	(AT 864833)	4 armed VC were observed.
081900H	(AT 857854)	Contact made with 4 VC.
09150	(AT 859854)	Contact made with 4 VC.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) On the 4th, 5th, and 6th of December 1965 between the period of 0900 and 1400 it was noted that women attired in straw hats, black pajamas and carrying baskets, (empty) would move West along route #14, move North on a trail at (AT 856847) into the South edge of the village of PHO-NAM-THUONG-HO. A period of 2 or 3 hours would elapse and they would reappear with their baskets laden with what appeared to be fruit and tea leaves. They utilized the same route on their return and proceeded East on Route #14. On the 4th and 6th of December only 4 women were observed. On the 5th, 13 women and one child were observed, however, on their return route from the village, one man was noted in their midst. No unusual occurrences were noted at anytime during these periods. At 061800H a platoon size infantry patrol reinforced with ontos, were noted conducting a road reconnaissance West on Route #14. After this period, no other friendly activity was noted.

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(2) At 051900H and 061900H, 2 squad size patrols reconnoitered the Western and Eastern edges of the village of PHO-NAM-THUONG-HO. The Western portion was found to be uninhabited. The Eastern portion was also found uninhabited, however, the trail networks revealed fresh foot prints indicating recent use. Household effects in huts searched had been removed in the 2 areas reconnoitered.

(3) At 071700H a squad was deployed to rendezvous with a helo for resupply. When the helo had landed one of the crew members informed the squad leader that they had observed 4 armed VC moving towards the resupply point at (AT 864833). After the resupply had been completed, an ambush was initiated, but was not activated.

(4) At 081900H the patrol proceeded towards the Western edge of the village of PHO-NAM-THUONG-HO, utilizing a trail which parallels the Eastern bank of the SONG CA DE'. This trail indicated no recent use; it junctions with a wide stone paved trail which runs through the center of the village at (AT 855855). This paved trail has natural vegetated overhead concealment. At (AT 857854), as the patrol was preparing to set in for the night, the rear point engaged 4 VC at a distance of 20 meters. The VC were heading in the same direction and were utilizing the same trail previously used by the patrol, they were unaware of the patrol's presence. On contact, they fled off the South side of the trail and did not return the fire. A search was immediately initiated by the patrol leader. Near the vicinity of the initial contact, 2 large metal containers of rice totaling 100 lbs., a pot of fish sauce, 2 straw hats, and 2 brown ponchos were found along the trail. Due to the interval between the initial contact and the findings of the discarded equipment it is estimated that there were possibly more than 4 VC in the area. The rice and equipment were destroyed.

(5) 090800H a further inspection of the contact area was conducted at (AT 857854). Found were 1 new ChiCom AP. 7.62 Cartridge and traces of fresh blood indicating at least one of the VC had been wounded. A squad size patrol was deployed to determine the route of ingress the VC had utilized to enter the village complex. Along the Western edge of the SONG CA DE' at (AT 855855), they located a small boat landing, numerous fresh foot prints, a bucket containing fish nets, 3 bottles of fish sauce, and a small quart size container of salt. The findings were destroyed. The remainder of the patrol searched 20 or 30 huts uncovering from one hut a coil of fine wire, a bundle of documents found on a rafter, clothing, and a pair of tennis shoes with cleated soles. 3 small pigs were noted in the general vicinity.

(6) At 090900H 300 meters West of where the patrol had previously made contact the night before, they deployed, and lay waiting from

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their pre-designated ambush positions. At 091530H 4 VC moving down the trail from West to East, wearing black pajamas, cartridge balls, packs and armed with U.S. Carbines moved into the point of the ambush site when they suddenly became alerted. They immediately fled down the trail towards the West for approximately 200 meters then North to the SONG CA DE'. During their rapid withdrawal one VC was observed being wounded by small arms fire being concentrated along the long axis of their route by the patrol. 5 minutes elapsed when a team from the patrol was deployed in rapid pursuit. Along the route, a trail of blood was followed for 600 to 800 meters. At a point along the Eastern bank of the SONG CA DE' the point of the team surprised the 4 VC sitting on the bank attempting to administer first aid to their wounded comrade. The 3 VC immediately attempted swimming towards the opposite bank, the wounded VC waist deep in water raised his hands in a surrender gesture. The members of the patrol then pursued the fleeing VC by fire killing one instantly with an M-79 round striking him in the head causing him to lose his weapon in the water. The other 2 VC were killed by accurate small arms fire. Two bodies were recovered along with packs, 2 Cartridge bolts, 2 canteens, an ammo pouch containing 25 rounds of ChiCom 7.62mm ammunition, 3 ChiCom grenades, 1 M-26 grenade and personal documents. The 2 bodies and the wounded VC were helo evacuated to C-Med for further disposition. Equipment and documents were returned for ITT inspection.

(7) At 092000H the patrol was proceeding in a Westerly direction through the village of PHO-NAM-THUONG-HO to establish a new ambush site when the point man detected a movement to his front at (AT 856855). He immediately saturated the area with small arm fire and immediately a response was initiated with the detonating of 2 grenades on the trail 15 meters to his front. This was followed by small arms fire by the VC. No friendly casualties were sustained. It is believed that the VC grenadier engaged in haste, the VC ambush was estimated to be of squad strength. The patrol returned the fire and displaced. A team was deployed to sweep the area where the ambush had been activated. The area was no longer occupied by the VC. The patrol again displaced to (AT 858849) to exploit good observation of the trail complex at (AT 858849). No unusual occurrences were noted during this period. At first light on 10 December, a patrol observation post was established at (AT 853850) until the patrol was extracted.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 3 VC KIA's, 1 WIA, and (1) captured.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Good, moral excellent.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: That future squad size ambushes be utilized in this

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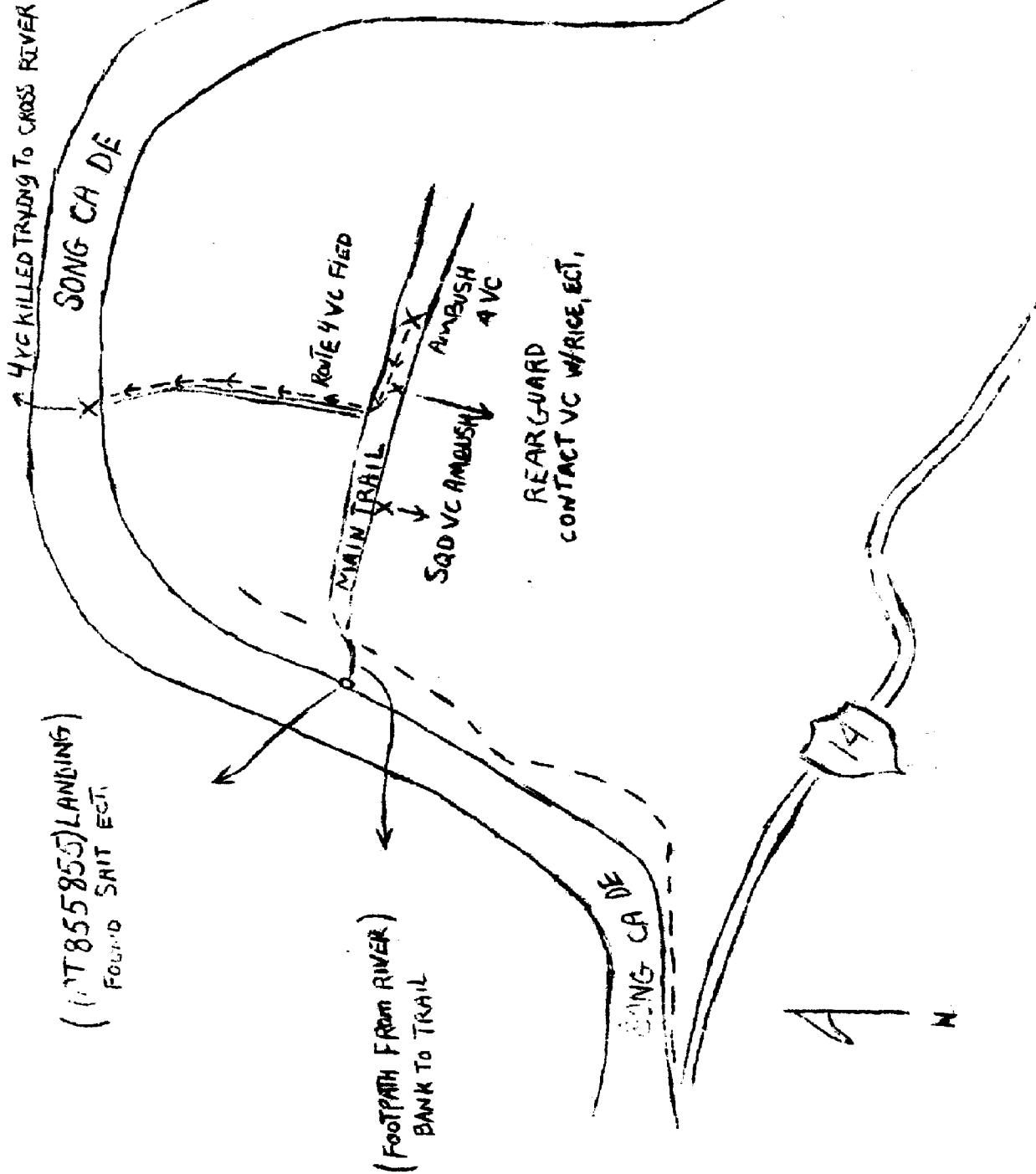
area during the hours of darkness.

Conclusions: That the VC encountered were local force guerrillas from the north of NAM YEN.

W. T. HENDERSON
1st Lt. Co. A

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: Indications are that the VC personnel engaged by the patrol were guerrilla troops being phased into the DANANG TAOR through a series of check points and harboring sites. The SONG CA DE' basin continues to be utilized for small unit infiltration into the DANANG enclave.

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 081515H December 1965

PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat Alpha

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1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (7) Enl
2. MISSION: Conduct day and night undetected land reconnaissance to locate Viet Cong Camp sites, storage areas, communication routes and signs of activity; capture and return to U.S. control a VCC or VCS and establish day OP's and selective night ambush positions within RZ #3 and that portion of RZ #2 West of grid line 88 from 29 November 1965 to 8 December 1965.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 031000H December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 081500H December 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to OPORD 188-65
6. OBSERVATIONS:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
051430H	(AT 834863)	Located one small rice cache'
051830H	(AT 835870)	Elephant heard trumpeting
071115H	(AT 837855)	4 VC observed on the road.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) At 051430H the patrol located a small rice cache' sealed on top with a small rice dish. It had been concealed in the brush near a small washout at (AT 834863).

(2) At 051830H the trumpeting of an elephant was heard at (AT 835870).

(3) At 071115H the command group observed 4 armed VC wearing grey ponchos, and carrying packs cross the road from North to South in a crouched position at (AT 837855) where visual contact was lost when they entered a densely vegetated area.

(4) Trails encountered in the area of operations appeared to be seldom used. No booby traps or trail markers were noted.

(5) Communications with the AN/PRC 25 was outstanding. 1 battery was in continuous use for a period of 96 hours. **ENCLOSURE (2)**

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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:

Conclusion: That the VC have moved out of the villages of NAM YEN
and NAM MY to the high ground towards the North.

B. G. HUNTER
Captain CoA

11. ~~ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER:~~

That future patrols continue to patrol to the North of NAM YEN
to locate areas of VC habitation.

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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Seat 3-Alpha

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

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (8) Enl (1) USN (1) ARVN
2. MISSION: Conduct day and night undetected land reconnaissance to locate Viet Cong camp sites, storage areas, communications routes and signs of activity; capture and return to U.S. Control VC or VCS (SNATCH); establish day OP's and selective night ambush positions (SNAP) within the assigned patrol area RZ #3.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 101700H - December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 141900H - December 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 189-65
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
101130H	(AT 856862)	6 VCS carrying equipment
111604H	(AT 853857)	5 people moving between huts
120735H	(AT 85585)	2 pigeons flying west
120955H	(AT 859852)	4 women moved into village
120940H	(AT 860843)	4 women moving north
121010H	(AT 859847)	7 women moving north
121025H	(AT 859847)	3 women 1 man moving north
121304H	(AT 858848)	7 women moving south
130930H	(AT 858843)	13 women moving north
131145H	(AT 858843)	13 women moving south
141520H	(AT 858842)	Apprehended 13 women

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7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) At 101130H 6 VCS's were observed carrying equipment of unknown manufacture into several huts at (AT 856862). Visual observation of clothing and weapons could not be determined due to the distance involved. A fire mission was requested, and granted. 3 rounds detonated on target and 3 VCS were sighted running towards the west. Disposition of the other VCS's could not be determined.

(2) At 101604H 5 indigenous personal were observed moving between a series of huts at (At 853857). Distance prevented visual recognition of type clothing, arms and equipment. A fire mission was requested, and denied due to a lack of ammunition at the time.

(3) At 120735H 2 pigeons were noted flying in a westerly direction from a hut complex at (At 855857). Indications are that these pigeons were possibly being utilized as a communication means.

(4) At 120940H 8 women moved into the village of Pho-Nam-Thuong-Ho at (AT 859852) then departed in pairs towards various locals. They were later observed plucking unknown objects from hedges and placing them in baskets. They wore black pajamas and straw hats.

(5) 120955H 4 women carrying baskets, wearing black pajamas, and straw hats traveled north on route #14 at (AT 860843). Visual contact was broken at this point.

(6) At 121010H 7 women proceeded north along route #14 carrying empty baskets, wearing black pajamas and straw hats at (AT 859847). 5 of these women then proceeded towards the south bank of the Song-Ca-De.

(7) At 121025H 1 man and 3 women were moving north at (AT 859847). The women were carrying baskets and the man a pole and basket. They wore black clothing and straw hats.

(8) At 121304H 7 women headed south across a rice paddies complex at (AT 858848) wearing straw hats black pajamas and carrying baskets loaded with bananas.

(9) At 130930H 13 women traveled north on route #14 carrying baskets suspended from poles at (AT 858843). They then proceeded towards the village of Pho-Nam-Thuong-Ho and visual contact was then broken. They wore straw hats and black pajamas.

(10) At 131145H the previously reported 13 women were observed departing the village and heading south on route #14. Their baskets contained bananas and fresh fowl.

(11) At 141520H 13 women returning from the village of Pho-Nam-Thuong-Ho were apprehended by the patrol at (At 858842) for interrogation by

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the ARVN interpreters at district headquarters.

- (12) It was noted that along route #14 small trails branch off towards the south bank of the Song Ca De in grid square (AT 8485).
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 13 women apprehended for ARVN interrogation.
9. CONDITION OF PARTOL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Fair, moral fair.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Recommend that a kill zone be established by A-1/3 to prevent small boat clandestine infiltration along the Song Ca De at (AT 870832) and (AT 863840).

J. LATERRA
1stLt CoA

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: That the indigenous personnel, generally women, are utilizing route #14 and the village of Pho-Nam-Thuong-Ho as routes of access and egress to provide fresh fruit and produce for the inhabitants of Ap-Quan-Nam at (AT 905824).

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1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (13) Enl (1) USN (1) ARVN
2. MISSION: Conduct day and night undetected land reconnaissance to locate Viet Cong camp sites, storage areas, communication routes and signs of activity; capture and return US Control VC or VCS (SNATCH); establish day OP's and selective night ambush positions (SNAP) within the assigned patrol area RZ #3.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 141800H - December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 190830H - December 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 190-65
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
181707H	(AT 809848)	6 armed VC moving West on route #14.
181630H	(AT 812845)	Small old VC harboring site.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) A platoon observation post was established and occupied for 4 days at (AT 809848) to provide information of enemy activity along route #14 and the SONG CA DE'. No friendly activity was recorded, but one enemy sighting was recorded at (AT 809848).

(2) At 181707H six armed VC were observed moving West on route #14 at (AT 809848). They wore dark brown shorts, black shirts and sandals. They wore no hats and were talking quite freely while in route. They were equipped with olive drab haversacks, and cartridge belts which contained one Ghiccom grenade. The VC were armed with US manufactured Carbines slung over one shoulder and carried in such a manner that the weapon was horizontal with the ground and ready for immediate action. In their left hand, they held Ghiccom grenades. The point man maintained a 20 meter interval between the file, while the others maintained a 15 meter distance. Visual contact was broken as they proceeded around a bend in the road.

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(3) At 181630H an old VC harboring sight was located near a stream bed at (AT 812845). In its periphery was an erected hut constructed of saplings and thatched with elephant grass. The interior contained one piece of landing strip matting which had been erected to be utilized as a sleeping platform. Approximately 30 old matted down areas were found in the vicinity of the hut. Indications are that this harboring site had not been used for well over a month.

(4) Large number of empty cigarette packages of Vietnamese origin plus empty C-ration containers litter route #14 at (AT 829855), (AT 843854) and (AT 8058465).

(5) At 161730H an old helo rotar assembly was observed centered on the road on route #14 at (AT 847830). Refer to sketch for details.

(6) At 161000H a large rice cache containing approximately 300 lbs. of unhusked rice was located at (AT 829853). The rice had been stored in a wooden bin 6 X 8 X 4 feet constructed of processed lumber and elevated off the ground by bamboo stilts. The roof had been thatched with elephant grass and elevated 3 feet above the overhead. Destruction of the rice was accomplished by scattering it throughout the area. The storage bin was quickly dismantled and discarded at various points to prevent further use.

(7) The AN/PRC 25 provided excellent communication means throughout the area of operation. No difficulties were encountered.

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

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

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

D. P. WYATT
2nd Lt. Co. A

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: Indications are that small VC elements are presently using route #14 for rapid movement to the East and West along the SONG CA DE'. The 6 VC observed are possibly a small element of a large number, possibly a Battalion that we now carry as an unidentified Battalion in the vicinity of Grid Square (ZC 1284). Reported by I Corp on 9 December and evaluated as C/4.

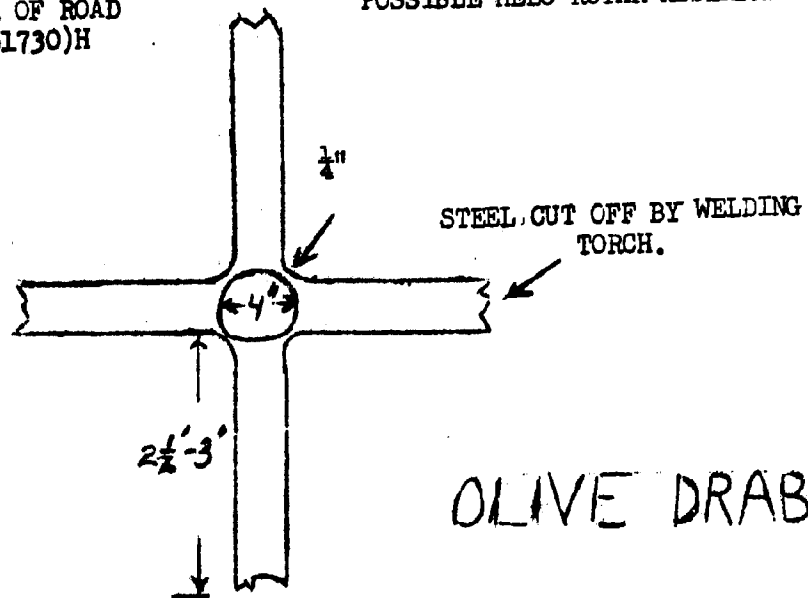
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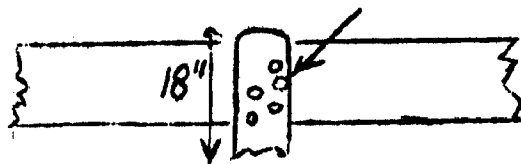
FOUND IN THE CENTER OF ROAD
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POSSIBLE HELO ROTAR ASSEMBLY



SIDE VIEW

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2. MISSION: Conduct day and night undetected land reconnaissance to locate Viet Cong camp sites, storage areas, communication routes and signs of activity; capture and return to U.S. Control VC or VCS (SNATCH); establish OP's and selective night ambush positions (SNAP) within the assigned patrol area RZ #3.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 161700H - December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 210830H - December 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 191-65
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN: No physical or visual contact made.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) Four days and five nights of extensive patrolling in RZ #3 provided no recent evidence of enemy or friendly activity throughout this area. The Southeastern portion of RZ #3 is extremely inundated. and small streams are presently swollen making stream and river crossings extremely difficult. Trails are few and some completely overgrown with vegetation due to lack of use. The area was found to be infested with leeches.

(2) Communications with the AN/PRC 25 was considered excellent throughout the area of operation.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No contact made.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Good. Moral good.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

W. T. HENDERSON
 1st Lt. Co. A

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: No creditable comformation can be given to recent reports of a VC Bn. Operating within this sector of WAOR #3.

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1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (13) Enl (1) USN (1) ARVN
2. MISSION: Conduct day and night undetected land reconnaissance to locate Viet Cong camp sites, storage areas, communication routes and establish day OP's and signs of activity; capture and return to U.S. Control VC or VCS (SNATCH); establish selective night ambush positions (SNAP) within assigned patrol area RZ #3.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 190800H - December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 241430H - December 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 192-65
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
201100H	(ZC 197842)	Trail markings
201130H	(AT 796837)	Located panji traps
241200H	(ZC 197842)	2 armed VC heading Easterly.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) At 201100H the patrol located on the edge of a trail a 7 by 10 foot trail marker constructed of saplings and bound in places with vines. (Refer to Diagram) While proceeding South along this trail numerous "Do not use" signs were noted.

(2) At 201130H the patrol at the base of a saddle located a well concealed panji trap 10 feet deep, 5 feet square, with 12, 5 foot stakes protruding from the bottom and 50 small 12 inch stakes protruding from the sides at (AT 796837). The hole had been covered with banana leaves, (fresh) and in addition, a second layer of dirt and dried leaves had been placed. The trail from this point South for 300 meters is a maze of panji traps and exposed panji stakes. Indications are, the traps and stakes were several months

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old. It was also noted that fresh vegetation had been placed to conceal the panji traps. It is very evident that this trail complex is being frequently used and is not presently booby trapped by explosives.

(3) At 241200H the patrol observed 2 armed VC heading in an Easterly direction on the road at (ZC 197842) wearing black pajamas, carrying packs and armed with what appeared to be French Mausers. The patrol engaged the VC at a range of 150 meters. The VC returned the fire and fled into the brush heading towards the West. A search was initiated by the patrol leader for possible VC wounded, but the search resulted in negative findings.

(4) It was noted that although the bridge at (ZC 196043) is presently in tact the 2 VC had by passed the bridge a few meters to the East in order to ford the stream. This may indicate the bridge maybe presently mined or possibly booby trapped.

(5) Map Correction: A trail presently not shown on the map has been recorded. (Refer to Overlay)

(6) It was noted that a cleared beach area on the north shore of the SONG NOM at (ZG 194838) is approximately 50 meters long with over hanging vegetation affording excellent concealment of movement.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No contact made.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Good, moral good.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusion: That extensive use of aerial ordnance be used in the area of the fortified hill at (AT 795835). (2) That extensive E & I fires be directed at the river ford at (AT 196844).

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1st Lt. Co. A

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: Debriefers concurs with the patrol leaders comments.

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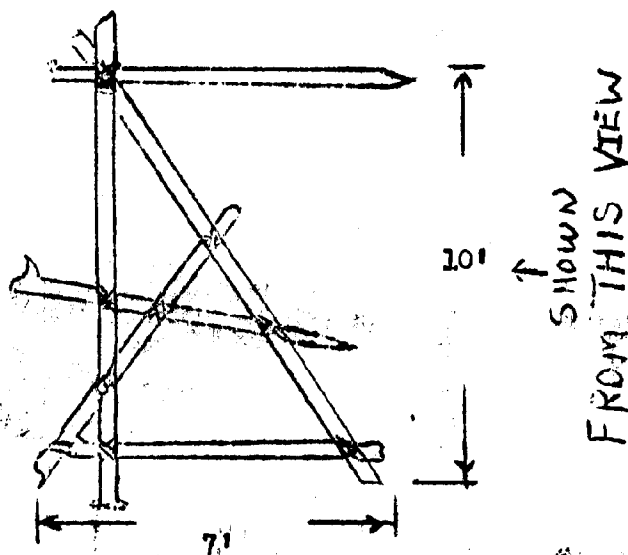
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FOUND: 201100H DEC
COORD: (ZC 197482)



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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Seat 2-Alpha

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1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (14) Enl (1) USN (1) ARVN
2. MISSION: Conduct day and night undetected land reconnaissance to locate Viet Cong camp sites, storage areas, communication routes and signs of activity; capture and return to U.S. Control VC or VCS (SNATCH); establish day OP's and selective night ambush positions (SNAP) within the assigned patrol Area DZ #3.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 210900H - December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 260900H - December 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 193-65
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
221200H	(AT 857786)	7 armed VC moving towards the Northwest.
221330H	(AT 853787)	2 VC using signaling devices.
221340H	(AT 855787)	2 VC moving Northwest on a trail.
231200H	(AT 833776)	Located a possible VC OP.
232330H	(AT 855775)	Located a 250 lb. rice cache.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) At 221200H the patrol observed 7 armed VC moving crosscountry in a Northwesterly direction at (AT 857786). Visual contact was made from a distance of approximately 1000 meters. The VC wore khaki colored covers and uniforms. A bright colored patch, possibly orange or red in color was noted on their right shoulder. They carried khaki colored packs and were armed with what appeared to be U.S. manufactured Carbines. Visual contact was lost at (AT 851789). It was very evident that these VC were not hesitant about their direction of march.

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(2) At 221330H the patrol observed 2 VC utilizing a mirror or bright object as a signaling device at (AT 853787). Constant flashes from rays of the sun were directed in a Southernly direction. They remained at this location for a period of approximately 5 minutes, discontinued their signaling and proceeded towards the Northwest concealing their movement by the surrounding vegetation. They wore no head gear, and were attired in black PJ's. Weapons and equipment were not noted.

(3) At 221340H 2 unarmed VC carrying khaki packs were sighted moving towards the Northwest at (AT 855787). They wore straw hats and black pajamas. Visual contact was lost at (AT 851789).

(4) At 231200H on occupying the hill at (AT 833776) for use as an observation post, members of the patrol located what appeared to be a possible VC observation post. The post was situated in a tree. A platform had been constructed of wood and was partially hidden on the ground near the vicinity of the tree. It is believed the platform had been constructed to be placed on the tree limbs, to provide a good stable position. It was further noted, that individuals had climbed this tree frequently. This was indicated by scratches and stripped bark on the tree trunk. Numerous fresh sandal prints were found on trails throughout this hill mass.

(5) At 232200H the patrol on passing through the village of THON-HOA-THUNG (AT 8477) was found to be deserted. It was also noted that fruit bearing trees had recently been stripped.

(6) At 232330H the patrol uncovered a 250 lb. rice cache which had been placed on bamboo pallets and concealed with elephant grass at (AT 855775). The rice was found in long khaki clothing containers. The rice was later destroyed by discarding it throughout the vicinity and dumping it into a nearby stream.

(7) Excellent communications was maintained by use of the AN/PRC 25. One battery was in continuous use for a period of 72 hours without power loss or failure.

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

H. LOVINGOOD
SSGT Co. A

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: The small VC elements observed by the patrol may have been from 2 Battalions the 42nd or Quyen Chien which were recently reported by Division G-2 and I Corps Operating in this area around the 14th and 19th of December.

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MAP CORRECTIONS

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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (12) Enl (1) USN (1) ARVN
2. MISSION: Conduct an undetected ground reconnaissance and set up SNATCH and SNAP positions in the vicinity of coordinates (AT 830855), (AT 818853), and (AT 812849) in RZ #3.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 261645H - December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 281100H - December 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 194-65
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
280815H	(AT 820854)	Grenade booby trap exploded

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) At 280815H a grenade booby trap was encountered at (AT 820854). It was attached to a bush by wire and was activated when the bush was lifted or brushed aside on the trail. The grenade bounced about waist high and had approximately a 6 second delay fuze.

(2) Map Corrections: 3 previously unrecorded trails were reported plotted. (See Trail Overlay) The trail shown on the map running Northeast from coordinates (AT 826850) to (AT 829855) is overgrown.

(3) Communications on 25 December 1965 was not very good due to relay problems. Intra platoon communications were made through relay and was good after the 25th.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Excellent, morale high.

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10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: That SNATCH positions should be set up for a longer period of time. At least 2 days.

H. R. LEFTHAND
SGT Co. A

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENT BY DEBRIEFER: LZ for 1 Helo could be established almost anywhere on the Northern portion of the hill in Grid Square (AT 8285).

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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat 3-Alpha 1,2

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

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (6) Enl (1) USN
2. MISSION: Area Reconnaissance of HZ #3.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 261600H - December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 300830H - December 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 195-65
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN: The patrol reported no sightings or enemy activity in their area of operations.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:
 - (1) 291530H the patrol leader was medevaced by Helo at (AT 843785). The medevac was accomplished by means of a winch due to the lack of suitable LZ's in the immediate area.
 - (2) Suitable Helicopter landing zones are located at (AT 838787), length 35 to 40 meters, width 30 meters.
 - (3) No new trails were reported.
 - (4) Communications with AN/PRC 10 was excellent.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Good.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

G. T. LAMPHRON Jr.
CPL. Co. A

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Seat 3-Alpha 3,4

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1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (7) Enl
2. MISSION: Area Reconnaissance of RZ #3.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 261600H - December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 300830H - December 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 195-65 ✓
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
280930H	(AT 847779)	One VN male fishing

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 280930H the patrol sighted one VN male wearing black trousers, no shirt, and a straw hat fishing at (AT 847779). This area is completely void of people and this sighting is considered unusual for this area.

(2) The patrol reported that their OP site appeared to have been recently occupied. Several empty bottles of the type that normally contain soya sauce, were found and several footprints, estimated to be 72 hours old, were located. This position is located at (AT 842788).

(3) Suitable helicopter landing zone's are located at (AT 848785) - 3 helo's and (AT 845780) - 2 helo's.

(4) No new trails were located by this patrol.

(5) Communications with the AN/PRC 10 was excellent. The patrol's AN/PRC 25 had a defective handset.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Good.

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10. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusion: The patrol leader reported that friendly weapons fire, apparently test firing, hampered them throughout the entire patrol. This activity probably accounts for the absence of movement in this area.

T. F. WHALEN
SGT Co. A

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (11) Enl (1) USN (1) ARVN
2. MISSION: Conduct SNATCH, SNAP, and area reconnaissance of RZ #3.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 301600H - December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 031100H - January 1966
5. ROUTE: See attached overlay, refer to Operation Order 196-65
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN: Negative contact and negative observation.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:
 - (1) One new trail was reported (See Trail Overlay)
 - (2) One HLZ location at (AT 810848) length 75 meters and width 75 meters.
 - (3) Communications were excellent throughout the patrol with PRC 25.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Good, morale excellent.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.
11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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1st Lt. Co. A

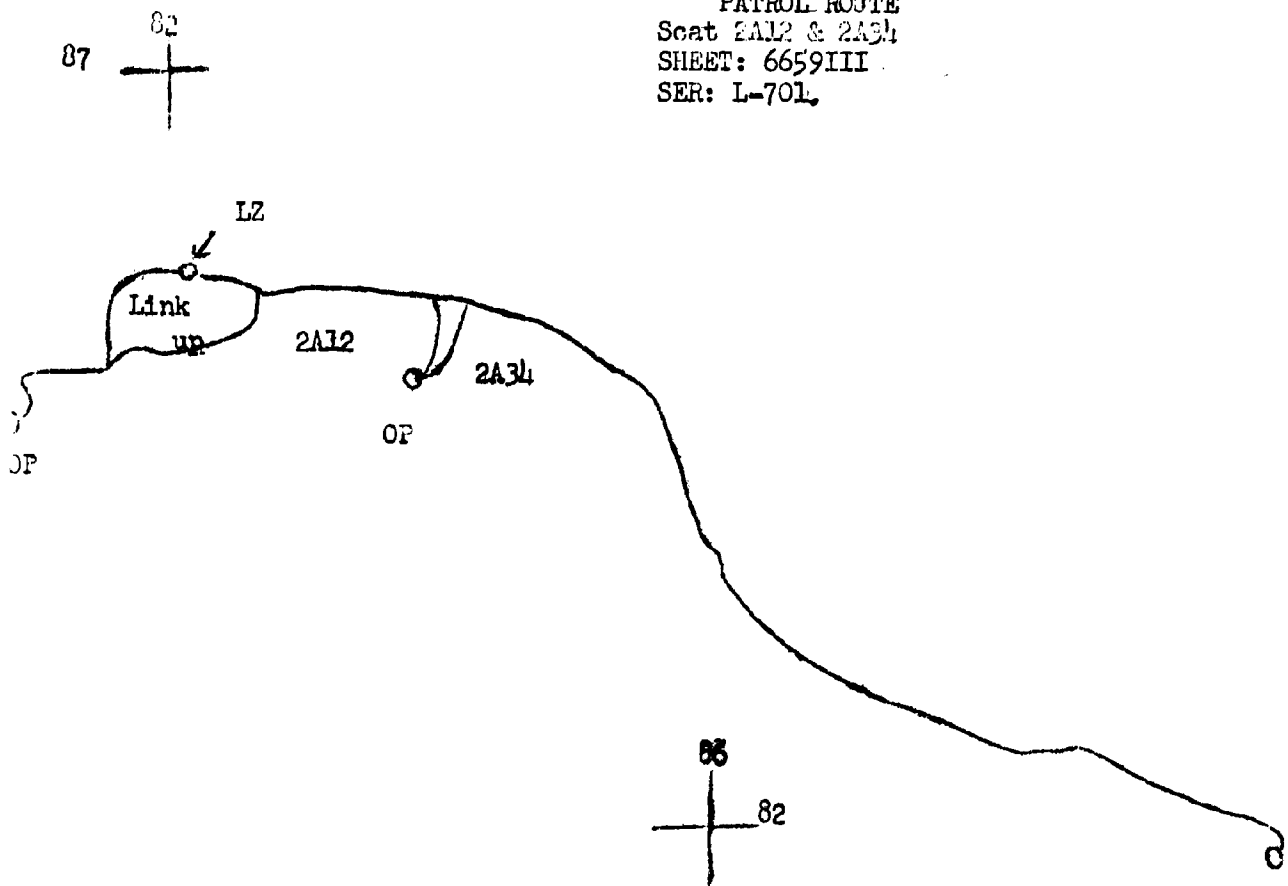
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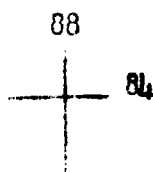
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MAP CORRECTIONS
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NEW TRAIL NOT SHOWN ON MAP



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DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat 3-Charlie

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1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (16) Enl (1) USN
2. MISSION: Conduct a reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area using patrolling and daylight OP's and conduct ambushes of opportunity.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 301715H - November 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 041100H - December 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 60-65
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
301800H (AT 904643)		1 VC harboring sight.
301830H (AT 900642)		Made contact with 2 VC.
030950H (AT 915577)		Observed a gathering of 100 people.
031100H (AT 905599)		Heard small arms fire from the village of DAI-LOI.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) At 301800H one team from the patrol located a VC harboring site which contained 6 matted down areas at (AT 904643). This harboring site may have been utilized 4 days prior. No discarded equipment or items were noted.

(2) At 301830H a team was dispatched to locate a patrol harboring site when a member of the patrol observed 2 VC 30 meters to his front. They wore dark clothing, cartridge belts, and one was armed with an automatic weapon. One of the VC heard the patrol member and turned to face him. The patrol member immediately engaged the VC with small arms fire and saw the VC stagger as both VC attempted to flee. Due to the darkness at that time a search was not initiated by the patrol leader.

(3) 2 days of continuous observation of the DONG NGHE' Valley complex in grid squares (AT 8565), (AT 8665), and (AT 8765) resulted in negative sightings of enemy or friendly activity.

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(4) At 030950H a gathering of approximately 100 people was observed at (AT 915577). A P.A. system amplified Vietnamese music and unidentified persons talking in the Vietnamese language. No unusual occurrences noted.

(5) At 031400H small arms fire and men running around huts and into bushes was observed in the village of DAI-LOI at (AT 905599). Distance and poor visibility prevented the patrol to determine uniforms or equipment.

(6) Communications with the AN/PRC 25 was excellent throughout the area of operation. The battery was in continuous use for a 96 hour period.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 1 VC possibly wounded.

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

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

R. W. WEEKS
SGT. Co. C

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Seat 2-Charlie

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

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (14) Enl (1) USN (1) ARVN
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area using patrolling and daylight OP's.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 041200H - December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 091750H - December 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 61-65
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN: No physical or visual contact made.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) At 051000H in grid square (AT 9264) the patrol observed 7 Vietnamese (possibly women) gathering wood. 6 were wearing black clothing and straw hats, and 1 a white shirt, black trousers and straw hat. Nothing unusual was noted concerning their activities.

(2) At 090900H 6 Vietnamese (possibly women) were observed cutting wood in grid square (AT 9264). They wore black clothing and straw hats, and no unusual occurrences noted as to their activities.

(3) At 091700H (AT 924645), as the patrol was proceeding to their pick-up point, they came upon a cab of a 6 X 6 truck wedged between 2 huge boulders. The cab had been stripped and was beginning to show the effects of the weather, yet had not begun to rust badly. Several holes about 4 inches in diameter were noted in the cab indicating its possible use as a target for a 3.5. A search of the surrounding area disclosed no signs of activity.

(4) Trails used by the patrol in their area of operations have in the past been well used, as their condition remains good, however, no signs of enemy activity; footprints, trail markers or booby traps were discovered.

(5) Communications with the AN/PRC 25 was considered fair with the patrol experiencing some difficulty.

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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.

A. C. HYMER
SGT Co. C.

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Seat 2-Charlie

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1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (16) Enl (2) USN
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area using patrolling and daylight OP's. Conduct ambushes of opportunity.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 121500H - December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 181400H - December 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 62-65
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN: No physical or visual contact made.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) At 131830H the patrol located a fresh set of foot prints along the trail which had been made by an individual wearing sandals. The direction was towards the East.

(2) At 131850H a newly constructed hutch made of saplings was located at (AT 873627). This hutch could accomodate one individual. Indications are the hut was presently being used as an observation post to detect any movement East and West along the trails axis. A wooden ammo box was found adjacent to the hutch.

(3) At 140445H the point of the patrol triggered a booby trap at (AT 841627) along an undefined trail. The Marine suffered multiple wounds and was helo evacuated at 140700H to C-Med. another member of the patrol sustained minor wounds on the head and continued on the mission.

(4) At 140800H a well hidden booby trap was found partially buried in the ground with an empty C-ration can placed over the handle portion at (AT 868626) (Refer to diagram). The grenade was later detonated rather than attempting to deactivate it. The topographical crest and military crest of hill 419 are heavily covered with panji stakes 1 foot long and 1/2 inch wide and newly constructed. These stakes were well concealed and placed amongst rocks, and grass surroundings. They were recently placed where previous friendly observation posts had been located.

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(5) Weather conditions and low visibility prevented possible sightings of enemy or friendly activity.

(6) A well used trail not presently shown on the map has been recorded. Refer to overlay.

(7) Difficulties were encountered with the AN/PRC 25 hand set otherwise communications would have been excellent.

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

9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:
1 patrol member helo evacuated for wounds inflicted by a VC booby trap. Condition good.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusion: That the VC are aware that the Marines are currently using hill 419 as an OP. and are watching the activity and booby trapping the area.

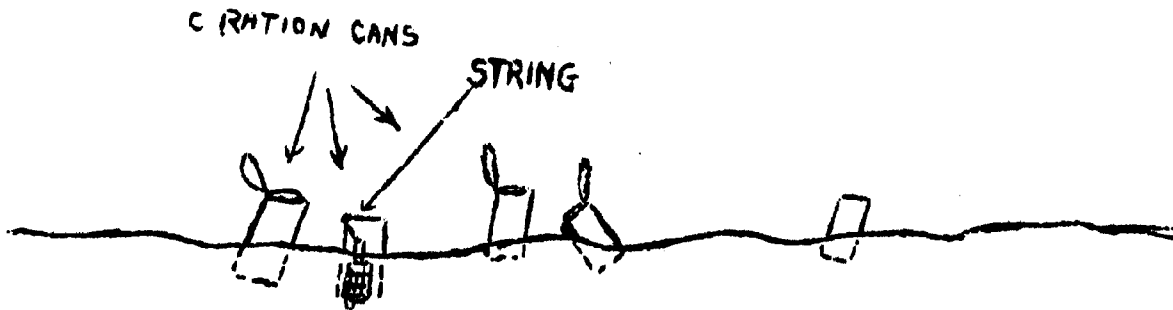
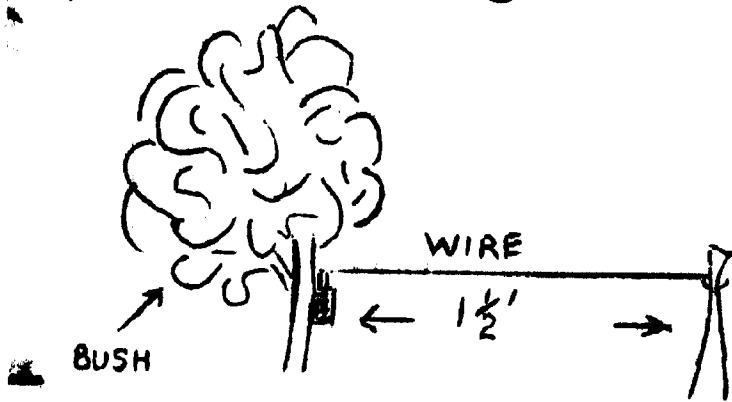
Recommendation: That another hand set be issued the patrol on future operations.

D. M. DICKE
1st Lt, Co. A

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: Debriefers concurs with the patrol leader.

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 221330H December 1965

PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat 1-Charlie

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

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (14) Enl (1) USN (1) ARVN
2. MISSION: Conduct Reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area using patrolling and daylight OP's. Conduct ambushes of opportunity in RZ #5.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 180800H - December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 221030H - December 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 62-65
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN: No physical or visual contact made.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) Four days and five nights of extensive patrolling in RZ #5 provided little information on present VC or friendly activities.

(2) At 181145H, the patrol observed 3 VN men cutting saplings along a trail at (AT 918655). They wore straw hats, black and white PJ's and were carrying what appeared to be scythes.

(3) At 181245H the patrol located a possible VC observation post 10 meters South, and off the trail at (AT 925656) from this vantage point, a commanding view of hill 41 at (AT 935664) was afforded. This observation point was well concealed from ground or air by brush and rocks. It is believed this site had been used within the last 12 hours. This was determined by fresh sandal prints and a discarded sandal which contained fresh mud around the soles and strapings. In addition, 2 Vietnamese cigarette butts were found in the site and on the ground.

(4) At 181410H, 8 VN people were noted running very rapidly on a trail towards the Southwest from (AT 890659) to (AT 886656). What they appeared to be running from was not determined. They wore straw hats, black and white pajamas and no equipment was noted.

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(5) At 201100H, the patrol came across a possible VC harboring site which paralleled a trail and river at (AT 867642). The site was located in a small natural cave which was at the base of a large over hanging rock. The previous occupants had constructed two improvised racks constructed of brush and grass. Also evident, was a small cooking fire. This site provided excellent observation of any movement along the axis of the trail from the Northwest and Southeast. This site may have been occupied up to 3 weeks ago.

(6) Indications are, that the DONG NGHE' Valley in grid squares (AT 8565), (AT 8665), and (AT 8765) is no longer being utilized by friendly inhabitants from nearby DONG NGHE. Three months ago, this same valley flourished with friendly activity. At this time, a conclusion can not be made to justify the present inactivity.

(7) Communications: Problems were encountered in ravines and draws with the AN/PRC 10. In certain areas, communications were completely non existent. The AN/PRC 25 had to be utilized to regain communications. This radio provided excellent communication throughout the area of operation.

(8) It was noted that the long range patrol ration was considered filling, and very nutritional.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No contact made.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Fair, moral very good.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusion: That VC activity in this area is presently limited.

R. E. EBBS
SGT Co, C

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

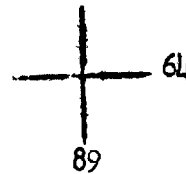
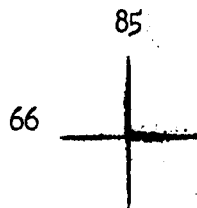
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DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Seat 3-Charlie

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1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (16) Enl (1) USN
2. MISSION: Conduct surveillance of assigned area using patrolling and daylight OP's. Conduct ambushes of opportunity.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 191200H - December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 241100H - December 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 63-65
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN: No physical or visual contact made.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) Four days and five nights of extensive patrolling provided little information of possible enemy activities in RZ #5. From excellent observation posts manned during the day, the SONG-AI-NGHIA basin was kept under surveillance for unusual occurrences by friendly inhabitants as they tended their farm lands and herded their live-stock. Though numerous sightings were recorded, no exceptionally unusual occurrences were noted.

(2) At 231130H the trumpeting of an elephant was heard from the vicinity of grid square (AT 8960).

(3) At 231331H, reports from small arms fire was heard from the vicinity of (AT 918595).

(4) At 231954H the patrol heard Vietnamese language being spoken by means of a public address system from the AN MY village complex.

(5) It was noted that during the day, boat traffic East and West along the SONG-AI-NGHIA was generally normal, however, during the hours of darkness heavy boat traffic could be observed by the crafts standing lights.

(6) Excellent communication was maintained with the use of AN/PRC 25.

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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, moral excellent.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusion: That the stream inlet and draw at (AT 911617) is considered to be an ideal location as an ambush site for future patrols which may operate in this vicinity.

D O'LEARY
1st Lt. Co. C

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: The debriefer concurs with the patrol leaders conclusion.

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DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Seat 2-Charlie

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1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (16) Enl (2) USN (1) ARVN
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area (RZ #5) using patrolling and daylight OP's. Conduct ambushes of opportunity.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 221530H - December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 260900H - December 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 64-65
6. OBSERVATIONS OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN: No physical or visual contact made.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:
 - (1) Approximately 5 bamboo vipers were observed at (AT 888655). Patrol leader passed along this information for future reference.
 - (2) Map Corrections: 2 previously unrecorded trails were reported and plotted. (See Trail Overlay)
 - (3) Communications with the AN/PRC 25 was excellent. Battery life 68 hours.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Excellent, morale high.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

D. M. STUCKE
 1st Lt, Co C

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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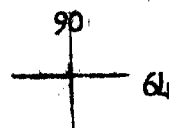
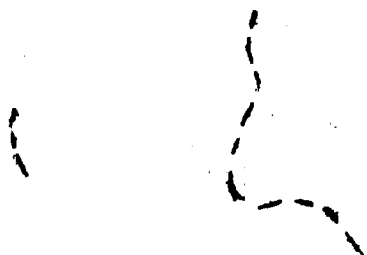
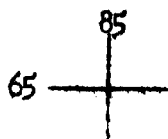
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DESIGNATION OF PATROL: **Seat 1-Charlie**

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1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (14) Enl (1) USN (1) ARVN
2. MISSION: Area Reconnaissance of RZ #5.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 241600H - December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 281130H - December 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 65-65
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
251000H	(AT 856599)	2 men moving South - Southeast.
270700H	(AT 897614)	Located freshly broken trail.
272400H	(AT 898610)	Heard 3 to 8 persons.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 251000H 2 male VN's, one wearing black PJ's, the other a new U.S. type poncho, packs, one SMG and an unidentified weapon, were observed at (AT 856599). Moving generally South Southeast. Observation was maintained to (AT 859595).

(2) 270700H the patrol located a freshly broken trail, estimated to be less than 2 hours old, used by more than one person, but less than 10 persons, was located at (AT 897614).

(3) 272400H the patrol was in the process of moving to an ambush position when they made audio contact with an estimated 3 to 8 unidentified individuals moving generally Southwest at (AT 898610). The noise of a canteen was detected but no visual contact was made.

(4) Two previously unrecorded trails were located by this patrol and plotted. (See Trail Overlay)

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(5) This patrol area contains numerous suitable LZ's for one or more Helo's.

(6) Patrol commander reported poor police by previous friendly patrols.

(7) Communication was good with both AN/PRC 25 and AN/PRC 10.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

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

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: []

Recommendation: That this area continue to be frequently patrolled. The two VC that were observed by this patrol appeared to be very confident of their movement.

T. R. SCHWARTS
1st Lt. Co. C

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: Debriefers concurs with the patrol leader.

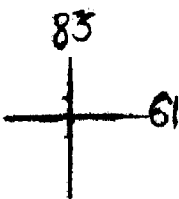
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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Seat 3-Charlie

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

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (16) Enl, (1) USN
2. MISSION: Reconnaissance of Mortar Valley by patrolling and OP's
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 261630H - December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 300830H - December 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 66-65
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
261700H	(AT 894662)	2 men in black jumped off the road as the helo's passed over.
272010H	(AT 864654)	A yell was heard and was answered from the South side of the valley.
272015H	(AT 864654)	Sounds of movement were heard moving West parallel to the patrol.
272025H	(AT 862652)	Movement was heard from the South of the patrol.
281630H	(AT 882647)	In the dusk, it was thought 3 men were seen.
291830H	(AT 861645)	Bomb dud (possibly 1000 lbs)

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) Along the ridge line of hill 270 in grid square (AT 8664) were 8 or 9 old VC harbor sites.

(2) At coordinates (AT 865648) it was noted that the area approximately 25 yards square had been cleared along a dry stream bed. The area was matted down as if something had been laying there.

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8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:
Condition good, morale good.
10. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusion: There are many trails in that area that could be used, but they are mostly game trails. Possible HLZ for 1 helo for medevac at (AT 864644).

D. L. LEARY
1st Lt. Co. C

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat 2-Delta

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1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (16) Enl (1) USN
2. MISSION: Conduct an area reconnaissance of RZ #4 and #5.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 021330H - December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 060820H - December 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 476-65
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN: No physical or visual contact made.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) At 030930H the patrol located an old VC harboring site at (AT 876676). It was estimated the site was approximately 6 months old. This site could easily accommodate 10 to 15 people. A brief case, old clothing, and a poncho were found near a large rock in the harboring site. Items and documents were returned for ITT inspection. 100 meters Southwest of the harboring site another site was located which contained lean-to's and places where fires had been built. The site was estimated to be as equally old as the first harboring site. The area was littered with pieces of poncho and strips of plastic.

(2) 040915H (AT 883666), as the patrol moved in a northerly direction down stream, they located a large flat area approximately 25 meters in circumference. Numerous pieces of poncho and plastic littered the area. 125 meters down stream the patrol located 1 hut at (AT 882667) 10 X 15 X 15 feet. The hut was not presently occupied, but did contain 2 empty rice baskets, and a 5 gallon tin can. It appeared the area had not recently been used.

(3) At 041020H a voice and movement were detected at (AT 881670). Due to steep bank and dense vegetation no one could be observed.

(4) 041330H the patrol observed fresh cut vines, and matted down elephant grass at (AT 868674). It appeared the grass had recently been matted down. The direction of movement was toward the East.

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(5) The area of operation was very difficult for movement due to the heavy vegetation; swamps, streams, and rivers being extremely swollen as a result of the recent heavy rains. The low ground was infested with land leeches.

(6) The AN/PRC 25 provided excellent communications throughout the area of operation.

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

W. J. BUHL
GY/SGT CO. D.

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat 1-Delta

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

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (2) Off (19) Enl (1) USN (1) ARVN
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance in RZ #5 to determine extent of VC activity.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 060800H - December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 091645H - December 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 476-65
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN: No physical or visual contact made.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) At 081623H the patrol observed what appeared to be 4 people hanging from a tree at (AT 898680). The following morning, members of the patrol proceeded to investigate the 4 people from a closer vantage point. What had first appeared to be people, were in reality "Scarecrows" attired in Vietnamese clothing. No unusual activity was noted around its surrounding's.

(2) At 081730H the patrol observed 15 men wearing straw hats and black pajamas at (AT 902685). No weapons or equipment were noted. When these men were first sighted they appeared to be in column moving along a trail. They then stopped, and for a period of 20 minutes they proceeded to exercise certain drills which appeared to be of a tactical nature. They deployed in a skirmish line moved up a hill and then moved back down. Another drill being executed was deploying 2 men every 30 meters up the hill and back down. Visual contact was broken when they all proceeded up the hill to the opposite side at (AT 904687).

(3) The streams in the patrols area of operation were swollen, very difficult, and treacherous to cross. It is recommended for future operations in this area that additional ropes be taken.

(4) Communications with the AN/PRC 25 was considered excellent.

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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:

Recommendation: That hill mass 92 in grid square (AT 8767) be
utilized as a future observation post.

B. A. MC DERMOTT
1st Lt. Co. D

II. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DERRIEFER: None.

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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Chuckle-1

MAPS: Vietnam, 1:50,000, Sheet 6659 III, Series L-701

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (13) Enl (1) USN
2. MISSION: To conduct an area reconnaissance of RZ #4 establishing day OP's and night ambush sites.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 051315 H December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 081130 H December 1965
5. ROUTE: N/A
6. OBSERVATIONS: No visual or physical contact with the enemy was made.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:
 - (1) 3 days of extensive scouting and patrolling resulted in negative sightings of enemy or friendly forces.
 - (2) At 080900H (AT 848762) a booby trapped CHICOM grenade was found. It was placed in the brush along the side of the trail and anchored by means of bandolier straps tied to the grenade and the brush. A trip wire extended across the trail at a height of approximately 18 inches and was tied to a sapling. The booby trap was destroyed in place.
 - (3) Trails throughout the patrol's area of operations did not appear to have been used recently. Many are overgrown with vegetation.
 - (4) Communications with the AN/PRC-25 was generally good.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No contact was made.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Fair.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.
11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: None.

D. L. CHAMBERS
 1stLt 1st. Sergeant

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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Seat 1-Delta

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1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (16) Enl (1) USN (1) ARVN
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ's #1 and RZ's #6 to determine the extent of enemy activity.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 131400H - December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 171230H - December 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 477-65
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN: No physical or visual contact made.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:
 - (1) 4 days of extensive surveillance and patrolling provided little information of enemy or friendly activities. No significant sightings were recorded.
 - (2) Numerous well used trails in the area of operation are not presently shown on the map. Refer to overlay.
 - (3) Trails utilized did not indicate they had recently been used, and booby traps were not encountered.
 - (4) Communications with the AN/PRC 10 was considered poor. The AN/PRC 25 provided excellent communications.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No contact made.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Fair.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

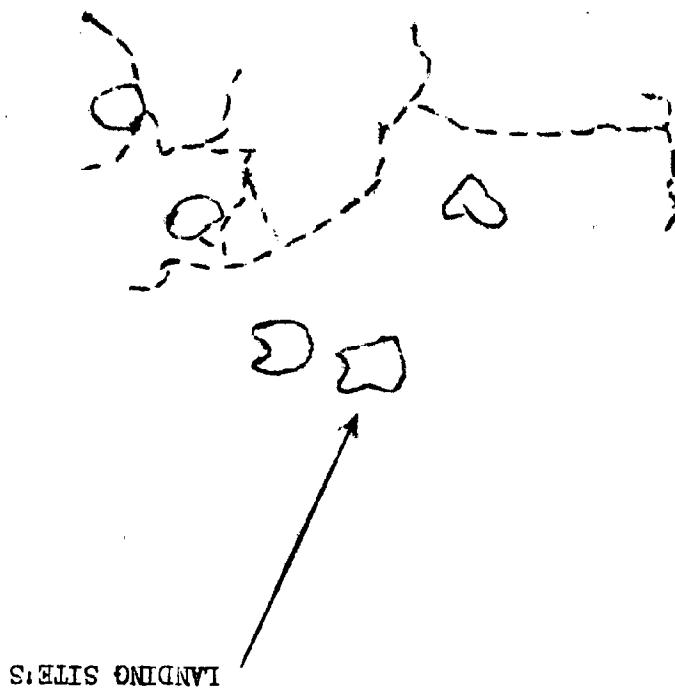
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11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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Designation of Patrol: Scat 1-Delta

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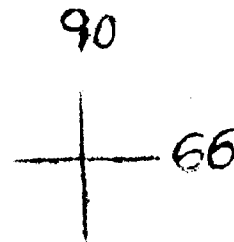
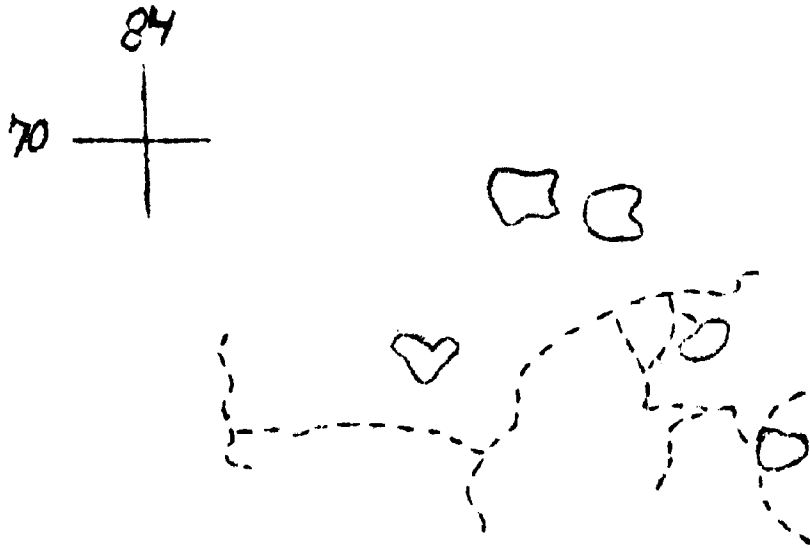
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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat 2-Delta

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

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (14) Enl (1) USN (1) ARVN
 2. MISSION: Conduct a continuous reconnaissance in RZ #5 and #6.
 3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 091415H - December 1965
 4. TIME OF RETURN: 131600H - December 1965
 5. ROUTE: 131600H - December 1965
 6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN: No physical or visual contact made.
 7. OTHER INFORMATION:
 - (1) 4 days of intensive patrolling in Reconnaissance Zone #5 and #6 provided little information on enemy or friendly activities. No physical or visual contact was made.
 - (2) At 111905H the patrol located an old VC harboring site which paralleled the trail at (AT 856663). The area was littered with pieces of poncho, and empty C-ration cans. No unusual sightings were uncovered. Near the immediate vicinity, on a well used trail inscribed on a rock, was the following translated sentence "When in the installations, and in the Delta, keep secrets, talk with yourselves".
 - (3) Map Corrections: The patrol utilized a well used trail which is presently not shown on the map. Refer to the overlay.
 8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No contact made.
 9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Fair. 2 men required Helo evacuation for non-combat injuries sustained while on patrol. Condition of the injured good.
 10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.
- W. J. BUHL
 GYSGT Co. D
11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Seat 3-Delta

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

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (14) Enl (1) USN (1) ARVN
2. MISSION: Conduct a continuous reconnaissance in RZ #4 in grid squares 75, 76, 77, and 78.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 091500H - December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 131200H - December 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 348-65
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN: No physical or visual contact made.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 4 days of intensive patrolling in Reconnaissance Zone #4 provided little information on recent enemy or friendly activities. No visual or physical contacts were made. The area of operation is densely vegetated and the jungle canopy and elephant grass 12 feet high provides excellent concealment from vantage points and aerial observation. Troop movement was very difficult and trail blazing had to be utilized to reach certain objective check points. Leeches on the higher hill masses were noted to be in abundance.

(2) At 110900H the patrol located a recent and possibly VC harbouring site which contained 3 matted down areas forming a triangular pattern which could accommodate 12 to 15 people. A new trail leading South from the encampment had been recently blazed by who ever had previously occupied the area. Found in its periphery were a plastic spoon and one empty package of Vietnamese cigarettes.

(3) Two map corrections of trails not presently shown on the map have been recorded as being well used trails. Refer to overlay.

(4) The AN/PRC 25 provided excellent communications in the area of operation.

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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:
Fair, moral excellent.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: That a future patrol base should be established,
and team observation posts be deployed at hill 350
at (AT 837755) and on the finger at (AT 829757).

H. R. HUNTON
SSGT Co. D

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: Concur with the patrol leaders
recommendation.

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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat 1 - Delta

MAPS: Vietnam, 1:50,000, Sheet No. 6659 III, 6658 IV, Series L-701

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (11) Enl (1) USN (1) ARVN
2. MISSION: Area Reconnaissance of approaches leading into Happy Valley.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 241600H - December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 301300H - December 1965
5. ROUTE: (See Attached Overlay)
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
25 Dec 65 See Overlay Evidence of elephant movement.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) On 25 Dec 65, while moving along the route shown on the attached overlay, the patrol observed evidence of heavy elephant activity along their route. This included many hoofprints, dung, and broken brush.

(2) Suitable LZ's are located at (AT 864735) length 100 meters, and with 75 to 100 meters; at (AT 846722) length 75 meters, and width 75 meters.

(3) Communications with FRC 25 was excellent, one battery lasted for the entire patrol.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Good.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusion: That hill 995 has no trails, no LZ's, no OP's, suitable for entrance into Happy Valley. Terrain and visibility were difficult and it appears that the area is long deserted.

B. A. MC DERMOTT
1st Lt. D Co.

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

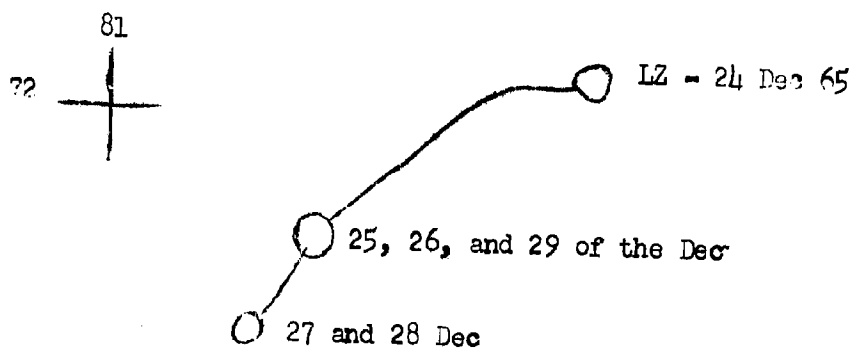
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MAP ROUTE: Patrol route
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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat 2-Delta

MAPS: Vietnam, 1:50,000, Sheet No. 6658 IV, 6659 IV, Series L-701

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (18) Enl (1) USN (1) ARVN
2. MISSION: Area reconnaissance of RZ #3 to determine routes of access into Happy Valley.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 261300H - December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 311100H - December 1965
5. ROUTE (SHOW ON OVERLAY): Refer to Operation Order 478-65
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
301300H	(AT 871761)	Smoke from old partially destroyed temple.
301630H	(AT 859738)	Bridge destroyed
311000H	(AT 877762)	Old trench line 2½ to 3 feet deep and 2 feet wide.
311000H	(AT 877762)	LZ could accomodate 8 helos.
311000H	(AT 867762)	LZ could accomodate 10 helos.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 301800H smoke was seen from old temple at coordinates (AT 871761). Upon checking out the temple, it was noted that the walls contained a lot of writing and diagrams of H-34 Helicopters with details as to where the pilot and all crew members were located. Also 2 diagrams of Thompson sub-machine guns were noted.

(2) At coordinates (AT 822704) was a large marker or monument approximately 3½ feet high, made of brick with a cement base; the top was 1 foot square with 3 small cement nobs set in a triangular shape with a small circular piece of metal set in the center. Written on the base plate on the North side was 994, East side was HONANG, West side MISSION 1 P.D (the square was metal), on the South side was N NHA DIA DY 1961. Engraved on the brick sides was: (North) PHI-HO NTHANH, (South) SAO PHI-HO IT-THAN, (West) O b 561-HAI, and (East) 1961 Z-TRONG.

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(3) Approximately 50 meters away from the large marker were 3 smaller markers made of cement. All were on separate of the large one.

(4) Also noted in that same area were 2 old sleeping huts and what appeared to be possibly a relay mast for communications (See Attachment)

(5) At coordinates (AT 859736) the bridge has been destroyed but can be crossed by foot troops using a rope line. At this season the stream is not fordable.

(6) Trails coming down the South side of hill 995 are overgrown and do not run over 100 to 150 meters down the side.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Condition good, morale good, 1 man bitten on the finger by a centepede was treated and returned to duty.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: Use NAPALM to clear off top of 995 in order to be used as a HZ to work higher hill 1279 and BA NA. Large markers would be in the way.

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1st Lt. Co. D

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

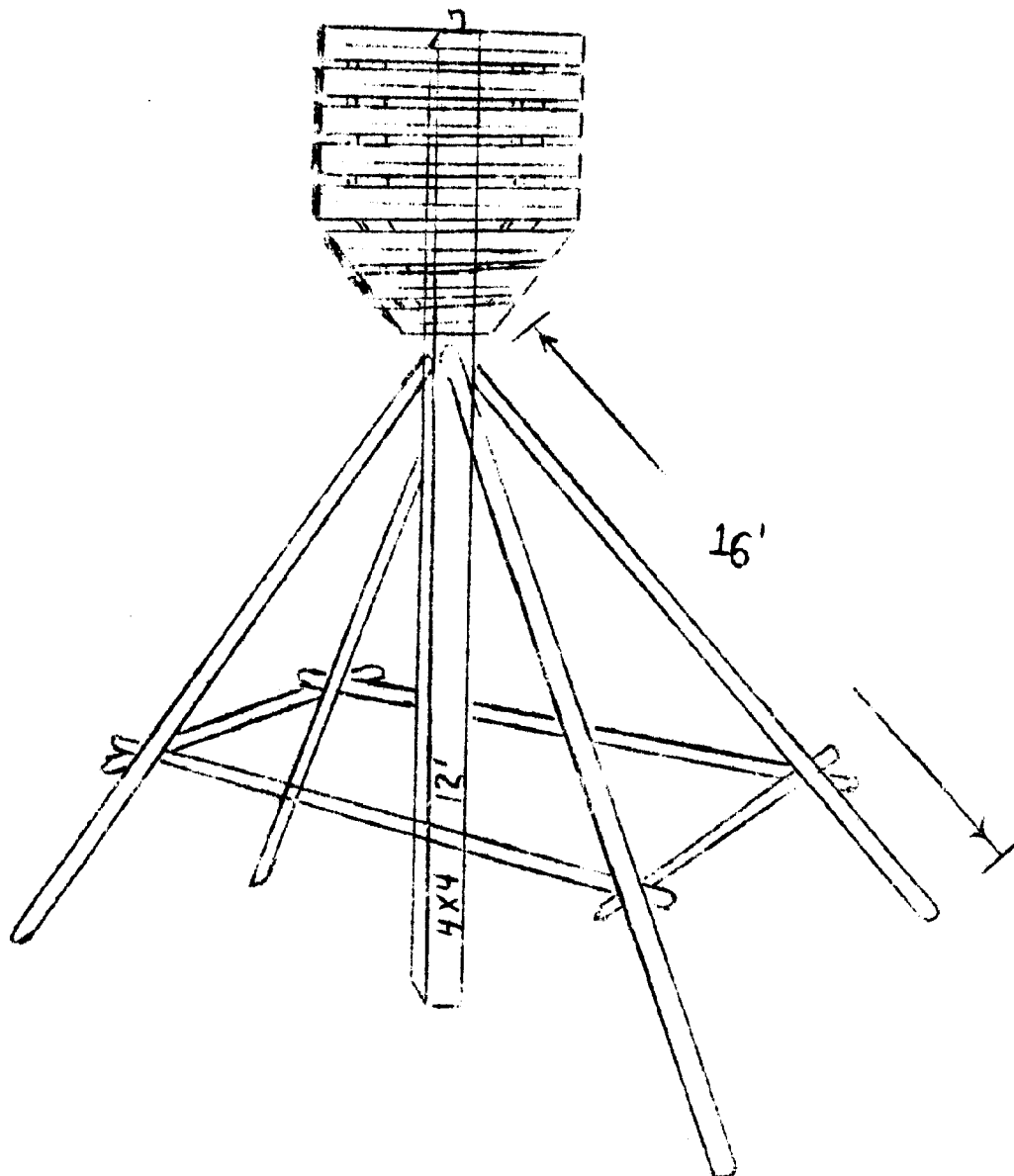
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POSS COMMUNICATIONS RELAY MAST



CONSTRUCTED OF WOOD WITH ONE LARGE NAIL EXTENDING FROM THE CENTER POLE. NO WIRES ATTACHED OR LOCATED IN THE AREA.

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DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat 2-Delta

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1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (18) Enl (1) USN (1) ARVN
2. MISSION: Conduct a continuous reconnaissance in RZ #4 to determine enemy activity into Happy Valley.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 190930H - December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 241140H - December 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order #78-65
6. OBSERVATIONS OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
211500H	(AT 845663)	Located fresh sandal prints
211500H	(AT 8366)	Heard noise of someone chopping wood.
211600H	(AT 830659)	Located 6 fighting holes
220935H	(AT 825661)	Killed one VC heading East on the trail.
231000H	(AT 877668)	Located a VC observation post a hut, and numerous old rounds.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) At 211500H as the patrol was heading West on the trail, 3 to 5 fresh sandal prints were noted at (AT 845663) indicating recent movement along the trail.

(2) At 211500H, the patrol was alerted by the noise of someone cutting or chopping wood in the vicinity of grid square (AT 8366). The dense jungle canopy prevented the observation of who, and what activity was taking place.

(3) At 211600H, it was evident that hill 502 at (AT 832659) has in recent months been impregnated by bombs and artillery. Recent evidence of wood cutting was also noted in the vicinity.

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(4) At 211600H, 6 fighting holes parallel a trail on the West side of hill 502 at (AT 830659). These fighting holes are 3 to 3½ feet in length, 2 to 2½ feet in width and 3 to 3½ feet deep. 2 of the fighting holes on the South side are partially covered with flat stones and shored with timbers. The North side has four fighting holes shored with timber and are not covered. Reasonably good fields of fire are afforded along the East and West axis of the trail. Noted carved on 2 trees were the following quotations. 1. "CHAU>LIU - NIEM TRAN AU-THAN". 2. "TO'AN DU HIEN".

(5) At 220935H 600 meters West of hill 502 at (AT 825661). The point of the patrol engaged a lone VC at a distance of 20 meters. The VC was heading East on the same trail carrying his weapon at high port when he was killed instantly by a burst of automatic rifle fire. The VC was clean shaven, appeared to have a fresh haircut and was carrying a bag of warm rice and onion balls. His weapon, clothing, equipment, and documents were stripped from his body and Helo transported to G-2 at 221800H. The body was left on the trail.

(6) At 231000H, the patrol located an old VC observation post at (AT 877668). 50 meters West an old hut was found deserted. Near its vicinity, placed among some rocks, the patrol located a book containing numerous writings, 95 rounds of 7.62 ammunition, 8 rounds of 30 Cal. M-1 ammunition and an empty Chicom grenade container. The old vacated observation post afforded a good vantage point to observe any activity in the PHUOC NINH #7 Valley in grid squares (AT 8867) and (AT 8967).

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 1 VC killed.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:
Good, moral excellent.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

W. J. BUHL
GYSGT Co. D

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat 3-Delta

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

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (16) Enl (1) USN (1) ARVN
2. MISSION: Area reconnaissance of area enclosed (AT 8065), (AT 8067), (AT 8265), and (AT 8267) to determine routes of access leading into Happy Valley.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 281000H - December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 311700H - December 1965
5. ROUTE: See Attached Overlay.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
300830H	(AT 816648)	Received fire from 4 to 6 VC.
301030H	(AT 818651)	Observed one VC moving Easterly.
310830H	(AT 818654)	Observed and fired on three VC.
311330H	(AT 813662)	Sighted 5 or more VC.
311635H	(AT 813665)	Heard movement around the HLZ.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 281300H while proceeding West along a trail the patrol discovered a panji trap at (AT 834634). The trap was located in a hole $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet deep and 3 feet square. The trap apparently quite old, contained approximately 25 bamboo stakes placed in the ground. Proceeding West along this trail the patrol encountered more panji stakes for the next 100 meters where they came upon a large log which was placed across the trail. This area is apparently an old ambush site.

(2) 281800H the patrol discovered an area approximately 60 meters long and 20 meters wide at (AT 837643) which was covered with panji stakes. This trap network was estimated to be less than 3 days old. This area had been used as a bivouac area.

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- (3) 281700H the patrol located an empty house partially destroyed at (AT 840645). There was a foot trail network leading West from the house. This trail network was camouflaged by trees which had been felled across the trail to conceal the location.
- (4) 290815H a squad size patrol discovered a panji staked area at the junction of two streams at (AT 845649). The stakes were on both banks and appeared very recent. There was also a small island 15 meters long and 7 meters wide. Three "lean to" type hutches were located on the island. Two to three cases of empty "C" ration cans which appeared to be one week or less old were located in the area. The patrol also found an empty house 12 feet by 12 feet at (AT 848650).
- (5) 290900H while moving West along the trail previously located at 281700H. The patrol discovered numerous empty cartridge cases of foreign make from (AT 827643) to about 100 meters to the West.
- (6) 291030H the patrol found an area approximately 300 meters long and 100 meters wide at (AT 823637). This area was void of cattle but contained dung about one week old. The area was bounded by both trees and a newly constructed fence of small trees.
- (7) 291200H the patrol discovered a cache' at (AT 822638) containing 2 small bags of cooked rice, and one U.S. type canteen.
- (8) 291330H the patrol discovered a grave site (AT 820640) containing 5 graves each marked by one wooden stake at one end of the plot. The patrol also located a hole about 5 feet long and two feet wide which provided excellent observation East Northeast into the valley for about 8000 meters or more.
- (9) 291400H the patrol came upon an empty hut at (AT 818643). Generally empty appearances indicated that hut had not been lived in recently.
- (10) 291430H the patrol discovered a well kept grave at (AT 819649). This was a circular type grave and was unusually well cared for..
- (11) 291500H the patrol found a hut area at (AT 819651). This area contained the remains of three huts. Within the area the patrol discovered approximately 20 metal scoops; about 2 feet long and 10 inches wide. While in the process of searching the area the patrol heard 3 semi-automatic rounds go off to the Northeast. These rounds were apparently a warning signal to alert the VC of the patrols presence.
- (12) 291700H the patrol found a hut at (AT 818650) which contained a U.S. and a Chicom Carbine. Two 60 mm mortar aiming stakes, 2

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shape charges tied together with communication wire; and two blocks of T.N.T. approximately 1/4 pounds each. One Russian Defensive handgrenade was also found concealed in a bundle of clothing within the hut. The patrol discovered a tunnel in one corner of the house. The tunnel entrance was 2½ to 3 feet in diameter. (See Attached Sketch) Within the tunnel the patrol found four Chicom manufactured Russian Defensive handgrenades; a box containing 115 rounds of 7.62 mm Chicom ammunition, and 5 .45 caliber rounds in a metal container. Two metal containers and another box containing clothing and documents were also found. The hut was set afire. No secondary explosions took place.

(13) 300300H The patrol observed from 2ft to 5ft flashlight in use on hill 502 (AT 833659)

(14) 300830H The patrol received small arms fire at (AT 816648) from 4 to 6 VC. At least one A/W was detected (Believed to be a U. S. M. 14 because a 5 round charger was found after the fire fight) The patrol returned fire and the VC broke contact and moved off in a Northeasterly direction. Unconfirmed one VC WIA.

(15) 301100H The patrol observed one VC (AT 818651) wearing a rain cover and a green uniform with pack and weapon moving in an easterly direction.

(16) The patrol found a hut, at (AT 819650), which contained a storage bin six feet long, five feet wide and five feet deep. The bin was empty.

(17) 310730H The patrol located a hut at (AT 816651), which contained a wooden storage bin eight feet long, six feet wide and six feet deep filled with grain. On top of the bin was a bundle of clothing and approximately fifty reams of blank white paper (8x11) wrapped in brown paper. A bundle of documents (text books and note books) was also found. The patrol heard a fire fight to the South, exact location of the firing was undetermined.

(18) 310815H The patrol found two huts, at (AT 817652). One hut contained tools, such as hoes, spades, and two small wheelbarrows. Jugs were observed hanging from the ceiling and walls. On the North side was a tunnel, with a entrance approximately 4x5 feet in diameter. The tunnel was investigated for about eight feet and no end could be seen. This hut also had sleeping quarters to accomodate approximately five people. The second house contained cooking utensils and sleeping facilities for approximately three people. Eight or nine chickens and four pigs were observed in the area.

(19) 310830H At (AT 818654) the patrol observed three VC and opened fire. One VC was observed to go down and was helped off by the other two VC. The VC were carrying weapons and packs. No friendly casualties were sustained. One unconfirmed VC WIA.

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(20) 310815H the patrol observed a large hut at (AT 819657) on the East bank of the stream. No search was initiated.

(21) 311330H the patrol sighted five or more VC following them at (AT 813662). The patrol opened fire and the VC withdrew. The five VC were all armed with unidentified weapons and wore khaki trousers, black PJ tops and what appeared to be garrison covers. No casualties were sustained. One VC WIA unconfirmed.

(22) 311635H the patrol was extracted at (AT 813665). Prior to extraction the patrol heard movement around their position and opened fired. During the extraction 2 Helo's were known to take hits from VC semi-automatic fire.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No friendly casualties, three possible VC WIA, one U.S. Carbine, and one Chicom Carbins.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Good, morale excellent.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusion: That the enemy wants to hold hill complex 785 and 502 because he is using this complex as a supply base out of Happy Valley.

Recommendations: That the patrol be provided with a camera that is suitable for reconnaissance patrols. The camera should be small so that it can be easily carried and waterproofed and simple to operate.

That the patrol leader be afforded an aerial reconnaissance before and after the patrol to confirm locations and sightings.

That due to the damp weather and the fear of compromising the patrol the patrol was unable to destroy several huts.

G. V. BEST Jr.
1st Lt. Co. D

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEPRIEFER: There is a possibility that the patrol uncovered equipment and material belonging to the Q-16-B Company commanded by PHUNG. A weapons platoon from this company was reported, on 5 December 1965, to be located at (AT 830680). The HIEU DUC district headquarters has also been reported in this general area. The Q-16-B could be an AKA for the IF Company 100.

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LZ Length - 50 meters
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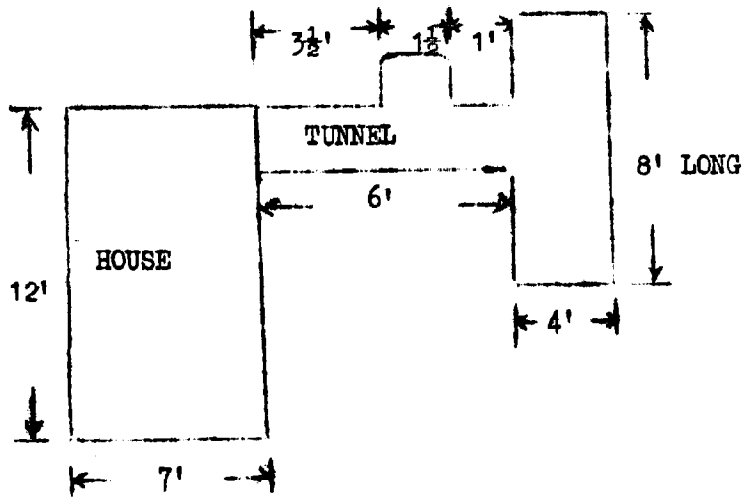
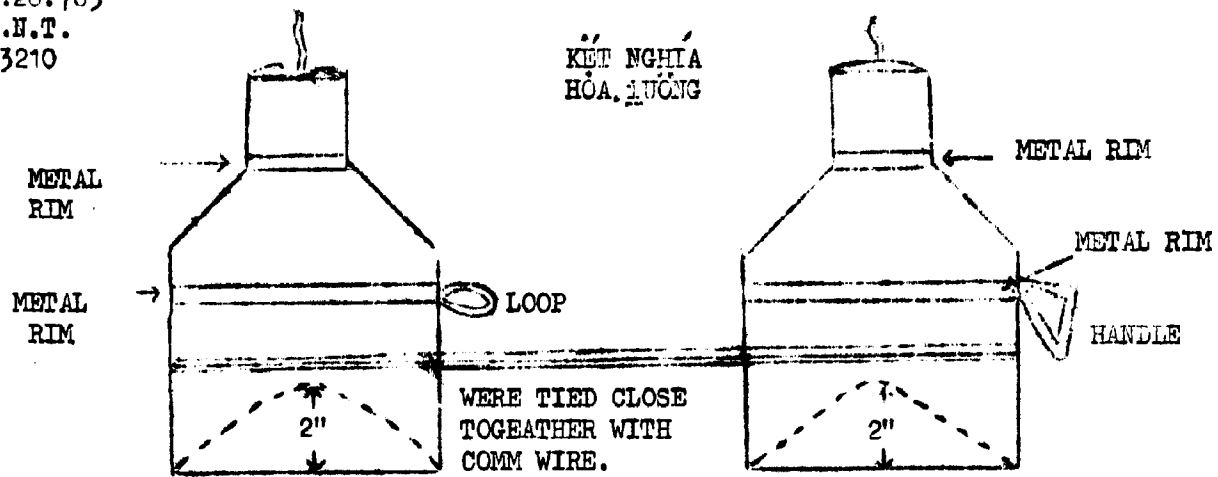
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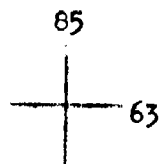
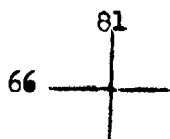
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1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (16) Enl (1) USN (1) ARVN
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance in RZ #4, placing emphasis on the location of suitable routes, OP's, and LZ's Southwest of hill 995 (AT 821705) leading into the Eastern end of Happy Valley.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 181000H - December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 241100H - December 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 478-65
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN: No physical or visual contact made.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) At 190900H the patrol located 2 deserted barracks which were constructed of concrete blocks and measured 60 feet X 20 feet X 25 feet. Metal L shaped beams had once supported the roof. 4 cubicles had been constructed in each dwelling. Found within their interiors were a flash light, and a old ARVN utility cover, a wooden bed, and empty C-ration containers. 3 old shelters were located near the barracks which could easily accomodate 1 individual. It is believed these shelters had been constructed for protection rather than fighting holes.

(2) At 191030H members of the patrol made contact with 2 fairly large elephants at a distance of approximately 10 meters at (AT 832721). The elephants were unattended and appeared preoccupied grazing from its natural surroundings. The patrol avoided further contact.

(3) At 191700H as the patrol proceeded West on a trail they located 2 concrete slabs and 2 old hutches at (AT 831721). These hutches were constructed of concret blocks and measured approximately 8X8X5 feet. Near by an additional hutch was found which had been utilized as a sleeping quarters and could accomodate 30 people. In the same local, a well stocked pile of concrete blocks measuring 8X8X4 feet. Each individual block was approximately 8X12X12 inches. It appeared the dwellings noted in this area had not been used for an extended period of time.

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(4) On a reconnaissance of the TUNG-SON Village complex in grid square (AT 8472), the village was found deserted, however, household effects had not been removed. Throughout the village complex, fruit bearing trees were found to be in abundance. It was further noted that individuals had recently picked and eaten these fruits. Indications are that the VC are frequently or periodically using this village as a harboring sight during the hours of darkness.

(5) Excellent communications was provided by means of the AN/PRC 25.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No contact made.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Good, moral excellent.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusion: That indications are , that the VC are not presently utilizing the trail networks as routes of egress or ingress in the 995 complex.

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1st Lt. Co D.

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: Debriefers concurs with the platoon leaders comments.

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PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Punctuation 4

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

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (14) Enl (1) USN
2. MISSION: Establish OP in vicinity of grid square (AT 8668) and observe the valleys to the North and East.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 241400H - December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 301030H - December 1965
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 478-65 (See Overlay)
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
261045H	(AT 880678)	18 woodcutters entered the area.
261145H	(AT 880678)	29 woodcutters left the area
270955H	(AT 880678)	60 woodcutters enter the area
271100H	(AT 880678)	76 left in groups of 15 and 20
271645H	(AT 878688)	Marines in Helo's landed and received automatic weapon fire.
271652H	(AT 873688)	1 round fired, sounded like M-1
281615H	(AT 873688)	5 to 8 rounds semi-automatic fire, sounded like sniper
281745H	(AT 885684)	4 VCS entered ruins of church
290930H	(AT 871681)	30 men with weapons in rice paddy

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

- (1) 261045H at (AT 880678) 18 woodcutters entered the brush and 29 came out and returned East.

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(2) 270955H at (AT 880678) 60 wood cutters in groups of 15 and 20 entered the brush and 76 came out and returned East.

(3) 281745H at (AT 885684) 4 VCS wearing black with coolie hats entered the ruins of a church. Artillery fire was called with 3 direct hits on the church. None were seen leaving the area. They carried 4 rifles, 2 packs and 1 ruck sack.

(4) 290930H at (AT 871681) 30 men wearing green uniforms and carrying weapons appeared through the fog. They appeared to be Marines. They disappeared in the fog at (AT 893678).

(5) The platoon carried 1 PRC 25 and used 2 batteries. The first battery was changed after 57 hours. They also had 2 PRC 10 radios, 1 did not work.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING THE DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Condition good, morale good.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

W. A. MORRISON
SSOT Force Recon.

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

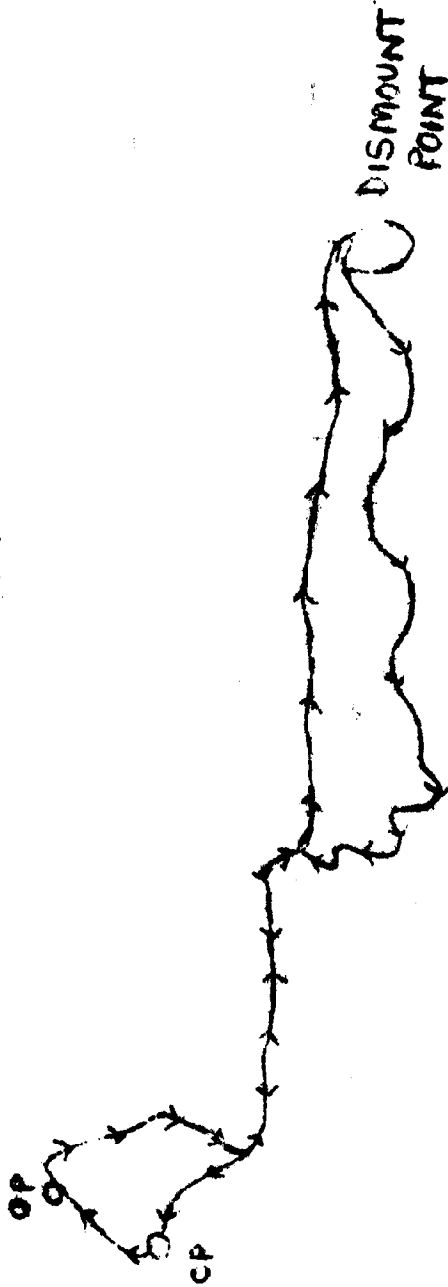
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DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat 3-Delta-3,4

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

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (9) Enl
2. MISSION: Check out possible trails in GS 8669, 8769, and observe GS 8767, 8768, 8868, 9868, 8867, and 8967 in RZ # 4.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 011555H - January 1966
4. TIME OF RETURN: 031125H - January 1966
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 478-65 (See Attached Overlay)
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
020955H	(AT 896674)	21 VCS in 3 groups moving West on trail
021245H	(GS AT 8869)	1 man with boat ferrying people across stream.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) The villages of PHUOC GIANG (AT 877683) and DONG BICH (1) (AT 894681) and (3) (AT 886786) are no longer there as shown on the map, only the churches remain.

(2) 21 VCS in three groups, one group of eleven, one group of three, and one group of seven, moved west on the trail at coordinates 896678. It could not be determined if what they were carrying was weapons or not. As an OIE aircraft flew over the first three VCS were moving into the open. They quickly took cover, after the aircraft left they all continued on their way. An artillery concentration was planned for when they reached coordinates 867676, however only fourteen appeared and began cutting wood in groups of three and four, therefor the artillery was not fired. Most of the VCS wore black, some with green tops, some orange tops.

(3) 021245H 1 man with a small boat was seen ferrying people back and forth across the stream in GS 8869. Three round trips were observed. Normal activities were noted around the villages of CAO SUNG (1) (AT 878694) and (2) (AT 877701).

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(4) 1 MK 26 grenade was picked up with pin in place and a broken spoon on the trail at Coordinates 874687).

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:
Condition good, morale high.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: If squad sized patrols are going to operate separately. It is recommended each be assigned 1 PRC 25, 1 USN and 1 ARVN each. Also directional antenna for finding foreign station interference with communications. At 021800H jamming was heard on the radio. (VN voices) (whistling and a squeaking sound)

R. R. DELOM
SGT D Co.

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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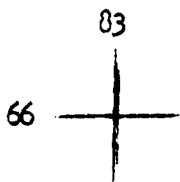
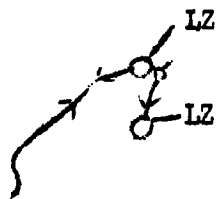
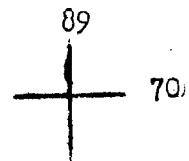
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DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Seat 3-Delta-1

MAPS: Vietnam, 1:50,000, Sheet No. 6659 III, Series A-701

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (7) Enl (1) USN
2. MISSION: Reconnaissance and observation of (GS AT 8471, and 8571) in RZ #4.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 011545H - January 1966
4. TIME OF RETURN: 031115H - January 1966
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 478-65 (See Attached Overlany)
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
021115H	(AT 865715)	3 VC wearing black, with rifles moving North.
021745H	(AT 859712)	Received incoming semi-automatic and automatic fire.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) The Northern half of GS 8670 and the South half of GS 8671 would accomodate approximately 30 Helo's.

(2) 021115H at coordinates 865715, 3 VC with black PJ's and rifles were seen moving North along the river bank. They appeared to be looking for something. 4 men were sent down to establish an ambush and fired on the VC as they turned away at approximately 400 meters. 1 VC stumbled and then crawled away in the brush, (possible 1 WIA) They disbursed at the river.

021745H fire was received from 2 carbines, 2 Thompson sub-machine gun, and 1 machine gun from the Southeast, East and North of the OP site. No fire was returned. Artillery was requested; 1 round WP landed approximately 60 meters from OP burning 2 of the patrol members around the face and hands.

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8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: Possibly 1 VC WIA, no enemy WIA OR KIA.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: 2 men with burns, 1 around the eye's and 1 with burns about the face, eye's and hands, from friendly WP Artillery. Treated and returned to duty. Remainder morale good, and condition good.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

H. R. HUNTON
SSGT Co. D

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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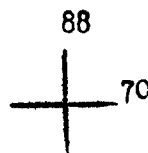
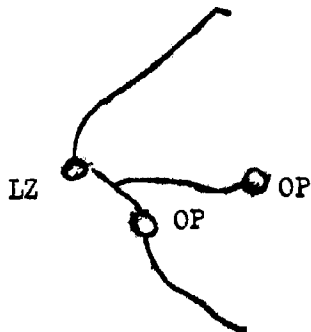
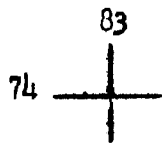
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 FPO San Francisco, California 96601

6 December 1965

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Viking

MAPS: Viet Nam 1:50,000, AMS L701 Sheets 6757 III and 6756 IV

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off, (15) Enl USMC & (1) Enl USN
2. MISSION: Find the west, south trail vic BT 435004 and check it out for destination. At 021400H mission was changed to set up an OP vic BT 454022 and observe west for 1500 meters.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 011730H Dec
4. TIME OF RETURN: 050925H Dec
5. ROUTE: Refer to Group FragO 22-65 and Appendix A
6. OBSERVATIONS - ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
012330H	(BT 641034)	A light appeared at this coordinate for approx 3 minutes. It moved south into the rice paddy.
020615H	(BT 462022 - BT 463015)	Trail not shown on map runs from vic of 1st coord to stream junction at 2nd coord.
020745H	(BT 460017)	Two sets of boot prints (plain bottoms) noted, size 7 or 8 heading north.
UNK	(BT 463015)	Camp site with 11 cooking fires, used and well concealed. (At stream junction)
020845H	(BT 459007)	Sounds of beating on a hollow log or drum, only 6 or 8 beats were heard.
030715H	(BT 456015)	Plt established an OP (See App. A) for observing enemy movements.
030715H	(BT 455015)	7 men moved south on trail wearing black PJ's & oolie hats carrying 2 charcoal baskets each.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
040930H	(BT 440015)	8 VCS were seen walking around in the stream. They were mostly dressed in black. One VCS came from the west (BT 438018) & joined them.
041000H	(BT 440015)	The one man, who had joined them, left the group and proceeded to BT 438018. The other 8 moved east along the stream to BT 449018 and then stood around.
041200H	(BT 449018)	The 8 men moved north toward Than My Trung (1) carrying 2 or 3 small baskets.
05Dec		Approx 70 people worked in the fields or cutting wood during the day.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

- (1) There are a lot of charcoal burn pits vic BT 457013.
- (2) At 021250H HN EICHORN evacuated as a non-combat casualty. He appeared to be experiencing a heart attack. After the med evac and before the plt moved out they received orders to change their mission and establish an OP vic BT 454022.
- (3) At 031415H, 6 women appeared to be walking and picking berries, when they got to BT 450017 they turned and ran north out of sight.

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


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

- (1) HN EICHORN currently at "B" Med, C & C under observation.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. Conclusion. The mission was changed in reaction to intelligence information received which indicated that three VC companies were located vic (BT 4503). Observation of that area was attained by changing the aforementioned mission. No significant sightings indicate that these companies were not there.

b. Recommendation. That when feasible, reconnaissance elements react to intelligence information in order to further ascertain its validity.


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1st Reconnaissance Battalion
3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF (Forward)
FPO San Francisco, California 96601

8 December 1965

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Crosstide

MAPS: Viet Nam 1:50,000, AMS L701, Sheets 6757 III and 6756 IV

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off, (12) Enl USMC & (1) Enl USN
2. MISSION: Provide surveillance of avenues of approach to Chu Lai from the S.W. and West and report enemy movement and location.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 020940H Dec
4. TIME OF RETURN: 061045H Dec
5. ROUTE: Refer to Group FragO 23-65
6. OBSERVATIONS - ENEMY AND TERRAIN: Thirteen sightings were made totaling 48 VC and 4 VCS and one trail marker.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
021105H	(BT 506022)	Two VCS w/no equipment sitting in rice paddy. One in black PJ's and coolie hat moved off to the north. The other, dressed in faded blue clothing, moved west 150 meters and then returned to his original position. It was thought that he had signaled to some one up the draw via BT 505020.
021107H	(BT 506022)	Pt moved into tree line to avoid possible ambush. Sgt LESLIE's pistol apparently accidentally fired from his shoulder-holster, hitting his magazine carrier. The round deflected into his left rear hip. The Pt deployed, Sgt LUCAS, thinking they were under ambush fired two rounds and Lt WILLIAMS fired one at movement in the rocks at BT 505018.
021130H	(BT 505018)	Fresh blood seen on trail, drops covered an area approx 1 inch diameter.
021230H	(BT 508009)	Trail marker, possibly VC, located at northern edge of trail junction, see Appendix A.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
021705H	(BS 500997)	Sparadic mortar and M.G. fire heard from the south.
031900H	(BS 505994)	Trail fades out. Thickly covered with bush and canopy - apparently not used in a long time.
031210H	(BS 550998)	Two V.N. in black circled front of OP established at this position. They moved from BS 507983 to BS 507984.
031324H	(BS 505998)	Same 2 men reappeared and moved to within 300 meters of OP, turned, moved to BS 503928 and passed from sight.
031225H	(BS 499977)	1 armed VC moved from the south into house at this coordinate.
031230H	(BS 499977)	4 VC, 2 w/rifles, 2 w/baskets left house and went into the brush.
031540H	(BS 501976)	Fire mission, with good coverage, called on above VC. Only 2 men left the area - possibility of 2 WIA/KIA.
031545H	(BS 501976)	Twelve VC had been seen sitting at this coord. They had been joined by 2 VC, one w/rifle. The artillery mission requested at 031540H also covered them. Only 12 men left the area - possibility of 2 VC KIA/WIA.
041537H	(BS 509995)	Four VC moved south-east on trail. One carried a rifle, one a basket. They appeared to be dropping something in the bushes as they went along. At trail junction (BS 507963) they turned east.
041643H	(BS 502966)	Fire mission called on 4 VC, 2 w/rifles. They dispersed to the south-west.
051210H	(BS 502970)	Two VC w/possibly 1 rifle moved into tree line and did not reappear.
051455H	(BS 505965)	Seven VC w/one weapon sighted in a group. Fire mission called for, only 2 men noted leaving impact area.
060757H	(BS 502968)	3 VCS moved NE, were joined by 5 more VCS. They all moved out in column with a 5 meter interval.
060759H	(BS 502968)	2 more VCS joined the column.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
060800H	(BS 502968)	5 more VCS joined the column - Fog closed in.
060834H	(BS 500959)	15 VCS moving south in column with a 7 meter interval.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: None.

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

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

(1) Sgt. LESLIE was delivered to "B" Med. CEC, prognosis good, has since been evacuated to Clark A.F.B., P.I.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. Conclusions. The village of Phuoc Binh Tay (2), BS 497978, just outside the TAOR, is, from all outward appearance, an abandoned village. The paddies and fields surrounding it are untended and the houses in the village are ramshackle and beginning to fall apart. The sightings made in the village on 3 December indicate that the VC could possibly be using the village as a rest/storage area. The village sits on a critical piece of ground which offers several excellent avenues of approach into the enclave.

In the vicinity of coordinates BS 495997 a great amount of C ration cans, opened and unopened were found strewn about the area, along with articles of 782 gear, and 5 BS-279/U only partially destroyed. The only thing that was done was removal of the bakelite plug-in.

The trails in the patrol vicinity were good and well used in many areas. However, it is thought that they have not been used to a great extent in the recent weeks. The trails are not for the most part, suitable to large daylight movements because of the open terrain.

b. Recommendation. That the village of Phuoc Binh Tay (1) be completely reconnoitered and destroyed. That units operating forward of the MLR be more conscious of the uses that discarded equipment can be to the enemy and dispose of it accordingly.

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3rd Reconnaissance Battalion
3rd Marine Division, III Marine Amphibious Force
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11 Dec 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion

Subj: Patrol Report, Operation 24-65, 5-9 December 1965

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1
(b) Recon Group Alfa Frag Order 24-65
(c) Map: Vietnam, 1:50,000, Tri Binh 6757 III, Series L701

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted.

2. Units participating in Operation 24-65:

1st Platoon, Co B(-)(Rein), 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion

3. a. General Review of Significant Events. The mission of the 1st Platoon was to establish OP's vicinity Hill 270 (BT 4204) to report enemy locations and movement. 6 sightings totaling 53 VC and 20 VCS were made. One contact was made and three artillery missions were fired resulting in 1 VC probably killed and 1 wounded. The following is a chronological listing of significant events:

050730H. Departed BT-4 area by truck.

050850H. Commenced patrol by foot from Hill 39 (BT 4606).

051000H. Received 1 round of sniper fire BT 42071. No casualties or further contact.

051300. Observed MG or AA emplacement BT 419053.

051500. Established CP/OP BT 421047.

051630H. Sent patrol to BT 418044.

060800H. Established second OP BT 418044.

071355H. Observed 20 men moving N. on trail BT 405056. Wearing mixed black and camouflage uniforms with rifles and packs.

071400H. Medevac sick Marine.

071415H. Observed additional 20 men moving N. on trail BT 405055 with weapons and packs. Artillery mission fired with 1 observed probable dead and 1 wounded. Two additional missions fired on fleeing groups BT405053 and BT402049 with excellent effect.

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071420H. 20 men moving SE BT432053 wearing black with no visible weapons or equipment.

071425H. 2 shots heard vic Ky Long(1) BT 432053.

071450H. 6 men moved out of village and hid in bushes BT432053. Later joined by 1 man wearing blue.

071455H. Heard drum beat. (pattern 1_2) for period of 15 minutes from Ky Long(1).

071500H. 8 men and 1 woman sat in bushes BT 433051. 1 man wore grey and appeared to do all the talking.

071510H. 6 men noted earlier returned to village.

071520H. 2 of the 8 men and the woman returned to the village. The man wearing grey carried a straw bag.

071525H. Remainder of the men moved towards village, but dug two holes before going into village.

071530H. 4 men moved W BT 438048 wearing black with 2 packs and 1 rifle.

071534H. 3 men moved W BT 427042 wearing black with 1 big pack.

071610H. 1 man pattered around holes dug earlier, then moved into village.

081400H. Plt moved to BT415044.

081900H. Observed movement vic BT 427046 of 4 people.

090615H. Began return patrol.

091030H. Recovered by truck vic Hill 69.

b. Commander's Evaluation of Significant Events.

1. No fire mission was fired on initial large sighting due to Medevac which was in progress.

2. Significant movement was noted moving north from Phouc Khack BT(3705) towards Tien Xuan(1) (BT4009).

3. Foot movement through TAOR greatly increases the chances of casualties and of the unit being hung up in serious firefights prior to reaching RZ.

c. Commander's Recommendations.

1. That the RZ be extended 4000 meters in order to decrease the frequency of usage of a particular area. The full time reconnaissance screen has resulted in unavoidable patterns of terrain usage.

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Commanding

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion
3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF (Forward)
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10 December 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion
Via: Commander, Recon Group Alpha

Subj: Patrol Report: Group Frag Order 25-65

Ref: (a) Divo 3480.1
(b) Group Frag Order 25-65
(c) Maps: Viet Nam 1:50,000, AMS L-701, Sheets 6757 III and 6756 IV

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

2. Unit: 1st Platoon, "C" Company, 1st Recon Bn
One officer, 16 enlisted USMC, and one enlisted USN

3. Casualties: (a) Friendly - None
(b) Enemy - None

4. General Review of Significant Events

a. The 1st Plt, "C" Co was assigned the mission of setting up an OP and nighttime ambush position in the vicinity of hill 90, BS 5492. They were helo-lifted from LZ Quail, at 061715H, landing via BS 540938. At 071520H they requested a fire mission on two armed VC with negative results. An ambush was established at BS 545943 on 081945H (See appendix "A"). The platoon moved by foot to Tri Binh (5) via BS 574970 where they were trucked back to "C" Co CP, arriving there at 091030H.

b. During the 64 hours this patrol was operating they had one sighting of two VC with one weapon and requested one fire mission. They heard one automatic weapon from the vicinity of the houses at BS 545928.

c. The following is a chronological account of what occurred on this patrol:

061715H - Left RLT-7 HLZ (LZ Quail) and was inserted via BS 540938.

061735H - Noted one A4 aircraft making an air strike via BS 535938.

061815H - Established a harbour site via BS 538929.

062015H - Loud voices were heard from the houses via BS 545928, followed by a burst of automatic weapons fire, then silence. Nothing else was seen or heard that night.

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- 070645H - The platoon left their harbour site, moved N.E. across hill 90 to vic BS 543934 and set up OP's with good observation to the north, east, and west and limited observation to the south. There was normal activity in the paddies.
- 070720H - Drums were heard from Phuoc Thuan (3), vic BS 570920.
- 071520H - Two VC with one rifle were noted building a signal fire at BS 548925. Artillery was requested and the VC left the area after the 2nd adjustment round.
- 071800H - Established plt harbour site vic BS 544937 where an uneventful night was spent.
- 080805H - Team #3 moved upon direction to vic BS 543938, established an OP and spent the day with no sightings reported.
- 081615H - Team #3 returned to the plt CP/OP at BS 544937.
- 081745H - Two Vietnamese at BS 547938 who had previously bowed to the west and raised their hands to the sky for 15 minutes, now walked 20 meters east in a waist high cane field and disappeared, probably into a cave or hole.
- 081945H - A platoon size ambush was established vic BS 545943. It was noted that the entire area is covered with anti-personnel punji stakes and that a trench line went all the way around the top of the hill. At BS 543938 there are old fox holes, 5 foot punji stakes and metal fence posts with 6 to 8 strands of barbed wire. The fence was crushed down into the ground.
- 090345H - Nothing was seen or heard at the ambush site. The platoon moved north on foot to Nam Binh (5) BS 548958, then north-east to Tri Binh (5) at BS 574970.
- 090815H - One Vietnamese civilian with 1st degree burns was escorted into the platoon perimeter. He had been wounded by a VC W.P. mine while riding a bus. He was treated by the platoon corpsman and released.
- 090900H - A truck from "D" Co, 1st Bn, 7th Marines picked up the platoon and returned them to the "C" Co CP at 091030H.
5. Commanders Analysis. More VC sightings were expected in this low-land, potential avenue of approach into the TAOR, indicating a possible VC movement out of this previously active area.
6. Recommendations. That further reconnaissance activities cover this avenue of approach at periodic intervals.

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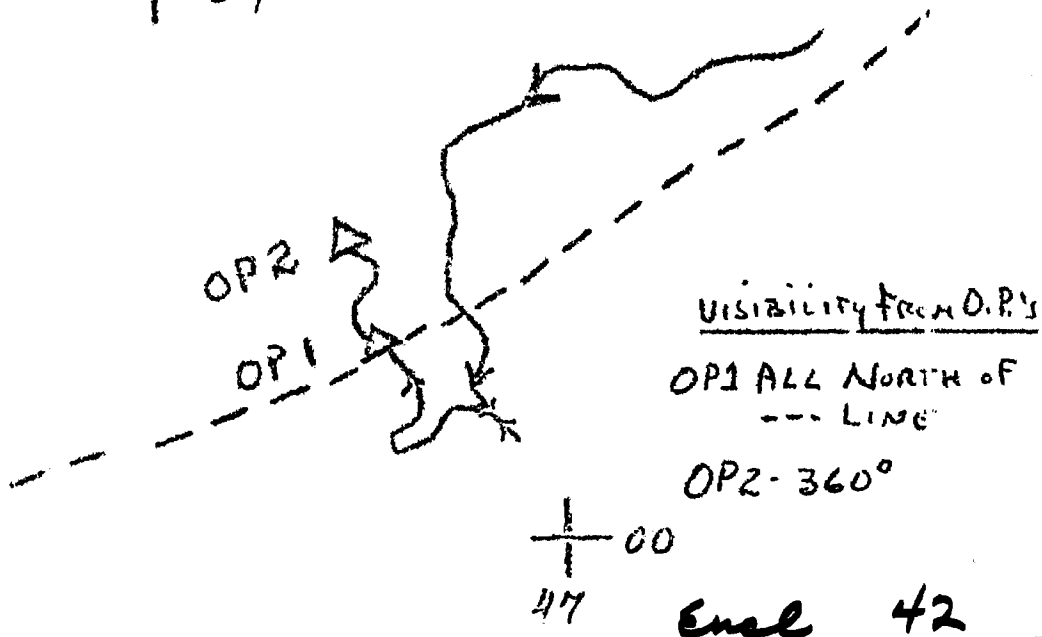
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3RD PLT, C"O 1ST Recon Bn.
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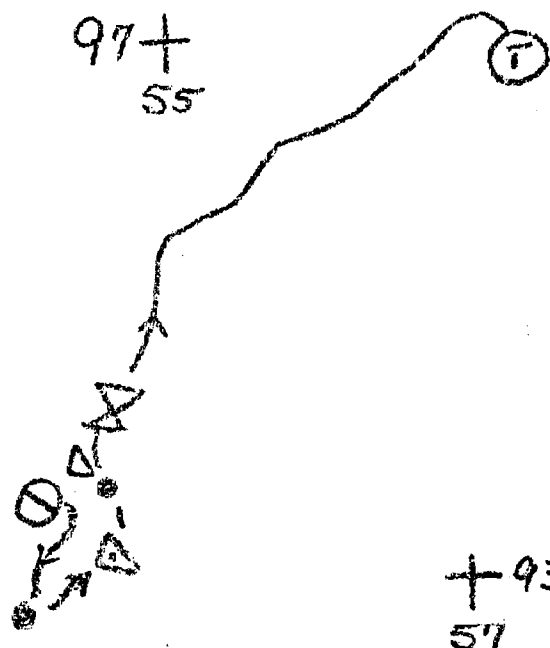


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APPENDIX "A" to PATROL REPORT - TRAIL 25-65

PATROL ROUTE
1st PLT "C" CO 1st RECON BN
VIETNAM 1:50,000
AMS L-701
SHEETS 6757 III & 6756 IV
061715H to 091030H DEC 65
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- △ TEAM OP
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- ⊙ TRUCK EMBARK PL.

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3rd Reconnaissance Battalion
3rd Marine Division, III Marine Amphibious Force
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14 Dec 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion

Subj: Patrol Report, Operation 26-65, 9-13 December 1965

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1
(b) Recon Group Alfa Frag Order 26-65
(c) Map: Vietnam, 1:50,000, Tri Binh 6757 III, Series L701

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted.
2. Units participating in Operation 26-65:

2nd Platoon, Co B(-)(Rein), 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion

3. a. General Review of Significant Events. The mission of the 2nd Platoon was an area recon of the area east of Phouc Khach vicinity grid square (BT 3705. During the 100 hours of the patrol 2 sightings were made of 3 VC; 4 contacts were made and 1 Marine was WIA. 2 VC were probably wounded. The following is a chronological sequence of events:

090700H Departed RLT-4 by truck.

090830H Commenced patrol in company with G2/4 from Hill 69 BT 47007.

091130H Parted with G2/4 at edge of TAOR and proceeded west.

091700H Platoon harbored BT 413054 and established OP vicinity BT 407053.

100700H Located ambush position vicinity BT 397050 with dug in positions and tunnels thru brush.

101110H Encountered 1 VC BT 389047 wearing camouflage uniform cartridge belt and bamboo helmet with brown plastic cover and carrying a carbine. Fire fight ensued and 1 Marine was WIA. VC escaped but was wounded.

101200H Received fire from 2 VC enroute to HLZ. Fire returned with possibly 1 VC wounded.

101315H WIA medevaced BT 392048.

101330H Commenced evasive action to break contact.

101810H Harbored vicinity BT 389059

110710H Established OP vicinity BT 383057

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111330H Dispatched patrol Esquire to locate ambush site.
111830H Communications lost with Esquire.
121330H Patrol Adam sent to locate Esquire.
121730H Patrol Adam returned with negative contact.
130700H Moved to HLZ vicinity BT 380065.
131030H Recovered.

Esquire


111330H Departed Playboy position BT 383057.
111830H Lost communications.
120700H Received 1 round of sniper fire.
121500H Harbored vicinity BT 383053.
130900H Recovered by helo. Helo received S/A fire.

b. Commander's Evaluation of Significant Events.

1. A well prepared ambush position is located vicinity BT 387050 in a small rice paddy.
2. Trail BT 413054 is well used with many harbor sites along it.
3. The ridgeline in grid square BT 3805 is heavily used with numerous trails and harbor sites.
4. Fixed wing aircraft accompanying helos fired on the ambush around the LZ. Not all recon personnel were in the LZ at the time.
5. AO aircraft operating out of DaNang were on recon frequency.

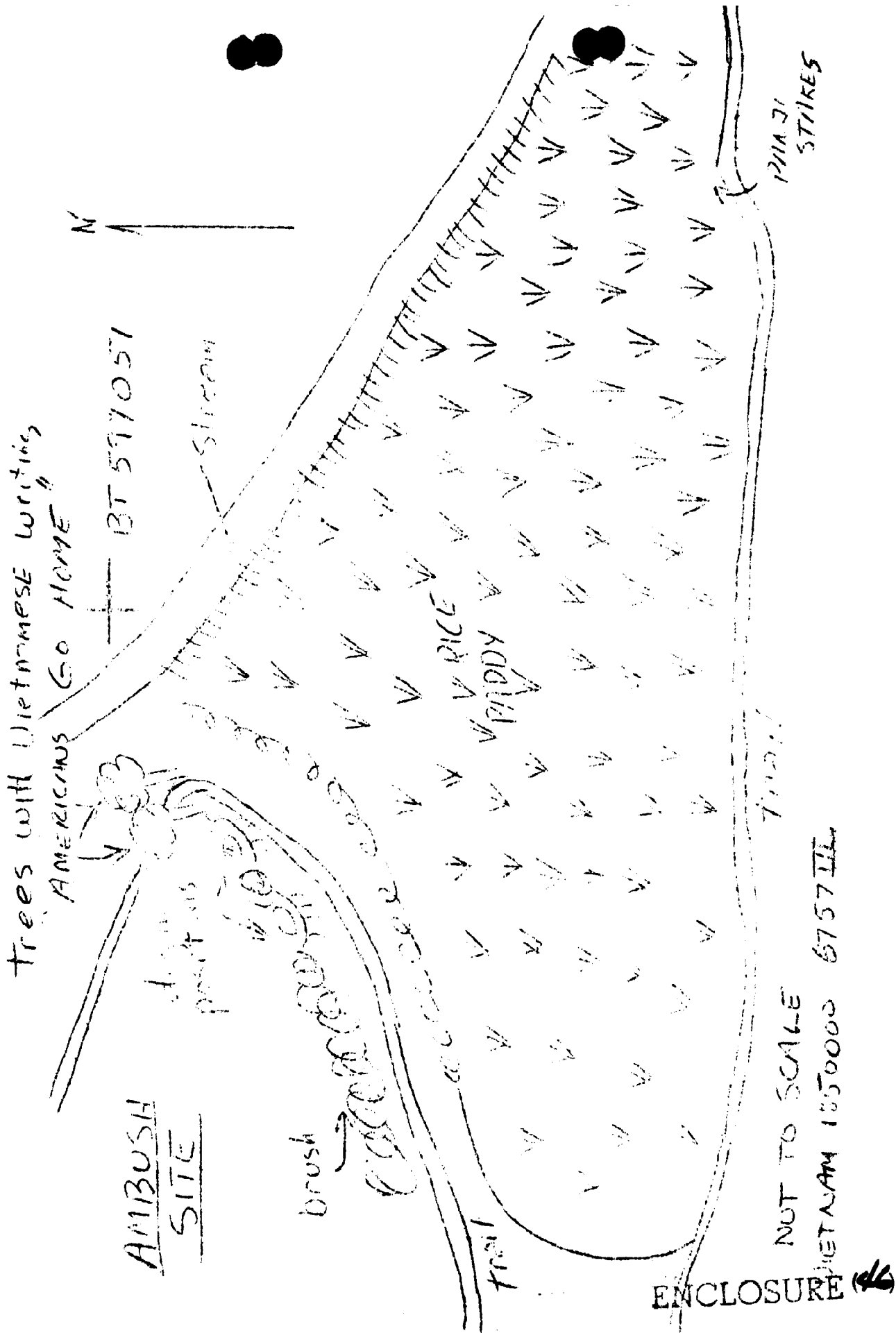
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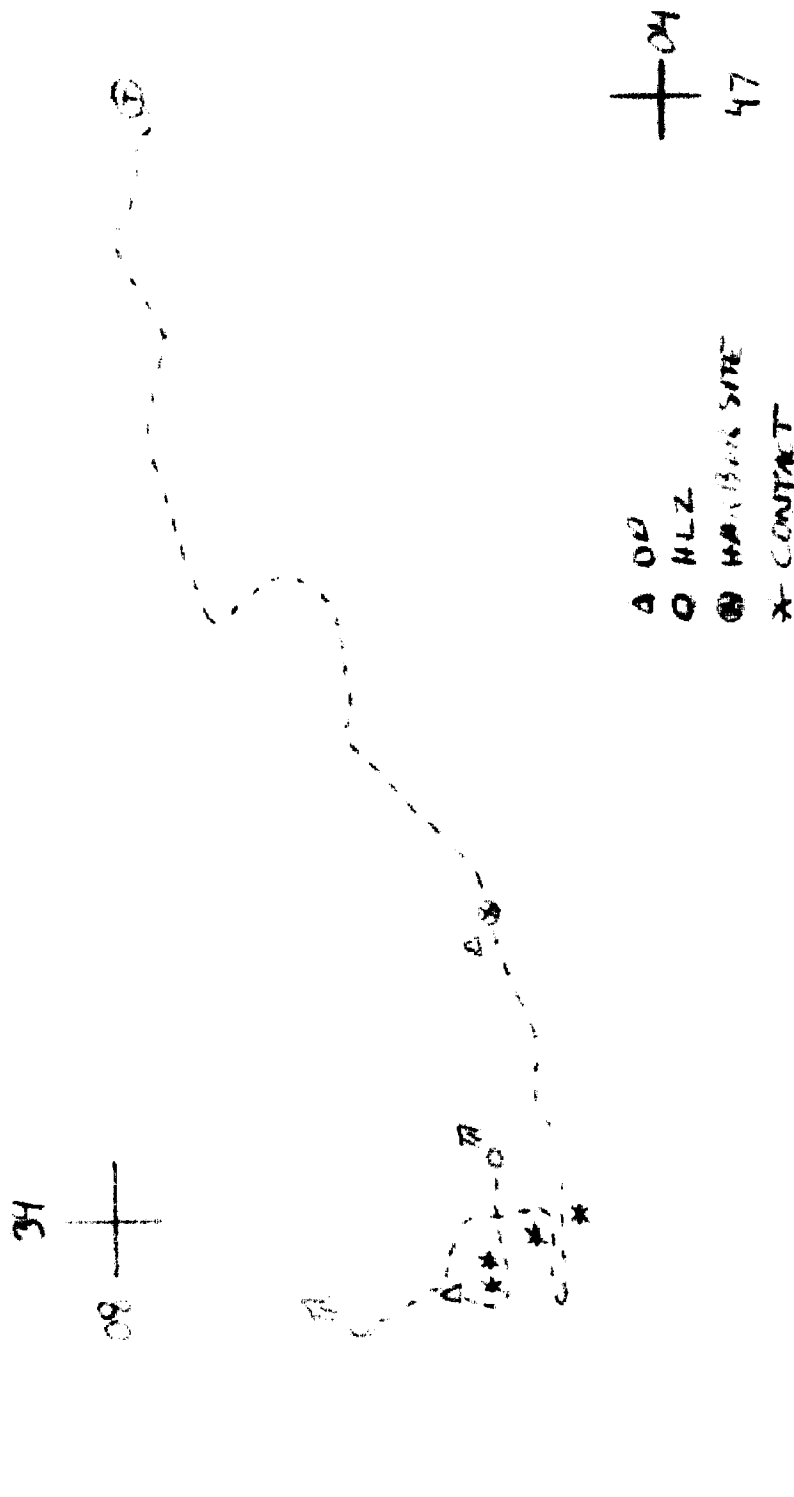
1. That an infantry unit sweep the area from BT 3800 to 3805.
2. Fixed wing not fire indiscriminately during recon insertions or pick ups.
3. That AO aircraft not use our frequency.


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14 December 1965

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion
 Via: Commander, Recon Group Alpha

Subj: Patrol Report: Group Trag Order 28-65

Ref: (a) Div O 3480.1
 (b) Group TragO 28-65
 (c) Maps: Viet Nam 1:50,000, AMS L-701, Sheet 6756 IV

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

2. Units: 3rd Platoon, "C" Co, 1st Recon Bn
 One officer, 13 enlisted USMC, and one enlisted USN

3. Casualties: (a) Friendly - None
 (b) Enemy - None

4. General Review of Significant Events

a. The 3rd Plt, "C" Co was assigned the mission of determining the trail network between Hill 661 west and 661 east, and establishing surveillance of the Song Trau avenue of approach. They were trucked from "C" Co CP at 090900H to Catfish 2 (BT 495036). The platoon established an LZ at BT 461022 on 121405H and was helo lifted back to RHH-7 ELZ at 121415H.

b. During the 71 hours this patrol was operating they had no sightings and did not request any fire missions. They heard voices of two men vic (BS 465991) and another time of 3 or 4 woodcutters at vic (BS 446997).

c. The following is a chronological account of what occurred on this patrol:

090900H - Left Co "C" CP by truck and were let off at Catfish 2 vic (BT 495036).

091030H - Heard voices of 2 men talking in Vietnamese at BS 465991; only a few words were heard.

091050H - Jungle boot tracks, size 8-W, were found at BT 490024 heading south to vic BS 472996.

091100H - At BT 488020, 3 rocks were seen on the trail, one on top of the other two.

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- 091130H - At BT 476003, a fresh hole was observed about the size for a grenade to be set in it.
- 091145H - At BT 474001 a furn shaped like a poinsetta had a rock setting in the center of it.
- 091830H - A loud explosion was heard from the east, south east. Throughout the night explosions were heard from the east. Some were incoming, others were outgoing. The outgoing sounded like 4.2 or howtera.
- 100645H - Teams 1 and 2 were sent out to check the spot where the voices were heard the day before; they returned at 0900H with no sightings.
- 101200H - The platoon came across a company size harbour site at BS 453990. The site appeared to have been used by approximately 100 men 3 or 5 months ago. It had 22 fire places. A few lean to's were still standing. It was crudely built. The platoon set up their harbour site there.
- 101330H - Teams 1 and 4 were sent out to patrol about 500 meters on an azimuth of 270 degrees.
- 101530H - Teams 3 and 4 returned to the platoon with no sightings reported.
- 110745H - Teams 1 and 2 were sent out to check out the area to the south.
- 110950H - Teams 1 and 2 returned to the platoon with no sightings to report.
- 111000H - Seven M1 rounds were found in the harbor site; they had not been fired but the lead and powder had been taken out.
- 111200H - The platoon established a harbour site at BS 453999 and an uneventful night was spent.
- 120815H - Teams 1, 2, and 4 were sent out to patrol the surrounding trails.
- 120830H - A boondocker with no name, right boot, was found at BS 453998.
- 120915H - All teams returned to the platoon with no sightings to report.
- 120930H - The platoon moved out along the trail heading south west.
- 121000H - At BS 446997, 3 or 4 woodcutters were heard talking and cutting wood.
- 121405H - The platoon established an LZ, via BT 461022, and was helo-lifted back to RLT-7 HLZ (LZ Quail) landing at 1415H.
5. Commanders Analysis! There are several small guerilla bands numbering up to 8-10 men each working the 661 ridgeline to the west. They are checking all movement into and out of the TAOE along that ridgeline and are used as guides for any regular units coming into the area.

They can come into the villages to the west and southwest behind and in front of the MLR and do this frequently.

6. Recommendations:

- a. The area in the vicinity of hill 410 be outposted by a reinforced infantry platoon.
- b. The battalion controlling the foothill approach from the west conduct patrol activity out to the limits of the T&OR using small reconnaissance type patrols and observation posts.
- c. A company size patrol be conducted on the 661 ridgeline area periodically to check enemy movement in that area.
- d. Recommended that a jungle hammock similar to the one now being used by Army Special Forces be made available to reconnaissance units spending prolonged periods in jungle areas.
- e. Recommended that some research be made into inadaptability of the handset presently being used with the AN/PRC-25. The waterproof seal which is supposed to keep out moisture is ineffective. A modification that would make the H-33 interchangeable with the AN/PRC-25 would be a simple solution as they have held up successfully in extremely heavy rain.

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion
3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FTO San Francisco, California 96601

16 December 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion
Via: Commander, Recon Group Alpha

Subj: Patrol Report; Group Frag Order 29-65

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1
(b) Group FragO 29-65
(c) Maps: Viet Nam, 1:50,000, AMS L-701, Sheets 6757 III & 6756 IV

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following report is submitted.
2. Unit: 2nd Platoon (Rein), C Co, 1st Recon Bn
One officer, 18 enlisted USMC, one enlisted USN, (A four man demolitions team attached from C Co, 1st Engineer Bn is included in the above total)
3. Casualties: (a) Friendly - Two non-combat
(b) Enemy - None
4. General Review of Significant Events. The 2nd Platoon (Rein) was assigned the mission of moving to the vicinity of Phuoc Binh Tay (2), BS 495978, checking the village for VC activity, moving into the village, searching it for VC installations, destroying any installations found and any parts of the village the VC could use, and if possible capturing at least one prisoner. The Plt (Rein) left RLT-7 HLZ at 121705H and was helo lifted to vic BS 497996 where team 1 was released (See Appendix A). A harbor site/QP/QP was established vic BS 495997. That night a light was seen burning for 5 minutes in the objective area and the next day one man was seen working a paddy adjacent to the village. The platoon moved down to the village that night, set up a harbour site/bar ambush outside the village and entered prior to first light. Search teams were sent out, followed later by the engineer team to determine the amount of demolitions needed. During the day team 1, located at a separate QP (See Appendix A) reported two sightings of Vietnamese in the area, one group of 3 who came towards the village from the south, then turned around and went back south, and another group of 4 heading east on the trail. The platoon harboured overnight in the village. Team 1 established a non-productive ambush (See Appendix A) and then moved into the village at first light, joining the platoon. During the morning hours of 15 Dec, of the approx 50 buildings in the town, 23 were blown up, then burned, using 200 pounds of demolitions, 12 were burned and two short tunnels located in a dirt bank on the edge of town were destroyed. At 151347H two men with sprained ankles were medically evacuated by helicopter

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and the Plt (Rein) moved to vic BS 511025, a distance of 6300 meters, arriving there at 151725H. Vehicles were signaled in by yellow smoke and the platoon returned to C Co OP at 1800H.

(b) During the 73 hours this patrol was operating they sighted no confirmed VC and the only fire missions they requested were H&I fires.

(c) The following is a chronological account of what transpired on this patrol.

- 121705H - Left RLT HLZ, halo lifted to vic BS 497996 arriving there at 121725H. Team 1 released to establish an OP vic BS 502982.
- 121800H - Established harbour site/CP/OP vic BS 495997.
- 122345H - A light was seen burning for 5 minutes in Phuoc Binh Tay (2) (BS 496978).
- 131005H - Artillery registration mission called to register H&I fires at BS 50299670. It was noted that one man worked in the paddy adjacent to Phuoc Binh Tay (2). Nothing else was seen that day.
- 131500H - The Plt (-) moved from the CP/OP towards the objective area.
- 131830H - At BS 489989 a rooster was heard to crow twice and a VC harbour site that would accommodate 6 people was found near by.
- 131900H - At BS 491980 two drum beats were heard.
- 132000H - At BS 494983 5 drum beats were heard. The platoon established a harbour site/bar ambush in a hedge row at this coordinate.
- 140535H - The Plt (-) moved into Phuoc Binh Tay (2), established a defensive position and sent out search parties to check out the village. Preliminary search did not find anything of intelligence value.
- 141300H - The engineer team with team 2 as security started a detailed search of the village. It was noted that almost all houses had a bomb shelter of some type and only one was fashioned as a tunnel. Trenches 4 to 6 feet deep, well covered, ran all through the village. It was noted that the majority of the houses were solidly framed with teak timbers, tongue and groved and held together with wooden pins. Two short tunnels were located in a bank near the edge of the village. One fresh bottle of Nuoc Mon and fresh chop sticks were found.
- 141310H - Team 1 reported 3 Vietnamese men moving towards the platoon position. An intercept team went out at 1312H. The 3 men turned around and retraced their route. At BS 507975 they picked up a green package. The intercept team followed them to BS 509977 but could not catch them.

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- 141355H - Four Vietnamese in black PJ's noted moving east at BS 513981.
- 141900H - Team 1 moved to BS 505981 and established an ambush/snatch site.
- 150545H - Team 1 moved into Phuoc Binh Tay (2) joining the Plt at their CP. Team 1 reported the hilltop at BS 502982 had a trench line clear around the top, reinforced by 4 or 5 bushes and a wire fence interlaced with punji stakes. Also at BS 505980 rocks were found in the trail.
- 150900H - The Plt (Rein) moved out to destroy all buildings that could be used by the VC as courier rest stops, cache sites and/or billeting areas. Of the approx 50 buildings in the area, 23 were blown up, then burned and 12 others were burned. The two tunnels previously noted were blown up. 200 lbs of C-4, 300 feet of det. cord and 50 blasting caps were used.
- 151300H - The platoon established an HLZ at vic BS 494976 and air evacuated two men with badly sprained ankles.
- 151347H - The helo evacuation completed, the Plt moved on foot to BT 511025 where they were picked up by trucks and returned to C Co CP at 151800H.
5. Commanders Analysis: The mission was accomplished. The village of Phuoc Binh Tay (2) was effectively destroyed and of no practical value to the VC. Though evidences were observed on the patrol to indicate that the area had been, in fact, used by persons unknown. On the return route the patrol discovered a well-defined covered trail that had not been used for several months. Terrain familiarity is beginning to produce significant results as indicated by the great distance that was covered in a short period of time over difficult terrain. For the first time, the AN/PRC-25 did not function as well as it has in the past due to a technical failure. The H&I fires delivered the night of R+2 were particularly effective, in that they were close and well dispersed over the major avenues of approach into the village.
6. Recommendations: That the company be issued additional AN/PRC-25 radios. Presently, the great amount of use the two radios have been receiving does not allow for proper preventative maintenance.

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PATROL REPORT: Group Frag Order 30-65

Maps: Viet Nam 1:50,000 AMS L701 sheet 6757 III

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: 1st Plt, Co B(-)(Rein), (1) Off, (18) Enl USMC, (1) Enl USN.
2. MISSION: Provide surveillance vicinity BT 3909, 4109, 4107, and 3907 to report enemy locations and movement and to establish ambushes to capture a prisoner.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 130900H
4. TIME OF RETURN: 161645H
5. ROUTE: See overlay (Enclosure (1)).
6. OBSERVATIONS AND SUMMARY: During the 80 hours of the patrol no sightings were made of enemy personnel or equipment. Two OP's were manned and two ambushes were maintained at night. Patrol was inserted and recovered by helo.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION OR EVENT</u>
131300H	BT 398075	Established OP
131800H	BT 403073	Establish ambush
140630H	BT 403073	Secured ambush
140700H	BT 393075	Established second OP
141800H	BT 397076	Established ambush
161330H	BT 397076	Secured ambush

7. OTHER INFORMATION: S/A and automatic fire heard periodically vicinity BT 4009.


8. RESULTS OF CONTACTS: No contact made.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Conclusions. Enemy activity was minimal probably due to nearly continuous rain and bad weather.

B. Recommendations. None


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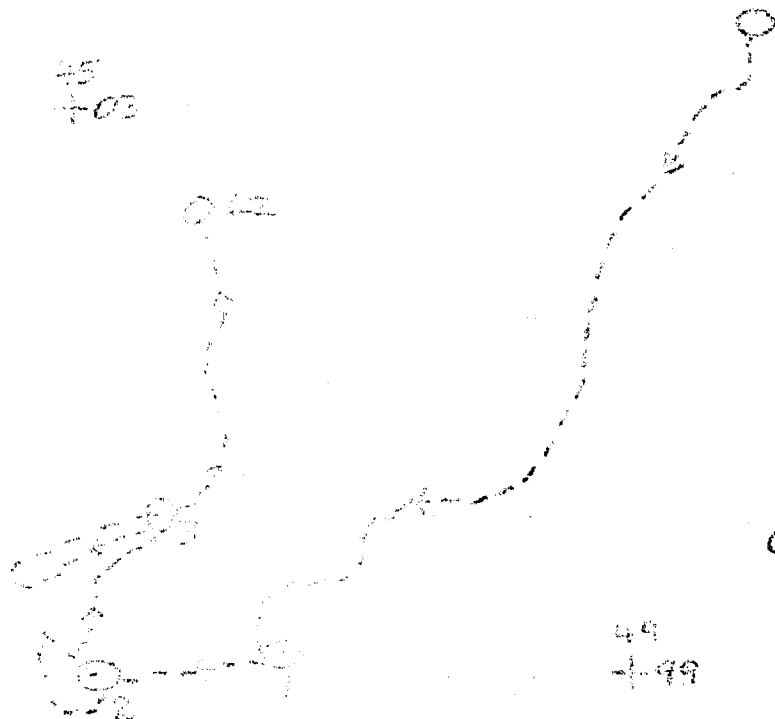
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CC, 1st Recon Bn
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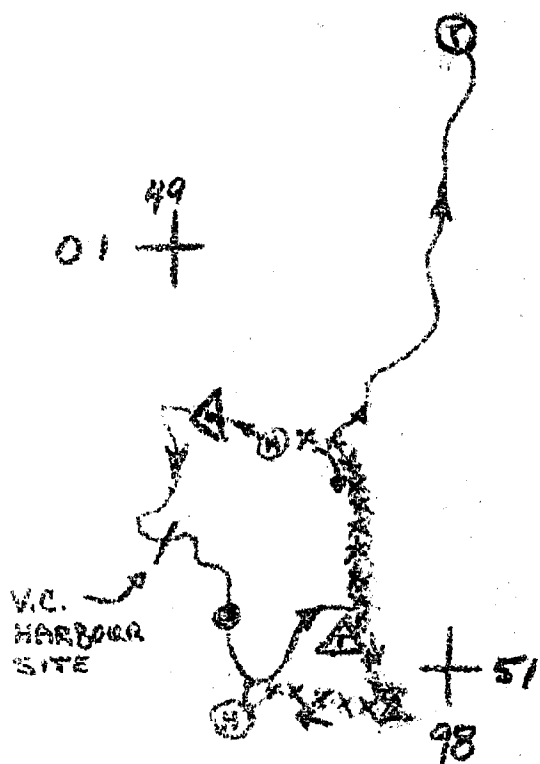
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Appendix "A" to Group FRAG O 29-65 - Patrol Route

PATROL ROUTE
2ND PLT, C Co 1st RECON BN.
121700H to 151725H DEC 1965
VIET NAM 1:50,000
AMS L701
SHEETS 6757 III & 6756 II

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- (M) HLZ
- (T) TRUCK PICKUP PT.
- △ CP/OP/HARBOR SITE
- HARBOR SITE
- △ TEAM 2 O.P.
- X AMBUSH SITE
- PLT. ROUTE
- XXXXXX TEAM 1 ROUTE

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19 December 1965

Patrol Report: Group Frag Order 31-65

Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, Series L-701, Sheet 6756 IV

1. Size and composition of patrol: 1st Platoon, C Co, 1st Recon Bn
(1) Cpl, (15) Enl USMC and (1) Enl USN
2. Mission: Establish CP via of Hill 90 coord BS 541939 and observe the
S-W trail from Phu Le (1), (2) and Thanh Tra (2).
3. Time of departure: 151000H Dec 65
4. Time of return: 171830H Dec 65
5. Route: See attached overlay.
6. Observations and summary:

(a) During the 41 hours this patrol was operating they had two (2) sightings totaling four (4) VCS and captured one VCS.

(b) The platoon was trucked from C Co CP at 151300H to Nhoc Mon at coord BS 574970 and were picked up by trucks there on 171825 and brought back to the company area.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
160215H	BS 543936	Ponji stakes and a tangled barbed wire fence were found at this point. Sgt JOHNS and Cpl RODRIGUEZ were both wounded by ponji stakes, Sgt JOHNS in the right foot and Cpl RODRIGUEZ in the right ankle. Evacuation was not required.
160709H	BS 574970	Bursts of A/W fire from Tien Dec (1) (BS 655792) were heard periodically throughout the night, also a flashing light was seen there. No pattern could be established.
160920H	BS 544937	Unequal ratios of 3 groups of men to cattle were observed in the paddies. (5 cows to 7 men)

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
161200H	BS 558937	15 to 20 VN gathered around 3 VCS at that coord. The 3 men talked to them for 20 minutes. No weapons or equipment visible. The VN moved on the trail to the east and into the village at BS 565937 and the 3 VCS moved N-E into the brush.
161805H	BS 544937	Spontaneous SA and AW fire was heard in the Ia (1) and (2).
170150H	BS 544937	One flare was seen in the deep S-E and another one 20 minutes later on the far side of Mt. #1.
171008H	BS 573946	A fire fight was heard (SA and auto., weapons) was heard in the village at these coord.
171545H	BS 544937	One VCS was apprehended. He had no weapon or documents. He deliberately worked his way S-E up a draw and then went into the GI.
171556H	BS 541938	A booby trap was found about 40 meters from a trench line just off the eastern side of the trail running north off the ridge line at these coord. It was the size of a 1 qt. juice can and had a pull type fuse. The trip wire had been cut.

7. Other information: The VCS was turned over the PMT at 171920H Dec 65.
8. Results of contacts: None.
9. Condition of patrol: Sgt JOHNS and Cpl RADIGUEZ were both wounded by punji stakes. Both are in good condition; no evacuation was necessary and they are fit for full duty. Two men have had bad feet and will be forced to miss the next patrol.
9. Conclusion:
 - (a) The patrol route utilized by the 1st Plt for access and egress to Hill 90 is used by civilians and has been used by patrols previously.
 - (b) Helicopters are desirable as the mode of entry and extraction from objective areas.

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10. Recommendations:

- (a) That platoon size foot marches to OP sites in this operational area be confined to a minimum due to number of villages and heavy civilian traffic on ridge lines and trails.
- (b) That the villages of Phu Le (a) (BS 5695), Thanh Tra (a) (BS 5394) and the east-west trail connecting same be reconnoitered periodically to monitor VC activities in those areas.
- (c) That more M4-25's be made available for reconnaissance elements in order to permit time for end echelon maintenance.

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21 December 1965

Patrol Report - Group Frag Order 32-65

Map: VIETNAM 1:50,000, Series L-701, Sheet 6757 III

1. Size and composition of patrol: 3rd Platoon, C Co, 1st Recon Bn
(1) Off, (15) Enl USMC and (1) Enl USN
2. Mission: To establish two OP's over looking the Song Trau Valley and the villages of Ky Long (1) and (2) and Tanh Tra (2).
3. Time of departure: 161700H Dec 65
4. Time of return: 200732H Dec 65
5. Route: See Group Frag Order 32-65, Annex A
6. Observations and summary. During the 84 hours this patrol was operating they had no significant sightings.
7. Other information: None.
8. Results of contacts: None.
9. Condition of patrol. Extended time spent in rain caused mild cases of emersion foot.
10. Conclusions: During the period 161700 - 200730H, there were no significant enemy movement in the area.
11. Recommendations.
 - a. It is recommended that patrols operating in constant rain be limited to four (4) days maximum.
 - b. Foul weather jackets be issue items to all reconnaissance personnel. Ponchos are unsatisfactory for patrol movement.
 - c. Team-size patrol be used extensively for observation missions, due to clandestine maneuverability, effectiveness and economy of force.
 - d. Jungle hammocks and long range field rations similar to those currently in use by U.S. Army Special Forces be procured for this type operation.

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Patrol Debriefing, Operation 32-65

3rd Plt, Co C, 1st Recon Bn
1/Lt NASH; Sgt MAXWELL, and 8 men

TOD: 161700H

TOR: 200732H

MISSION: To establish two OP's overlooking the Song Trau Valley and the villages of Ky Long (1), (2) and the area north and northwest of Hill 270.

161705H - FOL 12 via BT 417037. Moved to the north onto tree line and harboured BT 417039 for night. No significant sightings; 15 civilians working in rice paddies and herding cattle.

171230H - Moved to top of Hill 270; established two OP's BT 417044 each side of ridge line - one looking SW and E, the other looking SW. No significant activity; 30 people working in the rice paddies and herding cattle.

180600H - weather obscured observation throughout morning.

181500H - Moved down from n Hill 270 alternate south to Hill 127, waiting at BT 418041 until darkness.

182015H - Arrived BT 418035 and harboured for the night.

190600H - Moved atop Hill 127 BT 421028.

190800H - Established two OP's, one looking south, one looking north atop Hill 127, BT 421028. Observed 15 untended cattle in south valley (Song Trau Valley) and 30 people working in rice paddies.

200615H - Moved to retraction zone at BT 417034.

200725H - Helicopters arrived and withdrawal effected.

Comment: Area very quiet. Absence of traffic on trails indicative of general tranquillity. Map corrections to trails will be provided in after action report.

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PATROL REPORT: Group Frag Order ~~20~~-65

Maps: Viet Nam 1:50,000, AMS L701, Sheet 6757 III

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: 2nd Platoon, Co B(-)(Rein), (1) Off, (9) enlisted USMC and (1) enlisted USN
2. MISSION: To establish surveillance in grid squares BT 3907, 4007, 3908 and 4008. To employ sniper team as feasible.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 161630H
4. TIME OF RETURN: 200930H
5. ROUTE: See overlay (Enclosure (1)).
6. OBSERVATIONS AND SUMMARY: During the 90 hours of the patrol no sightings were made of enemy personnel or equipment. Two OP's were manned during daylight hours. Patrol was inserted and recovered by helicopter.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION OR EVENT</u>
162025H	BT 4009	Heard firefight consisting of automatic weapons and small arms. Lasted approximately 5 minutes.
172030H	BT 4009	Heard 50 caliber machine gun fire lasting approximately 10 minutes.
182030H	BT 4009	Heard 50 caliber machine gun fire lasting approximately 10 minutes.
190820H	BT 4009	Heard 50 caliber machine gun fire lasting approximately 10 minutes.
191030H	BT 4309	Heard firefight lasting approximately 20 minutes. Later confirmed by radio to be firefight between VC and RF forces.
200850H	BT 3910	Heard firefight lasting 10 minutes.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: None.

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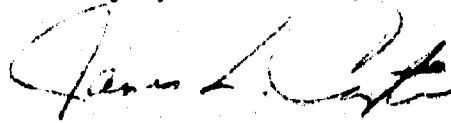
8. RESULTS OF CONTACTS: No contact made.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Generally good, but with some foot problems due to being continuously wet.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. CONCLUSIONS. Enemy activity was minimal probably due to nearly continuous rain and bad weather.

B. RECOMMENDATIONS. That an infantry operation be conducted in the Tien Xuan area, BT 4009, 4109.



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21 December 1965

Patrol Report - Group Frag Order 34-65

Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, Series L-701, Sheet 6756 IV

1. Size and composition of patrol: 2nd Platoon, 3 Co, 1st Recon Bn
(1) 001, (12) Fnl USMC and (1) Fnl USN
2. Mission: To establish an OP on hill 242 (BS 47994) and observe the area to the south and southeast.
3. Time of departure: 191705h
4. Time of return: 191745h
5. Routes: See Group Frag Order 34-65. Annex A
6. Observations and summary: During the 40 1/2 hours this patrol was operating they had four (4) significant sightings totaling 17 VCS.

Time	Coordinates	Observation
191121H	BS 504945	5 men moving S-W at fast rate, one with a heavy load.
191250H	BS 488946	One man armed with a rifle or stick ran from wooded area to Clay House (1), later followed by another man.
191310H	- - -	Above men left village and returned to wooded area.
191450H	BS 490946	5 men moved to BS 482948 in a column with 15 yard interval.
191510H	BS 482948	5 men ran S-W from fork in trail until they disappeared from view.

7. Other information: A Vietnamese ID card was found hidden in one of the three huts not destroyed in the village at BS 499979 on the platoons last patrol.
8. Results of contacts: None.
9. Condition of patrol: Due to the short rest period between patrols (36 hours, after a 4 day patrol), the large distance covered by a fast foot march thru hostile, difficult terrain (6,300 meters the previous patrol and 10,600 meters this patrol) and the extremely inclement

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weather conditions, the members of this patrol were fatigued and in poor physical condition upon return.

10. **Conclusions:** Mission was accomplished, communications generally speaking were poor due to the weather and inavailability of the AN/PRC-25, unless transmitting from particularly prominent terrain. Due to adverse weather conditions, troops should have gear issued that will alleviate the hardships of continued operating and increase efficiency.
11. **Recommendations:** That the AN/PRC-25 be issued to this unit on a permanent basis in adequate amounts. For CR type missions foul weather gear should be made available and the possibility of acquiring U.S. Army, 782 gear should be investigated. Specific areas to consider: a suitable all-weather pack, poncho liners, and jungle hammocks, and the belt suspenders with clip-on equipment.

Operational commitments should be such that troops are afforded the opportunity to get adequate rest so the combat efficiency of the elements of the unit will not become impaired.

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Battalion Operations 34-65

21 Dec 65

2nd Platoon, B Co, 1st Recon Bn

Lt WILLIAMS, 1/Cpl SAKAGAWA. Team and 2/Cpl QUARTERMAN's team

TOD: 171705H Dec

TORN 191745H Dec

MISSION: Move to hill 282 479967 and from that hill mass to observe the area south and southwest.

171740H - Departed unknown point BT 510045.

172040H - Arrived and headquartered BT 504300; 1/Cpl SAKAGAWA.

180700H - Moved out enroute hill 282.

181020H - Arrived Phuoc Binh Tay (2) BT 489919 and established CP in two abandoned houses.

181120H - Found CP card between planks in stack of wood, in an abandoned house.

181145H - Team 2-C-1 departed enroute hill 282.

181530H - Team 2-C-1 returned Phuoc Binh Tay (2) having had no communication due to bad weather and wet gear.

181540H - Established comm with aid of relay to Seabrook which had been out of reach since 180700H.

190820H - Plt moved enroute hill 282.

190940H - Arrived BT 489965 and established CP/CP 2-C-1 moved to BS 495965; 2-C-2 moved to BS 479667.

191008H - 5 people moving in paddies BS 500940 enroute to work at 181025.

191026H - 2 men moving SE 491956 to work.

191029H - 1 of 2 men disappeared into bush and not seen again.

190940H - 1730H - Observed total 50 people moving back and forth on trail, generally all dressed in black PJ's with/without hats.

191238-1255H - Man wandered about in field BS 503946, then sat in trail for 10 minutes, and passed through bushes to join cows.

191230-191605H - 2-C-2 observed 17 civilians working in paddies Tay Phuoc (1) 476955 and Tho An 471955.

191250H - 2-C-2 one man armed with a stick or a rifle ran from wooded area 488948 to Tay Phuoc (1) later followed by another man.

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191310H - 2-0-2 both men left village to return to wooded area.

191450H - 2-0-2 five men moved from 490946 to 482948 in column spaced 15 yards apart.

191510H - 2-0-2 five men began to run from fork at 482948 until they disappeared on the trail to the southwest.

191553H - 2-0-2 five men and one boy headed southwest from 488948 into Tay Phuoc (1) and east to the An until disappeared.

191600H - Also observed 21 people working in paddies and herding buffalo near 497974, BS 475954, and BS 500940.

191121H - Observed 5 men working south-southwest at BS 504975, one with heavy load.

191315H - Observed white smoke off and on, one near BS 520948 poss sending smoke signals.

191330H-1530H - Same activity was observed at BS 535940.

191417H-1515H - Same activity was observed at BS 535947.

191020H-1727H - 2-0-1 was in position at BS 495965 and sighted 5 civilians working in rice paddies to the southeast.

Comments: Phuoc Bin Tay (1) is almost demolished. Weather was generally poor and critically hindered observation and movement. South end of Tay Phuoc (1) appears deserted.

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 261100H December 1965

PATROL REPORT: Group Frag Order 35-65

Map: Viet Nam 1:50,000, AMS L701, Tri Binh 6757 III and Tra Bong 6756 IV

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: 1st Platoon, Co B(-)(Rein), 3rd Reconnaissance Bn. (1) Off, (13) Enl USMC, (1) Enl USN.

2. MISSION: To maintain surveillance in area of BT 4302 and 4402 and to patrol area BS 4399 and BT 4300.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 200900H December 1965.

4. TIME OF RETURN: 241100H December 1965.

5. ROUTE: See overlay (Enclosure (1)).

6. OBSERVATIONS AND SUMMARY: During the 98 hours of the patrol, 4 sightings totaling 13 VC were made. No contact was made with the enemy. One artillery mission was called with poor effect.

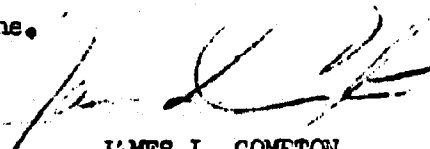
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221345H	BT 427025	4 men moved from the south and dug up bundles that appeared to be rifles when unwrapped. Two men came out of hills and took the rifles and moved back up Hill 127. Artillery fired with poor effect due to slowness of guns.
231035H	BT 439019	Two groups of 4 and 2 men with rifles and cartridge belts moved into hamlet.
231040H	BT 439019	1 man completely camouflaged moved into same hamlet.
231800H	BT 507057	Mirror flashes observed: 2 dots, 1 dash, 4 dots.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: Camp fires were observed on Hill 270 (BT 423048).

8. RESULTS OF CONTACTS: None.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Excellent.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.


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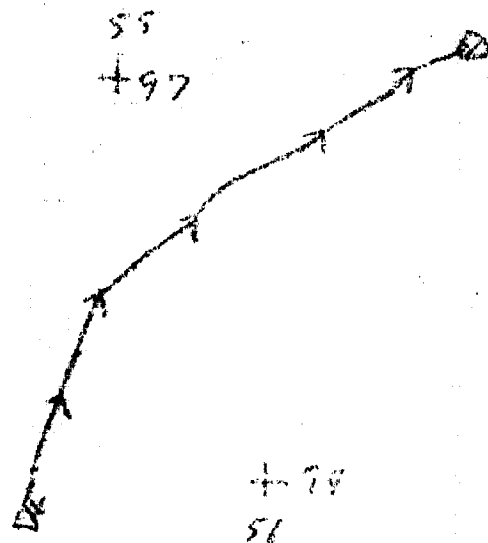
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AMS 2-701
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 261030H December 1965

PATROL REPORT: Group Frag Order 37-65

Maps: Viet Nam, 1:50,000, AMS L701, Tri Binh 6757 III

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: 3rd Provisional Platoon, Co B(-)(Rein), 3rd Reconnaissance Bn. (1) Off, (10) Enl USMC
2. MISSION: To provide surveillance of area BT 4208, 4308 and 4307.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 200700H December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 241100H December 1965
5. ROUTE: See overlay (Enclosure (1)).
6. OBSERVATIONS AND SUMMARY: During the 100 hours of the patrol, 4 sightings were made totaling 6 VC. No contact was made with the enemy. The patrol was inserted by foot and recovered by helicopter.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION OR EVENT</u>
201000H	BT 454068	One rifle shot was heard as patrol approached.
201400H	BT 426073	Established OP.
210840H	BT 433089	Two men wearing black appeared to be manning OP on hill throughout the day.
220830H	BT 433089	OP again observed.
221230H	BT 435078	Two men dug up weapons and began running SE behind ridge line. They moved parallel to an infantry patrol in valley.
231830H	BT 433089	Two men moved off hill carrying rifles. Last observed moving SE into hamlet of Khuong Tho (L) (BT 442077).

7. OTHER INFORMATION: None.
8. RESULTS OF CONTACTS: None.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Excellent.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. Warning that an infantry patrol is leaving Hill 69 is given by a single rifle shot.

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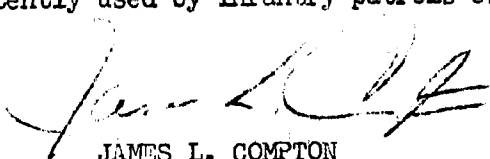
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b. Hill vicinity BT 433089 appears to be a center of enemy activity in the area.

c. Trail at BT 440075 is consistently used by infantry patrols either leaving or returning to Hill 69.



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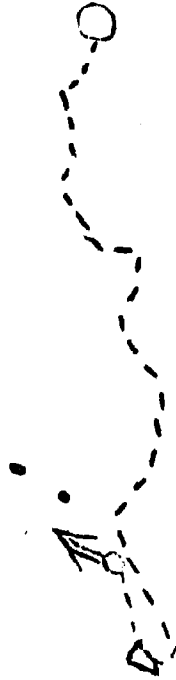
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PATROL REPORT: Group Frag Order 38-65

Map: Viet Nam 1:50,000, AMS L701, Tri Binh 6757 III

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: 2nd Platoon, Co B (-)(Rein), 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion. (11) Enl USMC, (1) Enl USN
2. MISSION: To establish surveillance in grid squares BT 4205, 4305, 4204, 4304, 4005, 4105, 4004 and 4104.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 241030H December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 261145H December 1965
5. ROUTE: See overlay (Enclosure (1)).
6. OBSERVATIONS AND SUMMARY: During the 100 hours of the patrol, 1 sighting was made totaling 4 VC. No contact was made with the enemy. The patrol was inserted and recovered by helicopter.

TIME	COORDINATES	OBSERVATION OR EVENT
2611045H	BT 406057	4 men ran along the trail heading northeast. 1 wore blue and the others black. All carried weapons.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: Unusual amount of activity took place vicinity BT 405064. The area does not appear to be under cultivation at present.

PATROL REPORT: Group Frag Order 38-65
8. CONDITION OF PATROL: Excellent.

Map: Viet Nam 1:50,000, AMS L701, Tri Binh 6757 III
9. RESULTS OF CONTACTS: None.

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: 2nd Platoon, Co B (-)(Rein), 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion. (11) Enl USMC, (1) Enl USN
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. Civilian activity has been conspicuously absent vicinity BT 4005 and BT 4006 since the last rice harvest. At that time it was determined that the VC were controlling rice production in that area using civilians from vicinity BT 4009 and BT 4209.

b. It is recommended that the VC be prevented from harvesting further crops in this area.

5. ROUTE: See overlay (Enclosure (1)).

6. OBSERVATIONS AND SUMMARY: During the 100 hours of the patrol, 1 sighting was made totaling 4 VC. No contact was made with the enemy. The patrol was inserted and recovered by helicopter.

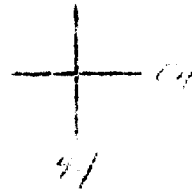
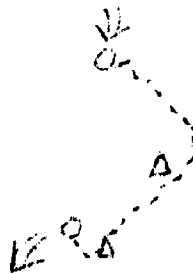
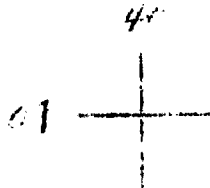
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Patrol Route Overlay
Group Frag Order 38-65
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3rd Recon Bn
Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS L701
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4 January 1966

Patrol Report - Group Frag Order 39-65

Map: Viet Nam, 1:50,000, Series L-701, Sheets 6756 IV and 6757 III

1. Size and Composition of patrol: C Co (-), 1st Recon Bn
(3) Off, (32) Enl USM, (1) Enl USN
2. Mission: To establish temporary OP's and provide surveillance thru patrols of the area immediately south, southwest and south-east of Hill 232 (BS 486958) and the valley immediately north of this ridge line.
3. Time of departure: 231700H Dec 65
4. Time of return: 010015H Jan 66
5. Routes: See Group Frag Order 39-65 and Annexes A and B
6. Observations and summary: During the 206 hours this patrol was operating they had 10 significant sightings totaling 147 VCS.

Time	Coordinates	Observation
231730H	BS 486972	One letter and apparently two receipts all in Vietnamese found in house previously closely searched by 2nd Lt one week previously. Documents were found just laying out in the open. They were sent to IIT with medical evacuees.
241015H	BS 474954	One round was heard fired from these coordinates.
241345H	BS 464954	Possible VC signal, large column of white smoke observed.
241515H	BS 467955	Heard several explosions and observed several columns of smoke.
250912H	- - - - -	Heard fire fight that lasted 13 minutes south of CV located at BS 486968.
261450H - 261750H	BS 503954	Three groups of men (32, 32 and 37) totaling 101 men, observed going west on trail. They were black PU's and

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<u>Time</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Observation</u>
		could hear. Due to distance (3,000 meters), could not determine if they had equipment or rifles.
310330H	BS 515905	Observed 10 rounds of tracers.
311515H	BS 524953	Observed large column of white smoke.
312330H	BS 5095	Red flashing light observed for 30 minutes.

7. Other information: At 290700H, observed an air strike at BS 497954. At 300630H, Team 1, 2nd Plt, on a point and area recon encountered numerous children and elderly people at the inhabited farm complex at BS 510968. They were not hostile. The village of Phuoc Linh Tay (2) had apparently been used since last visited by 2nd Plt, C Co, 1st Recon Bn, as evidenced by Vietnamese letters found there.

8. Results of Contacts: None

9. Condition of patrol, including medical evacuees:

- a. Good, considering length of patrol and the generally inclement weather.
- b. Three members evacuated to B Med: 1/Cpl SAKIGAWA - diagnosed by hyperventilation - returned to duty; 1/Lt TUCKER - diagnosed Chagas - prognosis, good, being held at B Med; Sgt AMURICHAK - diagnosed, viral gastro-enteritis - treated and released to light duty.

10. Conclusions.

- a. The valley complex vic (BS 4998) is not used by the VC at present.
- b. That the patrol base concept using patrols emanating therefrom is sound.
- c. That a relatively static situation lends itself to longer duration patrols due to increased load capability created by this circumstances.

11. Recommendations.

- a. That similar type operations be further conducted and techniques refined.
- b. That the objective area not be worked again for at least 30 days unless positive intelligence dictates otherwise.

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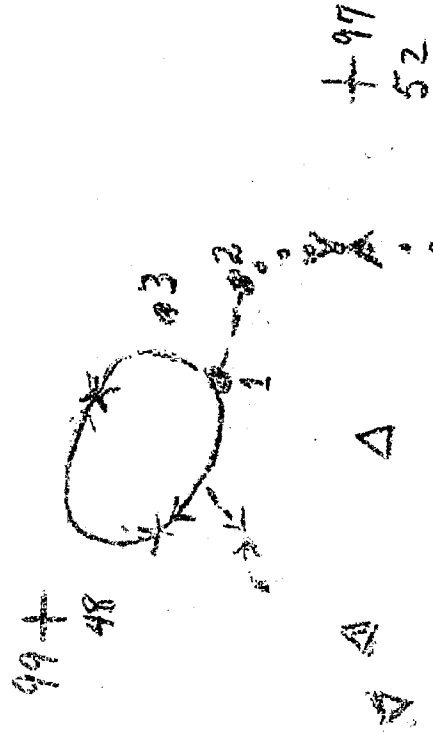
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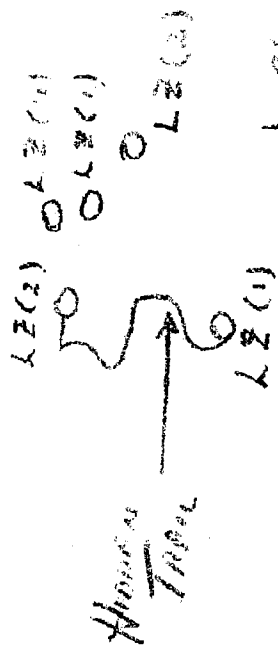
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 2 Jan 1966

PATROL REPORT: Group Frag Order 40-65

Map: Viet Nam 1:50,000, AMS L701, Tri Binh 6757 III

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: 1st Platoon, Co B (-)(Rein), 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion. (1) Off, (15) Enl USMC, (1) Enl USN
2. MISSION: To maintain surveillance over the hamlet of Tien Xuan (1) (BT 4009).
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 281400H December 1965
4. TIME OF RETURN: 011130H January 1966
5. ROUTE: See overlay (Enclosure (1)).
6. OBSERVATIONS AND SUMMARY: During the 94 hours of the patrol, 13 sightings were made totaling 97 VC. 4 artillery missions were fired resulting in 19 VC killed and 5 VC wounded. Additionally, 7 VC were possibly killed and 5 wounded. The patrol was inserted and recovered by helicopter.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION OR EVENT</u>
281520H	BT 403087	Established OP.
281700H	BT 4111	Heard machine gun and small arms fire.
282000H	BT 4408	Heard heavy small arms automatic fire.
282250H	BT 404088	3 men probed positions of harbor site. They were routed by grenades and small arms fire. 1 VC wounded observed.
291900H	BT 398091	Moved to harbor site.
300900H	BT 4010	Heard heavy small arms fire. Possibly 50 caliber.
300925H	BT 405104	13 people moved west across rice paddy wearing green ponchos. Appeared to have packs and equipment under ponchos.

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300940H BT 407095

6 men moved northwest on trail wearing black and carrying tan packs and weapons. Fire mission requested and men dispersed rapidly.

301025H BT 408104

6 men moved west on trail wearing grey and tan uniforms, tan packs and rifles. Entered hamlet of Xuan Ngoc (2) (BT 395114).

301045H BT 404102

10 men crossed paddies on line wearing grey, blue and tan with khaki packs and rifles.

301430H BT 407094

3 men moved north on trail wearing black and camouflaged shirts with packs, 2 rifles and 1 BAR. Recon sniper fired 4 rounds with no hits. (Distance: 1000 meters).

301440H BT 407099

6 men joined previous 3. Fire mission requested. Rounds on target and only 1 man got away.

301540H BT 415103

3 men moved south wearing black with packs.

301615H BT 411099

10 men moved southeast wearing black and tan with camouflaged shirts and packs and weapons.

301620H BT 414098

15 men joined the previous 10 men and moved into wooded area and began eating chow. Fire mission called. Rounds directly on target. Observed at least 12 bodies.

301735H BT 412099

7 men moved southeast on trail wearing black with packs and rifles.

301900H BT 398085

Moved to harbor site.

311400H BT 416097

8 men moved south on trail wearing black with packs.

311655H BT 414097

7 men moved southeast along paddy wearing black and khaki with packs and weapons. Fire mission called when men moved into hut. Hut demolished.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: None.

8. CONDITION OF PATROL: Excellent.

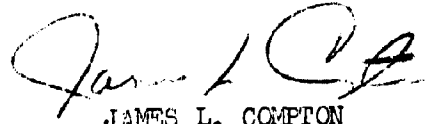
9. RESULTS OF CONTACTS, 2 contacts, no casualties.

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10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. On 30 December 1965, VC activity was stirred up by infantry operations in the area.

b. It is recommended that a large scale operation be conducted in the Xuan Ngoc and Tien Xuan village areas.


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Additional Comment: Artillery fire was extremely accurate and very rapid. No adjustment called for was over 100 meters, unless the target was moving.

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ENCLOSURE (50)

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ENCLOSURE (2)

LEGEND:

- - HLZ
- △ - OP
- ⊕ - HARBOR SITE
- * - CONTACT
- ✱ - FIRE MISSION
- - SIGHTING

ENCLOSURE (1)

PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
1ST PLT, CO C (RENG)
30 RECON BN.
28 NOV 65 -
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VIETNAM 1:50000
TRI BUN 63701
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