

DECLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
DECLASSIFIED

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

CMC
Copy 5 of 8 Copies
56366
3:RWC:jhs
3100.1
10 Feb 1966
Sec No 04-66

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF (Attn: SC-3)

Subj: Command Chronology

Copy # 1 of 8 Copies

Ref: (a) DivO 05750.3

- Encl:
- (1) - Operation Order 1-66
 - (2) - Operation Order 3-66
 - (3) - Operation Order 4-66
 - (4) - CO, 3rdReconBn msg dtd 27 December 1965
 - (5) - CO, 3rdReconBn msg dtd 28 December 1965
 - (6) - CO, 3rdReconBn msg dtd 29 December 1965
 - (7) - CO, 3rdReconBn msg dtd 12 January 1966
 - (8) - CO, 3rdReconBn msg dtd 12 January 1966
 - (9) - CO, 3rdReconBn msg dtd 15 January 1966
 - (10) - CO, 3rdReconBn msg dtd 22 January 1966
 - (11) - Patrol Report of 8 January 1966
 - (12) - Patrol Report of 8 January 1966
 - (13) - Patrol Report of 13 January 1966
 - (14) - Patrol Report of 13 January 1966
 - (15) - Patrol Report of 13 January 1966
 - (16) - Patrol Report of 13 January 1966
 - (17) - Patrol Report of 25 January 1966
 - (18) - Patrol Report of 29 January 1966
 - (19) - Patrol Report of 8 January 1966
 - (20) - Patrol Report of 9 January 1966
 - (21) - Patrol Report of 12 January 1966
 - (22) - Patrol Report of 16 January 1966
 - (23) - Patrol Report of 20 January 1966
 - (24) - Patrol Report of 20 January 1966
 - (25) - Patrol Report of 18 January 1966
 - (26) - Patrol Report of 25 January 1966
 - (27) - Patrol Report of 26 January 1966
 - (28) - Patrol Report of 27 January 1966
 - (29) - Patrol Report of 30 January 1966
 - (30) - Patrol Report of 2 February 1966
 - (31) - Patrol Report of 6 January 1966
 - (32) - Patrol Report of 16 January 1966
 - (33) - Patrol Report of 16 January 1966
 - (34) - Patrol Report of 19 January 1966
 - (35) - Patrol Report of 22 January 1966
 - (36) - Patrol Report of 27 January 1966

--1--

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS
DOD-DIR-5200.10

CONFIDENTIAL

UNCLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DECLASSIFIED

- (37) Patrol Report of 23 January 1966
- (38) Patrol Report of 23 January 1966
- (39) Patrol Report of 27 January 1966
- (40) Patrol Report of 7 January 1966
- (41) Patrol Report of 4 January 1966
- (42) Patrol Report of 11 January 1966
- (43) Patrol Report of 15 January 1966
- (44) Patrol Report of 12 January 1966
- (45) Patrol Report of 24 January 1966
- (46) Patrol Report of 24 January 1966
- (47) Patrol Report of 24 January 1966
- (48) Patrol Report of 24 January 1966
- (49) Patrol Report of 24 January 1966
- (50) Patrol Report of 6 January 1966
- (51) Patrol Report of 19 January 1966
- (52) Patrol Report of 10 January 1966
- (53) Patrol Report of 23 January 1966
- (54) Patrol Report of 25 January 1966
- (55) Patrol Report of 29 January 1966
- (56) Patrol Report of 29 January 1966
- (57) Patrol Report of 1 February 1966
- (58) Patrol Report of 5 January 1966
- (59) Patrol Report of 7 January 1966
- (60) Patrol Report of 16 January 1966
- (61) Patrol Report of 23 January 1966
- (62) Patrol Report of 24 January 1966
- (63) Patrol Report of 31 January 1966

(64) Operation Order 2-66 of 12 Jan 66

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

2. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

a. Reporting Unit: 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion (AT 959750).

b. Period covered: 1 - 31 January 1966.

c. Commanding Officer

Executive Officer

Adjutant

Operations Officer

S-4

CC, H&S Company

CC, Company A

CC, Company C

CC, Company D

CC, Recon Group Alfa

CC, Company B

CC, Company C. 1st Recon Bn

CC, 1st Force Recon Company

LtCol. R. R. VAN CLEVE

Major T. R. STUART

2ndLt. M. J. GILDEA

Major D. A. COLEBY

1stLt. L. T. BALL

1stLt. E. W. NASH Jr.

Capt. B. G. HUNTER

Capt. W. D. SHUMAN

Capt. J. S. TARDY

Capt. J. L. COMPTON

Capt. J. L. COMPTON

Capt. R. B. TIFFANY

Capt. W. C. SHAVER

--2--

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED

d. Average Monthly Strength:

- | | |
|-------------------|-----|
| (1) USMC Officers | 34 |
| (2) USN Officers | 1 |
| (3) USMC Enlisted | 434 |
| (4) USN Enlisted | 26 |

3. Significant Eventsa. Logistics

- (1) Received a January CRITAPAK.
- (2) 172 Jungle Hammocks were received for testing and evaluation.
- (3) 176 PX Ration Supplement (Sandwich Pack) were received.

b. Civil Affairs

- (1) The battalion continued to support a library program for the HOA VANG High School. The material for the library is donated by the IVA ALICE MANN Junior High School in Tacoma, Washington and distributed through the battalion.
- (2) The battalion distributed toys at the PHU THONG Orphanage and completed plans for a proposed cafeteria and kitchen to be built for the children by this unit.
- (3) The battalion doctor treated 150 citizens at the PHU THONG 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's TACR's.
- b. Company A conducted reconnaissance patrols for a total of 38 platoon patrol days during the month of January, reporting 16 significant sightings that included 12 VC and 19 VCS. Campsites, caves, fighting holes and numerous trails were located and reported. One contact with the enemy resulted in no friendly or enemy casualties. The company conducted intensive training in reconnaissance skills from 13 - 19 January 1966. (Enclosures 11-18).
- c. Company C conducted one company size operation in support of Operation LANG LANG and conducted reconnaissance patrols for a total of 50 platoon patrol days during the month of January.

--3--

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

The company reported 15 significant sightings totalling 103 VC and 114 VCS. Enemy harbor sites and new landing zones were located. Three contacts with the Viet Cong resulted in (1) one enemy killed while no Marine casualties were sustained. The company conducted intensive training in reconnaissance skills from 31 December 1965 - 5 January 1966. (Enclosures 19-30).

- d. Company D conducted reconnaissance patrols for a total of 40 patrol days for the month of January 1966. They had two significant sightings totalling 2 VC and 16 VCS. New trails, booby traps, and harbor sites were located and reported. Two contacts with the enemy resulted in 2 VC killed and 1 VC wounded while no Marine casualties were sustained. Two weapons, documents and a knife were captured. The company conducted intensive training in reconnaissance skills from 6-12 January 1966. (Enclosures 30-39).
- e. Reconnaissance Group Alfa located at Camp 1 consists of Company B (-), 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion and Company C, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion. Reconnaissance Group Alfa conducted reconnaissance patrols for a total of 70 patrol days during the month of January reporting 36 significant sightings, totalling 26 VC and 61 VCS. During this period the Group located harbor sites, enemy training camps, fighting holes and punji pits. One contact with the enemy resulted in one VC killed and the capture of a rifle and cartridge belt. Artillery strikes called by the patrols were thought to have killed 5 Viet Cong. One Marine was KIA by a mine. (Enclosures 40 - 57).
- f. 1st Force Reconnaissance Company operating out of Army Special Forces Camps at TRA BCNG (BS 3487) and BA TO (BS 5633) conducted reconnaissance patrols for a total of 15 patrol days during the month of January 1966. They reported 13 significant sightings totalling 77 VC and 1 VCS. The patrols located harbor sites, landing zones and numerous new trails. Three contacts with the enemy resulted in 11 VC killed, and 1 VC wounded while the Marines suffered one KIA, one WIA and two MIA. (Enclosures 58 - 63).

T. R. Stuart
T. R. STUART
By direction

DISTRIBUTION:

3rdMarDiv (SC 3) (5)

--4--

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

OK

Copy no 44 of 50 copies
3rd Reconnaissance Battalion
DA NANG, RVN
131130 H Jan 1966

Operation Order 1-66

Ref: (a) Maps: VIET NAM, 1:50,000, Series L701, 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;
(b) Bn OpO 349-65

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 TOAR's/RZ's and conducts reconnaissance missions in the vicinity of Special Forces camps as directed.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation

(1) Reference (b).

(2) Platoons will generally operate as two separated squads patrols in the field.

b. Co A. During the period 20-31 Jan 1966 inclusive, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ-3, DA NANG. Emphasize the Elephant Valley - SONG CU DE avenue of approach and the THON HOA TRUNG Valley. Utilize 2/3 of available forces during the period 20-28 Jan and thereafter, 1/3 of available forces. Be prepared on order to conduct reconnaissance operations outside of the DA NANG TAOR as a part of a larger force.

--1--

CO DECLASSIFIED L

ENCLOSURE (2)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED
CONFIDENTIAL

- c. Co C. During the period 20-31 Jan 1966 inclusive, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ-5, DA NANG, emphasizing the Happy Valley and the Mortar Valley avenues of approach. Utilize 2/3 of available forces during the period 20-28 Jan 1966 and thereafter, 1/3 of available forces
- d. Co D. During the period 20-31 Jan 1966 inclusive, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ-4, DA NANG, emphasizing the Happy Valley avenue of approach and the SONG THUY LOAN Valley complex. Utilize 2/3 of available forces during the period 20-28 Jan 1966 and thereafter, 1/3 of available forces. Be prepared on order to assume the mission of Company A.
- e. Recon Group Alpha. During the period 20-31 Jan 1966 inclusive, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ's 2 and 3 and that portion of RZ-4, CHU LAI, WEST of gridline 55. Emphasize critical avenues of approach. Utilize 60% of available forces during the period 20-28 Jan 1966 and thereafter, 40% of available forces.
 - (1) Co B. Be prepared on order to conduct reconnaissance operations outside of the CHU LAI TAOR as a part of a larger force.
 - (2) Co C, 1st Recon Bn. Be prepared to assume the mission of Recon Group Alpha on order.
- f. 1st Force Recon Co
 - (1) Conduct reconnaissance operations vic special forces camps as directed.
 - (2) When available, be prepared to furnish one platoon to augment reconnaissance forces operating in the DA NANG TAOR.
- 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 171900H Jan 1966.
 - (3) Coordinate all missions with cognizant Regimental Commanders.
 - (4) EET's: Annex A to reference (b).
 - (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.

--2--

DECLASSIFIED
CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE (1)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED
CONFIDENTIAL

- (7) Submit patrol roster 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 the company debriefing officer at CHU 1-1 immediately on return to the unit area for debriefing.
- (9) Be prepared to insert and/or extract by foot.
- (10) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire.
- (11) If an air strike is requested and approved, display a single panel at position when aircraft are on station.
- (12) Be prepared to recommend infantry exploitation and reinforcement and suitable primary and alternate LZ's for its entry.
- (13) Each company in the DA NANG enclave and 1st Force Reconnaissance Company shall report hourly to this Headquarters, the location and situation of each element of each patrol.
- (14) At least one school trained sniper with rifle will accompany each battalion patrol.
- (15) Any patrol out of contact for a period of six hours shall abort its mission and return to camp.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Each platoon size patrol shall carry a PRC-25 for its primary means of communications. Interplatoon communications by PRC-10.
- c. Field relay sites will carry both primary and alternate means of communication.

R. R. Van Cleave
R. R. VAN CLEAVE

Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps
Commanding

DISTRIBUTION:

1st MAW	(1)	7thMar	(2)	Commo	(1)
FSOG, 3rdMarDiv	(1)	9thMar	(2)	BnSupplyO	(1)
G-3	(2)	12thMar	(2)	Co A	(3)
G-2	(1)	1stReconBn	(1)	Co C	(3)
3rdMar	(3)	ReconGrpAlpha	(3)	Co D	(3)
4thMar	(3)	1stForceReconBn	(3)	File	(1)

DECLASSIFIED

ENCLOSURE (759)

DECLASSIFIED

~~DECLASSIFIED~~

Copy no 9 of 53 copies
 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion(-)(Rein)
 DA NAME, RVN
 262200H January 1966

Operation Order 3-66

- Ref: (a) Maps: VIET NAM. 1:50,000, Series L701, Sheet Numbers 6559 I, II; 6659 I, III, IV; 6558 I, II; 6658 I, II; 6657 I, II; 6757 II, III, IV; 6656 I; 6756 I, IV;
- (b) Bn OpO 349-65
 - (c) Bn OpO 2-66
 - (d) Bn OpO 4-66
 - (e) 3d MarDiv OpO 362-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Reference (b).

1. SITUATION

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

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 fulfilling the screening mission will generally operate as two squad size patrols, well separated.

b. Co A

- (1) Reference (c).
- (2) During the period 1-15 February 1966 inclusive, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in or WEST of RZ-3 utilizing 1/3 of available forces.

c. Co C

- (1) During the period 1-15 February 1966 inclusive, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ-5 utilizing 50% of available forces.

--1--

ENCLOSURE (20)
 CONFIDENTIAL
 DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED
CONFIDENTIAL

- (2) Be prepared to insert one platoon into RZ-3 on 10 February 1966 or later and maintain it in this area until further notice. Date of insertion and extraction will be dependent on implementation of reference (c).

d. Co D

- (1) Reference (c).
(2) Reference (d).
(3) Be prepared to conduct reconnaissance operations as directed on conclusion of operations directed by reference (d).

e. Recon Group Alpha

- (1) Co B
(a) Reference (e).
(b) On completion of operations contemplated by reference (e), report availability for further assignment.
(2) Co C, 1st Recon Bn. During the period 1-15 February 1966 inclusive, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ's 2 & 3 and that portion of RZ-4 (CHU LAI) WEST of grid line 55 emphasizing critical avenues of approach. Utilize 50% of available forces during the period.

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 301900H.
(3) Coordinate all missions with cognizant Regimental Commanders.
(4) EEI's: Annex A to reference (b).
(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 roster to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) prior to execution of assigned missions. (DA NANG Only).

ENCLOSURE (3)
DECLASSIFIED
CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

- (8) Cause patrol leaders to report to Battalion S-2 or the Company Debriefing Officer at CHU LAI immediately on return to the unit area for debriefing.
- (9) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire.
- (10) Be prepared to insert and/or extract by foot.
- (11) If an air strike is requested and approved, display a single panel at position when aircraft are on station.
- (12) Be prepared to recommend infantry exploitation and reinforcement and suitable primary and alternate landing zones for its entry.
- (13) Each company in the DA NANG enclave shall report hourly to this Headquarters, the location and situation of each element of each patrol.
- (14) At least one school trained sniper with rifle will accompany each patrol.
- (15) Any patrol out of contact for a period of six hours shall abort its mission and return to camp.
- (16) Each squad shall carry at least 2 entrenching tools. All trash and garbage will be buried and the site camouflaged. Every effort will be made to obscure all evidence of patrol passage.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

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

DECLASSIFIED
CONFIDENTIAL
ENCLOSURE

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED
CONFIDENTIAL

- c. Field relay sites will carry both primary and alternate means of communications.


R. R. VAN CLEVE

Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps

Commanding

DISTRIBUTION:

1st MAW	(1)
ADC Cmd Grp (CHU LAI)	(1)
3d Mar Div FSCC	(1)
G-3	(3)
G-2	(1)
3rdMar	(3)
4thMar	(3)
7thMar	(2)
9thMar	(3)
12thMar	(2)
1st Recon Bn	(1)
Recon Grp Alpha	(3)
1st Force Recon Co	(3)
CommO	(1)
Bn Supply O	(1)
Co A	(3)
Co C	(3)
Co D	(3)
File	(15)

ENCLOSURE (2)
DECLASSIFIED

--4--

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

3d. Recon Bn

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy no 12 of 37 copies
3rd Reconnaissance Battalion (-)(Rein)
DA NANG, RVN
272200 H January 1966

Operation Order 4-66

Ref: (a) Maps: VIET NAM, 1:50,000, Series L701, Sheet Numbers 6658 IV;
6659 III, 6558 I, 6559 II.
(b) Bn OpO 349-65
(c) Bn OpO 3-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Company D (-) (Rein)
Company D (-)
FAC Team

Capt. TARDY

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

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

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) 3rd Marines provides fire support coordination.
- (2) 12th Marines provides artillery support.
- (3) 1st Marine Air Wing provides fixed and rotary wing air support as requested.

c. Attachments and Detachments

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

MISSION. 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion conducts reconnaissance operations to the WEST of the DA NANG TAOR.

2. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation

- (1) Commencing D-Day one reconnaissance company (-) reinforced proceeds by helicopter and foot to HILL 1279 vic (AT 7970) and establishes a patrol base.

--1--

ENCLOSURE (3)
DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

~~DECLASSIFIED~~ T A L

(2) The company conducts platoon size patrolling via HILL 1275 to locate VC/PAVN elements in that area.

(3) This operation will cover a period of about eight days.

b. Co D

(1) Locate and plot routes from the DA NANG TACR to HILL 1279.

(2) Establish a patrol base on HILL 1279 (AT 7970).

(3) Locate and plot routes from HILL 1279 to HILL 1467 (BA NA).

(4) Locate and determine strength and armament of VC/PAVN forces in the HILL 1279 area.

(5) Capture and evacuate VC/PAVN prisoners.

c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Do not reveal the presence of U. S. Forces to any enemy forces that may be located on HILL 1467.

(2) Fire support and infantry reinforcement requirements will be effected by direct liaison with Commanding Officer, 3rd Marines.

(3) Submit operation order and helicopter requirements to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) not later than 0900 on D-1.

(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 72 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 each patrol position when aircraft are on station.

(9) Be prepared to recommend infantry reinforcement and suitable primary and alternate LZ's for its entry.

(10) Report hourly to this Headquarters the location and situation of each element of each patrol.

(11) If contact is lost for a period in excess of 6 hours the mission shall be aborted and the company shall return to Camp Reasoner.

DECLASSIFIED

(12) All trash and garbage will be buried and the site camouflaged. Every effort will be made to obscure all evidence of patrol passage.

(13) D-Day to be designated.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Three PRC-25's are authorized for use on this operation.
- c. Any field relay site established will carry both primary and alternate means of communications.

R R Van Cleve
R. R. VAN CLEVE

Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps

Commanding

DISTRIBUTION:

G-3	(2)
G-2	(2)
3rdMar	(1)
3rdMar FSOC	(3)
1/1	(1)
1/3	(1)
3rdReconBn	(6)
ReconOff	(1)
ReconGroupAlpha	(2)
Co A	(1)
Co C	(1)
Co D	(6)
File	(10)

--3--

CONFIDENTIAL **DECLASSIFIED**

ENCLOSURE (3)

DECLASSIFIED

NAVAL MESSAGE
OPNAV FORM 2110-28A (REV. 3-61)**CONFIDENTIAL**

(when filled in)

RELEASED BY R. R. VAN CLEVE	DRAFTED BY D. R. COLBY	PHONE EXT. NR.	PAGE 1	PAGES 2
DATE 27 Dec 1965	TOR/TOD	ROUTED BY	CHECKED BY	
MESSAGE NR	DATE/TIME GROUP (GCT)	PRECEDENCE ACTION INFO	FLASH EMERGENCY OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE PRIORITY ROUTINE	ROUTINE DEFERRED

FROM: OO 3D RECON BN

TO : OO 1ST FOR RECON CO

INFO: III MAF

3D MAR DIV

1ST MAW

ADC CMD GROUP ALPHA *CHU LAI*

I CORPS ADV GROUP

RECON GROUP ALPHA

DET C-1, 5TH SFL FORCES

REF : (a) 3D DIV MSG 241330Z DEC 65

(b) BN OPC 353-65

IN COORDINATION WITH U. S. SPECIAL FORCES LOCATED AT TRA BONG, RVN,
CONDUCT UNILATERAL RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS IN THE VALLEY COMPLEX
BOUNDED BY GRIDLINES BS 92 TO THE SOUTH, BS 95 TO THE NORTH, BS 31
TO THE WEST AND BS 34 TO THE EAST. DETERMINE LOCATION, IDENTITY,
STRENGTH, MOVEMENT AND ARMAMENT OF VC/PAVN UNITS. CAPTURE VC/PAVN
PRISONERS. LOCATE VC/PAVN ASSEMBLY AREAS, TRAINING BASES AND LOGISTICS
BASES. DETERMINE AND IMMEDIATELY REPORT SIGNIFICANT VC/PAVN MOVEMENT

DISTRIBUTION
(PAGE ONE ONLY)

DATE/TIME GROUP (GCT)

REPRODUCTION OF CLASSIFIED MESSAGES IN WHOLE OR IN PART IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT WITH PERMISSION OF ISSUING OFFICE

CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURE (4)

(when filled in)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

NAVAL MESSAGE
OPNAV FORM 1, 78A (REV. 3-61)

CONFIDENTIAL
(when filled in)

RELEASED BY		DRAFTED BY		PHONE EXT. NR.		PAGE	PAGES
DATE		TOR/TOD		ROUTED BY		CHECKED BY	
						OF	
MESSAGE NR	DATE/TIME GROUP (GCT)	PRECEDENCE	FLASH	EMERGENCY	OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE	PRIORITY	ROUTINE
		ACTION					
		INFO					

ALONG THE VALLEY COMPLEX TOWARD THE CHU LAI TAOR. DIRECT LIAISON WITH
COMMANDING OFFICER, DETACHMENT C-1, 5TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP IS
AUTHORIZED. THIS OPERATION WILL LAST ABOUT SIX DAYS COMMENCING NLT
30 DECEMBER 1965.

DISTRIBUTION
(PAGE ONE ONLY)

DATE/TIME GROUP (GCT)

REPRODUCTION OF CLASSIFIED MESSAGES IN WHOLE OR IN PART IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT WITH PERMISSION OF ISSUING OFFICE

CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURE (4)
(when filled in)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

NAVAL MESSAGE
OPNAV FORM 2110-28A (REV. 3-61)**CONFIDENTIAL**
(when filled in)

RELEASED BY R. R. VAN CLEVE		DRAFTED BY D. A. COLEY		PHONE EXT. NR.		PAGE 1		PAGES 1	
DATE 20 DEC 1965		TOR/TOD		ROUTED BY		CHECKED BY			
MESSAGE NR	DATE/TIME GROUP (GCT)	PRECEDENCE	FLASH	EMERGENCY	OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE	PRIORITY	ROUTINE	DEFERRED	
		ACTION							
		INFO					XXX		

FROM: CO 3D RECON BN
 TO : CO 1ST FOR RECON CO
 INFO: 3D MAR DIV
 1ST MAW
 3D MARINES
 12TH MARINES
 1ST BN 3D MARINES

RE: (a) BN OPO 353-65

INSERT ONE PLATOON RZ-2 ON OR ABOUT 3 JAN 1966. OPERATE IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY GL AT 82 ON THE WEST, 84 ON THE EAST, 88 ON THE SOUTH AND 90 ON THE NORTH. DETERMINE LOCATION, IDENTITY AND STRENGTH OF VC UNITS IN THE AREA. CAPTURE VC PRISONERS. LOCATE VC LOGISTICS AND HEADQUARTERS AREAS. ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS RELAY AS REQUIRED. THIS OPERATION WILL LAST ABOUT FIVE DAYS.

DISTRIBUTION.

CO A
 COM 0
 SUPPLY 0

DISTRIBUTION:
 (PAGE ONE ONLY)

DATE/TIME GROUP (GCT)

REPRODUCTION OF CLASSIFIED MESSAGES IN WHOLE OR IN PART IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT WITH PERMISSION OF THE OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURE (5)
 (when filled in)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

NAVAL MESSAGE
OPNAV FORM 2110-28A (REV. 3-61)**CONFIDENTIAL**

(when filled in)

RELEASED BY R. R. VAN CLEVE		DRAFTED BY D. A. GOLEY		PHONE EXT. NR.		PAGE 1	PAGES 2
DATE 29 DEC 1965		TOR/TOD		ROUTED BY		CHECKED BY	
MESSAGE NR	DATE/TIME GROUP (GCT)	PRECEDENCE	FLASH	EMERGENCY	OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE	PRIORITY	ROUTINE
		ACTION					
		INFO				XXXXX	

FROM: CO 3D RECON BN

TO: CO 1ST FOR RECON CO

INFO: III MAF

3D MAR DIV

1ST MAW

ADC CMD GRP (CHU L I)

I COMPS ADV GRP

RECON GRP ALPH

DET C-1, 5TH SPL FOR

REF: (a) 3D MAR DIV MSG 241330Z DEC 65

(b) BN OPC 353-65

IN COORDINATION WITH U. S. SPECIAL FO CES LOCATED AT TRA BONG, RVN, CONDUCT UNILATERAL RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY GRIDLINES BS 39 ON THE WEST, 41 ON THE EAST, 93 ON THE SOUTH, 96 ON THE NORTH. DETERMINE LOCATION, IDENTITY, STRENGTH, MOVEMENT AND ARMAMENT OF VC/PAVN UNITS. CAPTURE VC/PAVN PRISONERS. LOCATE VC/PAVN ASSEMBLY AREAS, TRAINING BASES AND LOGISTICS BASES. DETERMINE

DISTRIBUTION:
(PAGE ONE ONLY)

DATE/TIME GROUP (GCT)

REPRODUCTION OF CLASSIFIED MESSAGES IN WHOLE OR IN PART IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT WITH PERMISSION OF ISSUING OFFICE

CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURE (2)

(when filled in)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

NAVAL MESSAGE
OPNAV FORM 2110-28A (REV. 3-61)

CONFIDENTIAL

(when filled in)

RELEASED BY		DRAFTED BY		PHONE EXT. NR.		PAGE		PAGES	
DATE		TOR/TOD		ROUTED BY		CHECKED BY		2 OF 2	
MESSAGE NR	DATE/TIME GROUP (GCT)		PRECE- DENCE	FLASH	EMERGENCY	OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE	PRIORITY	ROUTINE	DEFERRED
			ACTION						
			INFO						

AND IMMEDIATELY REPORT SIGNIFICANT VC/PAVN MOVEMENT EASTWARD TOWARD
THE CHU LAM TAOR. DIRECT LIAISON WITH COMMANDING OFFICER, DETACHMENT
C-1, 5TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP IS AUTHORIZED. THIS OPERATION WILL LAST ABOUT
SEVEN DAYS COMMENCING ABOUT 10 JAN 1966.

DISTRIBUTION:
(PAGE ONE ONLY)

DATE/TIME GROUP (GCT)

REPRODUCTION OF CLASSIFIED MESSAGES IN WHOLE OR IN PART IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT WITH PERMISSION OF ISSUING OFFICE

CONFIDENTIAL**ENCLOSURE (2)**

(when filled in)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

NAVAL MESSAGE
OPNAV FORM 2110-28A (REV. 3-64)**CONFIDENTIAL**

(when filled in)

RELEASED BY <i>R. R. Van Cleave</i>		DRAFTED BY <i>D. A. COLBY</i>		PHONE EXT. NR.	PAGE	PAGES
DATE 12 JAN 1966		TOR/TOD		ROUTED BY	1 OF 1	
MESSAGE NR	DATE/TIME GROUP (GCT)	PRECEDENCE	FLASH	EMERGENCY	OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE	PRIORITY
		ACTION				
		INFO				

FROM: CO 3D RECON BN

TO: CO 1ST FORCE RECON CO

SUBJ: 1ST FORCE RECON OPERATIONS

REGARDING YOUR REQUEST FOR A NEW MISSION FOR YOUR 3D PLT, BE APPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING: THE AREA NORTH OF TRA BONG IN WHICH YOUR RECENT OPERATIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IS CONSIDERED AS **✓** MOST DANGEROUS AVENUE OF APPROACH FROM THE WEST INTO THE CHU LAI TAOR. TWICE YOUR THIRD PLATOON HAS ENTERED THIS AREA AND BOTH TIMES HAS ABORTED ITS MISSION. WHILE THE ABORTS WERE JUSTIFIED, THE MISSION OF LEARNING THE NATURE OF THIS AREA, WHAT ENEMY FORCES MAY BE IN IT, WHETHER OR NOT IT IS BEING USED OR CAN BE USED FOR SIGNIFICANT FORCES TO ENTER THE CHU LAI ENCLAVE, HAS NOT BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. IT WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BEFORE ANY NEW MISSIONS ARE ASSUMED. **✓**

DISTRIBUTION:
(PAGE ONE ONLY)

DATE/TIME GROUP (GCT)

120700Z JAN 1966

REPRODUCTION OF CLASSIFIED MESSAGES IN WHOLE OR IN PART IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT WITH PERMISSION OF ISSUING OFFICE

CONFIDENTIAL CLOSURE (7)

(when filled in)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

NAVAL MESSAGE

COMNAV FORM 2110-28A (REV. 3-61)

CONFIDENTIAL

(when filled in)

RELEASED BY R. E. VAN CLEVE		DRAFTED BY D. A. COLEY		PHONE EXT. NR.	PAGE 1	PAGES 2			
DATE 12 JAN 1966	TOR/TOD	ROUTED BY		CHECKED BY					
MESSAGE NR	DATE/TIME GROUP (GCT)	PRECEDENCE	FLASH	EMERGENCY	OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE	PRIORITY	ROUTINE	DEFERRED	
		ACTION							
		INFO							

FROM: CO 3D RECON BN

TO: CO 1ST FORCE RECON COMPANY

INFO: III MAP

- 3D MAR DIV
- 1ST MAW
- ADC CHD GRP (CHU LAI)
- I CORPS ADV GRP
- RECON GROUP ALPHA
- DET C-1 5TH SPL FOR
- 3D FLT, 1ST FOR RECON CO

4. 3D MAR DIV MSG 300843Z DEC 65

5. BN OPC 353-65 W/CH 1

IN COORDINATION WITH U. S. SPECIAL FORCES LOCATED AT TRA BUNG, RVN, CONDUCT UNILATERAL RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY GRID LINES 34 ON THE WEST, 37 ON THE EAST, 92 ON THE SOUTH AND 94 ON THE NORTH. DETERMINE LOCATION, IDENTITY, STRENGTH, MOVEMENT AND ARMAMENT OF ANY VC/PAVN IN THIS AREA. CAPTURE VC/PAVN PRISONERS. LOCATE ANY VC/PAVN ASSEMBLY AREAS. TRAINING

DISTRIBUTION:
(PAGE ONE ONLY)

DATE/TIME GROUP (GCT)

120130Z JAN 1966

REPRODUCTION OF CLASSIFIED MESSAGES IN WHOLE OR IN PART IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT WITH PERMISSION OF ISSUING OFFICE

CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURE

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

NAVAL MESSAGE
OPNAV FORM 2110-28A (REV. 3-61)**CONFIDENTIAL**
(when filled in)

RELEASED BY		DRAFTED BY		PHONE EXT. NR.		PAGE		PAGES		
DATE		TOR/TOD		ROUTED BY		CHECKED BY		2 OF 2		
MESSAGE NR	DATE/TIME GROUP (GCT)		PRECEDENCE	FLASH	EMERGENCY	OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE	PRIORITY	ROUTINE	DEFERRED	
			ACTION							
			INFO							

BASINS AND LOGISTICS BASINS WITHIN THIS AREA. DETERMINE AND IMMEDIATELY
 REPORT SIGNIFICANT VC/PAVN MOVEMENT EASTWARD TOWARD THE CHU LAI TACH.
 PATROL COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BASE CAMP AT TRA BONG WILL BE BY PRC-25.
 A RADIO RELAY SITE WILL BE ESTABLISHED. THE RADIO RELAY SITE WILL HAVE
 BOTH A PRIMARY AND AN ALTERNATE MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS. DIRECT LN WITH
 C.O. DET C-1, 5TH S/L FOR GHP IS AUTHORIZED. THIS OPERATION WILL COMMENCE
 ON OR ABOUT 15 JAN 1966 AND LAST ABOUT SEVEN DAYS.

DISTRIBUTION:
 (PAGE ONE ONLY)

DATE/TIME GROUP (GCT)

120130Z Jan 1966

REPRODUCTION OF CLASSIFIED MESSAGES IN WHOLE OR IN PART IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT WITH PERMISSION OF ISSUING OFFICE

CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURE (8)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

NAVAL MESSAGE
OPNAV FORM 2110-28A (REV. 3-61)**CONFIDENTIAL**
(when filled in)

RELEASED BY R. R. VAN CLEVE		DRAFTED BY D. A. COLBY		PHONE EXT. NR.		PAGE 1	PAGES 2
DATE 15 JAN 1966		TOR/TOD		ROUTED BY		CHECKED BY	
MESSAGE NR	DATE/TIME GROUP (GCT)	PRECEDENCE	FLASH	EMERGENCY	OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE	PRIORITY	ROUTINE
		ACTION					
		INFO					

FROM: CO 3D RECON BN

TO: CO 1ST FORCE RECON CO

INFO: III MAF

3D MAR DIV

1ST MAW

ADC CMD GHP (CHU LAI)

I CORPS ADV GHP

RECON GHP ALPHA

DET C-1 5TH SPL FOR

3D PLT, 1ST FOR RECON CO

A: 3D MAR DIV MSG 300843Z DEC 65

B: BN OPO 1-66

IN COORDINATION WITH U. S. SPECIAL FORCES LOCATED AT TRA BONG, RVN, CONDUCT UNILATERAL RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY GRID LINES 96 NORTH, 93 SOUTH, 40 WEST AND 42 EAST. DETERMINE LOCATION, IDENTITY, STRENGTH, MOVEMENT AND ARMAMENT OF ANY VC/PAVN IN THIS AREA. CAPTURE VC/PAVN PRISONERS. LOCATE ANY VC/PAVN ASSEMBLY AREAS, TRAINING OR LOGISTICS BASES WITHIN THIS AREA. DETERMINE AND IMMEDIATELY REPORT SIGNIFICANT VC/PAVN MOVEMENT EASTWARD TOWARD

DISTRIBUTION:
(PAGE ONE ONLY)

DATE/TIME GROUP (GCT)

152300Z JAN 1966

REPRODUCTION OF CLASSIFIED MESSAGES IN WHOLE OR IN PART IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT WITH PERMISSION OF ISSUING OFFICE

CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURE (9)
(when filled in)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

NAVAL MESSAGE
OPNAV FORM 2110-28A (REV. 3-61)

CONFIDENTIAL
(when filled in)

RELEASED BY		DRAFTED BY		PHONE EXT. NR.		PAGE		PAGES		
DATE		TOR/TOD		ROUTED BY		CHECKED BY		2 OF 2		
MESSAGE NR	DATE/TIME GROUP (GCT)			PRECE- DENCE	FLASH	EMERGENCY	OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE	PRIORITY	ROUTINE	DEFERRED
				ACTION						
				INFO						

THE CHU LAI TAOR. PATROL COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BASE CAMP AT TRA BONG WILL BE BY PRC-25. A RADIO RELAY SITE WILL BE ESTABLISHED. THE RADIO RELAY SITE WILL HAVE BOTH A PRIMARY AND AN ALTERNATE MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS. DIRECT LN WITH C.O. DET C-1, 5TH SPL FORCES GEP IS AUTHORIZED. THIS OPERATION WILL COMMENCE ON OR ABOUT 27 JAN 1966 AND LAST ABOUT SEVEN DAYS.

NOTE: CO C, 1ST RECON BN (SEABROOK CHARLIE) WILL BE OPERATING EAST OF GRID LINE 44. FM FREQ 44.4 (P); 45.1 (A).

DISTRIBUTION:
(PAGE ONE ONLY)

DATE/TIME GROUP (GCT)

152253Z JAN 1966

REPRODUCTION OF CLASSIFIED MESSAGES IN WHOLE OR IN PART IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT WITH PERMISSION OF ISSUING OFFICE

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE (1)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

NAVAL MESSAGE
OPNAV FORM 2110-28A (REV. 1-61)**CONFIDENTIAL**
(when filled in)

RELEASED BY R. E. VAN CLEVE		DRAFTED BY R. A. COLBY		PHONE EXT. NR.	PAGE 1	PAGES 1	
DATE 22 JAN 1966	TOR/TOD	ROUTED BY		CHECKED BY			
MESSAGE NR	DATE/TIME GROUP (GCT)	PRECEDENCE	FLASH	EMERGENCY	OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE	PRIORITY	
		ACTION					
		INFO					

FROM: CO 3D RECON BN

TO: CO RECON GROUP ALPHA

INFO: ADE COMMAND GROUP (CHU LAI)

7TH MARINES

1ST FORCE RECON CO

1ST FORCE RECON CO (REAR)

3D PLT, 1ST FORCE RECON CO

A. 3D MAR DIV MSG 210137Z (ADCON)

B. 3D MAR DIV MSG 211412Z

REF A PLACES 1ST FORCE RECON CO UNDER ADCON/OPCON 3D RECON BN. REF B CHOPS
OPCON 2D AND 4TH PLTS, 1ST FORCE RECON CO AND A COMPANY COMMAND GROUP, ALL
LOCATED AT BA TO SPECIAL FORCES CAMP, TO TASK FORCE DELTA.

IN VIEW REFS A AND B, 3D PLT 1ST FORCE RECON CO IS HEREWITH CHOPPED OPCON
RECON GROUP ALPHA, CHU LAI. MISSIONS FOR THIS PLT WILL CONTINUE TO COME
FROM OR THROUGH HQ 3D RECON BN. REPORTS WILL BE DIRECTED TO RECON GROUP ALPHA
(SCAT BRAVO OR SEABROOK CHARLIE AS APPROPRIATE) WITH INFO TO 3D RECON BN (SCAT).

DISTRIBUTION:
(PAGE ONE ONLY)

DATE/TIME GROUP (GCT)

220100Z JAN 1966

REPRODUCTION OF CLASSIFIED MESSAGES IN WHOLE OR IN PART IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT WITH PERMISSION OF ISSUING OFFICE

CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURE

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

5-3
Copy No. 16 of 30 Copies
3d Reconnaissance Bn.
DANANG, RVN
081100H January 1966

PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat 1-Alpha 1,2

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

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (6) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
2. MISSION: Make a undetected land reconnaissance and find storage areas and routes of communications in RZ #3.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 031530H - January 1966
4. TIME OF RETURN: 081030H - January 1966
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order P-66
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
040945H	(AT 863851)	Seven women and one man moved right into patrol position.
050730H	(AT 856856)	Two grenades in a hut.
050800H	(AT 855855)	Two metal 5-gallon cans were found with fishing gear and spices.
050830H	(AT 856857)	New raft made of bamboo.
050900H	(AT 856857)	Six women cut two long bamboo poles and launched the raft.
052115H	(AT 814853)	Ambushed by approximately 3 VC.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 040945H at coordinates (AT 863851), Seven women and one man walked into the platoon position and had to be taken into custody. All had ID Cards. They were picked up by Helo at 1500H.

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE 

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

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

(2) 050730H two M-26 grenades were found in a building. One was missing a spoon and pin. The other one was complete except for the top portion of the spoon was partly cut away. A six inch piece of primer cord with a blasting cap was also found. The grenades were thrown into the river and the blasting cap was buried. A wooden box marked "mines AP M2A4.62" was also found in the same building. It was empty and appeared to have been there for some time.

(3) 050800H at coordinates (AT 855855), two metal cans were found sitting under a bush. They contained fishing gear, two quart pottery jars of rock salt, Nuoc Mom and grease. A bag containing two ponchos was also found. They were destroyed along with the rest of the gear.

(4) At 050830H at coordinates (AT 856857) a newly made bamboo raft was found. It was approximately six feet by 8 feet, made of bamboo tied together with vines. It was left in place.

(5) At 050900H at coordinates (AT 856857), six women carrying heavy baskets moved down to the raft. They cut 2 long bamboo poles, launched the raft and crossed the river. After approximately 1 hour they returned with their baskets filled with bananas and other greens. They moved Southwest to Route 14.

(6) At 052115H at coordinates (AT 814853) the patrol was moving down the road and received fire from approximately 3 carbines from behind a rock slide on the road. The patrol returned fire and moved forward. Approximately 30 rounds of M-14 ammo and 2 grenades were used. The enemy broke contact and moved South. No further signs of them were found. No casualties were found on either side.

7. At coordinates (AT 826855), three rocks approximately 4 inches in diameter were found with writing on them as follows: "NS Kop, 10-1-64, and Toi"

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No casualties friendly or enemy.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Condition good, morale good.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

H. R. LEETHAND
SGT Co. A

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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

ENCLOSURE **VI**

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy No. 13 of 30 Copies
3d Reconnaissance Bn.
DANANG, RVN
081030H January 1966

Phub

PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Seat 1-Alpha 3,4

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

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (5) Enl, (1) USN
2. MISSION: Conduct day and night undetected land reconnaissance to locate Viet Cong campsites, storage areas, communications routes and signs of activity in RZ#3. Conduct SNATCH and SNAP operations of opportunity.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 031535H - January 1966
4. TIME OF RETURN: 081015H - January 1966
5. ROUTE (SHOW ON OVERLAY): Refer to Operation Order # -66
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
-------------	--------------------	--------------------

071330H	(AT 823875)	Two packs were found on the trail.
---------	-------------	------------------------------------

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 071330H at coordinates (AT 823845), two packs containing bananas, rice, blankets, yams, some type of brown powder and kerosine. The packs were turned over to the S-2 upon return of the patrol.

(2) The trail at that coordinates appeared well used with cooking fire remnants all along it. Many ~~sandal~~ and barefoot tracks were seen. On the night of the 6th of January incoming H & I fires fragments landed in the trees around the patrol.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Condition good, morale good.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
Conclusion: That for the size of the patrol (6 men). It was felt that the PRC 25 was sufficient and the PRC 10 unnecessary.

G. L. JOHNSON
SGT Co, A

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

Encl (12)

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Operation Order: 2-60
Patrol: Scat 3-Alpha 12
Debriefing: SSGT BASS
Map Sheet: 6658 IV

Copy 21 of 30 Copies
3d Reconnaissance Bn.
DANANG, RVN
131245H January 1966

S-3

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION OF PATROL:

- a. COMPOSITION: (6) Enl
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS: 1 PRC-25, 1 PRC-10, plus 1 extra battery per radio
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 1 pr 7x50 binoculars.
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None.

2. MISSION: Conduct day and night undetected land reconnaissance to locate Viet Cong camp sites, storage areas, communication routes and signs of activity; conduct SNATCH/SNAP within assigned patrol areas in RZ #4.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 061600H/131030H January 1966

4. ROUTE: (See Attached Overlay)

5. SYNOPSIS:

a. There were a total of eleven sightings during the period covered, with a total of twenty VCS sighted. Seventy five VN's were noted in groups of fifteen cutting wood in the area of coord (AT 872672). Three airdrops of propaganda leaflets were observed, two in the rice paddies and one in the villages.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. 07100H at coord (AT 872672), approximately seventy five VN's were seen in groups of fifteen cutting wood. The only thing unusual was the number of people.

b. 091030H, 3 VCS wearing black, one with white shirt were seen moving northwest in a boat at coord (AT 887707). The boat sat very low in the water and carried something bulky covered with canvas.

c. 091030H, two VCS were seen moving northwest on the trail into HOI VUC at coord (AT 872706). The VCS wore black clothing, straw hats and carried packs.

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE (1)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

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

d. 091350H, two VCS entered the village at coord (AT 886709). They wore blue shirts, black trousers and straw hats. Both carried packs.

e. 100930H, four VCS walked northeast at coord (AT 875713). They wore black clothing and one carried a heavy pack.

f. On 09 and 10 January aircraft made leaflet drops into the rice paddies south and east of CAO SUNG (3) in grid square (AT 8768). As soon as the leaflets were dropped, the people ran from the fields into the village. On January 11th leaflets were dropped in the villages in grid squares (AT 8770) and (AT 8870).

g. 111145H, five VCS walked northwest at coord (AT 888704). All wore black with straw hats, four carried packs. They entered the village at coordinates (AT 874706).

h. 111210H, three VCS moved into the village at (AT 874706). All three wore black and one carried a heavy object in his hands in front of him.

i. 111520H, one VCS walked west into the village at coord (AT 876703). He wore black PJ's with a straw hat and carried a rifle.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: None.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: Good.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY PATROL: None.

T. F. WHALEN
SGT Co. A

11. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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

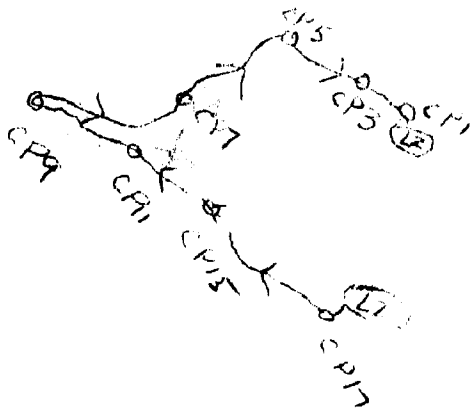
ENCLOSURE 73

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

PATROL ROUTE: 3-Alpha 12
SHEET NO: 6658 IV
SERIES: L-701

73 84
+



PATROL ROUTE: 3-Alpha 12
SHEET NO: 6658 IV
SERIES: L-701

92 66
+

ENCLOSURE (3)

DECLASSIFIED

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

Operation Order: 2-66
Patrol: Scat 3-Alpha 34
Map Sheet: 6659 III, 6658 IV

Copy 2 of 30 Copies
3d Reconnaissance Bn.
DANANG, RVN
131030H January 1966

S-3

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (5) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS: 1 PRC-25, 1 PRC-10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 1 pr 7x50 binoculars
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None.

2. MISSION: Conduct day and night undetected land reconnaissance to locate Viet Cong camp sites, storage areas, communication routes and signs of activity; conduct SNATCH/SNAP within assigned patrol areas in RZ #4.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 061600H/131030H January 1966

4. ROUTE: (See Attached Overlay)

5. SYNOPSIS:

a. A total of ten sightings were made during the period covered. A small camp site large enough for three people was found along a trail that is not shown on the map, and one U.S. illumination grenade was found.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. 091200H at (AT 865716), a camp site was found large enough to accommodate 3 people and remnants of two cook fires were found. They had not been recently used. A trail ran east to west along side the camp site. It appeared to have been used very little, but could have been used fairly recently.

b. 091930H, small arms and automatic weapons fire could be heard sporadically throughout the night from grid square (AT 8770).

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

ENCLOSURE 77

DECLASSIFIED

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

- c. 100800H at coord (AT 868717), a trail was found running northwest to southeast. It was about one meter wide and appeared to run into the village at coord (AT 872708). The trail appeared fairly well used. (See Attached Overlay)
- d. 100845H at coord (AT 868717), a U. S. illumination grenade was found. It had never been used and was brought back by the patrol. Empty C-ration cans were found throughout the area.
- e. 101435H at coord (AT 869719), one man and two small children were piling up something. It could not be determined what it was. The man wore black and disappeared into the brush southeast of the location.
- f. 101445H, one man dressed in black left the people working in the field and proceeded to coord (AT 869712) where he appeared to be hiding something in the brush. He then returned to the field and continued working.
- g. 101645H, one man dressed in black left the field and moved to the hill at coord (AT 861709) and just stood looking around for approximately four minutes then disappeared behind some bushes.
- h. 111550H, one man dressed in khaki moved east across the rice paddies and into the village at coord (AT 866707). No equipment could be seen.
- i. HLZ noted on the patrol are shown on the attached overlay.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: None.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Good OP sites giving good observation of the whole valley were found on the fingers of the east and south sides of the hill in grid square (AT 8671).
- G. T. LAMPHRON
CPL Co. A.
11. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: As the helicopters became airborne after debarking the patrol they fired a three round burst from an M-60 machine gun. No fire was directed at the aircraft nor was any movement seen in or around the LZ. Although the patrol cannot be inserted by helo quietly. It seems that unless the helo is in danger there is no need to advertise the presence of our patrols any more than necessary.

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

ENCLOSURE (9)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

MAP CORRECTION:
New trails and LZ
SHEET NO: 6658 IV, 6659 III
SERIES: L-701

85
75+

100m X 50m
L7

oL2

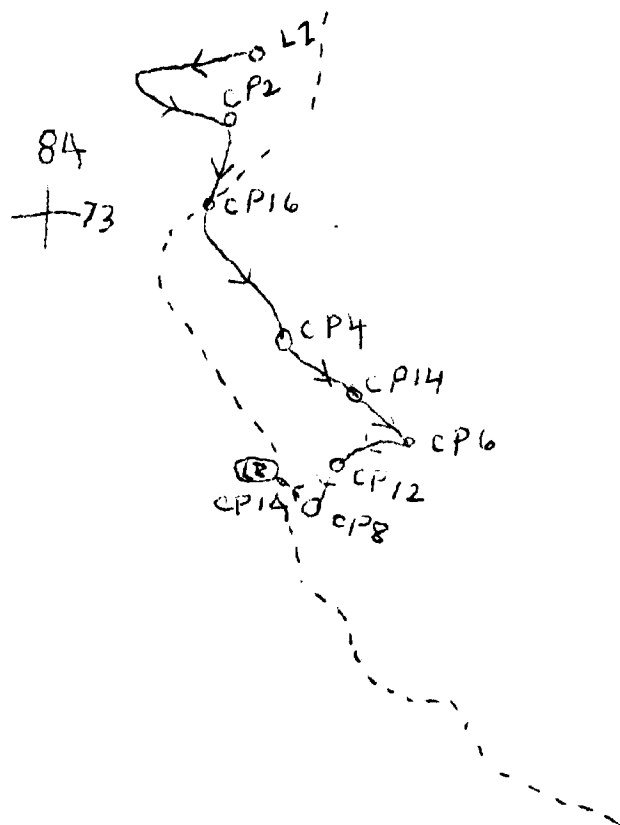
100m X 100m
L2
NEW TRAIL
TRAIL
NETWORK
67

ENCLOSURE (4)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

PATROL ROUTE: 3-Alpha 34
SHEET NO. 6659 III, 6658 IV
SERIES: L-701



+ 6.6
92

ENCLOSURE (74)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Operation Order: 3-65 Ch. 1
Patrol: Scat 2-Alpha 34
Debriefing: SSGT BASS
Map Sheet: 6659 III

9-3
Copies 21 of 30 Copies
3d Reconnaissance Bn.
DANANG, RVN
131115H January 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - a. Composition: (6) Enl
 - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
 - c. COMMUNICATIONS: 1 PRC-25, 1 PRC-10
 - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 1 pr 6x30 binoculars
 - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
 - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None.
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in RZ #3. Conduct SNATCH/SNAP position of opportunity.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 080930H/131050H January 1966
4. ROUTE: (See Attached Overlay)
5. SYNOPSIS:
 - a. Nothing unusual was sighted during the period covered. New trails and roads were found and are shown on the attached overlay. The frame of a house was found. The ground had been leveled, but the house and area did not appear to have been used for some time.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - a. 081200H at coord (AT 834789), a trail not shown on the map was found. It lead Northeast to Southwest. About 60 meters Northeast up the trail a house frame was found. The hill had been flattened out about 20 feet by 30 feet.
 - b. See attached overlay for new trails, roads and LZ's.
 - c. A good harbor site was noted at coord (AT 827771). It has been previously used by Marines as evidenced by trash and being leveled out. It was approximately 75 yards square.

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE (13)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

- 7. OTHER INFORMATION: None
- 8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None
- 9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, one man being treated for infected insect bites.
- 10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY PATROL:

Recommend: That a patrol move up the new trail on hill 922 in Grid Square (AT 8078) to investigate the trail leading up to and beyond the hill.

R. J. BOYDA
SGT Co. A

- 11. DEBRIEFERS COMMENTS: None.

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

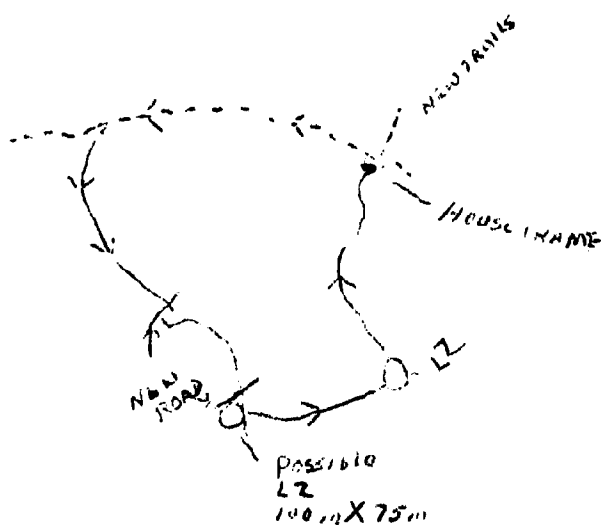
80

+ 84

Patrol route, new trails, road,
and LZ's.

Map Sheet: 6659 III

Series: L-701



+ 76

88

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

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

Operation Order: 3-65
Patrol: Scat 2-Alpha 12
Debriefing: SSGT BASS
Map Sheet: 6659 III

Copy 1 of 30 Copies
3d Reconnaissance Bn.
DANANG, RVN
131150H January 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (4) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS: 1 PRC-25, 1 PRC-10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: None.
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None.

2. MISSION: Establish OP's, selective night ambush positions and locate VC camp sites, storage areas, routes of communication around the village of NAM YEN and PHO NAM in RZ #3.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 080930H/131050H January 1966

4. ROUTE: (See Attached Overlay)

5. SYNOPSIS:

- a. A total of six sightings were made with two sightings being normal banana harvesters and Marine infantry escorting them.
- b. Two large caves and six individual fighting holes, a flashlight and one document printed in Vietnamese were found.
- c. One 105 Howitzer dud was found and reported on 11 January, also eighty two rounds of linked 7.62 ammunition was found and brought in by the patrol.
- d. The patrol fired on four VC during early morning of 13 January with negative results.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. 081045H, twenty VN crossed the river at coord (AT 856856) and proceeded east. The attached ARVN stated they were banana pickers.

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

ENCLOSURE (16)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

- b. 090700H at coord (AT 848853), two large caves were found. They were well concealed and were eight feet deep, eight feet wide and four feet high, with wooden decks. In front of the caves were six fighting holes overlooking the road to the north. The holes were large enough for one VN to stand in and fire. One flashlight, six rice bowls, and one basket were found. The flashlight and one printed documents were turned over to the battalion S-2.
- c. During the day of 10 January Marine infantry were in the area of Grid Square (AT 8585) and (AT 8485). On the 11th of January they escorted the banana pickers working in that area.
- d. 111600H at coord (AT 83708540), a 105 Howitzer dud was found. It was a HE round, and was reported to Scat Alpha 6.
- e. 121500H at coord (AT 821851), eighty two rounds of 7.62 linked ammunition was found next to the creek. It appeared as if someone had covered it over with twigs. The ammunition was brought back with the patrol.
- f. 130400H at coord (AT 826855), four VC trotted west along highway 14. They carried rifles and wore light colored shirts, dark trousers and rubber sandals. The patrol fired on them from about 20 meters above. Three VC ran west and one ran east. A search of the area was made with negative results. One VC may have had a pack.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: None.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Excellent.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF PATROL:
- Recommend: That the caves and fighting holes mentioned should
b be blown, also the 105 dud because of the possibility of booby traps.
- D. P. WYATT
1st Lt. Co. A
11. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

CONFIDENTIAL

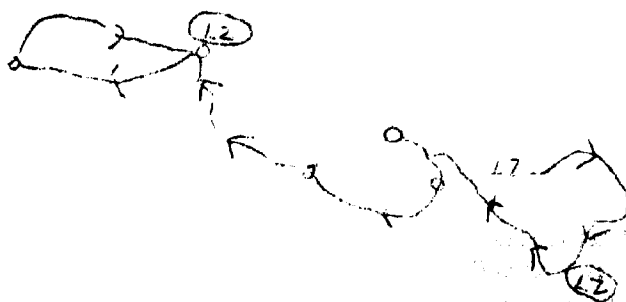
DECLASSIFIED

PATROL ROUTE: 2-Alpha 12
SHEET NO: 6659 III
SERIES: L-701

SHEET NO: 6659 III

SERIES: L-701

89 +
80



31-1-
90

CONFIDENTIAL

Operation Order: 4-66
 Patrol: Scat 2-Alpha
 Debriefing: SSGT R. P. REGALOT
 Map Sheet: 6659 III, 6559 II,
 Ser. L-701

22 30
 3d Reconnaissance Bn.
 DANANG, RVN
 251800H January 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (12) Enl, (1) USN
 - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
 - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (2) AN/PRC 10
 - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50 and (1) pr 6x30
 - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) 3 sling ropes, and (3) snap links
 - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: Sniper Rifle M-1 C, W/8 power scope
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous Reconnaissance in RZ#3 emphasizing Viet Cong camps, storage areas, communication routes and signs of activity.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 200830H/251700H January 1966
4. ROUTE: Refer to Overlay.
5. SYNOPSIS: For a period of 5 days and 4 nights, the patrol conducted an area reconnaissance in the western portion of RZ#3. (Refer to patrol overlay). There were no enemy sightings or contacts.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - a. At 201000H, while in route, the patrol located a previously reported OP site located in a tree at (AT 826793). This site had commanding view of the northeastern and southeastern portion of the TAOR. There were no indications that the OP had been recently used.
 - b. At 251615H, as the helo's approached the patrol's landing point for retraction, members of the crew observed 7 armed men at (AT 836783). Fire was immediately directed at the men and upon contact, the men returned the fire. No casualties were sustained or inflicted. The retraction was completed without incident.

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE (7)

DECLASSIFIED

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

- 7. OTHER INFORMATION: None.
- 8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No contact made.
- 9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.
- 10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None

D. P. WYATT
1st Lt. Co. A

- 11. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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

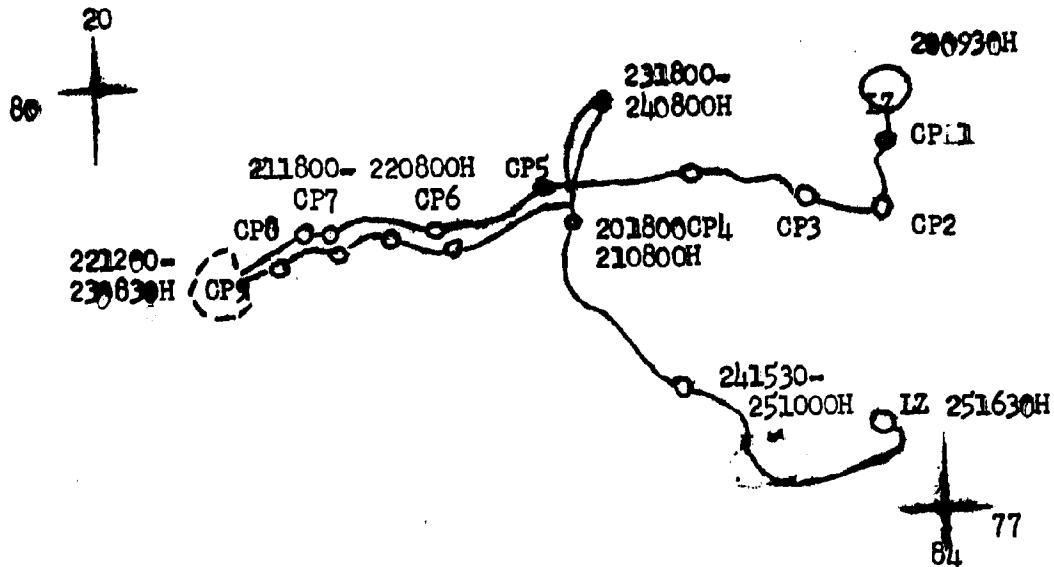
ENCLOSURE (7)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Co A 2d Flt, 3d Recon Bn,
Da Nang, RVN
MAP: Viet Nsm 1:50,000
Sheet: 6659II&6659III
ETD 200830H 6 ETR 260830H
OpO 4-66



ENCLOSURE (17)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Operation Order: 5-66
Patrol: 1st Flt. Co. A
Debriefing: SSGT R.P. REGALOT
Map Sheet: 6659 III

Copy No 22 of 22 Copies
3d Reconnaissance Bn.
DANANG, RVN
290845H January 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - a. COMPOSITION: (17) Enl, (2) USN (1) ARVN
 - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
 - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
 - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50 binoculars
 - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
 - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) (Shot gun) Mod 70, Winchester.
2. MISSION: Conduct day and night undetected land reconnaissance to locate Viet Cong campsites, 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 RZ#3.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 251600H/290830H January 1966
4. ROUTE: Refer to Overlay
5. SYNOPSIS:
 - a. During the patrols 79 hours of observation and patrolling in the northwest portion of RZ#3 only one enemy sighting was made. Refer to paragraph 6. other than this initial sighting it was noted that the village of THON-HOA-TRUNG in (AT 8477) and (AT 8577) is deserted and presently uninhabited. No friendly sightings or activities were noted throughout the area of operation.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - a. 251620H, as the patrol was being inserted by Helo, 7 armed VC fired briefly at the Helo's then vanished into the elephant grass at (AT 843776). Crew members of the Helo's returned the fire and the protecting A-4's strafed the immediate area. There were no further contacts with the enemy.

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE (8)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. 252100H, while the patrol was occupying an ambush site, they observed a white blinking light for a duration of 2 or 3 minutes from the vicinity of the THON-HOA-TRUNG Village at (AT 847778). Moments later, movement of unknown origin was heard to the East of the patrol at a distance of 100 meters. No encounter was made and the remainder of the night was uneventful.

b. 271400H; (AT 853776) the patrol discovered numerous coconuts which had been recently split open eaten, and discarded. It was further noted that empty C-ration containers littered the village and trail complexes.

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

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, moral excellent.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None

H. R. LEFTHAND
SGT CO. A

11. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

CONFIDENTIAL

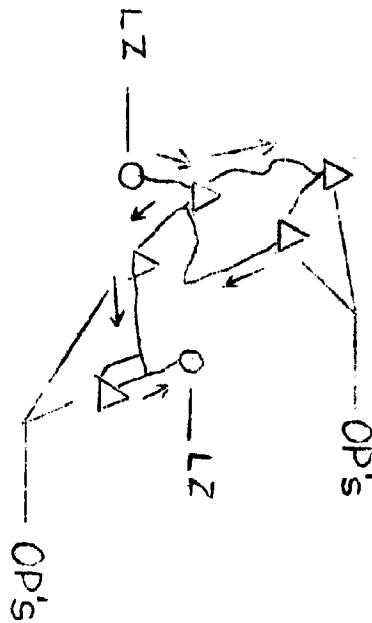
ENCLOSURE (7)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

ENCLOSURE (2)

81
80



88
76

DECLASSIFIED

5-7

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy No. 18 of 30 Copies
 3d Reconnaissance Bn.
 DANANG, RVN
 081230H January 1966

PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Scat 2-Charlie 6

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

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off, (15) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
2. MISSION: Provide observation and surveillance commencing D-1, over the objective area from position on the high ground North. Advise 3rd Marines and 1st Battalion, 1st Marines of all VC movement and other activity observed in the objective area. Continue surveillance of objective area with one platoon at conclusion of Operation Long Lance.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 021430H - January 1966
4. TIME OF RETURN: 081100H - January 1966
5. ROUTE (SHOW ON OVERLAY): Refer to Operation Order 1-66
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
021500H	(AT 845573)	Two men running South.
022330H	(AT 834592)	One VCS walked into OP position.
030730H	(AT 834592)	Sixteen VC moving North with packs, and some weapons.
030730H	(AT 834592)	Four VC moving South on trail.
031030H	(AT 833596)	Two VC moving South on trail.
031045H	(AT 832596)	Four VC moving South on trail.
031050H	(AT 825575)	One VCS moving South on trail.
031120H	(AT 833596)	Two VC moving South on trail.
031130H 031150H	(AT 832596)	Fifty to One hundred VC in groups of one to five moving South on trail.

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE (7)

DECLASSIFIED

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

031245H (AT 826570) VC entering PHU HUONG (2).
 040945H (AT 833597) Four VC establish OP.
 041000H (AT 834597) Four to eight VC searching area.
 041130H (AT 832596) Eight VC moving South directly towards patrol OP.
 041130H (AT 833595) Five VC pointing towards patrols OP and talking.
 061400H (AT 836567) One man in khaki's running North.
 071700H (AT 833576) Three VC moving South on trail.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

- (1) 021500H at coordinates (AT 845573), two men were seen running towards the village of THANG LOC. One wore a white shirt and black trousers, the other all black. At this same time carbine fire was heard as the helicopters became airborne. The fire was not observed.
- (2) 022330H at coordinates (AT 834592), one VCS walked into the platoon position and was halted. He started to run and was shot. No weapon was found but his pack contained the following: 35 lbs of corn meal, 2 chocolate bars, 3 note books, tobacco, tea leaves, 2 bush hats and 1 piece of plastic cloth 5 feet square. The body was concealed in the brush. The note books kept and turned over to S-2, and the pack and its contents destroyed.
- (3) During the night of 2 January, movement was heard through the night on the trail, moving both ways. However it could not be observed.
- (4) 030730H at coordinates (AT 834592), sixteen VC moved up the trail. They were various types and colors of clothing. All carried packs, some camouflaged and some had rifles.
- (5) 030730H at coordinates (AT 834592), four VC moved South on the trail talking and laughing with the VC moving North up the same trail. Two of the four VC carried U. S. Carbines.
- (6) 031030H at coordinates (AT 833596), two VC moved South along the trail. One wore a khaki shirt with black trousers, the other all black. (clothing appeared to be uniform rather than PJ's) both wore bushes for camouflage. One had a pack, both had U.S. Carbines.
- (7) 031045H at coordinates (AT 832596) four VC moved South on the trail, wearing white hats, 2 wore black clothing and 2 wore khaki

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

ENCLOSURE (7)

DECLASSIFIED

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

clothing. Two had carbines, and one carried a bulky bag over his shoulder.

(8) 031050H at coordinates (AT 825575), one VCS moved South on the trail, wearing black. No equipment was observed.

(9) 031120H at coordinates (AT 833596), two VC moved South, wearing ponchos, 1 blue and 1 brown. No equipment was observed. It was suspected they carried weapons under the ponchos.

(10) Between 031130H and 1230H at coordinates (AT 832596), fifty to one hundred VC moved down the hill South in groups of one to five at 25 to 50 meters interval. Fiftyseven VC were counted prior to weather securing observation for approximately 30 minutes. When weather cleared again VC groups were still moving down the trail. Two VC that had previously been observed moving North up the hill with full packs approximately 3 hours earlier were observed moving South with empty packs. Uniforms of the VC were mixed civilian clothing, camouflaged utilities, utilities and khaki. One VC wore a khaki uniform with heavy leather belt and shoulder strap, holster and pistol. The VC always grouped at the top of the hill prior to small groups moving down the trail. The man with the khaki uniform and leather belt could be seen standing up with others grouped around walking back and forth. Others seemed to be kneeling behind rocks and bushes only their heads visible. The groups came down the hill as if dispatched at regular intervals. During approximately a 36 hour period that the patrol manned the OP, approximately 140 to 160 VC were actually seen during periods of fair visibility. Traffic seemed even heavier during the night than during the day. It is estimated that one out of every four VC sighted carried a weapon. Almost all had cartridge belts and grenades. Some had only packs, and a few carried wooden boxes about the size of our 3.5 cube boxes. Weapons sighted include Chicom Carbines, U.S. Carbines, M-1 rifles and French Sub-machine guns.

(11) 031245H during a break in the clouds the VC could be seen entering the village of PHU HUONG (2) at coordinates (AT 826570). Drums and shouting could be heard from the village as the VC entered.

(12) 040945H at coordinates (AT 833597), four VC established an OP. One man had a U.S. Carbine, the other 3 had M-14 rifles.

(13) 041000H groups of four to eight VC were seen searching the area to the Northeast, west and Southeast of the platoon OP position. All had rifles and no packs. Seven VC started down the trail in the vicinity of (AT 832596) but turned back up the hill. All had packs and weapons. One VC carried a 3.5 rocket launcher.

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

ENCLOSURE

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

(14) 041130H at coordinates (AT 832596), eight VC moved down the trail directly towards the OP site. Some appeared to be wearing helmets.

(15) 041130H at coordinates (AT 833596), five VC were seen pointing directly at the OP and talking. The Plt. immediately moved Southeast into the stream bed and began a withdrawal in an Easterly direction. About 20 minutes later, seven VC were observed approximately 100 meters back up the trail behind the patrol. Five VC were seen searching the OP site. The VC opened fire into the stream bed but no casualties resulted. The fire sounded like M-2 Carbines. Seven VC ran down the trail perpendicular to the patrol's avenue of escape. The VC were taken under fire by the point and forced to take cover. They were kept pinned down by fire while the patrol crossed the trail. Seven VC pursued the patrol but were discouraged by M-14 and M-79 fire from the patrol. The seven VC were lost at approximate coordinates (AT 837587). The platoon joined Scat 3-Charlie 6 at their position.

(16) 061100H at coordinates (AT 836567), one VCS dressed in khaki ran North across the rice paddy and up the hill in advance of friendly troops entering the area.

(17) 071700H at coordinates (AT 833576), three VC moved South along the trail. Uniforms were khaki and black all carried packs.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: One VC KIA, one probable KIA, one VC wounded, no friendly casualties.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: Morale good and condition good.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusion: This area appears to be used as a very large harbor site. The trail shown on the attached overlay is a main supply route into the hills. The villagers appear to be quite friendly with the VC as noted by the drums and shouting as the VC entered the village.

Communications were poor in the area of grid square (AT 8359). Transmission was on the PRC 25 and receiving was done on PRC 10.

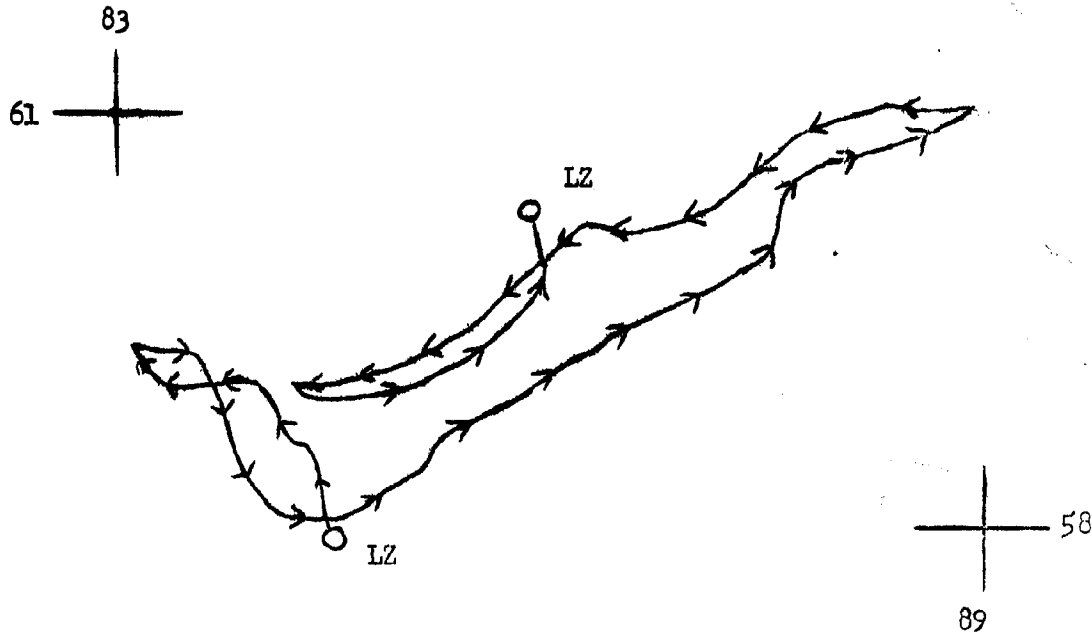
D. M. DICKE
1st Lt. Co. C

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: Area appears to have large harbor site and supply cache' approximately one and three quarter hours travel from coordinates (AT 832596) probably in the vicinity of grid square (AT 8260).

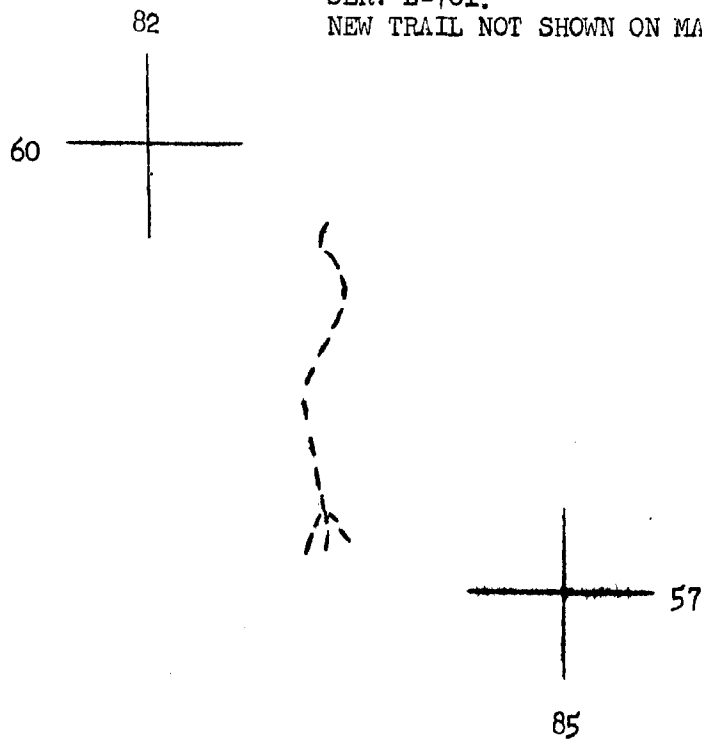
ENCLOSURE (7)
C O N F I D E N T I A L

DECLASSIFIED

"2"Charley
PATROL ROUTE
Sheet: 6658IV
Ser; L-701.



MAP CORRECTIONS
SHEET: 6658IV
SER: L-701.
NEW TRAIL NOT SHOWN ON MAP.



ENCLOSURE (7)

DECLASSIFIED

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

Operation Order 1-66
Patrol Seat 3-Charlie 6
Debriefers: SSGT W. A. BASS
Map Sheet 6658 IV, 1:50,000

Copy No 15 of 30 Copies
3d Reconnaissance Bn.
DANANG, RVN
091300H January 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Composition: (2) Off, (23) Enl, (1) USN
- b. Special attachments: 1 FAC team
- c. Communications: 1 PRC 47, 2 PRC 25, 1 PRC 10
- d. Observation Equipment: 1 pr 7X50, 2 pr 6X30, 1-20 power spotting scope.
- e. Special Equipment: None.
- f. Special Weapons: None.

2. MISSION: Provide observation and surveillance commencing D-1, over the objective area from position on the high ground North. Advise 3rd Marines and 1st Battalion, 1st Marines of all VC movement and other activity observed in the objective area. Continue surveillance of objective area with one platoon at conclusion of Operation Long Lance.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 021630H/091115H January 1966

4. ROUTE: See Attached Overlay

5. SYNOPSIS:

a. A total of 20 sightings were made during the period covered, 2 of which were of 160 or more persons on hill 65 at coordinates (AT 881579) being addressed by one man. The close proximity of 2 ARVN out posts to the groups tends to indicate they are not VC or VCS.

b. Two sightings were made of people carrying boxes that looked like 3.5 rocket launcher ammunition boxes. These boxes were buried and made to look like graves.

c. Two sightings were of Vietnamese people moving into areas recently vacated by friendly infantry units. They were policing up the area for communication wire and other equipment left behind.

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

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

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. 031120H at coordinates (AT 881579), 167 VN's in various colored clothing, predominately black and white, were seen standing on hill 65. They all seemed to have their attention focused on one man dressed in a white shirt and black trousers. Only three weapons were observed in the group, however, there are two ARVN out posts on that hill, so possibly it could have been ARVN troops with weapons. They disappeared from that area during a period of low visibility at approximately 031230H.
- b. 031505H at coordinates (AT 881579) 180 VN returned to the same position on hill 65. At about 031700H they moved East North East to a small village at coordinates (AT 882577). Some of the VN's moved West towards the village of NUI DAT at coordinates (AT 877577).
- c. 041800H at coordinates (AT 888596), 2 VCS with heavy packs crossed the river in a small boat. They moved about 75 meters Northwest. One moved into the bushes and the other sat down in the open. Both wore black clothing and coolie hats. The one in the open put on something green in color over his clothes and changed to a green hat. At approximately 041900H they both moved out in a Northwesterly direction and disappeared around the finger of a hill. The man in black did not have a hat on when he came out of the brush.
- d. 051417H at coordinates (AT 884540), 3 VCS crossed the river in a small boat. One VCS took the boat back to the other side, while the other two moved along the dike in a Northerly direction. Both wore black and 1 had a pack.
- e. 051448H in grid square (AT 8156), 2 mortar rounds, and small arms fire were observed in LZ Pelican as friendly infantry landed.
- f. 051440H at coordinates (AT 901601), three VC moved East, all three were black and all had rifles.
- g. 051500H at coordinates (AT 881579), a large crowd of VN were again sighted standing on hill 69. One man again commanded their attention. No weapons were seen.
- h. 051819H at coordinates (AT 897600), 2 VN were seen crossing the river in a boat. One moved Northeast carrying a large pack or box. He was wearing black but had no hat.
- i. 061615H at coordinates (AT 912587), 17 VN were seen moving South carrying large bundles.
- j. 070715H at (AT 915575), tracer rounds and drum beats were seen

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

ENCLOSURE (2)

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

and heard from the village of AN DONG. The tracer rounds were going straight up in the air. (Possibly ricochet)

k. 070829H at coordinates (AT 879597), 6 VN were seen carrying two boxes about the size of 3.5 rocket launcher ammunition boxes. They were buried at these coordinates. 3 VN were dressed in white, and 3 in blue.

l. 071025H at coordinates (AT 887584), 10 VN carrying 2 red boxes about the size of a 3.5 ammo box, stopped and dug a hole approximately 3 1/2 foot deep and buried the boxes. The holes after the burial were made to look like graves.

m. 071532H at (AT 913588), small arms fire was heard. 2 bodies were observed, dressed in black, being carried away to the South on the trail, possibly by ARVN. People were seen evacuating the village of HOA DUAN (1) in all directions.

n. 031310H at coordinates (AT 908606), on hill 75 North approximately 25 men, women, and children were seen policing up the hill after the friendly infantry unit left the area. They picked up trash, communication wire, and equipment left behind. At least 1 shelter half was seen being picked up. At 1317H 2 more VN joined the others. They were black shorts and shirts. One had a rifle and both had cartridge belts. They appeared to be concentrating on communication wire and supervising the police call. At approximately 1630H they moved down to DAI LOI (1) at coordinates (AT 898598). It was noted when they moved out that 3 VN had weapons, 4 had cartridge belts and 1 had a pack.

o. 081700H at coordinates (AT 886614), 1 VCS approached the OP site. He was fired upon and 1 grenade used, a search was initiated with negative results.

p. 090900H at coordinates (AT 907606), on hill 75, five VN's commenced police call again. They moved off the hill at approximately 1100H.

q. Except for the period during which the friendly infantry were in the area, Normal activity was noted in the rice paddies.

r. At coordinate (AT 898592), the VN kept large fires burning at all times. Large amounts of white smoke were seen. Very few lights were seen from the houses.

s. At coordinates (AT 994607) the railroad bridge has been destroyed.

t. At coordinates (AT 866574) the bridge has been destroyed only foot traffic can get through.

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

ENCLOSURE (2)

DECLASSIFIED

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

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

The FAC team could not be utilized due to the fact they could not get communications with the aircraft with their radio.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. No friendly or enemy casualties.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Morale, condition, excellent.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY PATROL:

a. Recommend: Do not take the PRC 47 on patrol due to size, weight and extra equipment utilizing to many people, when a PRC 25 can be utilized to better advantage. The antenna for the PRC 47 is very helpful to the enemy in locating the patrols.

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

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: It is possible that the boxes being buried, as indicated in this patrol report, did in fact contain weapons/ammunition being transferred forward out of the operational area by guerrilla personnel.

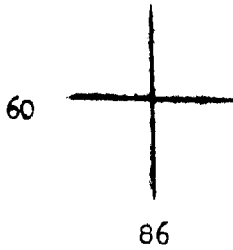
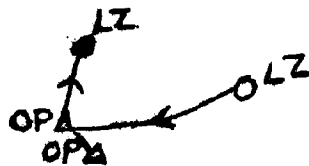
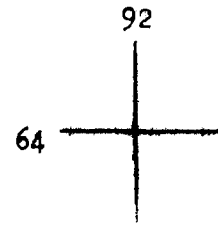
C O N F I D E N T I A L

ENCLOSURE 

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

Soat 3 Charley
PATROL ROUTE.
SHEET: 6658IV
SER: L-701.



ENCLOSURE (2)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

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

Operation Order 1-
Patrol: Seat 1-Charlie
Debriefing SSGT BASS
Map Sheet 6658 IV

Copy 25 to 30 Copies
3d Reconnaissance Bn.
DANA RVN
121540H January 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT

- a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (13) Enl, (2) USN, (1) ARVN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS: 2 PRC-25, 1 PRC-10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 4 7x50, 1 6x30 binoculars
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: 1 Sniper Rifle

2. MISSION: Continue surveillance of objective area with one platoon at conclusion of operation Long Lance. Also surveillance to the Southeast in conjunction with operation Mallard.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 081030H/121500H January 1966

4. ROUTE: (See Attached Overlay)

5. SYNOPSIS:

- a. A total of 16 sightings were made during the period covered. Some of which were of VN armed with rifles and packs. However the close proximity of the ARVN outposts and positions made it very hard to distinguish if they were friendly or VC.
- b. Possible mortar fire was heard on two separate occasions. At 081835H one round of possible 60 mm mortar fire landed in grid square 8861. At 092330H sounds were heard sounding like six rounds of 60 mm mortar fire from hill 75 in grid square 9060. The rounds detonated approximately 2000 to 2500 meters due east of those coordinates. No muzzle flashes were seen.
- c. It was noted that at coordinates (AT 914585) boats made several trips across the river. It appeared to be a ferry service.
- d. On two separate occasions VN's were observed policing up the trash on hill 75 at coordinates (AT 907605) after friendly infantry had left the area.

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

ENCLOSURE (2)

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. 081300H at coord (AT 926607), four VN with weapons and fourteen or fifteen children picked up trash on hill 75 after friendly troops left the area, could possibly be ARVN or PF's.
- b. 081325H at coord (AT 902603), two VCS were observed crossing the river in two boats. One carried a rifle, the other a pack. They came from the village at coord (AT 905601). They disappeared around the Southeast side of hill 75. Both had canteens and cartridge belts.
- c. 081835H one round of possible 60 mm mortar fire landed in grid square 8861.
- d. 091000H, two men moved out of the brush and talked to the people working in the fields. There were approximately ten people and they talked to each of the ten individually for about five minutes. The two men then moved back into the brush and disappeared at coordinates (AT 909607).
- e. 091145H, ten people were seen on hill 75 at coord (AT 907605). Six were picking up "C" ration boxes while the other four stayed in a group. They wore black clothing and one appeared to have a rifle. The people moved off the hill in a Southeasterly direction and disappeared.
- f. 091410H, four VN's moved East across the river in a boat at coord (AT 914585). The VN's all wore black. The boat made several trips back and forth.
- g. 091815H, six men were observed in two boats apparently checking inlets along the river coord (AT 897601). Four of the people wore white and two black.
- h. 091600H, as six H-34 aircraft proceeded from the West side of the valley to the East side, it appeared that they were taking automatic weapons fire.
- i. 092330H, six rounds of suspected mortar fire were fired from hill 75 in grid square 9060. They detonated approximately 2,000 2,500 meters due East of hill 75.
- j. 100850H, a large volume of automatic weapons fire was heard from grid square 9152, but could not be observed due to fog.
- k. 101500H, approximately seventy VN's moved South on the road at coord (AT 927613). They moved into AN MY (3) coord (AT 923608). A very few came out from the other side of the village. They wore various colored clothing, and carried baskets.

CONFIDENTIALENCLOSURE 

CONFIDENTIAL

1. 110705H, amtracks with VN flags were observed firing on the village of MY HEIP (2) in grid square 9060.

m. 111130H, a boat with two men, one dressed in a light blue shirt and dark blue trousers, the other dressed in white, moved from West to East on the river and into an inlet and disappeared. The boat was heavy in the water and had a canvas across the center portion between the men.

n. It was noted that during the AM of 11 January there was a marked decrease of workers observed in the fields until approximately 1000H. After that time people worked in the fields, but mostly close to the residential areas.

o. Sporadic sniper fire was heard from the wooded area at coord (AT 942592) throughout the day of 11 January.

p. 111700H, three VN males, one approximately ten years old moved from the river at coord (AT 913587) to coord (AT 898508). They wore black clothing and coolie hats, and carried four large bundles of wooden stakes about three feet long and one inch in diameter. They worked in an area of about fifty meters in diameter for approximately fifteen minutes. Then walked out empty handed. The stakes were not panji stakes.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: The sniper rifle was not used due to lack of opp ortunity and close proximity of ARVN forces.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: Excellent, with some sunburn.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY PATROL:

a. Observation Posts at coordinates (AT 903607) and (AT 899616) afford good observation and good field of fire for the sniper rifle over hill 75, with good avenues of escape to the North and Northeast.

b. While operating on the company tactical frequency constant interference was received from ARVN. It was belcoived to be communications between the ARVN outpost on hill 65 and the ARVN defensive positions at (9157). On 11 January at 1600H the ARVN communicator, ridiculed the Company Call Sign. And on 12 January at 1100H the same communicator used English slang vulgarities six times in rapid repitition.

Recommend: Investigation of ARVN communication units within area of operations and change of frequencies.

T. P. SCHWARTZ
1st Lt. Co. C

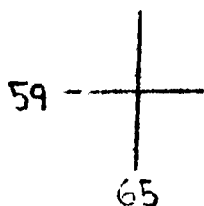
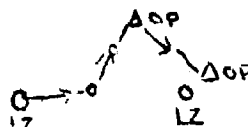
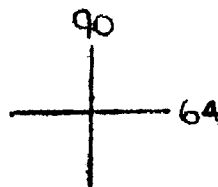
11. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE (2)

DECLASSIFIED

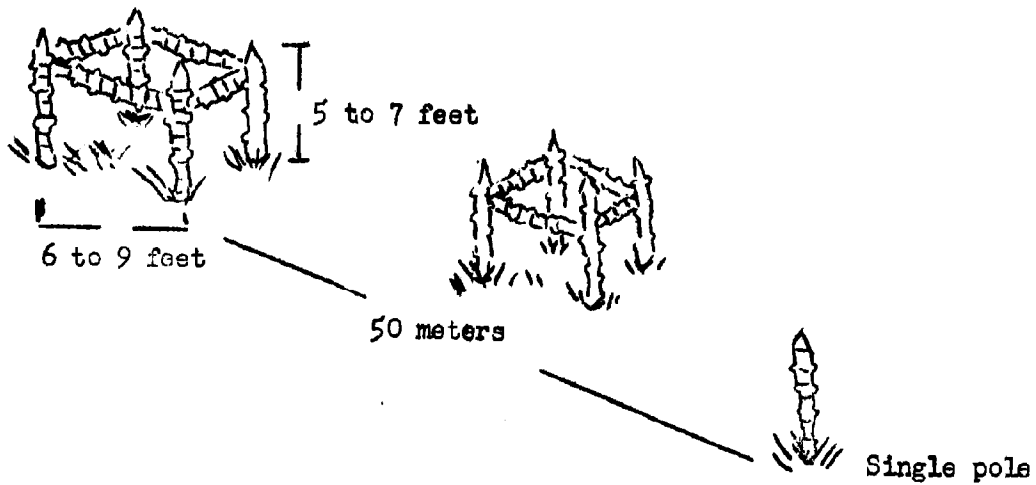
PATROL: 1-Charlie
SHEET: 6658 IV
SERIES: L-701



ENCLOSURE (2)

DECLASSIFIED

Devices at (AT 881601)



Structures made of wood (possibly bamboo)

ENCLOSURE 20

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Operation Order: 2-66
Patrol: Scat 2-Charlie
Debriefing: SSGT BASS
Map Sheet: 6658 IV

Copy No. 1 of 20 Copies
3d Reconnaissance Bn.
DANANG, RVN
161830H January 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (15) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
 - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
 - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC-25, 1 PRC-10
 - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 1 OB Scope, 1 7x50, 2 6x30 binoculars.
 - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
 - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: 1 Mod 70 Sniper Rifle W/Scope.
2. MISSION: Provide surveillance in support of operation Mallard with emphasis to the Northwest of the objective area in RZ #5.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 121430H/161500H January 1966
4. ROUTE: See Attached Overlay
5. SYNOPSIS: During the period covered only five unusual sightings were made. All were of people in boats. Two sightings were of five boats in group, and one of people loading a object on a boat. A few people were seen fishing and tending to normal activities.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - a. 131740H, five people were observed loading a large object on a boat at coord (AT 885558). The boat then moved North across the river. The people wore black clothing.
 - b. 141335H, eight people were seen running North at coord (AT 875593). All wore black clothing. No equipment was observed.
 - c. 161020H, five boats in a group were observed crossing the river moving South.
 - d. 161035H, five boats with seven people moved East in the river at coord (AT 883556). All wore black clothing and coolie hats.
 - e. 161035H, ten people in three boats were observed moving South across the river at coord (AT 875565). All wore black with straw hats.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: No opportunity presented itself for the use of the sniper rifle.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Condition, morale excellent.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

D. M. DICKE
1st Lt. 2nd Plt. Co. C

11. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

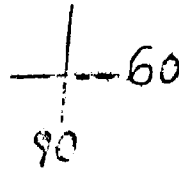
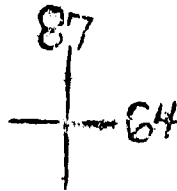
CONFIDENTIAL

...CLOSURE

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

PATROL ROUTE SCAT 2 CHARLEY
MAP SHEET 6658IV
SER L-701.



Encl (23)

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Operation Order: 3-66
Patrol: Seat Charlie 3
Debriefing: SSGT R. F. REGALOT
Map Sheet: 6653 IV, Ser. L-701

Copy No 2 of 30 Copies
3d Reconnaissance Bn.
DANANG, RVN
201230H January 1966

S-3

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - a. COMPOSITION: (2) Off, (9) Enl, (1) USN
 - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
 - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PAC 25
 - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 6x30, (1) pr 7x50 binoculars
 - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
 - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None.
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of Mortar Valley and the SONG VU GIA.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 161700H/201100H January 1966
4. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 3-66
5. SYNOPSIS: During 4 days, and 4 nights of extensive observation no enemy activity was noted. Local working routines were observed being conducted in the fields and villages by local inhabitants. No unusual occurrences were noted.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - a. Map Corrections: Several well used trails were utilized which are not presently located on the map. Refer to the trail overlay.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: None.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No contact made.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.
11. DEBRIEFING COMMENTS: None.

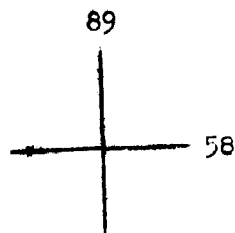
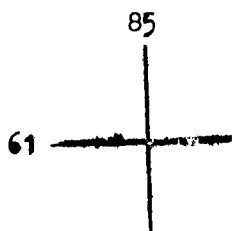
D. L. LEARY Jr.
1st Lt. Co. C

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE

DECLASSIFIED

MAP CORRECTIONS
NEW TRAILS NOT SHOWN ON MAP
MAP SHEET 6658IV
SER: L-701.



ENCLOSURE 63

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

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

Operation Order: 3-66
Patrol: Scat Charlie 3 Bravo
Debriefing: SSGT R. P. REGALOT
Map Sheet: 6658 IV, Series L-701

Copy No. 5 of 30 Copies
3d Reconnaissance Bn.
DANANG, RVN
201230H January 1966

S-3

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - a. COMPOSITION: (10) Enl, (1) USN
 - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
 - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PAC 10
 - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50 binoculars.
 - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
 - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None.
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of Mortor Valley and the SONG VU GIA.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 161430H/201100H January 1966
4. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 3-66
5. SYNOPSIS: During 4 days and 4 nights no friendly or enemy activity was recorded with the exception of 80 head of cattle which were observed grazing unattended.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - a. At 171000H, 60 head of cattle were noted grazing at (AT 883656).
 - b. At 171400H, 20 head of cattle were observed grazing at (AT 876652).
 - c. At 180930H, a portion of a sapling was found buried in the ground paralleling a trail at (AT 863643). Communication wire was anchored from its base and ran loosely across the trail. Members of the patrol disengaged the wire from the sapling in the event it may have been used as a booby trap.
 - d. Map Correction: A trail was utilized which is presently not shown on the map. Refer to Overlay
7. OTHER INFORMATION: None
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No contact was made.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY PATROL: None.

W. G. KENCHOFF
SGT Co. C

CONFIDENTIAL

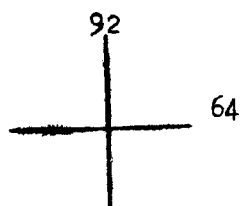
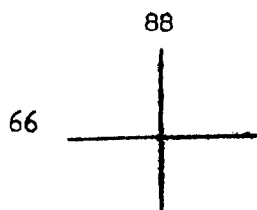
Encl (2)

11. DEBRIEFING COMMENTS: None

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

MAP CORRECTIONS
NEW TRAIL NOT SHOWN ON MAP
MAP SHEET 6658IV
SER: L-701



DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Operation Order: Special Operation
 Patrol: Scout 1-Charlie
 Debriefing: SSGT BASS
 Map Sheet: 6659 III

30
 3d Reconnaissance Bn.
 DANANG, RVN
 181545H January 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
- d. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: Two (2) Snipers
- c. COMMUNICATIONS: 1 PRC-25, 1 PRC-10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 1 pr 7x50, 1 pr 6x3 binoculars
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: 1 M-60, 1 Mod 70 W/8 power scope Sniper Rifle, 1 M-1 Sniper Rifle W/8 power scope.

2. MISSION: Surveillance of the ESSO Plant, APKIM LIEN, the AIVAN PASS and ME NAM Bridge.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 161915H/181400H January 1966

4. ROUTE: See Attached Overlay

5. SYNOPSIS:

a. The patrol was inserted on foot from NUI NAM bridge and retracted in the same way. Upon return to the bridge they were taken under fire by ARVN from the bridge. No one was injured and fire was not returned. One yellow smoke grenade was expended.

b. Sporadic fire fights were heard on the night of 16 and 17 January, from the vicinity of hill 300 in grid square (AT 9288) and DINH LAM CHIEU Village. Fire was directed at, and returned, from, the ESSO Plant and the NUI NAM Bridge.

c. A small cooking fire and two VCS were observed on hill 300, the two VCS were seen two separate occasions.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. All during the night of 16 January sporadic fire was heard from village of LIEN CHIEU and from hill 300 in grid square (AT 9288), directed at the ESSO Plant at coord (AT 936864) and the bunkers immediately to the Northwest of the plant. Automatic carbine and rifle fire could be observed throughout the night.

CONFIDENTIAL

Encl (25)

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

from NUI NAM Bridge, the ESSO plant and the bunkers.

b. 170700H, thirteen wood choppers were observed moving up the trail to the Northwest at coord (AT 913873). Woodcutters were seen all day moving back and forth over the same route. It appeared to be normal activity.

c. During the night 17 January sporadic fire was again heard and observed in the same areas as the night before. A firefight was heard (AT 182000H from the area of NUI NAM Bridge.

d. 171945H, the sounds of four mortar rounds were heard. Three HE and one WP. They sounded like they came from the ARVN around the ESSO Plant and landed at approximately coord (AT 918867).

e. 170700H, two VCS were seen at coord (AT 927886). They stood up and walked around looking for about 1 hour. Due to distance could only make out clothing to be dark in color. No hats or weapons were visible.

g. 180845H, machine gun fire was heard in the vicinity of the ESSO Plant and the NUI NAM Bridge.

h. 181115H, the same two VCS were observed walking around at coord (AT 927886).

i. 181245H, two U.S. Carbine rounds were picked up at coord (AT 908859). Both rounds were just laying on the trail.

j. 181310H, the patrol received fire from ARVN at the NUI NAM Bridge. The patrol was approximately 700 meters Northwest of the Bridge.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: No opportunity presented itself for the use of the sniper rifles or machine gun.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Condition, morale good.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF PATROL:

a. Sniper teams could really be utilized in this area if given time to become familiarized with the many trails.

J. J. KENNEDY
SSGT Co C.

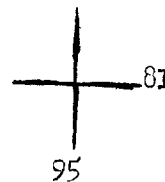
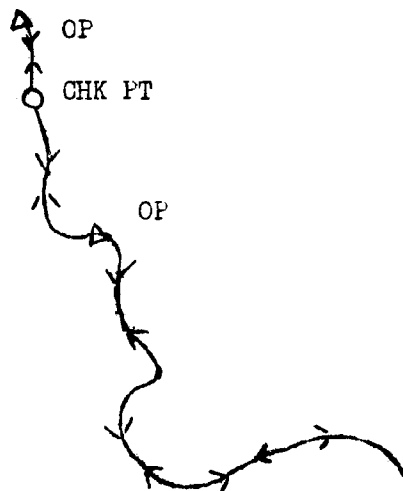
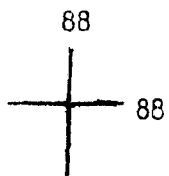
11. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:

a. Patrol leader reports it would be impossible to mark new trails in the area due to the fact that the hills are honey combed with good trails, some old and some new.

b. Concurs with the patrol leaders remarks that this would be ideal territory for the enemy.

DECLASSIFIED

PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
SCAT 1 CHARLEY
MAP SHEET: 6659III
SER: L-701.



DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Operation Order: 4-66
 Patrol: Scat 2-Charlie
 Debriefing: SSGT R. P. REGALOT
 Map Sheet: 6659 III, Ser. L-701

21 of 30 copies
 3d Reconnaissance Bn.
 DANANG, RVN
 251100H January 1966

S-3

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (11) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (3) AN/PRC 10's
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50, (2) pr 6x30 binoculars
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None.

2. MISSION: Conduct continuous Reconnaissance in RZ#5 emphasizing the SONG VU GIA and Mortor Valley avenues of approach.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 201800H/251100H January 1966

4. ROUTE: Refer to Overlay

5. SYNOPSIS: The patrol conducted 5 days of point and area observation along the southeastern portion of the SONG VU GIA basin in RZ#5. It was noted that on the 21st of January 1966 heavy civilian traffic congested route #14, and large numbers of civilians utilized the ferry services at (AT 844549). It was further noted on this day, that the fields were unoccupied. Indications are that the VN observance of tet contributed to the lack of activity in the fields, and heavy traffic along the SONG VU GIA, and route #14 complexes.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. At 220730H, 1 man was observed near a series of small rock formations at (AT 862608). During this brief moment of observation it was noted that he had camouflaged himself by securing brush along the upper portions of his torso. Visual contact was broken when this individual entered the brush. No weapon or equipment was visible. The patrol leader believes this individual was a VC scout or observer occupying an OP site.

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE (2)

DECLASSIFIED

b. At 230830H, members of the patrol detected fresh footprints which had been made by a person wearing pointed boots or shoes at (AP 804602). These prints were detected on a trail, were approximately 12 hours old, and direction of movement was towards the northwest.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. Three trails were utilized which are not presently illustrated on the current map series. Refer to overlay.

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

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Fair, morale fair.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. Conclusion: That the 6x30 binoculars which are T. E. and presently being utilized are inadequate for long range observation and studies. It is recommended that the 7x50 binoculars which are organic but minimum in quantity replace the 6x30 binoculars in the future.

D. M. DICKE
1st Lt. Co. C

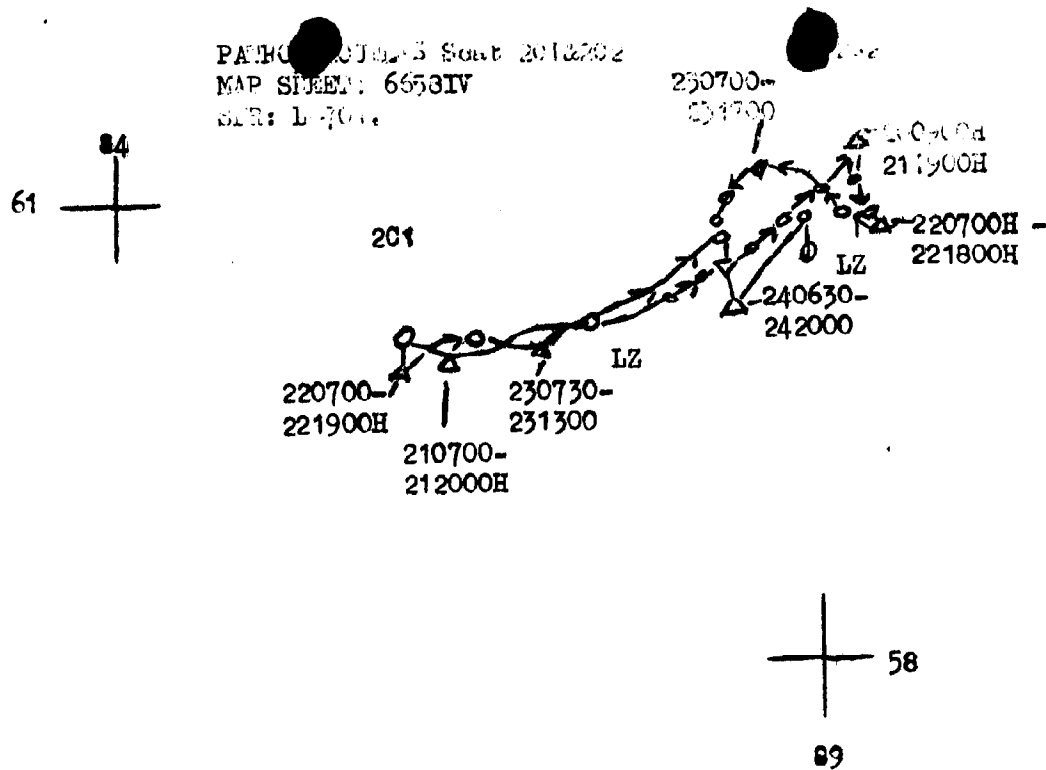
11. DELRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with the patrols conclusion and recommendation.

CONFIDENTIAL

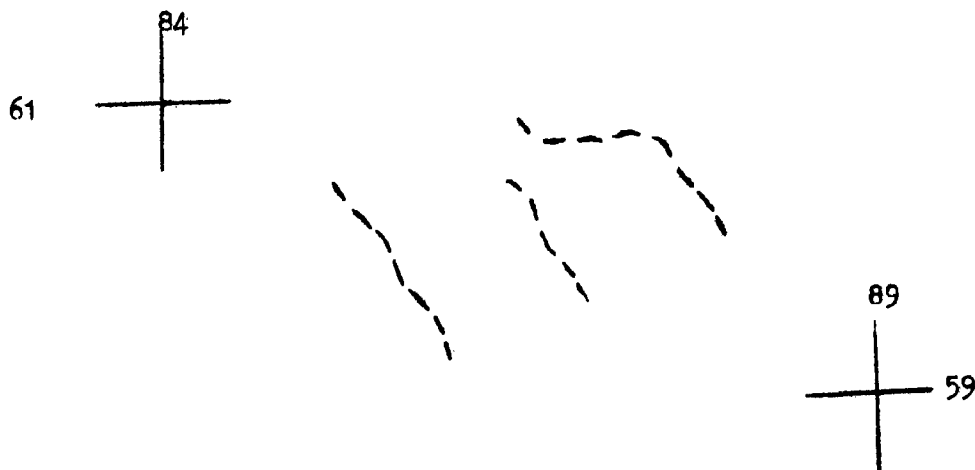
ENCLOSURE 

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED



MAP CORRECTIONS:
NEW TRAILS NOT SHOWN ON MAP.
MAP SHEETS: 6658IV
SER: L-701.



ENCLOSURE

DECLASSIFIED

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

Operation Order: 4-66
 Patrol: 1st Platoon, Company "C"
 Debriefing: 1stLt. E.W. NASH
 Map Sheet: Vietnam; 1:50,000, Sheet 6658 IV

Copy No 24 of 30 Copies
 3d Reconnaissance Bn.
 DANANG, RVN
 261500H January 1966

5-7

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (11) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) PRC-25, (2) PRC-10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (3) 7x50, (1) 6x30 binoculars
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) Sniper rifles w/scope
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) grenade launcher

2. MISSION: Conduct surveillance over the Mortor Valley avenues of approach.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 201015H/261130H January 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol overlay.

5. SYNOPSIS: During the 148 hours of patrolling the patrol sighted two vietnamese males, three harbor sites and one helicopter landing zone. On two occasions automatic weapon fire was heard. The patrol returned with no other contact.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN: The following is a chronological listing of significant sightings and occurrences:

a. ENEMY:

(1) 201200H at (AT 890629) a harbor site two- four weeks old accomodating four men was found.

(2) 202100H 20 rounds of automatic weapon fire (possibly a Thompson sub-machinegun) was heard in the vicinity of (AT 9168).

(3) 210730H a trail was found between (AT 887640) and (AT 887644). Two harbor sites were found accomodating approximately four men each, one to four weeks old. Elephant dung was found along the trail.

(4) 231115H two vietnamese males, one less than twelve years

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

CONFIDENTIAL

of age, moving West through Mortor valley from (AT 890660) to (AT 876653). One wore a white shirt and the other a blue shirt and both wore coolie hats. Each carried a parcel covered with a black civilian poncho which measured about 14"x8"x8". They moved to the North of the OP; stopped; turned around back to the East.

(5) 241400H automatic fire was heard in the vicinity of (AT 903683).

(6) 261300H eight 60 mm mortar canisters and one destroyed AN/PRC - 10 battery was found at (AT 877640). No attempt at camouflage had been made.

b. TERRAIN:

(1) There are many natural trails in the area permitting easy access from Mortor Valley into the NUI SON GA (Charlie Ridge) area.

(2) Landing site accomodating five UH-34's is located at (AT 877649).

7. OTHER INFORMATION: Limited observation was caused by low cloud cover from 20 - 24 January 1966.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Fair- feet in bad, condition due to extended time in damp situation.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. Recommended deeper penetration into the Mortor Valley area.

T. P. SCHWARTZ
1stLt. 1st Platoon, Company C.

11. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

CONFIDENTIALENCLOSURE **OP**

DECLASSIFIED

PATROL ROUTE
MAP SHEET: 6658IV
SER: L-701.

86
67

TOD 261015H
TOR 261415H

LZ 23

1-C
Lt. T. SCHWARTZ

LZ 21 (INSERT)

61
91

ENCLOSURE (2)

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Operation Order: 5-66
Patrol: Scat 3-Charlie
Fabricator: SSGT R.P. REGALOT
Map Sheet: 6650 IV

5-3
No. 27-30
3d Reconnaissance Bn.
DANANG, RVN
271530H January 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (18) Enl, (1) USN
 - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
 - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC-10, (1) AN/PRC-25
 - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 6x30, (1) OB's scope Med. M-47 20 power
 - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
 - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None.
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ#5 DANANG, emphasizing the SONG VU GIA avenues of approach, and attempted to apprehend prisoners.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 251000H/271445H January 1966
4. ROUTE: Refer to Overlay.
5. SYNOPSIS: During the 52 hours of manning selective observation posts, there were no sightings of enemy activity. Normal working routines were observed being conducted by local inhabitants near village complexes and cultivated areas.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN: No physical or visual contact was made.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:
 - a. From 252300H to 252345H, a continuous beam of light was observed at (AT 865617).
 - b. At 261845H, the rifle flashes and noise of a fire fight were heard from the vicinity of (AT 912589). No activity could be observed.
 - c. At 271300H, the patrol observed a funeral procession heading East at (AT 855885), consisting of 10 people. Eight people wore white shirts, black trousers, and straw hats. The others wore black pajamas without hats.

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE (2)

DECLASSIFIED

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

d. It was noted, that the Southeastern approaches to hill 246 (AT 864601) are excellent routes of ingress due to the lack of dense and heavy vegetation.

e. Refer to overlay for Helicopter landing zones.

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

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusion: That hill 600 at (AT 850610) affords good observation to the northeast, southwest and southeast.

W. G. KIRCHOFF
SGT Co. C

11. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

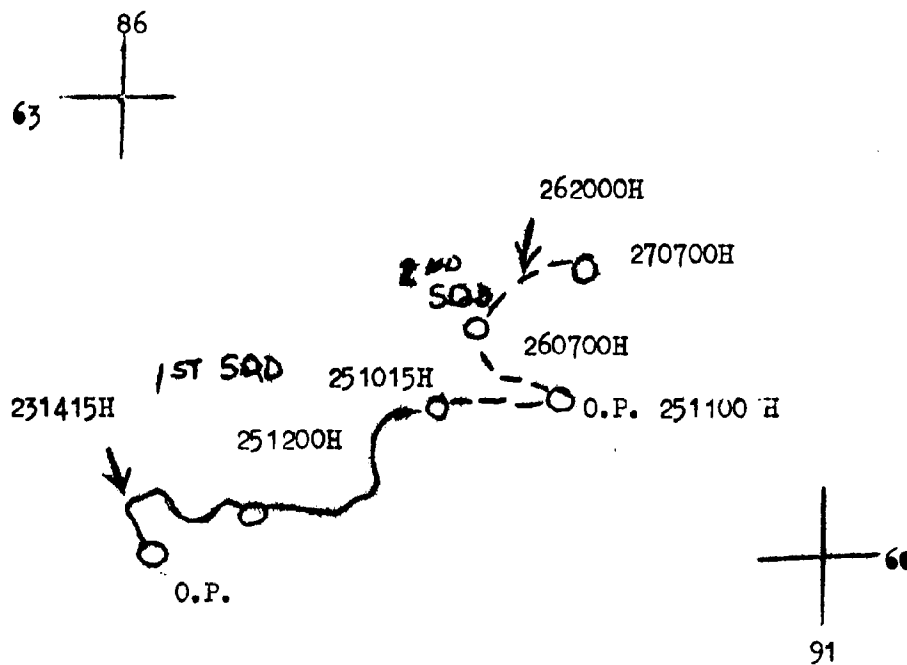
C O N F I D E N T I A L

ENCLOSURE 

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

PATROL ROUTE Scat 3 Charley
MAP SHEET: 6658IV
SER: L-701.

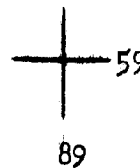
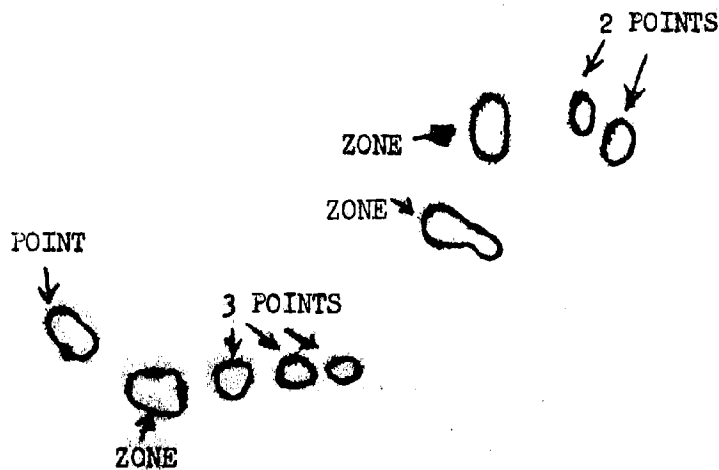
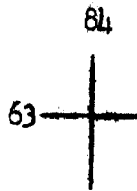


ENCLOSURE 20

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

HELICOPTER LANDING ZONE OVERLAY.
MAP SHEET: 6658IV
SER: L-701.



ENCLOSURE 62

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Operation Order: 6-66
 Patrol: 2d Plt. Co. C
 Debriefing: SSGT R.P. REGALOT
 Map Sheet: 6658 IV

Copy No **23** of 30 Copies
 3d Reconnaissance Bn.
 DANANG, RVN
 301700H January 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (10) Enl, (1) USN (1) ARVN
 - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENT: None.
 - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 10 and (2) AN/PRC 25
 - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 6x30, (1) pr 7x50 binoculars
 - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
 - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None.
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ#5, DANANG, emphasizing surveillance of the SONG-VU-GIA and the Mortar Valley avenues of approach.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 271330H/301600H January 1966
4. ROUTE: Refer to Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - a. SYNOPSIS:

88 hours of patrolling and surveillance in RZ#5 resulted in negative sightings of enemy activities. Normal working routines were observed being conducted by local inhabitants in the cultivated complexes.
 - b. ENEMY:

No visual or physical contact made.
 - c. TERRAIN:

There were no new terrain characteristics observed.
6. OTHER INFORMATION: None.

CONFIDENTIALENCLOSURE **64**

DECLASSIFIED

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

7. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No visual or physical contact made.
8. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.
9. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

D. M. DICKE
1stLt. Co. C

10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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

ENCLOSURE ~~63~~

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

PATROL ROUTE
Co C, 2d Plt, 3d Recon Bn
Map: VIET NAM, 1:50,000
Sheet 6658IV
27-30 Jan 1966
OpO 6-66

91
66



61
86

ENCLOSURE 83

DECLASSIFIED

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

Operation Order: 7-66
Patrol: 1st Plt. Co. C
Debriefed: SSGT R.P. REGALOT
Map Sheet: 6658 IV

Copy No 27 of 30 Copies
3d Reconnaissance Bn.
DANANG, RVN
021330H February 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (13) Bn1, (2) USN (1) ARVN
 - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
 - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's, (1) AN/PRC 10
 - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (3) 7x50's, (1) 6x30 binoculars
 - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) Grenade Launchers
 - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) Sniper Rifle Model 70 Winchester W/8 power scope.
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ#5 DANANG, emphasizing surveillance of the SONG VU GIA and the Mortar Valley avenues of approach.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 301145H/021245H January 1966
4. ROUTE: Refer to Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - a. SYNOPSIS: 65 hours of continuous surveillance in RZ#5 resulted in negative sightings of enemy activities normal working routines were observed being conducted by local inhabitants in the rice paddy complexes.
 - b. ENEMY: No physical or visual contact made.
 - c. TERRAIN: There were no new terrain characteristics observed.
6. OTHER INFORMATION:
 - a. 012000H, loud speakers were heard from the vicinity of grid square (AT 9157) broadcasting in the Vietnamese language.

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

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

- b. 020630H, loud speakers were heard from the vicinity of grid square (AT 8755) broadcasting in the Vietnamese language. 1 minute later, small arms fire was heard from the same vicinity for a period of 20 minutes. No activity could be observed.
- c. Numerous quantities of elephant dung, and tracks were found in grid square (AT 8763).
- d. Periodic fire fights were heard from the vicinity of grid squares (AT 8266), and (AT 8385).
- 7. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No visual or physical contact made.
- 8. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.
- 9. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

T. P. SCHWARTZ
1st Lt. Co. C

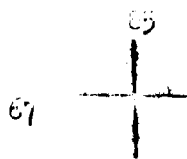
- 10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Constant surveillance has been maintained over the SONG GA Ridge area for the past two weeks with negative sightings or contacts, which indicates minimum enemy activity in the patrol area.

CONFIDENTIAL

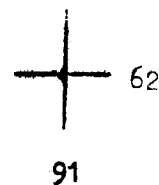
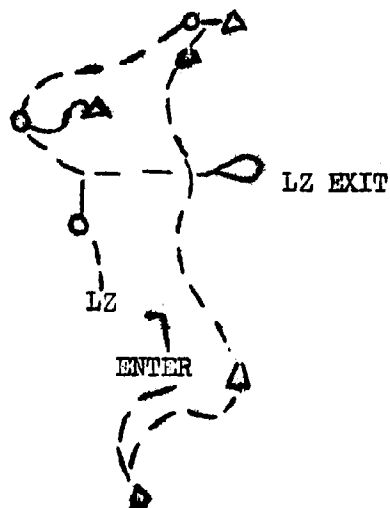
ENCLOSURE (2)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED



PATROL ROUTE SCAT CHARLEY 1
MAP SHEET: 6659IV
SER: L-701.
Lt. SCHWARTZ 301545H-021300H



ENCLOSURE 64

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

5-3

Copy No 17 of 45 Copies
3d Reconnaissance Bn.
DANANG, RVN
061815H January 1966

PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Seat 1-Delta

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

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off (15) 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 West of hill 502 leading into Eastern end of Happy Valley.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 031005H - January 1966
4. TIME OF RETURN: 061615H - January 1966
5. ROUTE: (See Attached Overlay)
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
031300H	(AT 873669)	2 abandoned huts.
040920H	(AT 827660)	Grenade booby trap.
041055H	(AT 822661)	2 VC moving East on trail.
041120H	(AT 821661)	2 VC behind a log butchering a pig.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 031300H 2 huts were found and searched at coordinates (AT 873669). The huts were old, abandon, and almost completely demolished. 2 holes were found about 3 feet in diameter and approximately 2 feet deep. They were old. They had logs across the top with flat rocks on top. It was all covered with dirt with exception of approximately a 6 inch square hole.

(2) 040920H at coordinates (AT 827660) a grenade type booby trap was exploded. The grenade was attached to the tree with a trip wire connected to a bush. When the bush was moved the grenade was exploded. 1 man received a small abrasion and bruise.

(3) 041055H 2 VC moved East up the trail. As soon as they saw the

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE (3)

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

patrol they turned. Both were killed. Captured was a ChiCom sub-machine gun k-50/PPSH.41, 1 French rifle MAS 1936 and 3 documents. (attached ARVN stated 1 KIA was defected ARVN)

041120H at coordinates (AT 821661) 2 VC were seen behind a log butchering a wild pig. They were taken under fire and 1 was possibly wounded. No traces of blood were found. They moved out in a Westerly direction. 1 knife and a pair of shower shoes were left behind.

There is a good trail running from (AT 800665 - 886574) (See attached overlay). It is approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet wide and is well used. Some parts had canopys.

Wild boar were sighted throughout the area.

Communications were good with both the PRC 25 and PRC 10.

About every 500 meters along the trail was a pit approximately 4 feet long, 2 feet wide and $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet deep.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 2 VC killed, one USMC WIA.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED: LCpl NILES was treated and immediately returned to duty. Morale high and condition good.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Recommend: That company sized patrol check out the complet trail.

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

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

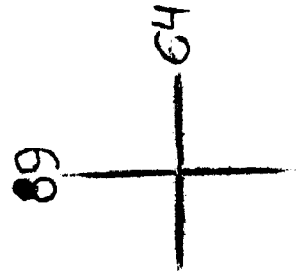
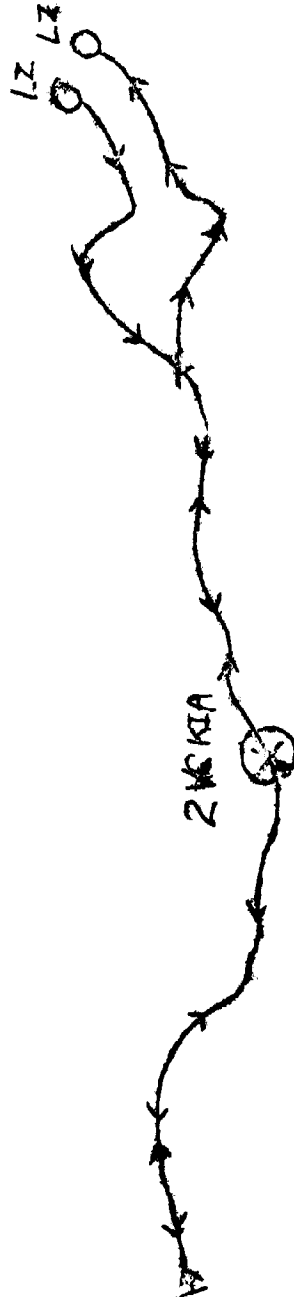
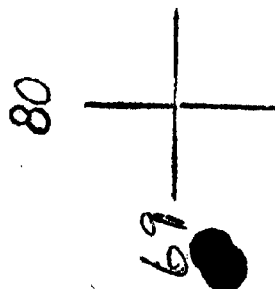
CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE (3)

DECLASSIFIED

ENCLOSURE (3)

SCAT "1" DELTA
PATROL ROUTE
SHEET: 6659 III
SER: L-701.



DECLASSIFIED

ENCLOSURE (3)

MAP CORRECTIONS
SHEET 659 III
SERIAL 111,
NEWTAIL NOT SHOWN
ON MAP.

69
80

69
64



DECLASSIFIED

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

Operation Order: **2-66**
Patrol: Scat 3-Delta 2
Debriefers: SSGT BASS
Map Sheet: 6659 III

Copy No. **5-3** of 30 Copies
3d Reconnaissance Bn.
DAGANG, RVN
161640H January 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (10) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATION: 1 PRC-25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 1 pr 7x50 binoculars.
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: 1 LAW, 1 Sniper rifle, Mod 70 w/8 power scope.

2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operation in RZ #3 and 4, determine extent of enemy activity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 131500H/161600H January 1966

4. ROUTE: See Attached Overlay

5. SYNOPSIS: During most of the period covered only normal activity could be observed. However, on the 13th of January a small fire-fight was observed at coord (AT 857857) between three amtracks and some VN's. One amtrack landed and approximately fourteen men assaulted a position and returned with approximately twenty people. They were loaded in the amtrack and taken away.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. 132330H, 1 small arms round was fired from the southwest. Could not observe.
- b. 140020H, 2 more rounds were fired from the same general vicinity.
- c. 140030H, a large boat with approximately twelve people aboard landed at coord (AT 857857). The people moved into the village of PHO NAM THUONG HA.
- d. 140040H, three small boats landed, one at (AT 859858) and the other two landed (AT 857857). The boats carried approximately sixteen people. No weapons could be observed due to distance. Clothing was black and white.

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

DECLASSIFIED

C O N F I D E N T I A

e. 140900H, one boat with four people landed at coord (AT 857857).

f. 140905H, three boats with a total of ten people landed at coord (AT 857857).

g. 140910H, three amtracks were seen at coord (AT 860859). Firing was heard and the amtracks returned fire. Two amtracks stayed in the water while the other amtrack landed and debarked approximately fourteen troops. They appeared to assault an objective that the patrol could not observe. After approximately five minutes the troops returned with what appeared to be fifteen or twenty VN's that they loaded aboard the amtrack. At 0925H, the amtracks moved back South along the river. After the amtracks left there was continuous VN activity in the area but the distance was too great to determine what they were doing.

h. 141035H, one boat with two people landed at coord (AT 857857).

i. 141037H, the amtracks returned and debarked people who appeared to be wearing green. One had what appeared to be a white helmet. It appeared as though they were hearing the VN's around, however, some of the people wandered away from the group and just wandered around. No shooting was heard. At approximately 1110H the amtracks moved Southwest on the river out of sight. At 1130H the amtracks reappeared and moved around the bend in the river to the South out of sight. VN activity continued in the area until approximately 1530H.

j. All of the Northern position of grid square (AT 8285) and (AT 8385) would make good HLZ's. The area should accommodate approximately forty Helos. The area appears to be dried up unused rice paddies. No obstacles could be seen.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: No opportunity was presented to use the LAW or Sniper rifle.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Condition and morale excellent.

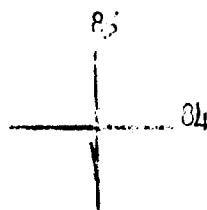
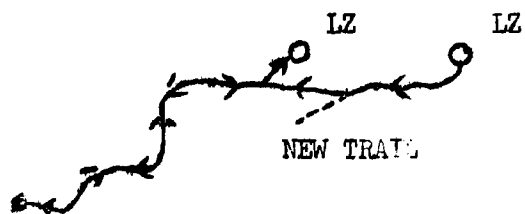
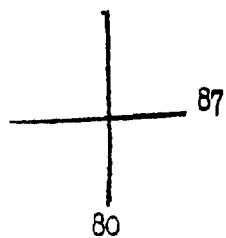
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY PATROL: None.

R. R. DELORN
SGT Co. D

11. DEBRIEFERS COMMENTS: None.

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

DECLASSIFIED

[illegible]

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Operation Order: 2-66
Patrol: Scat 3-Delta 1
Debriefed: SSGT BASS
Map Sheet: 6659 III

Copy No 2 of 30 Copies
3d Reconnaissance Bn.
DANANG, RVN
161900H January 1966

S-3

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - a. COPOSITION: (6) En1, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
 - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
 - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: 1 PRC-25
 - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 1 pr 7x50 binoculars
 - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 5 lbs. TNT with fuzes.
 - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None.
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ #3 and 4 to determine extent of enemy activity.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 131515H/161700H January 1966
4. ROUTE: See Attached Overlay
5. SYNOPSIS: The only sighting that was made during the period was of three woodcutters cutting wood. No other people or movement was observed.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - a. During the day of 14 January three woodcutters were observed cutting wood at coord (AT 849786).
 - b. One LZ was noted at coord (AT 846782). It was approximately 75 yards by 50 yards and would accomodate one H-34 Helo. The grass is approximately two feet high. It can be approached either from the North or South. High trees are on the East and West sides.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: None.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Condition, morale good.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY PATROL:
 - a. The crew of the Helo that inserted the patrol had no map in the aircraft. The patrol was inserted approximately two thousand meters from the right LZ.

R. J. OLIVE
SGT 3d Flt. Co. D

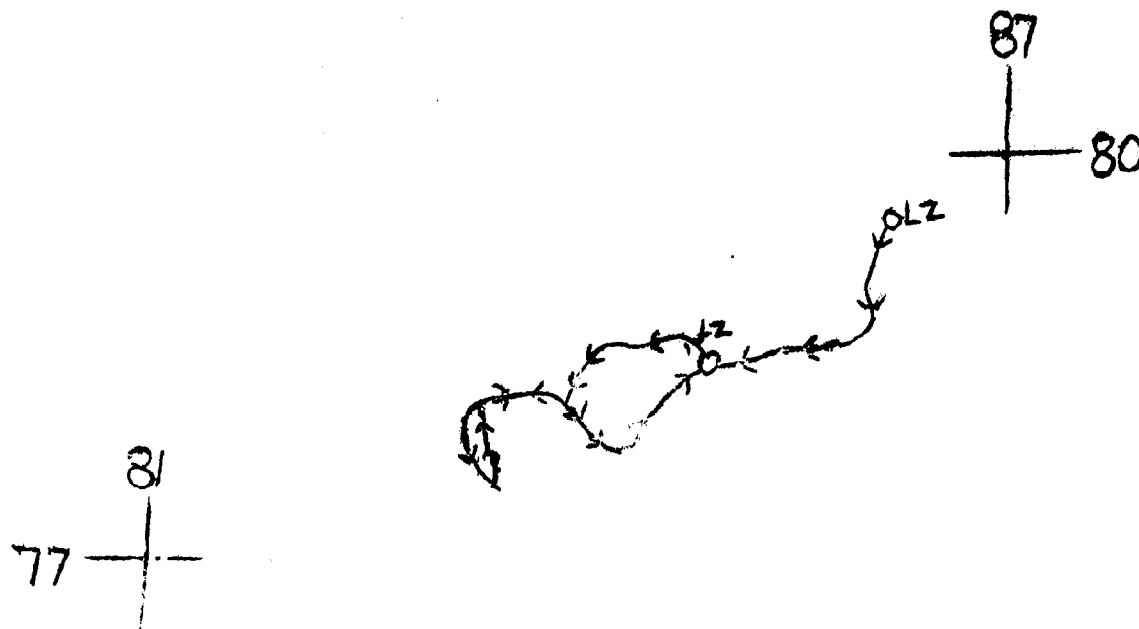
11. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

Encl(33)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

PATROL ROUTE SCAT 3 DELTA 1
MAP SHEET 6659III
SER 1-701.



DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

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

Operation Order: 2-66
Patrol: Scat 2-Delta
Debriefing: 1st Lt. NASH
Map Sheet: 6658 IV, 6659 III

Copy No 2 of 30 Copies
3d Reconnaissance Bn.
DANANG, RVN
191300H January 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (17) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
 - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
 - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
 - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50 binoculars.
 - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
 - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None.
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in KZ's 3 and 4 to determine extent of enemy activity.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 131300H/191100H January 1966
4. ROUTE: See Attached Overlay
5. SYNOPSIS: During 142 hours of operation 34 civilians were sighted, all doing normal field work, one trail marking was observed, 4 VN were apprehended, identification cards and 1000 piastre were captured with the VN. There were no casualties sustained.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - a. 131800H, found (2) bamboo sticks sharpened on each end, parallel to trail. (AT 860739)
 - b. 141410H, (1) man wearing coolie hat, red top and brown bottoms, spotted OP at (AT 862712) and ran to village at (AT 870707).
 - c. 141845H, at (AT 857702), HLZ 100x300 meters.
 - d. 141845H, Two automatic burst of carbine fire in vicinity (AT 846692).
 - e. 150900H, spotted (30) people working in field vicinity of (AT 870709).

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

ENCLOSURE (34)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

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

- f. 151340H, Trail at (AT 843703) runs north and south along hill mass 995.
- g. 171005H, trench or trail located at (AT 823752).
- h. 181035H, Captured (1) man, (3) women, ^{VN} VCS, picking Ti-Leaves, Man had I.D. card, 1000 piastre. (AT 846722) VCS heli-lifted to interrogation teams.
- i. 190100H, automatic weapons firing vicinity HOA VINH, (AT 9080).
- j. Helicopter LZ's are numerous throughout the area of operation. (See Attached Overlay) High grass and scrubs surrounding zones 8-12 feet high.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:
- a. A vietnamese boy, age 10-13, allegedly known as HUEY, who speaks good English, has been seen by reconnaissance personnel on several patrols in the vicinity of North Fort (AT 902775). He questions the men as to their destination, duration of patrol, and other matters of military importance.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
- a. (4) Indigenous VN apprehended. No casualties sustained.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY PATROL:
- a. Recommended that boy in 7a. be interrogated by competent authorities.
- G. V. SMITH
1st Lt. Co. D
11. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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

ENCLOSURE (34)

DECLASSIFIED

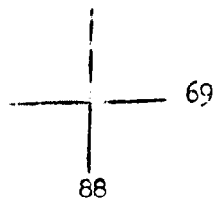
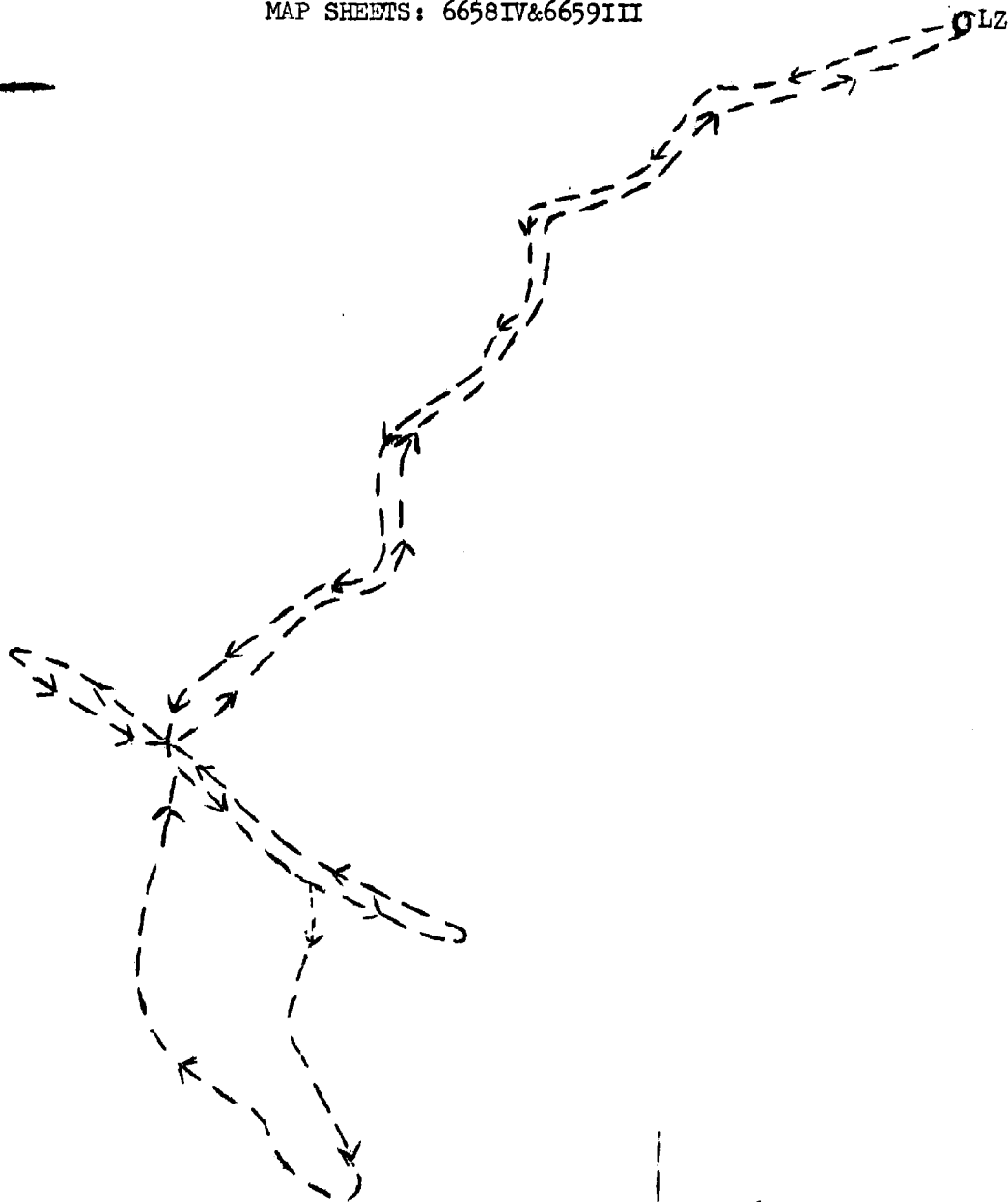
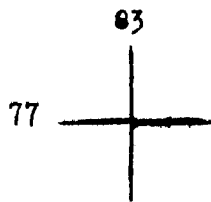
DECLASSIFIED

PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

SCAT 2 DELTA

MAP SERIES: L-701.

MAP SHEETS: 6658IV&6659III



ENCLOSURE (3/)

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Operation Order: 2-66
 Patrol: 1-Delta 1
 Debriefed: SSGT R. P. REGALOT
 Map Sheet: Vietnam, 6659 III

Copy No. 2 of 30 Copies
 3d Reconnaissance Bn.
 DANANG, RVN
 221230H January 1966

S-3

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (6) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) Sniper Rifle, M-1, W/8 power scope.

2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ #3 and 4 to determine extent of enemy activity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 161530H/221130H January 1966

4. ROUTE: Refer to overlay.

5. SYNOPSIS:

a. For a period of 4 days, from the 16th through the 20th of January 1966, the patrol established two (2) OP sites in RZ #3 at (AT 825055) and (AT 818054). Observation was directed to the West, North, and Eastern portions of the SONG CA DE'. There were no enemy or friendly sightings made during this period. At 201500H the patrol was retracted by helo and re-inserted in RZ #4 at (AT 875690) at 201515H. Extensive patrolling was conducted for a period of 2 days terminating at 221030H on hill #41 at (AT 934565). Refer to patrol route on attached overlay. There was no friendly or enemy activity recorded during this 2 day period.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN: No contact made.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) The AN/PRC 25 provided excellent means of communications. (2) No opportunity presented itself for the utilization of the sniper rifle.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusion: That the small hill mass in grid square (AT 8285) provides excellent observation of the SONG CA DE' basin.

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

11. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with the patrol leaders conclusion.

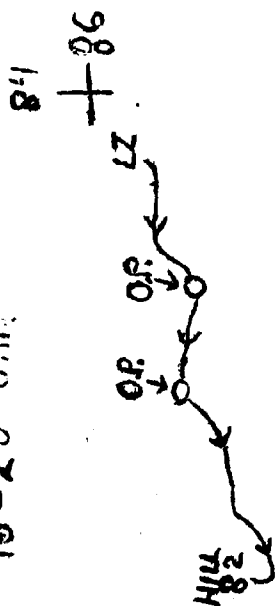
CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE (3)

ENCLOSURE (3)

1 DELTA 1
PATROL ROUTE
MAP SHEET: 6659
SER : L-701

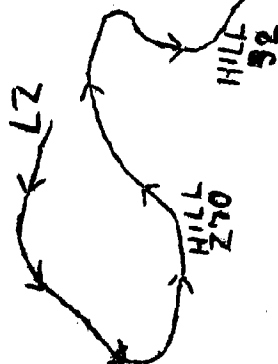
16-20 JAN



83
80

20-22 JAN

88
70



67
85

HILL 41

DECLASSIFIED

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

Operation Order: 2-66
Patrol: Seat 1-Delta 2
Debriefing: SSGT R. P. REGALOT
Map Sheet: 6658 IV, Series L-701

Copy No. 22 of 30 Copies
3d Reconnaissance Bn.
DANANG, RVN
221230H January 1966

S-3

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - a. COMPOSITION: (6) Enl, (1) USN
 - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
 - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC #25
 - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50 binoculars
 - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) Demo. Kit.
 - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) Winchester Mod. 70 (Shot Gun)
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ #3 and 4 to determine extent of enemy activity.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 161500H/221130H January 1966
4. ROUTE: Refer to Overlay
5. SYNOPSIS: At 161515H, the patrol inserted into RZ #4 (AT 848675). To keep the THON HOA TRUNG Village complex (AT 8477) under observation for a period of 4 days from the 15th to the 20th of January 1966. Several OP's were established on succeeding days resulting in negative sightings of enemy or friendly activity, refer to overlay.. At 201515H, the patrol was retracted and re-inserted by helo to (AT 857684) where the patrol commenced a two (2) day area reconnaissance from the Western portion of RZ #4 to its Eastern boundary, refer to overlay. During this 2 day period, no friendly or enemy was noted.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - a. From 161700H to 161710H, a fire fight and the beating of drums was heard from the vicinity of grid square (AT 8578).
 - b. No opportunity presented itself for the utilization of the shot gun or the demolition kit.

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

ENCLOSURE (34)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

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

- 7. OTHER INFORMATION: None.
- 8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No contact made.
- 9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good. Morale excellent.
- 10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

R. N. HOLT
SSGT Co. D

- 11. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

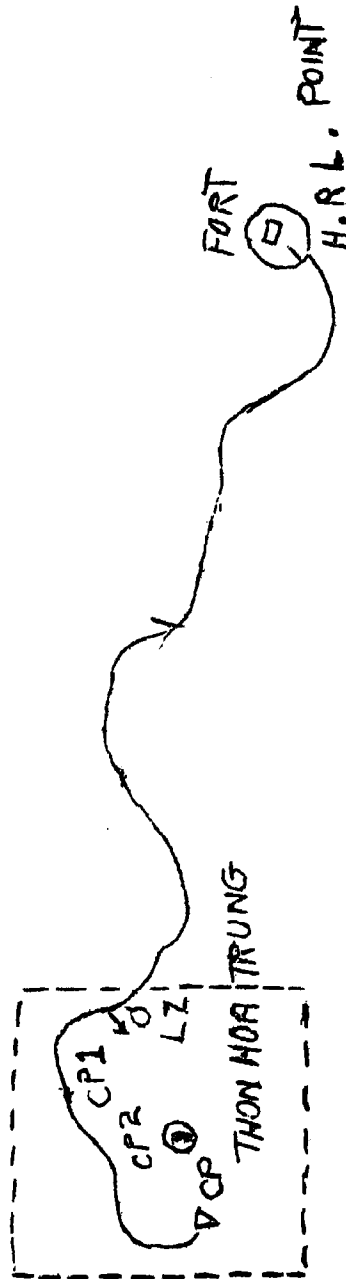
C O N F I D E N T I A L

ENCLOSURE (3)

DECLASSIFIED

ENCLOSURE 3

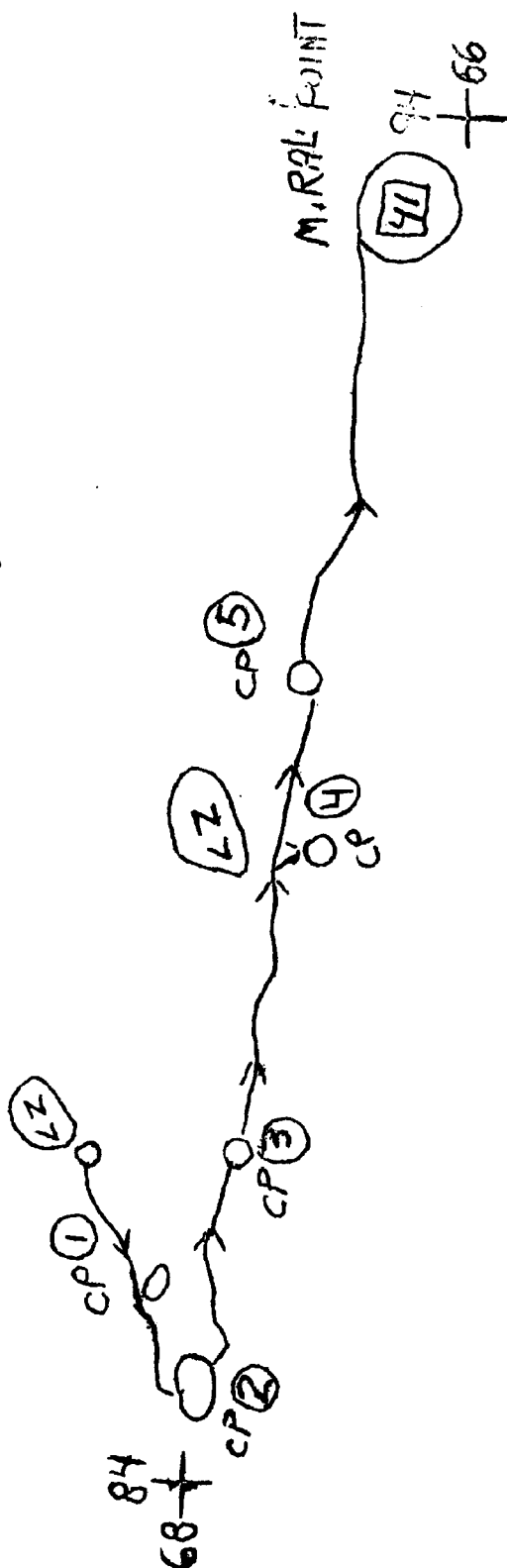
PATROL ROUTE: SCAT 1 DELTA 2
 MAP SHEET: 6659 III
 SER: L-701,
 16-20 JAN



82
 +82

91
 -1-75

PATROL ROUTE
 SCAT 1 DELTA 2
 MAP SHEET: 6658IV
 SER: L-701
 20-22-JAN



DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Operation Order: 3-66
Patrol: Scat 3 Delta 1
Debriefing: Cpl V. K. JUDGE
Map Sheet 6659 III, Series L-701

Copy No 20 of 30 Copies
3d Reconnaissance Bn.
DANANG, RVN
231630H January 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (7) Enl, (1) USN
 - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
 - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) PRC-25
 - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50 binoculars
 - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: Demolition kit
 - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) Model 70 Winchester (Shot Gun)
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in AZ#4 to determine extent of enemy activity.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 191330H/231530H January 1966
4. ROUTE: See Attached Overlay
5. SYNOPSIS: During 4 days of continuous reconnaissance and surveillance in AZ#4 there were negative enemy and friendly sightings.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - a. At 221200H, in the Tung Son Village complex, (AT 846723), it was noted that extensive damage had been caused by the presence of elephants throughout the uninhabited village. This was determined by the excessive sightings of elephant dung and tracks which were generally found near fruit bearing trees.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:
 - a. It was noted by the patrol at numerous occasions an abundance of elephant dung in the area of operation. Also elephant trumpeting was heard periodically throughout the patrol.

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE 3

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

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

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Condition and morale good.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

R. J. OLIVE
SGT Co. D

11. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

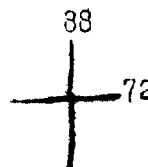
CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE (3)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

PATROL ROUTE Scat 3 Delta 1
MAP SHEET: 6659111
SER: I-701.



ENCLOSURE (3)

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Operation Order: **3-66**
 Patrol: **Scat 3 Delta 2**
 Debriefer: **SSGT R. P. REGALOT**
 Map Sheet: **6659 III, Series L-701**

Copy No **21** of **30** Copies
 3d Reconnaissance Bn.
 DANANG, RVN
 231735H January 1966

PATROL REPORT1. **SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:**

- a. **COMPOSITION:** (10) Enl
- b. **SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS:** None.
- c. **COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT:** AN/PIC #25
- d. **OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT:** (1) pr 7x50 binoculars
- e. **SPECIAL EQUIPMENT:** Demolition Kit.
- f. **SPECIAL WEAPONS:** (1) Shot gun winchester Model 70

2. **MISSION:** Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in LZ#4 to determine extent of enemy activity.3. **TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN:** 191330H/ 231530H January 19664. **ROUTE:** Refer to overlay.5. **SYNOPSIS:** Four days of continuous observation and extensive patrolling resulted in negative sightings of enemy and friendly activities. Primary points of observation were directed toward the Eastern portion of the HOI WUC basin in grid squares (AT 8670), (AT 8770), and (AT 8870).6. **OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:**

- a. A well used trail not presently illustrated on the map was utilized by the patrol. Refer to the trail overlay.

7. **OTHER INFORMATION:**

- a. It was noted through the patrols route that elephant dung littered the trail complexes and area.

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE (3)

DECLASSIFIED

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

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

A. K. DELORME
SGT Co. D

11. DEBRIEFING COMMENTS: None.

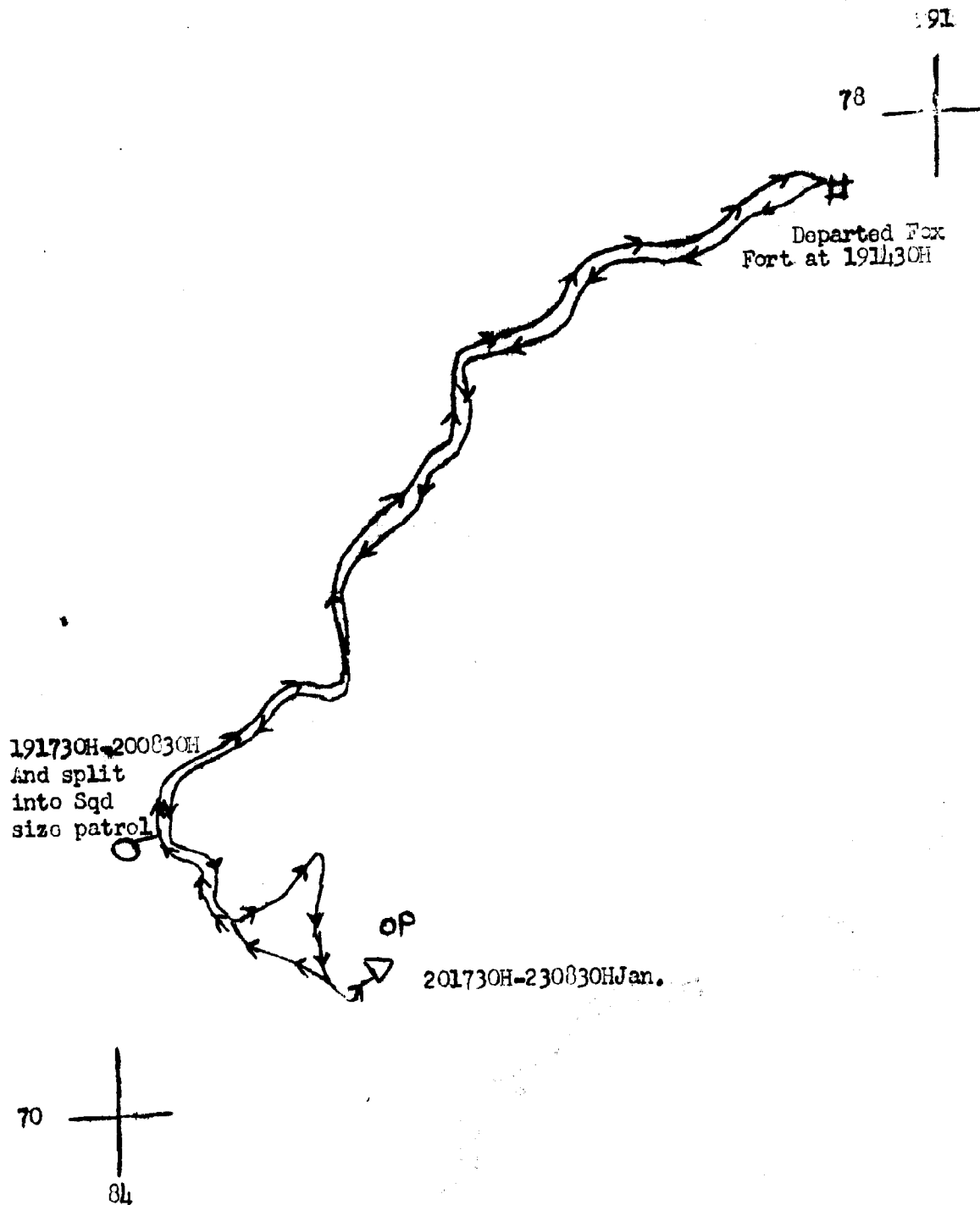
C O N F I D E N T I A L

ENCLOSURE 

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

PATROL ROUTE Scat 3 Delta 2
MAP SHEET: 6659III
SER: L-70L

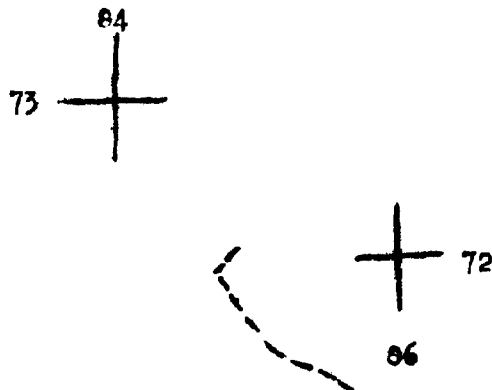


ENCLOSURE (3)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

MAP CORRECTIONS
MAP SHEET: 6659III
SER: L-701.
NEW TRAIL NOT SHOWN ON MAP.



ENCLOSURE (58)

DECLASSIFIED

DANANG, RVN
270900H January 1966

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- G. V. SMITH
1st Lt. Co. D

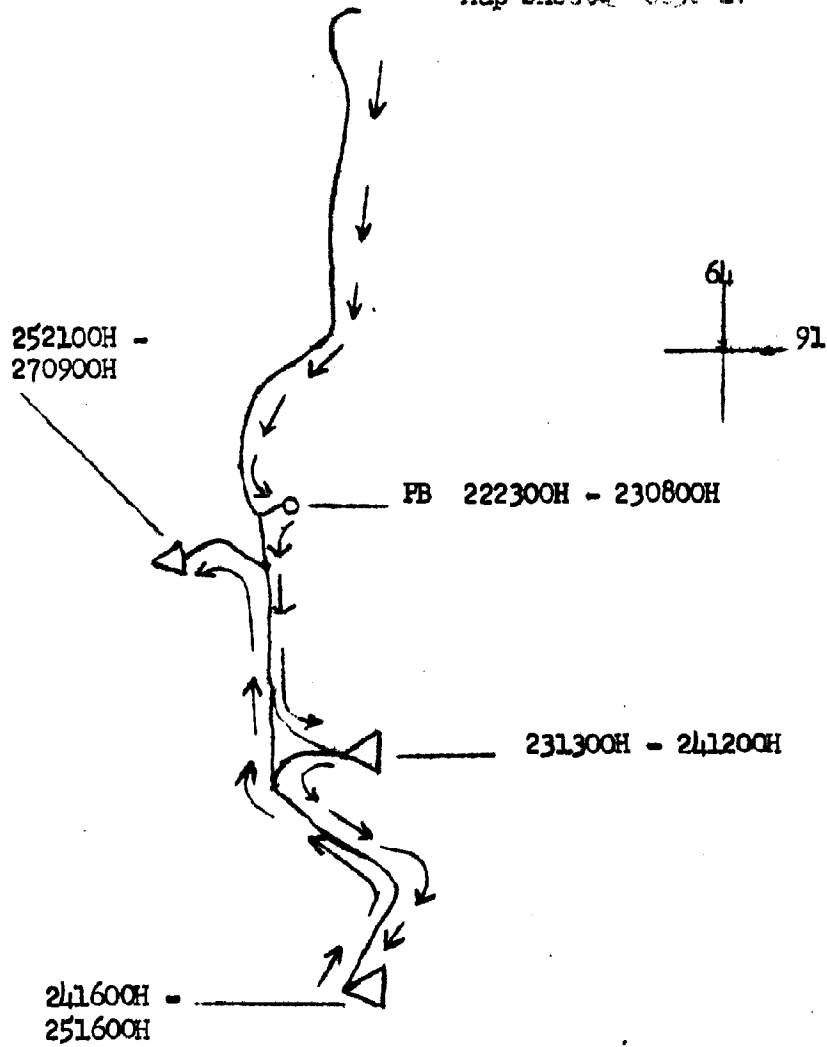
11. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE. (3)

DECLASSIFIED

PATROL ROUTE: Seat 2-Delta
Map Sheet 6458 IV



ENCLOSURE (30)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy 4 of 35 Copies

RECON GROUP AIFA
3rd Reconnaissance Battalion
3rd Marine Division, III Marine Amphibious Force
c/o FPO, San Francisco, 94011

3/JUN/rjm
7 Jan 1966


PATROL REPORT: Group Frag Order 1-66

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

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co B(-)(Rein), 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion. (10) Enl USMC.
2. MISSION: To maintain surveillance vicinity Thanh My Trung (1) (BT 4402) and the area vicinity BT 4006.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 011115H January 1966
4. TIME OF RETURN: 051045H January 1966
5. ROUTE: See overlay (Enclosure (1)).
6. OBSERVATIONS AND SUMMARY: During the 95 hours of the patrol, one sighting was made of 1 VC. No contacts were made. The patrols were inserted and recovered by helicopter.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
011700H	BT 430046	1 man talking to group of children wearing black with camouflage gear with weapon and cartridge belt.
041400H	BT 403073	Observed well concealed trench which ran east-west parallel to a trail. The trench was 5 feet deep, 4 feet wide and 200 meters long. Dense vegetation provided overhead cover.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: None.
8. RESULTS OF CONTACTS: No contacts made.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.


JAMES L. CONLTON
Captain, U. S. Marine Corps
Commanding

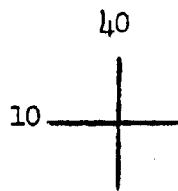
ENCLOSURE (4)
CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

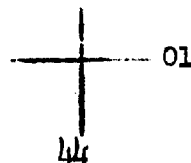
40
10



Copy 4 of 35 Copies
Patrol Route Overlay
Operation 1-66
1st & 2nd Squads,
2nd Platoon, Co B(-)(Rein)
3rd Recon Bn
Vietnam 1:50,000
Tri Binh 6757 III



01



44

Legend:

- HLZ

- OP

Enclosure (1)

CONFIDENTIAL
ENCLOSURE (1)

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy 4 of 35 Copies
 Recon Group Alfa
 Chu Lai, Vietnam
 051500H January 1966

Debriefing Report, Group Prag Order 1-66

Debriefed: SSgt. R. P. REGALOT
 Team HAM: 1st Squad, 2nd Plt, Co B, 3rd Recon Bn. (5) Bn1 USMC
 Patrol Leader - Sgt. EWING, L. L.
 Asst. Patrol Leader - Cpl. MILLER, R. L.

MISSION: To establish CP's vicinity Thanh My Trung (1) and the area vicinity BT 4006.

At 011115H, the patrol departed by helicopter from landing zone RLT-4 and were inserted in RZ #2 at 011125H at BT 400080. The patrol, on clearing the helicopter, proceeded towards the southwest. At 011700H at BT 399075 the patrol found a small cylindrical device buried in the ground. Only one-half inch was protruding from the ground. This object was approximately 1" in diameter and silver in color and was partially covered with vegetation and dirt. The patrol leader believes this may have been a booby trap. At 011730H, a patrol harboring site was occupied at BT 400075 and remained at this location till first light. The night was uneventful. At 020630H, the patrol displaced and proceeded cross-country towards the south. While enroute, the patrol discovered an old trail marker paralleling a trail at BT 401072. This was L-shaped, 3 feet high and the arm 2 feet in length with elephant grass secured at the end giving it an appearance of a broom. It had been constructed of saplings and fastened together with vines. This marker appeared old and east down a trail. At 020930H, the patrol arrived at their objective point at BT 403071. A CP/OP was immediately established. The area of observation was to the northeast in grid square BT 4006. No friendly or enemy activity was noted. The rice paddy complexes are presently overgrown and unattended. At 021830H, the patrol displaced and proceeded north to BT 403071 and occupied a harbor site at 021845H. Again, the night was uneventful. At 030700H the following morning, CP's were manned from this location affording good observation to the north in grid square BT 4007 at 030705H; the only sighting made throughout the day was 6 water buffalo grazing unattended at BT 407073. The patrol remained at this location till the following morning with no unusual occurrences that night. At 040700H, the patrol departed in an easterly direction towards hill mass 43 at BT 406068, arriving at this location at 040845H. A CP/OP was immediately manned providing excellent observation to the southwest in grid square BT 4006. During the early morning hours, no friendly or enemy activities were noted. At 041300H, the patrol displaced and headed towards the northwest where contact was made with an elderly man and woman accompanied by 2 children on a trail at BT 403071. They wore black pajamas, straw hats and were heading east on the trail. The man was carrying a cane knife the woman a yolk stick. Their activity, equipment and appearance did not indicate that they were possibly VC or VCS. Both parties proceeded towards their destinations after the brief encounter. At 041400H, the patrol located a well concealed and dug trench at BT 403073. This trench ran generally from east to west and paralleled a trail. The trench was 5 feet deep, 4 feet wide and approximately 200 meters long. The bottom of the trench appeared smooth and well taken care of.

ENCLOSURE (2)

CONFIDENTIAL

Natural overhead concealment was afforded by dense vegetation; this was also true along its base. The eastern end of the trench afforded good observation and fields of fire along the axis of the trail and a rice paddy complex to the east at BT 406073. It appeared this trench had been dug within the last 2 or 3 months. A conclusion could not be formulated as for its exact use. At 041345H, a large and believed to be old panji trap was discovered at BT 404073. Protruding from its bottom were approximately 20 1 foot bamboo panji stakes. The trap was rectangular in shape and measured 4' by 4' by 3'. The trap was moderately concealed by its natural vegetated surroundings. At 041530H, the patrol arrived at its objective at BT 40073, and established an OP/CP. Point of observation was to the northeast in grid square BT 4008. At 041535H, normal activity was being carried on in the fields. No unusual sightings were recorded and a harbor site was later established that night. At 050730H, the patrol vacated their present position and moved southwest towards their predesignated landing zone at BT 398075. At 051020H, they were extracted by helicopter without incident and returned to RLT-4 landing zone at 051045H.

CONFIDENTIAL

Team EGGS: 2nd squad, 2nd Platoon, Co B, 3rd Recon Bn
 Patrol Leader, Cpl. ELLIS, R. R.
 Asst. Patrol Leader: Capt. THOMPSON, G. E. Jr.

At 011100H, the patrol departed by helicopter from RZ #4 and was inserted into RZ #2, BT 427023 at 011145H. On clearing the helicopter, the patrol proceeded north cross-country to the vicinity of WLL 127 at BT 403-071 and arrived at this location at 011245H, establishing a CP/OP site. Observation was conducted to the north and northeast in grid squares BT 4200, BT 4304 and BT 4305. Normal rice paddy activity was noted throughout the day. At 011700H, one man armed with a nondescript weapon was observed talking to children for a period of 20 minutes at BT 430046. He wore black pajamas, no head gear, and a scarf made of camouflaged material, adorned his neck. It also appeared he may have been wearing a cartridge belt. Visual contact was lost when he proceeded to BT 426036. At 011800H, CP's were secured and a harboring site was occupied for the remainder of the night. The night was uneventful. From 02 to 05, the patrol remained at this location manning CP sites during the day, and harboring sites at night. At 021200H, a large column of white smoke appeared from a wooded area in the vicinity of BT 457003. At 021635H, 5 people were noted chanting and beating several drums at BT 426024. This peculiar activity did not seem to arouse or incite other local inhabitants. CP's were secured at 021700H. No unusual events occurred throughout the night. At 030730H, OP's were manned. From 031100H to 031330H, 2 columns of white smoke were observed from the vicinity of BT 459012. Again, no unusual sightings were recorded throughout the day. The night was uneventful. At 041700H, CP's were manned and poor visibility was attributed to rain and low cloud cover which engulfed the area. At 041700H, when visibility was fair, activity in the paddy had ceased. At 041700H, one man was observed heading northeast across a rice paddy dike at BT 425023 wearing a straw hat and black pajamas. He was carrying what appeared to be an "A" frame wrapped with a green poncho. No weapons were noted. The harbor site was occupied at 041800H, and no unusual events occurred the remainder of the night. At 050900H, the patrol departed the CP/CP site and proceeded south to their predesignated landing site at BT 427023. They were extracted without incident to the RLT-4 landing zone at 051040H.

Debriefing Comments: Indications are that the trench network located at BT 403073 was constructed in such a manner as to provide concealment, shelter, storage and could be easily utilized if properly fortified and manned as an ambush site or fighting position. Any friendly force, large or small, attempting to cross the open areas to the south, east and west would be vulnerable to grazing, concentrated, and distributed fire. It should be also noted that this trench parallels a well used trail and stream. The stream affords an excellent natural obstacle which would be advantageous to the enemy occupying this hill mass.

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy 5 of 35 Copies

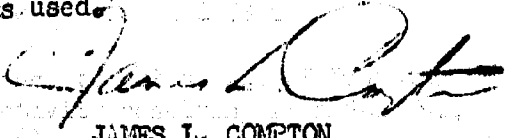
RECON GROUP ALPHA
 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion
 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Amphibious Force
 c/o FPO, San Francisco, 96601

3/JRG/rjm
 11 Jan 1966

PATROL REPORT: Group Frag Order 3-66

Map: Viet Nam 1:50,000, AMS 1701, Tri Binh 6757 III

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: 1st Squad (-), 1st Platoon, Co B (-) (Rein), 3rd Recon Bn. and Division Sniper Team. (6) Enl USMC
2. MISSION: To provide security and guidance to put a team of Division Snipers into a position to exploit enemy activity resulting from 2nd Bn., 4th Marines patrol vicinity Hill 22 (BT 4208).
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 020655H January 1966.
4. TIME OF RETURN: 021700H January 1966.
5. ROUTE: See overlay (Enclosure (1)).
6. OBSERVATIONS AND SUMMARY: During the 10 hours of the patrol, no sightings were made of enemy personnel or equipment. Two OP's were manned during the day. The patrol was inserted by helicopter and recovered by patrol.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: Two fire fights that G Co, 2nd Bn., 4th Marines patrol participated in were heard. No enemy observations were made.
8. RESULTS OF CONTACTS: No contacts were made.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
 - a. Conclusions. None.
 - b. Recommendation. It is recommended that sniper teams be dropped 1 day prior to an operation, and possibly 2 teams used.


 JAMES L. COMPTON
 Captain, U. S. Marine Corps
 Commanding

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE 1/1

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy 13 of 35 Copies
 Recon Group Alfa
 Chu Lai, Vietnam
 110900H January 1966

PATROL REPORT: Group Frag Order 4-66

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

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: 1st Squad, 1st Platoon, Co B, 3rd Recon Bn (5) Enl USMC; 2nd Squad, 1st Platoon, Co B, 3rd Recon Bn (4) Enl USMC, (1) Enl USN.
2. MISSION: To maintain surveillance over the Tien Xuan (1) - Xuan Ngoc (2) area (BT 4010) and the Thanh My Trung (1) - Dong Co valley area (BT 4302).
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 051000H January 1966.
4. TIME OF RETURN: 091100H January 1966.
5. ROUTE: See overlay (Enclosure (1)).
6. OBSERVATIONS AND SUMMARY: During the 97 hours of the patrols, no enemy sightings were made and there was no enemy contact. The patrols were inserted and recovered by helicopter.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION OR EVENT</u>
091915H	BT 404086	Observed 10 fighting holes on topographical crest. Had been dug in past 10 days. Holes were 3' X 1½' X 2½' deep, well concealed by brush.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: None.
8. CONDITION OF PATROL: Excellent.
9. RESULTS OF CONTACTS: No contacts were made.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: No significant enemy movement has been observed either moving towards or away from the TAOR since late November. The only significant activity noted in recent weeks occurred due to infantry patrols operating in the vicinity of the hamlets in and adjacent to the TAOR.

JAMES L. COMPTON
 Captain, U. S. Marine Corps
 Commanding

OFFICIAL:

J. R. Gardner
 J. R. GARDNER
 1st Lt. USMC
 S-3

ENCLOSURE (92)

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy 4 of 35 Copies
 Recon Group Alfa
 Chu Lai, Vietnam
 091500H January 1966

Debriefing Report, Group Frag Order 4-66

Debriefers: SSgt. R. P. REGALOT
 Team BIG STUD: 1st Squad, 1st Platoon, Co B, 3rd Recon Bn. (5) Enl USMC.

MISSION: To maintain surveillance over the Tien Xuan (1) - Xuan Ngoc (2) area (BT 4010) and the Thanh My Trung (1) - Dong Co valley area (BT 4302).

At 051015H the patrol departed from the RLT-4 landing zone by helicopter and at 051020H was inserted in RZ #2 at BT 420025. The patrol then headed south along a stream bed and arrived at their CP/OP (BT 433006) at 051600H. A night harbor site was established and the night was uneventful. From 060645H to 081830H, the patrol remained at this location manning OP's during the daylight hours, observing the valleys to the north and northwest in grid squares BT 4102, BT 4103, BT 4101 and the village of Thanh My Trung (1) at BT 4402. At night, harboring sites were occupied and defended. Throughout this period, normal working activity was being carried out in the fields. No unusual occurrences were noted. At 081830H, the patrol displaced and proceeded north to BT 433010 arriving at 081920H. There a night harbor site was established without incident until the following morning. At 091110H, the patrol was extracted by helicopter and arrived at the RLT-4 landing zone at 091130H.

Team COOL DADDY: 2nd Squad, 1st Platoon, Co B, 3rd Recon Bn. (4) Enl USMC, (1) Enl USN.

MISSION: Same as above.

At 051015H, the patrol departed from RLT-4 landing zone and was inserted in RZ #2 (BT 399076) at 051030H. The patrol immediately established an OP/OP at these coordinates. Point of observation was the northern valley complexes. Normal friendly activity was noted throughout the day. At 051900H, the patrol displaced moving northeast to BT 409079, arriving at this location at 052105H. The patrol then established a harboring site for the remainder of the night. The night was uneventful. At 060935H, OP's were manned, keeping under observation the Tien Xuan valley complex to the north. Other than normal working routines by local inhabitants, no unusual occurrences were noted. The patrol remained at this location until the morning of the 7th. At 071830H, the patrol displaced and proceeded towards the northeast to BT 403088, arriving at 072030H. A harbor site was occupied for the remainder of the night without incident. At 080810H, OP's were manned and observation was directed northeast to the villages of Tien Xuan and north to the villages of Xuan Ngoc (1) and (2). Normal activity was noted throughout the day. At 081900H, the patrol vacated their present location and proceeded southeast. At 081915H while enroute, the patrol located 10 recently dug fighting holes on the topographical crest at BT 404086. These holes were 3 feet long, 1 and 1/2 feet wide, and 2 and 1/2 feet deep and concealed by dense brush.

ENCLOSURE (4)
 CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Indications are that these holes had been dug in the last 10 days. At 081930H, the patrol arrived at their predesignated harboring site at BT 404085. The night was uneventful. At 090800H, OP's were manned and no sightings were recorded. At 090945H, 8 children, 3 girls and 5 boys wandered into the patrol's site. They wore shorts and various colored shirts. They carried cane knives and two other children carried yolk sticks. On making contact, they proceeded north down trail towards the village of Tien Xuan (-). At 091115H, the patrol was retracted by helicopter without incident and arrived at the RLIT-4 landing zone at 091130H.

CONFIDENTIAL

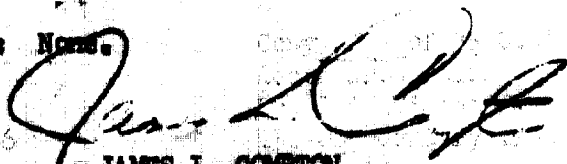
CONFIDENTIAL

Copy 25 of 35 Copies
 Recon Group Alfa
 Chu Lai, Vietnam
 151100H January 1966

PATROL REPORT: Group Frag Order 5-66

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

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon (5) Enl USMC and 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon (5) Enl USMC, Co B(-)(Rein), 3rd Recon Bn.
2. MISSION: To establish OP's and to patrol vicinity BT 4003 and BT 4000.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 091100H January 1966.
4. TIME OF RETURN: 131030H January 1966.
5. ROUTE: See overlay (Enclosure (1)).
6. OBSERVATIONS AND SUMMARY: During the 96 hours of the mission, no significant sightings were made and there was no enemy contact. The patrols were inserted and retracted by helicopter.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: None.
8. CONDITION OF PATROL: Excellent.
9. RESULTS OF CONTACTS: No contact was made.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.


 JAMES L. COMPTON
 Captain, U. S. Marine Corps
 Commanding

ENCLOSURE (4)
 CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy 25 of 35 Copies
Recon Group Alfa
Chu Lai, Vietnam
131700H January 1966

PATROL DEBRIEFING: Group Frag Order 5-66

Debriefer: SSgt. R. P. REGALOT
Team DELILAH: Patrol Leader, LCpl. RUDDER, D. D.: Asst. Patrol Leader:
LCpl. ARGENT, R. C. (5) Enl USMC

MISSION: To establish OP's and to patrol vicinity BT4003 and BT 4000.

At 091100H, the patrol was helilifted from the RLT-4 landing zone and inserted in RZ #2 (BT 415022) at 091120H. On clearing the helicopters, the patrol proceeded northwest across a rice paddy complex into a dense wooded area. At 091200H, while enroute, the patrol discovered an unexploded shell at BT 414024. The shell was 12" long, and 3" in diameter. The casing was manufactured of brass and the projectile was olive drab in color. The primer had not been perforated. There were no visible markings indicating if it was US or foreign manufactured. Although handling was avoided, there was no evidence indicating the shell was booby-trapped. The patrol continued on their route, arriving at their objective (BT 409031) at 091500H, where a CP/OP was manned. From 091520H to 091730H, only 2 sightings were made of friendly inhabitants tending their cattle. At 091735H, the patrol displaced, and headed north on a trail to BT 408035, arriving at this location at 091800H and established a harbor site for the remainder of the night. The night was uneventful. At 100645H, OP's were manned observing the Dong-Nghia basin to the northeast. At 100935H, a column of white smoke was observed at BT 433028. At 101300H, 2 men were observed running northeast at BT 427012 wearing black pajamas and straw hats. No weapons or equipment were noted. At 101555H, 3 men were moving southwest from BT 418021 to BT 408015, wearing black pajamas and white hats, no equipment or weapons were noted. At 101600H, 4 men moved southwest and joined the other 3 men at BT 408015. They wore black pajamas and white hats, and no equipment was noted. At 101800H, a shot was heard from the vicinity of BT 411042. At 101800H, the patrol occupied a harboring site for the remainder of the night. The night was uneventful. At 110645H, OP's were manned and at 110910H, a column of white smoke was observed in a rice paddy at BT 438026. At 110930H, an artillery round detonated in a rice paddy at BT 429086. At 111000H, 20 men were noted working in a rice paddy at BT 429036 to BT 426039, wearing black pajamas and white hats. They remained there for approximately 15 minutes and then disappeared into the brush at BT 429036. At 111010H, 3 men were moving southwest along a trail at BT 429029, wearing black pajamas and white hats. No weapons or equipment were visible. At 111120H, 4 men moved northeast on a trail at BT 438032, wearing black pajamas, and white hats: no weapons or equipment were visible. At 111200H, 1 man was observed running southwest into the brush at BT 438022 to BT 437019, wearing black pajamas and a white hat. At 111525H, 5 men were moving east across a rice paddy from BT 426039 to BT 438039, wearing black pajamas and white hats. One man carried 2 baskets suspended from a yolk stick. At 111555H, 1 man was noted coming out of a brushline at BT 426039, wearing black pajamas and a white hat. No equipment or weapons were noted. At 111600H, 3 men herding cattle moved northwest from BT 417028 to BT 415030, then moved northeast to BT 415030. They wore black pajamas and white hats. They entered a brush line at BT 417032 where visual contact was broken. 1 man later came out of the brush running and waving his white hat, then entered the brush at BT 418032. At 111800H, a rifle shot was heard from the vicinity of BT 411043.

ENCLOSURE (2)

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

No activity was observed. At 111800H, the patrol occupied a harbor site at this location for the remainder of the night, which was uneventful. At 120645H, OP's were manned. At 121125H, 1 man was sighted moving east on a trail at BT 438030, wearing black pajamas and a white hat. He carried a yolk stick with baskets suspended from either end. At 121245H, 11 men moved southwest down a trail from BT 438020 to BT 438027. They wore black pajamas and white hats. No weapons or equipment were noted. At 121255H, 1 man was observed running southeast across a rice paddy and hid when an aircraft flew over, then continued across the paddy when the aircraft was gone. He remained in the rice paddy for a period of 15 minutes, pacing back and forth as if awaiting someone. He then entered a brush line at BT 436028 where visual contact was broken. He wore black pajamas and a white hat and was unarmed. At 121625H, 20 people were observed moving east on a trail at BT 438030. These people wore various colored clothing and some wore straw hats. No equipment was visible. Visual contact was lost as they rounded a bend in the trail. At 121725H, 3 men were sighted moving northeast across a rice paddy from BT 427040 to BT 428042 and on to a trail where visual contact was lost when they entered a wooded area at BT 478042. They wore black pajamas and white hats. At 121845H, the patrol again occupied a harbor site for the remainder of the night without incident. At 130655H, the patrol vacated their OP/CP and proceeded south on a trail to BT 408032, then west to BT 405030 to their predesignated landing site. At 131030H, the patrol was retracted by helicopter and returned to the RLT-4 landing zone without incident at 131045H.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Team SAMPSON: Patrol Leader, Cpl. ROHWELLER, R. T., Assistant Patrol Leader
LCpl. GORNIK, G. (5) Enl USMC.

At 091100H, the patrol was helilifted from the RLT-4 landing zone and inserted in RZ #2 (BT 405010) at 091115H. On clearing the helicopters, the patrol proceeded east along a stream bed. At 091230H, while heading south up the stream bed, the patrol located an old VC harbor site at BT 406102. Within the site was a destroyed hut and bunker. Found in the vicinity were 10 empty beer bottles with paper stuffed in the neck portion and a pile of small shells, plus an old cooking pot. In addition, 2 propaganda leaflets were found near the pile of small shells, and fresh footprints which had been possibly made by 2 or 3 people. Indications are that the site had been vacated minutes before the patrol's arrival. The patrol then followed what appeared to be a trail south to BT 405009 where they came upon another small uninhabited harbor site. One hut which could accommodate 3 people was found destroyed. The area was well policed and indications are that the site had not been used for a period of time. No unusual sightings were noted. The patrol then continued south along their route arriving at their objective at 091800H at BT 403001. A harbor site was established and occupied for the remainder of the night without incident. At 100600H, the patrol headed east across a stream then north to BT 410007 where an Op was immediately established to observe the Dong Co basin in grid square BT 4001 and BT 4101. The patrol remained at this location for a period of 4 days manning Op's during the day and harbor sites at night. There was not one sighting of enemy or friendly activity in that 4 day period. It was evident that the small basin had been periodically bombed and shelled. This was indicated by the numerous shell craters in the area. It was also noted that the fields were barren. One noteworthy sighting was made and this was that for 4 days approximately 15 water buffalo and pigs were grazing freely and unattended. This was considered very unusual. The map presently indicates dwellings in the area, this proved to be untrue. No huts were presently located in this particular area. At 131030H, the patrol was retracted by helicopter at BT 410007 and returned to the RLT-4 landing zone without incident at 131150H.

Debriefing's Comments:

Indications are that the patrol observing the Dong-Nghia basin in grid squares BT 4103 and BT 4102 made numerous sightings which could be considered suspicious in nature even though weapons and equipment were not noted on the individuals sighted. 90% of the men sighted wore the white pith helmets with the standard black pajamas. On several occasions, the approach of an AO would drive these individuals into hiding as indicated in the patrol report. The 127 hill mass in grid square BT 4102 and BT 4202 could presently be harboring a company or larger size VC unit. A confirmed VC company, the 94/304 reported on 18 December 1965 is presently supposed to be occupying the 270 hill mass in grid square BT 4204, which is approximately 1200 meters northeast of where the sightings were made. Possibly an element of this company could be harboring in the 127 hill mass.

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE (93)


CONFIDENTIAL

Copy 28 of 35 Copies
Recon Group Alfa
Chu Lai, Vietnam
121300H January 1966

PATROL REPORT: Group Frag Order 6-66

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

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: 1st Squad(-), 1st Platoon, Co B(-) (Rein), 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion. (1) Off USMC, (5) Enl USMC.
2. MISSION: To establish OP and maintain surveillance over the hamlet of Tien Xuan (1) in support of 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines operation.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 110715H January 1966.
4. TIME OF RETURN: 111630H January 1966.
5. OBSERVATIONS AND SUMMARY: During the 9 hours of observation, no significant sightings were made and there was no enemy contact. The patrol was inserted and retracted by helicopter.
6. OTHER INFORMATION: It was noted that moderate civilian movement was observed moving south away from the sweeping force of the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Excellent.
8. RESULTS OF CONTACTS: No contact was made.
9. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.


JAMES L. COMPTON
Captain, U. S. Marine Corps
Commanding

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE (4)

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy 27 of 35 Copies
 Recon Group Alfa
 Chu Lai, Vietnam
 241600H January 1966

Operation Order 3-66

Patrol: IMELCAT

Debriefers: SSgt. W. A. BASS

Map Sheet: Vietnam, 1:50, 000, Tri Binh 6757 III

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Composition: (1) Off, (3) Enl
- b. Special Attachments: None.
- c. Communications: 1 AN/PRC-25
- d. Observation Equipment: 1 pair 7X50 binoculars, 1 OB scope.
- e. Special Equipment: None.
- f. Special Weapons: None.

2. MISSION: Establish an OP at coordinates BT 417045 and observe to the north and northwest.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 191700H/241300H January 1966.

4. ROUTE: See attached overlay (Enclosure (1)).

5. SYNOPSIS: The patrol covered a period of approximately 92 hours and no significant sightings were made.

6. OBSERVATIONS OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN: No activity was seen during the patrol except livestock grazing. Drums were heard beating during the whole period of the patrol, mostly at night. No pattern could be established.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: None.

8. RESULTS OF CONTACTS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Recommendation: All AN/PRC-10's should be replaced by AN/PRC-25 radios. Each patrol should carry a PRC-25. Communications were a problem throughout the entire mission.

J. J. CASSIDY
 1stLt. USMC
 1stFlt CoB
 3rdReconBn

ENCLOSURE (15)

11. ADDITIONAL DEBRIEFERS COMMENTS: None.

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

Patrol Route Overlay
Frag Order 8-66
Patrol HELLCAT
Map: Vietnam 1:50,000, 6757 III
241600H January 1966

40
05+

43
+04

Enclosure (1)

ENCLOSURE (15)

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy 28 of 35 Copies
 Recon Group Alfa
 Chu Lai, Vietnam
 241600H January 1966

Operation Order 8-66

Patrol: BEARCAT

Debriefed: SSgt. W. A. BASS

Map Sheet: Vietnam 1:50,000, 6757 III

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Composition: (5) Enl
- b. Special Attachments: None.
- c. Communications: 1 AN/PRC-10 radio.
- d. Observation Equipment: 1 pair 7X50 binoculars.
- e. Special Equipment: None.
- f. Special Weapons: None.

2. MISSION: Establish an OP and observe the Dong Co valley.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 191715H/241300H January 1966.

4. ROUTE: See attached overlay (Enclosure (1)).

5. SYNOPSIS: The patrol covered a total of approximately 92 hours and only 2 sightings were made with a total of 40 people sighted. All were tending to normal activities. Drums were heard constantly for a period of 79 hours. One man from the patrol was killed by a mine or boobytrap. His body was delivered to B Med.

6. OBSERVATIONS OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. At 191730H at coordinates BT 419024, approximately ten Vietnamese were observed chopping wood. They observed the patrol landing. They were seen as the helicopter was approximately 20 feet off the deck. When the helicopter sat down, they could no longer be observed.

b. Starting about 200700H until 231400H, drums were heard from the east of the patrol. Probably the Thanh My Trung area in grid squares BT 4402 and 4603.

c. After the drums had stopped and between 231445H and 231625H, a total of 30 Vietnamese were seen gathering up the cattle that had been grazing and wandering around and all moved back into the villages.

d. At 241130H, as the patrol was moving along the edge of the rice paddy at coordinates BT 417027, on the way to the LZ, Cpl. SPINUZZI tripped a mine or booby trap. He was lifted off the ground 3 to 4 feet and killed instantly. No hole was made in the ground by the blast. No fragments were found. Only the stock and buttplate of his rifle were found.

ENCLOSURE (4)
 CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

It was only from the pistol grip to the butt that was found. He was carrying the radio and the handset was destroyed, so no communication could be established. 2 UH1E aircraft were flying overhead. Due to not being able to contact the aircraft, the red air panel was displayed and yellow smoke was used. The helicopters orbited for a while, then disappeared.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: None.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 1 friendly KIA. Body was delivered to B Med by UH1E aircraft.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

D. T. MENTON
Cpl. USMC
1stFlt CoB
3rdReconBn

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

DECLASSIFIED

Patrol Route Overlay
Frag Order 8-66
Patrol BEARCAT
Map: Vietnam 1:50,000, 6757 III
241600H January 1966

40
+ 06

44
+ 05



7
+ 00

Enclosure (1)
ENCLOSURE (4)

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy 27 of 35 Copies
 Recon Group Alfa
 Chu Lai, Vietnam
 241600H January 1966

Operation Order 8-66
 Patrol: TIGERCAT
 Debriefers: SSgt. W. A. BASS
 Map Sheet: 6757 III, Vietnam 1:50,000

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Composition: (4) Enl, (1) USN
- b. Special attachments: None
- c. Communications: 1 PRC 10
- d. Observation Equipment: 1 pr 7X30 binoculars.
- e. Special Equipment: None.
- f. Special Weapons: None.

2. MISSION: Establish an OP/IP and observe the trail at coord (BT 418078).

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 191715H/241300H January 1966

4. ROUTE: See Attached Overlay

5. SYNOPSIS: The patrol covered a period of approximately 92 hours. Only two sightings were made, none of which were significant. A total of approximately ten people were seen.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. At 191730H at coordinates BT 442073 approximately nine Vietnamese, (men, women and children) observed the landing of the patrol. They moved north towards the village of Khuong Tho (1) at coordinates BT 452075.

b. At 201500H, one man came down the trail from the north to coordinates BT 420077. He looked around as if he were looking for cattle. There had previously been 6 head of cattle in the area that had wandered out of the area. The man turned around and returned the way that he had come. He wore a coolie hat, blue poncho and carried a hoe.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. Communications were lost at times when the team moved to lower areas to establish LZ's. If they had a PRC-25 with them, they could have maintained communications at all times.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

ENCLOSURE (4)

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: CONDITION AND MORALE GOOD.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY PATROL: The patrol was landed 1400 meters from the designated LZ. This was possibly due to the helicopter squadron being new to the area.

I. R. RHODE
Cpl. USMC
1stFlt CoB
3rdReconBn

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

DECLASSIFIED

FragOrder 8-66
Patrol TIGERCAT
Patrol Route Overlay
Map: Vietnam 1:50,000 6757 III
241600H January 1966

41
07 +



△ HARBOR SITE
△ OPSITE
○ LZ

+ 04
413

ENCLOSURE (47)

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy 27 of 35 Copies
 Recon Group Alfa
 Chu Lai, Vietnam
 241600H January 1966

Operation Order 8-66
 Patrol: BOBCAT
 Debriefing: SSgt. BASS
 Map Sheet: Vietnam 1:50,000, 6757 III

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Composition: (4) Enl USMC
- b. Special Attachments: None.
- c. Communications: 1 PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment: 1 pair 7X50 binoculars.
- e. Special Equipment: None.
- f. Special Weapons: 1 M-1 Sniper Rifle with 2.2 power scope.

2. MISSION: Establish OP at coordinates BT 418035 and observe the trail leading from Ky Long (1) and (2) to Dong Co valley. The OP was established at BT 425047.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 191700H/241300H January 1966.

4. ROUTE: See attached overlay (Enclosure (1)).

5. SYNOPSIS: The patrol covered a period of 92 hours. Only two sightings were made, one being lights and the other being ten Vietnamese carrying objects that turned out to be US made 2.75 rocket motors. They believe that some had the warhead still attached, while others had the heads removed. One was captured and brought in by the patrol. Six were seen being hidden but when the patrol investigated, they could only find one. Evidently, the others had been recovered during darkness.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. Drums were heard constantly from the evening of the 19th of January until the patrol was picked up at 241230H. They came from the direction of Ky Long (1) or (2).

b. At 191900H to 192100H, lights were seen from approximate coordinates in grid square BT 4508. The lights came on dim and gradually got brighter, then went out. It lasted approximately 15 seconds and came on about 1 hour later. Smaller lights came on to the southwest of the big lights and stayed on 5 to 15 minutes, then another would come on. The last light in the chain was at approximate coordinates BT 429043. No pattern could be established, except that they were on a direct line. Some were stationary and some were moving. It was not a dot-dash type of signal. These lights were seen every night that the patrol was out.

ENCLOSURE (4)

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

The number of lights could not be determined but there were many. There were about 75 to 100. The drums would pick up after the lights went out. The drums would quit and the lights would come on again.

c. At 221500H, 4 Vietnamese men, 3 women and 3 children about 10 or 12 years old moved out from Ky Long (1) and (2) and met at coordinates BT 425042, then moved out to pick up the cattle grazing at BT 418035. 3 wore blue, 2 wore green and 5 wore black. All wore coolie hats except the 2 dressed in green. At 221730H, they returned with the cattle and were carrying 7 objects. One of the objects was recovered by the patrol at coordinates BT 425039 where 6 of the objects had been hidden. It was a 2.75 rocket motor. It had not been fired but the explosive head was missing. It had been pried off. 2 men came from the southeast and were given one of the objects by the people carrying them. One man with the object moved south and disappeared at coordinates BT 427038. The other people went back to the villages. Some of the before mentioned lights were seen moving towards where the objects had been hidden. But the lights never reached the hiding place.

d. Communications were lost about 231330H and at about 1430H. Rosemont was signaled and landed at the patrol's position at coordinates BT 424038, which was supposed to be the patrol's LZ. Rosemont stated that they would either bring out a radio or send helicopters to pick up the patrol. However, Hellcat and Bobcat joined up and stayed at Hellcat's position until pickup. Radios were not brought out by Rosemont.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. The sniper rifle was not utilized.

b. At 210312H, the patrol had checked in by radio and asked Scat Bravo to roger the check in. The answer was yes rather than I Roger your last. At 210600H, a position report was requested by Scat Bravo. At this time the patrol asked if Scat Bravo had received their 0312H check in. The answer was negative.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good.

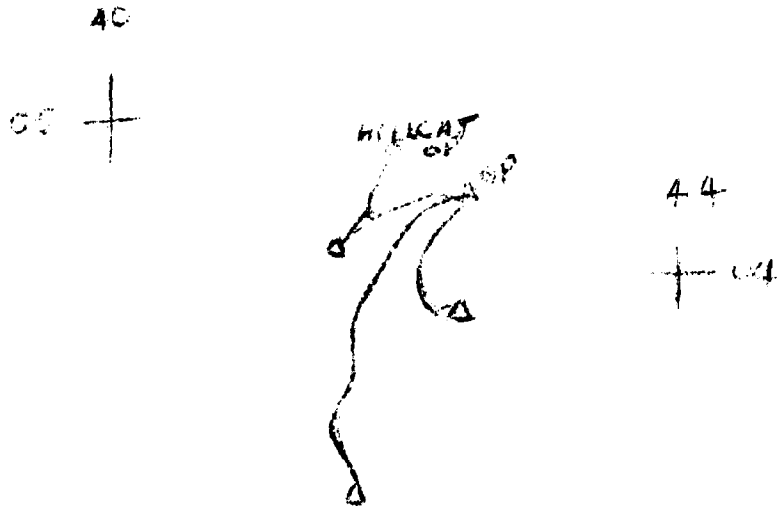
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

J. W. EASTERLING
Cpl. USMC
1stFlt CoB
3rdReconBn

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

DECLASSIFIED

Patrol Route Overlay
Frag Order 8-66
Patrol BOBCAT
Map: Vietnam 1:50,000 6757 III
241600H January 1966



Enclosure (1)

ENCLOSURE (1)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy 28 of 35 Copies
Recon Group Alfa
Chu Lai, Vietnam
241600H January 1966

Operation Order 8-66
Patrol: BRAVE WARRIOR
Debriefing: SSgt. W. A. BASS
Map Sheet: Vietnam 1:50,000, 6757 III

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Composition: (1) Off, (13) Enl, (1) USN
- b. Special Attachments: None.
- c. Communications: 1 AN/PRC-25, 2 AN/PRC-10 radios.
- d. Observation Equipment: 2 pairs 7X50 binoculars.
- e. Special Equipment: None.
- f. Special Weapons: 1 M-60 machine gun.

2. MISSION: Surveillance of the trail at coordinates BS 430976. Patrol from coordinates BS 436973 northwest to coordinates BS 405014.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 201645H/241400H January 1966.

4. ROUTE: See attached overlay (Enclosure (1)).

5. SYNOPSIS: The patrol covered a period of 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours with no contact and no sightings. Communications were very poor and had to be relayed through air or Seabrook. In some places no communications were possible due to being in low ground.

6. OBSERVATIONS OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN: Leaflets had been dropped all over the area by aircraft, all government surrender passes and propaganda leaflets.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: None.

8. RESULTS OF CONTACT WITH ENEMY: None.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: All members of the patrol were suffering with what appears to be immersion foot.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Radio communications were very poor due to operating in low ground. For operations in this area, a relay is a must.

J. SANDOVAL Jr.
SSgt. USMC
2nd Plt. CoB
3rd Recon Bn

11. ADDITIONAL DEBRIEFER'S COMMENTS: None.

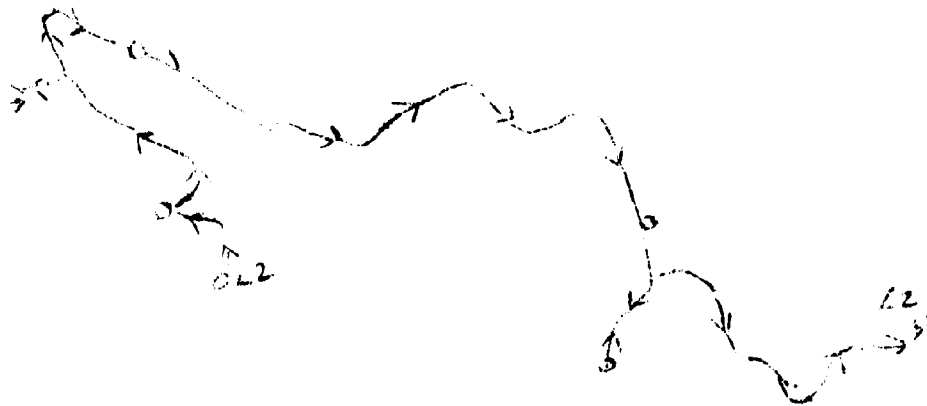
ENCLOSURE (4)
CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

03 + 42

Patrol Route Overlay
Frag Order 8-66
Patrol BRAVE WARRIOR
Map: Vietnam 1:50,000, 6757 III
241600H January 1966



+ 43
48

Enclosure (1)

ENCLOSURE (4)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy no. 5 of 42 copies
 C, 1st Recon Bn
 CHU LAI, RVN
 061200H Jan. 1966

Patrol Report - Group Frag Order 2-66

Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, Series L701, sheets 6757 III and 6756 IV

1. Size and composition of patrol: 1st Platoon, C Co, 1st Recon Bn
 (1) Off, (15) Enl USMC and (1) Enl USN
2. Mission: To determine a trail complex linking hill 661 west vic (BS 437987) with hill 661 east vic (BS 452989) and determine trails leading into and through the valley vic (BS 4298).
3. Time of departure: 011715H Jan 66
4. Time of return: 050830H Jan 66
5. Route: See Group Frag Order 2-66 and Annexes A and B
6. Observation and summary: During the 87 hours this patrol was operating they had no significant sightings.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Observation</u>
021330H	BS 453989	Four to five male voices were heard talking excitedly.
- - - -	BS 431985	Approx 20 matted down areas possibly a VC harbor site noted. Well policed and about 2 weeks old.

7. Other information: In the execution of the assigned mission the platoon located several well used trails and one road large enough to accommodate a 2½ ton truck. Two well used trails, 2 feet wide were located in GS BS 4298, a north/south trail into the Dung Co basin at BS 4101, an east/west trail running from BS 425983 to BS 436987 and an east/west trail, 3' wide from BS 431985 to hill 661 east at BS 543989. (See Annexes A & B). Several possible HLZ's were located (See Annex A). An inhabited village, not marked on the map was located at BS 438992 (See Annex B). The debris from a possible mid air collision or explosion of at least one jet aircraft, possibly a photo recon aircraft was located in the vic of BS 436985 (See Annexes A,C). All data and findings were immediately reported both to MAG-12 and MAG-36. A trail, approx 1½' wide was located running north/south at BS 447965 and at BS 460975. A moderately used trail paralleling the stream heading east and then south into the village of Tho An (BS 4795) was located. (See Annex A).
8. Results of contacts: None

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE (S)

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

9. Condition of patrol: Fair, morale excellent.
10. Conclusions: That at least one jet aircraft, possibly a photo reconnaissance jet, did crash in the vicinity of BS 4398. That due to the preponderance of green magnesium wreckage discovered in the debris, a good possibility exists that another aircraft (other than fixed wing) was involved in the crash. That the trails discovered were well worn, trafficable and concealed by a heavy canopy. That a village, with a hard packed road, does exist at BS 438992.
11. Recommendations: That these trail complexes be monitored periodically to detect enemy utilization. That the village and road at BS 438992 be reconnoitered in future operations.

R B Tiffany
R. B. TIFFANY
Captain, U.S. Marine Corps
Commanding Officer

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy 18 of 42 Copies
Recon Group Alpha
Chu Lai, Vietnam
191200H January 1966

PATROL REPORT: Group Frag Order 7-66 (Phase 1)

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

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: 1st Squad, 1st Platoon, Co C, 3rd Recon Bn.
2. MISSION: To establish an OP on hill 99 (BT 398091).
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE 131700H Jan 66.
4. TIME OF RETURN: 190800H Jan 66.
5. ROUTE: See overlay.
6. OBSERVATIONS AND SUMMARY: At 161000H 10 men 18-25 years of age were observed moving down a trail from BT 409082 to trail junction at BT 413083 where they were out of sight. All were wearing typical Vietnamese dress and were not armed. Other than normal cattle grazing and wood cutting activities, there were no observations. The patrol was inserted and withdrawn by helicopter.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: None
8. RESULTS OF CONTACTS: N/A
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Patrols in the past have encountered some resistance en route to Hill 99. A friendly operation conducted 15 Jan in vic BT 4011 could have curtailed any routine enemy movements during the period of observation.

R B Tiffany
R. B. TIFFANY
Captain, U.S. Marine Corps

ENCLOSURE (5)

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy #16 of 42 Copies
 C Co 1st Recon Bn.
 Chu Lai RVN
 181000H Jan 1966

Patrol Report- Group Frag O 7-66 (Phase II)

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

1. Size & Composition of Patrol: Composit Squad, 2nd Plt.
 C Co 1st Recon Bn.
 (1) Officer, (7) Enlisted
 USMC
2. Mission: Establish surveillance of Phuoc Lam (1) & (3)
 and An Khuang (2) and determine trail network and
 VC activity along the stream bed from BS446946 to
 BS469924. (See Phase II & Annex B, Group Frag O 7-66)
3. Time of Departure: 131010H Jan 1966
4. Time of Return: 161720H Jan 1966
5. Route: See Annex B, Group Frag O 7-66 & Annex A
6. Observation & Summary: During the 79 hours that this patrol was
 operating they had 5 significant sightings, including (1) contact
 with (1) VC.

TIME	COORD.	OBSERVATION
131100H	BS455937	VC harbor site, capable of accomodating 100 men. Used in last 3 days (approx); well policed.
141445H	BS46229236	The Hq. Team located a V.C. Camp containing 5 thatched huts & adjoining classroom & training area. (See Annex B). The Camp was uninhabited, but had recently been used. In the main area, (1) V.C. Battle Flag, 15 empty medicine bottles and old clothes were found. Fighting holes surrounded the Camp Site, some with over head protection from Air Bursts. Parts of BA-30 & BA-279/U batteries were found. The Camp could accomodate approx 50 men.
141555H	BS928457	The Hq. Team Patrol made contact with one V.C. in black P.J.'S, straw hat, pack and cartridge belt with (1) carbine at a bend in the trail. The V.C. thought the patrol was a V.C. patrol & came towards them, found his mistake & tried to run. He was fired upon & killed. A hasty defense was set up as the patrol felt that the V.C. was the point on a V.C. patrol. The cartridge belt & carbine were removed from the V.C., the pack was not recovered. The V.C. was approx. 27 years old, husky and in good physical condition. The patrol withdrew to the north to BS 45939303. (See Annex "A")

ENCLOSURE 52

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

TIME	COORD.	OBSERVATION
150850H	BS 928457	While manning an OP at BS 453956 Team #1 observed 6 men, possibly armed, wearing Black PJ's & Packs. They moved across the paddie & observation was lost when they entered the woodline
151600H	BS44999457	Trail Junction with many unoncealed punji stakes placed in the trail junction.

7. Other information: During the execution of the assigned mission the following information was collected. At BS454934 there is a well used trail approx 3' wide. Along this trail the patrol encountered 3 well constructed obstacles, possibly placed to channelize movement to a special trail network. The obstacles were freshly constructed (See Annex A). Several trail markers were located along this trail. Another well used trail approx. 3 1/2' wide was located at BS45439257 running on an azimuth of 110. There is a trail junction at BS459921; the trail ran generally north to north east (See Annex A). There is a well used trail at BS454950. The draw at BS462934 was found to be a prominent stream bed; approx. 4' deep. The main stream bed from this point to BS455938 is difficult to move thru due to swift current, steep slippery rocks and deep pools. At BS455938 an apparently unused trail was found paralleling the stream. There were many natural barriers and obstacles placed along the trail, but they pose no problem to passage.

8. Results of contacts: Friendly None, V.C. (1) KLA

9. Condition of patrol: Good, morale excellent

10. Conclusions

- That the trail systems found in the area of operations are a primary route from the Tinh Trung valley to the populated areas to the southeast.
- That the 4 man team is a most successful means of gathering information. It is both feasible and sound to release the team prior to landing in an area of operations rather than releasing them from a platoon CP in the field. To fully utilize the concept, helicopters are a necessity.

11. Recommendations

That the trail systems be further reconnoitered to determine if another V.C. training site has been established in the area, to replace the semi-abandoned one located on this patrol and to fully explore the complete network.

R B Tiffany
 R. B. TIFFANY
 Captain, U. S. Marine Corps
 Commanding Officer

DECLASSIFIED

160F42

CONFIDENTIAL

C Co 1st Recon Bn.
Chu Lai RVN
181300H Jan 1966

Appendix 1 to Annex B to Patrol Report, Group Frag O 7-66 (Phase 11)

Time Zone H

A. Center point of camp. 2 large rocks standing 14-16 feet. With huts blending with & using the rock as part of the walls.

B. Cleared area with good canopy. Outdoor classroom with table on the eastern edge.

C. Numerous holes as described in inset, along with fighting holes. Trees with one horizontal poles & one vertical. Nothing in the area offered any indication as to the use of the structure.

Note # 1 Many large trees were throughout the camp which provide an excellent cover from aerial observation.

Note # 2 Many different fighting holes & holes as inset were found around the entire perimeter of the camp.

R. B. Tiffany
R. B. Tiffany

Captain U. S. Marine Corps

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE (4)

DE BRIEF OF GRP FRAG 07-66 PHASE II

TM 1

Designation: Seabrook 2 Charlie 1#

Patrol leader: Cpl QUARTERMAN, M. G.

Asst Patrol leader: 1Cpl BUSTAMANTE, F. A.

The patrol departed from LZ QUAIL at 131010H by helo and were inserted at (BS 452933) at 131030H. On clearing the helicopter the patrol proceeded cross-country towards the northwest and came across a well used trail at (BS 454934). The trail was considered well used and approximately 3' wide. Along this trail, the patrol encountered 3 obstacles which had been constructed of brush and saplings. It is believed these obstacles had been placed at certain trail junctions to channelize movement to a specific trail network. The obstacles had been constructed in the last couple of days. This was determined by the fresh cuttings and the green vegetation. At 131100H, the patrol located a harboring site at (BS 455937). Indications are, that this site had been used in the last 3 days, and could easily accommodate 100 men. The area was well policed. At 131130H, as the patrol proceeded East on the trail they encountered a well constructed obstacle. This obstacle was $3\frac{1}{2}$ " high and interwoven with, saplings, brush, and vines. The obstacle was by passed and the patrol proceeded up a stream bed towards the north and then proceeded west at a stream junction. At 131730H, the patrol traveled on a well used trail at (BS 454950) crossed this trail and proceeded north to hill mass 294 at (BT 455956) and arrived on the crest at 131930H, and harbored for the night. The night was uneventful. At 140730H (BS 453956) the patrol established OP's where point of observation was directed at the THO-AN, TAY PHUOC #1 and AN-KH MIA-ONG basins. There were no unusual sightings that day other than normal working routines being conducted by the local inhabitants. At 141700H, the patrol displaced approximately 150 meters south west and occupied harboring site for the remainder of the night. The night was uneventful. At 150730H the patrol established an OP at (BS 453956). At 150850H, 6 men were observed moving across a paddy at (BS 472934) wearing black pajamas, packs and possibly weapons. Visual observation was lost when they entered a wood line. During the remainder of the day no unusual sightings were noted other than normal activities being conducted in the fields and along the trail networks. At 151730H, a harboring site was occupied at (BS 452958) for the remainder of the night. The night was uneventful. At 160730H, OP's were established at (BS 453956). Throughout the day no unusual sightings were recorded other than normal routines. At 161645H, the patrol displaced and proceeded to (BS 452957) and secured a LZ. At 161700H the patrol was retracted by helo and on departure received several rounds of small arms fire from the vicinity of (BS 442966). The patrol arrived at LZ QUAIL at 161720.

ENCLOSURE (2)

DEBRIEF OF GRP. FRAGO 7-66 (PHASE II)

Designation: Seabrook 2 Charlie
 Patrol Leader: LT. WILLIAMS, R. D.
 Asst Patrol Leader: Sgt ARCO, M. E.

The patrol departed from LZ QUAIL by helo at 131002H, and were inserted at (BS 453931) at 131015H. On clearing the helo, the patrol proceeded to the east and followed a trail towards the southeast. The trail was well used and approximately 3' wide. There were no obstructions or obstacles along this trail. At 131035H, the patrol moved off the trail towards the west at (BS 45599299) and kept this particular trail under observation for a period of 30 minutes. Several trail markers were noted along this trail. Saplings had been broken so the broken and pointed towards the south. At 131100H the patrol proceeded west overland and remained at (BS 45569296) for a period of 1 hour and 15 minutes. The patrol then proceeded southwest until they arrived at (BS 45439257) and located another well used trail approximately 3 1/2' wide. The trail ran on an azimuth of 118°. At 131430H the patrol left the trail at (BS 45539236) and established another listening watch. At 131450H the patrol departed on an azimuth of 175° and at 131645H (BS 45569215) where the patrol established a harboring site for a short period and later harbored there for the remainder of the night. The night was uneventful. At 140855H, the patrol departed from their location to (BS 458921) and found a trail junction at these coordinates. This trail ran generally from north to northeast. At 141130 (BS 462919) the patrol established an OP to observe the basin in grid squares (BS 4691) and (BS 4691). The village of MUONG-IAH #1 could not be observed due to the vegetation around its periphery. No sightings were made from this point. At 141255H the patrol departed from this area in a northerly direction to (BS 46229236) where the point observed a hole 4' square which could have been used for a small storage cache. The holes were approximately 2' deep. 50 meters north of this location, two trees 10 meters apart had on horizontal pole 5" in diameter 8' off the ground and one wooden pole was supporting it from the center. There was no indication what the structure were being utilized for. At 14145H, the patrol located a VC Camp at (BS 46229236). There were 5 huts, one unthatched. Refer to diagram for dimensions and layout of the camp. The camp was uninhabited, but had been used recently. Found in its main area were 1 battle flag, 15 empty medicine vials, and old clothes. Fighting holes surrounded the site. The holes were of all shapes and sizes. Some holes were covered with dirt and rock as an overhead shelter. Found in the vicinity were old parts of BA-30, and BA-29 batteries. Indications are the camp had been recently occupied. There are 3 main trails that were used as routes of egress and ingress into the camp. The camp could accommodate 50 men. 2 huts were used as sleeping quarters and one for possibly the command group and one as a cooking area. The flag and medical supplies were found in the command hut. The flag was found rolled up on a sleeping platform. At 141515H, the patrol departed the area towards the north along a trail which became a stream bed. Approximately 50 meters from the camp on the west side of the trail and under the canopy we found a clearing 25 meters in diameter with a table in the eastern edge. There were several trails leading back to the camp area.

ENCLOSURE (3)

a table was placed in the center which probably had been used as an outdoor class room. The patrol then proceeded northwest along the stream bed reconnoitering as they were in route. At 141555H, the patrol made contact with one armed VC wearing a straw hat, black pajamas, and pack. He was armed with a carbine. The encounter took place at a point where the stream bed joined a well-used trail. The VC was around a bend in the trail that had just been reconnoitered by one of the patrol members, calling and gesturing in the patrol direction. There was not enough time for the patrol to get adequate cover or concealment. When he came within 15 meters of the patrol, he roared that the patrol was not friendly, broke and ran. He was immediately felled and killed. His weapon and cartridge belt were taken by the patrol and then quickly broke contact believing other VC may have been in the area. The VC was approximately 27 years old and considered quite husky. The weapon and cartridge belt were not turned by the patrol. The pack was not retrieved. The patrol quickly proceeded north to (BS 455333) where the patrol harbored at 141700H to 150930H and CP was established observing AN-XPON? #1 and #2 village complexes. No unusual sightings were made. At 151030H the patrol proceeded northeast to north crossing the draw at (BS 462934) which was found to be a prominent stream bed about 4 feet wide. Then they proceeded north to the main stream bed in the same grid square and moved northwest along it. Movement was difficult from that point to BS 455938 because of the steep slippery rock, deep pools and swift current. At (BS 455938) a defined but unused trail was found paralleling the stream. No trails were found south of this point. At 151600H, the patrol came to a trail junction at (BS 44999457) where many guard stakes were placed in the trail with no attempt at concealment. Several recently air dropped leaflets were found torn up among the well defined rock masses under the surface that made it a very adequate fording location. The patrol proceeded north encountering many natural barriers that had been placed across the trail at regular intervals. By-passing the obstacles posed no problems. At 151845H the patrol linked up with the other patrol at (BS 4533855) where they harbored for the night. The patrol harbored there the remainder of the day manning OP's and no unusual sightings were noted. At 161703H (BS 452957) the patrol was retracted by helo and returned to 15 QUAIL at 161718H.

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy no. 20 of 42 copies
 Recd Group Alpha
 CHUOI, RVN
 231200H January 1966

PATROL REPORT: Group Frag Order 7-66 (Phase III)

Map: Viet Nam 1:50,000 AMS, L701, Sheet 6756 IV

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: 3rd Platoon, Co C, 1st Regon Bn
2. MISSION: To establish OP's in the vic of BS 490938 and BS 495927.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 161645H
4. TIME OF RETURN: 201435H
5. ROUTE: See overlay.
6. OBSERVATIONS AND SUMMARY: During the 94 hours the platoon was operating, they had 14 sightings totaling 26 VC and VCS. One artillery mission was requested with good coverage of the target.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATIONS</u>
170715H	BS 496926	A VC harbor site/OP was found. It was triangular in shape and was about 25 ft up in twin trees. A VC battalion could easily use the area as a harbor site.
171330H	BS 473954	Rosemont reported 16 male VN moving into Tho An, no weapons or equipment were seen.
171605H	BS 496948	One fire mission was called on 3 VC with weapons, but the mission was cancelled due to closeness of a village.
181020H	BS 486910	One VC was sighted moving south carrying a rifle and wearing purple PJ's and coolie hat.
181155H	BS 494910	One VC with a rifle was seen moving east wearing black PJ's and reading propoganda leaflets that were dropped earlier.
181630H	BS 5090	One small arms round was fired sounding like a carbine.
182315H	BS 493946	One VC was seen about 10 feet east of 3 Charlie 4 harbor site and was challenged. The VC turned and ran. He carried a rifle. Sounds of movement, approx 15 men, ran away when the lone VC turned and ran. They all stayed about 35 meters below the teams' position until 1905H, then moved north.

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE (2)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATIONS</u>
191940H	BS 500916	Two VCS (man and woman) were seen moving south. They hid in bushes when a UH1E aircraft flew over, then continued on their way. They carried what looked like a rifle and a grease gun.
191745H	BS 490940.	One fire mission was called in on the suspected VC harbor site. Good coverage of target was made.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: At 162015H the sound of something like either the breach of a recoilless rifle closing or a 81 mm mortar round being dropped down the tube was heard. No detonation or any other sound was heard coming from BS 496926.

8. RESULTS OF CONTACTS: None

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a. That local VC forces are located in the villages within the area observed by the patrol.
- b. That an infantry sweep of this area be conducted.

R. B. Tiffany

R. B. TIFFANY
Captain, U.S. Marine Corps

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy _____ of 42 copies
Recon Group Alpha
CHU LAI, RVN
231200H Jan 1966

ANNEX A (OPERATION OVERLAY) to Patrol Report
of Group Frag O 7-66 (Phase III)

Map: Viet Nam, 1:50,000, AMS, L701, Sheet 6756 IV

+ 95
67

OP 43
67
VC HARBOUR
SITE
43E

52
+ 90

R. B. TIFFANY
Captain, U.S. Marine Corps

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE 

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy no. 18 of 42 copies
Recon Group Alpha
CHU LAI, RVN
250945H January 1966

Frag Order: 9-66
Patrol: Seabrook 1 Charlie
Debriefing: SSgt BASS
Map Sheet: 6756 IV, 1:50,000

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: 8 Lnl and 1 USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: 1 PRC-25 and 1 PRC-10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 3 pr 6x30 binoculars
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None

2. MISSION: Establish OP surveillance of PHUOC LAM (1) at coord BS 475915.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 201330/241400H January 1966

4. ROUTE: See attached overlay

5. SYNOPSIS:

a. The patrol was out for a period of 96½ hours. A total of 13 sightings were made, with only 1 VCS seen. Machine gun and small arms fire were heard on three different occasions. Mortars were heard being fired on two occasions. Drums were heard every night the patrol was out.

b. A total of six huts were found that could be used for either storage bins or POW huts. All were new and were not completely built. An old trench was found and what appeared to be a bunker was sighted. A new grave was found that was about two days old.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. At 201430H one VCS wearing camouflage utilities and a big green hat was seen at coord BS 456928. He was moving east on the trail in front of the patrol. He had been moving west until he observed the patrol.

b. At 201600H a grave about two days old was found at coord BS 457921.

c. At 201635H one 60 mm mortar round was heard being fired at approx. grid square BS 4890. No explosion was heard.

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE (5)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

- d. At 210001H machine gun fire was heard from the area of grid square 4890. It lasted about 15 minutes.
- e. At 210700H at coord BS 458921, approx. ten white smoke bombs made out of aluminum were found. All had been used, but could be reused to make booby traps later.
- f. At 210815H a trench was found approximately 15 ft long, 3 ft wide, and 2 ft deep at BS 465924. It was a very old trench and was pretty much overgrown.
- g. At 210900H punji stakes were found just off the main trail. A small trail goes to the left and right at BS 466924. About 3 stakes were seen on each side right on the small trails. They looked about one month old.
- h. At 211030H a corral about 10 ft long, 8 ft tall and 6 ft wide was seen at BS 466920. It was made of 4 inch logs squared. It was made like a rail fence only straight.
- i. At 211035H machine gun and small arms fire was heard from GS 4890. It lasted about 8 minutes.
- j. At 211145H three huts that could either be used as storage bins or POW huts were found at BS 464909. They were spaced about 100 meters apart. They were about 20 ft long, 6 ft wide and 5 ft from the floor to eaves. They stood about 3 to 4 feet off the ground on stilts and were covered by a canopy of trees. (See attached diagram).
- k. At 211700H a suspected bunker was seen at BS 477914. It had timber like a door or gate in front and a mound behind. The patrol could not get closer than 400 meters to it due to normal activity in the fields and village.
- l. At 221600H three more huts were found built like the others except one was about 40 ft long at coord BS 463912. These also were about 100 meters apart.
- m. At 240100H to 240130H small arms and machine gun fire were heard from the area of the village at BS 474916. About twelve 60 mm mortar rounds were heard being fired from the same location. The rounds landed about 1,000 meters north east of the firing position.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

- a. Drums were heard everynight during the patrol, probably celebrating New Years.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Outstanding.

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a. Recommend either bomb or fire artillery on the huts that were found.
- b. Recommend H&I fires be fired on the main trail running from Phuoc Lam (1) at coord BS 475916 to Tinh Trong at coord BS 435952. The trail is well used, and has never been bombed or fired on.
- c. Recommend a sweep starting from Phuoc Lam (1) as a blocking force and the main sweep starting at coord BS 449938 then move south-east sweeping all the trails.

E. J. MONTOLA
GySgt "C" Co, 1st Recon Bn

11. DEBRIEFER'S COMMENTS: Concur with above recommendations.

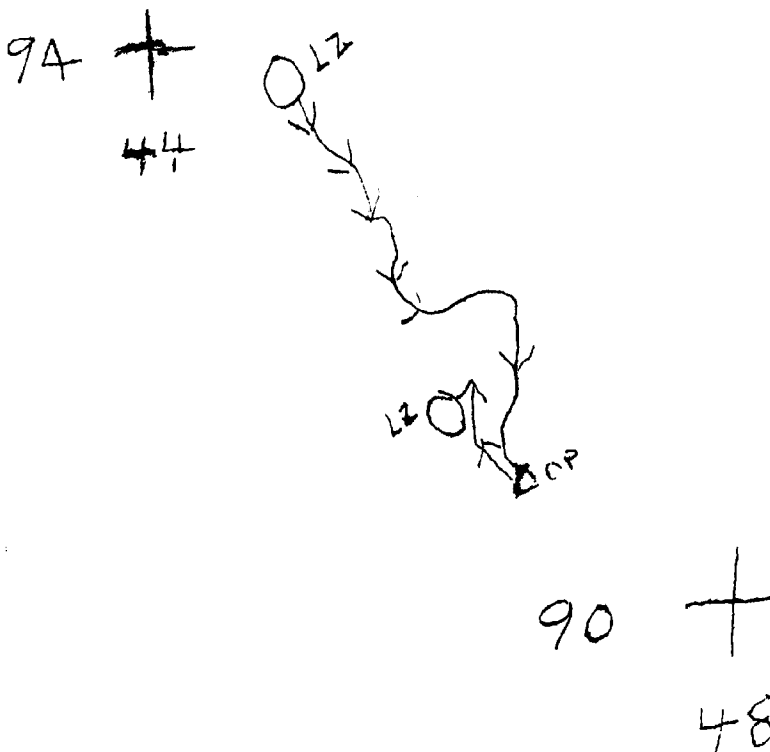
CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE (1)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
Patrol: Seabrook 1 Charlie
Maps: 6756 IV, 1,50,000

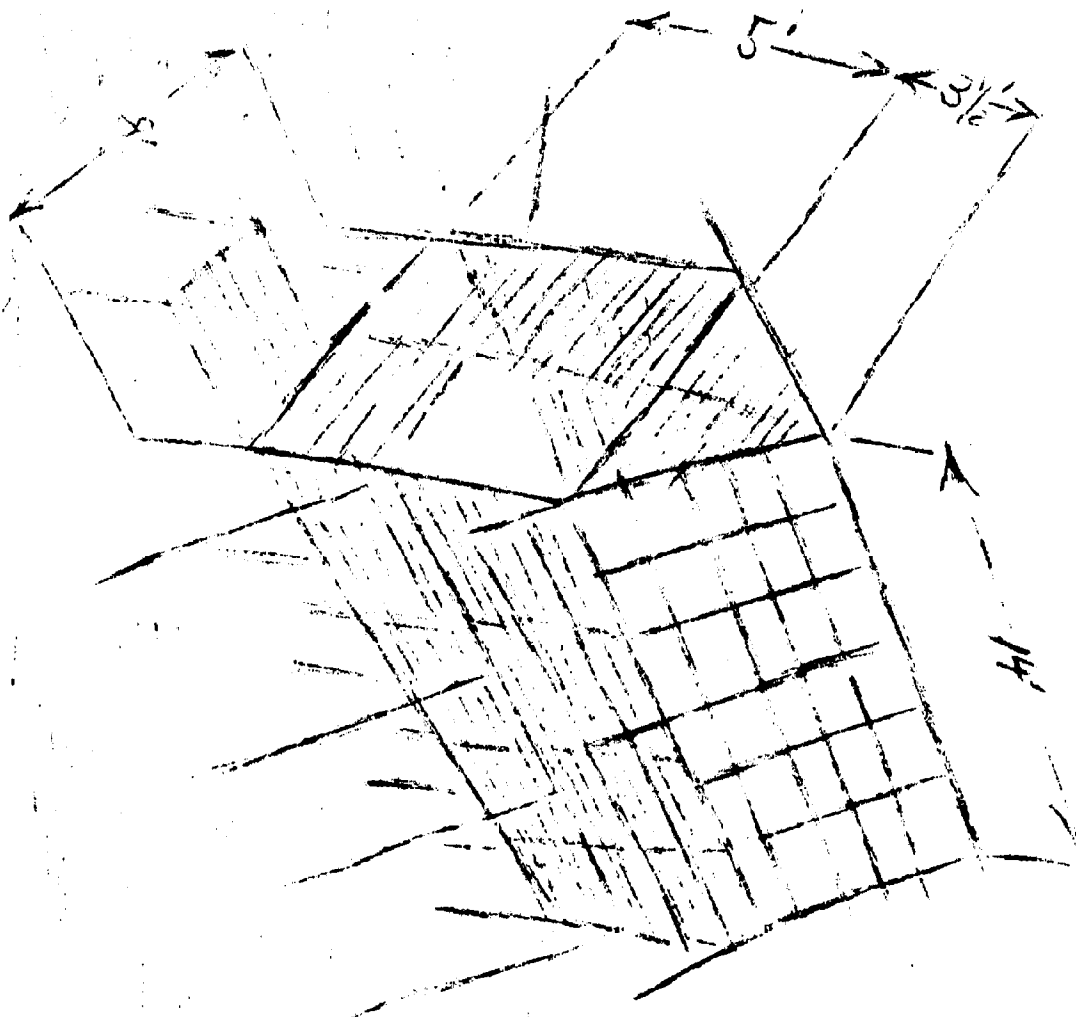


ENCLOSURE (37)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

HUT SKETCH
Patrol Seabrook 1 Charlie
Map: 6756 IV, 1,50,000
Coord. BS 464902 and BS 463912



FILE III

ENCLOSURE (54)

DECLASSIFIED

#15

CONFIDENTIAL

Frag Order 10-66
Patrol BEAR, Seabrook 2 C
Debriefed: SSgt BASS
Maps: 1:50,000, 6757 III

291400H Jan 66

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Composition: 12 Enlisted and 1 USN.
- b. Attachments: None
- c. Comm Equip: 1 PRC-25, 3 PRC-10's.
- d. Observation Equip: 1 M-49 Spotterscope, 2 7x50 and 2 5x30 bin.
- e. Special Equip: None
- f. Special weapons: None

2. MISSION: Establish OPs at coord BS 479967, BS 450969, and BS 452956 and screen 2nd Bn, 7th Marines front. Establish a relay point at coord. BS 452956.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 231430H/291015H Jan 1966

4. ROUTE: See attached overlay.

5. SYNOPSIS:

- a. The patrol covered a period of approximately 140 hours. A total of twelve sightings were made with a total of fifty seven (57) VCS physically sighted, mostly all moving around the village of Tho An. Most all sightings were of VCS moving in evenly spaced columns.
- b. One cave was sighted by Rosemont and reported to the OP. Also a small cave big enough to accomodate two men was found by the patrol.
- c. A trail was found at coord BS 471972 that was heavily infested with punji stakes for about 100 meters.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. At 241150H, 6 VCS were seen moving north west on a trail at BS 475956. Two wore blue and four wore black, all had coolie hats. They moved out in single file in an evenly spaced column. No weapons or equipment was visible.
- b. At 241605H a trail running east to west at coord BS 471972 was heavily infested with punji stakes. They ran along the trail for about 100 meters. They pointed in all directions and were very

ENCLOSURE (5)

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

- c. Every morning at about 0830 about 5 men would move separately to and from a large building at BS 471952. They disappeared close to the buildings. Rosemont checked out the area at the OP's request and stated there appeared to be a cave at that location.
- d. At 251250H, 7 VCS moved down the trail from the village moving NW at coord BS 472955. All wore black and moved in an evenly spaced column. At 251320H they returned to the village using the same trail.
- e. At 250841H, 7 VCS moved out of the village moving north west on the trail. After about 40 meters they stopped. They were in an evenly spaced column and kept spread out even when they stopped. One appeared to have a rifle. Four wore what appeared to be green uniforms and the others black. All wore coolie hats. They remained in the same position until 0855, then returned to the village. One man left the village carrying a load but when he saw the 7 men, he turned around and re-entered the village. Another man was moving towards the village but went the other way when he observed the 7 men. This is the same village and thought to be the same 7 VCS reported at 251250H.
- f. At 260923H, the same 7 VCS moved out of the same village moving south and disappeared along the trail about 50 meters from the village. They were followed approximately one minute later by 2 men in black.
- g. At 261020H, 5 VCS moved south east into the village. All wore black, the first VCS appeared to be carrying a rifle, the others carried baskets on sticks.
- h. At 261630H, 4 VCS dressed in black moved south on the trail at BS 470952. As Rosemont flew over, one of the VCS ran south towards the cave previously reported by Rosemont.
- i. At 261810H eight VCS were seen moving south at BS 473953. As Rosemont flew over, they ran, disbursed and hid in the bushes.
- j. At 270840H a small cave was found at BS 470971. It was about five feet deep and would accomodate approx. two people. Two rise pots were found. The cave did not appear to have been recently used.
- k. At 271345H Rosemont reported 6 VCS that appeared to be doing squad or fire team tactics at BS 474945. No weapons or equipment were seen. All wore black except the leader who wore blue.
- l. At 270925H one VN moved out of the village and spread a white sheet or piece of white parachute over the bushes at BS 444955. The white object was still there when the patrol was retracted.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

- a. On 25 Jan as the patrol moved up the side of a hill, Rosemont made about three passes right over the patrol. The two helos talked back and forth identifying the patrol. One told the other that that was "Bear, we don't have anything to do with them". It is felt this compromised the patrol and patrol designation.
- b. Normal activities were seen in the rice paddy with an average of about 120 VN seen in the paddies daily.

8. RESULTS OF ENEMY ENCOUNTERS: None

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good

10. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a. Recommend the cave at BS 471951 that was reported by Rosemont be investigated further.
- b. Comments: On the 24th of Jan, everytime the patrol moved across open ground in grid square BS 4997, drums started beating, always with a different beat.

J. LUCAS Jr.
Sgt, 2nd Plt.
Co C, 1st Recon Bn

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: None

ENCLOSURE (2)

Map: 1:50,000, sheets 6756 IV and 6757 III



CLOSURE (5)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Frag Order 10-66

Patrol: Wolf, Seabrook 3 C

Debriefing: SSgt BASS

291600H Jan 66

#19

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Composition: One officer, 7 enlisted
- b. Attachments: None
- c. Comm Equipment: 1 IRC-25, 1 IRC-10
- d. Observation Equipment: 2 Pr 6x30 binoculars
- e. Special equipment: None
- f. Special weapons: None

2. MISSION: Establish OP at BT 378055 and observe the village of Phuoc Khach, and the surrounding area.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 251630H/290950H Jan 66

4. ROUTE: See attached overlay.

5. SYNOPSIS:

- a. The patrol covered a period of approximately 89 hours with a total of five sightings made, and a total of four VCS were sighted. Five VN females were seen gathering wood and food.
- b. Five one-man foxholes were seen and punji sticks were found along with writing on a tree in the same area.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. At 260930H at BT 390053, five one man foxholes were found covering the rice paddy to the east. They appeared to be about three months old. Across the paddy on the east side of BS 392053 was an open space at the exit from the rice paddy it was approximately 10 ft wide. In the underbrush around the opening the ground was infested with punji sticks. At the same coord. at the fox holes were found, were two large trees with the following writing on them: DA DAO DE QUOC MY HUTKHOI BIEN N.M VIET N.M.
- b. At 271030H, two VCS moved north across the rice paddy at BS 377055. No weapons were visible one wore black, the other black top and green utility trousers. They kept looking around as they moved.

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE (3)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

- c. At 271515H, two VCS moved south in single file at Bs 377055. The VCS in black was looking all around the whole time. He was about 10 ft behind the other. Both wore black tops and shorts. One carried a basket, the other a stick.
- d. At 271530H, at BT 378057, VN females were seen collecting wood and coconuts. One wore a gray top, all the rest wore black. No weapons were seen.
- e. At 271645H, gray smoke was seen coming from BT 374060 in the village. It lasted about 20 minutes and was a real heavy smoke.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

- a. Twenty one buffalo were seen grazing in the rice paddies, all were unattended.
- b. The village had been bombed out and appeared completely deserted except for the smoke.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: Good

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

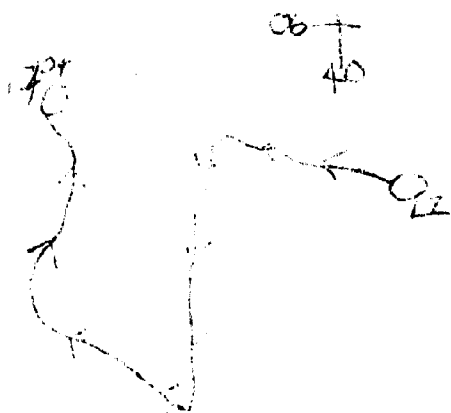
H. W. REED
1stLt 3rd Plt
Co C, 1st Recon Bn

11. ADDITIONAL REMARKS: None

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

Frag Order 10-66
Wolf, 3rd Platoon
Map: 1,50,000, Sheet 6757 III



4 32
37

ENCLOSURE (36)

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

GROUP FRAG ORDER 11-66
Patrol: ORIAL
Debriefers: SSgt BASS
MAPS: 6756 IV

011000H Feb 1966

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Composition: 7 enlisted and 1 USN
- b. Attachments: None
- c. Comm equipment: 2 PRC-10
- d. Observation equipment: 1 Pr 7x50 binoculars
- e. Special weapons: One M1 sniper rifle w/2.2 power scope

2. MISSION: Establish OP and observe Tinh Trung and Tho An.

3. TIME DEPARTURE/RETURN: 291000H/010815H Jan/Feb 1966

4. ROUTE: Landed coord BS 453956 established OP and was retracted at same coord.

5. SYNOPSIS: The patrol covered a period of approximately 70 hours and had a total of 3 sightings totaling 14 VC or VCS seen. Two artillery fire missions were called resulting in a probable 5 VC killed.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. At 301345H 5 VCS were seen digging at BS 462962. After about 40 minutes they moved over to some cattle about 200 meters west of the diggings. Artillery was called with good coverage of the digging. The 7 VCS moved into Tho An and the cattle moved over to the diggings and started eating something. There were 25 to 30 head of cattle and they gathered around in a tight bunch to eat.
- b. At 301600H 2 VC were seen at BS 468957 they had rifles and were in the bushes. They were joined by 3 other VCS. All wore black PJ's and coolie hats. A fire mission was called and landed right on target. The area was a small bushy island in the center of a rice paddy. No one was seen leaving the area, and the patrol had a 360 degree observation around the island. The island was about 200 meters long and 75 meters wide.
- c. At 311640H, 2 VC moving south at BS 462959. One wore a blue shirt and black shorts, the other wore black. One man had a weapon. They disappeared in the bushes at that coord.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: The sniper rifle was not used.

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE (3)

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

8. RESULTS OF ENEMY CONTACT: Five probable killed VC.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Excellent

10. COMMENTS OR RECOMMENDATIONS: None

R. J. GANNON
Sgt, Co C, 1st Recon Bn

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: None

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy No 15 of 20 Copies
 3d Reconnaissance Bn,
 DANANG, RVN
 051500H January 1966

PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: 3rd Platoon, 1st Force Recon

MAPS: Vietnam, 1:50,000, Sheet No. 6656 I, 6756 IV, Series L-701

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (6) Enl (1) USN
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of objective area N.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 010805H - January 1966
4. TIME OF RETURN: 041315H - January 1966
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 12-65
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN: None.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) Elephant tracks and dung were found extensively throughout the low and high ground of the objective area. Tracks were 12 inches in diameter and were made previous to 28-29 December 1965. Dung was fresh. Older tracks found at (BS 335905) and (BS 345898). The tracks had no apparent pattern.

(2) Extensive bomb craters were found along grid line 93 from 31 to 33 grid. The craters were old. Also found were expended 20mm casings in the area.

(3) One woodcutter was spotted at (BS 332900) and a possible two or three were heard at (BS 327925). Freshly cut saplings were noted at (BS 335933).

(4) MAP CORRECTIONS:

Village (BS 331932) shown on map in the objective area is - existent, except for old bottles and bowls noted in the vicinity. Old rice fields are located in this location.

A wide trail 6 to 8 feet wide, with a rock pebble surface, was located from (BS 327927) to (BS 330920) along the stream. (See Overlay) The trail narrows and continuous South roughly along the stream.

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE (3)

DECLASSIFIED

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

(5) Communications with the PRC 10 was good. The only transmission difficulties were caused by inclement weather and terrain restrictions.

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

Conclusion: That the hourly communication time is too frequent. At many times the use of the long antenna was needed and greatly slowed speed of movement. There is an abundance of water. It is suggested that one canteen be all that's needed.

W. G. SUTTLE
1st Lt, 1st Force Recon

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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

ENCLOSURE (3)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

MAP CORRECTION:
SHEET: 6656 I, 656 IV
SERIES: L-701
Trail not shown on map.

35
+ 95

90
+ 32

ENCLOSURE (39)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

3d Reconnaissance Bn.
DANA RVN
071200H January 1966

53

PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Punctuate - 4

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

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (1) Off, (11) Enl, (1) USN
2. MISSION: Conduct platoon size reconnaissance operations in the area bounded by Grid Line AT 82 on the West, 84 on the East, 88 on the South and 90 on the North in RZ #2.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 031500H - January 1966
4. TIME OF RETURN: 071030H - January 1966
5. ROUTE: Refer to Operation Order 1 - 66 (See Overlay)
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
051100H	(AT 846897)	One large hut.
051530H	(AT 836888)	Broken pieces of radio and dishes.
070815H	(AT 823874)	One VCS wandered up to patrol position.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) At 051100H at coordinates (AT 846897) the patrol found a large hut which would accomodate approximately 10 people. The hut was well kept and in good condition. There was no food found in the hut. It appeared not to have been used in the last couple of weeks. Eight five gallon cans were found; four inside the hut and four outside the hut. The patrol found four pint bottles of rock salt, three pint bottles of Nuoc Mom, seventeen pottery rice bowls, seven sets of chopsticks, one bottle of soap, and what appeared to be a hand made quiver for arrows.

(2) 051630H at coordinates (AT 836888) the patrol found the broken pieces of a small transistor radio and some broken pottery dishes.

(3) At 070815H at coordinates (AT 823874) the patrol had stopped, and security was out about 75 yards. One VCS wearing khaki trousers with long sleeved khaki shirt walked into view from the South, unarmed but carried a rucksack. He was not fired upon due to the fact that other people could be heard following him. He sat a bottle of Nuoc Mom on the ground then wondered up the trail a few more yards to about four yards from one member of the patrol. He was startled

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE (3)

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

and started yelling and ran off in a Southerly direction. Lots of ~~VN~~ yelling and movement was heard throughout the area to the South. However, it was thought that the VCS may have circled around.

(4) The patrol was notified by Scat of a cave located at coordinates (AT 838890). The area was completely searched with negative results.

(5) Along the trails noted in the attached overlay were fresh cuttings. The trails were well used.

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

Conclusion: That H & I fires are fired to close into the patrol. Fragments landed in the brush around the patrol on two separate occasions.

R. F. PARKER
1st Lt. Force Recon.

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE (2)

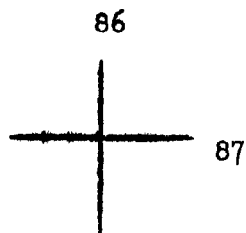
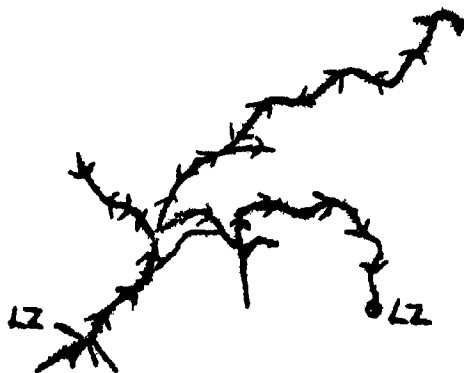
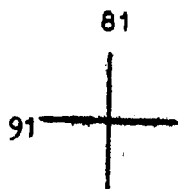
DECLASSIFIED

1st FORCE RECON

PATROL ROUTE

SHEETS: 6659III&6659IV

SER: L-701.

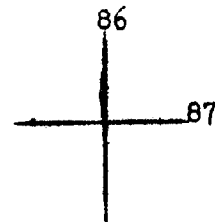
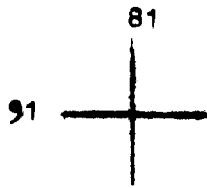


ENCLOSURE (5)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

MAP CORRECTIONS
SHEETS: 6659III&6659I
SER: L-701.
NEW TRAILS NOT SHOWN ON MAP.



ENCLOSURE

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy 4 of 30 copies
 1st Force Recon Co
 DA NANG, RVN
 161200H Jan 1966

PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Hateful

MAPS: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, Sheets 6755 II & III, Series L701

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (2) Off (12) Enl (1) USN
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance/surveillance operations in area bounded by grid lines BS 62 on the west, BS 64 on the east, BS 27 on the south, and BS 30 on the north.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 121800H January 1966.
4. TIME OF RETURN: 151900H January 1966.
5. ROUTE: See overlay #1.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
131620H	BS 587307	Two people moved into tree line.
131630H	BS 593302	Two people moving downhill into possible cave.
131645H	BS 590295	A hut with flagpole, and 4 - 5 people in area.
141300H	BS 590283	Many well kept rice paddies and huts (over 20) in this large valley.
141410H	BS 593276	Seven people and two water buffalo moving up trail.
151115H	BS 628322	Four men moving around on hill.
151200H	BS 642315	Eight people working in rice paddies. Numerous well kept rice paddies in this valley.
151240H	BS 625319	Four (different) people moving along hill.
151305H	BS 645318	Fourteen people moving into treeline.
151700H	BS 615302	Three VC moving along trail.

CONFIDENTIAL

7. OTHER INFORMATION.

- (1) The three VC were ambushed by a four-man team. Two VC were KIA, one escaped, probably WIA and possibly KIA. They were moving south south-west along trail, shown on overlay #2, all carrying large loads on their backs. All gear was captured, and included: 1 U.S. carbine, M1, with 8 rounds; 1 standard VC grenade; 1 U.S. M8 knife; 2 canteens and covers, and pistol belt; large quantities of food and supplies. See appendix for complete list. They apparently were making a supply run.
 - (2) From the nature and extent of activity in the vicinity of BS 628322, it appears that the VC may be in the process of establishing defensive positions here.
 - (3) There appears to be some limited VC activity in the vicinity of grid square BS 5830.
 - (4) The large valleys noted above are both cultivated, well kept, and inhabited. Both offer excellent concealment for troops from air and ground observation.
 - (5) Concealed day movement in many of these areas is impossible, due to vegetation.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: See above, 7(1). No friendly casualties.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Condition and morale excellent.
10. CONCLUSIONS OR RECOMMENDATION: See paragraph (7) for opinions. No further conclusions or recommendations.


R. F. PARKER JR.
1stLt USMC

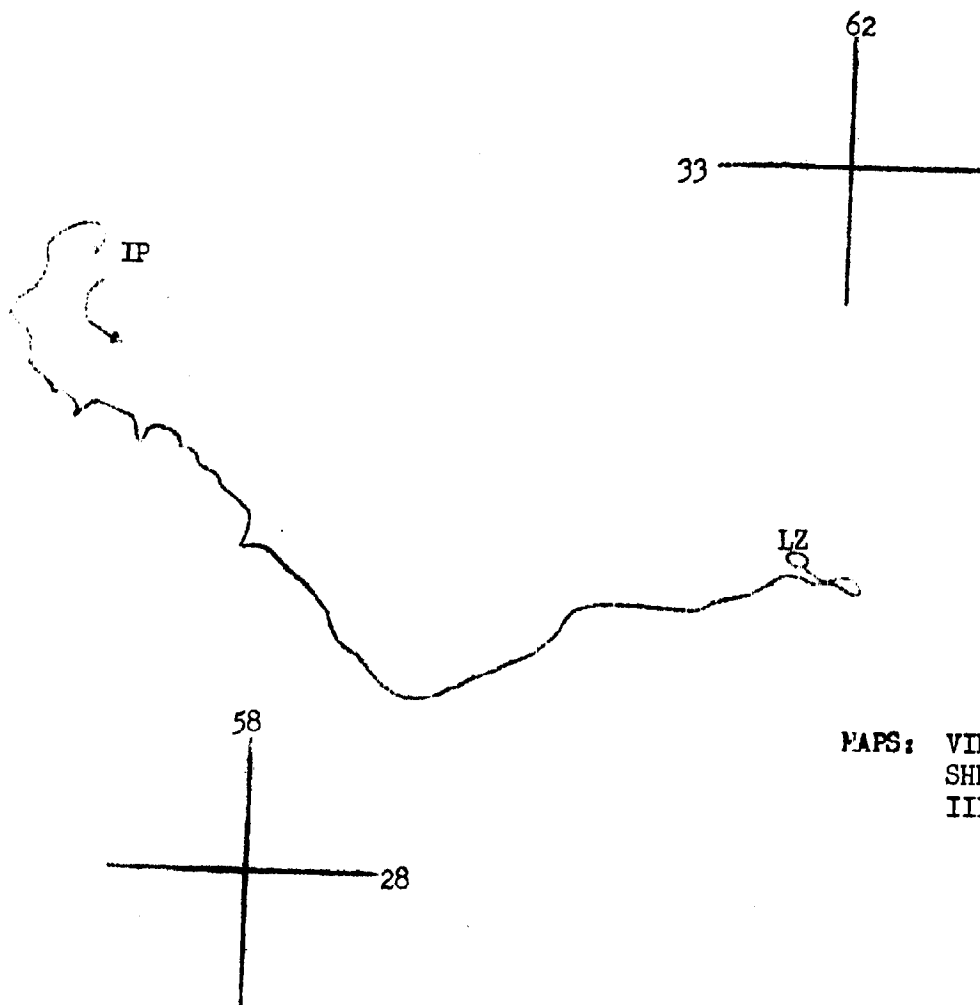
DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

OVERLAY #1

PATROL ROUTE

Map references as indicated.



FAPS: VIETNAM, 1:50,000
SHEETS 6755 II &
III, Series L701

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

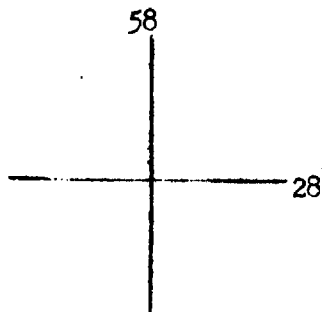
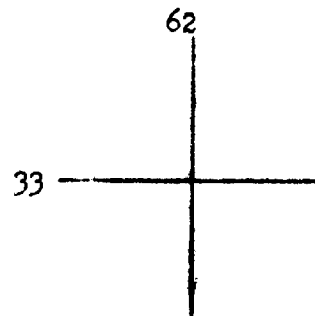
CONFIDENTIAL

OVERLAY #2

MAP CHANGES

Trails not shown.

Map references as shown.



MAPS: VIETNAM, 1:50,000
SHEETS 6755II &
III, Series L701

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIALAPPENDIX 1

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>
1	U.S. M1 Carbine 2354653	1	Folder cigarette paper
1	Standard VC grenade	1	Mirror
2	Packs, basket	4	Pieces of string
1	Hammock, camouflaged VC	1	1965 Calendar
3	Hats	1	Comb
1	Seeds, package	1	Wash cloth
15	Tea, bags	1	Bottle medicine, small
1	U.S. Pistol belt	1	Sock Ration
1	U.S. M8 knife	1	U.S. Belt, cartridge
1	Garlic, package	1	Chinese cartridge belt
2	U.S. Canteens, w/covers	1	Poncho, green plastic
2	Hammock, blue, VC	1	Meat can with rotten fish
5	Cigarettes, packages (VN)	2	Five gallon cans of fish oil
1	Cigarettes, carton (VN)	1	Gallon of U.S. Cottonseed oil
9	Candy, bags		
1	Black dye, package		
1	Homemade gunpowder, (bag)		
8	Cigarette paper, folders		
1	Pair trousers, blue		
1	Pair shorts, blue		
1	shirt, blue (military)		
5	Bars soap		
1	tube toothpaste		
1	Roll colored paper		
1	Writing tablet		
3	Boxes headache tablets		
1	Box medicine for ringworm		
1	White laundry bag		
5	Pounds Rice Cakes		
1	Utility jacket (ARVN)		
1	U.S. black belt w/buckle		
1	Mosquito net (VN)		
3	Packages tobacco		
1	Brown sugar, bag		
1	Brown pajamas, set		
1	U.S. First Aid bandage		
1	Wallet		
1	Advertisement Card		
1	1 Kip Laos money		
1	Picture		
7	5 Piaster Notes (VN)		
1	20 Piaster None (VN)		
1	$\frac{1}{2}$ razor blade		
1	$\frac{1}{2}$ pill		

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy of copies
1st Force Recon Co
DA NANG, RVN
231100H Jan 1966

PATROL REPORT

DESTINATION OF PATROL: Hateful

MAPS: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, Sheet 6755 III, Series L701

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: (2) Off (12) Enl (1) USN
2. MISSION: To conduct reconnaissance/surveillance operations in area bounded by grid lines BS 52 on the west, BS 35 on the east, BS 37 on the south, and BS 39 on the north.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 200645H January 1966.
4. TIME OF RETURN: 221340H January 1966.
5. ROUTE: See overlay.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

TIMES

201600H	Grid squares BS 5136, 5236	Bells, gongs, other like noises, coming from valleys, continuing for several hours.
201700H	Vicinity BS 522363	Laughter and yelling: sounds like those of a party.
211430H	BS 521369	Four VC, wandered into our position, wearing black.
220730H	BS 523371	Heard drums in the distance from this position.
221015H	BS 524369	30 to 50 VC attacked patrol.

7. OTHER INFORMATION. One other man, LCpl SCHAEFERS, started out with patrol but hurt his foot about 1000 meters from Camp BA TO. He was recovered by patrol from this camp. He is included in paragraph 1. See Appendix for details of the VC encounters.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: Friendly: 2 MIA (231200H), no KIA or WIA. VC: 7 - 9 KIA, several WIA.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Morale good; physical condition poor.
10. CONCLUSIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS: See paragraph (7) for opinions. No further conclusions or recommendations.

R. F. PARKER JR.
1st Lt USMC

ENCLOSURE (67)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

APPENDIX ASUMMARY OF EVENTS CONCERNING VC CONTACT
ON 21-22 JANUARY 1966

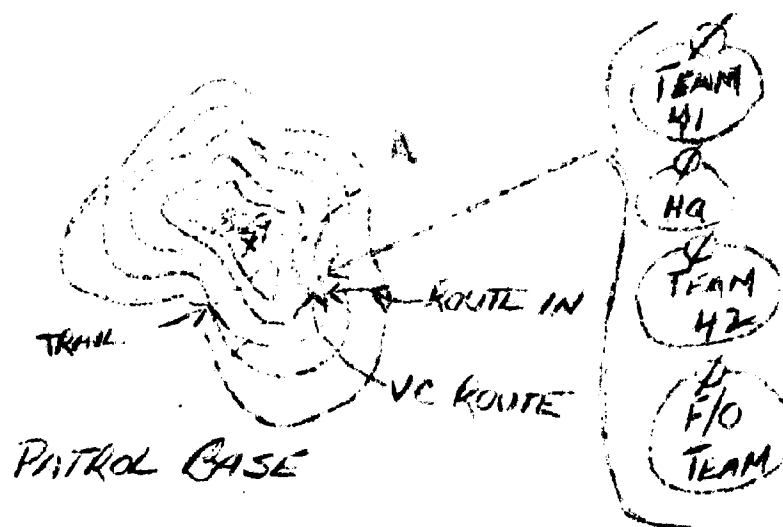
At about 211430H Hateful stopped at BS 521369, to await better visibility, since poor visibility (50 feet) made accurate movement of the hill-top impossible. About 211700H four VC, wearing black, approached the patrol base from the southeast, moving cross-country. They detected the rear position of the patrol base, without being detected themselves, and opened fire. They fired only two .30 cal rounds before they were scattered by M3A1 return fire. They ran screaming and yelling, with at least one probable WIA. Due to the heavy vegetation and terrain, the main body of the patrol was unable to see the action, and hearing all the firing and yelling, took off in the other direction. The patrol had been often briefed that VC initiated contact would be broken immediately. About 40 yards from the patrol base, Lt. PARKER assembled those near him, and immediately returned, on line, to the scene of the action. There they found OBERHAUS, who had remained after firing his M3A1. Lt. EGAN was missing. Teams were sent out to search for him, and his name yelled from the position. He was not found, nor were any tracks or signs of movement in another direction found. Conflicting reports by witnesses make it impossible to determine whether or not Lt. EGAN was wounded, or in which direction he might have moved. He did have his rifle with him and no subsequent firing was heard. The rally point was the WOLF camp. Having searched the immediate area and waited until near darkness, the patrol departed at 1830H, and located themselves for the night several hundred yards from the incident. A patrol base was established about 1930H at BS 523372.

About 220745H, the patrol moved out to the northeast to continue the mission. Visibility remained the same and the patrol had to move by dead-reckoning, since it was too hazardous to remain. About 0900H, further movement to the north or east became impossible due to the severity of the grade. The patrol was forced to back-track, losing an hour and move to the southeast along the contour line, trying to locate a place to descend. Such a place was found, and the patrol was moving straight downhill, when attacked from the rear at BS 524369 about 1015H.

Upon contact, the patrol was in a dispersed column, moving straight down a steep incline. The attack was made by an estimated 30 to 50 VC/PAVN, who were observed to have been following Hateful's track. When, in tracking, the VC made contact with the patrol's rear point, they began the attack. Due to the vegetation and terrain, only those two men on the rear point, upon initial contact, saw or engaged the enemy. The remainder of the patrol immediately attempted to break contact by rapid downhill movement, through 6 to 8 foot elephant grass and brush. The two men on the rear fired about 10 rounds into the VC, killing at least 2 to 4, and wounding several. They then joined the rapid descent. The VC attacked initially with large numbers and grenades and automatic weapons (heavier than carbines, lighter than M3A1's). They pursued both physically and by fire, now using primarily semi-automatic .30 cal weapons at longer ranges. The entire descent was made under conditions of heavy attack, and was not a controlled movement. During this time the corpsman stopped, thinking that the rest had stopped, and found himself in the midst of the VC. He killed five, and probably six, and continued moving.

ENCLOSURE (4)

DECLASSIFIED



Enclosure (1) to
Appendix A

ENCLOSURE (6/1)

Seeking cover, concealment, and terrain without great disadvantages, Lt. PARKER led six other men to a position in heavy vegetation, high up in a draw, where they set up an ambush for anyone tracking them (about 1100H at BS 528368). The VC at this time were searching the entire area. About 1130 other men from the patrol came into the ambush, and linked up. Lt. CER then called in over 150 rounds of artillery on suspected and possible positions.

At 1223H, helicopters picked up three men who had linked-up at BS 529367. At 1325H, helicopters picked up the nine men at BS 529367. GRISSETT was the only man missing in this incident, and is still listed as MIA. He was the point for the patrol and was seen several times during the descent, in good condition and further down the hill than the rest. It is reasonable to assume that he escaped unharmed from this incident, and began his movement back to the USSF camp.

The VC were observed by five men to be wearing khaki uniforms, one man observing khaki rain-type hats and wrap-around leggings, another observing grey or darker khaki uniforms. From the attack, it is apparent that they were armed with sub-machineguns, semi-automatic .30 cal weapons, and a great number of hand grenades. They were aggressive and fairly well trained, and their morale appeared to be high.

It is reasonable to assume that the four VC involved in the incident on 21 January moved to inform a VC/PAVN unit they knew to be in the area. Due to vegetation, terrain, and weather, night movement by units in the area is virtually impossible. Thus the VC/PAVN unit appears to have been located no more than one hour's march from BS 521369, since this would allow day-break movement there, and subsequent tracking, to the sight of the attack.

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy ~~45~~ of ~~45~~ copies
1st Force Recon Co
DA NANG, RVN
241130H January 1966

PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: Primness.

MAPS: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, Sheets 6755 II, III, Series L701.

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: 2 Officers, 4 Enlisted, 1 USN.
2. MISSION: To conduct reconnaissance of area bounded by grid lines BS 62W, BS 38S, BS 40N, and BS 64E.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 220500H January 1966.
4. TIME OF RETURN: 021500H January 1966.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - a. Two VC, observation post, BS 606375, uniforms undetermined, 231100H, M-1 rifles.
 - b. Three VC, patrol, BS 605374, uniforms undetermined, 231105H, small arms, including automatic carbines.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH ENEMY: Patrol was moving through thick undergrowth on its approach to high ground at BS 606375, when it came upon an open area. Patrol leader surveyed high ground for enemy observation posts and didn't see any, so patrol started to move. Then one man appeared on top of the hill. The three men that had broken out of the tree line got down, not knowing whether they had been observed. A second man appeared on top of the hill and one of them started shouting. There was a fog rolling over the top of the hill and the three men were going to wait until the hill was covered with fog before they moved back. It didn't fog in thick enough and when the three men moved back, they started taking fire. Apparently the men on top of the hill had been shouting at a patrol that was moving up on the recon patrol. Some of the firing was from a position closer than the top of the hill.

There were no friendly or enemy casualties.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Morale good, physical condition good except for hands and feet which had been exposed to constant rain.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
 - a. The size of this patrol was satisfactory. The patrol was able to move faster and with less noise.

ENCLOSURE (2)

J. C. LENKER

1st Force Recon Co

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

38
57

Helo
Recovery
Suitable HLZ
for 3-4
Helos

PATROL OVERLAY FOR PRIMNESS PATROL
FOR PERIOD OF 22 TO 23 JAN 1966
• - 2 VC 231100
• - 3 VC 231105

IP

34
64

MAPS: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, Series L701
Sheets 6755 II, III.

CONFIDENTIAL

ENCLOSURE (62)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

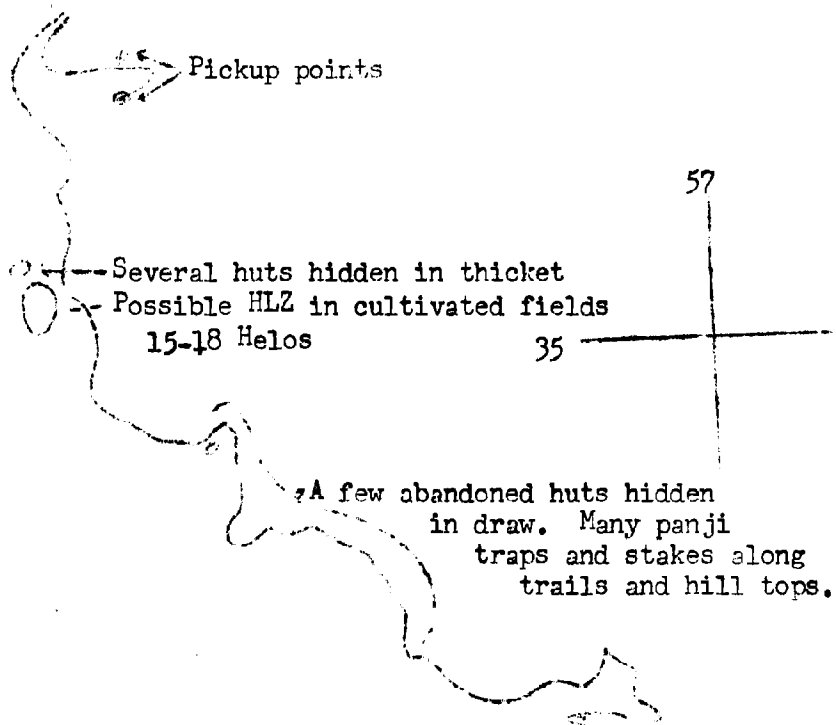
DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

-40

PATROL OVERLAY FOR HATEFUL PATROL
FOR PERIOD OF 20 TO 22 JAN 1966

51



MAP: VIETNAM, 1:50,000,
Sheet 6755 III,
Series L701

CONFIDENTIAL
ENCLOSURE (62)

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy ____ of ____ copies
 1st Force Recon Co
 DA NANG, RVN
 311630H Jan 1966

PATROL REPORT

DESIGNATION OF PATROL: PRIMNESS 1.

MAPS: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, Sheets 6755 II, III, series L701.

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: 1 Officer, 3 Enlisted.
2. MISSION: To set up observation post and observe activity in vicinity of TAN AN (1) and TAN AN (2), BS 6039, 6040.

TIME OF DEPARTURE: 26 1830H January 1966.

TIME OF RECOVERY: 29 1500H January 1966.

OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. Road blocked by large poles dug into the road at 595385. 281005H.
- b. 3 VC, moving west along road, 595385, black pajamas, 281020H, small arms.
- c. 15 VC, moving west along road, 595385, dark uniforms, some with hats, 281040H, weapons undetermined.
- d. 4 VC, moving west along road, 595385, dark uniforms, 281105H, pack and weapons undetermined.
- e. 6 VC going north, crossing river, 591391, 281140H. Black pajamas, 2 with packs, weapons undetermined.
- f. 3 VC, moving east, 597387, black pajamas, 281205H. ~~carrying~~ packs, weapons undetermined.
- g. 3 VC, moving west along road, 595385, black pajamas, 281220H. Packs, weapons undetermined.
- h. HLZ's at 592388 - 15-20 helos; 594396 - 10-15 helos; 600395 - 15-20 helos.
- i. 9 VC, moving west along road, 595385, 3 wearing gray uniforms and rain hats, rest wearing black pajamas, 281510H, 3 carrying packs, 5 carrying small arms.
- j. 6 VC, moving west along road, 597387, black pajamas, one wearing construction type helmet, 290930H, small arms weapons.
- k. 2 VC, moving west along road, 597387, black pajamas, one wearing a floppy rain hat, 290940H, small arms.
- l. 2 VC, moving east on road, 598388, one black pajamas, other in bluish gray uniform with rain hat, 291035H, man in uniform wearing cartridge belt and small arms.
- m. 1 VC, moving east, 596386, bluish gray uniform, 291035H, small arms.
- n. 6 VC, attacking our observation post, 603378, black pajama bottoms and khaki shirts, 291210H, cartridge belts and small arms.

ENCLOSURE (63)

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH ENEMY:

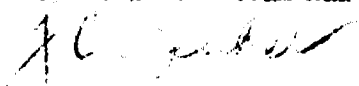
Patrol was occupying its observation post at 603378. One man was in a tree and another was at the base of the tree. The other two men were about 20 yards away. The man in the tree saw six men about 50 feet from the tree coming toward the tree. He climbed down and the two men ran down to where the other two team members were. One man got on the radio and said we had been spotted and needed a helicopter pickup. The VC then opened fire and the team jumped into the bushes. The radio was left behind. At this time LCpl SOLOVSKOY was wounded in the left calf. The team moved to 598379 and was going to await the helicopters or until darkness and then move out. After waiting an hour, the VC opened up on the team again from about 10 feet away. This broke up the team. The initial burst killed LCpl DOWLING. LCpl SOLOVSKOY returned fire and killed two VC. By this time the helicopters were flying overhead. The remainder of the patrol was picked up in three different locations.

Friendly casualties: 1 KIA, 1 WIA. Enemy casualties: 2 KIA.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Morale good, 2 men have many scratches and bruises.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a. VC patrol that attacked observation post either were moving through the area or had picked up the trail that the team had left.


J. C. LENKER
1stLt USMCR

CONFIDENTIAL

~~SECRET~~

DOWNGRADED AT 5 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 14 YEARS
DOD DIR 5200.10

Cop. 2 of 43 copies
1st Force Recon Co
DA NANG, RVN
121100H January 1966

OPERATION ORDER 2-66

Ref: (a) CG, 3dMarDiv Msg 071532Z (S)
(b) MAPS: VIETNAM, Series L701, Sheets 6654 I, 6655 I & II, 6754 I & IV,
6755 I, II, III, IV.

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

- A. Enemy Forces. A PAVN Battalion, reported to be part of 18th PAVN Regiment, located in Grid Squares BS 6227 and 6228 on 041400H Jan. (Information rated C..2 by USSF). This unit reported to have 81mm mortars, 57mm RR, and 60mm mortars. Additional information as briefed by USSF intelligence specialist.
- b. Friendly Forces.
 - (1) As briefed by Commanding Officer.
 - (2) A 105mm artillery battery (-) (H-3-12), located at BS 567322, will be in direct support of operations conducted from SF Camp A-106 only.
 - (3) "Birdwatcher" CAS and observation aircraft available as required.
- c. Attachments. One Artillery F/O Team (with each platoon-sized patrol from Special Forces Camp A-106 only).

2. MISSION.

- a. Conduct platoon-sized reconnaissance/surveillance operations, in an area of operations, vicinity of Special Forces Camp A-106, for a period of about four days commencing on 13 January 1966, to determine the location; identity; strength; movement and armament of VC/PAVN units; capture VC/PAVN prisoners, documents, and equipment; locate VC/PAVN assembly areas, training and logistics bases, and infiltration/supply routes.
- b. Be prepared to conduct additional platoon-sized reconnaissance/surveillance operations as directed by fragmentary orders in the vicinity of Special Forces Camps A-106 and A-107.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept. On 13 January 1966, one platoon with Artillery F/O Team attached, will move overland by foot to Objective "A", Annex A (Operations Overlay), to conduct reconnaissance/surveillance operations and will return by foot on or about 17 January 1966.
- b. 4th Platoon. At 130500H, move by foot from BS 567322 in a southeasterly direction to Objective "A", Annex A (Operations Overlay), conduct reconnaissance/surveillance operations and return by foot to SF Camp A-106 no later than 171200H.
- c. 2nd Platoon. Continue improvement of defensive positions at SF Camp A-106, and be prepared to conduct reconnaissance/surveillance operations to the northeast of SF Camp A-106, commencing on or about 15 January 1966.
- d. 3rd Platoon. Be prepared to conduct reconnaissance/surveillance operations, as directed, from SF Camp A-107.
- e. Company Command Group. Plan, support, and coordinate all tactical USMC operations from SF Camps A-106 and A-107.

ENCLOSURE

~~SECRET~~

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

f. Headquarters and Service Platoons.

- (1) Provide support as required to include continued security and administration of Camp MERRELL.
- (2) Attach one corpsman to each platoon.
- (3) Provide liaison personnel to 3rd Marine Division Headquarters and 3rd Recon Battalion Headquarters, until otherwise directed.

g. Supply Officer. Provide for the support listed in paragraph 4, including those requests made by the Platoon Commanders and Section Leaders as approved by the Commanding Officer, 1st Force Recon Co.h. Communications Officer. Provide communication operating instructions and support in accordance with paragraph 5.a.i. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Thrust Line Coordinates -- BS 606300 (4th Platoon Only), Base Direction North.
- (2) EMI's -- As directed by higher headquarters and briefed by Commanding Officer.
- (3) Each platoon patrol order will include an E & E Plan.
- (4) Attachments are effective 111200H.
- (5) Debriefings.
 - (a) 2nd and 4th Platoons -- by Company Command Group.
 - (b) 3rd Platoon -- by Platoon Commander.
 - (c) Patrol reports submitted to CO, 1st Force Recon Co., by most expeditious means (follow up with written report, 1st aircraft).
- (6) Patrol orders to CO, 1st Force Recon Co., for approval prior to commencing any operation.
- (7) Artillery fire support only as directed by CO., 1st Force Recon Co., but coordinated with Senior USSF Advisor, SF Camp A-106.
- (8) Priority of artillery fires:
 - (a) Defense of SF Camp A-106.
 - (b) Support as required of USMC patrols.
 - (c) Support of USSF/LLDB/CIDG patrols, as required.
- (9) No H & I fires will be authorized.
- (10) Requests from patrols for Close Air Support or observation aircraft will be prefaced by the word "Birdwatcher".
- (11) Patrol routes and areas of operations will be coordinated with the Senior USSF Advisor in the SF Camp concerned.
- (12) All patrol orders will designate thrust lines and check points.

k. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.a. Uniform and Equipment. As prescribed by patrol leader.b. Food and Ammunition. As prescribed by patrol leader, to include a minimum:

- (1) Four fragmentation grenades per man.

ENCLOSURE (4)
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

- (2) Two hundred rounds of ammunition per man.
- (3) One M-79 grenade launcher with each platoon sized patrol.
- c. Patrol rations. As prescribed by patrol leader.
- d. Casualty Plan. Helicopter evacuation for injured personnel when necessary as determined by patrol leader.
- e. Prisoner and captured enemy document or equipment plan. In the event of capture of VC/PAVN prisoners, documents, or equipment, patrols will radio detailed Spot Report to CO, 1st Force Recon Co. If considered appropriate helicopter evacuation may be requested. If heli/avac is utilized under these circumstances, patrol will be recovered at same time and flown to higher headquarters for detailed debriefing. Patrols must be prepared to secure and mark LZ for this method of recovery.
- f. Re-supply and transportation for platoon at SF Camps.
 - (1) S-3 coordinate with 1st MAW on regularly scheduled resupply aircraft to SF Camps involved.
 - (2) Use Army aircraft leaving from Special Forces "C" Detachment, DA NANG, to fullest extent possible.
- g. Reports.
 - (1) Platoons operating from Special Forces Camps will transmit shackled check points both to and from objective areas prior to insertion.
 - (2) Platoons at SF Camp A-106 submit names of participating personnel to the Company Command Group prior to insertion. Platoons operating from Special Forces Camp A-107 needs only submit the Patrol Leader's name and number of personnel participating (Shackled).
 - (3) Situation reports, location/situation, will be submitted upon a platoon insertion and every hour thereafter.
 - (4) All incidents and sightings will be transmitted immediately, in detail, upon their occurrence, using SALUTE and/or Spot Report formats.

5. COMMAND, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications.

- (1) Call signs/Frequency. (SF Camp to Patrol Only)

Command Group	Punctuate 6	Primary	40.8	Alternate	39.4
2nd Platoon	Princess		-do-		-do-
3rd Platoon	Galleon	As directed by SF Camp A-107			
4th Platoon	Hateful		40.8		39.4
F/O Teams	Hotel 4		35.0		32.5

- (2) Each patrol leader will have an AN/PRC-25 on patrol for his primary means of communication. Each F/O team accompanying a patrol will have an AN/PRC-25. Inter-patrol communication will be by an AN/PRC-10.
- (3) Patrol leaders and F/O's will use each others radios and/or frequencies as necessary to ensure positive communications with Special Forces Camp. Any patrol out of communications with Special Forces Camp or any portion of the patrol for a period of 6 hours, will abort its mission and return to camp.
 - (a) Patrol leader notify command group any time communications are lost with a portion of his patrol.

ENCLOSURE 64
CONFIDENTIAL

(b) Command Group will request overflight of last reported position of element which has not had communications for a period of 4 hours, weather and light conditions permitting.

- (4) Red panels will be displayed to mark Team/Platoon positions prior to and during air strikes.
- (5) Yellow smoke will identify landing sites for helicopter recoveries.
- (6) Communication Operating Instructions will be provided by the Communications Officer. Radio relay sites as approved by Command Group may be established by Patrol Leader.
- (7) Challenge/Password. The number system will be used while on patrols as designated by Patrol Leaders.

b. Command.

- (1) The Platoon Commanders will exercise control of their platoons while in the field. All patrols will be led by platoon commander except as specifically authorized by CO, 1st Force Recon Co.
- (2) The Company C.P. is located at BS 567322.

W C Shaver

W. C. SHAVER

Captain, U. S. Marine Corps
Commanding

ANNEX A (Operations Overlay) }
ANNEX B (Fire Support Plan) } for paragraph 3b only.

TO BE PUBLISHED

DISTRIBUTION:

CG, III MAF	(3)
CG, 3dMarDiv	(5)
CG, 1st MAW	(3)
CG, Task Force Delta	(5)
CO, 12thMar	(3)
CO, 3dReconBn	(3)
I Corps Advisory Group	(2)
Det C-1, 5th Spl Forces	(2)
CO, Recon Group Alpha	(2)
CO, 1st Force Recon Co	(10)
Plt Cmdr, 3d Plt (1stForReconCo)	(2)
CO, H-3-12	(3)

UNCLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

ANNEX A (Operations Overlay)

Copy of copies

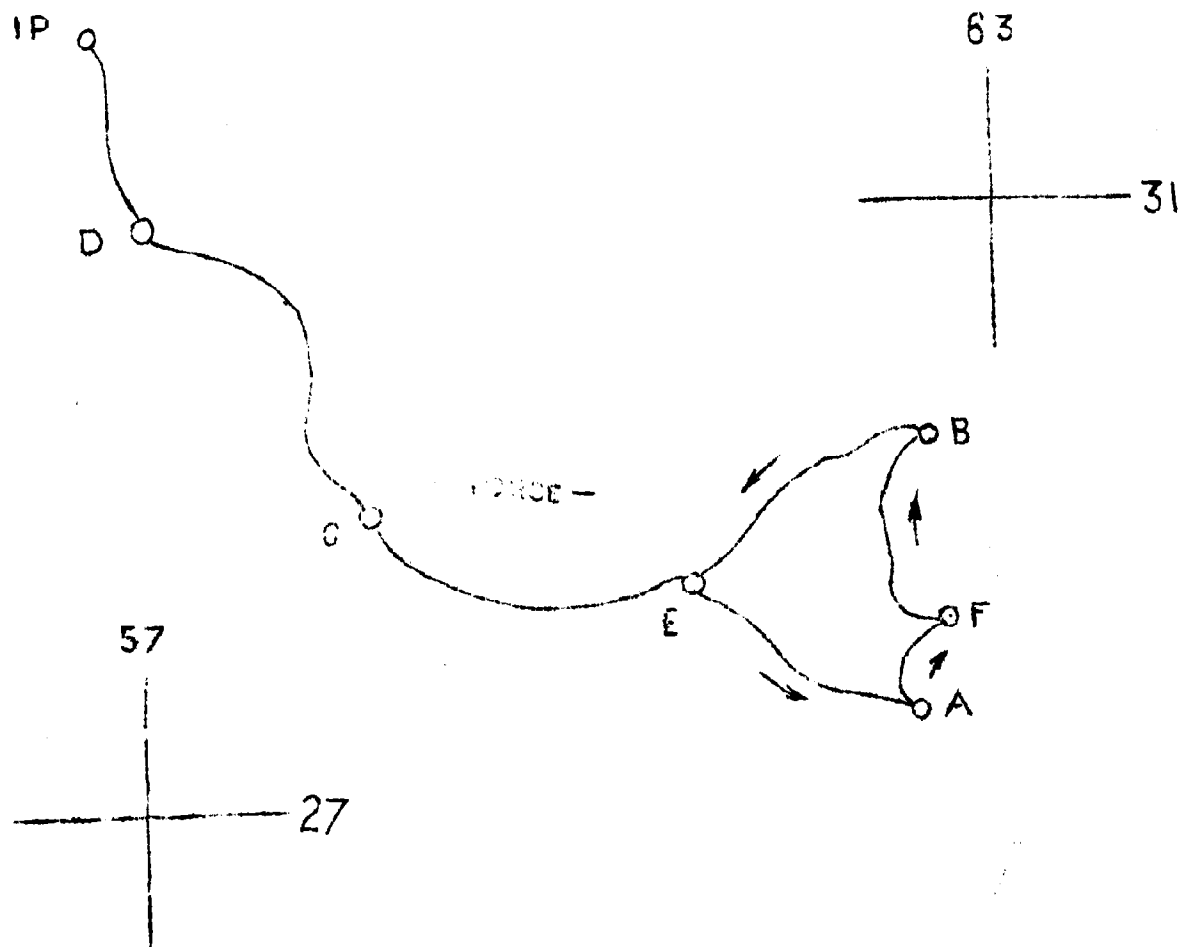
1st Force Recon Co

DA NANG, RVN

130 00H Jan 66

MAP: VIETNAM, 1:50,000

Sheets 6750 II, III



UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

-40-

PATROL OVERLAY FOR HATEFUL PATROL
FOR PERIOD OF 20 TO 22 JAN 1966

51

A hand-drawn sketch map showing a winding path or trail. At the top left, an arrow points to the text "Pickup points". Along the path, there are two circled points. The first circle is labeled "Several huts hidden in thicket" and "Possible HLZ in cultivated fields". Below this, the text "15-18 Helos" is written. To the right of this area, the number "35" is written. Further down the path, there is a label "A few abandoned huts hidden in draw. Many panji traps and stakes along trails and hill tops." To the right of this label, the number "57" is written. A vertical line and a horizontal line intersect, forming a crosshair, with the number "35" to the left of the horizontal line and "57" above the vertical line.

Pickup points

Several huts hidden in thicket
Possible HLZ in cultivated fields
15-18 Helos

35

57

A few abandoned huts hidden
in draw. Many panji
traps and stakes along
trails and hill tops.

MAP: VIETNAM, 1:50,000,
Sheet 6755 III,
Series L701

UNCLASSIFIED

ENCLOSURE (69)

DECLASSIFIED