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- (43) Patrol Report of 24 March 1966 (Recon Group Alfa) *" " # 43-66*
- (44) Operation Order 2-66 (FEX) (1st Force Reconnaissance Co), *21 March 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 March 1966

c. Commanding Officer	LtCol. R. R. VAN CLEVE
Executive Officer	Major T. R. STUART
Operations Officer	Major B. G. HUNTER
Adjutant	2ndLt. M. J. GILHEA
S-2	1stLt. E. W. NASH Jr
S-4	1stLt. G. V. SMITH
CO, H&S Company	Capt. W. D. SHUMAN
CO, Company A	1stLt. G. V. BEST Jr
CO, Company C	Capt. J. A. STUDDS
CO, Company D	Capt. J. S. TARDY
CO, Recon Group Alfa	Capt. J. L. COMPTON
CO, Company B	Capt. J. L. COMPTON
CO, Company C, 1stReconBn	Capt. R. B. TIFFANY
CO, Company A, 1stReconBn	1stLt. S. W. CHEFF
CO, 1st Force Recon Company	Major D. A. COLBY

d. Average Monthly Strength:

(1) USMC Officers	43
(2) USN Officers	1
(3) USMC Enlisted	619
(4) USN Enlisted	34

3. Significant Events

a. Logistics

- (1) Received March CRITAPAK.
- (2) Received spirit reproduction machine (COPY-PLUS) for test and evaluation.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~b. Civil Affairs

- (1) The battalion provided assistance in installing a "Liberty Bell" at the PHU THUONG ORPHANAGE church.
- (2) The battalion doctor treated children and adults at the PHU THUONG XA Refugee Center.

4. Operations

- a. The 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion (-) (Rein), in general support of the 3rd Marine Division, maintained its elements deployed around the periphery of the Division's TACR's. Three significant operational events occurred within the battalion during the reporting period which were:
  - (1) On 19 March 1966, the battalion detached Company B (-) for deployment from CHU LAI to HUE PHU BAI and attachment to the 4th Marine Regiment.
  - (2) On 24 March 1966, the battalion detached Company D (-), 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, for attachment to 4th Marine Regiment (HUE PHU BAI) for an undetermined period of time.
  - (3) On 29 March 1966, Recon Group Alfa was operationally dissolved and responsibility for reconnaissance efforts at CHU LAI charged to 1st Reconnaissance Battalion. Administrative responsibility was passed 31 March 1966.
- b. Co A. During the reporting period the company operated in the field for a total of 51 patrol days. One hut, four classrooms, two hooches, and several booby traps were located and destroyed. New trails, harbor sites, caves, and helicopter landing zones were discovered and reported. One contact with the Viet Cong resulted in negative casualties for friendly or enemy. (Enclosures 3-13)
- c. Co C. Company C conducted one Company (-) operation and operated in the field for a total of 42 patrol days. Four hooches with punji stakes around them, several harbor sites, and new spider traps were discovered. New trails and helicopter landing zones were located and noted. One incident of blinking lights resembling a signal system was also reported. The company reported 17 significant sightings totalling 104 Viet Cong. There were two contacts with the Viet Cong which resulted in three (3) enemy killed and four (4) wounded while the company sustained one (1) USMC KIA and one (1) WIA. One (1) marine was killed and two (2) wounded from an accidental grenade explosion while on patrol. The company also discovered a large sign in Vietnamese which read: "We must protect ourselves against the reconnaissance elements of the enemy for the defense of our soldiers." (Enclosures 14-21)

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- d. Co D. During the reporting period the company operated in the field for a total of 28 patrol days. On 24 March the company deployed to HUE PHU BAI to assist reconnaissance efforts in that enclave for an undetermined period of time. While operating in the Da NANG area, the company discovered four huts, many punji stakes and traps, and a very large, well used trail. The patrolling elements also located an enemy CP and destroyed seven (7) booby traps. There were three significant sightings totalling 9 VC. One contact with the Viet Cong resulted in one enemy killed, and one wounded while no friendly casualties were sustained. Two (2) CHICOM carbines, two (2) CHICOM grenades, miscellaneous 782 gear and several documents were captured. Two marines were wounded during this period by booby traps. (Enclosures 22-28)
- e. Reconnaissance Group Alfa
- (1) Group Alfa was task organized to include Company B (-)(Rein), 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, Company C (Rein), 1st Reconnaissance Battalion and Company A (-), 1st Reconnaissance Battalion. Company B (-), deployed to HUE PHU BAI on 19 March 1966, and the remainder of the group was dissolved on 29 March 1966 with the arrival of the 1st Marine Division. During the reporting period the group operated in the field for a total of 59 patrol days. Company B conducted one company size operation, and Company C conducted one company (-) effort. The patrols discovered a hospital complex, one large cave, 6 huts, several harbor sites, and numerous punji stakes. There were forty (40) significant sightings reported totalling 129 VC and 6 VCS. Four contacts with the Viet Cong resulted in 11 enemy killed and 2 wounded, while the marines sustained 2 KIA and 4 WIA. One pistol, three packs, documents, and 5,500 North Vietnamese Dong were captured. Three artillery missions resulted in an estimated 12-15 VC killed or wounded. (Enclosures 29-43)
- f. 1st Force Reconnaissance Company. The company spent the entire month of March in a training status. Included in this period were two training field exercises. (Enclosure 44)

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Ref: None

Time Zone: H

1. Make the following pen changes in Operation Plan 11-66:

- ✓a. Change "Operation Plan" to "Operation Order".
- ✓b. After reference (a), "Sheet Number 6658 IV", add: "6558 I".
- ✓c. Under "Task Organization": After Task Element Echo add: "Major STUART". After Company C, delete "Captain SHUMAN", add "Captain STUDDS". After "Company", add: "D (-), 1st Marines, Captain TULLY".
- ✓d. Paragraph 3.a.(2). After "vic", delete "HILL 722", add: "GS 8662".
- ✓e. Paragraph 3.b.(3). After "with", delete "one platoon", add: "two platoons". After "LZ OSWICH vic", delete "(AT 840613)", add: "(AT 864625)". Delete all after "Removal of Task Element".  
*REMAINDER*
- ✓f. Paragraph 3.c. Add: "Co D (-), 1st Battalion, 1st Marines".
- ✓g. Paragraph 3.e.(9). After "other hour", add: "YANKEE Report for resupply (Annex D (Reports))".
- ✓h. Paragraph 3.e.(11). Delete "tentatively" and change D-Day to read "20 March".
- ✓i. Paragraph 4.a.(2). Under Class V, after "Claymore weapons", add: "Infantry and Reconnaissance personnel carry one 60mm rd. per man".
- ✓j. Paragraph 5.a.(5). Add: "Company D, 1/1".
- ✓k. Paragraph 5.a.(7). After "3rd Marines CP", delete "and" add: "H&S 3d Reconnaissance Battalion establish relay station on HILL 327".
- ✓l. Paragraph 5.a.(10)(a). After "company", add: "D 1/1". After "Artillery Liaison Team", delete "MUSTER", add: "BAILY".
- ✓m. Paragraph 5.a.(10)(b). After "Co C, TAC Net", change "(P)" to read: "38.8 D-182", and "(a)", to read: "51.0 D-255".

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- ✓n. Paragraph 5.a.(10)(c). After "Company", add: "D". After "P" add: "52.2 D-261". After "Company Headquarters", add: "PILSNER DELTA". Add: "2nd Platoon PILSNER DELTA 2", and "3d Platoon PILSNER DELTA 3". Include "(d)" to read "Artillery frequency and call signs as shown in Paragraph 5, Annex C (Fire Support)".
- ✓o. Paragraph 5.b.(1). Delete "886" and add: "419".
- ✓p. Under "Annexs" after "C (Fire Support)", add: "D (Reports)".
- ✓2. Include the following new pages attached hereto as Annex A (Intelligence), Annex B (Operation Overlay), Annex C (Fire Support) and Annex D (Reports) to Operation Order 11-66.



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*ORDER*  
 Operation Plan 11-66

Ref: (a) Map: VIET NAM, 1:50,000, Series L701, Sheet Number 6658 IV; 6558 I  
 (b) BnOpO 349-65 w/Ch 1

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Task Element ECHO  
 Company C, 3rd Recon Bn  
 Company D, (-)/Marines  
 FAC Team  
 Artillery Liaison Team  
 Artillery FO Team  
 Det, 3rd Engineer Bn

Major *STUART*  
 Capt. ~~SHUMAN~~ *STUBBS*  
 Capt. *TULLY*

# 1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Annex A (Intelligence).

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) 3rd Marines provides fire support coordination as required.
- (2) 12th Marines provides long range artillery support.
- (3) 1st MAF provides fixed wing and helicopter support as requested.

c. Attachments and Detachments

- (1) Task Organization.
- (2) Effective 1600H D-1.

d. Assumptions

- (1) That VC activity warrants a thorough reconnaissance effort in the HILL 886-1078 complex.
- (2) That infantry reinforcing elements will be made available.

2. MISSION. To locate VC/NVA units and installations located in the HILL 886-1078 complex; to identify routes between Happy Valley and the SONG VU GIA Valley utilized by dissident elements and to capture VC/NVA documents, material and prisoners.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L3. EXECUTIONa. Concept of Operation

- (1) Annex B (Operation Overlay).
- (2) On D-Day at H-Hour, Task Element ECHO lands by helicopter vic *gs 8662* ~~HILL 722~~, consolidates its position and moves to HILL 886 where it establishes a patrol base.
- (3) The Task Element carries out its mission from a series of patrol bases relocated at staggered intervals between HILLS 886 and 1078 utilizing the reconnaissance elements to locate enemy units and installations and the infantry units to exploit the reconnaissance contacts.
- (4) Exit from the area by foot through grid squares (AT 8162) and (AT 8263) to LZ vic (AT 853639) and from there by air to LZ FINCH.
- (5) It is visualized that this operation will last about 10 days.

b. Co C, 3rd Recon Bn

- (1) Annex B (Operation Overlay).
- (2) At last light D-2 land two platoons at LZ TURKEY, vic (AT 864631).
- (3) With <sup>TWO</sup> ~~one~~ platoons secure LZ OSTRICH vic (AT <sup>864625</sup> ~~840613~~) for entry of remainder of Task Element and ~~with one platoon locate a suitable PB vic HILL 886 (AT 823606) for the Task Element.~~
- (4) Provide guides and advance guard for movement of the Task Element into initial patrol base.
- (5) Land remaining element with main body at H-Hour on D-Day.
- (6) Conduct reconnaissance operations as assigned.

c. <sup>1st Bn,</sup> Co A, ~~2nd~~ Bn, 1st Marines

- (1) Annex B (Operation Overlay).
- (2) At H-Hour, D-Day land two platoons (Rein) and the company command element by helicopter at LZ OSTRICH, link up with reconnaissance elements securing site then proceed as part of main body of Task Element ECHO to initial patrol base via HILL 886.
- (3) Provide flank security and rear guard for movement of Task Element to initial patrol base.

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- (4) Provide patrol base security.
  - (5) Be prepared to exploit discoveries made by reconnaissance elements or to reinforce reconnaissance elements if required.
  - d. Artillery Liaison Team. Provide fire support coordination in objective area.
  - e. Coordinating Instructions
    - (1) Reference (b).
    - (2) Employment of riot control agents authorized.
    - (3) Direct liaison between participating units has been authorized.
    - (4) Each unit listed in Task Organization furnish S-1, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion with a complete roster by name and serial number the day prior to commencement of this operation.
    - (5) Submit SITREP and location to Task Element Headquarters hourly on the half-hour. Submit SALUTE reports as sightings occur and SPOT reports as contacts occur.
    - (6) Call and adjust artillery fire through Task Element Artillery Liaison Team.
    - (7) When an air strike is requested and approved, display red panels at position when aircraft are on station.
    - (8) Vietnamese property, including livestock, will not be destroyed except on order Task Element Headquarters.
    - (9) Reports to higher headquarters will be submitted by the Task Element Headquarters utilizing the SPOT report for contacts supplemented by a SITREP every other hour. *YANKEE Report for resupply (Annex D (Reports)).*
    - (10) All live ordnance will be removed from objective area.
    - (11) D-Day tentatively <sup>20</sup> 18 March, H-Hour 0830H.
    - (12) This plan effective for planning on receipt and for execution on order.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS
- a. Supply
    - (1) General. Initial supplies will be obtained from parent unit; resupply will be on an emergency basis only.

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- Class I 10 Long range patrol packets per individual.  
2 canteens of water.
- Class II Combat essential equipment, one entrenching tool  
per two Marines. 2 Machetes per squad.
- Class III None.
- Class IV 2 protective masks per squad.
- Class V B/A plus 2 bandoliers, one two pound block of C4  
per man. M79: 40 rounds per weapon. Shotguns as  
prescribed by Co Cmdr. 200N/CS grenades to be  
carried by each squad. A minimum of 2 LAAW's per  
squad. Engineer squad carry 100 blasting caps,  
2000' of detonating cord and 8 Claymore weapons. *infantry  
and Recon personnel carry 60mm rd. per man.*

b. Evacuation. Emergency medical evacuation will be requested through  
Task Element Headquarters. Submit HLZ coordinates with request.

c. Miscellaneous(1) Uniform and Individual Equipment

- (a) Uniform: Utilities, combat or jungle boots, soft covers.  
Uniform for rifle company: Normal combat.
- (b) Equipment: T/O weapons with equipment, poncho, pack as  
prescribed by Co Cmdr.
- (c) Each individual will carry a minimum of three changes of  
socks in a waterproof container and such other changes of  
clothing as may be desired or prescribed by Co Cmdrs.

(2) Personal Hygiene

- (a) Company Commanders will cause each Marine to dry his feet  
and change socks daily.
- (b) Every effort will be made to give each Marine the opportunity  
to bathe and change his clothing at least every third day.

(3) Trash. All trash and garbage will be buried and the site  
camouflaged.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICSa. Communications-Electronics

- (1) Reference (b) except as modified herein.

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- (2) Element Tactical Net will be activated at 1700H D-2 at Headquarters, 3rd Marines and at Camp Reasoner for control of and receipt of information from advance elements in the objective area. Other stations be prepared to enter the net on order.
- (3) Task Element Headquarters carry RC292 antenna for use with PRC-25.
- (4) Establish and maintain internal communications as required.
- (5) Company ~~B~~, <sup>A</sup> be prepared to utilize wire as primary means of communications within the patrol base.
- (6) Each company carry and be prepared to utilize 2 PSR-1's.
- (7) Company C, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion establish and maintain a station on the Element TAC Net at the 3rd Marines CP ~~and~~ a relay station on HILL 327.
- (8) Shackle:
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- (9) Authentication
- (a) JACK / LONDON
- (b) IAN / FLEMING
- (c) WALT / WHITMAN
- (10) Frequencies and Call Signs

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 1st 3d Recon  
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## (a) Element Tactical Net

(P) 46.9 D-237 (A) 38.8 D-282

Element Headquarters

SCAT ECHO

Company C

SCAT CHARLIE

Company ~~B~~ //

SCAT HUSKY

TAC Team

SCAT 14

Artillery Liaison Team

SCAT ~~MUSTER~~ BAILEY

HILL 327 Relay

SCAT TEST

3rd Mar (Co C)

SCAT RELAY

Camp Reasoner

SCAT

## (b) Co C, TAC Net

(P) ~~51.0 D-255~~ (A) ~~38.8 D-218~~  
~~38.8 D-255~~ ~~51.0 D-255~~

Company Headquarters

SCAT PEANUTS

1st Platoon

SCAT SCHROEDER

2nd Platoon

SCAT BROWN

3rd Platoon

SCAT SNOOP

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(c) Company D, TAC Net

(P) 52.2 8-261 (A)

Company Headquarters ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ PILSNER DELTA

24 Platoon PILSNER DELTA 2

34 Platoon PILSNER DELTA 3

(d) Artillery frequency and call signs as shown in Data 5, Annex C (Fire Support).

b. Command Posts

(1) Initialley vic HILL 886 419.

(2) Subsequent locations will be reported as established.

  
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Annex A (Intelligence) to Operation Order 11-66

Reference: (1) Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000, L-701 Series, Sheets 6558 I, 6658 IV.

(2) 3d Recon Bn Int Est No. 2 dtd 14 Mar 66.

(3) 3d Recon Bn Op 3400.14 SOP for Intelligence.

(4) 3d Recon Bn Operation Order 11-66.

(5) 3d Recon Bn Operation Order 349-65.

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

See current intelligence summaries and reference (2).

2. EEI AND OTHER INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS

a. EEI

- (1) Determine the extent to which the enemy uses the area as a supply route, supply point, training area, political indoctrination center, and munition manufacturing area.
- (2) Determine the nature and number of enemy permanently and temporarily operating in the area.
- (3) Determine the unit designations of enemy operating in this area.
- (4) Determine whether or not the enemy intends to use this area as a base for future operations into the Danang area. If so, in what strength?
- (5) Determine the enemy's communication capability in this area.

3. ORDERS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

- a. Refer to paragraph 104 of reference (3).

4. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Instructions for handling indigenous personnel and captives. Indigenous personnel will be interrogated upon contact and the commander will decide the course of action depending upon the situation. Captives or indigenous personnel determined to be VC or VCS will be interrogated and then returned by the most expeditious means to the 3d Marines collection point. Records will be maintained of all interrogations and reported to the Bn S-2 by the most expeditious means. Captives will be treated in accordance with Section 3 of reference (3).
- b. Captured documents, equipment, and weapons will be handled in accordance with Section 3 of reference (3).
- c. Maps will be requested through the Battalion S-2 in accordance with reference (3).

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## INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE NO. 2

Reference: Map, AMS Series L701 VIET NAM, 1:50,000, Sheets 6658 IV,  
 6558 I.

## 1. MISSION

To locate VC/NVA units and installations located in the HILL 886-1078 complex; to identify routes between HAPPY VALLEY and the SONG WU GIA Valley utilized by dissident elements and to capture VC/NVA documents, material and prisoners.

## 2. THE AREA OF OPERATIONS

## a. Weather

- (1) Existing situation. See Annex C, (Climatic and Astronomical Data).
- (2) The weather conditions will effect the airborne operations for a limited period each day. It is possible that weather conditions will decrease observation for limited periods of time. Ground operations will not be affected by the weather.

## b. Terrain

- (1) The area of operation includes the NUI SON GA and NUI DONG LAM located in the SOUTHWESTERN part of the DAI LOC District, QUANG NAM Province. (See Annex B, (Operation Overlay), Operation Plan 11-66.)
- (2) Relief and drainage. The area is characterized by one central ridge running from EAST to WEST. Elevation at the EASTERN portion is from 200-420 meters whereas the WESTERN portion extends to 1200 meters. The NORTHERN and SOUTHERN portions of the objective area are characterized by elevations of 10-100 meters. Drainage runs to the NORTH and SOUTH from the ridge forming numerous gullies, draws and ravines. It is expected that all streams, regular or intermittent, will contain water during this season.
- (3) Vegetation. The area of operation is characterized by two distinct types of vegetation. The EASTERN and SOUTHERN portions contain scrub growth. The WESTERN and NORTHERN portion is secondary jungle characterized by dense scrub growth beneath an 80-100 foot forest canopy.
- (4) Surface materials. The surface consists of clay and rock which becomes slippery when wet.
- (5) Manmade features. The only manmade features consist of three groups of huts inside the forest (See Appendix I, Tab A). It is highly probable, however, that there are many other such huts throughout the forest area.
- (6) Effect of terrain on enemy courses of action. The terrain is favorable to the enemy if he decides to defend the high ground. Cover and concealment are excellent but fields of fire are poor unless he clears them himself. Even then the configuration of the ground does not permit long range grazing fire. Observation is excellent from the high ground in the shrub area but is limited to as little as 5 meters and averaging 20 meters in the forest. Avenues of approach enter the area of operation from the NORTHWEST, NORTHEAST, EAST and SOUTH as shown on the Enemy Situation Overlay (Annex A).
- (7) Effect of terrain on our courses of action. The terrain will have an adverse effect on our courses of action. Initially, the shrub area cannot be traversed undetected during daylight hours. It is possible to move through this area without the use of established trails. Movement in the secondary jungle is limited to the trails except by small groups. Cover and concealment is good in the jungle area. Avenues of approach are the four mentioned in (6) above but the fingers running into the 1078 HILL complex can be utilized by small groups. Observation in this area is poor and the enemy can be expected to use this to his advantage in ambushing our units. Configuration of terrain is the only limitation to fields of fire in the shrub area but the dense vegetation in the jungle makes natural fields of fire non-existent.

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## (8) Helicopter Suitability (See Annex B, Terrain Analysis Overlay).

(a) General. The area designated as shrub contains several landing zones and sites. They are located principally on the hilltops and range in absorption from one to twelve CH-34's. The zones and sites are clear of obstacles.

## (b) Landing Zones

<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>Absorption (CH-34)</u>
AT812600	3
AT823605	2
AT827604	4
AT826608	2
AT827609	1
AT832616	5
AT835613-846615	8
AT837608	2
AT846603	1
AT854606	1
AT858603	1
AT853614	4
AT850620-870627	12
AT850638	1

(c) Inside the forest area there are no landing zones but some areas are satisfactory for hover and hoist operations.

3. ENEMY SITUATION

a. Dispositions. See Enemy Situation Overlay (Appendix A).

## b. Composition

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CREDIBILITY</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>COORD</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Protection Plt	confirmed	30	AT920610	31Jan66
Combat Eng. Plt.	confirmed	30	AT920610	31Jan66
Unconfirmed Bn.	possible	?	AT820600	8Jan66
R-24 Co.	confirmed	120	AT910610	28Feb66
H-54 C.	confirmed	100	AT845565	28Feb66
Q-16 (H-41)	confirmed	120	AT912662	28Feb66

These units, with but one exception, are not in the area of operation but are near enough to have a direct effect on the operation. Because of numerous recent contacts in the area of GSAT3265 and 7965, it is evident that a unit of some type operates in this area regularly with the mission of interdicting movement into HAPPY VALLEY via this route. This could conceivably effect operations to the SOUTH in the planned area of operations.

c. The following is a list of enemy activity in the area during the months of JAN, FEB, and MAR, 1966:

JANUARY

021500H	AT845573	2 men running SOUTH.
022330H	AT834592	1 VC walked into OP position.
030730H	AT834592	16 VC moving NORTH with packs and some weapons.
030730H	AT834592	4 VC moving SOUTH on trail.
031030H	AT833596	2 VC moving SOUTH on trail.

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031045H	AT832596	4 VC moving SOUTH on trail.
031050H	AT835575	1 VC moving SOUTH on trail.
031120H	AT833596	2 VC moving SOUTH on trail.
031130H- 1230H	AT832596	50-100 VC in groups of 1-5 moving SOUTH on trail.
031245H	AT826570	VC entering PHU HYONG (2).
031310H	AT908606	25 men, women and children. 3 weapons, 4 cartridge belts and 1 pack.
040245H	AT833597	4 VC establish OP.
041000H	AT834597	4-8 VC searching area.
041130H	AT832596	8 VC moving SOUTH directly towards patrol OP.
041130H	AT833595	5 VC pointing towards patrol OP and talking.
041715H	AT83764	6 explosions at 3 minute intervals each.
041800H	AT833596	2 men with heavy packs moving NORTHWEST.
051630H	AT83764	10 explosions.
061400H	AT836567	1 man in khaki.
071700H	AT833576	3 VC moving SOUTH on trail.
081300H	AT903607	4 VN with weapons and 14-15 children policing HILL 75 after friendly troops left the area.
081325H	AT902603	2 VC. One with rifle.
081700H	AT836614	1 VC approached OP site.
091000H	AT909607	2 VN came from bushes and talked to 10 people in the field and then returned.
091145H	AT907605	6 VN. One rifle.
<u>FEBRUARY</u>		
021315H	AT867626	Booby trap and panji stakes.
121600H	AT872626	10 mines and booby traps in 100 meter area.
201150H	AT836596	10 VC armed with rifles and packs. Moving SOUTHEAST.
221110H	AT836597	2 men, 4 women with packs. Moving SOUTHEAST.
231700H	AT831600	4 VC moving NORTH.
241000H	AT847622	Harbor Site (6 months old).
241100H	AT828600	8 VCS moving NORTH on trail.
241600H	AT839624	Huts.
250945H	AT833627	Harbor sites and cave.
251000H	AT832628	Camp with 5 permanent dwellings.
251230H	AT837630	2 VC.
25 - -	AT835632	2 camouflaged positions along a trail.
25 - -	AT836633	Rock and bunker (2 man) facing EAST.
25 - -	AT837636	Panji stakes.
25 - -	AT841638-	
	835635	Panji stakes and traps.
281250H	AT827607	3 VC moving SOUTH.
<u>MARCH</u>		
051430H	AT843624	6 huts - old harbor site.
061330H	AT838624	3 VC.
061345H	AT831620	6 VC.

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081015H	AT828604	4 VC ran NORTHWEST.
090915H	AT828604	3 VC ran NORTHWEST.
091130H	AT828604	5 VC.
140712H	AT825603	Observed a 2 man VC OP.
140740H	AT825603	2 VC killed by artillery fire.
141000H	AT828604	1 VC standing on a trail.
141024H	AT831600	2 VC moving EAST on a trail.

d. Strength. It is estimated that the enemy strength in this area numbers approximately 100. These are probably not organized units as such but more likely are training cadre, supply personnel and small groups of guerillas. There remains the possibility that there are units presently in a training status in the area which would increase this number. The rice harvest, scheduled to begin the last part of this month, could also be a reason for more troops to be using this area. It is reasonable to assume, based on past experience, that these VC will only be encountered in small units of 1-15 men. The enemy possesses sophisticated radio equipment in this area. They include AN/PRC-10 and 25, AN/PRC-47, RT-3, as well as other FM and AM equipment. Units have recently reported jamming when working in this area and it is believed that there is a radio relay/intercept station in this area.

e. Peculiarities and weaknesses.

- (1) The enemy will not attack unless he thinks he has the upper hand.
- (2) Because of his poor marksmanship, his ambushes are not as effective as they could be. It must be said, however, that all VC units are not poor marksmen and this weakness cannot be assumed.
- (3) The enemy will mark all of his mines or booby traps. Alertness on the point will give the patrols the ability to discover these traps prior to detonation.

#### 4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

a. The enemy is capable of employing five courses of action or any combination thereof:

- (1) Attack the unit. It is possible for the enemy to mass adequate forces in this area to attack our unit moving into this area.
- (2) Defend the area. It is possible for the enemy to attempt a defense of this area and it is conceivable that he has sufficient amount of valuable supply, weapons and personnel to warrant such a defense.
- (3) Withdraw. The enemy has the capability of a quick, orderly withdrawal.
- (4) Harrass. The enemy can harrass through the use of snipers and well placed ambushes.
- (5) Delay. The enemy can delay through the use of mines and booby traps along the trails and in the helicopter landing zones.

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b. Discussion. It is estimated through past experience, doctrine and reported documentation that the enemy will employ a combination of (3), (4), and (5). He does not desire to mass forces in this area because of the close proximity of Marine reinforcements, air and artillery. Neither does he have equipment valuable or permanent enough to warrant defending this area. Although this area is valuable as a supply route he knows that we will probably not outpost it and hence it will be open after our operation has been completed. He can and will withdraw temporarily into whatever area through which he feels that we will not attempt pursuit. This will probably be on a multiple number of routes. He will also harass and delay. Well situated ambushes and snipers will affect this course of action. These can be expected to be located in chosen places along the trails in the area. Mines of anti-personnel nature and type and booby traps utilizing grenades, artillery and mortar rounds and explosives will be used in this delaying action.

## 5. CONCLUSIONS

Based upon the information previously discussed the enemy can be expected to harass, delay and withdraw. He will leave behind items not transportable such as huts, some food and supplies, protective caves and holes, and weapons and equipment depending upon our use of the element of surprise. It will be difficult for us to enter this area undetected and by any route other than previously established trails. The enemy is not likely to use indirect fire weapons due to the dense vegetation throughout the NORTHWESTERN portion of the operation area, which is the area in which we are most likely to encounter him. We will encounter small groups of the enemy and can be expected to overcome with firepower and aggressiveness. It must be remembered at all times that he has the capability of monitoring all of our radio transmissions on both FM and AM frequencies. The enemy is well armed, well supplied with ammunition and possesses good morale in this particular area.

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APPENDIX

- A - Enemy Situation Overlay
- B - Terrain Analysis and Helicopter Suitability Overlay
- C - Astronomical Data and Weather Summary

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## 1. ASTRONOMICAL DATA:

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<u>DATE:</u>	<u>BMNT:</u>	<u>EMNT:</u>	<u>SRISE:</u>	<u>SSET:</u>	<u>BENT:</u>	<u>EENT:</u>	<u>MR:</u>	<u>MS:</u>	<u>MPHASE:</u>
15Mar66	0609	0632	0655	1853	1921	1944	0204	1320	1/2
16Mar66	0609	0632	0655	1853	1921	1944	0256	1412	1/4
17Mar66	0609	0631	0654	1853	1921	1944	0345	1506	1/4
18Mar66	0607	0630	0653	1853	1921	1944	0429	1557	1/4
19Mar66	0606	0629	0652	1853	1921	1944	0511	1647	1/4
20Mar66	0606	0629	0652	1853	1921	1944	-----	-----	NEW
21Mar66	0605	0628	0651	1858	1921	1944	-----	-----	NEW
22Mar66	0604	0627	0650	1859	1922	1945	-----	-----	NEW
23Mar66	0603	0626	0649	1859	1922	1945	-----	-----	NEW
24Mar66	0602	0625	0648	1859	1922	1945	-----	-----	NEW
25Mar66	0601	0624	0647	1859	1922	1945	0842	1736	1/4
26Mar66	0600	0623	0646	1900	1923	1946	0921	1830	1/4
27Mar66	0559	0622	0645	1900	1923	1946	1004	1925	1/4
28Mar66	0559	0622	0645	1900	1923	1946	1053	-----	1/2
29Mar66	0558	0621	0644	1900	1923	1946	1149	0024	1/2
30Mar66	0557	0620	0643	1900	1923	1946	1247	0125	1/2
31Mar66	0557	0620	0643	1900	1923	1946	1402	0224	1/2
01Apr66	0557	0620	0643	1900	1923	1946	1455	0321	3/4
02Apr66	0556	0619	0642	1900	1923	1946	1558	0414	3/4
03Apr66	0556	0619	0642	1900	1923	1946	1700	0502	3/4
04Apr66	0555	0618	0641	1900	1923	1946	1800	0551	3/4
05Apr66	0555	0618	0641	1900	1923	1946	1900	0630	FULL

2. WEATHER SUMMARY:

a. Precipitation. Although March is a dry season month over South-east Asia rainfall increases almost everywhere along the East Coast. Conditions are favorable for "Crachin" during which morning drizzle contributes light, but significant precipitation. The DANANG enclave will average 5 days of rain during the month of March with an average rain fall of 1.0 inches. Absolute maximum rain fall for a period of 24 hours is 5.4 inches.

b. Winds. The prevailing low level flow during March is generally Easterly and Northerly. The surface wind direction at DANANG, as effected by the terrain, will be variable.

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c. Visibility. Visibilities of less than 3 miles can be expected with early morning valley fogs and occasionally with river stratus. These visibility restrictions rarely persist after 0900 LST morning visibilities of less than 3 miles are frequent with "breakers" conditions along the eastern coast.

d. Temperature. The average mean daily maximum is 80 degrees. The average mean daily minimum is 68 degrees. Lower temperatures will be encountered in the mountain complexes.



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ANNEX C (Fire Support) to 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion Operation Order 11-66

Ref: (a) Maps: VIET NAM, 1:50,000, Series L701, Sheet Number 6658IV  
 and 6558I

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. See basic order.
2. MISSION. 12th Marines supports the area of operation by long range fire.
3. EXECUTION
  - a. 1st 8" Howitzer Battery(-)(Rein) moves two 8" howitzers and one 155mm Gun to HILL 41 (AT 935665) position NLT 181500H. (D-2)
  - b. Btry K, 1stBn, 12th Marines moves two 155mm howitzers to HILL 41 (AT 935665) position NLT 181500H. (D-2)
  - c. 12th Marines provides one artillery Liaison Team with PRC 25 and two Forward Observer Teams with PRC 25 to the Commanding Officer, 3rd Recon Battalion for planning by D-3 and operation on D-day.
  - d. Coordinating Instructions
    - (1) Concentration Numbers. Concentration numbers will run consecutively from RC 700 through RC 799 and will be assigned when needed.
    - (2) Fire Coordination Line
      - (a) Fire coordination line (FCL) as shown on operation overlay describes the no fire zone for the operation area. No supporting arms will fire into the zone without approval of the Commander of Task Element Echo, 3rd Recon Battalion.
    - (3) Commander of Task Element Echo provides fire support coordination for all operations in the objective area.
    - (4) Aerial observers working in and around the operation area will check in with the 3rd Recon Battalion on the Artillery Conduct of Fire Net.

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a. Artillery conduct of fire nets are as follows; Primary D-164 36.0MFS, Secondary D-170 36.7. Stations on the Net will be FO Team, Liaison Team, artillery relay station and the 1st 8" Howitzer Btry(-)(Rein).

b. Artillery Call Sign:

1st 8" Howitzer Battery	RAINBOLT
Artillery Relay Station	MUSTER RELAY
Liaison Team	SCAT BAILEY
FO (C Company, 3rd Recon)	MUSTER CHARLIE
FO ( Company, D, 1st Mar )	MUSTER HUSKY

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Annex D (Reports) to Operation Order 11-66

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1. Task Element Commander will submit reports in accordance with paragraph 3.c.(9) and this Annex.
2. SPOT Reports will be submitted as contacts occur, utilizing format as shown in Appendix 1. SITREPS will be submitted on the even hour, utilizing format as shown for ZULU Report (Appendix 2). In the event resupply should be necessary utilize YANKEE Report as indicated in Appendix 3.

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SPEC REPORT

1. The following format will be used by the task element to submit reports of contacts to higher headquarters.

ALPHA	Reporting Unit
BRAVO	Local DMC
CHARLIE	Location (6 place coordinate)
DELTA	Incident
ECHO	Action taken as result of DELTA
FOXTROT	Friendly KIA
GOOSE	Friendly WIA
HOTEL	Friendly MIA
INDIA	VC KIA
JOHNNY	VC MIA
KILO	VCC
LIMA	VCS
MIKE	Weapons captured
NOVEMBER	Equipment, documents captured



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ZULU REPORT

1. The following report ZULU Report) will be submitted by the Task Element to higher headquarters on the even hour.

- a. Time.
- b. Location Task Element CP.
- c. Location Company C
  - (1) Company CP.
  - (2) 1st Platoon.
  - (3) 2nd Platoon.
  - (4) 3d Platoon.
- d. Location Company D/1/1
  - (1) Company CP.
  - (2) 1st Platoon.
  - (3) 2nd Platoon.

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e. Sightings (NOTE: Contacts will be reported by SPOT Report).

- (1) Time.
- (2) Location.
- (3) Nature of Sighting.
- (4) Action taken.

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- (1) Artillery.
- (2) Air.



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YANKTE REPORT

1. a. Long Pango Patrol Ration Packet.  
b. MCI, Meal.
2. a. BA 386.  
b. BB 451.  
c. BA 279  
d. H-33.  
e. PRC-10.  
f. PRC-47.  
g. PRC-25  
h. Communication wire  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile.  
i. TA-1/PT  
j. Message Books.  
k. Insect repellant (Btl).
3. a. Ctg. 40mm.  
b. Ctg. 7.62mm Ball.  
c. Ctg. Cal .45.  
d. Ctg 12 Ga.  
e. Grenade M26 (Frag).  
f. Grenade M34 (WP).

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g. Signal Day/Night	ea.
h. Signal Grenade, Yellow smoke	ea.
i. Signal Grenade, Green smoke	ea.
j. Signal Grenade, Red smoke	ea.
k. Signal White Star Para	ea.
l. Signal Red Star Para	ea.
m. Signal Green Star Smoke	ea.
n. Signal Green Smoke Para	ea.
o. Signal Red Smoke Para	ea.
p. Rocket LAAW	ea.
q. C4, 2lb	ea.
r. Igniter, Blasting Fuse M2	ea.
s. Electric Blasting Caps	ea.
t. Non-Electric Blasting Caps	ea.
u. Claymore Mine M18	ea.
v. Fuse, Blasting, time	ft.
w. Primacord	ft.
x. Ctg. 7.62mm Linked	ea.
y. Ctd 7.62mm Tracer	ea.
z. M-14 Rifle M14	ea.
aa. Grenade CS	ea.
bb. Grenade CN	ea.
cc. 60mm Mortar Rds	ea.
4. a. Morphine Syrettes, 5's	bx.
b. Battle dressing, small	ea.
c. Battle dressing, medium	ea.

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## GENERAL SUPPLY LIST

- |   |          |
|---|----------|
| d. Pottle Dressing, large                                 | ea.      |
| e. Malaria prophylactic, tablets, combined 1000's bottle. |          |
| f. Salt tablets 1000's                                    | btl.     |
| g. Collapsible stretcher, nylon                           | ea.      |
| h. Water purification tabs, 50's                          | Btl.     |
| i. Anaphylactic Medication                                | One man. |
| j. Diarrhea Medication                                    | One man. |
| k. Band-aid, 100's  | Bx.      |
| l. Benzalconium, Tinc, 3's                                | Pkg.     |
| m. Hospital Carpetan                                      | One.     |

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Operation Order 13-66

- 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; 6657 II, III, IV; 6656 I, 6756 I, IV.  
 (b) BnOpO 349-65 w/Ch 1  
 (c) BnO 1500.1  
 (d) BnOp Plan 12-66  
 (e) BnOp Plan 11-66  
 (f) 1st Force Recon Co Bulletin 1550 dtd 5 March 1966

Time Zone: H

**Task Organization**

- a. Reference (b).  
 b. 1st Force Reconnaissance Company remains OPCOM 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion.

**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 TAOR's/RZ's of the DA NANG and CHU LAI enclaves and conducts reconnaissance/infantry reinforced operations against VC forces beyond the TAOR's.

**3. EXECUTION**

- a. Concept of Operation. Reference (b).  
 b. Co A

- (1) During the period 15-31 March 1966 inclusive, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in or WEST of RZ-3. Utilize 1/3 of available forces for such operations except during the period 18-26 March when 2/3 of available forces shall be utilized.

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- (2) Be prepared on order to execute reference (d).
- (3) On conclusion of the operation contemplated by reference (d), conduct 5 days of training. Be guided in this training by the provisions of reference (c).

c. Co C

- (1) During the period 15-31 March 1966 inclusive, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in or WEST of RZ-5. Utilize 1/3 of available forces for such operations except during the period 18-26 March inclusive, utilize 2/3 of available forces.
- (2) Be prepared on order to execute the operation contemplated by reference (e).

d. Co D

- (1) During the period 15-31 March 1966 inclusive, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in and WEST of RZ-4. Utilize 1/3 of available forces for such operations except during the period 18-26 March inclusive, utilize 2/3 of available forces.
- (2) Be prepared on order to assume screening mission of Company A upon completion of operation contemplated by reference (d).

e. Recon Group Alfa

- (1) During the period 15-31 March 1966, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ's 2 and 3 and that portion of RZ-4 (CHU LAI) WEST of grid line 55. Utilize 50% of available forces.
- (2) Be prepared on order to relocate Company B by increments to Camp Reasoner, RVN.

f. 1st Force Reconnaissance Company

- (1) During the period 15-29 March 1966 inclusive, conduct training in accordance with reference (f).
- (2) Be prepared to conduct reconnaissance operations as directed.

g. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Operate within supporting artillery range.
- (2) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Make personal liaison with 12th Marines (S-3) for artillery coordination. After coordinating with cognizant Regimental FOC.
- (3) Shackle O-T azimuth when adjusting artillery.

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- (4) Submit company employment schedules by 121900H. Company A submit special training schedule by 151900H.
- (5) Fire support and infantry reinforcement requirements will be effected by direct liaison with cognizant Regimental Commanders.
- (6) Coordinate all missions with cognizant Regimental Commanders.
- (7) LBI's: Annex A to reference (b).
- (8) Submit helicopter requirements and operation orders to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) not later than 48 Hours prior to commencement of missions.
- (9) Use varying means and times of entry and exit. Helo-landing zones will normally be no closer than 3000 meters to objective area.
- (10) Submit patrol roster to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) prior to execution of assigned missions. (DA NANG Only).
- (11) 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.
- (12) Be prepared to insert and/or extract by foot.
- (13) If an air strike is requested and approved, display a single red panel at position when aircraft are on station.
- (14) Be prepared to recommend infantry exploitation or reinforcement and suitable primary and alternate landing zones for its entry.
- (15) Each company in the DA NANG enclave shall report hourly to this Headquarters, the location and situation of each element of each patrol.
- (16) Any patrol out of contact for a period of six hours shall abort its mission and return to camp.
- (17) Each squad will carry at least 2 entrenching tools. All trash and garbage will be buried and the sites camouflaged. Every effort will be made to obscure all evidence of patrol passage.
- (18) Incorporate a shackle system within company patrol order.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

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

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C O N F I D E N T I A L5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Each platoon size patrol shall carry a PRC-25 for its primary means of communications. Inner platoon communications by PRC-10.
- c. Field relay sites will carry both primary and alternate means of communications.
- d. Utilize battalion brevity code as promulgated by reference (b).

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 DANANG, RVN  
 081000H March 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (17) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENT: (1) P.O. team.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50 binoculars
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) LAW's, (1) M-79
2. MISSION: 1st Platoon, Company A 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 areas from 3-8 March 1966.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 031400H/080730H March 1966
4. ROUTE: Refer to Overlay
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 134 hours of continuous patrolling and surveillance in RZ #3 West resulted in negative sightings of enemy or friendly activity. 1 hut possibly used as a check point and 4 classrooms were discovered and found abandoned. (Refer to paragraph 6)
  - b. ENEMY: No visual or physical contact made.
  - c. TERRAIN: Several new terrain characteristics were recorded. (Refer to Overlay)
6. OTHER INFORMATION:
  - (a) 061130H, (ZC 199855), the patrol discovered an unoccupied hut elevated on stilts 4 feet off the ground on the side of a bank overlooking the Northeastern bank of the Song Ca De'. The hut was 8 feet x 8 feet x 8 feet constructed of logs and thatched with banana leaves. Within its enclave were found empty tins and a small ball of rice wrapped in a banana leaf. The area was free of panji traps and stakes. It is believed the hut had been utilized as a check point and would accommodate 4 individuals.
  - (b) 071000H, (ZC 194864), the patrol located 4 abandoned classrooms within a 100 meter radius. Many trees within the classrooms had been lashed with vines and markers had been placed around tree trunks. The markers consisted of green plastic strips secured around the tree trunks. It appeared these classrooms had not been used in several months and when used, jungle techniques were being taught. This was indicated by certain training aids which were found within the periphery. (Refer to Diagram).
  - (c) Portions of the Song Ca De' generally running North to South are approximately 40 feet wide and 2 feet to 10 feet deep. Foraging sites are numerous. Water is fast flowing and drinkable.

ENCLOSURE (5)

7. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- a. ENEMY: None.
- b. FRIENDLY: None.
- c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None.

8. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

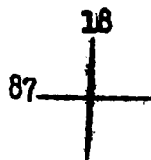
9. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a. Conclusions: That the Eastern bank of the Song Ca De' in grid square ZC 1984 is not currently being utilized by the VC.

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10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concurs with patrol leader's comments.

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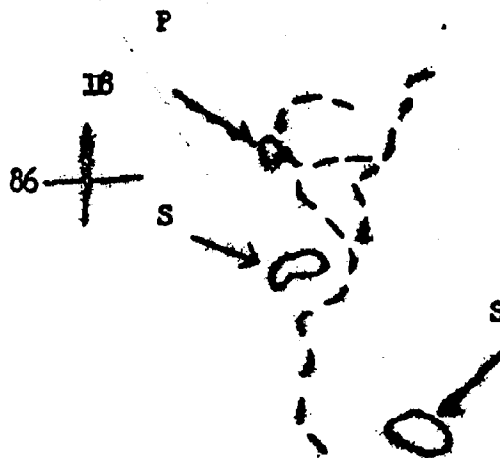
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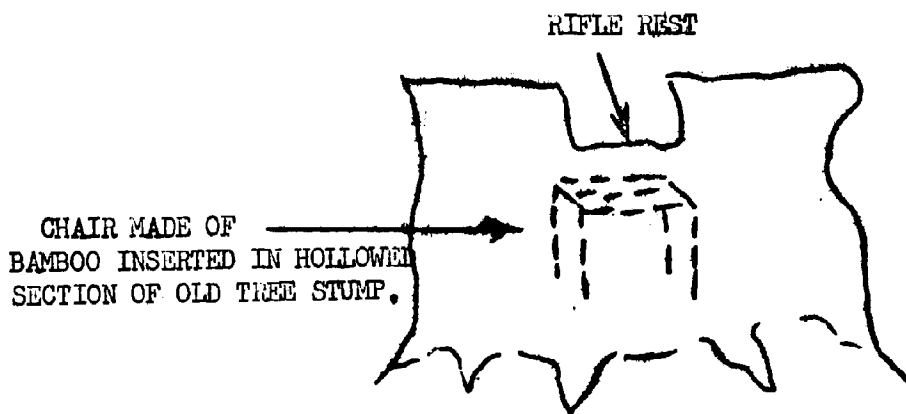


LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
LZ o = LZ LANDING ZONE	1st Plt. Co. A.
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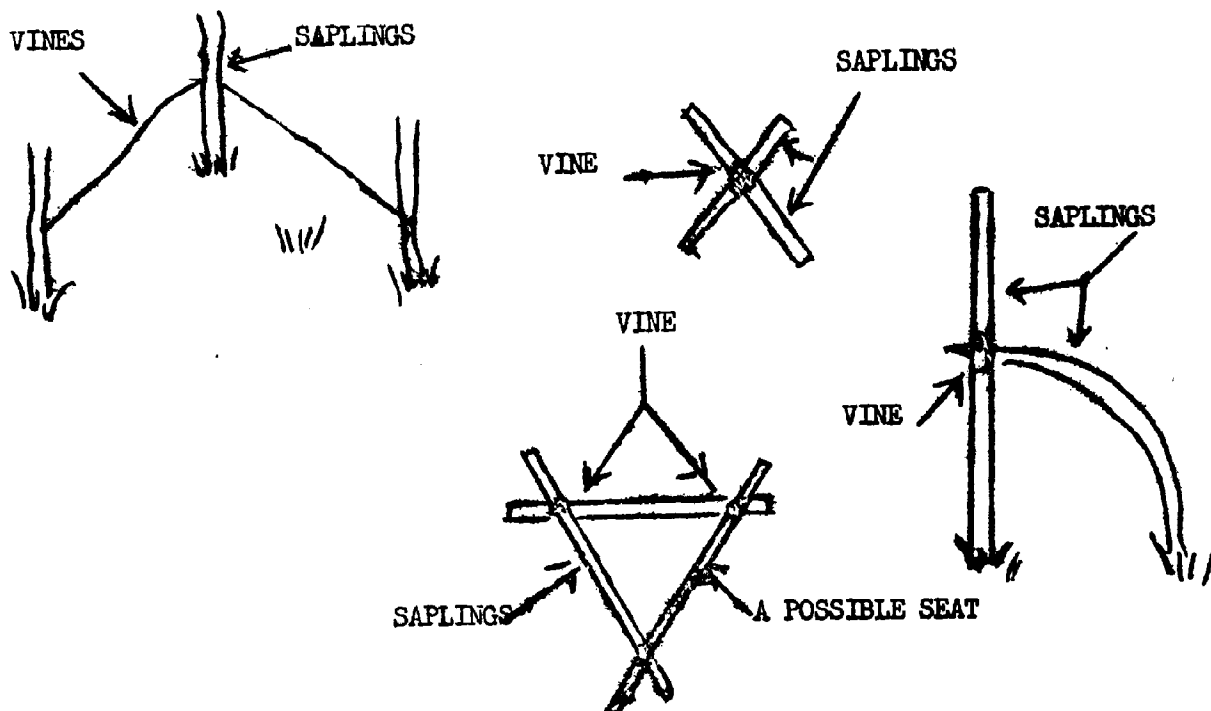


LEGEND	MAP CORRECTIONS
P = POINT (LANDING)	MAP VIETNAM: 1-50,000
S = SIGHT (LANDING)	SHEET: 6659III&6559II
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 DANANG, RVN  
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (15) Enl, (1) USN (1) ARVN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (2) AN/PRC 10's
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50's
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (10) 1 pound blocks of T.N.T.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) 12 guage Shotgun, (1) M-79
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 areas in RZ #2
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 080800H/130845H March 1966
4. ROUTE: Refer to Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 120 hours of patrolling West of RZ #2 resulted in negative sightings of enemy or friendly activity. At one point along the patrol route fresh elephant dung and tracks were discovered, no animals were noted.
  - b. ENEMY: No visual or physical contact made.
  - c. TERRAIN: Refer to overlay for new trails utilized.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
 

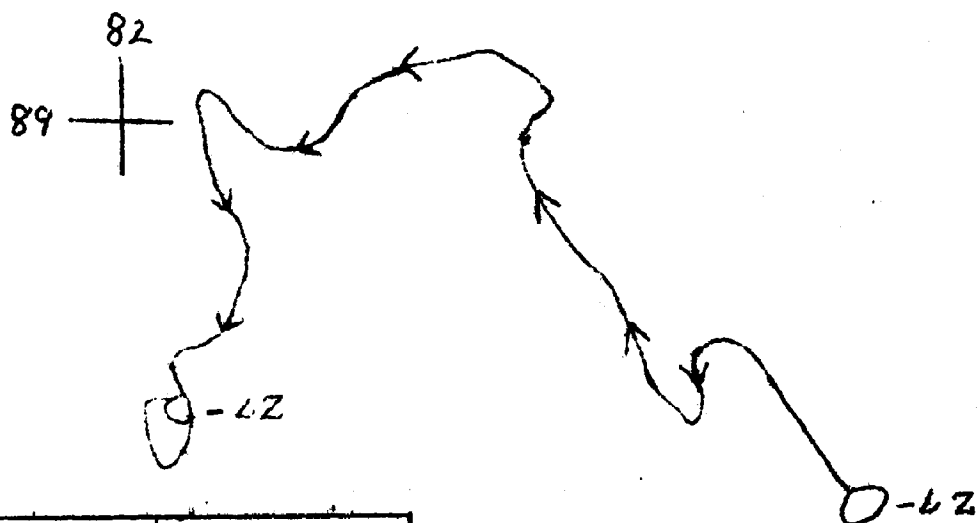
(1) 110915H, (AT 837891), the patrol observed elephant dung and tracks, possibly 2 or 3 days old.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No visual or physical contact made.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
 

Recommendation: That an extra canteen of water be carried by patrol members due to lack of water.
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with the patrol leaders recommendation.

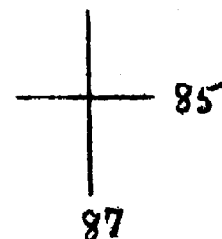
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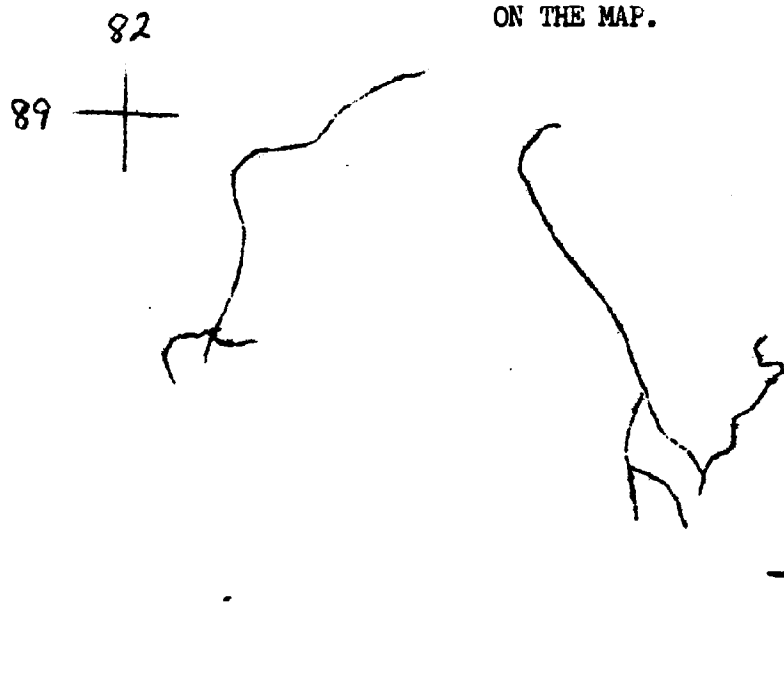
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LEGEND	ROUTE OVERLAY
<p>LZ= LANDING ZONE</p> <p>—— PATROL ROUTE</p>	<p>3rd Plt. Co.</p> <p>MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000</p> <p>SHEET: 6659111</p> <p>SER. 1701.</p>



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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (9) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50's
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None.
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 areas in RZ #3.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 080830H/130930H March 1966
4. ROUTE: Refer to Overlay
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 120 hours of patrolling in RZ 3 West resulted in negative sightings of friendly or enemy activity. Along the patrol route elephant dung and tracks were visible at certain points.
  - b. ENEMY: None.
  - c. TERRAIN: None.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
    - (1) 080930H, (AT 832750), the patrol discovered numerous elephant tracks and dung approximately 1 month-old. No animals were observed in the area.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No visual or physical contact made.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good. (1) ARVN Halo evacuated for extensive Bee stings, condition good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
 

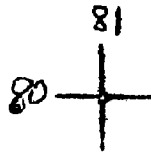
Conclusion: That hills 350 (AT 838756) is an excellent observation point to observe to the North, South, East, and West.
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leaders conclusion.

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 SGT Co. A

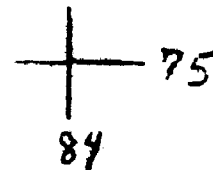
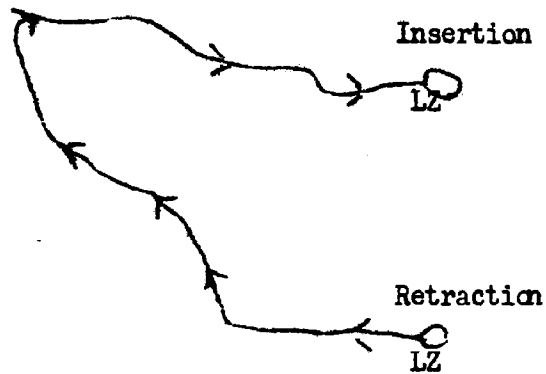
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PATROL ROUTE



LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE
○ = LANDING ZONE	4th Plt. Co. A
— = PATROL ROUTE	MAP+ VIETNAM
	1-50,000
	SHEET: 6659111
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (12) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50's
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) PSR-1, 1 lb. T.N.T. per man.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (2) LAW's.
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 (SNA TCH); establish day OP's and selective night ambush positions (SNAP) within the assigned patrol areas in RZ #2.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 130730H/180830H March 1966
4. ROUTE: Refer to Overlay
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 120 hours of patrolling in RZ #2 resulted in (1) VC threw a grenade prior to the patrols extraction by helo. No casualties were inflicted or sustained.
  - b. ENEMY:
 

(1) 180710H, (AT 812849), after a helo med. evacuation had been made for a snake bite victim a VC was walking East on highway 14, the point of the patrol and the VC made contact at a distance of 15 meters. The VC threw (1) ChiCom grenade and fled back West down the road and into the elephant grass where contact was broken. There were no friendly casualties. The VC was fired upon and no determination could be made if he had been wounded. The VC wore black pajamas and had no arms or equipment;
  - c. TERRAIN:
 

(1) New trails not presently on the map were recorded. (Refer to Overlay)
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
 

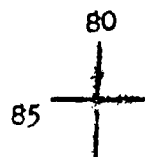
(1) The PSR-1 was activated on numerous occasions but the patrol was never able to locate a source of the activation.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Tired, morale fair, (1) man helo evacuated at 180630H for snake bite, condition fair.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: That the PSR-1 device not be carried by small unit patrols.

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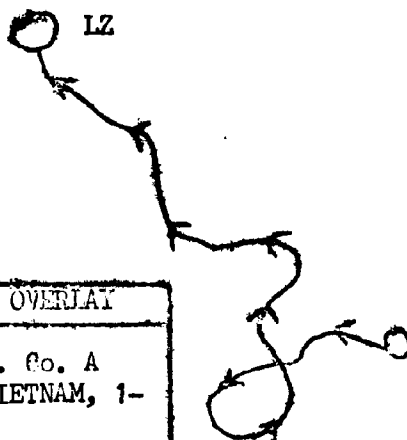
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DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

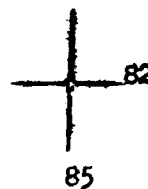


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LEGEND	PATROL OVERLAY
O-LZ = LANDING ZONE	2d Plt. Co. A
— = ROUTE OF TRAVEL	MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000
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LEGEND	MAP CORRECTIONS
-- = NEW TRAIL NOT PRESENTLY SHOWN ON MAP.	MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000
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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (12) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7x50
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) PSR-1
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) LAW
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in or West of RZ #3.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 171000H/211700H March 1966
4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 103 hours of patrolling resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Three trails were discovered, one deserted hootch complex was destroyed by fire.
  - b. ENEMY: None.
  - c. TERRAIN:
    - (1) (ZC 193837) - (ZC 193827) hard packed trail about one meter wide. Unable to tell how recently used due to hard surface. Trail crossed stream from West to East at latter coordinates and was well camouflaged on the East side of the stream. A black strip of cloth marked the trail where it crossed onto the East side of the stream. Numerous panji stakes and traps were found. The traps ranged from 1x1x1 foot to 3x3x2 feet. Stakes and traps were one to two months old.
    - (2) (ZC 187844), this area can be used for observation if the trees are utilized for observation posts. The field of observation is to the South and Southeast.
    - (3) (ZC 180837), route 14 is passable for wheeled vehicles from the above coordinates East to (AT 796844).
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
    - (1) (ZC 196837), hoes and crockery were found in area.
    - (2) (ZC 189845), large 4x4x4 foot pit in trail. There were no panji stakes.
    - (3) (ZC 195845), a hootch complex containing two 8x10 foot and two 6x8 foot hootches was found. All hootches were built on the side of a hill and well concealed. They were elevated from 4 to 8 feet off the ground. Cooking utensils, several crayfish traps, ten to fifteen (5) gallon cans, several No. 10 cans, and one .30 caliber round were found in the area. Besides the hootches there was one small cave. The area appeared to have been abandoned approximately one month ago. The hootches were destroyed by fire. Approximately (10) small arm rounds were exploded by the fire.

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(4) 191600H, (ZC 193817), grey smoke was seen coming from this area.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Two Marines suffered heat exhaustion but were not evacuated.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
  - (a) Recommendation: That the PSR-1 not be employed by platoon-size patrols.
  - (b) Conclusion: That the VC have not used this area extensively in about 2 months.

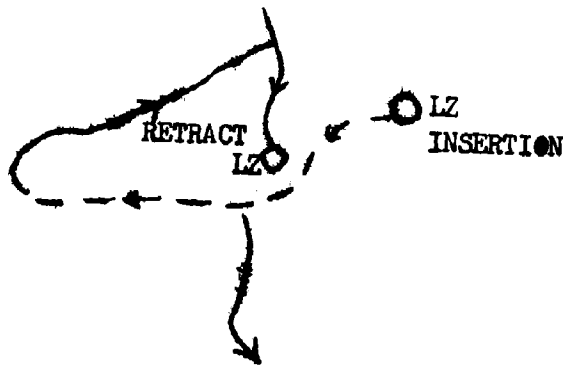
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Due to the increasing temperature and humidity during the coming summer months, it is important that patrols increase their consumption of salt tablets and water in garrison as well as in the field, tactical situation permitting.

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<p>--- = ROUTE TRAVELED</p> <p>— = NEW TRAIL PRESENTLY NOT SHOWN ON MAP.</p> <p>o LZ = LANDING ZONE</p>	<p>1st. Plt. Co. A</p> <p>MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000</p> <p>SHEET: 6559II</p> <p>SERIES: L-701.</p> <p>(S-2) 3d RECON BN.</p>

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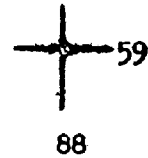
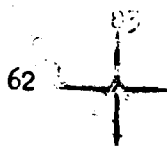
PATROL REPORT

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  - a. COMPOSITION: (10) ENL, (1) USN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) M-49 Scope, (1) pr. 7x50's
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) 12 guage Shotgun, (1) M-79
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations West of RZ #5.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 161330H/181730H March 1966
4. ROUTE: Refer to Overlay
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 48 hours of patrolling and surveillance in RZ #5 resulted in negative sighting of enemy activity. Normal friendly activities were observed being conducted in the rice paddies, complexes. Boat traffic East and West along the Song Vu Gia was considered normal with no unusual occurrences noted.
  - b. ENEMY: No visual or physical contact was made.
  - c. TERRAIN: No new terrain characteristics were recorded.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION: None.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No visual or physical contact made.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
<p>O - LZ = LANDING ZONE</p> <p>— = ROUTE OF TRAVEL</p>	<p>4th Plt. Co. A</p> <p>MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000</p> <p>SHEET: 6658IV</p> <p>SER: L-701.</p>

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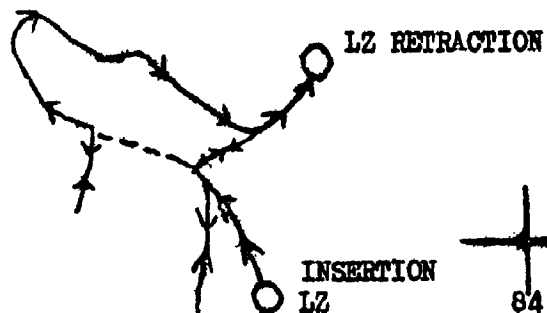
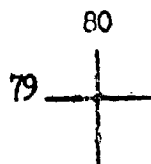
1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (15) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) PRC - 25, (2) PRC 10's
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7x50
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: PSR - 1
  - d. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) LAW, (1) M-79
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in or West of RZ #3.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 181650H/240930H March 1966
4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 137 hours of patrolling resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. One new trail was discovered.
  - b. ENEMY: None.
  - c. TERRAIN: See Map Correction Overlay.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
    - (1) (AT 824772), 10 piles of rocks about 6 feet in diameter and approximately 3-4 feet high were located in an area about 100 meters in diameter. These piles were destroyed.
    - (2) Water is becoming scarce in this area. Streams are drying up and it is expected that by May there will be no natural water source in the area covered by this patrol.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
  - a. Recommendation: Due to the noise made by the PSR-1 it is recommended that they not be used for reconnaissance patrolling.
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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LEGEND	RATON, DONUT, OVERLAY
O-LZ -LANDING ZONE	3d Plt. Co. A
— - TRAVEL ROUTE	MAP: VIETNAM: 1-50,000
- - - - NEW TRAIL NOT SHOWN ON MAP.	SHEET: 6659III SER: 1-701.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (15) Enl, (1) USN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50's.
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) lb. block of T.N.T. per man
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) Shotgun, (1) M-79
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in or West of EZ #3.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 211630H/270900H March 1966
4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 109 hours of patrolling resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts.
  - b. ENEMY: None
  - c. TERRAIN: Refer to patrol route overlay.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION: Patrol observed an old fighting hole at (AT 793869). Hole didn't appear to have been used recently.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Fair, morale fair.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
  - a. Recommendation: That extra water be carried due to streams drying up in this area.
  - b. Conclusions: This area appears not to have been used in recent weeks.

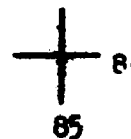
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9. ~~DEBRIEFING~~ COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leaders recommendation.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
O-LZ = LANDING ZONE	2nd Plt. Co. 'A
--- = NEW TRAIL PRESENTLY NOT SHOWN ON MAP.	MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000 SHEET: 6659III SER: L-701.

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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (10) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) PSR-1
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) Shotgun 12 gauge, (1) M-79, (1) AR-15, and  
 (1) LAW

## 2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in or West of RZ #3

## 3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 240800H/281300H March 1966

## 4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 101 hours of patrolling resulted in no enemy contacts or sightings. One trail was discovered, one M-26 grenade located, and a large piece of steel cable 1/2 " in diameter.

b. TERRAIN: See Patrol Route Overlay

## c. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 251400H, patrol found medicine bottle at (AT 790732).

(2) 261400H, patrol found oxen yoke at (AT 790732). Yoke appeared to be very old.

(3) 271000H, a steel cable was found at (AT 816736). Cable appeared to have been in this area about three weeks. There was old elephant dung in the same area which was approximately three weeks old.

(4) 281130H, (1) M-26 grenade was found at (AT 843726). The grenade was tied to a small rock with no apparent means of detonation. The grenade appeared to have been in this location for about three weeks. Patrol did not remove the M-26.

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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Fair, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: Patrol leader doesn't recommend taking the LAW or PSR-1.

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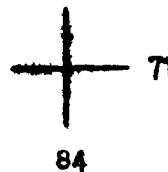
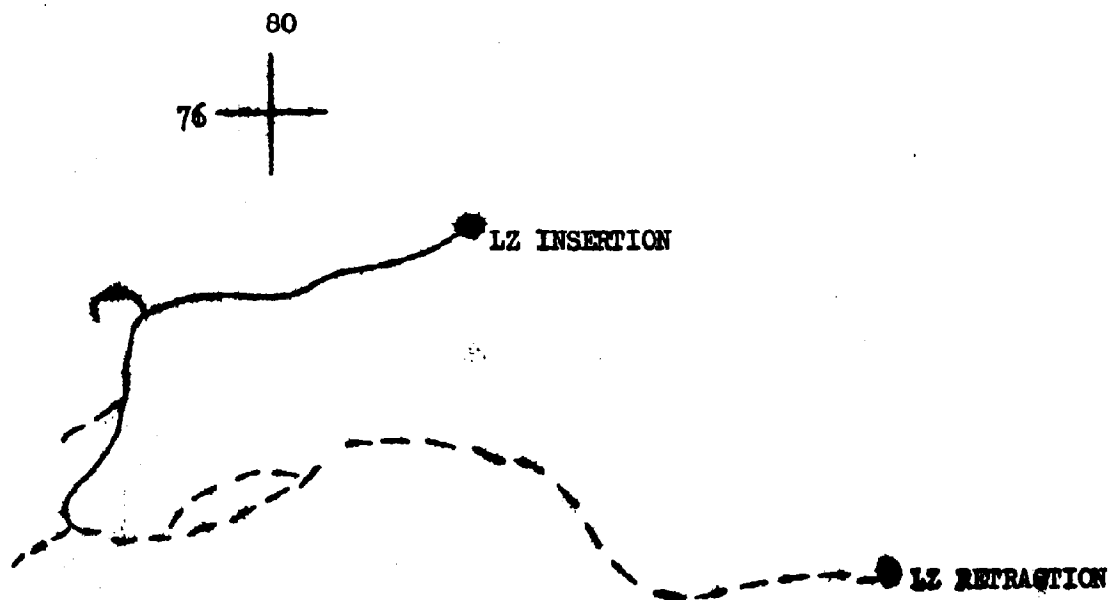
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
O-LZ - LANDING ZONE	1st Plt. Company A
— - ROUTE OF TRAVEL	MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000
- - - - NEW TRAIL	SHEETS: 6659III&6559II.
PRESENTLY NOT SHOWN ON MAP.	SERIES: L-701.

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 Map Sheet: 6659III & 6559II

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 311000H March 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (9) Enl, (1) USN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) SID
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) lbs C/4, (1) Shotgun, (1) M-79, and (1) LAW
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in or West of RZ's 3&4.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 270750H/311000H March 1966
4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 99 hours of continuous reconnaissance and patrolling resulted in the sighting of a fire, finding of what was presumed to be U.S. gear, 3 hooches, 1 cave and 1 new trail. There were no enemy sightings or contacts.
  - b. ~~ENEMY~~: None.
  - c. TERRAIN: See patrol route overlay.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
    - (1) New trail running from (AT 796834) North easterly to stream (AT 820837). Trail didn't appear to be used in about one month.
    - (2) 272155H - Patrol sighted a fire at (AT 197833) but couldn't make determination as to the source.
    - (3) 281030H - Patrol found 3 hooches and 1 cave at (28 208835). Patrol also found 2 smoke grenades, 1 helmet liner and C-rations in the area. Presumed to be U.S. gear.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Excellent, ~~MORAL~~, EXCELLENT.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
 

Recommendations; Patrols should use trails in this area if possible due to water shortages & heavy foliage.

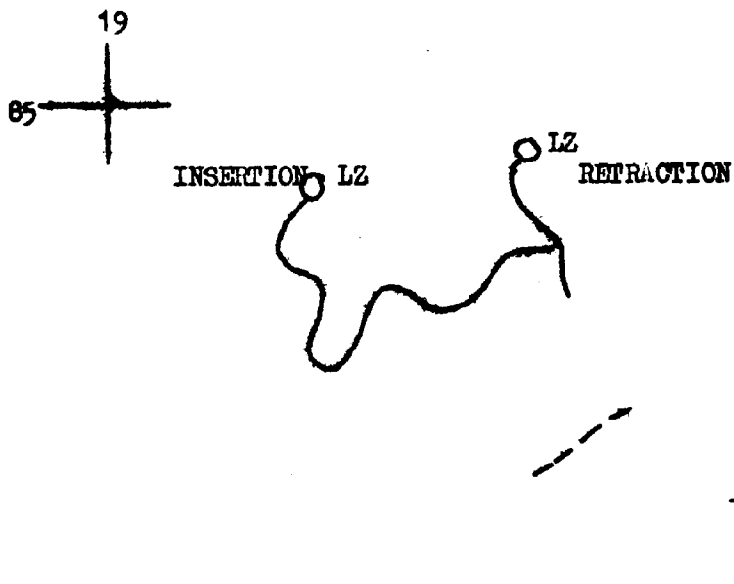
Conclusions; This area doesn't appear to have been used in the last month.
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
O-LZ - LANDING ZONE	3d Plt. Co. A
— - TRAVEL ROUTE	MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000
— - NEW TRAIL	SHEETS: 6559II&6659III
NOT SHOWN ON MAP.	SERIES: L-701.

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 021030H April 1966

PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (11) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 10, (1) AN/PRC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) SID, (5) blocks of T.N.T. W/ACC.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) LAW, (1) M-79

## 2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in or West of RZ #3 and #4.

## 3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 281700H/021030H April 1966

## 4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 113 1/2 hours of continuous patrolling and reconnaissance in assigned area produced no enemy sightings or contacts. The patrol found (2) caves, a possible OP site and one new trail.

b. ENEMY: None.

c. TERRAIN: New trails - see patrol route overlay.

## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 291100H, (AT 819719), there are two caves large enough to hold 2 or 3 men and equipment. Caves are 8 feet high and 20 feet long constructed of rock. Also possible OP site over looking valley below at coordinates listed above.

(2) 291100H, patrol discovered new trail at (AT 819719) running westerly to (AT 811717) approximately 1 meter wide at largest point diminishing to a few inches wide at smallest point. Parts of this trail in vicinity of hill 782 appeared to be used periodically.

(3) 300800H, at (AT 817721), patrol found two shelters

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made of branches and leaves which didn't appear to have been used in last 3 months. There were no trails leading into or from these shelters.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Tired, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. Recommendation: Patrol leader recommends making the SID and LAW optional items for patrols.

b. Conclusions: Area doesn't appear to have been used within the last month.

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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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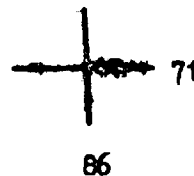
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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
O-LZ = LANDING ZONE	2d Plt; Co. A 3d Recon
- - - = NEW TRAIL NOT SHOWN ON MAP.	MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000 SERIES: L-701. SHEET: 6659III

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 081500H March 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (14) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) 7x50's, and (2) 6x30's binoculars.
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None.

2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in and West of RZ #4 vicinity Hill 502-785 complex.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 040800H/081500H March 1966

4. ROUTE: Refer to Overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: During 103 hours of continuous patrolling and surveillance. 4-6 enemy were detected, two blinking lights seen, two hover and two helicopter landing sites located, three harbor sites and three hootches discovered, 25 artillery missions were fired (H&I). One M-26 grenade exploded accidentally killing one Marine and wounding two.

b. ENEMY:

(1) 040200H, small blinking white light from approximate location of Hill 270 (AT 865681). Unable to record pattern. Five minutes later an identical small blinking white light was seen at (AT 868673).

(2) 050530H, (AT 864673), 3-5 people moved within 5 meters of patrols position. They were moving South on a trail. Another man moved to the East about 25 meters from the patrol position.

c. TERRAIN:

(1) (AT 852665) - Helicopter zone suitable for hover and hoist only. Diameter 105 feet. Gradient 25 percent.

(2) (AT 867670) - Helicopter zone suitable for hover and hoist only. Diameter 25 feet.

(3) (AT 875673) - Helicopter landing zone suitable for (2) UH-34's. 120 x 270 feet. Shrub less than eight feet.

(4) (AT 840671) - Helicopter landing zone for one UH-34. Diameter of 60 feet.

(5) (AT 872672), fresh irregular trail moving west leading to an OP site.

(6) (AT 867670) - (AT 863670), trail running East and West. The trail is well used in the saddle area. Several small trails lead into the area. Two 3-man harbor sites were located in this vicinity, one to three weeks old.

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## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) (AT 864673), red rag 12x2 inches on tree about two feet from panji trap 24x14 inches. Another trap was situated about 30 feet away. Both were partially filled and stakes had been removed.

(2) (AT 852666), three hootches accomodating 5 men each. Unused for at least two months. Each hut had an elevated platform 2-3 feet off deck. Area was well policed.

(3) (AT 840668), harbor site consisted of clear openarea 9x9 feet. Not used recently.

(4) One Marine killed and two wounded from accidental explosion of M-26 grenade.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: (1) KIA, (1) WIA (critical), (1) WIA (minor) all non battle.

## 8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

## a. Conclusions:

(1) Area from (AT 863670) Northeast to (AT 865681) is covered by observation by Viet Cong unit.

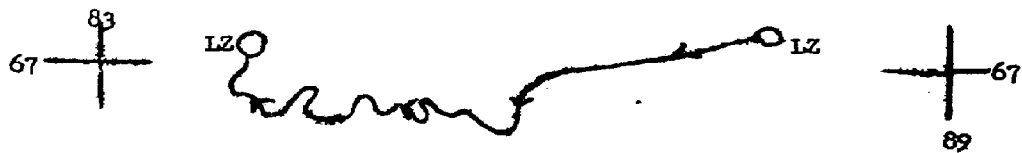
(2) Although there is no trail, the terrain is passable from (AT 860665) West to (AT 840665).

## b. Recommendation:

(1) That this area be patrolled extensively.

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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.



LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
LZ O - LANDING ZONE	1st Plt. C Co.
— - LINE OF TRAVEL	MAP VIETNAM, 1-50,000
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (15) Enl, (1) USN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (1) Engineer demolition team.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 10's, (1) AN/PRC 25
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (4) pr. 7x50's, (1) 6x30
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ #5 and surveillance of the Song Vu Gia and Mortar Valley avenues of approach.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 031630H/091830H March 1966
4. ROUTE: Refer to Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 146 hours of patrolling and surveillance in RZ #5 resulted in 2 contacts with VC elements resulting in 1 VC killed and 3 wounded by small arms fire, and 2 VC killed and 1 wounded from effects of artillery. 1 USMC KIA and 1 USN WIA were sustained. 2 VC harboring sites and 1 VC OP were discovered.

## b. ENEMY:

(1) 061330H, (AT 838624), the point element of the patrol engaged 3 armed VC at a distance of 50 meters. The VC were on a trail near a stream bed wearing black pajamas and armed with non-descript automatic weapons. No equipment was visible. After the initial contact, 1 VC was observed being wounded in the head and the other in the abdomen. On pursuit of the VC, blood and entrails were noted along the trail for approximately 200 meters. Discarded web gear by the VC included 1 cartridge belt, 1 poncho (grey), 1 magazine pouch (A-50) with two full magazines, and 1 ChiCom grenade. Contact was broken at this point.

(2) 061345H, (AT 83156205), while the squad was engaged by the 3 VC, the patrol base presently occupied by 1 squad was attacked by 6 VC at a distance of 15 meters. (Refer to Figure 3) The direction of attack was from the East. The patrol base had been occupied by the patrol (6 men) for a period of one hour and forty-five minutes prior to the attack. The VC initially engaged the patrol with automatic weapons then utilized 6 grenades killing 1 Marine and wounding 1 corpsman. The grenades penetrated the center of the patrol base. The squad immediately deployed, returned fire, and attempted to envelope the VC. At this point the VC occupying a position near a rock formation continued to return fire and threw an additional 8 grenades. The fire fight continued for a period of 40 minutes. Contact was broken by the VC when the other squad returned to the patrol base. The VC fled down a trail towards the East. In the initial attack 1 VC was observed falling from a tree and was believed wounded. At one point during the exchange of fire, the VC were giving commands and yelled to the Marines "You give me cigarette". Possibly one other VC was wounded during the engagement. The VC wore black pajamas, no head gear and wore only web gear as additional equipment. Indications are, the VC prior to the attack had followed the platoon's trail into the area.

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(3) 061600H, (AT 83156205), med evacuation was completed for the USMC KIA, and USN WIA.

(4) 081015H, (AT 82836045), the patrol observed 4 armed VC occupying an OP wearing black pajamas and carrying khaki packs. Weapons observed were rifles. A fire mission was requested, granted, with poor effect on target. The VC gathered their gear and fled towards the Northwest. No casualties were inflicted.

(5) 081240H, (AT 82836045), 4 VC were observed returning to the OP. A fire mission was effect on target. The VC again fled towards the Northwest after the 1st round.

(6) 090915H, (AT 82836045), a fire mission was requested on 3 VC manning an OP, wearing black pajamas, packs, and armed with non-descript weapons. After the first initial round the VC fled from the OP towards the North west. No casualties were inflicted.

(7) 091130H, (AT 82836045), 5 VC returned to the OP, location wearing black pajamas and armed with rifles. The 1st round a (VT) was on target killing 2 VC. The other 3 fled towards the Northwest carrying their weapons and the weapons of the dead VC. No attempt was made to retrieve the bodies. The VC did not return.

c. TERRAIN:

(1) A new trail not presently on the map was recorded. (Refer to Overlay)

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 051000H, (AT 844623), the patrol located a previously reported VC storage bin. Refer to patrol report 261600H, February 1966, 3d Plt. Co. C. (Refer to Figure 1).

(2) 051430H, (AT 843624), the patrol located an old VC harboring site near a stream bed. There were indications of possible recent use. Six huts were located within the camps enclave. (Refer to Figure 2) Discovered in the huts were documents, 3 wooden boxes 6 feet long 3 feet wide with a red numeral 7 painted on the side. 10 square 5 gal. tin containers were found filled with stale water. These containers were generally found near the vicinity of the huts. A tunnel complex was located and appeared to have been recently excavated. This was indicated by freshly dug dirt in its interior. A square bowl constructed of rock was located in a hut. This bowl contained lead particles. 1 empty animal pen was located. A boulder near the tunnel complex contained fresh human defecation.

(3) During contact with the VC, 5 out of 6 M-26 grenades failed to detonate.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (1) Killed, 3 wounded by small arms fire. (2) Killed, (1) wounded by artillery.

b. FRIENDLY: (1) KIA, (1) WIA.

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: Documents and Web gear.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL:

a. (1) USMC required helo evacuation for possible appendicitis. (1) USMC required helo evacuation for wounds sustained. Condition good. (1) USMC KIA.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. Recommendations:

(1) That hand held flare devices that have a maximum height of 200 to 300 feet be utilized on future patrols for marking helo landing and evacuation zones.

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(2) That a suitable personnel harness be adapted to hoist evacuees. who are rendered immobile or have extensive wounds above the waist.

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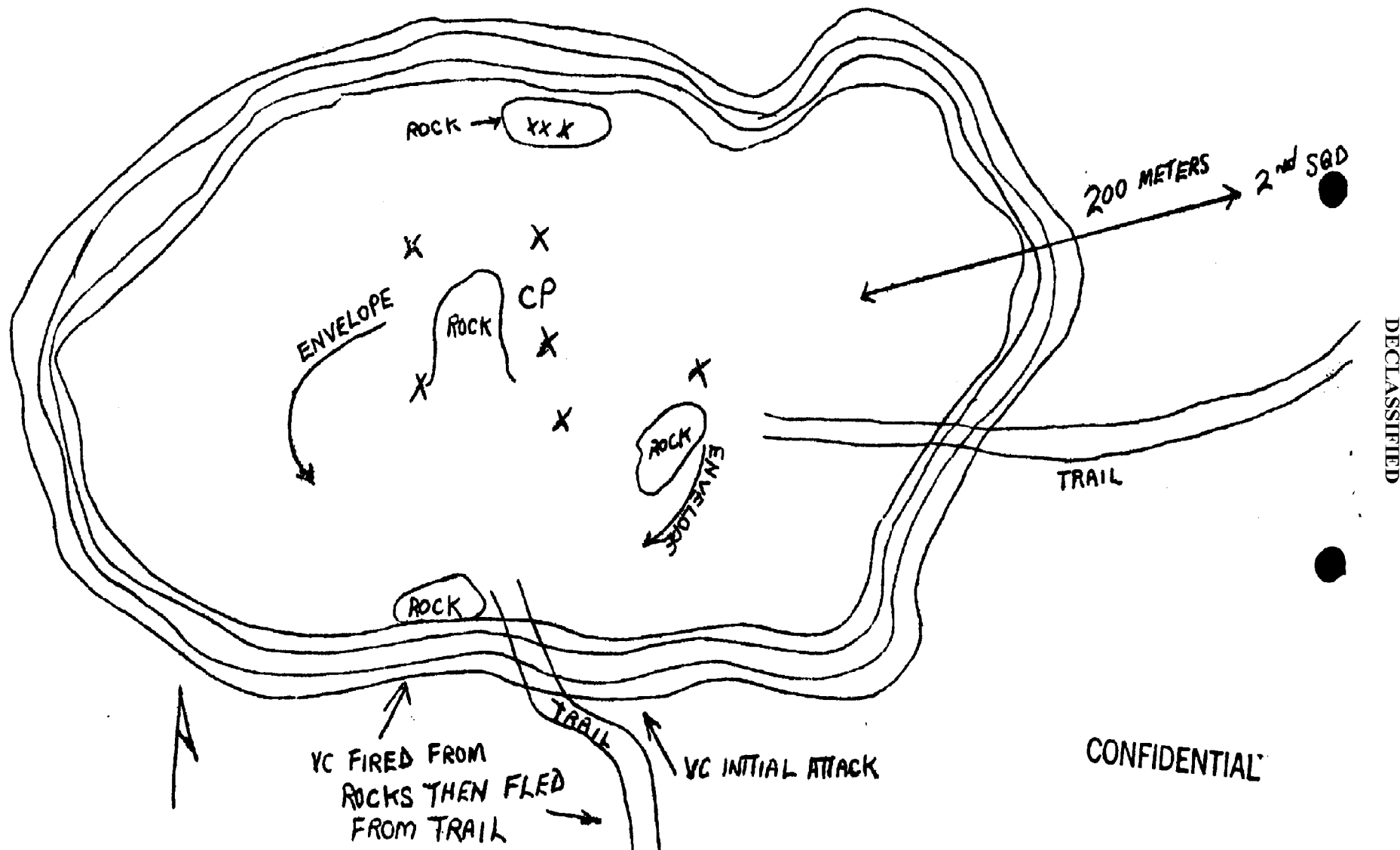
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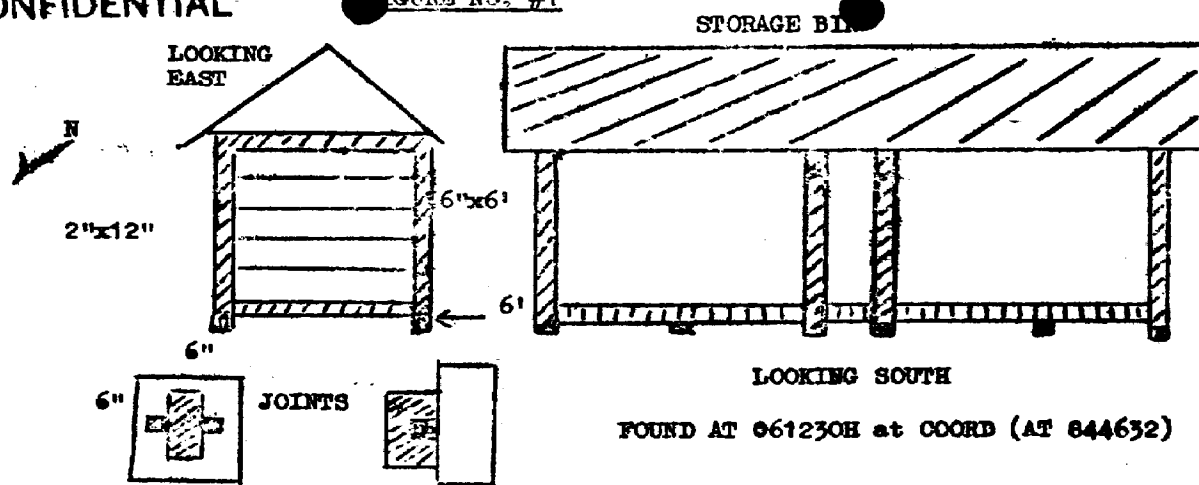
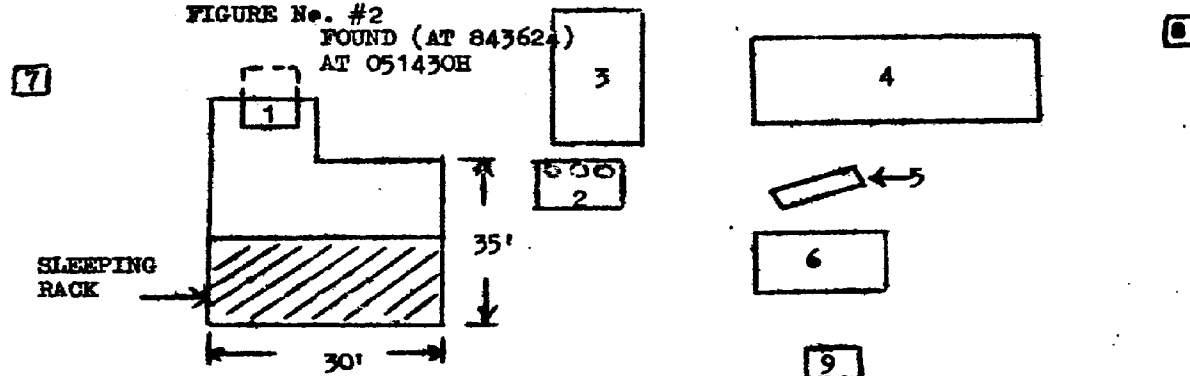
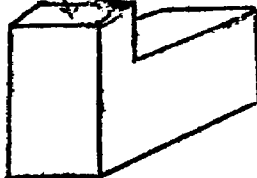


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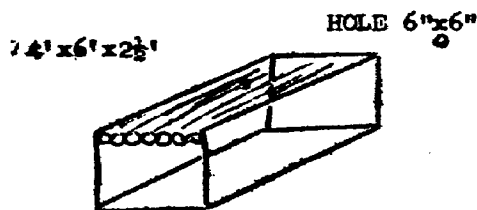
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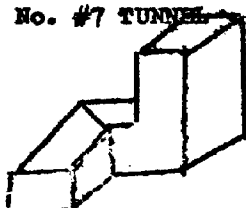


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4. HUT 6'x9' THAT WAS MADE TO SLEEP TWO
5. CHICKEN HOUSE 3'x4'x8'
6. HUT 9'x6' THAT WAS MADE TO SLEEP TWO
7. TUNNEL
8. COOK PIT
9. ANIMAL PEN 6'x6'x3'

No. #8 COOK PIT



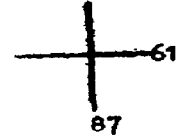
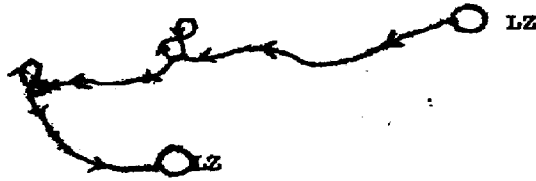
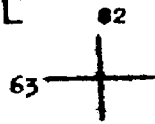
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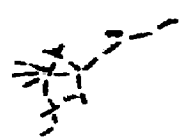
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LEGEND	NEW TRAIL
- - - - NEW TRAIL PRESENTLY NOT SHOWN ON MAP.	MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (14) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (3) pr. 7x50's, (1) pr. 6x30's, and (1) OP scope.
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) S.I.D.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None.
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance operations in and West of RZ #5 emphasizing surveillance of the Song Vu Gia avenues of approach.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 091800H/141700H March 1966
4. ROUTE: Refer to Overlay
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 120 hours of patrolling and surveillance in RZ #5 West resulted in 5 VC sightings numbering 26 VC. 5 artillery missions were called with negative results. Two friendly air strikes were observed being conducted along the Song Vu Gia. At the present time, friendly activity is being directed towards the rice harvesting in the rice paddy complexes along the Song Vu Gia basin.
  - b. ENEMY:
    - (1) 130915H, (AT 867572), the patrol observed 16 armed VC test firing their weapons on the North bank of the Song Vu Gia. They were firing into the islands at (AT 864570) and (AT 865571). They wore mixed clothing of black pajamas, black shorts and green shirts. Others wore white shirts with black shorts. 1 VC was firing a BAR the other VC were firing M-2 Carbines, M-1 rifles and Thompson sub-machine guns. They fired for approximately 25 minutes before the appearance of H-34's, then they dispersed into the villages of Dong Lam (AT 869572) and the village of Tam Hoa (AT 868574). Visual contact was broken. During the day firing of automatic weapons could be heard from these villages.
    - (2). 131055H, (AT 835612), the patrol OP observed a 2 man VC OP and a fire mission was directed at the VC's position. The mission was cancelled because of the delay in attempting to fire the mission. The VC wore jungle hats, black pajamas and were armed with rifles.
    - (3) 131320H, (AT 845593), a 4 man VC reconnaissance team was observed by the patrol. The VC wore jungle covers, black pajamas, were equipped with cartridge belts and carried rifles. They appeared to be observing the trail the patrol had previously used. Called in a fire mission on the 4 VC but delay in the fire mission enabled the VC to go over a slope to the Southwest and visual contact was broken.
    - (4) 140630H, (AT 845593), the patrol observed a 2 man VC OP which was situated near a group of rocks through which a trail runs. The VC wore black pajamas and cartridge belts. Arms were visible. A fire mission was called with excellent effect on target with W.P. a period of 2 hours elapsed when the same VC reappeared on the same rock complex which had been taken. It is believed the VC have over head cover built in the area.

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(5) 141000H, (AT 832600), 2 VC were observed moving Southeast on a trail wearing black pajamas and a jungle cover, the other wore a white shirt with black shorts. They were equipped with camouflaged packs, cartridge belts and armed with rifles.

c. TERRAIN: No new terrain characteristics were recorded.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) It was noted that harvesting of rice was being conducted in the Valley complex along the North and South banks of the Song Vu Gia.

(2) 110900H, (AT 8453) and (AT 8553) the patrol observed air strikes being conducted for a period of 30 minutes.

(3) 141200H, the patrol observed an air and artillery strike South of (AT 9157) to the East of (AT 9258). Extensive damage and fire was observed. Effects on target were excellent.

(4) 131720H, (AT 857581), and (AT 859585), the patrol observed 8 rounds of artillery hit into the rice fields where people were working.

(5) The patrol was unable to transmit or receive for a period of 5 hours from coordinates (AT 845599), to (AT 849494) and (AT 852604).

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No physical contact made.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Tired, morale excellent.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. Recommendation: That an air strike be conducted on the VC OP (AT 845593). Napalm is recommended.

b. Conclusion: That the VC OP is an excellent observation point to observe friendly activity from the East, Southeast, Southwest, and, West.

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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: VC continue to control the Mai Son Sa by observation from the 886 Hill mass (AT 845593).



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PATROL ROUTE



LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE
O-LZ Landing Zone	2d Plt. Co. 6
— Patrol Route	Map: Vietnam, 1:50,000
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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (2) Off, (19) Enl, (2) USN, (2) ARVN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's, (2) AN/PRC 10's
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (5) 7x30, (3) 6x30
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) PSR-1, 50 lbs C-4, 25 rounds 60 mm Mortar rounds.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-60 MG, (2) Shotguns, (1) M-79
2. MISSION: To conduct surveillance in RZ #5, specifically in the Mai Son Ga and Song Vu Gia Valley.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 181630H/220930H March 1966
4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 91 hours of continuous observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Numerous artillery missions were conducted resulting in one secondary explosion.
  - b. ENEMY: None.
  - c. TERRAIN: No new terrain features were discovered.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
    - (1) 211500H, (AT 863627 - AT 860626), fresh trail of about (10) men 2-4 days old.
    - (2) 211500H, (AT 846638), while firing an artillery mission in this area a thatched roof hut was seen. Artillery was brought to bear on the hut and a secondary explosion was observed.
    - (3) River traffic appeared normal on the Song Vu Gia.
    - (4) Numerous artillery missions were called on possible VC CP's, harbor sites and assembly areas.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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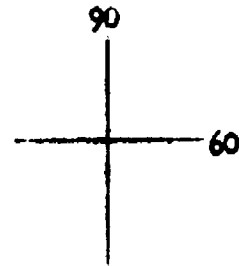
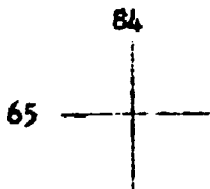
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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

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

## 2. MISSION: Conduct observation and surveillance of the Nui Son Ga and Song Vu Gia Valley in RZ # 5.

## 3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 181605/250830H March 1966

## 4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 160 hours of patrolling and observation resulted in one friendly sighting of 54 people, several civilian sightings numbering 20 people, and four enemy sightings numbering 12 VC. There were no contacts made and no confirmed VC killed. Numerous artillery missions were conducted with good coverage but indeterminate results. There was a significant lack of activity in the rice paddies in the Song Vu Gia Valley North of the river.

## b. ENEMY:

(1) 230800H, (AT 828604), (3) armed men moved to an OP in the rocks from the treeline. (2) wore black PJ's and (1) wore black bottoms and a khaki shirt.

(2) 230845H, (AT 828604), (3) armed men moved into the OP mentioned above. All wore full khaki uniforms. One seemed to have been pointing out something to the other two. He pointed to the South. At 0950 an artillery mission was called with excellent coverage of target. Unable to ascertain results, but throughout the remaining period of observation there was only one man sighted.

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(3) 231100H, (AT 83006205), (5) men with automatic weapons, possibly one machine gun, fired approximately 100 rounds at an HU-1E. He returned fire with rockets but the rounds landed about 300 meters off target. The patrol called an artillery mission on the position with excellent coverage of target. Unable to estimate effect due to canopy.

(4) 231415H, (AT 828604), (1) man moving West toward treeline. An artillery mission was called but the man had moved when the rounds came in.

c. **TERRAIN:**

(1) (AT 852618), a stream is located in this vicinity which appears to be fed by a spring. This is a possible source of water throughout the dry season.

d. **OTHER INFORMATION:**

(1) 221715H, (AT 882578), (54) people in a group wearing utility uniforms; (3) rifles spotted; assumed to be ARVN as they were in vicinity of PF outpost on Hill 65.

(2) 241900H, (AT 8556), heard drums from this vicinity for the fourth night straight. The drums were heard the same time each night. The sound consisted of 5 or 6 beats evenly spaced and of the same pitch.

(3) 231910H, (AT 836614), 10-12 pebbles were thrown at the patrol from the treeline to the North. A thorough check of the area resulted in negative contact.

(4) 250730H, (AT 843616), (6) old foxholes were discovered at this vicinity measuring 4x4x3 feet: (3) were filled in by brush.

(5) There were only (20) civilians seen working the fields to the North of the river in the Song Vu Gia Valley.

6. **RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:** None.

7. **CONDITION OF PATROL:** Tired, morale good.

8. **CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Conclusions: The Viet Cong are still using the Supply route and the OP in the vicinity of Hill 886.

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NAP & GP****Recommendations:**

(1) That TPQ and H & I fires be planned regularly in the 886-1078-1025 Hill Complex - (AT 82306043 - 81196170 - 80676274)

(2) That larger water containers be provided for patrols working this area due to future water shortage during the dry season.

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**9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:**

a. Request TPQ mission be fired on the following targets:

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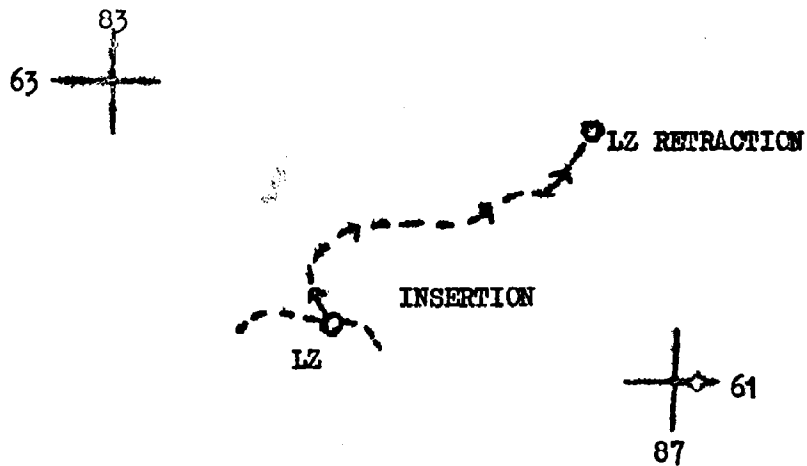
2. AT 82805040 VC OP RC - 722  
AT 82556055 Trail (Supply Route) RC - 724  
AT 82956205 Harbor Site RC - 723  
AT 82456045 Hill 886 RC - 726  
AT 81156165 Hill 1078 (Harbor Site) RC - 727

*allied fired*

b. This area continues to be used by the VC as a major route between the Song Vu Gia Valley and the Song Lo Dong Valley (Happy Valley). This area seems to be used extensively both for transient traffic as well as a possible base area for the rice tax collection taking place at the present time.

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--- = TRAVEL ROUTE	MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000 SHEET: 6658IV SER: L-701.

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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (17) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENT: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (3) pr. 7x50's
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-60 Machine Gun, (1) M-79

## 2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned area utilizing patrolling and daylight OP's. Conduct ambushes of opportunity. Make maximum use of supporting arms in RZ #4.

## 3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 211715H/270845H March 1966

## 4. ROUTE: Refer to Patrol Overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 135 1/2 hours of continuous patrolling resulted in one enemy sighting totalling 39 Viet Cong. One hootch complex was discovered and one area was found containing numerous panji traps and stakes. There were no enemy contacts.

## b. ENEMY:

(1) 220300H, (AT 845673), 35 men were seen moving on the trail in a Northwesterly direction. They were about 20 meters to the North of the patrol's location and all had some type of luminous substance on the back of their collars. About 0330 two two-round bursts were fired by an M-2 Carbine from West of the patrol's position. At this time the VC, who had stopped, began to move out again. At 0350 two or three men moved to the North of the patrol about 15 meters away. These did not have any luminous substance on their collars. About the same time two more men, both with above mentioned luminous substance, moved passed the patrol to the East toward the Northwest. By 0500 all of these people had moved out. The unit seemed well disciplined due to the excellent movement and noise discipline. There was only one noise heard and that was

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made by one of the enemy when he dropped his weapon. An artillery round was fired at AT 838672 with negative results.

(2) 251115H, (AT 8166), the patrol heard a heavy caliber rifle fire one round in the vicinity of this grid square.

(3) 251330H, (AT 820652 - AT 825654), the patrol discovered a total of (14) hootches accommodating from four to twenty people each. One area at (AT 822653) contained four large hootches accommodating about twenty people each. Lean-to's and smaller hootches used for cooking were found in the area. Fish eans, pottery, and one ChiCon grenade which had misfired was found in the area. Four sets of barefoot and rubber sandal prints two to three hours old was found in the area. The area was surrounded by seven two-man bunkers measuring about 5x5x4 feet. They were covered with a log and sod cover about 2-3 feet thick. All but four of the hootches had been destroyed by artillery. A rice bin had been hit and rice was found throughout the area. It is estimated the artillery was fired within the past 10 days.

(4) 261400H, (AT 835656), the finger running into Hill 502 (AT 821661) is heavily panji trapped and staked. They are less than 48 hours old and channel all traffic up the trail. This condition extends 250 meters to the Southeast where the trail ended. The stakes all pointed down hill.

c. TERRAIN:

(1) There is no water on the Southern slope of hill 502 (AT 821661). The stream running East and West from AT 824628 to AT 840630 is a good water source.

(2) AT 849649 - AT 852649, caribou tracks were seen in this area. Marine jungle boot tracks were also seen going in an Easterly direction.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 250800H, (AT 822668), patrol discovered a small fence type animal trap (See Figure 1). They followed a series of these traps that led them to Hill 502 (AT 821661).

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations:

(1) That a collapsable water container, similiar to that of the

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Army Special Forces, be obtained for use by Reconnaissance Patrols.  
An individual container with a one gallon capacity is recommended.

(2) TPQ and H & I be fired at the following locations.

AT 832659  
AT 850668 - 845673

Possible VC Outpost  
Trail used by VC. Best time from  
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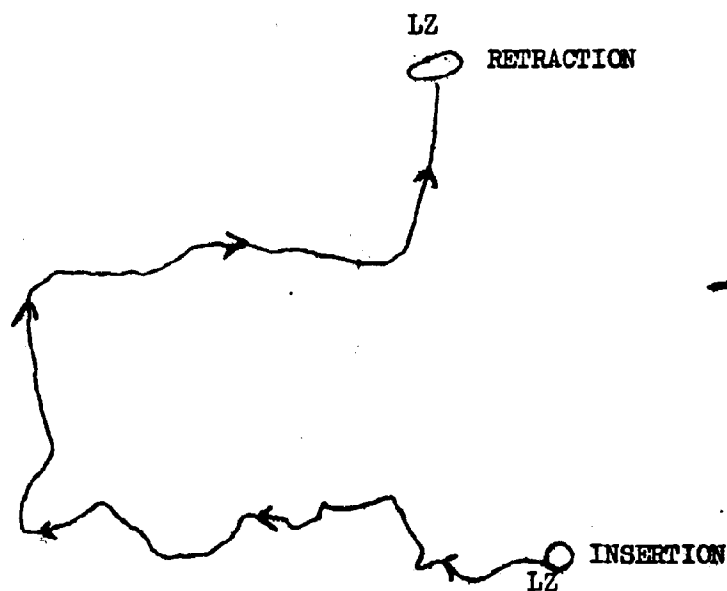
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: The hootch complex discovered by this patrol fits the description of the area reported in the I Corps IntSum No. 82 paragraph 8B.

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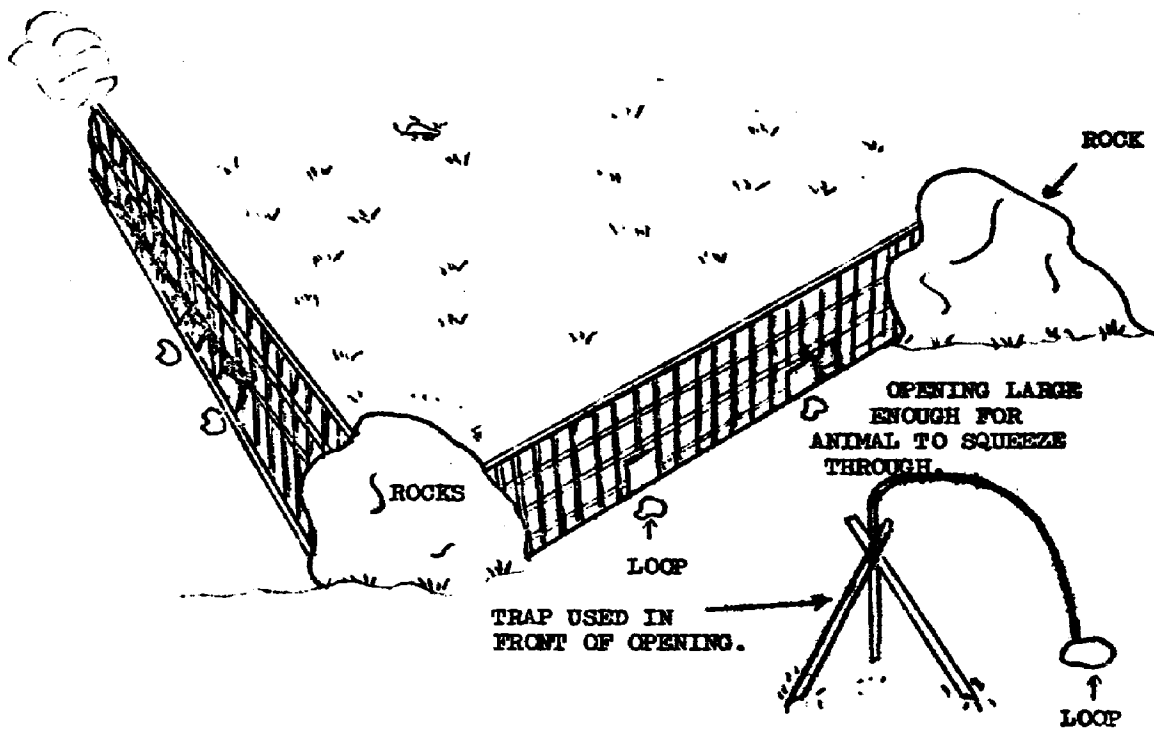
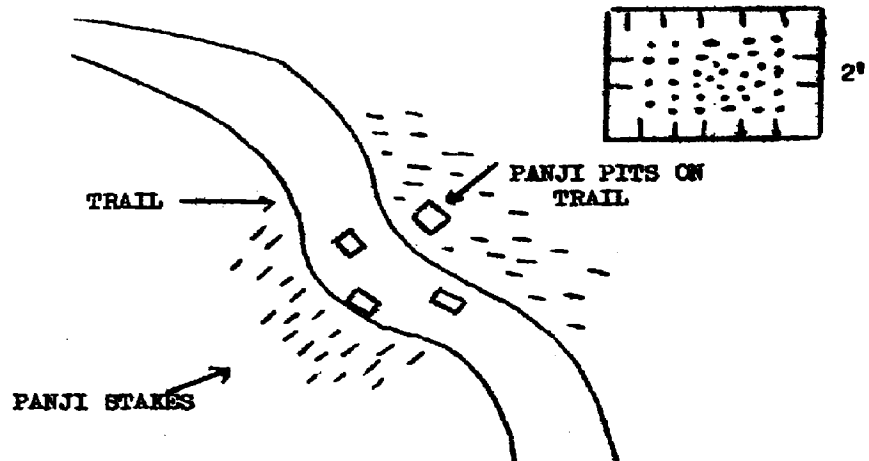


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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (10) Enl, (1) USN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) 7x50s (1) 6x30
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-60, (1) M-79, (2) Shotguns, (2) LAW's
2. MISSION: Observation and surveillance of the Mortar Valley area.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 250830H/310830H March 1966
4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 144 hours of reconnaissance and patrolling resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. The enemy movement in the area has increased in the past two weeks due to the sighting of numerous fresh trails, several stacks of panji stakes, freshly dug spider traps and old VC harbor sites that appear to be used periodically.
  - b. TERRAIN: None.
  - c. ENEMY: None.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
    - (1) (AT 877649) LZ in this area. A number of fresh trails found in this area. Three 2-5 man harbor sites were discovered in this area.
    - (2) (AT 877637) old VC harbor sites near a stream in this area. Not used in past two weeks but seemed to be used periodically.
    - (3) (AT 876638) LZ for (2) UH-34's. Sand bottom. Needs slight clearing of tall grass.
    - (4) (AT 870632) old trail runs generally West to (AT 865629) and South to (AT 864627) then West to stream junction at (AT 854632). Trail is well used in some places. Panji stakes over three months old from (AT 862629) to stream junction. Stakes to interdict trail and movement from East to West. Harbor sites at least two weeks old along the side of the trail. Several uncovered panji traps were located in the same area. Sniper positions were located along the trail.

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- (5) (AT 867628) LZ for (2) UH-34's.
- (6) (AT 846627) LZ for (2) UH-34's, and (1) UH-46.
- (7) Markers consisting of twisted and knotted vines were found near the pits and stakes.
- (8) (AT 852632) this area characterized by banana tree's, wild pineapple, onions, marmock, and various other roots. Numerous freshly cut trails. Vegetables had been harvested within past 2-3 days. Baskets and woven mats that were still serviceable were found in the area.
- (9) (AT 852632)-(AT 860633) Crochery was found in this area on a well used trail.
- (10) (AT 853633) former ambush site. Many expended rounds in the area. 9mm, .30Cal, and 7.62mm(US) was found.
- (11) (AT 853631) training camp located in this area. Several stacks of panji stakes were found in the area. Two signs found on the trail at a gate. Panji stakes were placed 20-30 meters on either side of the gate.  
Signs stated:  
a. TRAM KIEM SOAT SO 21  
b. I TRIET DE NANG CAO CANH GIAC CHONG AM MUU DO THAM"  
II GIAN DIEP GUA DICH DE BAO VE ITHANHQUA CACH MANG  
Two spider traps freshly dug about 150 meters inside the gate. One hole 4 1/2 feet deep was connected by a tunnel.
- (12) (AT 853624) harbor site accomodating 20-30 men over two weeks old. The site could have been used for an ambush position. There was a serviceable frying pan in the area.
- (13) 231355H single explosion in vic of hill 502 (AT 831659).
- (14) (AT 869643) One size 4 rubber sandle in good shape was found in this location.
- (15) AT 870650) patrol heard what sounded like 81mm Mortar being fired from this vicinity to the East.
- (16) Each night chickens were heard crowing throughtout the area.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, condition fair.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: None.

Conclusions: (1) It appears that this area will be used in the near future for supply and early warning.

(2) It is necessary for units to use the trail in this area due to the heavy vegetation.

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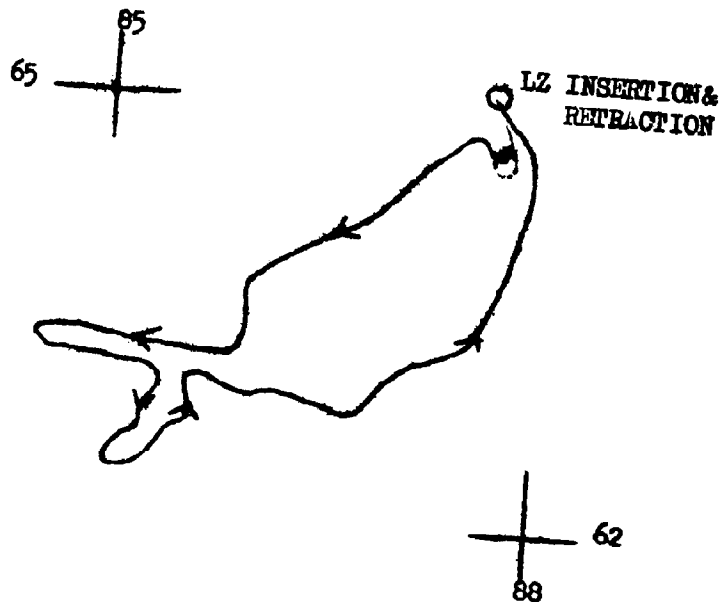
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Enemy movement in this area has increased in the past two weeks.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
O- LZ - LANDING ZONE	1st. Plt. Co. C
- ROUTE OF THE PATROL.	MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000
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 310900H March 1966

PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (6) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7X50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-60, and (1) M-79

## 2. MISSION: Establish squad size OP's and maintain surveillance of the SONG VU GIA avenue of approach.

## 3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 291645H/310830H March 1966

## 4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. SYNOPSIS: 38 hours of observation in the area of operations resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. There was very little work done during daylight hours in the rice paddies under observation.
- b. ~~ENEMY~~: None.
- c. TERRAIN: No new terrain features were discovered.
- d. OTHER INFORMATION:
  - (1) (AT 882627) trail at this location is well used. Has been used by cattle and many people within past two weeks. Was not used when last in area approximately two weeks ago.
  - (2) (AT 888626) several panji stakes were found in this area.
  - (3) During the daylight hours of 30 March 66 there were only 12 people sighted working in the fields in the paddie area north of the SONG VU GIA and south of the NUI SON GA.
  - (4) (AT 874626) patrol found a wooven bamboo mat approximately 3'x3' in the trail at this location. Due to darkness it was bypassed.
  - (5) (AT 897616) a large bon-fire was seen between 2100-2200 in the nights of 29 and 30 March 66.
  - (6) 302200H (AT 866663) what appeared to be someone smoking a cigarette.

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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good. One panji stake wound.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: None.

Conclusions; The two VC platoons reported in this area during the morning 30 March 66 were not observed by this patrol. The shortest route between the areas indicated by the report, however, would not have taken the platoons into the observation of the recon patrol.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

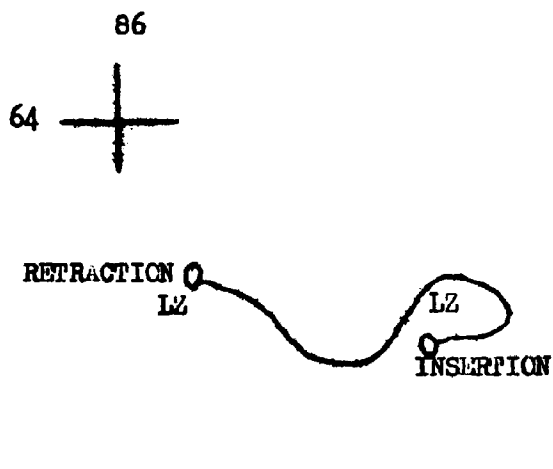
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— = TRAVEL ROUTE	MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000 SERIES: L-701. SHEET: 6658IV.

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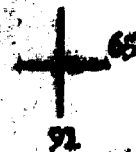
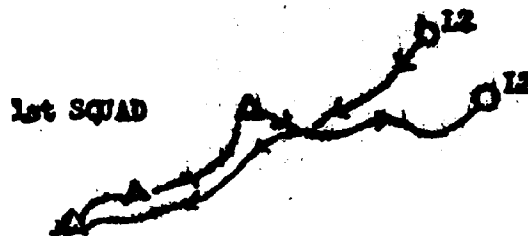
1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (16) EAL, (2) USN, (1) ARVN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENT: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50's.
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) M-79
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ #5 to determine the extent of enemy activity.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 260945H/030930H <sup>MARCH</sup> February 1966
4. ROUTE: Refer to Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 144 hours of continuous patrolling and surveillance in RZ #5 resulted in 1 enemy sighting numbering 3 armed VC. Normal friendly activity was observed being conducted in inhabited and cultivated areas with no unusual occurrences noted.
  - b. ENEMY:
 

(1) 281250H, (AT 827607), the patrol observed 3 armed VC moving South along a ridge wearing green shirts, shorts, and armed with US Carbines. Visual contact was broken when the VC entered a densely vegetated area.
  - c. TERRAIN: No new terrain characteristics were recorded during this period.
6. OTHER INFORMATION: None.
7. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No physical contact made.
8. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.
9. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

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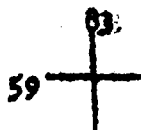
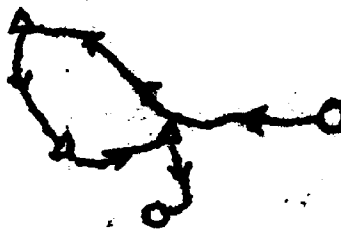
10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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- PATROL ROUTE	
- CHECK POINT	

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
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 040900H March 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
    - a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (16) Enl, (1) USN (1) ARVN
    - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
    - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
    - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50's
    - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
    - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None.
  2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ #4 to determine extent of enemy operations.
  3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 281000H/040900H March 1966
  4. ROUTE: Refer to Overlay
  5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
    - a. SYNOPSIS: 96 hours of continuous patrolling and surveillance in RZ #4 resulted in negative enemy sightings. 2 ChiCom booby traps were discovered and disarmed. Fresh elephant dung was discovered in the area of operation.
    - b. ENEMY: No visual or physical contact was made.
    - c. TERRAIN: No new terrain characteristics were recorded during this period.
  6. OTHER INFORMATION:
    - a. 281100H, (AT 845724), the patrol discovered 2 ChiCom grenades along a trail which had been employed as booby traps. (Refer to Overlay) The traps were disarmed.
    - b. 011005H, (AT 823743), the patrol noted fresh elephant dung along a ridge line.
    - c. In the area of operation several visual and physical contacts were made with USMC infantry units without incident.
  7. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No contact made.
  8. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale excellent.
  9. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.
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10. DEBRIEF COMMENTS: None.

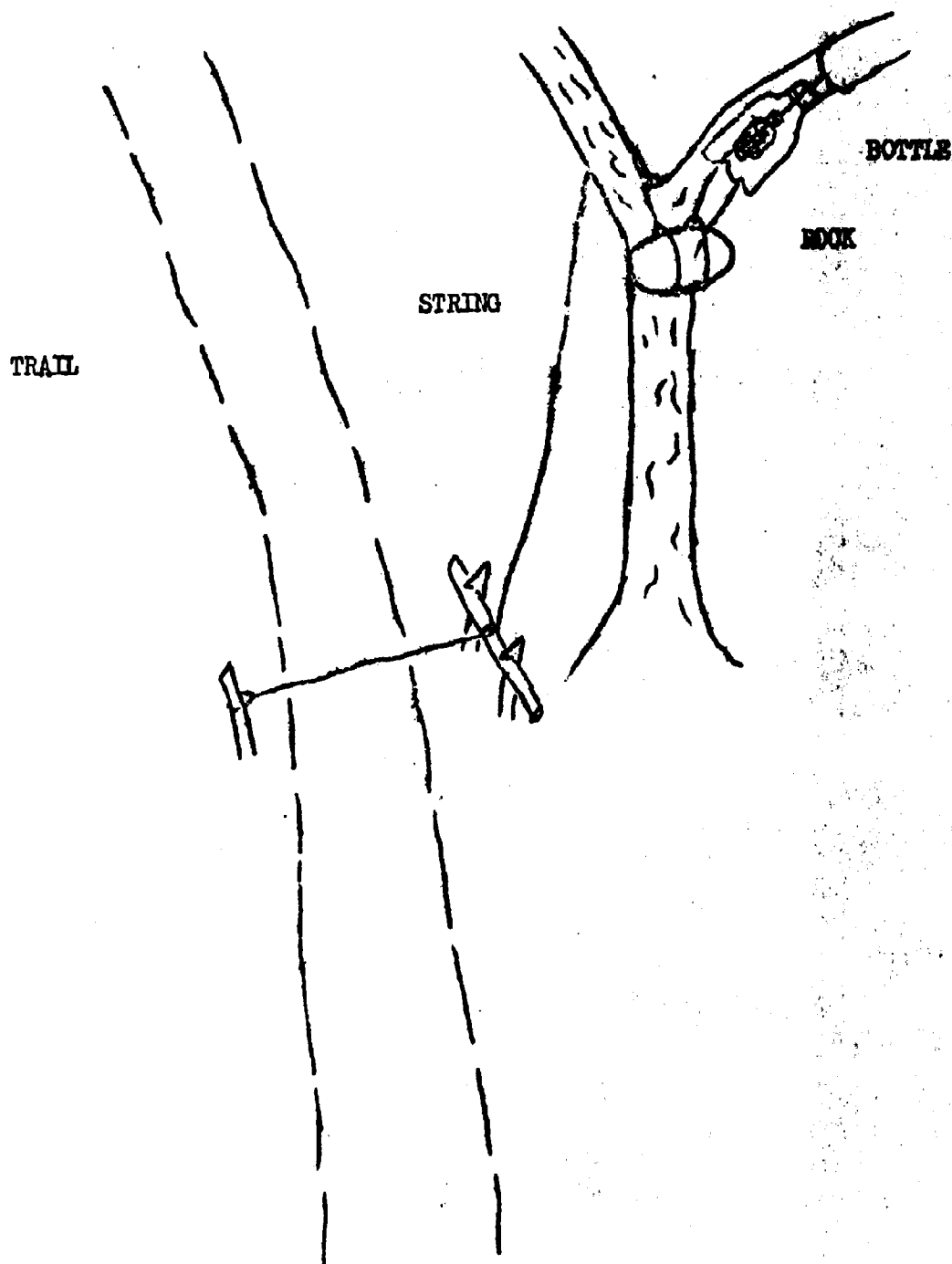
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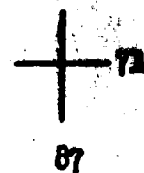
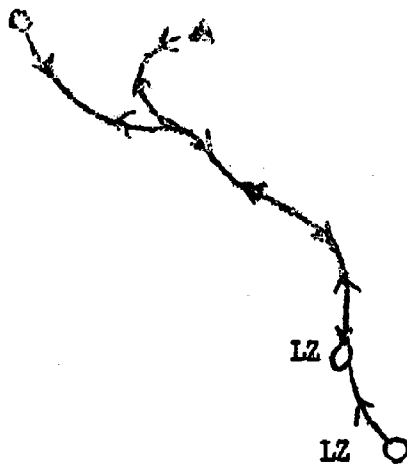
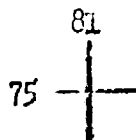
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BOOBY TRAP

FOUND AT COORDINATES: (AT 845724)  
TIME: 281100H Feb 66.



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 121900H March 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (19) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50's
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 2 pounds of T.N.T. per man.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) 12 guage Shotgun.
2. MISSION: Establish and maintain a reconnaissance network and conduct reconnaissance operations against VC forces West of Division TAOR/RZ #4.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 071800H/121730H March 1966
4. ROUTE: Refer to Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 144 hours patrolling West of RZ #4 resulted in negative sightings of enemy or friendly activity. Located were 4 old huts, and 9 plates made of French China. In one area, the patrol observed 1 rooster and 2 chickens. 1 gorilla followed the patrol for 4 days. On 2 occasions the trumpeting and movement of an elephant was heard. There were several sightings of elephant dung. Numerous trails not presently on the map were recorded. (Refer to Trail Overlay).
  - b. ENEMY: No visual or physical contact made.
  - c. TERRAIN: Trails not presently on the map were recorded. (Refer to Overlay)
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
    - (1) 091235H, (ZC 208756), the patrol observed 1 rooster and 2 chickens wandering in the area.
    - (2) 091415H, (AT 803754), the patrol found 9 plates made of French China neatly stacked near a stream. The plates were in good condition and no chips or breakage was noted. It appeared someone was attempting to clean them when they were possibly scared away. Dried particles of food were still visible on the plates. They appeared to have been used within the past 48 hours.
    - (3) 092350H, (ZC 208756), the patrol heard the movement and trumpeting of an elephant 500 meters from the patrol base. Observation was not made.
    - (4) 120930H, (ZC 202746), the patrol heard the trumpeting of an elephant and then movement. Observation was not made.
    - (5) A gorilla followed the patrol for 4 days. He was 4 1/2 feet tall, black in color with white around the face and red around the mouth. At night when the S.I.D. had been placed he'd throw sticks at the device.
    - (6) Numerous sightings of elephant dung were noted along the patrol route.

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(7) The area of operation had a jungle canopy of 60 feet to 90 feet with very little brush or vegetation making movement very easy.

(8) Due to the canyons and ravines, communications with the AN/PRG 25 was poor.

(9) The area is considered poor for observation posts due to the high jungle canopy.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- a. ENEMY: No contact made.
- b. FRIENDLY: None.
- c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Tired, exhausted, with cuts and bruises.

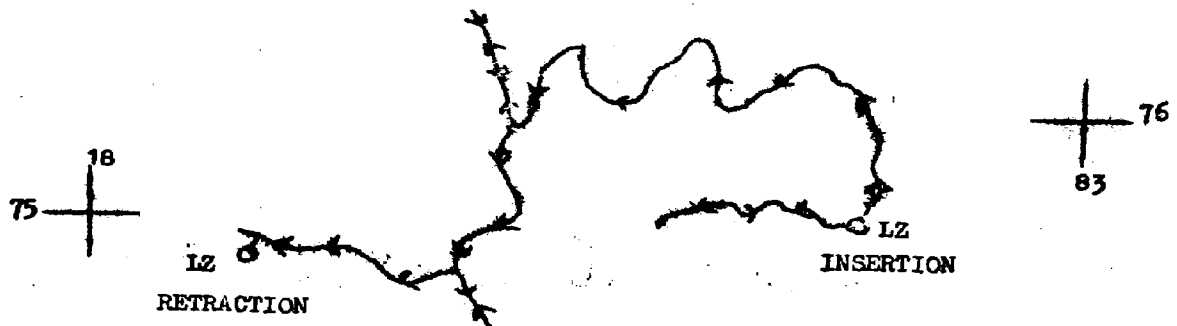
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

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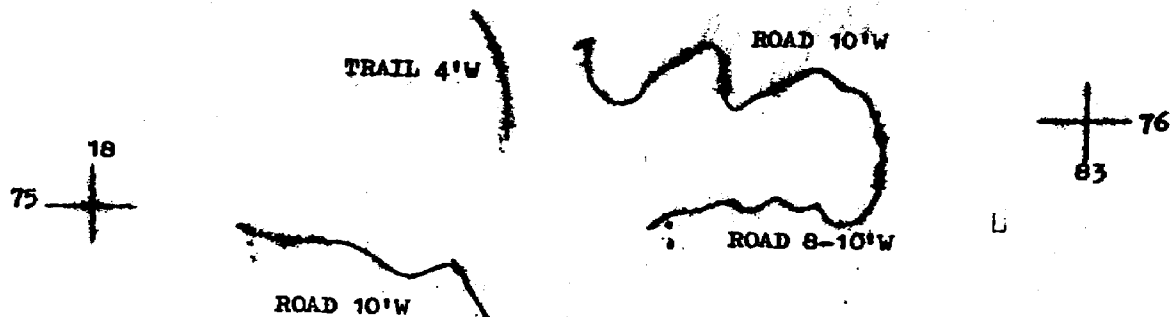
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
<p>O LZ - LANDING ZONE</p> <p>— - DIRECTION OF TRAVEL.</p>	<p>2nd Plt. Company D.</p> <p>MAP: VIETNAM: 1-50,000</p> <p>SHEET: 6658IV&amp;6558II</p> <p>SER: 1-701.</p>



LEGEND	MAP CORRECTIONS
<p>— - NEW TRAIL OR ROAD THAT IS PRESENTLY NOT SHOWN ON MAP.</p>	<p>MAP: VIETNAM: 1-50,000</p> <p>SHEETS: 6658IV&amp;6558II</p> <p>SER: 1-701.</p>
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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (13) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50's
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 2 pounds of C-4 per-man.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) 12 guage Shotgun.

## 2. MISSION: Establish and maintain a reconnaissance network and conduct reconnaissance operations against VC forces West of Division TAOR/RZ #4.

## 3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 091800H/111145H March 1966

## 4. ROUTE: Refer to Overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 48 hours of patrolling in RZ #4 resulted in 3 VC booby traps found and disarmed and a 4th being activated resulting in 2 USMC WIA. Visual contact with the enemy was not made, but on 2 occasions movement of brush and bushes and foot noises indicated VC elements near patrol location. Small arms fire was received on the patrols retraction as the helos cleared the landing zone.

b. ENEMY: No physical contact made.

c. TERRAIN: No new terrain characteristics were recorded.

## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 101340H, (AT 841660), the point of the patrol while moving West on a well used trail towards hill 502 (AT 834659) observed a sapling branch placed 2 feet off the ground and horizontal across the trail. Caution was exercised and on further inspection it was noted that this sapling was the trip device to activate a booby trap (ChiCom grenade). The trap was disarmed without incident. (Refer to diagram) Prior to the disarming, movement in the brush was heard by a patrol member.

(2) 101350H, (AT 840660), a similar booby trap to that previously mentioned was disarmed 100 meters West on the trail without incident.

(3) 101400H, (AT 839659), a 3rd booby trap as previously mentioned was disarmed 50 feet West of the second trap without incident.

(4) 101520H, (AT 833659), 1 patrol member detonated a VC booby trap on the same trail previously mentioned. 2 USMC were wounded and helo evacuation was completed at 101540H without incident.

(5) After the booby trap was detonated by a patrol member, radio jamming by the use of Vietnamese music was continuous on the patrol's frequency. Later the alternate frequency was used without interference.

(6) 110825H, (AT 845675), while the patrol was deployed in a semi-perimeter awaiting extraction patrol members noticed bushes and brush

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being moved on several occasions at distances of 70 to 75 meters from the patrols extraction point indicating possible VC elements in the area. On clearing the zone after the pickup, the lead helicopter was taken under fire by small arms. No casualties were sustained and the area was saturated with small arms fire by the covering HU-1E.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- a. ENEMY: None.
- b. FRIENDLY: 2 USMC WIA, Condition good.
- c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: 3 ChiCom grenades.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale excellent.

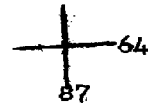
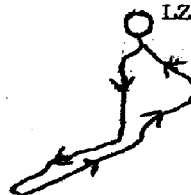
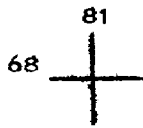
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: That Infantry units conduct future operations in this area.

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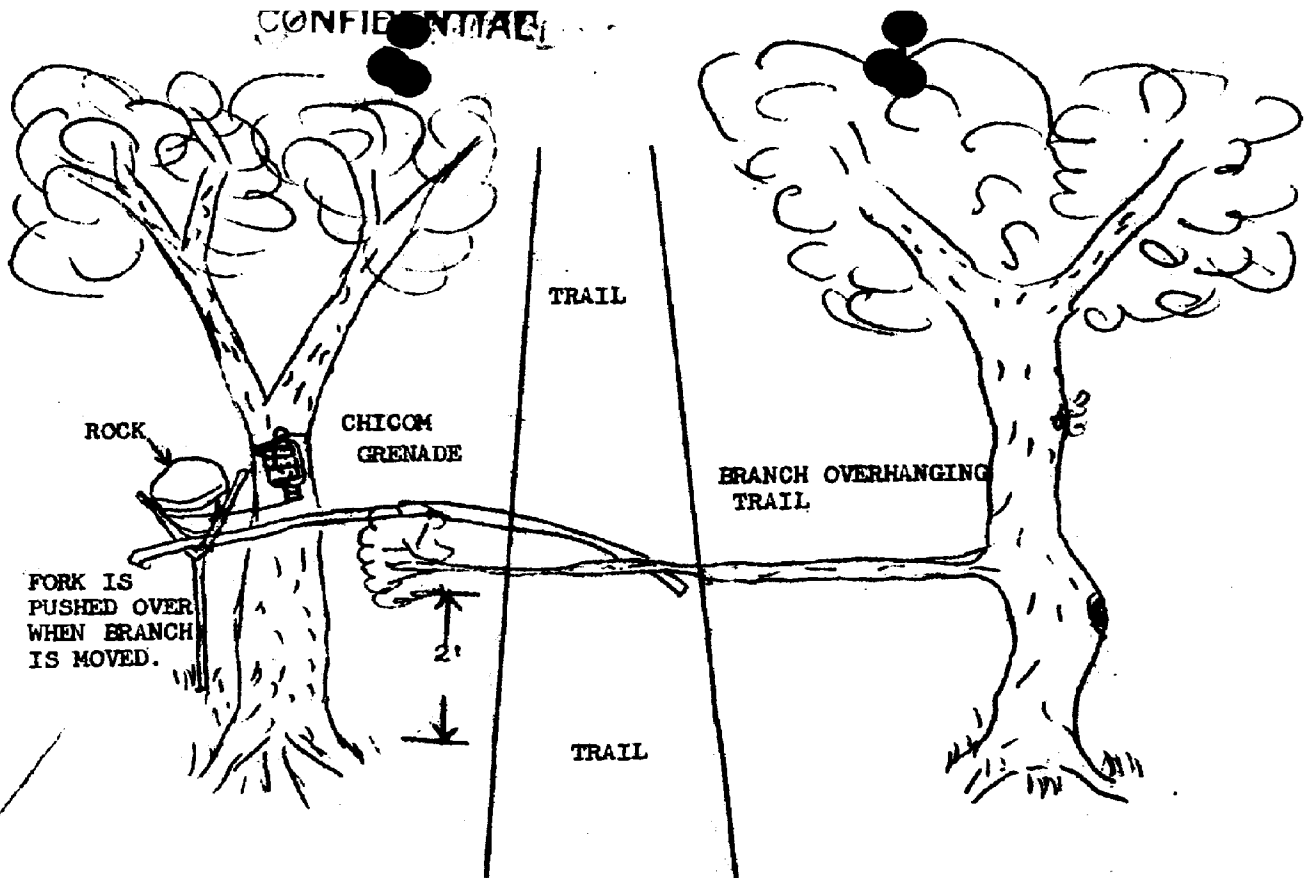
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with the patrol leaders recommendation. Recent sightings by patrols in Grid Square (AT 8467) may be VC reconnaissance elements organic to the VC V-16 Reconnaissance Co. which were recently reported to be operating in grid square (AT 834691) by Quan Nam Special Sector (Hoi AN) on 1 March 1966.

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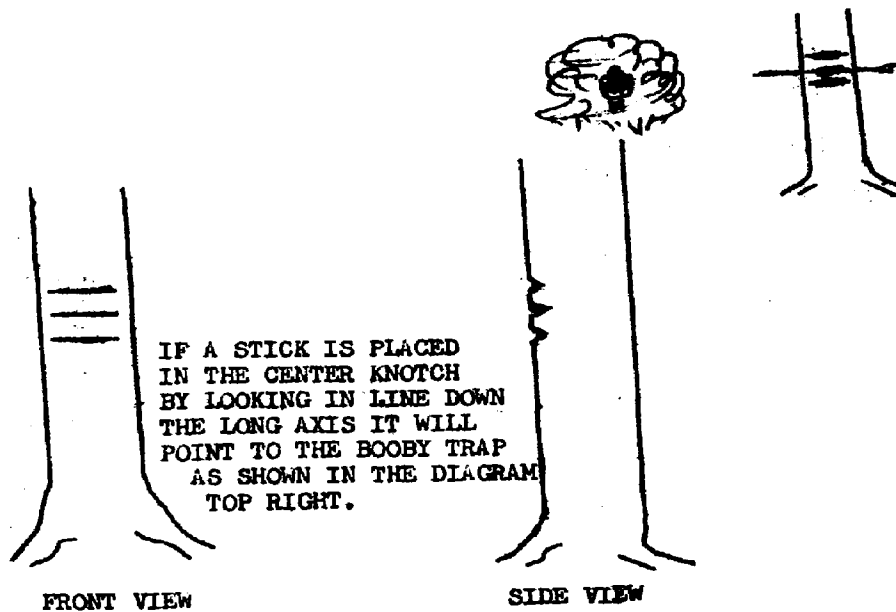


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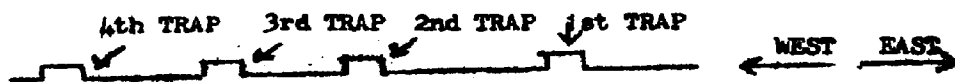
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BOOBY TRAP FOUND AT COORDINATES (AT 841660)  
101340H MARCH 1966



PATTERN IN DEPLOYMENT OF MINES. 1st MINE DEPLOYED ON THE RIGHT,  
2nd ON THE LEFT 100 METERS, 3rd ON THE RIGHT 50 FEET, 4th 20 FEET  
ON THE LEFT.



ALL MINES WERE DEPLOYED ON BENDS IN THE TRAIL.

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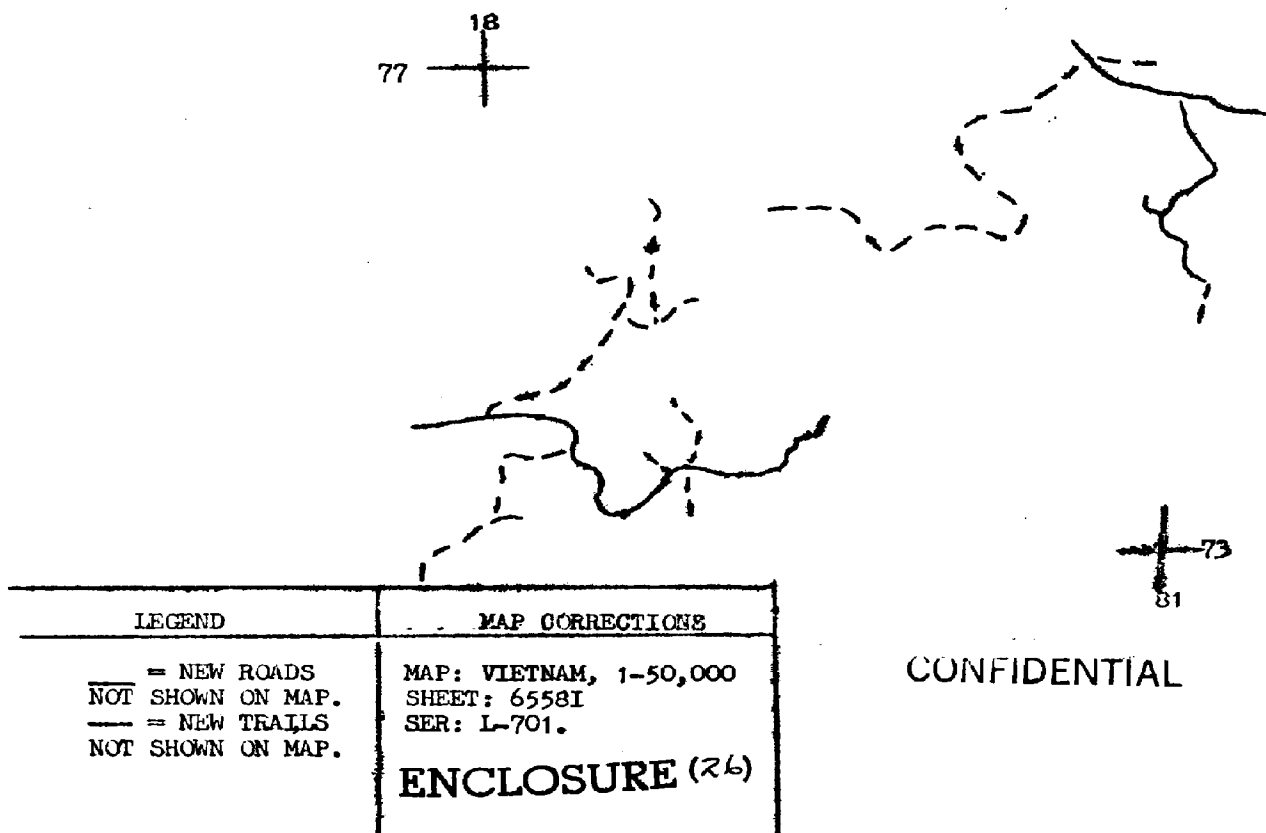
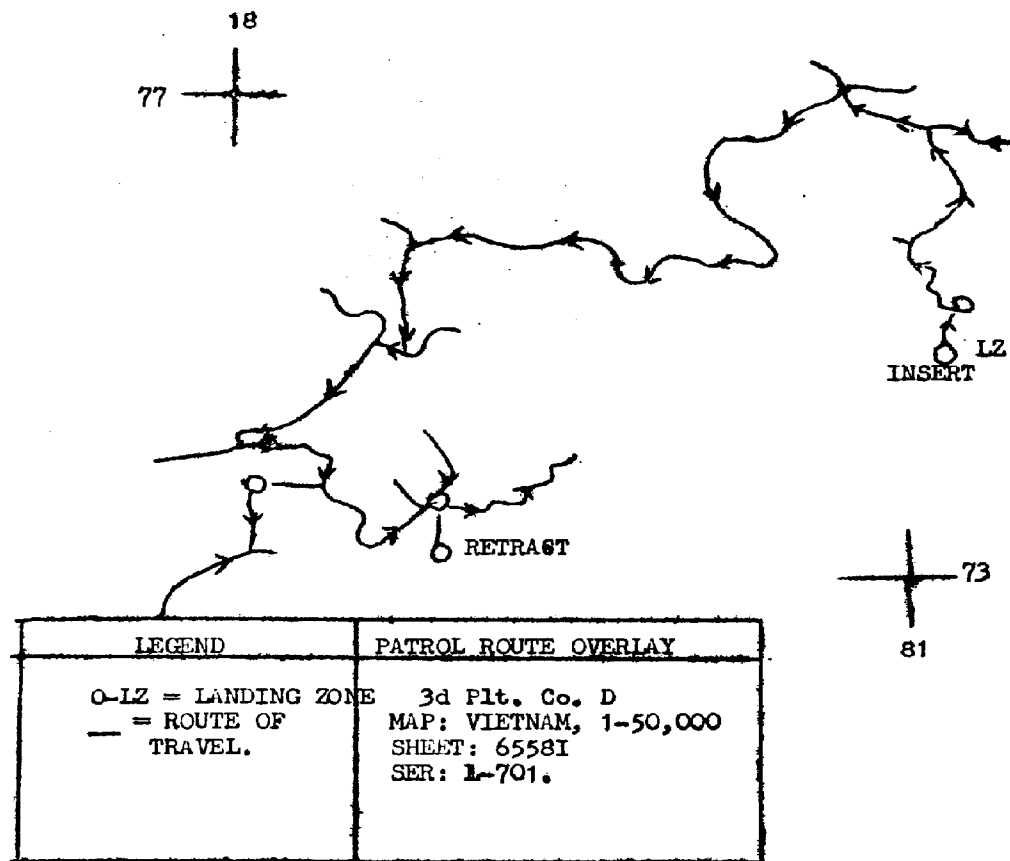
1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (16) Enl, (1) USN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENT: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50's, (1) pr. 6x50's
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 21/2 lb. blocks of C-4 per man
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) 12 gauge Shotgun.
2. MISSION: Establish and maintain a reconnaissance network and conduct reconnaissance operations against VC forces West of Division TAOR/RZ #4.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 131800H/181535H March 1966
4. ROUTE: Refer to Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 120 hours of continuous patrolling in RZ #4 West resulted in negative sightings of friendly or enemy activity. An old secondary hard surfaced road 10 feet wide was located which led from the Hoa Son Valley complex (ZC 1974) and (ZC 2074) East into the Lo Dong valley complex to the Southwest.
  - b. ENEMY: No visual or physical contact made.
  - c. TERRAIN: A secondary road & trails not presently illustrated on the map were recorded. (Refer to Overlay).
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
    - (1) The road utilized by the patrol in the Hoa-Son Valley complex at one time may have been used as a primary road for vehicular traffic. The road is approximately 10 feet to 15 feet wide, hard surfaced and well preserved. There was no evidence of recent enemy use. No panji traps, man holes, or stakes were noted. Indications are, that this road leads into the Lo Dong Valley Complex in the South western sector of the TAOR.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: No visual or physical contact made.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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SGT CO. D.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (15) Enl (1) USN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50's, (1) pr. 6x30's
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 2 lbs of T.N.T. per man
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) M-79
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance to determine the extent of enemy activity in RZ #4, and reconnoiter entire Hill 800 complex.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 141240H/201030H March 1966
4. ROUTE: Refer to Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 144 hours of patrolling in RZ #4 resulting in 1 VC killed, 2 escaping one of which was seriously wounded. 2 ChiCom Carbines were captured as well as 2 ChiCom grenades, web gear and documents. 1 ChiCom booby trap (Z-10 mine) was disarmed. 2 huts were discovered as well as 1 VC campsite and buried documents.
  - b. ENEMY:
    - (1) 151020H, (AT 848638), while the patrol was moving West on a trail, they encountered a 4 foot high bamboo and brush barricade which had been placed across the trail. A hole had been previously cut through this obstacle and the patrol utilized this as a bypass. Newly placed panji stakes were noted along the trail plus 75 to 100 stakes neatly stacked in a bundle approximately 14 inches long. At (AT 846638) the patrol located 3 large man traps, one being 8 feet x 8 feet x 12 feet and the others 2x2x12 feet. Panji stakes were noted in the bottom. Excess dirt had been removed, and the pits appeared 30 days old.
    - (2) 151036H, (AT 846638), the patrol located and disarmed (1) ChiCom Z-10 mine booby trap. (Refer to diagram)
    - (3) 151555H, (AT 831634), as the patrol was proceeding West up a trail the point heard voices and on reaching this location he observed 3 VC sitting on a log wearing blue shirts and black shorts. The point immediately opened fire instantly killing 1 VC and the other 2 fled, one seriously wounded. Large pools of blood were noted in the escape route. A search was initiated for the 2 VC with negative results. It was noted that the VC were clean shaved and had fresh haircuts. Their clothes appeared clean. 2 ChiCom Carbines were captured as well as 2 ChiCom grenades, web gear and torn documents. These items were returned for G-2 inspection. The empty rice pot and spilled rice indicated that the VC had just eaten. It also appeared that the rice had been brought to this location because the rice was still warm and there were no cooking fires in the immediate area.
    - (4) 151520H, (AT 831634), the patrol found some torn documents partially buried about 20 meters from the VC OP location.

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(5) 151600H, (AT 831634), 8 rounds of artillery was registered on the OP site with good effects on target.

(6) 171615H, (AT 833643), the patrol followed a trail west into an abandoned VC Campsite which housed 2 dismantled huts. Scattered throughout the area were empty C-ration containers, broken batteries, expended yellow smoke grenades, old plastic rice bags and 12 5 foot long panji stakes. New white and blue rice bags were found near a stream.

(7) 170800H to 171800H, (AT 839644), the patrol located a trail running west along a stream. The trail was heavily infested with panji stakes, traps and man traps. 1 Malayan whip was also discovered. A large pile of saw dust was located at (AT 836644).

(8) 180745, and 181115H, (AT 819642), the patrol heard the report of 1 round being fired on separate occasions at the above coordinates.

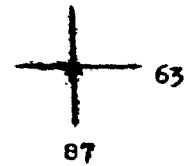
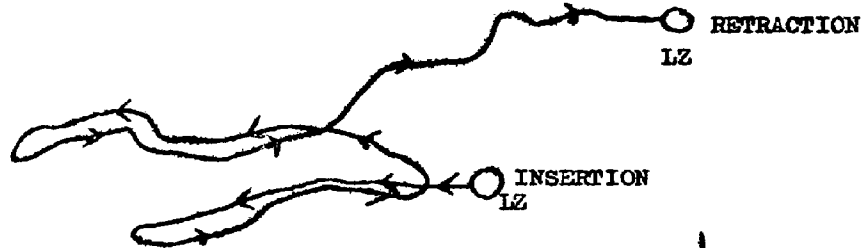
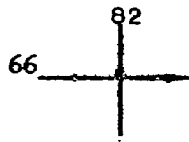
- c. TERRAIN: New trails not presently illustrated on the map were recorded (refer to overlay).
- d. OTHER INFORMATION: None.
- 6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
  - a. ENEMY: (1) VC killed, (1) VC wounded, (1) VC escaped.
  - b. FRIENDLY: None.
  - c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: (2) ChiCom Carbines, 3 grenades, and documents.
- 7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.
- 8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

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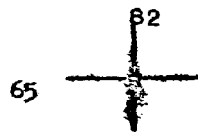
- 9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: It appears that a forward outpost line for Viet Cong Units in the Song Lo Dong Valley area is located on the high ground generally along the 83 North - South grid line.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
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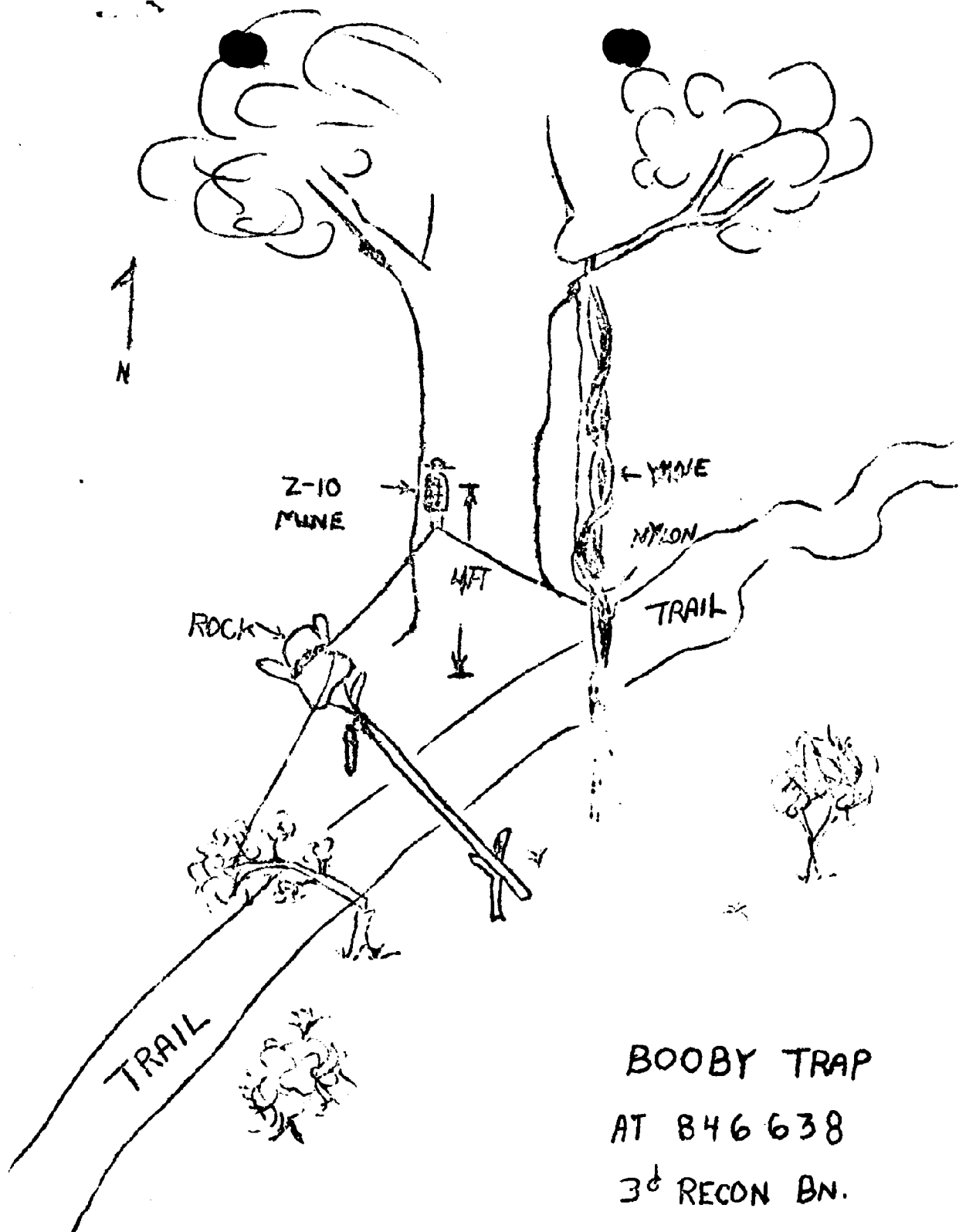


LEGEND	MAP CORRECTIONS
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DANANG, RVN  
211700H March 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (15) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/ PRC, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 pr. 7x50's
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 2 lbs. of C-4 per man.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) M-79
2. MISSION: Establish and maintain a reconnaissance network and conduct reconnaissance operations against enemy forces West of Division TACR/RZ #4.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 201015H/211645H March 1966
4. ROUTE: Refer to Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 30 hours of patrolling and surveillance in RZ #4 resulted in negative sightings of enemy activity.
  - b. ENEMY: No visual or physical contact made.
  - c. TERRAIN: No new terrain characteristics were recorded.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 201510H, (AT 838674), the patrol observed fresh buffalo tracks which appeared to be 2 days old generally running East and West on a trail.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
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GROUP FRAG ORDER 29-66  
Patrol: Panhandle, 1st Platoon  
Debriefed: SSGT. W. A. BASS  
Map: Vietnam 1:50,000, 6756 IV, 6757 III

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Composition: (1) Off, (16 Enl), (1) USN
- b. Special Attachments: None.
- c. Communications Equipment: 1 AN/PRC-25, 2 AN/PRC-10 radios.
- d. Observation Equipment: 3 pair 7X50 binoculars.
- e. Special Equipment: None.
- f. Special Weapons: 1 M-1 Sniper rifle w/2.2 power scope

2. MISSION: Establish reconnaissance screen in RZ's 3 & 4.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 280800H Feb/051220H Mar 66.

4. ROUTE: See Annex A (Operation Overlay).

5. SYNOPSIS: The patrol covered a period of 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  hours with no unusual sightings. No VC were seen. The patrol was inserted by helicopter and retracted on foot.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN: Normal activity was noted in the rice paddies and fields. 34 to 46 head of cattle were observed grazing at coordinates BS 507967. None were water buffalo, some were small calves. They were observed on the 1st and 2nd of March.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: None.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

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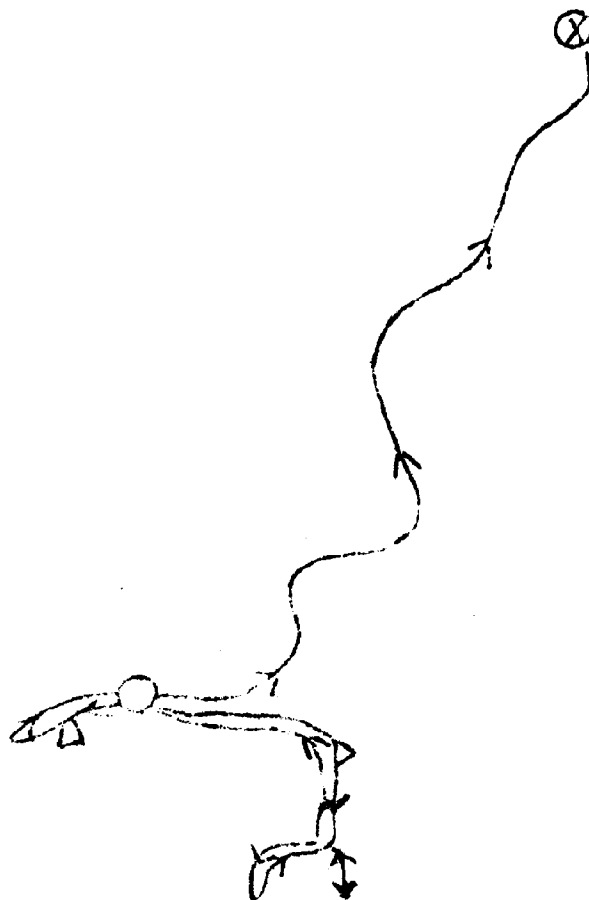
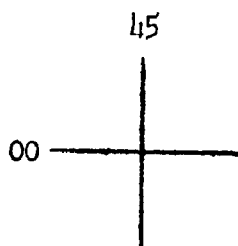
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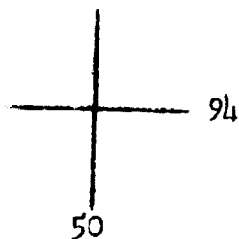
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Operation Overlay  
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LEGEND:

- - Helicopter Insertion Point
- △ - OP
- ⊗ - Truck Recovery Point



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GROUT FRAG ORDER 30-66  
Patrol: Wildcat, 3rd Platoon  
Debriefing: SSgt. W. A. B.SS  
Map: Vietnam 1:50,000, 6757 III

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Composition: (1) Off, (16) Enl, (1) USN
- b. Special Attachments: None.
- c. Communications Equipment: 1 AN/TRC-25, 1 AN/TRC-10 radio
- d. Observation Equipment: 3 pairs of 7X50 binoculars.
- e. Special Equipment: None.
- f. Special Weapons: 1 M-79 grenade launcher, 1 M-60 machine gun

2. MISSION: Establish OP vicinity BT 388098 and observe to the east, Conduct ground reconnaissance of trail and stream network vicinity BT 3511 and BT 3611.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 280700H February/051030H March 1966.

4. ROUTE: See Annexes A, B and C.

5. SYNOPSIS:

a. The patrol covered a period of 14 $\frac{1}{2}$  hours with a total of 11 sightings totaling 33 VC and several others sighted moving through the brush in the area. Three artillery missions were fired with an estimated 12 to 15 VC killed. 3 VC were killed with M-79 and small arms fire.

b. The VC were very persistent in coming back into the area of coordinates BT 353122, as though there was something definite that they were securing or protecting.

c. A harbor site large enough for 75 men was found along with trails marked by the VC with rocks and sticks, etc.

d. Wildcat I, which was reported by separate patrol report, killed 3 VC and were forced to be retracted after Captain TARDIFF was wounded. They were in the same vicinity as Wildcat and were manning OP's.

6. OBSERVATIONS OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. At 280900H, 3 VC moved out of the brush onto the northern trail at coordinates BT 357111. Two of the VC wore light grey shirts, the other one wore a purple shirt. They carried a carbine and two rifles.

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They stopped at a trail junction there and talked for about a minute, then moved south. The patrol point fired on them with an M-79 and M-14's, killing all three. As the patrol moved up to search the VC and retrieve their weapons, they were fired on by approximately 2 snipers from the vicinity of coordinates BT 358112. Fire was returned with unknown results. The patrol broke contact and suffered no casualties.

b. At 281200H, 5 VC were seen moving southeast down the finger of the hill at coordinates BT 355120. 2 more VC joined them from the northwest. Three wore black pajamas and coolie hats, the others wore khakis, and two had camouflage nets over their shoulders. All had weapons. An artillery fire mission was called and as the first rounds landed, 10 VC were seen moving over the hill. The next rounds landed on target. After the end of the mission, 1 VC was seen on top of the finger at coordinates BT 353123, standing as if in a daze.

c. At 281300H, a VC harbor site was found at coordinates BT 359103. It could accommodate approximately 75 men. Two large fire pits and several smaller ones were seen. They appeared to have been used in the past week. A branch of a stream ran through the center of the site. Along the trail on the east side of the stream, several small holes were seen. They were  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter and 4 inches deep. They were spaced along about every 25 meters.

d. At 281800H, Rosemont flew over the area and reported many bodies laying all over the hill.

e. At 281818H, 3 VC with rifles joined the VC standing at coordinates BT 353123, then all four moved southeast. All wore black, some with camouflage nets over their shoulders.

f. At 281820H, 2 VC with rifles were observed about 100 meters southeast of the others at BT 353123. One wore a red jacket, the other wore black. An undetermined number of VC were seen moving about in the brush between the two groups. Artillery fire was requested, but the rounds landed erratically throughout the area with negative results on target. The VC all scattered and disappeared in the brush. Due to darkness, they could no longer be observed.

g. From 281830H to 1900H, drumbeats were heard from at least four drums. The sounds came from grid square BT 3407. The pattern was as follows: 3 high beats, 3 low beats, 30 seconds pause, 2 low beats, 1 high beat, 1 low beat and 2 high beats. The same drums were heard every night at the same time.

h. At 281900H, 3 sharp distinct blue light flashes were seen in grid square BT 3407. They were not observed again.

i. At 010830H, 3 VC were seen moving south carrying weapons, 1 carbine and two rifles, at coordinates BT 347117. Two wore green utilities with berets, the other one had black trousers and white shirt with camouflage netting over his shoulders and carried a rucksack.

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j. From 010945H to 011000H, 5 VC with rifles were seen moving around on the ridge at coordinates BT 355120. They wore black pajamas and coolie hats. Air support was requested through Rosemont, but was not available, so artillery was called. Nine rounds were fired with good coverage of target. No further movement was seen.

k. At 011100H, as the patrol was following a trail with VC markings at coordinates BT 357107, they saw a large tree with two large branches extending out about 10 feet above a stream crossing. Another large limb was tied across the two branches to form a triangle about 4 feet in size. Along the trail were VC markings of 3 sticks, 3 rocks, etc. The trail paralleled the stream and ran north from coordinates BT 359102 to BT 362119.

l. At 011830H, Rosemont reported freshly dug foxholes on top of Hill 194 at coordinates BT 377112. The AO also reported all of the VC bodies had disappeared.

m. At 021300H, 2 women and 1 boy were sighted moving southwest on the trail at coordinates BT 366106. The women wore black pajamas, the boy wore a black top with blue trousers. One woman carried a pole with a box on each end. The box appeared to be the size and shape of a 3.5 ammo box. The boy carried a coolie hat containing small arms ammunition. The other woman carried nothing.

n. At 021330H, wood cutting was heard from coordinates BT 364106. It lasted about 45 minutes.

o. At 021400H, 2 women were seen moving west at coordinates BT 351111. Both wore black pajamas and coolie hats. No weapons or equipment were seen.

#### 7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. The trail running from coordinates BT 372085 to BT 380093 is marked with VC markings; 3 sticks, 3 rocks, etc.

b. The trail shown on the map running from Phuoc Khach northeast to Tien Xuan (1) is a good, wide trail, wide enough for vehicles to move one way. It is approximately 8 feet wide and heavily traveled.

c. Attached is the overlay of trails reported in the area of operations that are not shown on the map.

8. RESULTS OF ENEMY ENCOUNTERS: 3 VC killed by small arms fire, at least 12 to 15 VC killed by artillery fire.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: HN VAUGH was shot accidentally through the foot while cleaning his weapon and evacuated to Danang on 5 March 1966. Remainder of patrol, condition good, in spite of 50 hours without food due to unavailability of helicopters for resupply.

#### 10. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

a. Conclusions:

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(1) After the third artillery mission, the VC disappeared from the area. However, all the bodies disappeared, so it is believed that they have moved into the many ravines in the area. They are definitely not as active in the area as before.

(2) This area appears to be a main route or avenue of approach from interior to coastal paddy areas. It is felt that there is something in the vicinity of coordinates BT 353122 that the VC are interested in or wish to protect.

(3) The VC actively patrol Hills 186 and 194 to keep the avenue open.

(4) Reconnaissance wise, the cover is very sparse above grid line BT 11.

b. Recommendations:

(1) That infantry units make a sweep of the area with emphasis on possible hidden gun positions and bunkers.

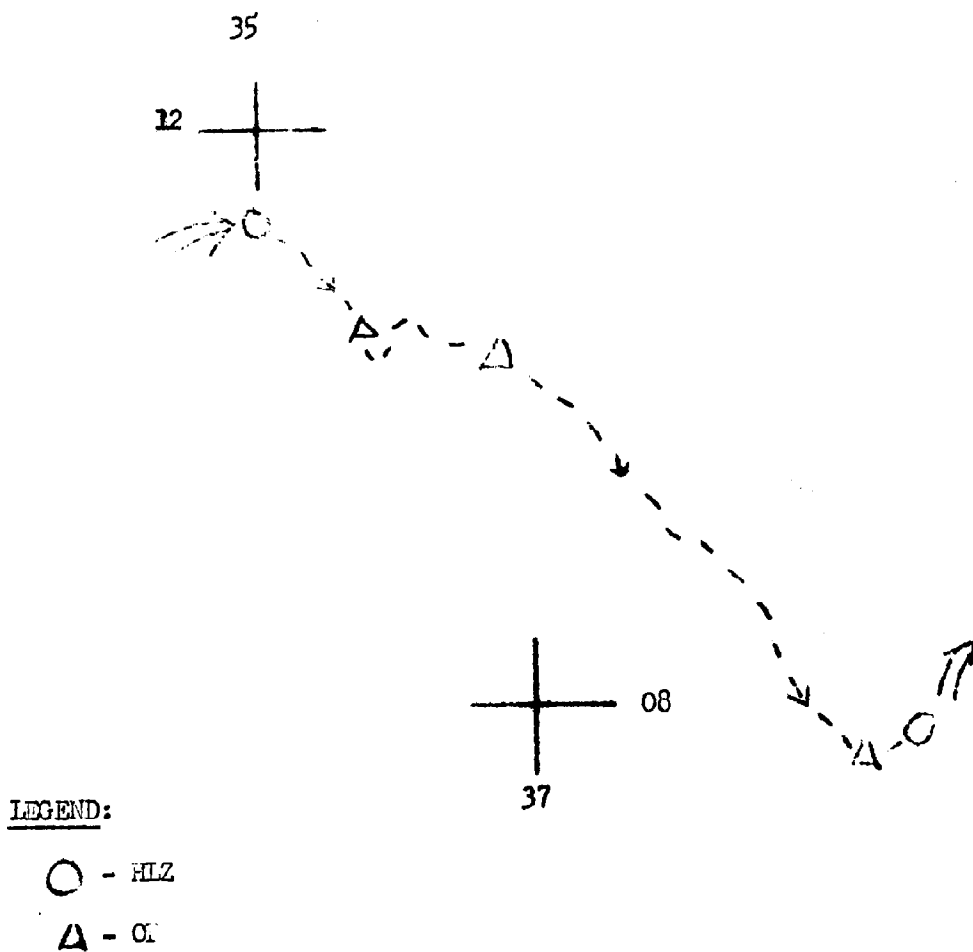
(2) Good ambush sites along mostly all of the trails be utilized if the infantry could move in as clandestinely as possible.

(3) Observation posts be continued in the area from grid squares BT 3510 and 3610.

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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay)  
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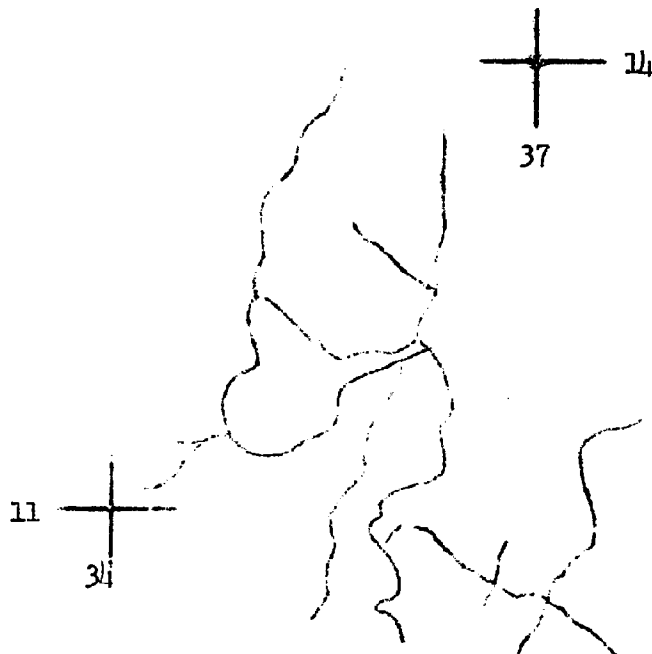


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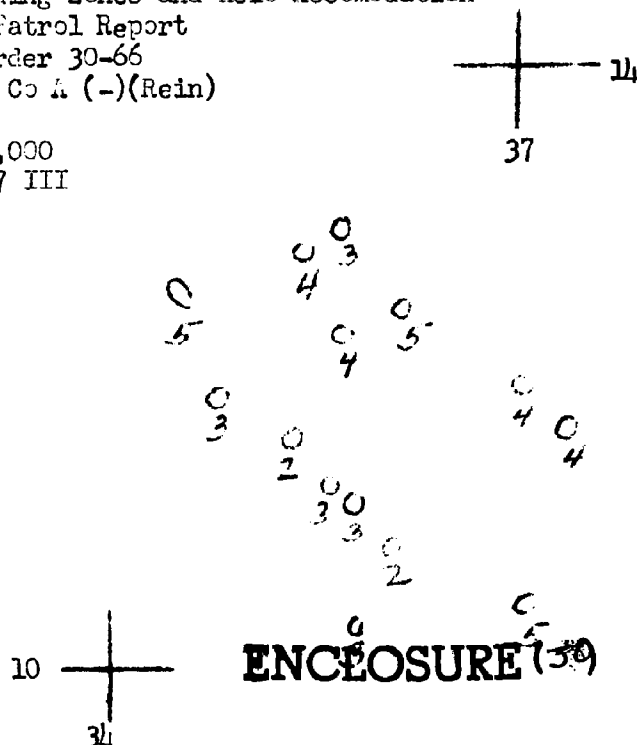
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Annex B (VC Trail Network) to  
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Annex C (Landing Zones and Helo Accomodation  
Overlay) to Patrol Report  
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Patrol: Scat Bravo 2, 2nd Platoon

Debriefing: SSgt. MASS:

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PATROL REPORT

1. COMPOSITION, SIZE AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Composition: (1) Off, (10) Enl, (1) USM
- b. Attachments: None.
- c. Communications Equipment: 1 AN/PRC-25, 1 AN/PRC-10 Radio
- d. Observation Equipment: 2 pairs of 7X50 binoculars, 1 spotter scope
- e. Special Equipment: None.
- f. Special Weapons: None.

2. MISSION: Establish observation posts and maintain surveillance over the villages of My Son (2) and Tu Chanh.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 050930H/100840H March 1966.

4. ROUTE: See Annex A (Operation Overlay).

5. SYNOPSIS: The patrol covered a period of 119 hours. Nothing unusual was sighted with the exception of smoke seen coming from the trees, smoke that could have been from a cooking fire. Only 3 Vietnamese were seen sitting under a tree, talking.

6. OBSERVATIONS OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. Only one sighting was made. 2 men and one boy were seen sitting under a tree talking for about 3 hours, at coordinates ET 383003.

b. At 100745H, smoke was observed rising from the trees at coordinates ET 392035. It appeared to be from a possible small cooking fire, based on the amount of smoke seen.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: No new trails were observed.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: Good.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

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FRIG ORDER 32-66  
Patrol: Rattlesnake (S2C)  
Debriefers: SSgt B.SS  
Maps: 6756 IV

PATROL REPORT

1. Composition, size and equipment:
  - a. Composition: 1 Off, 14 Enl, 1 USN
  - b. Attachments: None
  - c. Communication Equipment: 1 PKC-25, 3 PKC-10 radios
  - d. Observation Equipment: 3 pr 7x50, 1 pr 6x30, 1 M-49 spotter scope
  - e. Special Equipment: None
  - f. Special Weapons: 1 M-60 machine gun
2. Mission: Establish OP's on Hill 282 in grid square BS 4896, observe THO AN and the area to the south.
3. Time of Departure/Return: 051050H/090930H
4. Route: See attached overlay
5. Synopsis:
  - a. The patrol covered a period of 95½ hours with a total of 17 sightings. A total of 7 VC and 6 VCS were seen. A VC rifle cache was found with no rifles in it. Helicopters were seen being fired on two times during the period.
  - b. Activity was heavy during the period. While only 7 actual VC were seen, it is probable that a large amount of the movement seen could have been by VC, which could not be determined due to no weapons or equipment being visible.
6. Observation of the enemy and terrain:
  - a. From 061050H to 1200H 21 VN were seen moving out of the brush at Coord BS 461965 with loaded baskets and going into the village of THO AN. They moved in groups of three to five persons. The majority were black, one wore a grey uniform. No weapons were seen. They straggled back into the brush in groups of two to five persons during the afternoon.

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- b. At 061220H one VCS wearing black was seen moving east at BS 492955. He disappeared at BS 498951. He carried something on his shoulder that could have been a rifle. He wore what appeared to be a pack.
- c. At 061220H a large brush fire was seen at BS 496954. No one was seen near the fire.
- d. At 061245H 5 VCS moved southeast in a column at BS 508958 moving into a tree line at that point.
- e. At 061250H four VN males were seen at BS 490958. Two wore gray and two wore black. One man in gray and one in black appeared to be fighting. At 1252H a shot was heard, and the four men disbursed southeast into the tree line. The five VN who were sighted entering the tree line at 1245H, then moved out of the tree line, across the paddy and into the tree line behind the other four. One man wearing grey appeared and followed the other nine, by about 15 meters. No weapons or equipment could be seen.
- f. At 061255H three rounds were fired on a helicopter that was flying around. Three VCS were seen running west from the vicinity of BS 491948. No weapons could be observed due to brush. They disappeared into the brush by a lone house at BS 480952. All wore black, two with coolie hats.
- g. At 061350H six men and boys moved north from the village and stopped in the brush at BS 474956. They appeared to be observing the hill the OI was on. They stayed there approximately 30 minutes until a helo flew over. What appeared to be a woman dressed in blue sat against a tree by the men that was visible. As the helo appeared the six men and boys ran back to the village. One man stopped just outside the village and moved back and forth in about a 15 foot space. He was joined by 3 men who picked up a black object that appeared to be a tube about 5 feet long. Another tube, like the one before but larger, was also picked up and taken back to the village. It had been buried.
- h. At 061540H 3 VN in faded brown PJ's were seen under a tree at BS 473955. They appeared to be observing the OI.
- i. At 061545H 9 VN with 25 water buffalo were seen at BS 465960. At 1548H 2 men left the group and moved north up the trail and disappeared into the brush at BS 465962. They were followed two minutes later by another man leaving the water buffalo.
- j. At 061612H one round of small arms fire was fired at a helo from just north-west of THO AN.
- k. At 051625H 2 VN males appeared, one walking east, the other west. They met at BS 506943., then both moved east. One wore black, the other grey with a hat. No weapons or equipment was seen.

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1. At 070930H at coord BS 472973 on a trail not shown on the map, the patrol found a rifle cache that could hold 5-7 rifles. It was a trench approx. 4 feet long by 1 foot wide and 1 foot deep, with green leaves on the bottom. It had tall grass laid over the top. No rifles were found. The trail is shown on the attached overlay.
- m. At 071130H fresh barefoot tracks were found at BS 464971. Two sets of prints were seen, one set going north, the other south.
- n. At 071515H a man sneezed from the west of the patrol at BS 459975. No one was found.
- p. At 071400H a fresh cooking fire with rocks piled up around it was found at BS 457975. It was beside a stream running east and west.
- p. At 081510H a large fire was seen in the brush at BS 465963. Five coolie hats were seen moving southeast through the brush. Two stopped and moved back towards the fire. The other three moved through the brush towards THO AN.
- q. At 081525H seven more hats were seen moving south-east through the brush from the area of the fire. They appeared in the rice paddy at BS 464962. The leading VC was about 150 meters in front followed by 3 VC approx. 4 meters apart, about 6 meters behind were two VC about 4 meters apart. About 15 meters back came the last VC. They moved through a hedge row and the last man stopped just outside the hedgerow and set up security. The remainder, except for the point man, stopped at some water and proceeded to bathe. The point man disappeared around behind a hedge on a trail, presumably to establish security. An air observer flew over and they moved into the brush and hid. All carried packs, but no weapons could be observed.
- r. At 081710H one VN started a fire at BS 465959. After about five minutes, he walked away. The fire produced only white smoke. No actual fire was seen (It was thought to be powder increments of 81 mortar round).
7. Other information: Trails that were found that do not show on the map are shown on the attached overlay. The main trail leading from Hill 282 along the stream bed to the high ground overlooking the TINH TRUNG valley from the north are marked with many likely ambush sights and trail markings.
8. Results of enemy encounters: None
9. Condition of patrol: Fair, with light cases of heat exhaustion on the first day which are now recovered.

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## 10. Conclusions and recommendations;

## a. Conclusions:

- (1) That the village of THO AN is used by the VC during daylight hours so as to be safe from air and artillery.
- (2) That the VC use the lower slopes of the high ground to the north of the village at night.
- (3) That a good route is available from Hill 282 to high ground overlooking the TINH TRUNG Valley, and to Hill 661.

## b. Recommendations:

- (1) That the area be swept during day light hours and completely destroyed to preclude its use as a safe haven for the VC.
- (2) That TPQ missions be flown in grid squares BS 4696, BS 4596 and the lower slopes in grid square BS 4796.

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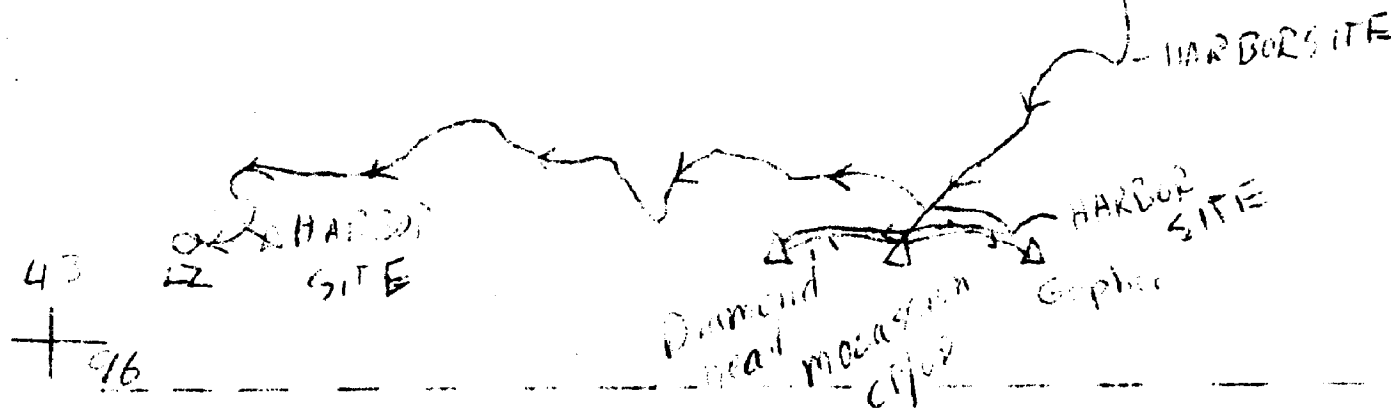
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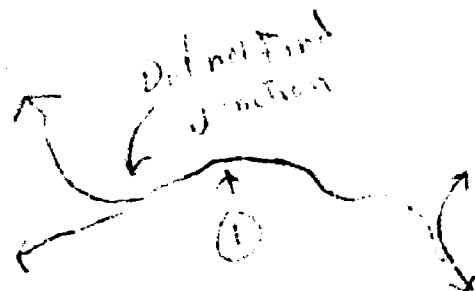
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## TRAIL OVERLAY



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FRAG ORDER 35-66  
Patrol: COBR. (S1C)  
Debriefed: SSgt B. SS  
Maps: 6757 III

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091700H Mar 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. Composition, size and equipment.
  - a. Composition: 1 Off, 14 Enl, 1 USN
  - b. Attachments: None
  - c. Communication equipment: 1 PRC-25, 2 PRC-10 radios
  - d. Observation equipment: 3 pr 7x50, 1 pr 6x30 binoculars
  - e. Special equipment: None
  - f. Special weapons: None
2. Mission: Establishes Or's overlooking PHUOC KHACH from 6-9 Mar 1966.
3. Time of Departure/Return: 060700H/091205H Mar 1966.
4. Route: See attached overlay.
5. Synopsis: The patrol covered a period of 77 hours with no sightings.
6. Observation of the enemy and terrain: None
7. Other information: Trails in the area do not appear to be recently used.
8. Results of enemy encounters: None
9. Condition of patrol: Good
10. Conclusions and recommendations:
  - a. Conclusions:
    - (1) The area in the southern part of the PHUOC KHACH Valley does not appear to be inhabited due to the absence of any foot traffic.
    - (2) The rice paddies in grid square BT 3706 appear to be abandoned.
  - b. Recommendation: That this area periodically be observed despite its present disuse by the VC.

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Frag Order 36-66  
 Patrol: BULLET (S3C)  
 Debriefers: SSgt BASS  
 Maps: 6756 IV

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 131130H Mar 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. Composition, size and equipment.
  - a. Composition: 12 Enl, 1 USN
  - b. Attachments: None
  - c. Communication equipment: 1 PRC-25, 1 PRC-10 radios
  - d. Observation equipment: 2 pr 7x50 binoculars
  - e. Special equipment: None
  - f. Special weapons: None
2. Mission: Establish surveillance of TINH TRUNG complex from 8-13 Mar 66.
3. Time of departure/returns: 090815H/130745H Mar 1966.
4. Route: See attached overlay
5. Synopsis:
  - a. The patrol covered a period of 95 hours with only two sightings made. Five VC with two rifles and a black object that could have been a mortar base plate were seen. A parachute flare was found and destroyed. Vietnamese voices were heard on the D-208 net.
6. Observation of the enemy and terrain:
  - a. At 090930H found a parachute flare still in tact at coord BS 446962. The patrol destroyed the flare and parachute and buried.
  - b. At 091800H five VC were seen moving south on the trail at coord BS 440951. All wore black PJ's with coolie hats. They carried two rifles, two baskets and a large black object that could have been an 81 mortar base plate. A fire mission was called, but subsequently cancelled.
  - c. At 091520H VN voices were heard on the radio. No words could be understood. That lasted for about 20 minutes.
7. Other information: No new trails were found. The stream shown at coord BS 438950 does not cross the paddies to the south.

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8. Results of enemy encounters: None
9. Condition of patrol: Good
10. Conclusions and recommendations: None

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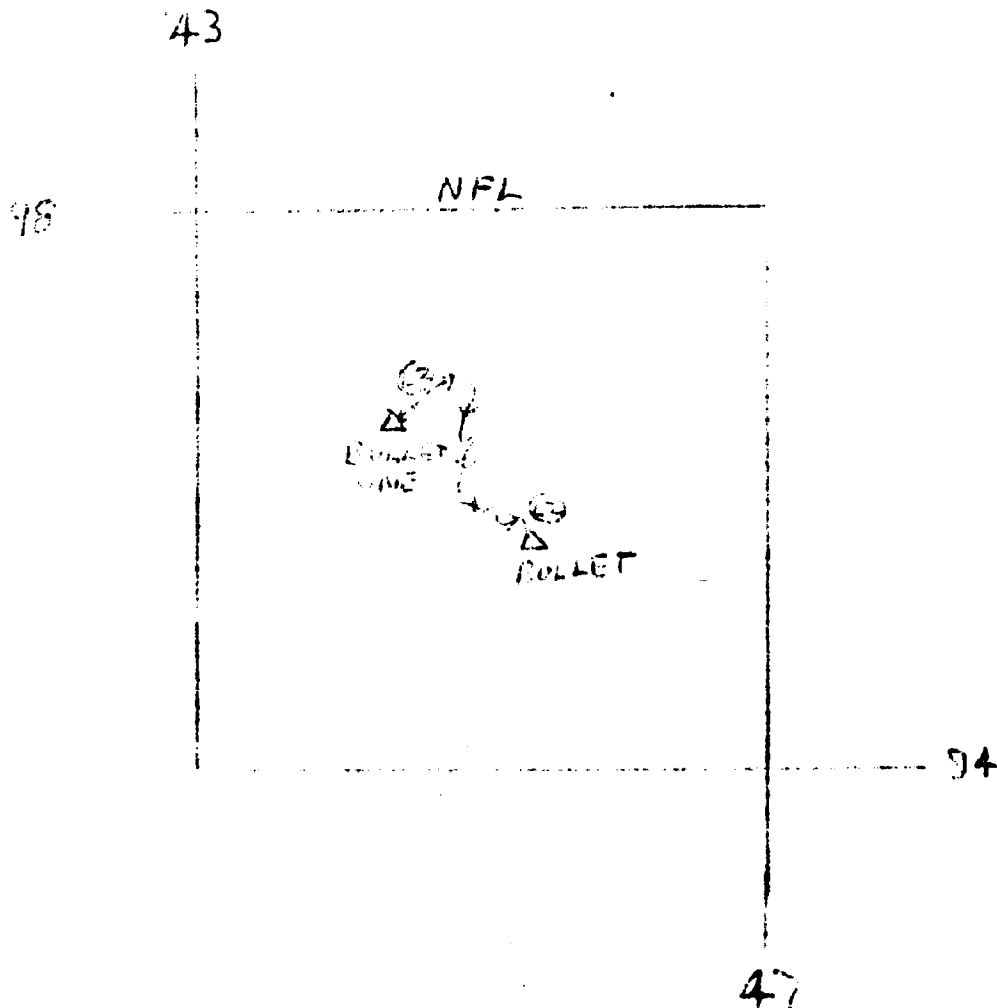
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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY  
Team: Bullof (S3C)  
Maps: 6756 IV  
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Frag Order: 39-66  
 Patrol: Leopard, Bull Dog  
 Debriefers: SSgt BASS  
 Maps: 6757 III

## PATROL REPORT

1. Composition, size and equipment.
  - a. Composition: 1 Officer, 18 Enlisted
  - b. Attachments: None
  - c. Communication equipment: 2 PRC-25 radio
  - d. Observation equipment: 2 pair 7X50 binoculars
  - e. Special equipment: None
  - f. Special weapons: 1 M-60 and 1 M-79
2. Mission: To provide reconnaissance and surveillance in the area of Thon Hai (2) (BT 3608) and vicinity BT 3510 to determine enemy movement and locations.
3. Time of Departure/Return 121800H/191830H March 1966
4. Route: See overlay attached to cover sheet.
5. Synopsis: The patrol covered a period of 168 $\frac{1}{2}$  hours with 12 sightings of a total of 27 VC were observed. 3 VC were killed and two VC were wounded. Several documents were captured and turned over to 4th Marines S-3 for transfer to Division. Jamming took place on the radio on two separate occasions.
6. Observation of the enemy and terrain:
  - a. At 130900H a shot was heard from approx coord BT 365083. As the patrol arrived there they found blood on the trail. The trail of blood went north by northwest.
  - b. At 131408H 3 VC moved east wearing black PJs and coolie hats at BT 359088. All had weapons. They moved into tigers ambush.
  - c. At 131425H 1 VC with weapon and pack ran northwest at coord BT 363089. He was running away from tigers ambush site. It was right after fire was heard from the ambush.
  - d. At 131520H 5 VC with rifles and packs were seen moving northeast at coord BT 360087. They wore camouflage shirts and rolled up Black PJs bottoms. They moved in the village of Thon Hai (2).

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- e. At 131530H 1 VC moved west at coord BT 357088. He wore black and had a rifle.
- f. At 131545H 5 men possible VC ran south from the village of Than Hai (2). They wore black shirts and black shorts. One had no shirt. They were at coord BT 362086 when seen.
- g. At 131700H the patrol set up an ambush site at coord BT ~~352086~~. At the south side of Than Hai (2) 2 VC were flushed out of the village. The first VC, a male was wounded but got away. He had a carbine. The other VC, a women was killed, ~~carried~~ ammo.
- h. At 141355H the radio was jammed, sounding like helo blades turning.
- i. At 150815H the patrol had set up an ambush site at coord BT 355107. 3 VC walked into the ambush. One had a .45 pistol and pack. The third VC was a women wearing a pack and a comouflage net over her sholders. The first VC wore only a pack. The second and third VC were killed. The pistol, 2 packs and numerous documents were captured. The documents were turned in to 4th Marines S-2 to be forwarded to Division. The first VC in the column ran away to the southwest.
- j. At 151055H the platoon was resupplied by Helo at coord BT 357112. The Helos received small arms fire from the north. It sounded like carbine fire. The platoon moved out to harbor then set up an OP the next day at coord BT 365105, and 367104.
- k. At 151650H jamming was again used on the Recon net and frequencies were switched. Jamming continued until 1820H. There was no noise.
- l. At 161055 6 VC, 2 wearing green uniforms, the other wearing black were seen moving south then east at coord BT 356103. One wore a white pouch on his side.
- m. At 161305H 3 VC moved south east wearing black at coord BT 356103. One carried a rifle.
- n. At 161334H 3 men moved southeast wearing black at coord BT 356103. One wore a white pouch on his hip.
- o. At 161455H 4 men moved southeast, wearing black at coord BT 356103. All wore white pouches.
- p. At 161509H five rounds of small arms fire was fired at helo flying overhead. The fire came from the vicinity of hill 302 in grid square BT 3110.
- q. At 170930H 1 VC was standing at coord BT 354119 observing west southwest. He wore black with a cool hat and had a rifle pack. He sat down under a bush and sat there all day long.

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- r. At 1115L, 2 VC with rifles and 1 pack joined the man at coord 354119. They came from west northwest. All moved to coord BT 355119 and sat down. Artillery fire was called with good coverage of target. No bodies were seen but the artillery landed on the exact spot they were sitting.
- s. At 182000H drums were heard. They sounded more like someone beating on metal rather than wood or regular drums. It came from the vicinity of Than Hai (2). The pattern for 10 consecutive times was 3 beats then 4 beats.

## 7. Other information:

- a. It is believed that the VC have moved farther west and are finding other routes of communication to the coast.

8. Results of enemy contact: 3 VC killed, 2 VC wounded, 1 pistol captured plus documents.

9. Condition of patrol: Good.

## 10. Conclusions and recommendations:

## a. Conclusions:

- (1) At least a VC battalion or more is in the area, but they continue to move groups of 5 or 6.

## b. Recommendations:

- (1) More company sized Recon operations in the area.
- (2) More PRG-25 radios and M-79 launchers be used for patrols.
- (3) More personnel contact with the civilians to counteract VC activity. Something to show the civilians, who appear friendly that the Americans are helping them. All they get is TPG missions etc.

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Frag Order: 40-66  
Patrol: Colt, Seabrook 1C  
Debriefing: SSgt BASS  
Maps: 6756 IV

PATROL REPORT

1. Composition, size and equipment.
  - a. Composition: 1 Off, 12 Enl, 1 USN
  - b. Attachments: None
  - c. Communication equipment: 1 PRC-25, 2 PRC-10 radios
  - d. Observation equipment: 2 pr 7x50 binoculars
  - e. Special equipment: None
  - f. Special weapons: None
2. Mission: Determine VC activity east and south of Hill 410 (BS 445928) from 13-16 March 1966.
3. Time of Departure/Return: 130730H/171700H March 1966.
4. Route: See attached overlay.
5. Synopsis: The patrol covered a period of 106 hours with only three sightings involved. No VC or civilians were seen. Trail blocks were found and seven buildings that appeared to be a hospital were found along with seven graves.
6. Observation of the enemy and terrain:
  - a. At 131500H trail blocks had been placed on the trail at coord BS 452934. Small trees had been cut and woven together across the trail to look like a fence or gate. It was easily bypassed. South along the trail about every 75 meters a tree or two had been felled across the trail. The trail was followed for about 500 meters.
  - b. At 151800H what appeared to be a hospital complex consisting of six buildings and an animal shelter were found at coord BS 458921. Most of the buildings were about 20 to 25 ft wide and 30 to 35 ft long. They had not been used for quite some time, but could easily be repaired. Extensive tunnel work was found under the buildings. The buildings were on both sides of the stream which ran north-south. Found were 10-15 small bottles (mostly broken), clothing, eating utensils, pistol bag, baskets, empty canned food cans, sun hat, one pair of crutches and seven graves. Two of the

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graves appeared fairly fresh. In checking one of the fairly recent graves, the body was found about 1 ft down, badly decomposed.

- c. About 100 yards north of the buildings, what appeared to be a small altar was found beside the stream bed. Some areas appeared to have had 1 or 2 persons sleeping here and there. It was not a large enough area where the sleeping spots were found to be considered a harbor site. Could have been security for the buildings.

7. Other information:

- a. At coord BS 459920, communications were lost. It appeared to be a dead space for communications. It was behind the hill from the relay.

8. Results of enemy encounters: None

9. Condition of patrol: Good

10. Conclusions and recommendations:

a. Conclusions:

- (1) The area didn't appear to have been recently used very much.
- (2) Numerous small trails were found, but are small and could not be plotted on a map.

b. Recommendations:

- (1) Recommend the buildings be destroyed, to deny their use to the VC.
- (2) That when operating in this area use the LZ at coord BS 449937 rather than the LZ at coord BS 459930. The LZ at BT 453930 is small and will only accommodate one helo at a time.

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150920H Mar 1966

Frag Order: None  
Patrol: Special OP Team (S2C3)  
Debriefers: Sgt BASS  
Maps: 6757 III

PATROL REPORT

1. Composition, size and equipment.
  - a. Composition: 4 Enlisted
  - b. Attachments: None
  - c. Communication equipment: PRC-10 radio
  - d. Observation equipment: 1 M49 spotting scope
  - e. Special equipment: None
  - f. Specila weapons: None
2. Missions: Set up OP on Hill 410 in grid square BT 3803 and observe the village of PHUOC KHACH.
3. Time of Departure/Return 131445H/141445H March 1966
4. Route: See overlay.
5. Synopsis: The patrol covered a period of 24 hours with five sightings. A total of 46 VC with weapons sighted. The team was hit by 30 to 35 VC. Five VC were killed and an unknown number wounded. PFC GLER was killed and the other three team members were wounded. The VC captured almost all their equipment including 1 M-14 rifle, 220 rounds 7.62 ammo, 4 grenades, 1 M-49 spotter scope, 1 PRC-10 radio, 1 extra battery, a paper with radio frequencies, shackles, thrust points, etc.
6. Observation of the enemy and terrain:
  - a. At 131445H the team landed at coord BT 326128 and immediately established an OP approx 50 meters away. About 40 to 50 Vietnamese were visible working in the rice paddies. By intersection and resection the team could not establish their position. Later it was established they were landed 9,000 meters north and 6,000 meters west of Hill 410, the proposed LZ and the team did not have a map covering that area. Their map had the top portion trimmed off.
  - b. At 131700H 6 VC were seen moving northeast on the trail at coord BT 323135. All six had rifles and cartridge bolts. The third and sixth men each had a grenade bandoleer. The rifles all appeared to be M-1 rifles except for the sixth man who had a rifle with a

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folding stock, possibly a carbine. All wore black with jungle hats. They turned south and moved directly towards the OP. An artillery mission was called, but the first round was fired and could not be observed so the mission was cancelled.

- c. At 131705H 1 VC with what appeared to be an M-1 rifle and cartridge belt was seen standing on the trail where the other six had turned south. At this time, the six formed a line and started working their way towards the OP. The other VC returned towards the village of TRUONG CUU (2) at coord BT 317E36.
- d. At 131710H the 1 VC moving towards the village to the southwest met 4 VC at coord BT 319135. All 5 VC then returned up the trail and turned up toward the OP where the other 6 VC had gone. The OP was secured at this time and the OP team moved south approx 250 meters and set up a defensive position. The team established communications at 1735H and requested instructions and a reactionary force. The radio went out at this time and it was not known if the request was understood or not. No instructions were received. The communicator PFC GIER moved a few yards to the west and continued trying to establish comm.
- e. At this time, approximately 1740H, the OP team was taken under fire by approximately 30 to 35 VC from the north, east and west. PFC GIER was immediately killed by rifle fire in the upper chest. His radio was destroyed by at least 20 rounds of rifle fire. Grenades were also thrown. Approximately 9 or 10 grenades and about 800 rounds of small arms and automatic weapons fire was received. The VC yelled and blew whistles. A VC would yell and a grenade would be thrown each time. A whistle would blow and fire would increase. The team tried to move south as the VC assaulted the position. Five VC were killed and some others wounded. It could not be determined how many were wounded but VC could be heard moaning. The team moved about 500 meters south on the run. They were fired on for about the first 250 meters, then things got quiet. Security was set up and during the next four hours VC could be heard crawling around trying to locate the team.
- f. At 140530H the team started moving east trying to avoid the VC. The VC could be heard about 50 meters away the whole time. The team was finally retracted by helo at coord BT 336122. As the helos came in movement was heard about 25 meters away.

#### 7. Other information:

- a. The team was inserted by helos approximately 9,000 meters north and 6,000 meters west of the LZ they were supposed to be landed.
- b. PFC GIER was killed immediately and his radio destroyed. LCP1 MILLIEN, PFC TURNER and PFC STAHL were all wounded by grenade

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fragments. One PRC-10 radio, although destroyed, was captured along with 1 M-14 rifle, cartridge belt with magazines, 100 rounds of 7.62 ammo, 4 packs with 120 rounds of 7.62 ammo, 4 grenades, 4 1/2 MCI's, 1 PRC-10 radio battery, 4 ponchos, 5 canteens, and the M-49 spotter scope. The brevity code, shackle, thrust line positions and radio frequencies from Frag Order 39-56 were written on a card in PFC GIER's pocket. All were taken by the VC. Included were the frequencies of B Co, 3rd Recon Bn, their alternate frequency and the air observer frequency. One diving watch was also captured by the VC.

- c. PFC GIER's body was recovered by LCpl MILLIEN and Capt. TIFFANY immediately after the team was picked up by helo. Small arms fire was received at this time. The body and the other three team members were taken to B Mod. for treatment of wounds. They were released after treatment at about 141545H and returned to C Co, 1st Recon.
  - d. While retracting LCpl GIER's remains, both the helos and the team received fire from small arms. No one was hit and it was believed the helo was not damaged. Some of the fire came from the village of THUONG CUU (2) at coord BT 317136.
8. Results of enemy encounters: Five VC killed, unknown number of VC wounded.
  9. Condition of patrol: LCpl GIER killed, LCpl MILLIEN, PFC STAHL and PFC TURNER wounded by grenade fragments. All three treated and returned to C Co, 1st Recon with 7 days no duty.
  10. Conclusions and recommendations:
    - a. Conclusions:
      - (1) The area is controlled by the VC who appear well trained and disciplined.
      - (2) Recommendations: That an infantry sweep of this area by initiated.

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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY  
Team: Seabrook 2 Charlie 3  
Map: 6757 III  
150900Z Mar 1966

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 150830H Mar 1966

Patrol: Special OP Team #2  
 Team: Seabrook 3 Charlie  
 Debriefers: SSgt BASS  
 Maps: 6757 III

PATROL REPORT

1. Composition, size and equipment:
  - a. Composition: 1 Off, 6 enlisted, 1 USN
  - b. Attachments: None
  - c. Communication equipment: 1 PRC-25 radio
  - d. Observation equipment: 1 7x50 binoculars
  - e. Special equipment: None
  - f. Special weapons: None
2. Mission: Search the vicinity of Hill 410 in grid square BT 3803 for OP team 2 Charlie 3 who had lost communications for approximately 15 hours.
3. Time of Departure/Return: 140730H/141315H March 1966
4. Route: See attached overlay.
5. Synopsis: The patrol covered a period of 6 hours. There were no sightings. Seabrook 3 Charlie heard Seabrook 2 Charlie 3 call an unknown station when in fact 2 Charlie 3's radio had been destroyed.
6. Observation of the enemy and terrain:
  - a. At 140745H an individual VC field shelter had been erected at coord BT 389034.
  - b. At 140930H communications were trying to be established with 2 Charlie 3 when an unknown station entered the net and said, "Unknown station, this is 2 Charlie 3". After receiving an answer the unknown station repeated "Unknown station this is 2 Charlie 3". It was an American sounding voice and used good radio procedure, however it was later learned that 2 Charlie 3's radio had been destroyed about 17 hours prior to that time. Vietnamese voices were heard on the Recon net almost the entire time the team was out. The net is D-189.
7. Other information:

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- a. The area appeared not to have been used within the past three weeks by anyone. Warning devices emplaced by the last Recon patrol in the area had all been removed and destroyed. All "C" ration cans that had previously been buried, had been dug up.
  - b. As the patrol was informed that helos were on the way, someone disrupted communications by what possibly could have been turning the squelch on a radio. After that communications could not be established with anyone on that net for a period of approximately one hour.
  - c. Upon being picked up by helo at 141225H the team was told to search the area north of Hill 410, as there was a possibility that the team had been let out about 6,000 meters north. Helo recon was made for about 45 minutes with negative results.
  - d. No civilian or enemy movement was seen during the period covered by the patrol including the helo recon.
8. Results of enemy contact. None
  9. Condition of patrol: Outstanding
  10. Recommendations and conclusions: The frequency had been compromised.

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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY  
Team: Seabrook 3 Charlie  
Map: 6757 III  
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Frag Order 41-66  
Patrol: Hawk (command group)  
Debriefers: SSgt BASS  
Maps: 6756 IV

PATROL REPORT

1. Composition, size and equipment:
  - a. Composition: 1 Off, 5 Enl, 1 USN
  - b. Attachments: 2 F/O teams, 1 Off, 3 Enl, used with platoons.
  - c. Communication equipment: 1 PRC-25, 1 PRC-10 radio
  - d. Observation equipment: 1 pr 7x50, 1 pr 6x30 binoculars
  - e. special equipment: None
  - f. special weapons: None
2. MISSION: Conduct area recon and determine VC activity west and south of HILL 410 (BS 445928) from 17-21 March 1966.
3. Time of departure/return: 171630H/211830H March 1966
4. Route: See attached overlay
5. Synopsis:
  - a. The patrol covered a period of 96 hours. The headquarters group had no individual sightings.
6. Observation of the enemy and terrain.
  - a. The company headquarters which was patrol Hawk had no individual sightings separate from Eagle and Raven.
  - b. The three women who were captured were released at 200745H to return to their homes, as the company moved out to another position.
7. Other information: None
8. Results of enemy encounters: None
9. Condition of patrol: Excellent
10. Conclusions and recommendations:
  - a. Conclusions:

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- (1) The area immediately west of hill 410, grid square BS 4492 is not used by the VC.
  - (2) The area in vicinity of hill 97, grid square BS 4489, does not afford good observation.
  - (3) The village complexes in the area of operation (BS 4589) have hard core elements therein.
  - (4) The skyrocket patrol technique at company level is tactically sound in jungle terrain.
- b. Recommendations:
- (1) Infantry sweep be conducted in these village complexes.

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Frag Order 41-66  
 Patrol: EAGLE  
 Debriefor: SSgt BASS  
 Map: 6757 III and 6756 IV

PATROL REPORT

1. Composition, size and equipment.
  - a. Composition: One Off, 12 Enl
  - b. Attachments: F.O. Team, 2 Enl.
  - c. Communication equipment: 1 PRC-25, 2 PRC-10 radios
  - d. Observation equipment: 3 Pr 7x50 binoculars.
  - e. Special equipment: Polaroid camera
  - f. Special weapons: M-60 machine gun
2. Mission: Conducts area recon and determines VC activity west and south of Hill 410 (BS 445920) from 17-21 March 1966.
3. Time of departure/return: 171630H/221830H March 1966
4. Route: See master overlay attached to Hawk's patrol report.
5. Synopsis: The patrol covered a period of 98 hours with only three unusual sightings. One VC was sighted with a rifle. Two women observed the patrol so were taken into custody and later released. One village was found consisting of seven huts. It had not been used for approx. two months.
6. Observation of the enemy and terrain:
  - a. At 181000H a small village consisting of seven huts was found at coord BS 457920. A body was found partially dug up. The body was badly decomposed by ants and maggots. All of the cooking utensils found had bullet holes in them. The huts were on both the east and west banks of a stream. Five huts were on the eastern side, and two on the western. No furniture was found. The buildings appeared not to have been used for approx. two months.
  - b. At 190815H two women walked up close to the patrol's position. They saw the patrol so were taken into custody and turned over to patrol Hawk who released them at approx. 200745H. Both were black PJ's and had only two empty baskets for equipment.
  - c. At 201600H one VC wearing white PJ's and coolie hat was observed

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moving south at coord BS 458888. He carried what appeared to be a rifle. No other equipment was visible.

7. Other information:

- a. New trails that do not appear on the map are shown on the attached trail overlay.
- b. Hill 97 at coord BS 446899 has a rock wall extending east-west for about 35 meters.

8. Results of enemy encounters: None

9. Condition of patrol: Excellent

10. Conclusions and recommendations:

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Frag Order 41-66

Patrol: RAVEN

Debriefer: SSgt BASS

Maps: 6757 IV

PATROL REPORT

1. Composition, size and equipment.
  - a. Composition: 1 Off, 12 Enl
  - b. Attachments: F/O Team, 1 Off, 1 Enl.
  - c. Communication equipment: 2 PRG-10 radios
  - d. Observation equipment: 2 pr 7x50, 1 pr 6x30 binoculars
  - e. Special equipment: None
  - f. Special weapons: None
2. MISSION: Conduct area recon and determine VC activity west and south of Hill 410 (BS 445928) from 17-21 March 1966.
3. Time of departure/return: 171630H/211830H Mar 66.
4. Route: See overlay attached to Hawk patrol report.
5. Synopsis:
  - a. The patrol covered a period of 30 hours with only four sightings and two VC were seen, a cave and company size harbor site were found. A village that was reported by patrol Eagle was also seen. One woman walked into the patrol and was captured, then released the next day.
6. Observation of the enemy and terrain:
  - a. On 18 March, sighted village consisting of seven huts. This is reported on Eagle patrol report.
  - b. At 190815H one woman walked into the patrol and was captured. She had been cutting leaves from the bushes. She was turned over to hawk and released the next day with the other two women that Eagle captured.
  - c. On 191245H a cave was found at coord BS 445904. It was dug into the slope of the hill. Inside it was approx 10 ft high and 12 ft in diameter. The top had three airvents. It would hold about 25 VC. Nothing could be seen that could be used to conceal the entrance. No reinforcing material was seen. The entrance was about 3½ ft high by 4 ft wide. A VC harbor site was found

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at the same coordinates. It would accommodate about 1 company of VC. It did not appear to have been used for about two months. It was well concealed from the ground and air.

- d. At 201700H 2 VC were seen moving east on the trail at coord BS 458902. They wore brown khaki uniforms and bush hats, one had a cartridge belt with an M-14 rifle, the other had a M-1 rifle.

7. Other information: None  
8. Results of enemy encounters: None  
9. Condition of patrol: Excellent  
10. Recommendations and conclusions: None

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Frag Order 42-66  
 Team: INDIAN  
 Debriefed: SSgt BASS  
 Maps: 6756 IV

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PATROL REPORT

1. COMPOSITION, SIZE AND EQUIPMENT.
  - a. Composition. 1 Off, 9 Enl, 1 USN
  - b. Attachments: None
  - c. Communication equipment: 1 PRC-25, 1 PRC-10
  - d. Observation equipment: None
  - e. Special equipment: None
  - f. Special weapons: None
2. MISSION: See Group Frag Order 42-66
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 220800H/260800H March 1966
4. ROUTE: See attached overlay.
5. SYNOPSIS: The patrol covered a period of 96 hours with four sightings. No VC, VCS or VN were seen. Six houses were found, one contained a large amount of documents which were turned over to 7th Marines S-2 to be processed and forwarded up the chain. Several small individual shelters were found.
6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN.
  - a. No sightings were made of personnel, either VC or VN, during the entire patrol.
  - b. At 231200H, three houses were found at coord BS 431961. They did not appear to have been recently used, and had previously been reported.
  - c. At 241100H two houses were found up the stream at coord BS 423967. One old leather briefcase was found, but no documents were found. The buildings were in extremely bad condition. These buildings did not appear to have been recently used. Old cooking and eating utensils were found laying around.
  - d. At 241700H a small hut was found at coord BS 424959. Documents of both typewritten and handwritten material were found. These were

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turned over to 7th Marines S-2 for interpretation and forwarding to division. An 81 MM mortar ammo box was found. No rounds were found. Five thousand, five hundred Dong, all north Vietnamese, were found. Two pair of black IJ's were found that were in good condition. The hut had not been used recently.

- e. Individual small loan to's were found at approximate BS 445960. They were scattered throughout the general vicinity.

## 7. OTHER INFORMATION:

- a. The patrol moved directly through TINH TRUNG Village in grid square BS 4395 and saw no signs of activity whatsoever.
- b. Communications were off and on even when at the same location. One time comm was good, next time comm could not be established.

## 8. RESULTS OF ENEMY ENCOUNTERS: NONE

## 9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Excellent

## 10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

## a. Conclusions:

(1) No activity in the TINH TRUNG area.

(2) The temperature precludes movement during the hours from 1100H to 1500H.

## b. Recommendations: None

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CONTROL ROUTE OVER  
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Team: FORD

Debriefers: SSgt BASS

Maps: 6757 III

PATROL REPORT

1. Composition, size and equipment.
  - a. Composition: 1 Off, 10 Inf, 1 USN
  - b. Attachments: None
  - c. Communication equipment: 1 PRC-25, 1 PRC-10 radios
  - d. Observation equipment: None
  - e. Special equipment: None
  - f. Special weapons: None
2. MISSION: See Frag Order 43-66.
3. Time of departure/return: 191800H/231800H March 1966
4. Route: See attached overlay
5. Synopsis: The patrol covered a period of 96 hours with seven unusual sightings. A total of twelve VC with six rifles were seen during the period. An unusual amount of movement was seen. One hundred and thirty two people were sighted during the period not including VC.
6. Observation of enemy and terrain:
  - a. At 200930H three VC were seen moving north at coord BT 372052. They waited at this coord and were joined by a VC with a rifle. All wore black shirts and shorts. They moved to coord BT 375054 and met a fifth man and then moved north. One man carried a basket.
  - b. At 201120H three VC moved south at coord BT 377047 and moved to BS 377045 where one VC picked up a rifle. Then moved back north and were eventually seen moving north of Phuoc Khoch on the trail. Two wore black, one wore a coolie hat and lagged behind the others. One wore a blue shirt and black shorts. He was the man with the rifle, and was generally the lead man. When they were on the west side of Phuoc Khoch one man ran from bush to bush about 10 minutes ahead of them. He ran into Phuoc Khoch.
  - c. At 201135H what appeared to be a lean to was built against the side of the paddy at the edge of the brush at coord BT 373054.

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One man moved into it and disappeared. He was not seen again.

- d. At 210935H eleven men moved south at coord BT 372062. They split into two groups, one of five, and one of six, one group moved to three water buffalo then continued south to coord BT 377054 and got another water buffalo that appeared crippled and brought him back north. Two men left the one water buffalo and moved the three buffalo north. Four VC moved south and hid in the brush at coord BT 372061. One wore grey, one wore brown, the other two wore black. They had four rifles. They stopped the men with the water buffalo then moved them all into Phuoc Khach. Later the original eleven men were seen moving north out of Phuoc Khoch with the crippled water buffalo. The water buffalo were not seen again.
- e. At 211205H two men in black ran out of the brush at coord BT 372061 and ran into the village in the brush at BT 371060. The four men with rifles, previously mentioned had come from that same area.
- f. A total of forty-two men were seen during the two day span of the 20th and 21st of March. They moved generally north and south, in and out of the north end of the valley. No farming is being done, and no women or children were seen. This area has been generally deserted in the past.
- g. At 211330H white smoke was seen from coord BT 365060 and BS 381071. Both were straight column and lasted 10 or 15 minutes.
- h. At 211620H white smoke was again seen at coord BT 355048.
- i. On the 22nd and 23rd a total of about 90 people were seen moving in and out of Duong Co, working in the paddies in grid squares BT 4101 and 4102, and moving around the trails cutting grass. No weapons or equipment of a military nature were seen.

#### 7. Other information.

- a. At coord BT 395035 an excellent camp site was found along the trail. It had not been used in a long time. TPQ missions had been run in the area.
- b. At coord BT 397033 several areas about 8 ft in diameter that had been used for harbor sites were found. These had not been used in a long time either.
- c. Sounds that sounded like it could be an elephant trumpeting were heard for about an hour on the 21st of March from grid square BT 3505. This was not heard again.

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8. Results of encounters: None
9. Condition of patrol: Excellent
10. Conclusions and recommendations.

a. Conclusions:

- (1) There is definately a lot of people moving around Phuoc Khach where previously there had been little movement. There is no farming being done in that area. None of the people were women or children.

b. Recommendations:

- (1) TPQ and bombing missions cover the village of Phuoc Khach and the valley during day light hours. There are some huts in the north end of the valley who have people living there normally but none in the south end.

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OPERATION ORDER 2-66 (FEK)

Ref: (a) MAPS: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, Sheets 6659 II, 6659 IV, Series L701  
(b) 1st Force Recon COI dated 21 March 1966

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy. One aggressor platoon operating throughout objective areas "A" and "B". This platoon is known to carry small arm weapons and is capable of employing limited chemical agents. There are no known enemy forces operating in Objective "C".
- b. Friendly. As briefed by the Operations Officer.
- c. Attachments/Detachments. None.

2. MISSION. To conduct ground reconnaissance and surveillance throughout the objective areas during the period 24 - 26 March 1966.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. One platoon will conduct reconnaissance/surveillance operations in each of the areas indicated in Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the dates indicated. The platoon will set up a patrol base and dispatch teams to cover the objective area.

(1) Objective "A" -- 24 - 26 March 1966.

(2) Objective "B" -- 24 - 26 March 1966.

(3) Objective "C" -- 24 - 26 March 1966.

b. 2nd Platoon.

(1) At 231800H, proceed by truck to the Coast Guard Station at BT 030835. At W-Hour, drop off and effect a swimmer entry into Objective "A" at BT 045865.

(2) Conduct reconnaissance/surveillance missions to include:

(a) Enemy and civilian activities within objective area.

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- (b) Location and number of villages along stream bed west of Hill 535 and within objective area.
  - (c) Locate and plot all trail networks leading out of stream bed west of Hill 535 within objective area.
  - (d) Observe junk traffic leaving and entering DA NANG Bay. Report number and size of junks and direction moving.
  - (e) Report and plot all suitable helicopter landing sites.
- (3) The primary method of recovery will be by boat at R+60 minutes in the vicinity of BT 040866. The alternate means of recovery will be to move overland by foot to the LAAM site and be picked up by helicopter or vehicle.

c. 3rd Platoon

- (1) At 011800H, proceed by truck to the Coast Guard Station at BT 090835. At W+45 minutes, drop off and effect an IBS entry into Objective "B" at BT 092854.
- (2) Conduct reconnaissance/surveillance missions to include:
  - (a) Enemy and civilian activities in objective area.
  - (b) Locate and plot villages and trail networks along stream-bed in Grid Square 0984.
  - (c) Determine if enemy is using coastal caves for caching of supplies.
  - (d) Observe activity around beach in Grid Square 1284.
  - (e) Observe junk traffic along coast. Report number and size of junks and direction they are moving.
- (3) The primary method of recovery will be by boat at R+ 105 minutes in the vicinity of BT 092859. The alternate means of recovery will be to move overland by foot to the LAAM site and be picked up by helicopter or vehicle.

d. 4th Platoon

- (1) At 011800H, proceed by truck to the Coast Guard Station at BT 090835. At W+105 minutes, drop off and effect an IBS entry into Objective "C" at BT 015941.

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- (2) Conduct reconnaissance/surveillance missions to include:
  - (a) Junk traffic passing through channel between island and mainland. Report number and size of junks and direction of travel.
  - (b) Enemy and civilian activities on the island.
  - (c) Whether the enemy uses the island for caching supplies.
  - (d) Report all suitable helicopter landing sites on the island.
- (3) The primary method of recovery will be by boat at R-Hour in the vicinity of BT 015938. The alternate means of recovery will be by helicopter at BT 014944.

e. 5th Platoon.

- (1) At 223300H, you will proceed by truck to the Coast Guard Station at BT 020839. At W-30 minutes, drop off and effect an IBS entry into Objective Area at BT 078866.
- (2) Conduct mission as directed.
- (3) The primary method of recovery will be by boat at R+90 minutes in the vicinity of BT 081670. The alternate means of recovery will be to move overland by foot to the LAAM site and be picked up by helicopter or vehicle.

f. Communications Section. Establish a radio relay site at the LAAM Battery site.

g. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Thrust Lines: See Annex A (Operations Overlay). Primary thrust line will be 0886. The base line for all thrust lines will be North. To change thrust line, refer to code designator.
- (2) Warning: 222100H March 1966.
- (3) R-Hour: 260400H March 1966.
- (4) Alternate Recovery: If alternate means of recovery is effected, the time of recovery will depend on ETA of platoons at recovery point.
- (5) Loss of Communications: If a platoon has lost communications for a period of three hours, it is to move to the last point at which communications was successful. If communications is lost for six hours, move to the LAAM site and communicate through the radio relay, 4th Platoon move to BT 014944 for recovery.

~~(5) Helicopter Recovery: If helicopter recovery is~~ CONFIDENTIAL~~on-~~

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- (6) Helicopter Recovery: If helicopter recovery is effected, contact the helicopter on the air/ground frequency, display a red panel on the landing zone, and mark the landing zone with yellow smoke.
- (7) Each Platoon Commander will submit an overlay 24 hours prior to insertion, of his checkpoints in the objective area, and of patrol bases.
- (8) The Company S-3 will coordinate all support requests not listed herein.
- (9) Debriefing of Platoon Leaders will be accomplished by the Company S-2 as soon as practical after recovery.
- (10) Each platoon shall report hourly as directed by reference (b).
- (11) Challenge/Password: Any combination of the number 17.

#### 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

##### a. Supply.

##### (1) Prescribed Loads.

- (a) Class I. Meal, combat individual with fuel, comp. tri-oxane -- 3 days.
- (b) Class II. Individual equipment and weapons, to include one yellow smoke per team, one set red panels per team, one red lens flashlight per team, and one M-17 gas mask per man. One AN/PRC-10 and one AN/PRC-25 per platoon will be carried, with exception of 4th and 5th platoon, which will carry two AN/PRC-25's. Also one PSR-1 per platoon.
- (c) Class III and IV. As required.
- (d) Class V. Two magazines with twenty rounds each will be carried (3 days of supply). M-79's and M-72's as available and 1 CN grenade per man.
- (e) Water. Personnel will depart with two full canteens and one bottle of halizone tablets per man.
- (f) Medical. One corpsman will accompany each platoon with limited company medical supplies available for platoon use. Each man will be checked by the Company Medical Section prior to and after the exercise to determine fitness for field operations.

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(2) Control and Distribution. All classes of supply requirements will be submitted to S-4 in the form of a support request 24 hours prior to the operation, and drawn at 0800 on 23 March.

(3) Resupply. None for operational platoons. The relay station will be resupplied upon request.

b. Evacuation and Hospitalization.

(1) Evacuation of injured personnel will be coordinated through the relay station at LAAM site, Monkey Mountain.

(2) Hospitalization. As required.

c. Transportation.

(1) Two M-35 trucks, and one M-37 will be utilized for insertion and recovery of platoons to the Coast Guard Station.

(2) Departure time and place. At 1800, following early chow, on 23 March 1966, platoons will load vehicles at Company Motor Pool, and proceed to Coast Guard Station. Recovery will be at 0500, 26 March 1966.

d. Service. The supply section will stage all supplies and equipment, and provide logistical assistance required.

e. Personnel.

(1) The 1st Sergeant will insure all mail is stored until the end of the operation.

(2) Strength reports and changes will be maintained by the S-1.

f. Maintenance. As required.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. 1st Force Reconnaissance Company Communications elements provide communications as outlined below and as assigned in reference (b).

(1) Base Station.

(a) Receive, process, and deliver, all incoming messages from the relay station.

(b) Ensure the correct format and shackle is used on all outgoing messages.

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- (2) Relay Station. Ensure the exact relay of all messages going through the relay station and maintain a log of the same.
- (3) Platoons. Ensure the proper format and correct shackling of all outgoing messages.

b. Command Post.

Base Station	BT 073728
Relay Station	BT 081845
All Platoons	See Annex A (Operations Overlay)

c. Recognition for Recovery.

- (1) Boat. Flash a red light three times in succession every minute.
- (2) Emergency in the Water. Use day/night flare as appropriate.
- (3) Helicopter. Contact helicopter by radio, mark landing site with red panel and yellow smoke.

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ANNEXES.

## A - Operations Overlay

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