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COMPANY "B" (REIN)
3rd Reconnaissance Battalion
3rd Marine Division, FMF
APO San Francisco, 96602

CO BRAVO CO., 3RD RECON
SAC NO. 0566

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 4th Marines, 3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: Command Chronology; submission of
Ref: (a) DivO 5750.1

- Encl: (1) Command and Staff Billet Assignments
(2) Co"B" OpO 26-66 w/ch 1 of 291630H May 1966 and Patrol Reports 26-66 of 032000H and 042000H June 1966
(3) Co"B" OpO 27-66 of 311400H May 1966 and Patrol Reports 27-66 of 071200H and 090900H June 1966
(4) Co"B" OpO 28-66 w/ch 1 of 070800H June 1966 and Patrol Reports 28-66 of 112300H and 122030H June 1966
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(6) Co"B" OpO 30-66 w/ch 1 of 101600H June 1966 and Patrol Report 30-66 of 161900H June 1966
(7) Co"B" OpO 31-66 of 131530H June 1966 and Patrol Reports 31-66 of 192145H and 222200H June 1966
(8) Co"B" OpO 32-66 of 171430H June 1966 and Patrol Reports 32-66 of 252000H and 262200H June 1966
(9) Co"B" OpO 34-66 of 191800H June 1966 and Patrol Report 34-66 of 210800H June 1966
(10) Co"B" OpO 35-66 w/ch 1 of 242000H June 1966 and Patrol Reports 35-66 of 301000H and 302400H June 1966

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

2. Organizational Data.

a. Designation. Company B (Rein), 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF

b. Location. Hue-Phu Bai, Republic of Viet Nam (RVN) YD884130

c. Period Covered. 1 - 30 June 1966

d. Command and Staff Billets. Enclosure (1)

e. Average Monthly Strength. 4 USMC Officers, 96 USMC Enlisted and 6 USN Enlisted.

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052133. Significant Events.a. Personnel.

(1) This organization sustained nineteen WIA's, two KIA's and one DOW as a result of encounters with the enemy.

(2) Awards are being recommended as result of individual heroic actions and/or meritorious achievement.

(a)	Navy Cross Medal	1
(b)	Silver Star Medal	2
(c)	Bronze Star Medal	6
(d)	Navy Commendation Medal	9
(e)	Purple Heart Medal	19

b. Training. Particular attention was directed toward training in the following areas.

- (1) Forward Observer Procedures (Artillery)
- (2) Ambush, Counter Ambush, and Immediate Action Techniques
- (3) Marksmanship Training
- (4) Communications Procedures and Field Maintenance
- (5) Techniques of Scouting and Patrolling
- (6) Terrain Appreciation and Map Reading

c. Command and Control.

(1) OPCON continues to remain with CO, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company

(2) On 20 June 1966, one platoon, Company A, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF was joined TAD, OPCON/ADCON by this company

d. Close Combat.

(1) Enclosures (2) through (10), summarizes the fifteen, four to five day patrols that were conducted during this period.

(2) A computation of enemy casualties and weapons captured as result of this company's activities are as follows:

a.	Viet Cong KIA	9
b.	Viet Cong WIA	7
c.	Viet Cong KIA (probable)	19
d.	Weapons Captured	1

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COMMAND AND STAFF BILLET

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERNO/MOS</u>
CO	Capt	OWENS, S. L.	Capt	085114/0302
XO	1stLt	BEELE, R. A.	1stLt	089734/0302
COMMO	1stLt	HILL, R.	SSgt	1466308/2539
PLTCDR 1stPlt	1stLt	VOSS, V. D.	Sgt	2011298/0311
PLTCDR 2ndPlt	1stLt	OMMONDSON, J. D. JR.	Sgt	1840298/0369
PLTCDR 3rdPlt	1stLt	BOYDA, R. J.	Sgt	1866411/0311
PLTCDR 1stPlt 1stRecon	1stLt	TAYLOR, J. L.	1stLt	086506/0302
PLTCDR 1stPlt CoA 3rdReconBn	1stLt	TERREBONE, T. J.	1stLt	088663/0302

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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291630H May 1966


Change No. 1 to Operation Order 26-66

Ref: None

Time Zone: H

1. Make the following pen changes to the basic order in Operation Order 26-66:

- ²⁸⁸a. Paragraph 3.b. Change "31 May -04 June 1966", to read "30 May -03 June 1966".
- ²⁸⁸b. Paragraph 3.c. Change "05 June 1966", to read "04 June 1966".
- ²⁸⁸c. Paragraph 3.d. (2), (a). Change "311700H" to read "301800H".
- ²⁸⁸d. Paragraph 3.d (3), (a). Change "040700H" to read "031700H".
- ²⁸⁸e. Paragraph 3.d (3), (b). Change "051730H" to read "041700H".


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ENCLOSURE (2)

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Phu Bai, RVN
281030H May 1966

Operation Order 26-66

Ref: (a) Maps: 1:50,000 AMS Series L701; Sheet numbers 6559 IV, 6570 III
(b) Recon Group Bravo OpO 3-66 w/change 1
(c) Recon Group Bravo OpO 5-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization.

2nd Platoon, Company B, 3rd Recon Bn SSgt MEYERS
3rd Platoon, Company B, 3rd Recon Bn 1st Lt BEELER

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. Current OPSUMS.
- c. Attachments/Detachments. None

2. MISSION. During the period 01-15 June 1966, inclusive, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ's 2 and 3 utilizing 50% of available forces. Capture at least one VC in each RZ.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. One of the companies' four platoons will be employed in both RZ 2 and 3 continuously. Each platoon will conduct reconnaissance operations within the designated RZ for a period of 3-5 days. Upon completion thereof, one of the remaining unemployed platoons will be committed into the respective RZ sufficiently in advance of the former's retraction to insure reconnaissance is continuous.
- b. 2nd Platoon. Conduct reconnaissance/surveillance operations within RZ #2 along the route and within the area indicated on ANNEX A (Operation Overlay) during the period 30 May - 03 June 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture at least one VC.
- c. 3rd Platoon. Conduct reconnaissance/surveillance operations within RZ #3 along the route and within the area indicated on ANNEX A (Operations Overlay) during the period 31 May - 04 June 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture at least one VC.

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ENCLOSURE (2)

~~DECLASSIFIED~~d. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Initial Point. LZ Gooney.
- (2) Date, time, and place of insertion.
 - (a) 2nd Platoon. 301800H May 1966, YD 762086
 - (b) 3rd Platoon. 311800H May 1966, YC 818997
- (3) Date, time, and place of retraction.
 - (a) 2nd Platoon. 080700H June 1966, YD 744094
 - (b) 3rd Platoon. 041700H June 1966, YC 834990
- (4) Thrust Lines.
 - (a) 2nd Platoon. Alpha - 7113 Bravo - 6909
 - (b) 3rd Platoon. Alpha - 8503 Bravo - 8097
- (5) Personally effect distribution of this operation order to all units concerned within the Hue/Phu Bai enclave 48 hours prior to insertion.
- (6) Plan and coordinate "on-call" concentrations along patrol routes and OP's prior to insertion.
- (7) Adjust supporting Artillery ASAP after insertion.
- (8) Submit two copies of patrol roster to this Headquarters to include the number and type of serialized items carried by each patrol member by name.
- (9) Consistent with assigned missions, avoid extensive movement during the heat of the day to avoid heat casualties.
- (10) If a patrol is out of contact for three hours, it will return to the last position where communications was successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to camp unless communications is re-established enroute.
- (11) Report to Recon Group Bravo S-2 ASAP upon extraction for debriefing.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by the patrol leader maintaining continuous camouflage of patrol members.

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- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by the patrol leader, to include not less than 100 rounds per M-14 and 24 rounds per M-79.
- c. Rations. As directed by the patrol leader while anticipating a shortage of water.
- d. Medical. Insure an adequate supply of salt tablets and malaria pills are carried by each patrol member and consumed regularly.
- e. Special Equipment.
 - (1) One pair of 7x50 binoculars or an M-49 spotting scope per team.
 - (2) One red panel per team.
 - (3) One yellow smoke per patrol member.
 - (4) Two M-72 rocket launchers.
 - (5) Two concussion grenades per platoon.
 - (6) Two WP fragmentation grenades per platoon.
 - (7) Two grenades, (concussion, WP or M-26 fragmentation,) per patrol member.
 - (8) Two CS grenades per platoon.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS.

- a. Communications.
 - (1) Carry an AN/PRC-25 radio for primary communications. Inter-platoon communications will be by an AN/PRC-10.
 - (2) The AN/PRC-25 radio will be used to call and adjust artillery; however, before shifting the AN/PRC-25 to the "Conduct of Fire" net, communications with the Recon Group will be established utilizing the AN/PRC 10.
 - (3) Call Signs.

Recon Group Bravo	PUNCTUATE
Company "B"	RAINBELT BRAVO
2nd Platoon, Headquarters	LION
2nd Platoon, 2nd Squad	TIGER
3rd Platoon, Headquarters	KELSO
3rd Platoon, 2nd Squad	NASTUA
Artillery Support	POLISH OR POLISH CROW
Air Liaison =	SACRED
Radio Relay (Hill 225)	BRAVO RELAY
3rd Bn, 4th Marines	MUTTER
1st Bn, 4th Marines	PERMISSION

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(4) Shackles.

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(5) Frequencies. ^{49.6} Primary ~~47.5~~ Alternate 50.5
 Polish 36.2 Alternate 36.6
 Sacred 40.7
 Mutter 40.0
 Permission 43.6

- (6) Each patrol and/or element thereof will submit hourly situation ~~and location~~ reports and monitor the Recon Group Net continually.
- (7) All traffic will be addressed to RAINBELT BRAVO relayed through BRAVO RELAY and/or PUNCTUATE.



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Captain, U. S. Marine Corps
Commanding

ANNEX:

A (Operations Overlay)

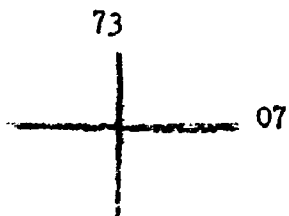
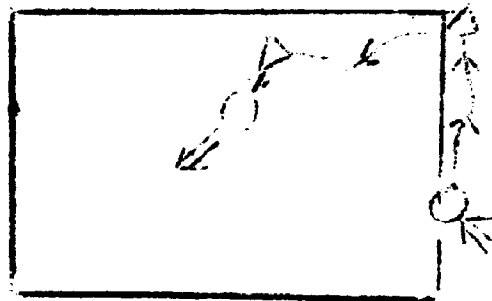
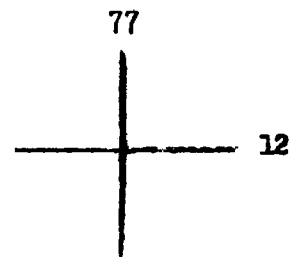
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Annex A (Operation Overlay) to Operation Order 26-66



LEGEND:

- LZ's
- △----- OP's
- Route

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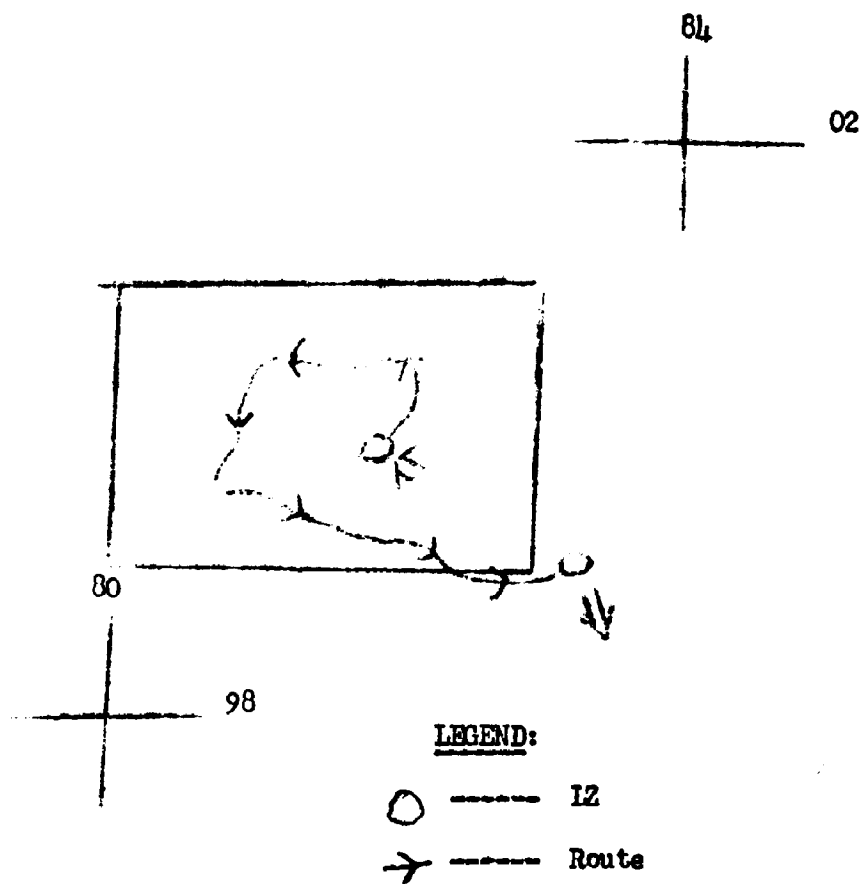
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Annex A (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 26-66



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Operation Order: 26-66
 Patrol: 2nd Plt, Co "B"
 Debriefed: 1st Lt C. F. HUBERT
 Map Sheets: 6559 IV, 6560 III

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 PHU BAI, RVN
 032000H May 1966
 June

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. (11) enl, (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments. 2 snipers.
- c. Communication Equipment. (1) AN/PRC-25, (1) AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50, (1) 6x30.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. (2) M-72, (2) Winchester Model 70's with scopes.

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance/surveillance operations within RZ 2 along the route and within the area indicated on Annex A (Operation Overlay) during the period 30 May to 3 June 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture at least one VC.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 301850H/031610H June 1966.

4. ROUTE: Annex A (Operation Overlay).

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. 93 hours of reconnaissance/surveillance resulted in 4 enemy sightings and no enemy contacts. A total of 2 to 4 VC were sighted and artillery was called in, resulting in 2 to 4 probable VC KIA.
- b. Enemy.
 - (1) 310950H (YD 754088) 2 to 4 VC moving at the edge of the treeline, heading up the hill to the South (Hill 424). They were wearing white uniforms and coolie hats. The VC wore no packs, and weapons could not be observed. Artillery was fired for a total of 6 rounds with excellent coverage of the target. 2 to 4 probable VC KIA.

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- (2) 020313H (YD 743104) 3 small boats, and one large one, were observed moving to the west on the river. The boats had 7 people in all. They were wearing white PJ's and straw rain hats. No packs or weapons were observed.
- (3) 021020H (YD 747112) a small, covered, sampan was moving north on the river. It was carrying 2 coolies and one large man. The sampan was first observed at YD 748109, and moved to the village at YD 747112. The coolies were dressed in black PJ's and straw hats, the larger man wore khaki's. No packs or weapons could be observed.
- (4) 031010H (YD 747119) approximately 30 people, in 15 boats, were observed moving around the bend in the river heading south. They were first observed at YD 747119, and could be seen until they reached YD 735102. They were dressed in assorted black PJ's, khaki PJ's, and coolie hats. No packs or weapons could be observed.

c. Terrain:

- (1) The terrain in the OP areas consisted of 5 foot elephant grass, intermingled with small shrubs, vines, and thorns. Movement from one area to another was difficult and limited to about 200 meters an hour.
- (2) Map Corrections. Annex A (Operation Overlay).
 - (a) YD 738104. Huts indicated on map at this position are no longer there.
 - (b) YD 736098. A large grass hut was located next to the trail.
 - (c) YD 743104. A path running N-S was observed at this location. The path was 8 to 10 feet wide and well used. The grass along the trail was such that it appeared to cover the trail so that it could not be seen from the air.

d. Other Information.

- (1) One artillery mission of 6 rounds was called in support of this patrol. Coverage of the target was excellent. Probable 2 to 4 VC KIA resulted from this fire mission.
- (2) YD 755092. A large foxhole approximately 15 feet square with an earthen parapet around it, about 3 feet high was located. This entire excavation was overgrown with grass and had not been used recently.

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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. Negative contact.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; morale, good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.
 1. A force of approximately 20 men could, with the use of nets, establish a check point on the river. It would be practical for a period of no longer than 24 hours.

Michael A. Meyer

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Staff Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER. None.

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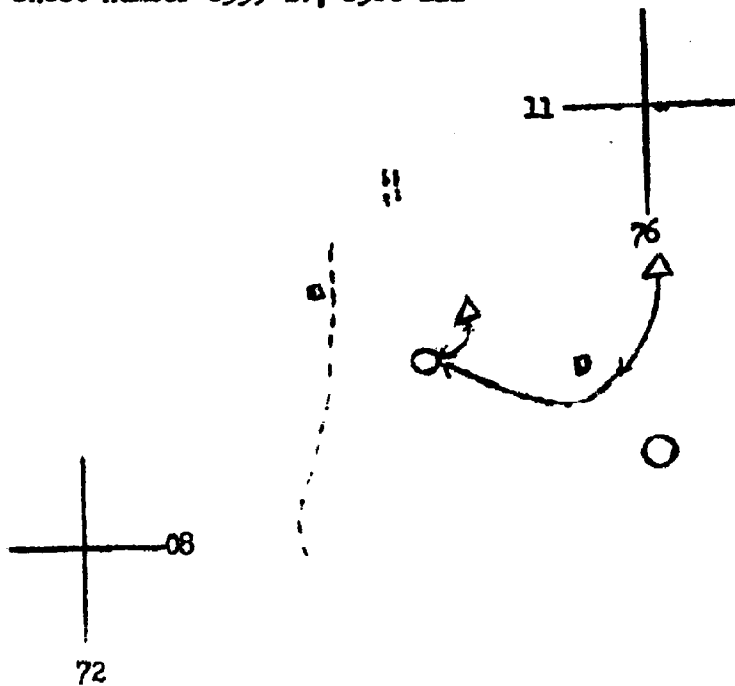
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Annex A (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 26-66

Ref: (a) Map, sheet number 6559 IV, 6560 III



Trails

OP's

Emplacement or Hut

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 Patrol: 3rd Plt, Company "D"
 Debriefers: 1stLt C. F. BUBERT
 Map Sheet: 6460 III

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 PHJ BAI, FVN
 042000H June 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Size and Composition: (1) off (9) enl (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments: None.
- c. Communication Equipment: (1) AN/FRC-25, (1) AN/FRC-30.
- d. Observation Equipment: (2) 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment: None.
- f. Special Weapons: (1) M-79.

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance/surveillance operations within RZ 3 along the route and within the area indicated in Annex A (Operations Overlay) during the period of 31 May to 5 June 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture at least one VC.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 311800H/041700H June 1966.4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis: 95 hours of reconnaissance/patrolling yielded negative sightings and contacts. One VC storage/manufacturing site was located.
- b. Enemy. None.
- c. Terrain.

- (1) Canopy ranging from 30 to 60 feet was in the objective area. Growth along the ridgelines was light under the canopy and movement was easy. Off the ridges the undergrowth was heavy shrubs, thorns, and vines, which greatly impeded movement.

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DECLASSIFIED(2) Map Corrections: Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).

- (a) At YC 832990, one HLZ was located which will accommodate 1 H-34.
- (b) At YC 823987, one trail approximately 3 feet wide was found. It hadn't been used recently and could not be observed from the air.

d. Other Information:

- (1) 011130H (YC 810999) 3 huts with dimensions of 4'x5'x3' were located. It appeared that the structures had been erected no longer than three days prior to discovery by the patrol. Each hut had 2 small fire places 6"x12". 15 holes 2'x2'x2' were located near the huts and appeared to be used for storage. Bundles of sticks in various configurations were near each hole. 3 bundles of firewood were found, also vines which were probably used for clothes lines. Also found were 9 playing cards which had printed sheets between them which seemed to be old newspaper.
- (2) Water presented no great problem in this area.
- (3) No artillery or air support missions were requested in support of this patrol.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. No contact was made.7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; morale, good.8. RECOMMENDATIONS.

- 1. Another HIZ other than the 4th Marines should be used to reduce dust and sand accumulation on weapons before the patrol begins.
- 2. Communications in this area is marginal to negative, larger patrols should be used so that the platoon can work in the low ground and also maintain a communications relay at a height sufficient to communicate.
- 3. M-72's should not be taken on patrols due to the fact that in heavy terrain the weapon catches on foliage and comes open, exposing it to moisture. The rubber covering over the trigger and detent assembly, are easily torn by thorns and brush further exposing the weapon to moisture. Terrain was never suitable for employment of this weapon.

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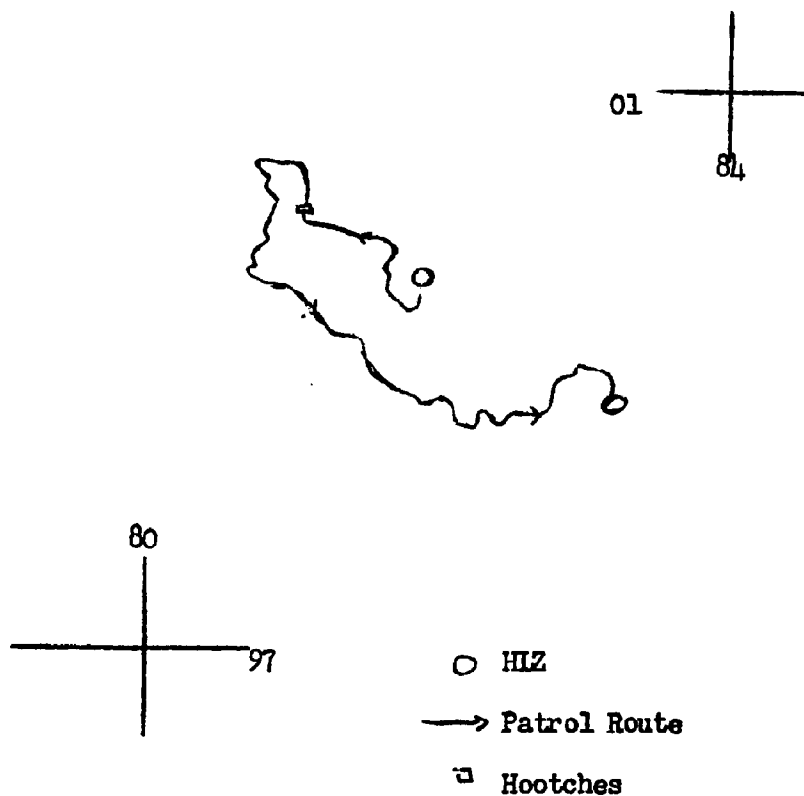
First Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol LeaderADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER:

- 1. Request TPQ mission at YC 810999.

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Operation Order 27-66

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 (b) Recon Group Bravo OpO 3-66 w/change 1
 (c) Recon Group Bravo OpO 5-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization

1st Platoon, Company B, 3rd Recon Bn ~~SGT~~ **VOSS**
 3rd Platoon, Company B, 3rd Recon Bn 1stLt TAYLOR

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. Current OPSUMS.
- c. Attachments/Detachments. None.

2. MISSION. During the period 01-~~15~~ June 1966, inclusive, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ's 2 and 3 utilizing 50% of available forces. Capture at least one VC in each RZ.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of operations. One of the companies' four platoons will be employed in both RZ 2 and 3 continuously. Each platoon will conduct reconnaissance operations within the designated RZ for a period of 3 - 5 days. Upon completion thereof, one of the remaining unemployed platoons will be committed into the respective RZ sufficiently in advance of the former's retraction to insure reconnaissance is continuous.
- b. 2nd Platoon, Company B. Conduct reconnaissance operations within the area indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 02-07 June 1966. Establish prisoner snatch positions along the trails in the vicinity of YD 772048. Capture at least one VC.
- c. 3rd Platoon, Company A. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3 along the route and within the area indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 04-08 June 1966, inclusive. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture at least one VC.

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DECLASSIFIEDd. Coordinating instructions.

- (1) Initial Point. LZ GOONEY.
- (2) Date, time, and place of insertion.
 - (a) 2nd Platoon. 021600H June 1966, YD 796054.
 - (b) 3rd Platoon. 041630H June 1966, YC 853987.
- (3) Date, time, and place of retraction.
 - (a) 1st Platoon. 070730H June 1966, YD 782065.
 - (b) 3rd Platoon. 081500H June 1966, YC 847995.
- (4) Thrust lines.
 - (a) 1st Platoon. Alpha - 7603 Bravo - 7706
 - (b) 3rd Platoon. Alpha - 8501 Bravo - 8798
- (5) Personnally effect distribution of this operation order to all units concerned within the HUE/PHU BAI enclave 48 hours prior to insertion.
- (6) Plan and coordinate "on-call" concentrations along patrol routes and OP's prior to insertion.
- (7) Adjust supporting artillery ASAP after insertion.
- (8) Submit two copies of patrol roster to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) to include the number and type of serialized items carried by each patrol member by name.
- (9) Consistant with assigned missions, avoid extensive movement during the heat of the day to avoid heat casualties.
- (10) If a patrol is out of contact for three hours, it will return to the last position where communications was successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to camp unless communications is re-established en-route.
- (11) Report to Recon Group Bravo S-2 ASAP upon extraction for debriefing.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and equipment. As directed by the patrol leader maintaining continuous camouflage of patrol members.
- b. Arms and ammunition. As directed by the patrol leader, to include not less than 100 rounds per M-14 and 24 rounds per M-79.
- c. Rations. As directed by the patrol leader while anticipating a shortage of water.
- d. Medical. Insure an adequate supply of salt tablets and malaria pills are carried by each patrol member and consumed regularly.
- e. Special equipment.
 - (1) One pair of 7x50 binoculars or an M-49 spotting scope per team.
 - (2) One red panel per team.
 - (3) One yellow smoke per patrol member.
 - (4) Two M-72 rocket launchers.
 - (5) Two concussion grenades per platoon.
 - (6) Two WP fragmentation grenades per platoon.
 - (7) Two grenades, (concussion, WP, or M-26 fragmentation) per patrol member.
 - (8) Two CS grenades per platoon.
 - (9) One green smoke grenade per team.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications.

- (1) Carry an AN/PRC-25 radio for primary communications. Inner-platoon communications will be by an AN/PRC-10.
- (2) The AN/PRC-25 radio will be used to call and adjust artillery; however, before shifting the AN/PRC-25 to the "Conduct of Fire" net, communications with the Recon Group will be established utilizing the AN/PRC-10.

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CONFIDENTIAL(3) Call Signs.

1st Plt, Hdqtrs	IRON HORSE
1st Plt, 2d Squad	YANKEE CLIPPER
3rd Plt, Hdqtrs	HOMERUN
3rd Plt, 2d Squad	LINE DRIVE
Recon Group Bravo	PUNCTUATE
Company "E"	RAINBELT BRAVO
Artillery Support	POLISH OR POLISH CROW
Air Liaison	SACRED
Radio Relay (HJL 225)	BRAVO RELAY
3rd Bn, 4th Marines	MUTTER
1st Bn, 4th Marines	PERMISSION

(4) Shackles.

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X					T				

(5) <u>Frequencies.</u>	Primary	49.6	Alternate	50.5
	POLISH	35.2	Alternate	36.6
	SACRED	40.7		
	MUTTER	40.0		
	PERMISSION	43.6		

(6) Each patrol and/or element thereof will submit hourly situation reports and monitor the Recon Group Net continually.

(7) All traffic will be addressed to RAINBELT BRAVO relayed through BRAVO RELAY and/or PUNCTUATE.

b. Command. Platoons will report locations hourly.

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ANNEX:

A (Operation Overlay)

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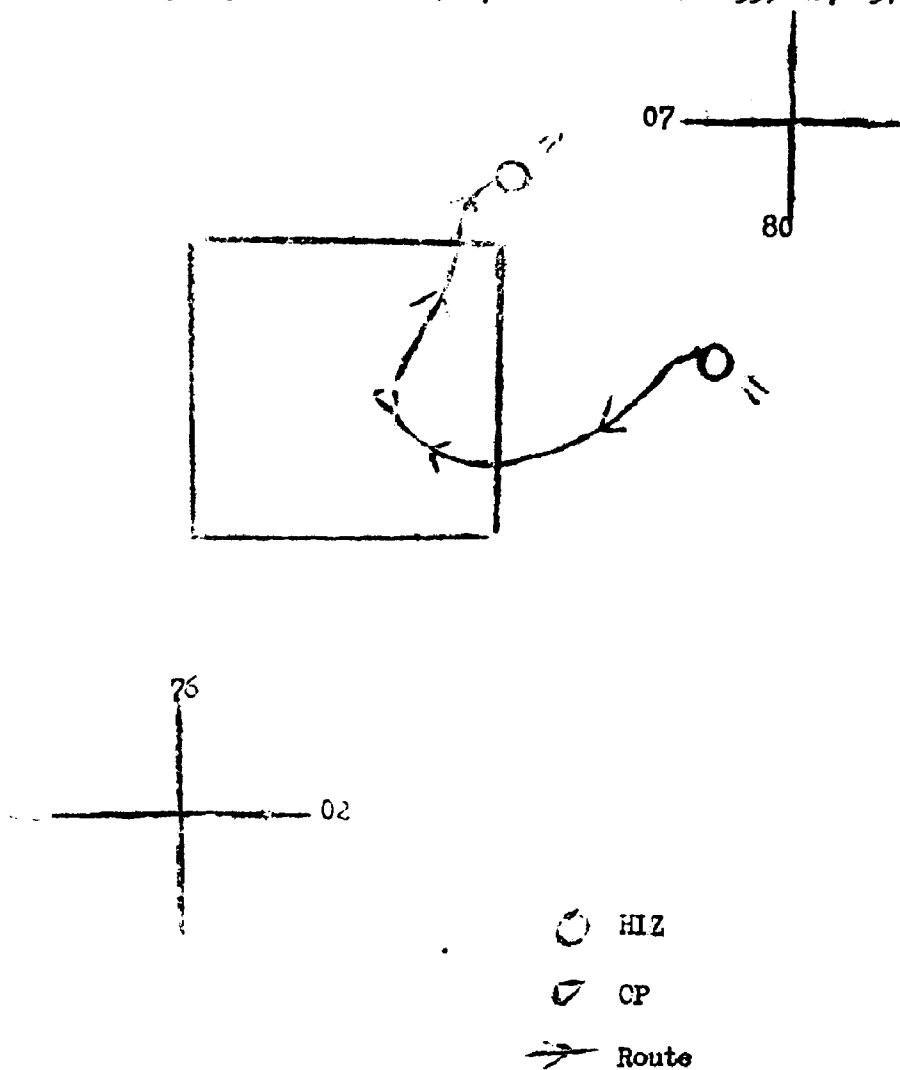
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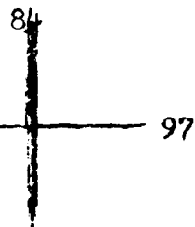
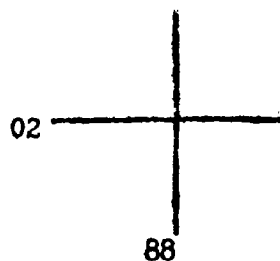
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Size and Composition. (11) enl, (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. (2) AN/PRC-25,
- d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. TNT (1) stick.

2. MISSION. Conduct continuing reconnaissance operation in RZ 2. Capture at least 1 VC.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 021700H/070730H June 1966.4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. 110½ hours of continuous patrolling and observation, resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts.
- b. Enemy. None observed.
- c. Terrain.
 - (1) There is thick underbrush, vines, brush, and thorns, over the entire objective area. The canopy is approximately 25 to 30 feet high and very dense.
 - (2) Map Corrections. None were observed.

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- (1) Heard movement of 2 or 3 people at 041130H at YD 777047. They were approximately 300 meters from patrol's position.
- (2) YD 782047, located 2 man-made caves. Would accommodate a maximum of 2 men each. Could not ascertain when they were last used due to recent bad weather. No action was taken about these caves.
- (3) 061800H, heard what appeared to be the chopping of wood from the direction of Hill 618, at YD 767065.
- (4) Observed numerous, small, undeveloped, trails throughout area. None were used recently.
- (5) No artillery or air support was called by this patrol.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. No contacts were made.7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, excellent; morale, good.8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None.*V. D. Vose*

V. D. VOSSE
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Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER. None.

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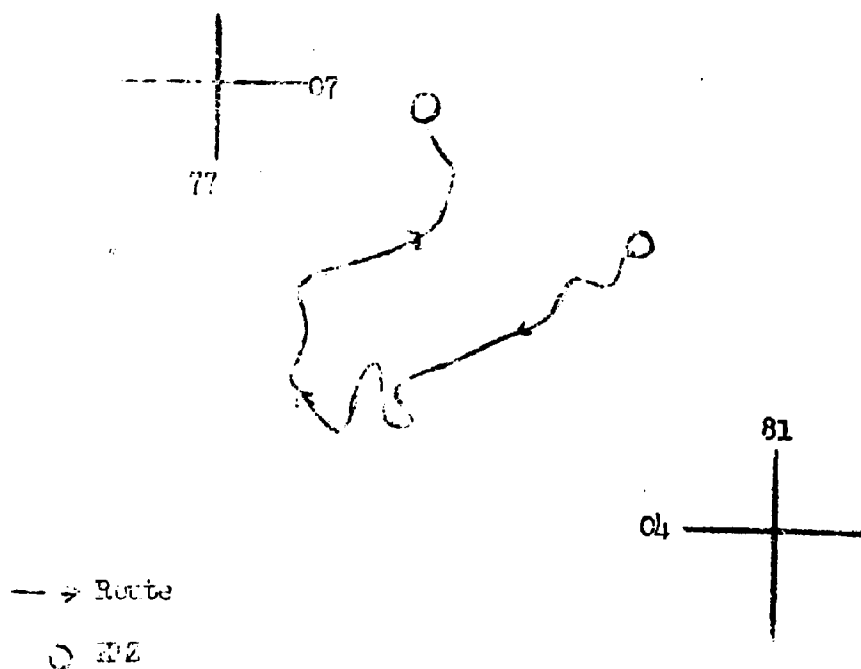
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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 1 officer, 15 enlisted, 1 USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25, 2 AN/PRC-10's.
- d. Observation Equipment. 2 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 2 M-72's, 2 M-79's, 2 M-16's, 2 CS grenades.

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture at least one prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 041630H/081800H June 1966.

4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. 97 hours of reconnaissance patrolling and observations resulted in negative VC sightings or contacts. One campsite was located with 19 huts and 11 fighting holes. Huts were destroyed by burning. There were no friendly or enemy casualties. No artillery or air support was requested in support of this mission.
- b. Enemy. None observed.
- c. Terrain.

- (1) Moderately thick brush with a canopy approximately 40 to 100 feet high was encountered throughout the objective area. At times there was a double canopy. 300 or 400 meters an hour could be covered.

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(a) (YD 857987) trail approximately 2 feet wide and well used was found. Could not tell when it was last used. This trail cannot be observed from the air.

(b) 4 new streams were located. They ranged from 6 inches to 3 feet deep. None presented any problem in crossing.

d. Other Information.

- (1) 041700H (YD 856988) found what appeared to be a type of canister that was booby trapped. It appeared to be a pull type release trip. The canister was 6 to 8 inches in diameter and 36 inches long. It was located along the trail and was not moved.
- (2) 041745H (YD 858987) 4 huts, well constructed, with sleeping racks and storage areas, were found. They could possibly accommodate 20 men in each. They were located under the canopy and were all destroyed with WP.
- (3) 041800H (YD 859987) One small hut was located. It had not been used recently. This hut was left standing. It could not be observed from the air.
- (4) 050745H (YD 868988 - 870987) 10 panji traps were found. These traps were 2 to 3 feet deep, 3 to 4 feet long, and 1 to 2 feet wide. Each one had approximately 40 panji stakes in it. All of the traps were along the trail, the trail not being used to much. The first two were destroyed and the rest were uncovered. Leaves were used to conceal these pits.
- (5) YD 870990) one trap the same as the others, was located. This trap was destroyed.
- (6) 051030 (YD 869994) 4 huts were located. It appeared that these huts had been used very recently. The huts had the smell of smoke, and each contained rifle rags, rifle bags, and ammo cans. All were burned. 30 minutes after the patrol had departed, a shot was heard from the vicinity of the huts.
- (7) 051200H (YD 868997) 5 huts, unoccupied, were found. There were clothes on a line outside of these huts. The clothes included; a khaki shirt, utility jacket, and some black PJ's. There were tunnels in each hut. Each tunnel was checked out by the patrol with negative results. One hut also had a deep hole, negative results.

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- (8) 061115H (YD 861003) 5 huts with fightings holes were located. None were used recently. The fightings holes also had tunnels branching off.
- (9) All of the huts that were located are in a lone area along or close to streams and under a heavy canopy. None could be seen from the air.
- (10) H&I fires were called. There was no air support used in this mission.
- (11) 1 M-14 rifle (serial number 1160068) was lost on this patrol, while trying to cross a river that had a very strong current. This river is very deep. It is very doubtful that the VC could ever find this rifle.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. No encounters were made.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; morale, good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

- 1. HLZ must be good for insertions and extractions. All insertions must be done in a landing zone with the chopper resting on the ground.

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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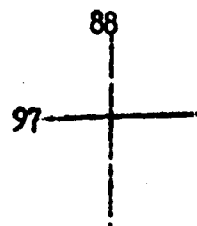
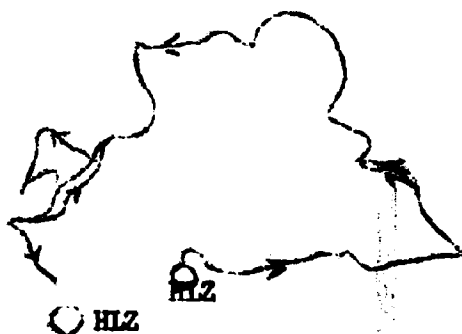
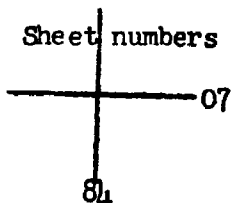
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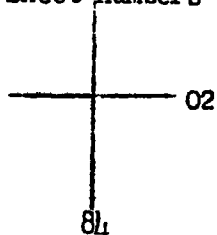
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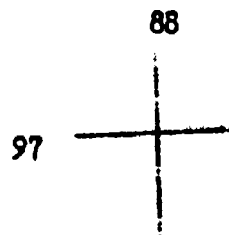
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- - - Trails



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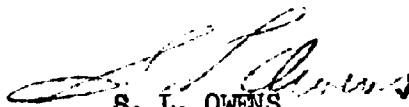
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Time Zone: H

1. Make the following pen changes to the basic order in Operation Order 28-66.

- a. Paragraph 2. Change "RZ's 4 and 5" to read "RZ's 1, 3, and 5". Add additional sentence, "Be prepared to conduct other operations as may be directed".
- b. Paragraph 3.a. Change "RZ's 4 and 5" to read "RZ's 1, 3, and 5".
- c. Paragraph 3.c. Delete the entire contents of this paragraph and insert "Establish observations of the SONG O LAW and the approaches thereto within grid squares YD 4027, YD 4127, and YD 4227, as indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 07 through 13 June 1966. Unless otherwise directed, conduct platoon training during the period of 160800H through 161630H June 1966".
- d. Paragraph 3.d.(2)(b). Change "081500H June 1966, YC 835963" to read "071500H June 1966, YD 416274".
- e. Paragraph 3.d.(3)(b). Change "121600H June 1966, YC 831970" to read "131400H June 1966, YD 426273".
- f. Paragraph 3.d.(4). Change "8297" and "8495" to read "4230" and "4229", respectively.
- g. Paragraph 5.a.(4). Delete "POLISH or POLISH CROW", add "(RZ1 -- POLISH GOLF)".
- h. Paragraph 5.a.(5).
 - (1) Change "49.6" to read "(RZ 5 -- 49.6) (RZ 1 -- 47.5)".
 - (2) Change "POLISH or POLISH CROW -- 36.2" to read "POLISH GOLF -- 35.6".

- 2. Substitute the page, attached hereto, for the original page, destroying the replaced page.


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 (b) Recon Group Bravo OpO 3-66 w/change 1
 (c) Recon Group Bravo OpO 6-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

2nd Platoon, Company "B", 3rd Recon Bn
 3rd Platoon, Company "B", 3rd Recon Bn

SSGT MEYERS
 1STLT BEELER

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. Current OPSUMS
- c. Attachments/Detachments. None

2. MISSION. During the period 7-16 June 1966 conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 4 and 5. Capture at least one VC in each RZ. Be prepared to assume the mission of 1st Force Reconnaissance Company platoons. Conduct concurrent training for platoons in garrison. *BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT OTHER OPERATIONS AS MAY BE DIRECTED.*

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. One of the companies' four platoons will be employed in both RZ 4 and 5 continuously. Each platoon will conduct reconnaissance operations within the designated RZ for a period of 3-5 days. Upon completion thereof, one of the remaining unemployeed platoons will be committed into the respective RZ sufficiently in advance of the former's retraction to insure reconnaissance is continuous. Platoons will conduct at least 9 hours of training between assigned reconnaissance operations.
- b. 2nd Platoon. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 5 and within the area indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 07-11 June 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture at least one VC. Unless otherwise directed, conduct platoon training during the period 131300H-141100H June 1966.
- c. 3rd Platoon. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4 and within the area indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 08-12 June 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture at least one VC. Unless otherwise directed, conduct platoon training during the period 141300H-151100H June 1966.

REFER TO CHANGE NUMBER 1 TO THIS OPERATION ORDER PARA 1.C.

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CONFIDENTIALd. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Initial Point. LZ GOONEY.
- (2) Date, time and place of insertion.
 - (a) 2nd Platoon. 070700H June 1966, ZC984978
071500H Y.D. 416274
 - (b) 3rd Platoon. ~~081500H~~ June 1966, ~~YD 835963~~
- (3) Date, time and place of retraction.
 - (a) 2nd Platoon. 110700H June 1966, ZC974990
1310140H Y.D. 426273
 - (b) 3rd Platoon. ~~101500H~~ June 1966, ~~YD 832970~~
- (4) Thrust Lines.
 - (a) 2nd Platoon. Alpha - 9700 Bravo - 9898
4230 4229
 - (b) 3rd Platoon. Alpha - ~~8297~~ Bravo - ~~8495~~
- (5) Personally effect distribution of this operation order to all units concerned within the HUE/PHU BAI enclave 48 hours prior to insertion.
- (6) Plan and coordinate "on-call" concentrations along patrol routes and OP's prior to insertion.
- (7) Adjust supporting artillery ASAP after insertion.
- (8) Submit two copies of patrol rosters to this Headquarters (Attn:S-3) to include the number and type of serialized items carried by each patrol member by name.
- (9) Consistant with assigned missions, avoid extensive movement during the heat of the day to avoid heat casualties.
- (10) If a patrol is out of contact for three hours, it will return to the last position where communications was successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to the nearest friendly unit unless communications is re-established enroute.
- (11) Report to Recon Group Bravo S-2 ASAP upon extraction for debriefing.
- (12) Submit proposed training schedules prior to insertion.

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- a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by the patrol leader maintaining continuous camouflage of patrol members.
- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by the patrol leader, to include not less than 100 rounds per M-14 and 24 rounds per M-79.
- c. Rations. As directed by the patrol leader while anticipating a shortage of water.
- d. Medical. Insure an adequate supply of salt tablets and malaria pills are carried by each patrol member and consumed regularly.
- e. Special Equipment.
 - (1) One pair of 7x50 binoculars or an M-49 spotting scope per team.
 - (2) One red panel per team.
 - (3) One yellow smoke per patrol member.
 - (4) Two M-72 rocket launchers.
 - (5) Two concussion grenades per platoon.
 - (6) Two WP fragmentation grenades per platoon.
 - (7) Two grenades, (concussion, WP, or M-26 fragmentation) per patrol member.
 - (8) Two CS grenades per platoon.
 - (9) One green smoke grenade per team.

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

- (1) Carry an AN/PRC-25 radio for primary communications. Inner-platoon communications will be by an AN/PRC-10.
- (2) The AN/PRC-25 radio will be used to call and adjust artillery; however, before shifting the AN/PRC-25 to the "Conduct of Fire" net, communications with the Recon Group will be established utilizing the AN/PRC-10.

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- (3) To support operations in RZ 5, a communications relay will be established in the FDC, I/3/12, located at YD 931059.

(4) Call Signs.

2nd Plt, Hdqtrs	LIUN
2nd Plt, 2nd Squad	TIGER
3rd Plt, Hdqtrs	KELSO
3rd Plt, 2nd Squad	NASHUA
Recon Group Bravo	PUNCTUATE
Company "B"	RAINBELT BRAVO
Artillery Support	POLISH OR POLISH CROW (RZ 5 - POLISH INDIA)
Air Liaison	SACRED
Radio Relay (Hill 225)	BRAVO RELAY
Radio Relay (YD 931059)	BRAVO XRAY
3rd Bn, 4th Mar	MUTTER
1st Bn, 4th Mar	PERMISSION

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(5) Frequencies.

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Recon Net	<i>RZ#1 49.6</i>	<i>RZ#1-47.5</i>
POLISH or POLISH CROW <i>Golf</i>	49.6	50.5
SACRED	36.2	36.6
MUTTER	40.7	
PERMISSION	40.0	
POLISH INDIA	43.6	
	37.0	

(6) Shackles.

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- (7) Authentication. Challenge with any letter in the shackles and authenticate with any other letter in the same column.
- (8) Each patrol and/or element thereof will submit hourly situation reports and monitor the Recon Group Net continually.
- (9) All traffic will be addressed to RAINBELT BRAVO relayed through BRAVO RELAY and/or PUNCTUATE.

b. Command. Platoons will report locations hourly.

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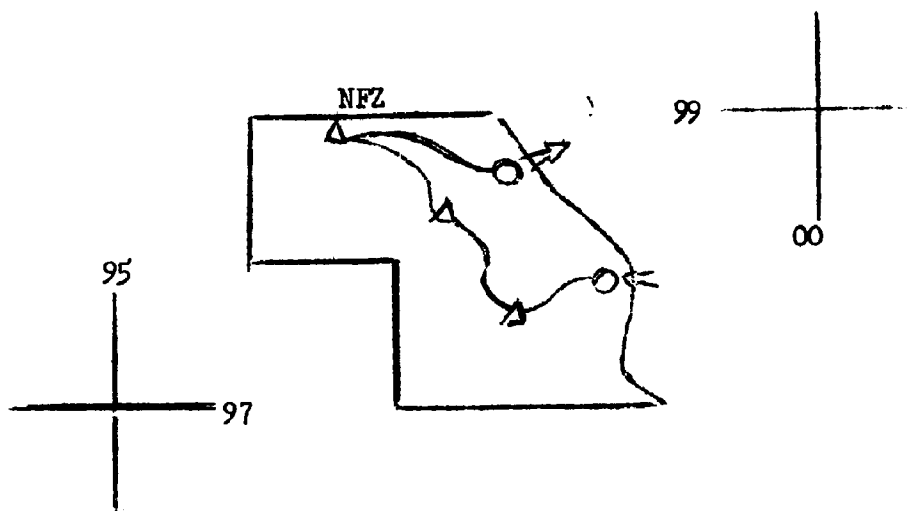
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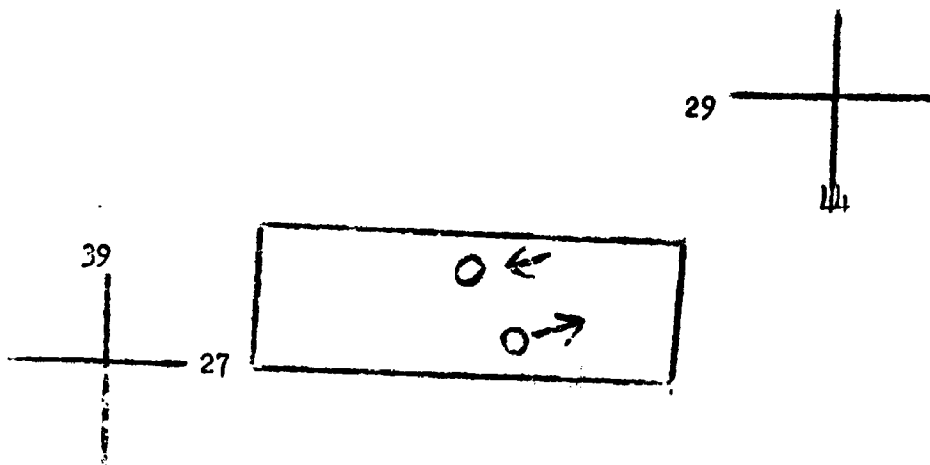
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 1 officer, 11 enlisted, 1 USN.
- b. Special Attachments. 2 snipers.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25, 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x30, 1 M-49 spotting scope.
- e. Special Equipment. 2 Model 70 sniper rifles with scopes.
- f. Special Weapons. 2 M-79, 2 CS grenades, 2 M-72's.

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 5. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture at least one prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 070700H/111615H June 1966.

4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. 105 hours of reconnaissance patrolling and observation resulted in negative VC sightings or contacts. There were no friendly or enemy casualties.
- b. Enemy. None were observed.
- c. Terrain.
 - (1) There was thick jungle terrain with 15 to 20 foot canopy. Vines, brush, and thorns, were over the entire objective area. This underbrush was so thick the patrol had to crawl over portions of the patrol route.
 - (2) Map Corrections. Annex A (Map Correction Overlay).

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- (a) YZ 969991. Trail approximately 2 feet wide was seen by the patrol. This trail was freshly used and cannot be seen from the air.
- (b) YZ 970990. One trail was encountered running North to South. This trail is approximately one foot wide. The trail could possibly be seen from the air, and also looked well used.
- (c) YZ 983976. A trail was seen that looked recently used with grass waist high. This trail was approximately one foot high and can possibly be seen from the air.

d. Other Information.

- (1) An excellent OP site was located at coordinates XC 971998. There was good observation in all directions. This OP is not in the recon zone.
- (2) HLZ's can be found all along the stream in GS 9799. These HLZ's can hold 4 to 5 H-34's at a time.
- (3) There was an abundance of wildlife in the objective area. Streams in the area contained fish.
- (4) Cool fresh water was found in all of the streams encountered by the patrol.
- (5) A mortar round at approximately XC 971998, was found with the tail fin protruding out of the ground. The area around the mortar was trimmed. This round was left in place by the patrol.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. No encounters were made.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; morale, good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

- 1. Send reconnaissance patrols in RZ 5 deeper in the terrain. Start up in the hills and work down to the streams. The VC in the area do not have to use the streams for their water, because there is plenty in the high ground.

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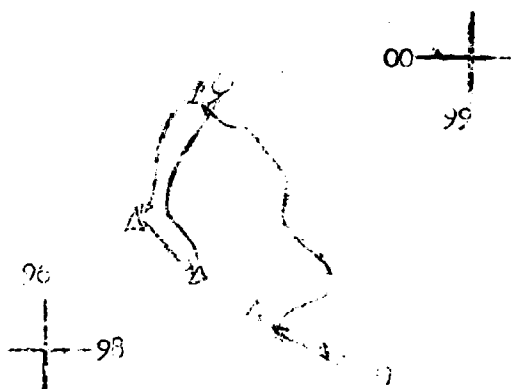
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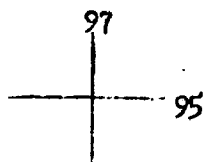
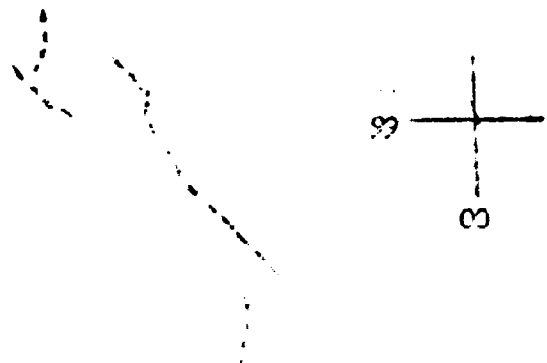
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Annex B (Map Correction Overlay) to Patrol Report for Operation Order 18-66



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Operation Order: 26-66
 Patrols: 3d Platoon, B Co.
 Detrainer: Cpl J. J. McKnight
 Map Sheets: 6L60 I

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 122030H June 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 1 officer, 8 enlisted, 1 USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25, 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50's 1 M-49.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 1 M-60, 1 M-79, 2 C. S. Grenades.

2. MISSION. Establish observations of the Song O Lam and the approaches thereto in RZ #1 as indicated in Annex A (Operations Overlay).3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 071500H/121600H June 1966.4. ROUTE. ANNEX A (Patrol Route Overlay).5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

a. Synopsis. 121 hours of reconnaissance patrolling and observations resulted in negative VC sightings or contacts. Three huts were located in the patrol area. There were no friendly or enemy casualties. No artillery or air support was requested during this mission, but five MI concentrations were requested and fired.

b. Enemy. None.

c. Terrain.

- (1) Most of the objective area was open with light to heavy brush 2 to 15 feet high. Elephant grass was intermingled with small shrubs throughout the area.

(2) Map Corrections. Annex B (Map Correction Overlay).

- (a) YD 424275 to YD 423272 trail running west was located hidden under some elephant grass. This trail is 1 foot wide and cannot be seen from the air.

d. Other Information.

- (1) 100730H (YD 42276) 3 huts approximately 3'x3'x4' were found that will hold one man in each. 1 bench and a fireplace were noticed near one hut. Since these huts were old and falling apart, the patrol did not disturb them. The huts have not been used for some time.
- (2) The patrol area was poor for observation except for the low land running between the low area running West and West, the hill at coordinates YD 424277 and the new trail (Map Correction Overlay), at coordinates YD 424275.

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- (3) On being extracted, the patrol leader observed a possible fording site at coordinates YD 428271 from the helicopter.
 - (4) There were no signs of enemy activity in the patrol area.
 - (5) Almost any place in the entire valley is suitable for a number of helicopters landing at any one time.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. No encounters were made.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; morale, good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.
- a. Artillery support was unsatisfactory. The shortest period of time between calling and receiving artillery rounds was thirteen minutes. It is important to note that one fire mission consumed forty minutes elapsed time between the first and second round. H & I's were fired past the time requested which could have seriously injured members of the patrol. The accuracy of the artillery fire was generally considered poor. Direct communications with supporting artillery was not established until the last day.
 - b. The M-49 spotting scope is not suitable for field use. The 7x50's are much easier to use with less eye strain.
 - c. An OP is mentally harder on the troops than patrolling. On a patrol a man is more cautious and alert.

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Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER.

- a. Indications are that the objective area is presently free of Viet Cong.

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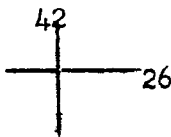
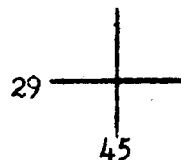
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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Patrol Report for Operation Order 28-66

Ref: (a) Map sheet 6460 I



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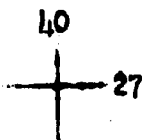
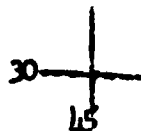
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Change Number 1 to Operation Order 29-66

Ref: None

Time Zone: H

1. Make the following pen changes to Operation Order 29-66

a. Basic Order

- (1) Task Organization. Change "1st Platoon Co "B" S/Sgt NICKLOW" to read "3rd Platoon Co "A" 1st Lt TAYLOR".
- (2) Paragraph 3. o. (2) Change "101600H" to read "121530H".
- (3) Paragraph 3. o. (3) Change "151700H" to read "170900H".
- (4) Paragraph 5. a. (4) Change "1st Platoon Hqtrs. - IRONHORSE" and "1st Platoon 2nd Squad - YANKEE CLIPPER" to read "1st Platoon Hqtrs. - HOMERUN" and "1st Platoon 2nd Squad - LINE DRIVE".


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Operation Order 29-66

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(b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with change 1
(c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 6-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

1st Platoon, Company B SSgt NICKLOW

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. Current OPSUMS.
- c. Attachments/Detachments. None.

2. MISSION. During the period 7 to 16 June 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 4 and 5. During the period 17 to 30 June 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 5 and 6. Capture at least 1 VC in each RZ. Be prepared to assume the missions of 1st Force Reconnaissance Company platoons. Conduct concurrent training for platoons in garrison. Be prepared to support infantry operations as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. One of the companies four platoons will be employed in RZ 4 and 5 continuously, except during those periods when operations in support of infantry units prevent same. Each platoon will conduct reconnaissance operations within the designated RZ and/or in support of infantry units for a period of 3 to 5 days. Upon completion thereof, one of the remaining employed platoons will be committed as required sufficiently in advance of the former's retraction to insure continuous reconnaissance. Platoons will conduct at least 8 hours of training between assigned reconnaissance operations.
- b. 1st Platoon. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4 and within the area indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 10 to 15 June 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture at least 1 VC. Unless otherwise directed, conduct platoon training during the period 180900H to 181600H June 1966.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~c. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Initial Point. HMM-161.
- (2) Date, time and place of insertion. 101600H June 1966, YC 832968.
- (3) Date, time and place of extraction. 151700H June 1966, YC 818997.
- (4) Thrust Lines.
 - (a) Alpha -- 8101.
 - (b) Bravo -- 8098.
- (5) Personally effect distribution of this operation order to all units concerned within the HUE/PHU BAI enclave 48 hours prior to insertion.
- (6) Plan and coordinate "on-call" concentrations along patrol routes and OP's prior to insertion.
- (7) Adjust supporting artillery ASAP after insertion.
- (8) Submit two copies of patrol rosters to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) to include the number and type of serialized items carried by each patrol member by name.
- (9) Consistent with assigned missions, avoid extensive movement during the heat of the day to avoid heat casualties.
- (10) If a patrol is out of contact for three hours, it will return to the last position where communications was successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to the nearest friendly unit unless communications is re-established enroute.
- (11) Report to Recon Group Bravo S-2 ASAP upon extraction for debriefing.
- (12) Submit proposed training schedules prior to insertion.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by the patrol leader maintaining continuous camouflage of patrol members.
- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by the patrol leader, to include not less than 100 rounds per M-16 and 24 rounds per M-79.

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c. Rations. As directed by the patrol leader while anticipating a shortage of water.

d. Medical. Insure an adequate supply of salt tablets and malaria pills are carried by each patrol member and consumed regularly.

e. Special Equipment.

- (1) One pair of 7x50 binoculars or an M-49 spotting scope per team.
- (2) One red panel per team.
- (3) One yellow smoke per patrol member.
- (4) Two M-72 rocket launchers.
- (5) Two concussion grenades per platoon.
- (6) Two WP fragmentation grenades per platoon.
- (7) Two grenades, (concussion, WP, or M-26 fragmentation) per patrol member.
- (8) Two CS grenades per platoon.
- (9) One green smoke grenade per team.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications.

- (1) Carry an AN/PRC-25 radio for primary communications. Inner-platoon communications will be by an AN/PRC-10.
- (2) The AN/PRC-25 radio will be used to call and adjust artillery; however, before shifting the AN/PRC-25 to the "Conduct of Fire" net, communications with the Recon Group will be established utilizing the AN/PRC-10.
- (3) To support operations in RZ 5, a communications relay will be established in the FDC, I/3/12, located at YD 931059.

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(4) Call Signs.

1st Plt Hqtrs	IRON HORSE
1st Plt 2nd Squad	YANKEE CLIPPER
Recon Group Bravo	PUNCTUATE
Company "B"	RAINBELT BRAVO
Artillery Support	POLISH or POLISH CROW
Air Liaison	SACRED
Radio Relay (Hill 225)	BRAVO RELAY
1st Bn, 4th Mar	PERMISSION
3rd Bn, 4th Mar	MUTTER

(5) Frequencies.Primary Alternate


RECON NET	49.6	50.5
POLISH or POLISH CROW	36.2	36.6
SACRED	40.7	
MUTTER	40.0	
PERMISSION	43.6	

(6) Shackles.

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- (7) Authentication. Challenge with any letter in the shackles and authenticate with any other letter in the same column.
- (8) Each patrol and/or element thereof will submit hourly situation reports and monitor the Recon Group Net continually.
- (9) All traffic will be addressed to RAINBELT BRAVO relayed through BRAVO RELAY and/or PUNCTUATE.

b. Command. Platoons will report locations hourly.


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ANNEX:

A (Operation Overlay)

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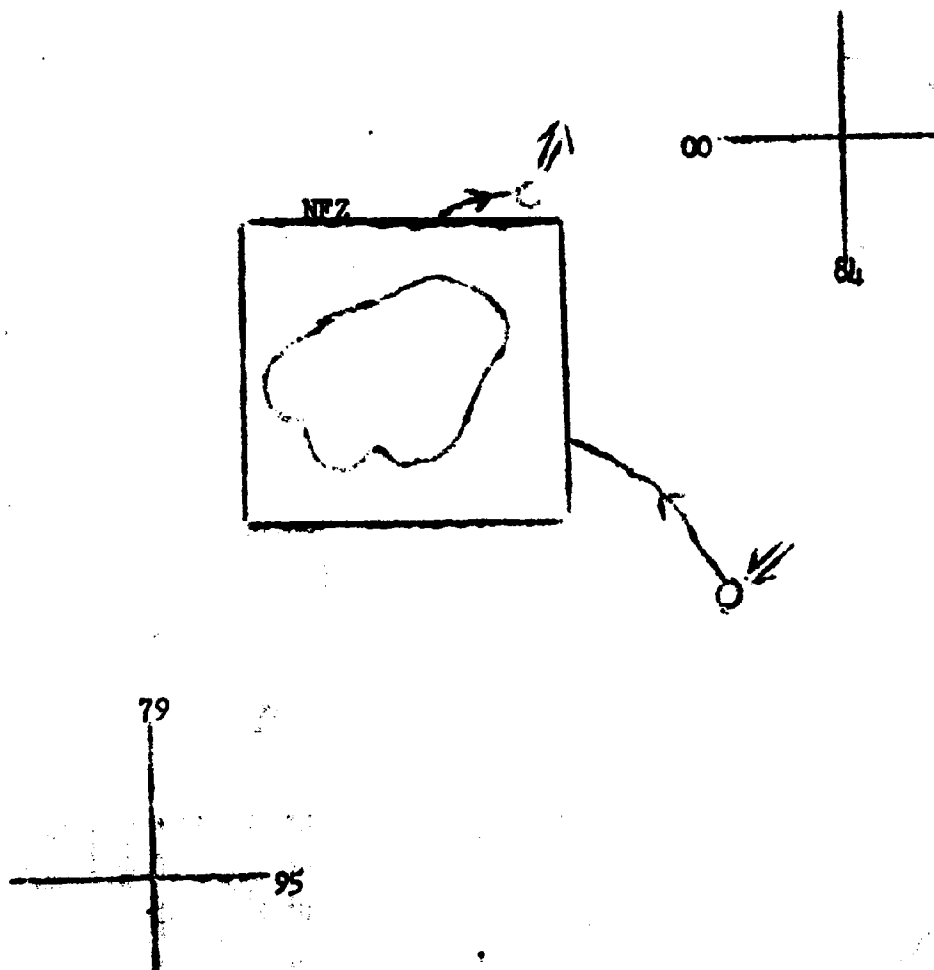
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081200H June 1966

Annex A (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 29066

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Operation Order: 29-66
Patrol: 3rd Plt, Company "A"
Debriefing: SSgt G. A. KOCH
Map Sheet: 6559 IV

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171400H June 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Size and Composition: (1) officer, (2) enlisted, (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments: None.
- c. Communication Equipment: (1) AN/PRC-25, (1) AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment: (2) 7x50's, (1) M-49 spotter scope.
- e. Special Equipment: (3) red panels, (22) yellow smoke, (3) green smoke.
- f. Special Weapons: (2) M-72's, (2) WP's, (2) CS grenades.

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4. Establish ambushes of opportunity and capture at least one prisoner.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 121430H/ 170920H June 1966.4. ROUTE: Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. Synopsis: 115 hours of reconnaissance observation and patrolling resulted in 1 VC sighting of 4 VC. An artillery mission was called on this sighting with excellent coverage on target. No damage assessment was made.
- b. Enemy: 141515H (YC 807997) observed 4 VC overlooking the river valley. These VC were dressed in a green type uniform and white helmets. No weapons or equipment were observed. An artillery mission was called on these men. Excellent coverage on target was made. No damage assessment was made by the patrol.
- c. Terrain:
 - (1) The terrain in the objective area was very thick undergrowth intermingled with vines, thorns, bamboo, and elephant grass.

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This made movement very difficult in the lowground, especially in the river valleys. Movement in the area was limited to 75 to 100 meters an hour. The canopy was 12 to 15 feet high in this low ground. Along the high ground, movement was easier since the vegetation thinned out to a great extent. The canopy at the high ground was 75 to 100 feet high.

- (2) Map Corrections. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay). It was noted that the stream at YC 823972 extended approximately 500 meters more into the valley, to YC 819975. This stream was approximately 1 to 3 feet deep with a rocky bottom in areas. This river was moving rapidly with a strong current.

- d. Other Information. One man had a nervous breakdown during this patrol. He appeared to be in shock and could not continue the mission. At 141515H, a Med Evac was requested and accomplished one half hour later without further incident.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: One fire mission was called on 4 VC. VC casualties are unknown. There were no friendly casualties.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Physical condition, good; morale, good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. It is recommended that the HLZ at YC 820997 not be used anymore for future insertions and extractions due to the fact that it is in a location where VC could set up an excellent ambush. Also it is hard for a helo to enter and exit this HLZ.

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

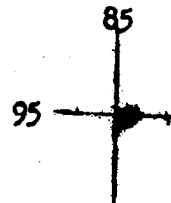
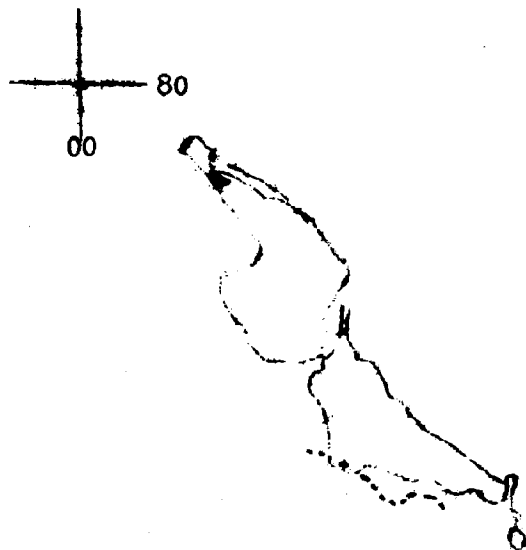
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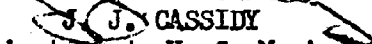
1. Make the following pen changes to Operation Order 30-66.

a. Basic Order.

- (1) Paragraph 3.c.(2). Change "YC 993971" to read "YC 982987".
(2) Paragraph 3.c.(3). Change "YC 987983" to read "YC 989002".

2. Substitute the following new pages attached hereto, for the original pages, destroying the replaced pages and reporting destruction to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3).

a. Annex A (Operation Overlay), page A-1.


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 (b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with change 1
 (c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 6-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

1st Platoon, Company "B" SSgt NICKLOW

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. Current OPSUMS.
- c. Attachments/Detachments. None.

2. MISSION. During the period 7 to 16 June 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 4 and 5. During the period 17 to 30 June 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 5 and 6. Capture at least 1 VC in each RZ. Be prepared to assume the missions of 1st Force Reconnaissance Company platoons. Conduct concurrent training for platoons in garrison. Be prepared to support infantry operations as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

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- (1) Initial Point. HMM-161.
- (2) Date, time, and place of insertion. 111500H June 1966, YC ⁹⁸²⁹⁸⁷~~989971~~.
- (3) Date, time, and place of extraction. 160900H June 1966, YC ⁹⁸⁹⁰⁰²~~989971~~.
- (4) Thrust Lines.
 - (a) Alpha -- 0298.
 - (b) Bravo -- 0096.
- (5) Personally effect distribution of this operation order to all units concerned within the HUE/PHU BAI enclave 48 hours prior to insertion.
- (6) Plan and coordinates "on-call" concentrations along patrol routes and OP's prior to insertion.
- (7) Adjust supporting artillery ASAP after insertion.
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- (12) Submit proposed training schedules prior to insertion.

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- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by the patrol leader, to include not less than 100 rounds per M-16 and 24 rounds per M-79.

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- (3) To support operations in RZ 5, a communications relay will be established in the FDC, I/3/12, located at YD 931059.

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(4) Call Signs.

1st Plt Hqtrs	IRON HORSE
1st Plt, 2nd Sqd	YANKEE CLIPPER
Recon Group Bravo	PUNCTUATE
Company "B"	RAINBELT BRAVO
Artillery Support	POLISH or POLISH CROW
Air Liaison	SACRED
Radio Relay (Hill 225)	BRAVO RELAY
1st Bn, 4th Mar	PERMISSION
3rd Bn, 4th Mar	MUTTER

(5) Frequencies.

	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Alt</u>
RECON NET	49.6	50.5
POLISH or POLISH CROW	36.2	36.6
SACRED	40.7	
MUTTER	40.0	
PERMISSION	43.6	

(6) Shackles.

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- (7) Authentication. Challenge with any letter in the shackles and authenticate with any other letter in the same column.
- (8) Each patrol and/or element thereof will submit hourly situation reports and monitor the Recon Group Net continually.
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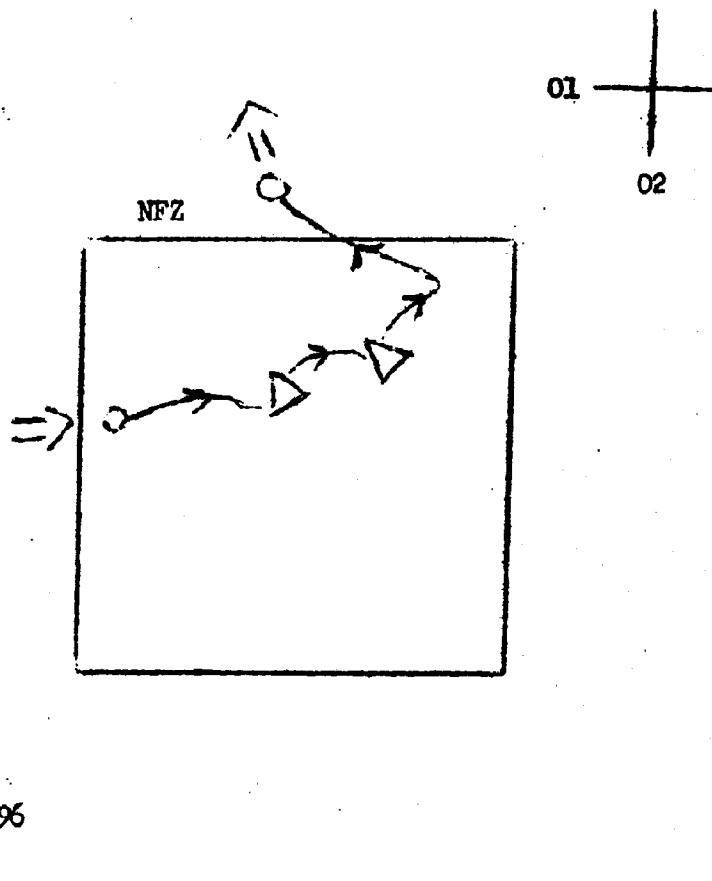
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 161900H June 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. (0) Officer, (11) enlisted, (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25, 1 AN/PRC-10
- d. Observation Equipment: 1 7x50's
- e. Special Equipment. None
- f. Special Weapons. (1) M-79

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 5 and within the area indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 11 to 16 June 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture at least 1 VC.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 111530H/161700H4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay)5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours of reconnaissance patrolling and observation resulted in negative sightings and contacts.

- b. Enemy. None

- c. Terrain.

The terrain in the objective area was very dense undergrowth consisting of vines, bamboo, and thorns with a light canopy overhead ranging from 30 to 60 feet in height. Water was not plentiful in this area.

Map Corrections. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay)

- (1) One trail, YD 984985, approximately 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet wide running north and south was located. The trail had been used, but not recently. There was a canopy over this trail which prohibited observation from the air.

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d. Other Information.

(1) One OP site was located at YD 985988. A tree had foot holds cut into it up to a height of about 20 feet at which point a limb with approximately 20 inch diameter grew out from the trunk. This limb was about 8 feet long and was cut off at this length and the branches to its front were removed. This OP position offered a good field of vision to the east.

(2) No artillery or air support missions were called in support of this patrol.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None
7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; morale, good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None

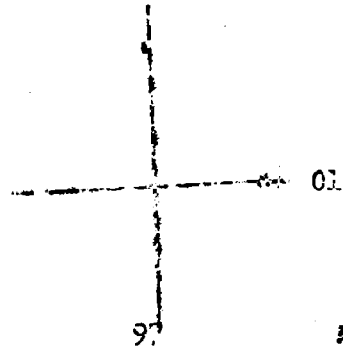
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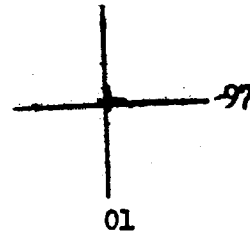
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- Annex A (Operation Overlay)



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(b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with change 1
(c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 6-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

2nd Platoon Company "B"	SSgt MEYERS
3rd Platoon Company "B"	1stLt BEELE

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Current OPSUMS

(2) Two ARVN 105 Howitzer will provide artillery support for operation in RZ 6.

c. Attachments/Detachments. None

2. MISSION. During the period 7 to 16 June 1966, conduct reconnaissance Operations in RZ's 4 and 5. During the period 17 to 30 June 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 5 and 6. Capture at least 1 VC in each RZ. Be prepared to assume the missions of 1st Force Reconnaissance Company platoons. Conduct concurrent training for platoons in garrison. Be prepared to support infantry operations as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. One of the companies four platoons will be employed in RZ 5 and 6 continuously, except during those periods when operations in support of infantry units prevent same. Each platoon will conduct reconnaissance operations within the designated RZ and/or in support of infantry units for a period of 3 to 5 days. Upon completion thereof, one of the remaining employed platoons will be committed as required sufficiently in advance of the former's retraction to insure continuous reconnaissance. Platoons will conduct at least 8 hours of training between assigned reconnaissance operations.

b. 2nd Platoon. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 5 and within the area indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 16 to 20 June 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture at least 1 VC. Unless otherwise directed, conduct platoon training during the period 230900H to 231600H June 1966.

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- c. 3rd Platoon. Conduct reconnaissance Operations within RZ 6 and within the area indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 17 to 21 June 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture at least 1 VC. Unless otherwise directed, conduct platoon training during the period 240900H to 241600H June 1966.
- d. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Initial Point. HHH-161.
 - (2) Date, time, and place of insertion.
 - (a) 2nd Platoon. 160830H June 1966, YC 992967.
 - (b) 3rd Platoon. 171700H June 1966, ZC 083963.
 - (3) Date, time, and place of extraction.
 - (a) 2nd Platoon. 201630H June 1966, YC 991972
 - (b) 3rd Platoon. 211600H June 1966 ZC 090955
 - (4) Thrust Lines.
 - (a) 2nd Platoon. Alpha 0398 - Bravo 0095
 - (b) 3rd Platoon. Alpha 0795 - Bravo 1194
 - (5) Personally effect distribution of this operation order to all units concerned within the HUE/PHU DAT enclave 48 hours prior to insertion.
 - (6) Plan and coordinates "on-call" concentrations along patrol routes and OP's prior to insertion.
 - (7) Adjust supporting artillery ASAP after insertion.
 - (8) Submit two copies of patrol rosters to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) to include the number and type of serialized items carried by each patrol member by name.
 - (9) Consistent with assigned missions, avoid extensive movement during the heat of the day to avoid heat casualties.
 - (10) If a patrol is out of contact for three hours, it will return to the last position where communications was successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to the nearest friendly unit unless communications is re-established enroute.
 - (11) Report to Recon Group Bravo S-2 ASAP upon extraction for debriefing.
 - (12) Submit proposed training schedules prior to insertion.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by the patrol leader maintaining continuous camouflage of patrol members.
- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by the patrol leader, to include not less than 100 rounds per M-14 and 24 rounds per M-79.
- c. Rations. As directed by the patrol leader while anticipating a shortage of water.
- d. Medical. Insure an adequate supply of salt tablets and malaria pills are carried by each patrol member and consumed regularly.
- e. Special Equipment.
 - (1) One pair of 7x50 binoculars or an M-49 spotting scope per team.
 - (2) One red panel per team.
 - (3) One yellow smoke per patrol member.
 - (4) Two M-72 rocket launchers.
 - (5) Two concussion grenades per platoon.
 - (6) Two WP fragmentation grenades per platoon.
 - (7) Two grenades, (concussion, WP, or M-26 fragmentation) per patrol member.
 - (8) Two CS grenades per platoon.
 - (9) One green smoke grenade per team.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRONICS.

- a. Communications.
 - (1) Carry an AN/PRC-25 radio for primary communications. Inner-platoon communications will be by an AN/PRC-10.
 - (2) The AN/PRC-25 radio will be used to call and adjust artillery; however, before shifting the AN/PRC-25 to the "Conduct of Fire Net", communications with the Recon Group will be established utilizing the AN/PRC-10.
 - (3) To support operations in RZ 5, a communications relay will be established in the FDC, I/3/12, located at ID 931059.

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(4) To support operations in RZ 6, a communications relay will be established at the FDC located at coordinates ZD 092008.

(5) Call Signs.

2nd Platoon Headquarters	Lion
2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon	Tiger
3rd Platoon, Headquarters	Kelso
2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon	Nashua
Recon Group Bravo	Punctuate
Company "B"	Rainbelt Bravo
Artillery Support (RZ 5)	Polish India
Artillery Support (RZ 6)	Circuit 55
Air Liaison	Sacred
Radio Relay Phu Loc (RZ 6)	Rainbelt Bravo X-Ray
Radio Relay (3/4) RZ 5)	Rainbelt Bravo Relay
3rd Bn, 4th Marines	Mutter

(6) Frequencies.

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Punctuate (Recon Net)	49.6	50.5
Rainbelt Bravo X-Ray (Phu Loc)	49.6	50.5
Rainbelt Bravo Relay (3/4)	49.6	50.5
Polish India	37.0	
Circuit 55	42.7	
Sacred	40.7	
Mutter	40.0	

(7) Shackles.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
H	R	F	D	H	H	I	S	U	C
B	E	W	L	X	A	V	J	K	T
O					G			Z	Y
Q					P				

(8) Authentication. Challenge with any letter in the shackles and authenticate with any other letter in the same column.

(9) Each patrol and/or element thereof will submit hourly situation reports and monitor the Recon Group Net continually.

(10) All traffic will be addressed to MUTUQUITE relayed through BRAVO RELAY and/or BRAVO X-RAY.

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- b. Command. Employed platoons will report changes in their locations hourly and/or as they occur.



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Commanding

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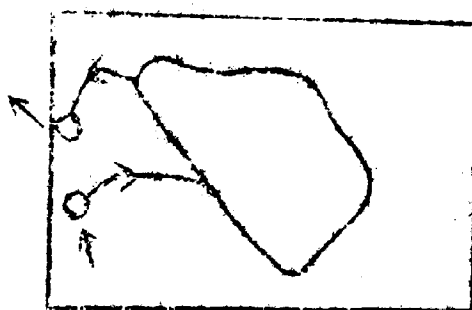
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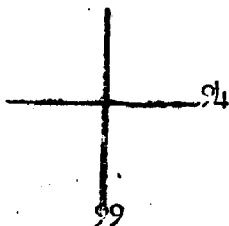
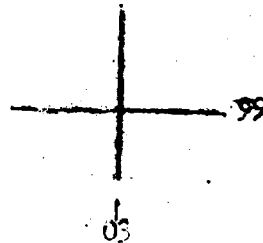
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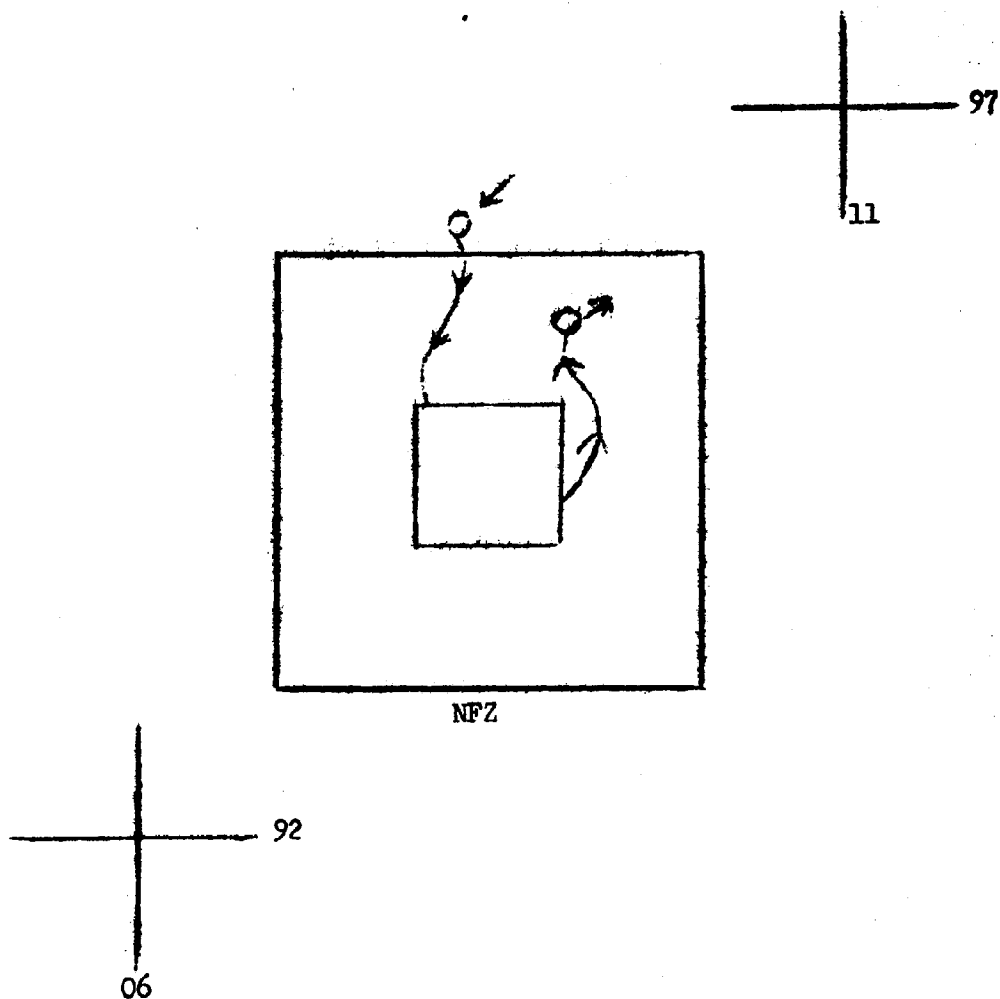
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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 17 enlisted, 1 USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25, 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 4 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 2 M-72's, 2 WP grenades, 2 frag grenades per man.

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 5. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture at least one VC.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 161630H/191330H June 1966.4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. 70 hours of reconnaissance observation and patrolling resulted in (1) enemy contact with at least 12 VC. This resulted in 1 USMC KIA, 8 USMC WIA, 3 VC KIA confirmed, and 5 VC KIA probable. Patrol received moderate small arms fire while awaiting extraction. Helicopters received light automatic weapons fire from 3 positions. Gunships were called in to strafe and fire rockets in the VC positions.
- b. Enemy. 190845H (ZC 007969) the patrol was moving to ZC 006963 to destroy huts that were found the previous day when, after only 125 meters from their harbor site, the point heard what sounded like 6 or 7 bolts go home. The patrol was immediately halted and the word was passed that VC were in the area. The platoon leader moved up toward the point and upon reaching him, one shot was fired. This was possibly the signal for the VC to open fire. A split second later, the patrol was taken under fire by a heavy volume of automatic weapons and small arms fire from the right, left front, direct front, and left. In addition, the VC were also all along the

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right flank of the patrol. The patrol immediately returned a heavy volume of fire into the direction of the VC positions. The heavy fire fight lasted approximately 1 minute when the firing from the VC slowed down. The next two minutes, the fire slowed down to moderate and then finally, to single shots and automatic bursts. The initial return of fire by the patrol included the firing of an M-79 and the throwing of grenades. This caused the VC to break contact. Only (2) VC were actually seen by the patrol wearing black P J's and were observed carrying what appeared to be U.S. type carbines.

c. Terrain.

(1) The terrain in the objective area was considered fairly thick around all streams and creek beds; brush, vines, thorns, and grass were encountered along the low ground. The canopy was approximately 8 ft high at the highest elevation. The secondary growth thinned out to a great extent thus making traveling much easier. The canopy at this elevation was approximately 30 feet high. The average distance traveled in this area was 250 to 350 meters an hour; along creek beds traveling was out down to 150 to 200 meters an hour. Generally, the terrain is considered to fair to good for troop movement.

(2) Map Corrections. Annex B (Map Correction Overlay).

(a) 3 main trails were located in the objective area. All of these were at least 3 feet wide and very heavily used. It was noted that some of the foot prints may have been as recent as 4 to 6 hours ago. None of these trails could be observed from the air.

d. Other Information.

(1) 181055H (ZC 006963) the patrol came upon 3 huts, 6x8 feet in dimension and 1 cave. 9 fighting holes were found around the huts, all of them were partially camouflaged. All were checked out very thoroughly. Indications were that this area had been occupied as recently as 24 hours previously. These huts could not be observed from the air due to the heavy canopy. One hut that appeared to be used the most was booby trapped by the patrol with one M-26 grenade, prior to the patrol's departure from the area.

(2) 190500H (ZC 009969) while the patrol was at this location in its harbor site, the patrol heard what sounded like a grenade going off from the vicinity of the huts previously found and booby trapped.

(3) 190810H (ZC 009969) the patrol was in the process of leaving the harbor site when the patrol heard (2) loud voices at a distance of approximately 75 to 100 meters away. It appeared to the patrol

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rol that the shouts sounded like orders being given to other VC in the area. The patrol waited (5) more minutes and then when no more voices were heard the patrol departed the harbor site using the same general route, as used by the patrol the previous day to reach the harbor site.

- (4) (ZC 007969) The patrol came across a location where a camp fire had been built. It was estimated that the ashes were approximately 12 to 24 hours old.
- (5) (ZC 004964) Located an old VC harbor site along a main trail. The location was about (2) meters off the trail and could hold up to 4 to 5 VC.
- (6) 190845H After initial contact with the VC, the patrol lost radio contact with the relay station. A VC bullet stripped the radio operators handset radio cord. The radioman repaired this and after 45 minutes comm was reestablished with the relay station. The PRC-10 was checked out but comm could not be established with the radio due to the patrols location.
- (7) 191215H (ZC 013973) During the med evac of the seriously wounded, the helicopters received a heavy volume of automatic weapons fire from 3 positions. The assistant patrol leader informed the pilots of this and med evac was postponed. The gunships were called and the VC position was fired on with machine guns and rockets. The patrol moved then to a better location to accomplish the med evac without further incidents.
- (8) (ZC 007968) UH1-E's were called to strafe around the HLZ since the patrol was receiving moderate small arms fire from unlocated positions.
- (9) There weren't any fire missions called in support of this patrol due to the closeness of the VC and USMC positions.
- (10) 191215H (ZC 013973) 6 USMC were med evaced by sling and two were picked up by basket.
- (11) It was observed by 4 members of the patrol that the platoon corporal aided 3 wounded fellow marines under heavy VC fire. He accomplished this even though he had been wounded himself.
- (12) As a result of this contact with the VC the patrol lost the below listed weapons.

- (1) M-79 Grenade Launcher
- (1) M-14 Rifle

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY.

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3 VC KIA Confirmed
5 VC KIA Probable
UNKOWN VC WIA

b. Friendly Casualties.

1 USMC KIA
8 USMC WIA

7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; morale, good.8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None.

J. D. OMMONDS
Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps
Assistant Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER.

- a. A bullet taken out of one of the wounded marines indicated that a Chinese Communist submachine gun type 50 had been used by the VC during the contact.
- b. It was observed from this contact that the VC were disciplined and were firing low rather than high as has been normal during VC contacts.

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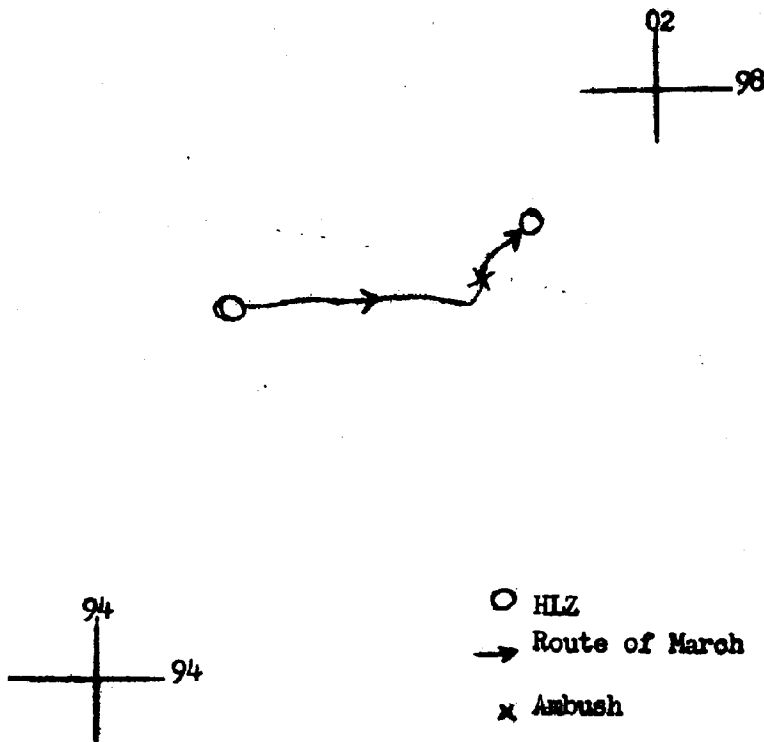
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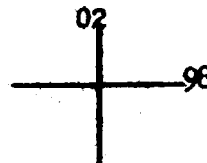
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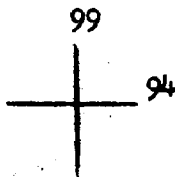
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3' Trails

Huts

● Fighting Holes



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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 1 officer, 11 enlisted, 1 USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25, 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 2 M-72's.

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 6. Establish ambushes of opportunity, and capture at least one VC.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 171700H/221630H June 1966.4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. 120 hours of patrolling and observation resulted in no enemy contacts or sightings. No artillery missions were called in support of this mission. One non-battle casualty was MedEvaced during the mission.
- b. Enemy. None were observed.
- c. Terrain.
 - (1) The terrain in the objective area is considered easy to move in at the lowgrounds and plateau's. Canopy in this area averages from 30 to 60 feet. The brush was very sparse with heavy grass being encountered. Movement generally was easy and up to 500 meters could be covered in one hour.

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- (2) Map Corrections. One heavily used trail was located at coordinates ZC 076958. This trail was approximately 3 to 4 feet wide, and portions of this trail could be observed from the air. Due to the large number of woodcutters in the area, it is assumed that this trail is used mostly by these people.

d. Other Information.

- (1) One trailmarker was located at ZC 090947. This marker consisted of 2 sticks being placed upright into the trail approximately 1 foot apart and one stick about 20 feet away in the same position. The surrounding area was checked out with negative results.
- (2) One large HLZ was found in the valley along coordinates ZC 080965 to ZC 083967. This HLZ is large enough to accompany up to 50 H-34's.
- (3) 191411H (ZC 084950) the platoon suffered one non-battle casualty. This casualty was Med Evaced by hoist.
- (4) There was no artillery or air support missions requested in support of this patrol.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Physical condition, very good; morale, good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That if the VC use the general area, it will be much further into the mountains. They may use this area to infiltrate into the lowlands to receive food and other supplies from the villages, but not as a general area for base camps, staging, or storing.
2. That if RZ 6 is used again, recon patrols should operate further into the mountainous area of that RZ.

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R. A. BEELE

First Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

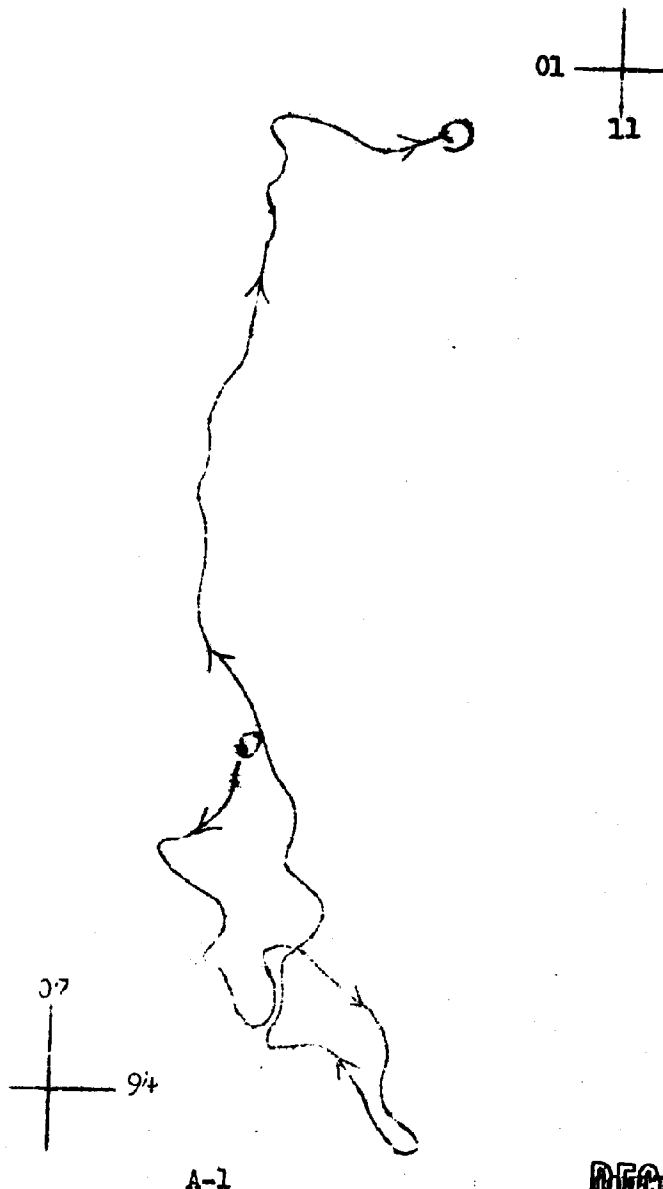
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 (b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with change 1
 (c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 6-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

1st Platoon, Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn SSgt NICKLOW
 3rd Platoon, Co "A", 1st Recon Bn 1stLt TAYLOR

1. SITUATION.a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS.b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Current OPSIMS

(2) Two ARVN 105 Howitzer will provide artillery support for operation in RZ 6.

c. Attachments/Detachments. None

2. MISSION. During the period 7 to 16 June 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 4 and 5. During the period 17 to 30 June 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 5 and 6. Capture at least 1 VC in each RZ. Be prepared to assume the missions of 1st Force Reconnaissance Company platoons. Conduct concurrent training for platoons in garrison. Be prepared to support infantry operations as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. One of the companies four platoons will be employed continuously in RZ's 4 and 5 through 16 June 1966 and RZ's 5 and 6 through 30 June 1966, except during those periods when operations in support of infantry units and/or the assumption of 1st Force Reconnaissance Company missions prevent same. Each platoon will conduct reconnaissance operations in the area designated for a period of 3 to 5 days. Upon completion thereof, one of the remaining platoons will be committed as required

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- sufficiently in advance to insure 50 per cent of available forces maintain reconnaissance of the HUE/PHU BAI Reconnaissance zone. Platoon will conduct at least 8 hours of training between assigned reconnaissance operations.
- b. 1st Platoon. Assume 1st Force Reconnaissance Companies missions and conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3 and within the area indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 20 - 24 June 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture at least 1 VC. Unless otherwise directed, conduct platoon training during the period 270900H - 271600H June 1966.
 - c. 3rd Platoon. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 6 and within the area indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 21 - 25 June 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture at least 1 VC. Unless otherwise directed, conduct platoon training 280900H - 281600H June 1966.
 - d. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Initial Point. HMM - 161.
 - (2) Date, time, and place of insertion.
 - (a) 1st Platoon. 201700H June 1966, YD 665092
 - (b) 3rd Platoon. 211630H June 1966, ZC 075974.
 - (3) Date, time, and place of extraction.
 - (a) 1st Platoon. 241500H June 1966, YD 669207.
 - (b) 3rd Platoon. 251600H June 1966, ZC 079967.
 - (4) Thrust Lines.
 - (a) 1st Platoon. Alpha 6512 -- Bravo 6410
 - (b) 3rd Platoon. Alpha 0699 -- Bravo 0594
 - (5) Personally effect distribution of this operation order to all units concerned within the HUE/PHU BAI enclave 48 hours prior to insertion.
 - (6) Plan and coordinate "on-call" concentrations along patrol routes and OP's prior to insertion.
 - (7) Adjust supporting artillery ASAP after insertion.

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- (8) Submit two copies of patrol rosters to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) to include the number and type of serialized items carried by each patrol member by name.
- (9) Consistent with assigned missions, avoid extensive movement during the heat of the day to avoid heat casualties.
- (10) If a patrol is out of contact for three hours, it will return to the last position where communications was successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to the nearest friendly unit unless communications is re-established enroute.
- (11) Report to Recon Group Bravo S-2 ASAP upon extraction for debriefing.
- (12) Submit proposed training schedules prior to insertion.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by the patrol leader maintaining continuous camouflage of patrol members.
- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by the patrol leader, to include not less than 100 rounds per M-14 and 24 rounds per M-79.
- c. Rations. As directed by the patrol leader while anticipating a shortage of water.
- d. Medical. Insure an adequate supply of salt tablets and malaria pills are carried by each patrol member and consumed regularly.
- e. Special Equipment.
 - (1) One pair of 7x50 binoculars or an M-49 spotting scope per team.
 - (2) One red panel per team.
 - (3) One yellow smoke per patrol member.
 - (4) Two M-72 rocket launchers.
 - (5) Two concussion grenades per platoon.
 - (6) Two WP fragmentation grenades per platoon.
 - (7) Two grenades, (concussion, WP, or M-26 fragmentation) per patrol member.

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(8) Two CS grenades per platoon.

(9) One green smoke grenade per team.

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

- (1) Carry an AN/PRC-25 radio for primary communications. Inner-platoon communications will be by an AN/PRC-10.
- (2) The AN/PRC-25 radio will be used to call and adjust artillery; however, before shifting the AN/PRC-25 to the "Conduct of Fire Net", communications with Recon Group will be established utilizing the AN/PRC-10.
- (3) To support operations in RZ 6, a communications relay will be established in the FDC, PHU LOC, located at coordinates ZD 092008.
- (4) The communications relay located on Hill 225 will continue to support RZ 3.

(5) Call Signs.

1st Platoon, Headquarters
 2nd Squad, 1st Platoon
 3rd Platoon, Headquarters
 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon
 Recon Group Bravo
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 Artillery Support (RZ 6)
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 Radio Realy (Phu Loc RZ 6)
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 RAINBELT BRAVO
 POLISH CROW
 CIRCUIT 55
 SACRED
 PUNCTUATE RELAY
 BRAVO RELAY
 MUTTER

(6) Frequencies.

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Recon Group Bravo	49.6	49.5
Punctuate & Relay	49.6	50.5
Rainbelt Bravo & Relay	49.6	50.5
POLISH CROW (RZ 3)	36.2	
CIRCUIT 55 (RZ6)	42.7	
SACRED	40.7	
MUTTER	40.0	


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(7) Shackles.

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- (8) Authentication. Challenge with any letter in the shackles and authenticate with any other letter in the same column.
- (9) Each patrol and/or element thereof will submit hourly situation reports and monitor the Recon Group Net continually.
- (10) All traffic will be addressed to **PUNCTUATE** relayed through **BRAVO RELAY** and/or **PUNCTUATE RELAY**
- b. Command. Employed platoons will report changes in their locations hourly and/or as they occur.


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A (Operations Overlay)

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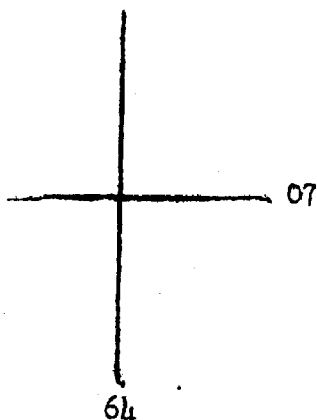
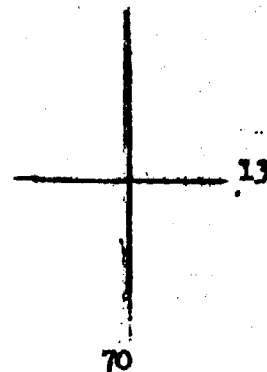
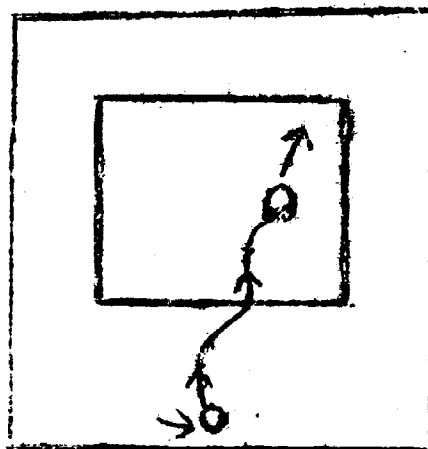
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1st Platoon, Co "B" SSgt NICKLOW

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- — HLZ
- — Route

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252000H June 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 1 officer, 21 enlisted, 2 USN.
- b. Special Attachments. 1st Platoon, 1st Force Recon Co
- c. Communication Equipment. 2 AN/PRC-25's, 2 AN/PRD-10's.
- d. Observation Equipment. 4 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 2 M-72's.

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ 6. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture at least one VC.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 221600H/251620H June 1966.

4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 72 hours of patrolling and observation, the patrol made contact with 2 VC, killing one. There was no air support or artillery missions requested in support of this mission. Helicopters received 2 sniper rounds during extraction of the platoon at coordinates ZC 072972.
- b. Enemy. 251315H (ZC 072972) the patrol was moving along a trail towards an OP site, when the patrol observed 2 VC just 10 meters away. The VC broke away immediately not firing a shot. The patrol opened fire with M-14 rifles killing one VC (body count). It was observed that both VC were armed and wore khaki shirts and blue shorts.

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DECLASSIFIEDc. Terrain.

- (1) The terrain in the objective area was very mountainous with slopes ranging up to 70 degrees. These slopes were covered with thick underbrush making traveling very difficult. In the southern side of the operations area, the terrain was considered fair to good for movement. In the northern portion, the terrain was very difficult to move through. Movement was restricted to approximately 200 meters an hour. The canopy varies at locations but averages from 10 to 40 feet.
- (2) Map Corrections.
 - (a) One large road was noted from the valley leading into the mountains. This dirt road was large enough to accommodate a 6x6 truck with ease. Annex B (Map Correction Overlay).
 - (b) Numerous trails were noted in the objective area ranging from 1½ feet up to 4 feet wide. All of them were heavily used. Trails could only be observed from the air at certain locations.

d. Other Information.

- (1) 222300H (ZC 075964) while the patrol was in the harbor site, they heard voices of about 3 people coming from the direction of the trail about 30 meters away.
- (2) 241930H (ZC 065965) it appeared to the patrol that they heard some activity a short distance away from them. One large twig was broken and a large rock fell down the side of the hill from that location. No other sounds were heard after that.
- (3) 251620H (ZC 078980) as the patrol was extracted from this location, the helicopters received 2 rounds of sniper fire from an unknown location.
- (4) There were no air support or artillery missions called in support of this patrol.
- (5) Inventory of captured material (Annex C).

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. VC casualties were 1 VC KIA (body count); no friendly casualties.~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
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7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; morale, good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None.

J. L. Taylor
J. L. TAYLOR
First Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER.

1. This is the first time a Soviet 7.62mm rifle M1891/30 has been captured in the HUE/PHU BAI area.

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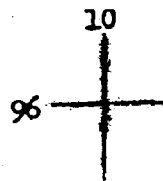
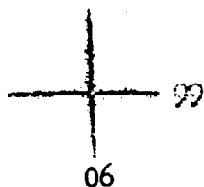
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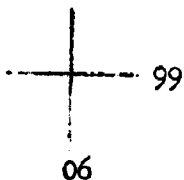
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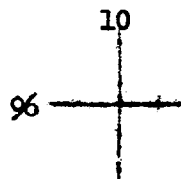
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-- Trails
— Road



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LIST OF CAPTURED EQUIPMENT

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>
1	Rifle, Soviet 7.62mm M1891/30 serno 1954 BC 7379, with a 3.5 power scope, serno 1954 528765, with scope cover and cleaning kit.
1	ChiCom grenade
1	Cloth bag (30" by 12")
1	Handkerchief
4	Documents and 1 notebook (all have writing)
1	12" by 12" piece of plastic.
1	6' square piece of plastic
1	Cartridge belt (VN)
1	Canteen with cover (VN)
1	Grenade pouch for 2 grenades (VN)
1	Ammo pouch (VN)
1	Mess kit with pouch and spoon (VN)
1	Oiler with small rags
1	cleaning kit with pouch
72	7.62mm rounds with 1 charger

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 Debriefer: PFC R. F. GAC
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 262200H June 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 12 enlisted, 1 USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25, 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 1 7x50.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. 2 M-72's, 2 WP grenades, 2 CS grenades, 2 frag grenades per man.

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ III. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture at least 1 VC.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 201700H/261500H June 1966.4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. 94 hours of reconnaissance observation and patrolling resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. One fire mission was called in. One round was expended with negative results.
- b. Enemy. None.
- c. Terrain.
 - (1) The terrain in the objective area is considered fairly dense. elephant grass of approximately 8 feet. Movement was very easy and approximately 150 meters could be covered per hour.
 - (2) Map Corrections. Annex A.
 - (a) 1 small stream branch was located at coordinates YD 661094. It was running parallel to the road indicated on the map, to coordinates YD 669092. The width of this stream was judged to be 10 feet, with a varying depth of 1½ to 2 feet.
 - (b) Numerous animal trails, including elephant tracks, were observed within the objective area. Signs of elephant dung were noted at intervals along several of the animal trails. Some of the trails observed were about 3 feet wide and could be observed from the air.
- d. Other Information.
 - (1) 230900H (YD 669098) 1 round of 155mm was expended on suspected enemy position where noises were heard. Silence was established, area was checked out with negative results.
 - (2) 240300H (YD 669098) while the patrol was at this location, it heard something move through the stream. The patrol was unable

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to determine if it was an animal or a human being. No further sounds were heard.

- (3) 251800H to 252000H. The patrol communications received what seemed to be a jamming of the radio with sounds of "clicking" heard over the receiver. Contact was finally established after 2 hours.
- (4) At 252000H, one of the H&I rounds apparently hit an elephant. We heard screaming sounds of an elephant. We know there were elephants in the area as when we were inserted at 221700H, the UH1-E's spotted an elephant in our zone and fired on it. Our location when H&I round hit elephant was YD 665098 (Diamondhead). This particular H&I round hit the elephant approximately 500 meters west of us on a 270 degree azimuth.
- (5) (YD 665090) main road located at indicated coordinates, appeared to be heavily used. This is a main road leading from east to west.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good: morale, good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None.

V. D. VOSS
Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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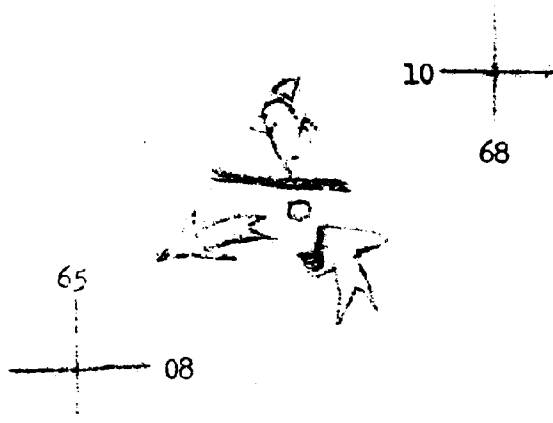
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
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	Stream
	Route
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(b) Recon Group Bravo OpO 3-66 with change 1

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

Headquarters (-), Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn	Captain OWENS
1st Platoon, Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn	SSgt NICKLOW
3rd Platoon, Co "A", 1st Recon Bn	1stLt TAYLOR

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. Current OPSUMS.
- c. Attachments/Detachments. One FO Team, 3rd Bn, 12 Marines.

2. MISSION. To recover one Marine KIA located at coordinates ZC 007968 and burn the huts located at coordinates ZC 007968.

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3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. At 200600H the company will helolift to coordinates ZC 993973 and move East/Southeast across the saddle at ZC 998972 to the KIA at coordinates ZC 007968, (see Operations Overlay, Annex A) evacuate the KIA via helicopter, search out the adjacent area, burn the huts at ZC 006963 and return by the indicated route (Annex A, Operation Overlay) to the extraction LZ at ZC 994968.
- b. 3rd Platoon. Land as first elements of the helolift and secure the landing zone until the landing of the entire Company (-). Upon order, move as the point element along the route indicated in Annex A, Operation Overlay.
- c. 1st Platoon. At 200600H move from HMM-161 by helicopter to vicinity of ZC 993973. When directed, provide rear security enroute to objective area and during return to the retraction Landing Zone.

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d. Headquarters (-). At 200600H move with the 3rd Platoon. Embark aboard the second aircraft during the insertion. Enroute to and from the objective, follow the point platoon.

e. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Date, time, and place of extraction. 201630H June 1966, YD 994968.
- (2) Thrust Lines. Alpha - 9999, Bravo - 0196.
- (3) Report to Recon Group Bravo S-2 ASAP upon extraction for debriefing.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and Equipment. Normal, exclusive of packs.
- b. Arms and Ammunition. Not less than ~~100~~ rounds per M-14 and 24 rounds per M-79. Two M-26 fragmentation grenades per man.
- c. Rations. One days.
- d. Medical. Insure that two salt tablets are consumed by each patrol member one hour prior to departure and that an adequate supply is available and consumed on patrol.
- e. Special Equipment.
 - (1) Two WP grenades per platoon.
 - (2) Two Incenary grenades per platoon.
 - (3) One M-60 with 500 rounds per platoon.
 - (4) One booby trap carried by 3rd Platoon.
 - (5) One red panel per team.
 - (6) One yellow smoke per team
 - (7) One green smoke per team
 - (8) One roll of lashing line per Platoon.
 - (9) Two LAAWS per platoon.
 - (10) Two M-79's per platoon.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.a. Communications.

- (1) The Headquarters (-) and the both Platoons will carry an AN/PRC-25 radio for primary communications.
- (2) The AN/PRC-25 radio will be used to call and adjust artillery; however, before shifting the AN/PRC-25 radio to the "Conduct of Fire Net", communications with Recon Group Bravo will be established utilizing another one of the AN/PRC-25 radio.

(3) Call Signs.

Recon Group Bravo	PUNCTUATE
Co "B", Headquarters (-)	RAINBELT BRAVO
Radio Relay (3/4 Area)	BRAVO RELAY X-RAY
1st Platoon, Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn	IRONHORSE
3rd Platoon, Co "A", 1st Recon Bn	HOMERUN
Artillery Support	POLISH INDIA
Air Liaison	SACRED
3rd Bn, 4th Marines	MUTTER

(5) Frequencies.

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
PUNCTUATE	49.6	50.5
POLISH INDIA	37.0	36.8
SACRED	40.7	
MUTTER	40.0	

(6) Shackles.

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M	I	O	K	Q	N	X	P	T	R
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- (7) Authentication. Challenge with any letter in the shackles and authenticate with any other letter in the same column.
- (8) Each patrol and/or element thereof will submit hourly situation reports and monitor the Recon Group Net continually.
- (9) All traffic from platoons will be relayed to PUNCTUATE through RAINBELT BRAVO and BRAVO RELAY.
- (10) Net Control will remain with Headquarters (-).

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b. Command.

- (1) Company Commander, Company "B", will be located between the 1st Platoon & d the 3rd Platoon.
- (2) All requests and or coordination, particularly concerning artillery or air support, will be effected through the Company Commander, Company "B".



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ANNEX:

A (Operation Overlay)

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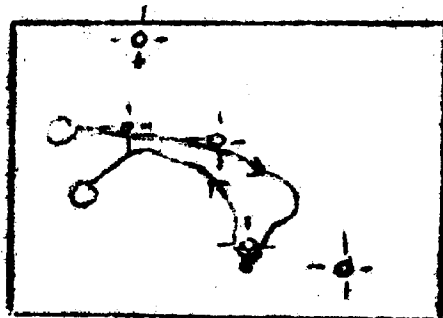
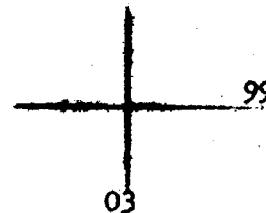
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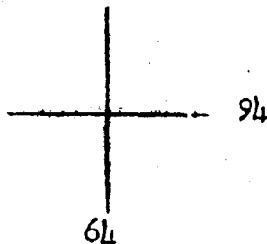
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LEGEND:

- ——— HLZ
- ——— Route of March
- ⊕ ——— Artillery



CONCENTRATIONS NUMBERS

RC - 451 - YC 997974
RC - 452 - ZC 004973
RC - 453 - ZC 007965
RC - 454 - ZC 014964
RC - 455 - YC 998979

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Debriefing: SSgt G. A. KOCH
Map Sheet: 6559 I

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210800H June 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 2 officers, 39 enlisted, 2 USN.
- b. Special Attachments. 1 FO Team.
- c. Communication Equipment. 3 AN/PRC-25's.
- d. Observation Equipment. 3 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. 1 lashing line per team, 1 booby trap.
- d. Special Weapons. 2 M-60's, 4 M-72's, 4 M-79's.

2. MISSION. To recover one Marine KIA located at coordinates ZC 008968, and to burn the huts located at coordinates ZC 006973.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 200600H/201655H June 1966.

4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 11 1/2 hours of patrolling, the company made contact with approximately 20 VC which resulted in 5 VC KIA confirmed, 1 USN KIA (DOW), and 7 USMC WIA. Artillery was called and 18 rounds of 155mm was expended on target with excellent coverage. UH1-E's were called in to strafe and fire rockets, which silenced 3 VC firing positions. The mission was accomplished by recovering the body lost on the previous patrol.
- b. Enemy. 201145H (ZC 006969) the patrol arrived at the stream and set up a perimeter defense and security. This time was used to plan further action and select a location to cross the stream. The patrol was at this location for 10 minutes when one member of the patrol observed one VC dressed in khaki's crossing the stream and walking towards the patrol's position. This VC was observed to be

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carrying a Thompson Submachine gun. One man fired his M-79 towards the VC killing him. The VC was approximately 50 meters away from this man. It was noted that the VC had linked ammunition across his chest. A split second after the M-79 round was fired, the patrol observed 4 VC across the stream in the open. It appeared that these VC were in the process of recovering the body of the VC KIA. All of these VC were also dressed in khaki's. One of the patrol members stated that one of the VC were carrying a Chinese Communist Assault Rifle, Type 56. At this time, the patrol received automatic and semi-automatic small arms fire from all around their position. Fire was returned by the patrol immediately. The actual fire fight lasted approximately 1½ to 2 hours when the VC broke contact.

c. Terrain.

- (1) The terrain in the objective area was considered fairly thick around the creek and stream beds; brush, vines, thorns and grass were encountered along the low ground. The canopy was approximately 8 to 12 feet high at the low ground and up to 30 feet at higher elevations.
- (2) Map Corrections. Numerous small trails were located throughout the operation area. Some were noted to be 3 feet wide, several were heavily used. Only limited portions of the trails could be observed from the air.

d. Other Information.

- (1) During the initial contact, the patrol heard what appeared to be the sounds of machine gun fire coming from an unknown location across the river.
- (2) No VC bodies were physically located by the patrol after crossing the stream.
- (3) After the stream was crossed, the patrol found at various locations, items such as a single sock (belonging to the dead Marine killed on previous day), a clip of 5 rounds of M-14 ammo, a bandage, a sock, and other items left behind by the VC at small intervals along the trail leading into the general direction of the body. This indicated that the VC would possibly lead the patrol into an ambush.
- (4) The body was located approximately 200 meters from the ambush position. It was noted that the Marines weapon and equipment was missing. However, all his clothing was still worn by the Marine. The body was not mutilated.

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- (5) Two places were found near the body with blood stains on the ground.
- (6) 4 fire missions were called in support of this operation, 3 of which were called on suspected enemy positions; 8 rounds of 155 were expended at coordinates YD 997974, 6 rounds at coordinates ZC 004973, and 10 rounds at coordinates ZC 001496.
 - (a) One of these 4 fire missions was called in direct support of the patrol during contact. A total of 18 rounds were expended with excellent coverage on target. Damage assessment was made, revealing that at least one VC was severely wounded, based on an excessive amount of fresh blood located some 20 feet from the impact on artillery round. It was observed by the patrol that 3 automatic weapons positions were silenced by the artillery.
- (7) UH1-E's were on station and called in by the patrol to support this mission. Rockets and machine guns were fired by the UH1-E's with excellent coverage of the target.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY.

- a. VC Casualties. 5 KIA confirmed, 3 KIA probable, 1 WIA confirmed.
- b. Friendly Casualties. 1 USN KIA, died of wounds, 7 USMC WIA, 5 of which were superficial shrapnel wounds.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; morale, excellent.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

- a. It appeared to the patrol that the VC did not know the actual location of the patrol at the time of the initial contact with the first VC. The initial contact was made by the patrol.
- b. The uniforms and type of weapons observed by the patrol, indicated that they were from a larger force. Also, it was observed that the VC had excellent fire discipline and delivered low grazing fire during contact.
- c. It was noted that the VC employed the tactic of first firing from positions on the front, then stopping fire from that location and a group would open up from the flank or rear of the patrol.

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- d. Request TPQ missions at coordinates ZC 007964 to C07967. The area should be covered for at least 200 meters wide. Also TPQ at coordinates ZC 013966 and ZC 008969.
- e. It is suspected that the VC probing each flank and rear were not a part of the initial contact; rather, it is suspected that these VC were located in the vicinity of the huts located at ZC 006963 and joined in the contact approximately 30 minutes later.


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Captain, U. S. Marine Corps
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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER.

1. This is the first time that good fire discipline and excellent general military tactics were utilized by the VC against recon units in the HUE/PHU BAI area.
2. The following expended cartridges were found in the general area where contact was made:

7.62mm Assault Rifle Type 56.
9mm
M-14
Carbine
8 rounds of unfired M-14
3. During the artillery mission, the patrol had at least 4 to 6 duds. In addition, all of the 155mm HE ammo was expended before the VC broke contact. There were still VC gun positions to be fired upon.
4. 7 rounds of M-79 ammo were observed to be duds during the contact.
5. During contact, the patrol observed in addition to khaki uniforms, 2 VC with green and 1 in a camouflaged uniform.

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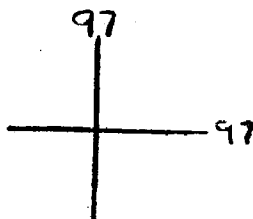
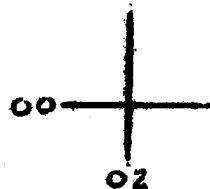
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OK LOCATION OF
FRIENDLY BODY
CONTACT

O WLZ
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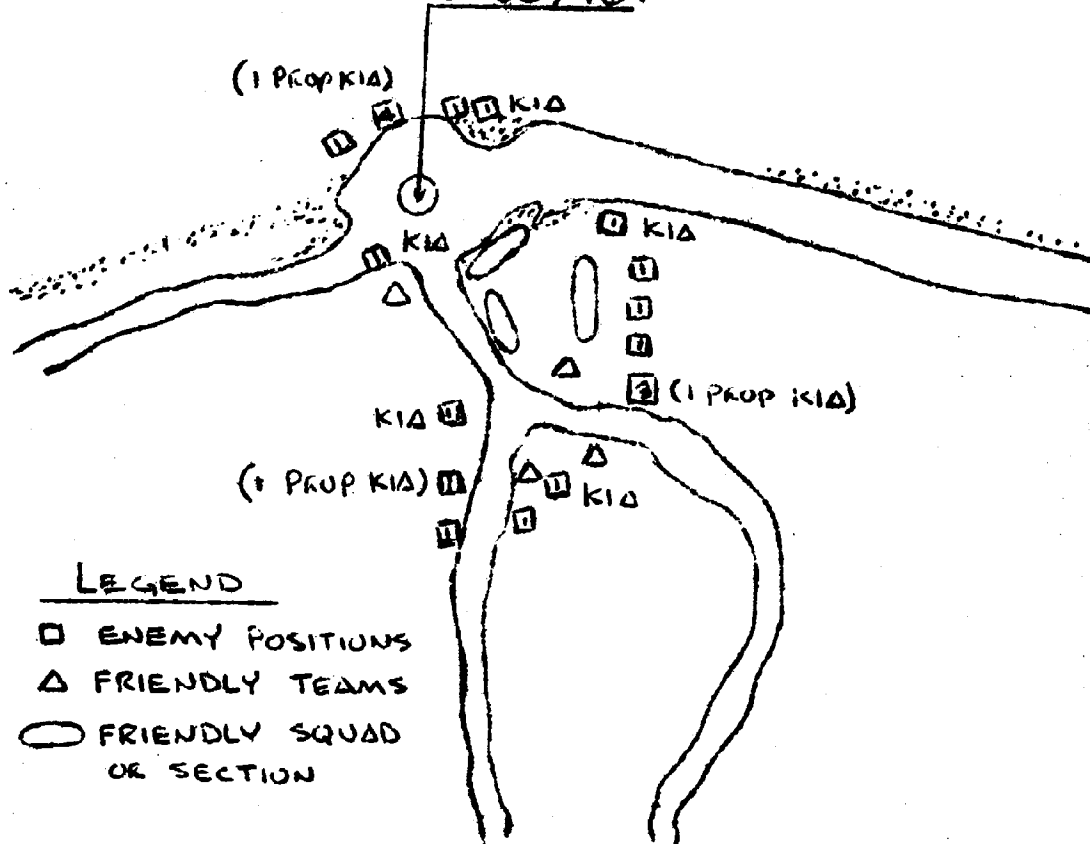
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Annex B (Friendly and Viet Cong positions during initial contact) to Patrol Report for Operation Order 34-66.

Period: 200615H to 201655H June 1966

X LOCATION OF FRIENDLY BODY
ZC 007969



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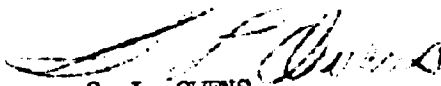
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1. Make the following changes to Operation Order 35-66

a. Basic Order.

- (1) Task Organization. Change "1stLt BEELER" to read "Sgt BOYDA".
- (2) Paragraph 3.d.(2)(b). Change "YC 988966" to read "YC 984978".
- (3) Paragraph 3.d.(3)(b). Change "YC 994954" to read "YC 975989".

2. Substitute the page, attached hereto, for the original page, destroying the replaced page. Annex A (Operations Overlay), page A-2.


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Operation Order 35-66

Ref: (a) Maps: VIET NAM, 1:50,000; MAS Series L701; Sheet numbers 6559 I, and 6559 IV
(b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with change 1
(c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 6-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

2nd Platoon, Co "D", 3rd Recon Bn Sgt OMMONSTON
3rd Platoon, Co "D", 3rd Recon Bn ~~Sgt L. DEHLER~~
 Sgt. Boyda

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. Current OPSUMS
- c. Attachments/Detachments. None

2. MISSION. During the period 26 to 30 June 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 4 and 5. Capture at least 1 VC in each RZ. Be prepared to assume the missions of 1st Force Reconnaissance Company platoons. Conduct concurrent training for platoons in garrison. Be prepared to support infantry operations as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. One of the companies four platoons will be employed in both RZ s 4 and 5, 26 to 30 June 1966, inclusively. The remaining platoons will conduct training as directed and be prepared to assume operations in support of infantry units and/or the assumption of 1st Force Reconnaissance Company missions.
- b. 2nd Platoon. Assume 1st Force Reconnaissance Companies missions and conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4 and within the area indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 26-30 June 1966, inclusively. Unless otherwise directed, conduct platoon training during the period 030900H - 031600H July 1966.
- c. 3rd Platoon. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 5 and within the area indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 26 - 30 June 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture at least 1 VC. Unless otherwise directed, conduct platoon training during the period 030900H - 031600H July 1966.

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CONFIDENTIALd. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Initial Point. HMM - 161.
- (2) Date, time, and place of insertion.
 - (a) 2nd Platoon. 261430H June 1966, YC 883984.
 - (b) 3rd Platoon. 261530H June 1966, YC 988966.
- (3) Date, time, and place of extraction.
 - (a) 2nd Platoon. 301530H June 1966, YC 856980.
 - (b) 3rd Platoon. 301630H June 1966, YC 994954.
- (4) Thrust lines.
 - (a) 2nd Platoon. Alpha 8400 --- Bravo 8896
 - (b) 3rd Platoon. Alpha 9896 --- Bravo 0193
- (5) Personally effect distribution of this operation order to all units concerned within the HUE/FHU BAI enclave 48 hours prior to insertion.
- (6) Plan and coordinate "on-call" concentrations along patrol routes and OP's prior to insertion.
- (7) Adjust supporting artillery ASAP after insertion.
- (8) Submit two copies of patrol rosters to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) to include the number and type of serialized items carried by each patrol member by name.
- (9) Consistent with assigned missions, avoid extensive movement during the heat of the day to avoid heat casualties.
- (10) If a patrol is out of contact for three hours, it will return to the last position where communications were successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to the nearest friendly unit unless communications is re-established enroute.
- (11) Report to Recon Group Bravo S-2 ASAP upon extraction for debriefing.

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(12) Submit proposed training schedules prior to insertion.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by the patrol leader maintaining continuous camouflage of patrol members.
- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by the patrol leader, to include not less than 100 rounds per M-14 and 24 rounds per M-79.
- c. Rations. As directed by the patrol leader while anticipating a shortage of water.
- d. Medical. Insure an adequate supply of salt tablets and malaria pills are carried by each patrol member and consumed regularly.
- e. Special Equipment.

- (1) One pair of 7x50 binoculars or an M-49 spotting scope per team.
- (2) One red panel per team.
- (3) One yellow smoke per patrol member.
- (4) Two M-72 rocket launchers.
- (5) Two concussion grenades per platoon.
- (6) Two WP fragmentation grenades per platoon.
- (7) Two grenades, (concussion, WP, or M-26 fragmentation) per patrol member.
- (8) Two CS grenades per platoon.
- (9) One green smoke grenade per team.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications.

- (1) Carry an AN/PRC-25 radio for primary communications. Inner-platoon communications will be by an AN/PRC-10.

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- (2) The AN/PRC-25 radio will be used to call and adjust artillery; however, before shifting the AN/PRC-25 to the "Conduct of Fire Net", communications with Recon Group will be established utilizing the AN/PRC-10.
- (3) Establish a communications relay at the FDC, 3/4, for support of RZ 5.
- (4) The communications relay located on Hill 225 will continue to support RZ 4.
- (5) Call Signs.

2nd Platoon	LION
3rd Platoon	KELSO
Recon Group Bravo	PUNCTUATE
Company "B"	RAINBELA BRAVO
Artillery Support (RZ 5)	POLISH INDIA
Artillery Support (RZ 4)	POLISH CROW
Air Liaison	SACRED
Radio Relay (FDC, 3/4)	BRAVO X-RAY
Radio Relay (Hill 225)	BRAVO REALY
3rd Bn, 4th Marines	MUTTER

(6) <u>Frequencies.</u>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Recon Group Bravo	49.6	50.5
POLISH CROW (RZ 4)	36.2	
POLISH INDIA (RZ 5)	37.0	
SACRED	40.7	
MUTTER	40.0	

(7) Shackles.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
K	M	B	V	W	H	I	F	D	Q
T	U	J	S	N	X	R	Y	O	Z
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- (8) Authentication. Challenge with any letter in the shackles and authenticate with any other letter in the same column.
- (9) Each patrol and/or element thereof will submit hourly situation reports and monitor the Recon Group Net continually.

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- (10) All traffic will be addressed to PUNCTUATE relayed through BRAVO RELAY (RZ 4) and/or BRAVO X-RAY (RZ 5).


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ANNEX:

A (Operations Overlay)

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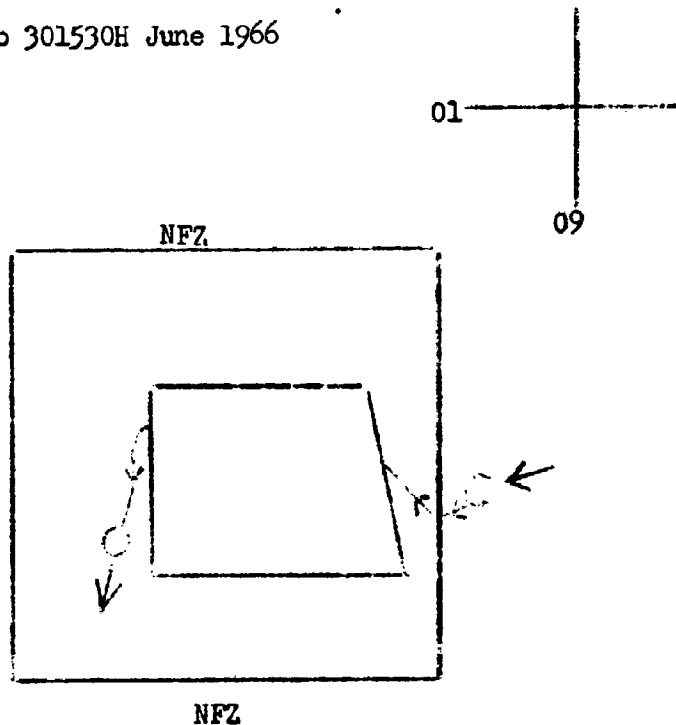
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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Operation Order 35-66

2nd Platoon, Co B Sgt OMMONDSON

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Period: 261430H to 301530H June 1966



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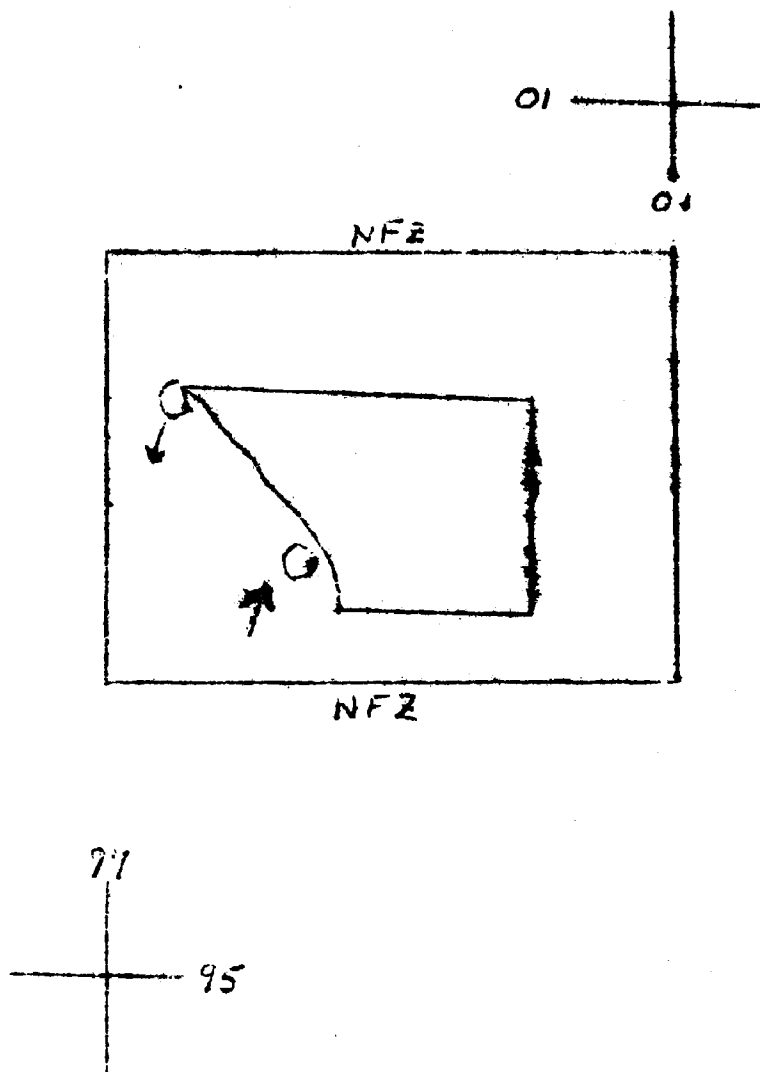
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Annex A (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 35-66



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Operation Order: 35-66
 Patrol: 2nd Plt, Co B
 Debriefing: SSgt G. A. KOCH
 Map Sheet: 6559 IV

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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 10 enlisted, 1 USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25, and 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 2 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. (2) M-72's, (2) CS grenades, (2) rifle grenade launchers, (8) adapters, grenades.

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4. Capture at least one VC.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 261430H/290902H June 1966.4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 66½ hours of patrolling and observation, the patrol made contact with an estimated 20 VC. An artillery mission was called in to support the platoon. 24 rounds of 155 were fired, 4 fragmentation grenades were thrown, and approximately 100 rounds of M-14 ammo was expended on the VC positions.
- b. Enemy. 281930H (YC 866987) the patrol just set into its harbor site, when they heard approximately 20 VC approaching their location from a southerly direction. The patrol called in 5 rounds of adjusting fire. After the last 2 rounds were on target, the patrol then called in one volley on target with excellent coverage. It appeared to the patrol leader that the VC were moving closer to his position. He then requested one round of adjusting fire. Almost simultaneously with this request, 2 more volleys were fired. One round of the last volley exploded directly over the platoons harbor site, about 60 to 70 feet in the canopy. During the initial action, the patrol threw 4 grenades and fired approximately 100 rounds of M-14 ammunition at the suspected enemy locations. No fire was received from the VC and no VC were actually sighted. It appeared to the platoon leader, that the VC were cautious in approaching the patrols location and they did not know exactly where the patrols location was.
- c. Terrain. Slopes in the objective area are very steep, at places up to 60 degrees were encountered. Most of the valleys are covered with 6 foot elephant grass intermingled sparsely with vines and thorns. Very few trees were encountered at the low ground. At the higher terrain, thick underbrush, intermingled with vines and thorns was encountered. Trees were 60 to 80 feet high with a very thick canopy.
- d. Map Corrections.
 - (1) One dirt road was located running from east to west at YC 872992 to YC 884996. This road was large enough for a 6x6 to travel up on it. Heavy brush was noted along this dirt road at the south-east side and sparse. on the north side.

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- (2) Numerous small trails were located in GS YC 8798. Most of these seemed well used. One trail noted was exceptionally well used and it was estimated as recent as two hours prior to the patrol arriving at that location. This trail could not be observed from the air (Annex A, Patrol Route Overlay).

e. Other Information.

- (1) YC 867988, the patrol observed 4 foot stakes planted into the ground. These stakes were about 4 inches in diameter, seven of these were located along both sides of the trail.
- (2) There was one artillery fire mission called in support of the patrol. However, as a result of this fire mission, one round of 155 exploded in the canopy just over the patrol's harbor site, killing one USMC and wounding 3 others.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. 1 USMC KIA and 3 USMC WIA as a result of friendly artillery fire. 4 VC KIA (Prob) and 2 WIA by the patrol. 3 VC KIA (Prob) and 4 WIA by the artillery.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, fair; morale, good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None.

John Donald Omondson Jr
J. D. OMONDSON JR.
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Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

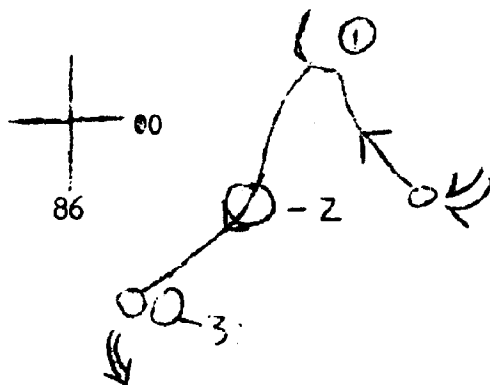
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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Patrol Report for Operation Order 35-66

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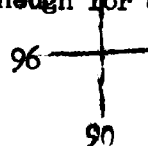


① wide trail, 5 ft, well used

② wide trail, old vehicle tracks, big enough for 6x6

③ trails in all dir, 2½ ft wide

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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 10 enlisted, 1 USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. 1 AN/PRC-25, 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. 2 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. None.

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 5. Establish ambushes of opportunity and capture at least one prisoner.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 261530/301530H June 1966.4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 96 hours of patrolling and observation, negative contacts and/or sightings were made. One adjusting fire mission was called, 6 round of 105mm was expended, with negative results.
- b. Enemy. None.
- c. Terrain.
 - (1) The terrain in the objective area was very dense undergrowth consisting of vines, bamboo, and thorns with a heavy canopy overhead ranging up to 25 feet. Many leeches were encountered in the low grounds.
 - (2) Map Corrections.
 - (a) One small trail approximately 2 feet wide, was located at YC 994977 to YC 992982. This could not be observed from the air and was not recently used.
 - (b) Located a small trail at YC 993983 to 976993. This trail was approximately 2 feet wide and parts of this trail could be observed from the air. No signs of recent usage was observed along this trail.
- d. Other Information.
 - (1) 291900H (YC 980984) the patrol called 6 rounds of 105mm for adjusting fire. No fire missions or air support missions, were requested in support of this patrol.

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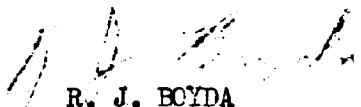
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- (2) Located one large HLZ at YC 976992. This HLZ can hold up to 10 H-34's at a time.
- (3) An ideal OP site was located at YC 987986. From this site, the valley west and terrain to the east can be observed.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, fair; morale, fair.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None.


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Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION BY DEBRIEFER. None.

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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Patrol Report for Operation Order 35-66

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--- Unmapped trail patrol used.
— Known trail patrol used.

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