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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 Assignment
  - (2) Co "B" OpO 36-66 w/ch 1 of 291600H June 1966 and Patrol Reports of 031600H and 061000H July 1966
  - (3) Co "B" OpO 37-66 of 021200H July 1966 and Patrol Reports of 071800H and 111000H July 1966
  - (4) Co "B" OpO 38-66 of 081600H July 1966 and Patrol Reports of 112000H July 1966
  - (5) Co "B" OpO 39-66 of 081400H July 1966 and Patrol Reports of 141200H and 161400H July 1966
  - (6) Co "B" OpO 40-66 of 121300H July 1966 and Patrol Reports of 182000H and 191600H July 1966
  - (7) Co "B" OpO 41-66 of 161500H July 1966 and Patrol Reports of 182200H and 240800H July 1966
  - (8) Co "B" OpO 42-66 of 191200H July 1966 and Patrol Reports of 251600H, 251700H, 272000H and 301300H July 1966
  - (9) Co "B" OpO 43-66 w/ch1 of 261700H July 1966 and Patrol Report of 312000H July 1966

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) YD 884130
- c. Period Covered. 1 - 31 July 1966
- d. Command and Staff Billets. Enclosure (1)
- e. Average Monthly Strength. 3 USMC Officers, 96 Enlisted.

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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052133. Significant Events.a. Personnel.

- (1) Detached one platoon, Company "A", 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF, from TAD to TAD in connection with Operation with 1st Force Reconnaissance Company on 12 July 1966.
- (2) Personnel readiness category change to "C-3" on 12 July 1966 as result of personnel rotation to CONUS and the return of several personnel from the attached platoon of Company "A", 3rd Reconnaissance to their present unit.
- (3) On 20 July 1966 this company's personnel readiness category returned to "C-1" as the first group of the sixteen replacements arrived.
- (4) The following awards were presented and/or received during the period:

| <u>AWARD</u>      | <u>AWARDED</u> | <u>RECOMMENDED</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Bronze Star       | 1              | 3                  |
| Navy Commendation | 1              | 1                  |
| Purple Heart      | 11             |                    |

b. Training. The training during this period was geared to providing a good foundation in the following subjects for the more recently joined personnel.

- (1) Ambush, Counter-Ambush and Immediate Action Techniques
- (2) Marksmanship Training
- (3) Communications Procedures and Field Maintenance
- (4) Planning and Organization of Patrols
- (5) Techniques of Scouting and Patrolling
- (6) Techniques of Land Navigation
- (7) Patrol Security Measures

c. Command and Control.

- (1) OPCON of this company remains with the CO, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company as the senior unit of Reconnaissance Group Bravo.
- (2) On 1 July 1966 OPCON of the attached platoon of Company "A", 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division (Rein) shifted to CO, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company.

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d. Close Combat.

- (1) Enclosures (2) through (9) summarizes the sixteen, four to five day patrols which were conducted during this period.
- (2) The major cumulative losses of enemy personnel, equipment, and supplies during this month as result of this companies activities include the following:
  - a. VC KIA (confirmed) 11
  - b. VC KIA (probable) 7
  - c. VC WIA (confirmed) 3
  - d. VC WIA (probable) 6
  - e. Weapons Captured 7 rifles, 10 grenades
  - f. Ammunition 370 rounds
  - g. Assorted documents, medical supplies and combat gear
  - h. In excess of 500 pounds of rice and other food stuff

e. Medical.

- (1) This company sustained two WIA during this period as result of engagements with the enemy.
- (2) Two members of this company were evacuated for non-battle injuries.

  
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BILLET

|   | <u>RANK</u> |
|---|-------------|
| CO  | Capt        |
| XO  | 1stLt       |
| Plt Cmd, 1st Plt                          | 1stLt       |
| Plt Cmd, 2nd Plt                          | 1stLt       |
| Plt Cmd, 3rd Plt                          | 1stLt       |
| Plt Cmd, 2nd Plt, Co<br>"A", 1st Recon Bn | 1stLt       |

NAME

OWENS, S. L.  
BEELER, R. A.  
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TAYLOR, J. L.

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Capt  
1stLt  
Sgt  
Sgt  
Sgt  
1stLt

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Change number 1 to Operation Order 36-66.

Ref: (a) None.

Time Zone: H

1. Substitute the attached page for the original page, Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Operation Order 36-66, page A-2.

  
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Captain, U. S. Marine Corps  
Commanding

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## Operation Order 36-66

- Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM; 1:50,000; AMS Series L701; Sheet numbers 6559 IV and 6560 III  
 (b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with changes 1 and 2  
 (c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 6-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

1st Platoon, Company B, 3rd Recon Bn  
 3rd Platoon, Company A, 1st Recon Bn

Sgt VOSS  
 1stLt TAYLOR

1. SITUATION.

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

2. MISSION. During the period 30 June to 5 July 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 3 and 4. 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 3 and 5, 30 June to 5 July 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. 1st Platoon. Assume 1st Force Reconnaissance Company's missions and conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3 and within the area indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 30 June to 5 July 1966, inclusively. Unless otherwise directed, conduct platoon training during the period 070900H to 071600H July 1966.
- c. 3rd Platoon. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4 and within the area indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 30 June to 5 July 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture at least 1 VC. Unless otherwise directed, conduct platoon training during the period 070900H to 071600H July 1966.
- d. Coordinating Instructions.
- (1) Initial Point. HMM-161.
- (2) Date, time, and place of insertion.
- (a) 1st Platoon. 301500H June 1966, YD 742083.
- (b) 3rd Platoon. 301600H June 1966, YD 835009.

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- (3) Date, time, and place of extraction.
  - (1) 1st Platoon, 050630H July 1966, YD 732093.
  - (2) 3rd Platoon, 050730H July 1966, YD 823024.
- (4) Thrust Lines.
  - (1) 1st Platoon. Alpha -- 7110; Bravo -- 7407.
  - (2) 3rd Platoon. Alpha -- 8003; Bravo -- 8300.
- (5) Personnelly 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 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 are re-established enroute.
- (11) Report to Recon Bravo S-2 ASAP upon extraction for debriefing.
- (12) Submit proposed training schedule 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.
- d. 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.

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- (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 per platoon.

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 Bravo will be established utilizing the AN/PRC-10.
- (3) ~~The communications relay located on Hill 225~~ will continue to support RZ 3 & 4

(4) Call Signs.

|                        |                |
|------------------------|----------------|
| 1st Platoon            | IRONHORSE      |
| 3rd Platoon            | HOMETUN        |
| Recon Group Bravo      | PUNCTUATE      |
| Company "B"            | RAINBELL BRAVO |
| Artillery Support      | POLISH CROW    |
| Air Liaison            | SACRED         |
| Radio Relay (Hill 225) | BRAVO RELAY    |


(5) Frequencies.

|                   | <u>Primary</u> | <u>Alternate</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Recon Group Bravo | 49.6           | 50.5             |
| POLISH CROW       | 36.2           |                  |
| SACRED            | 40.7           |                  |

(6) Shackles.

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

- (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 Bravo Net continually.
- (9) All traffic will be addressed to PUNCTUATE relayed through BRAVO RELAY.

  
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 Captain, U. S. Marine Corps  
 Commanding

ANNEXES:

A (Operations Overlay)

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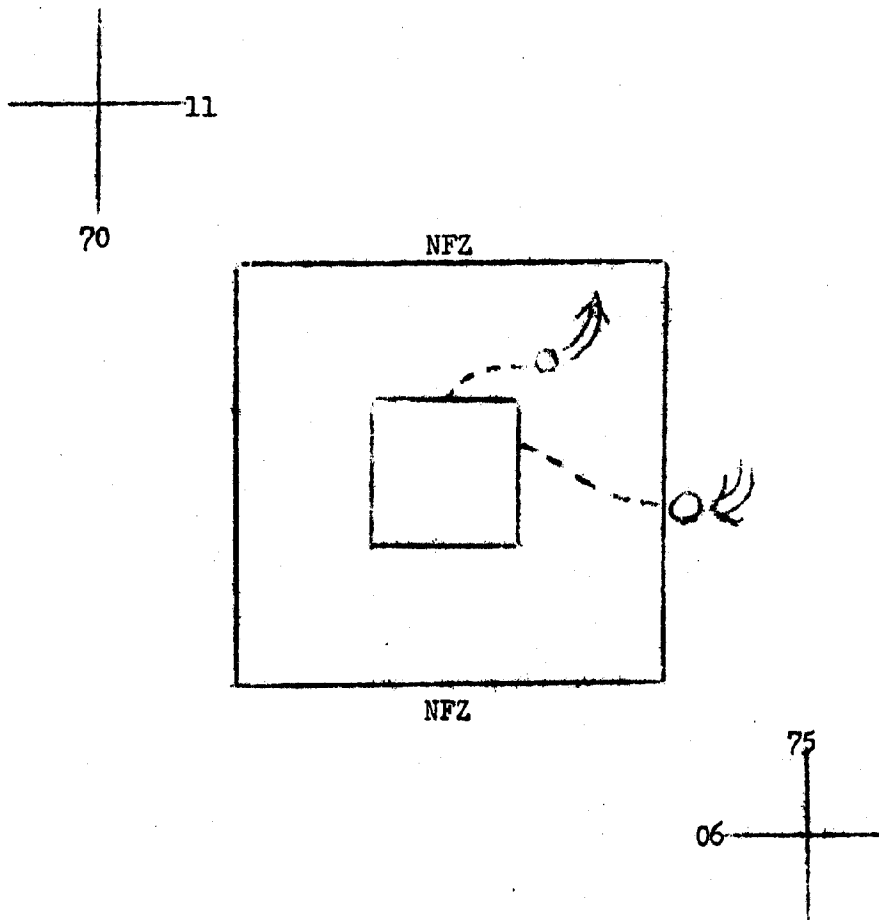
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Company B, 3rd Rec Bn  
PHU BAI, RVN  
271600H June 1966

Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Operation Order 36-66

Ref: (a) Map Sheet 6559 IV and 6560 III

For 1st Platoon for period during 30 June through 5 July 1966



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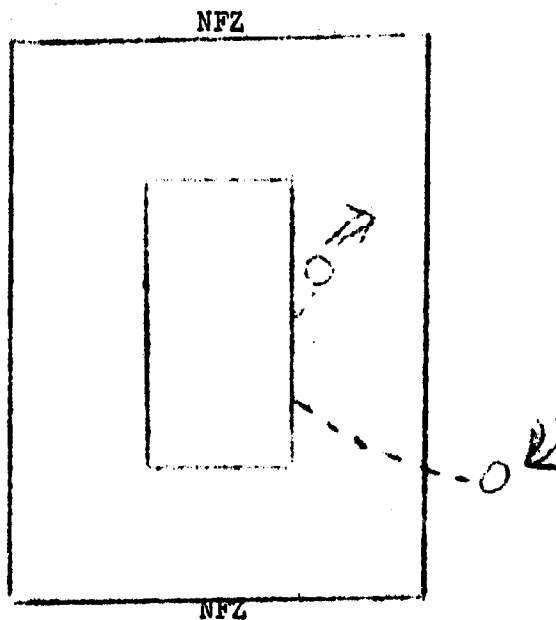
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Change number 1 to Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Operation Order 36-66

Ref: (a) Map Sheets 6559 IV and 6560 III

For 3rd Platoon, Company "A", during period of 30 June through 5 July 1966

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Captain, U. S. Marine Corps  
Commanding

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Operation Order: 36-66  
 Patrol: 3rd Plt, Company "A"  
 Debriefing: SSgt G. A. KOCH  
 Map Sheet: 6559 IV

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 PHU BAI, RVN  
 031600H July 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. 1 officer, 13 enlisted, and 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. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4. Establish ambushes of opportunity and capture at least one Viet Cong.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 301600H/030900H July 1966.

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

OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

a. Synopsis. During 65 hours of patrolling and observation the patrol made contact with 5 VC, probably killing 2 and made one sighting of 2 VC. There was no artillery or air support missions requested in support of this patrol.

b. Enemy.

(1) 011000H (YD 824008) the point observed 5 VC moving towards him. He waited until they were about 6 meters away when he pulled the trigger, but it was a misfire. He injected another round and pulled the trigger and this too was a misfire. At this time, the VC opened fire with automatic weapons, but the firing was wild. 3 men of the patrol behind the point opened up, expending about 35 rounds of M-14 ammunition. Contact was broken immediately since the patrol did not know if more VC were in the area. All of the VC observed wore khaki's, green and camouflaged uniforms. 2 of the VC wore berets, one green, the other camouflaged.

(2) 011740H (YD 824014) the patrol observed 2 VC walking southeast along the riverbed, at a distance of about 50 meters. The VC carried small arms and wore khaki's and green uniforms.

c. Terrain.

(1) The terrain in the objective area is considered to be fairly level with some rolling hills. The brush is very thick, intermingled with vines, thorns, and grass. Travel through this area was very slow and at times could only be accomplished by crawling on hands and knees. The greatest distance covered during the patrol was 100 meters an hour. The canopy varies throughout the area and reaches up to 20 feet in places.

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(2) Map Corrections. (YD 829008) the patrol located a 2 meter wide trail. This trail was very well used and could not be observed from the air (Annex A Patrol Route Overlay).


d. Other Information. 021920H, while the patrol was in its harbor site, sound of an elephant coming from a southeasterly direction was heard. It was estimated that the sounds were coming from at least 5,000 meters away.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. 2 VC KIA (prob); no friendly casualties.

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

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Request TPQ missions from coordinates YD 810006 to 815006. This area should be covered approximately 200 meters wide.

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER. None.

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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Patrol Report for Operation Order 30-66

Ref: Map Sheet 6559 IV

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New trail

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 Patrol: 1st Plt, "B" Co  
 Debriefing: PFC R. P. GAC  
 Map Sheet: 6559 IV, 6560 III

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 PMA BAI, RVN  
 051000H, July 1966

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. (1) 7x50.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. (2) M-72's, (2) WP Grenades, (2) CS Grenades, (2) Frag Grenades per plt member.

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance observation and patrolling within RZ III. Establish ambushes of opportunity and capture prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 301500H/050900H July 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. 114 hours of reconnaissance observation and patrolling resulted in negative contacts and/or sightings. One artillery mission was called, 3 rounds of 105mm were expended with negative results.
- b. Enemy. None.
- c. Terrain.
  - (1) The terrain in the objective area consisted mainly of chest high elephant grass, which facilitated movement. A distance of 250 to 300 meters could be covered per hour, also numerous small streams were observed throughout the area.
  - (2) Map Corrections. None.
- d. Other Information.
  - (1) 5 huts located at YD 728098 have been previously destroyed by artillery.
  - (2) Several bunkers located at YD 733096 were observed to be possibly built by the French. These bunkers were grown over by grass and appeared that they had not been recently used.
  - (3) 301630H (YD 744095) One patrol member sustained a back injury and was medically evacuated.
  - (4) 031715H (YD 734095) One artillery mission was called in support of the patrol. Patrol members heard sounds of movement on their flank. 3 rounds were expended with negative results.
  - (5) Numerous HLZ's were observed in the lowgrounds extending from grid line 09 North to the SONG HUU TRACH River.
  - (6) Hill 424 located at (YD 750087) be utilized for possible OP site. Entire valley North and also river junction at (YD 756135) can be observed from the site.

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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, fair; morale, good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.
  - a. Patrol Leader recommends insertions be made either in the early morning hours or late in the afternoon, due to the exhausting heat of mid day.

*Vernon D. Voss*  
VERNON D. VOSS  
Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER. None.

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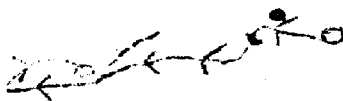
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061000H July 1966

Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Patrol Report for Operation Order 36-66.

Ref: Map Sheet 6559 IV, 6560 III

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+ 12

71  
+ 08



Where patrol should have been  
inserted according to Op Order.

HLZ's

Direction of movement

Water Run

Where man was medevaced.

*Vernon D. Voss*

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Patrol Leader

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Operation Order 37-66

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 (b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with changes 1 and 2  
 (c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 6-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| 2nd Platoon (Rein), Company "B", 3rd Recon Bn | 1st Lt BEELE  |
| 3rd Platoon, Company "A", 1st Recon Bn        | 1st Lt TAYLOR |

1. SITUATION.

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

2. MISSION. During the period 2 through 15 July 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 2, 3, 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.

EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. One of the company's four platoons will be employed for a duration of 4 or 5 days in each of two RZ's during the period 2 through 15 July 1966, inclusively. The remaining platoons will conduct training as directed and be prepared to assume operations in support of infantry units. Platoons will be inserted so as to insure fifty percent of available forces are employed continuously.
- b. 2nd Platoon. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 2 and within the area indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 2 through 7 July 1966, inclusively.
- c. 3rd Platoon. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3 and within the area indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 6 through 10 July 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture at least 1 VC.
- d. Coordinating Instructions.
  - (1) Initial Point. HMM-161.
  - (2) Date, time and place of insertion.
    - (a) 2nd Platoon. 020900H July 1966, YD 524177.
    - (b) 3rd Platoon. 061600H July 1966, YD 756076.
  - (3) Date, time, and place of extraction.
    - (a) 2nd Platoon. 070900H July 1966, YD 540187.

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(b) 3rd Platoon. 100700H July 1966, YD 772078.

(4) Thrust Lines.

(a) 2nd Platoon. Alpha -- 5120; Bravo -- 5417.

(b) 3rd Platoon. Alpha -- 7608; Bravo -- 7808.

- (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 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 are 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.
- 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.

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- (9) One green smoke per platoon.

# 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 Bravo will be established utilizing the AN/PRC-10.
- (3) The communications relay located on Hill 225 will continue to support RZ's 3 and 4.
- (4) Call Signs.

|                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 2nd Platoon       | IRON HORSE            |
| 3rd Platoon       | LION                  |
| Recon Group Bravo | PUNCTUATE             |
| Relay (Hill 225)  | BRAVO RELAY           |
| Relay (Hill 285)  | BRAVO XRAY            |
| Artillery         | POLISH or POLISH CROW |
| Air Liaison       | SACRED                |
| 3/4               | MUTTER                |

## (5) Frequencies.

|                            |      |      |
|----------------------------|------|------|
| Recon Group Bravo          | 38.7 | 49.6 |
| POLISH (RZ 2)              | 37.0 |      |
| POLISH CROW (RZ's 3 and 4) | 36.2 |      |
| SACRED                     | 40.7 |      |
| MUTTER                     | 41.1 |      |

## (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 Bravo Net continually.
- (9) All traffic will be addressed to RAINBELT BRAVO relayed through BRAVO RELAY or BRAVO XRAY.

S. L. OWENS  
Captain, U. S. Marine Corps  
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## ANNEXES:

A (Operations Overlay)

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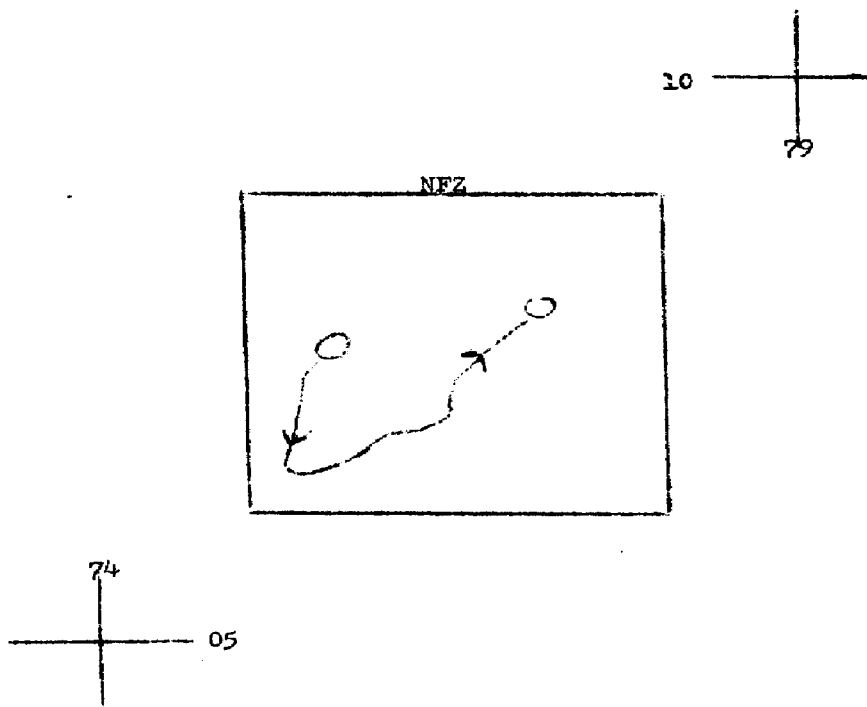
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B Company, 3d Rec Bn  
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Annex A (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 37-66

Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM; AMS Series 1701; Sheet numbers 6560 III, 6559 IV,  
and 6460 II

1. For 3rd Platoon, "A" Company, for period of 061600H through 100700H  
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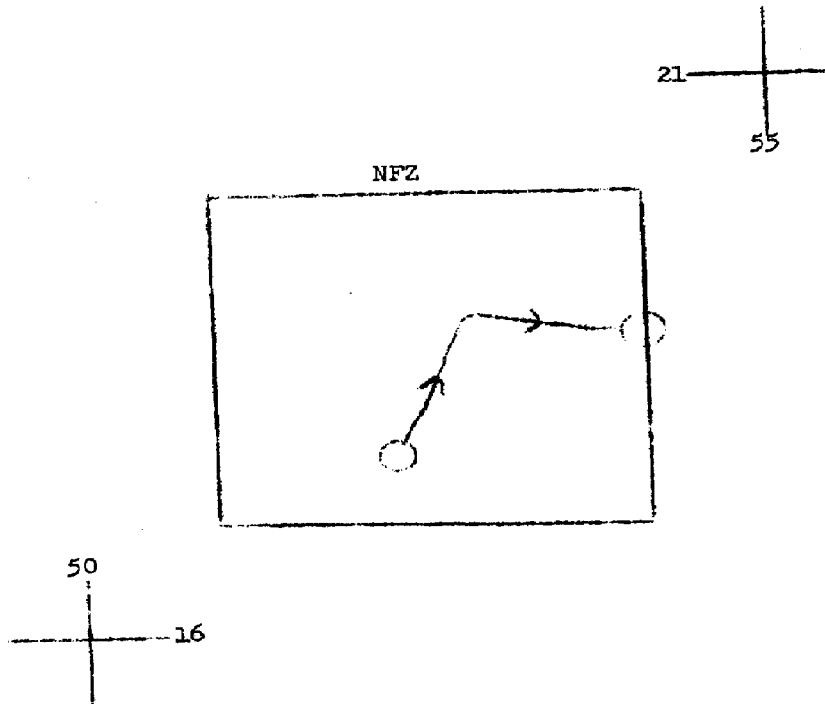
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2. For 2nd Platoon, "B" Company, for period of 020900H to 070900H July 1966.



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Operation Order: 37-66  
 Patrol: 2nd Platoon, Co "B" (Rein)  
 Debriefing: Pfc R.J. GAC  
 Map Sheet: 6460II

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 PHU BAI, RVN  
 071800H July 1966

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, (1) AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment: (1) 7x50.
- e. Special Equipment: (1) Shotgun
- f. Special Weapons: (2) M-72's, (2) WP grenades, (2) CS grenades, (2) concussion grenades, and (2) fragmentation grenades per patrol member.

2. MISSION: To conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 2 in conjunction with Operation 434.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 060800H July 1966.

4. ROUTE: ANNEX A (Patrol Route Overlay).

5. OBSERVATION OF HOSTILE ACTIVITY:

During 24 hours of patrolling and observation the patrol made sightings of 22 VC and initiated 4 ambushes. One artillery mission and 2 air strikes were called in support of the patrol.

b. Enemy:

- (1) 021240H (YD 517178) the patrol observed 8 VC, wearing black PJ's and called an artillery mission. 6 rounds of 155mm were expended resulting in 1 VC KIA (conf) and 2 VC KIA (prob).
- (2) 021515H (YD 523179) while sitting in an ambush site, the patrol observed 4 VC wearing black PJ's. The VC were fired upon by the patrol mortally wounding one, (died of wounds minutes later) and probably wounding 2 more.
- (3) 021545H (YD 523179) while in the same ambush site, the patrol observed 1 VC wearing black PJ's, carrying a pack and an M-1 Carbine. The VC was ambushed and killed. The pack and Carbine were captured.
- (4) 041232H (YD 530180) the patrol discovered 1 skeleton by chance and captured one Chi Com SKS, Model 56 rifle.
- (5) 051010H (YD 528183) while the patrol was in the 2nd ambush site, 3 VC were observed, wearing khaki shirts and black shorts. One VC was killed and one AK-47 rifle was captured.
- (6) 051150H (YD 527182) while in the third ambush site the patrol observed 4 VC. Ambush was initiated resulting in 1 VC KIA (conf), 1 VC WIA (conf), and capturing 1 K-50 sub-machinegun.
- (7) 051545H (YD 528183) the patrol heard voices on trail, air was called in. 2 HUEY'S expended M-60 ammunition and numerous rockets followed by 2 A4-D's expending complete supply of 20mm ammunition and rockets. Results of air strike. 2 VC KIA (Prob).

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- (8) 051640H (YD 528183) the patrol heard voices again at the same location and called in 1 HUEY to strafe the area with M-60 and rockets. Results of the air strike was undetermined.
- (9) 051708H (YD 528183) 2 VC tripped a booby trap resulting in 2 VC KIA (conf), captured 1 M-47 assault rifle.

c. Terrain:

- (1) The terrain in the objective area is estimated to have moderate to dense vegetation along the trails with a canopy from 20 to 30 ft. high. Movement was relatively easy and approximately 300 meters could be covered per hour.
- (2) Map Corrections: (ANNEX B Map Corrections), YD 525178, one well used trail approximately 2 ft. wide, running in a Northeasterly direction to coordinates YD 530184.

d. Other Information: (ANNEX C List of Captured Weapons and Equipment).

- 5. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 7 VC KIA (conf), 4 VC KIA (prob), 2 VC WIA (conf). One friendly casualty was sustained, having a superficial wound, not of a serious nature and was not MedEvaced.
- 7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Physical condition, good; morale, excellent.
- 8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

*[Signature]*  
 B. A. BEELER  
 Lt. Col. U.S. Marine Corps  
 Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DEBRIEFER: None.

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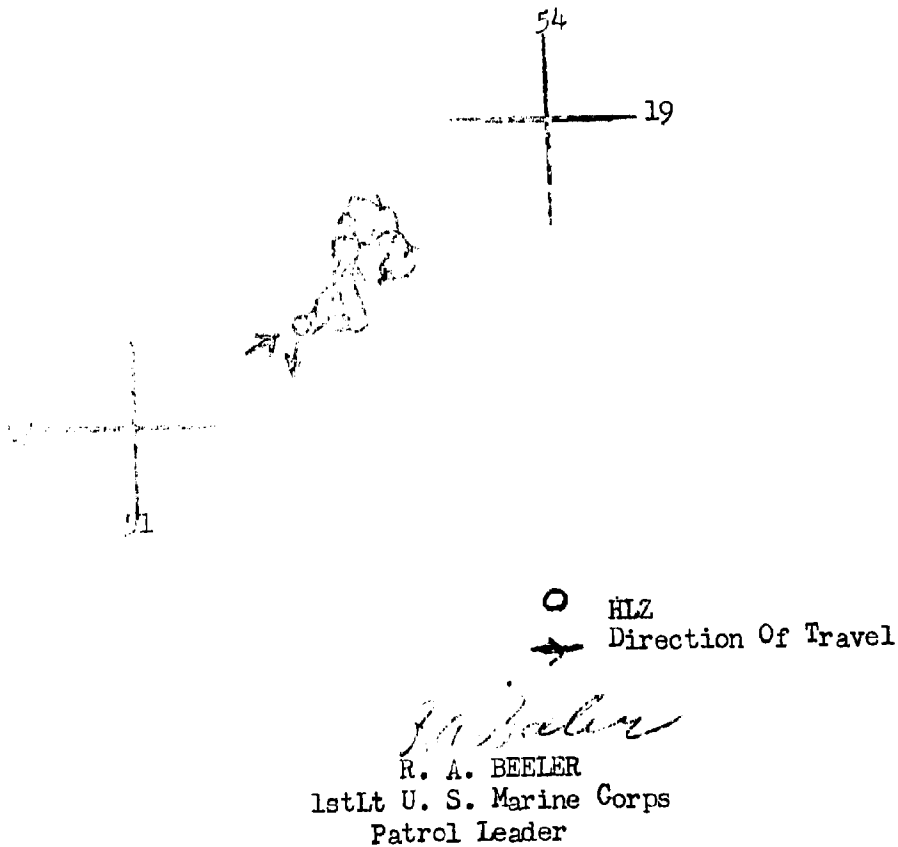
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Ref: Map Sheet 6460 II



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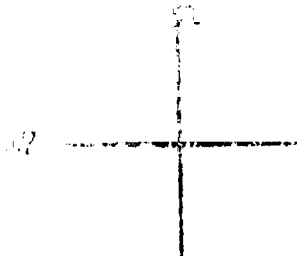
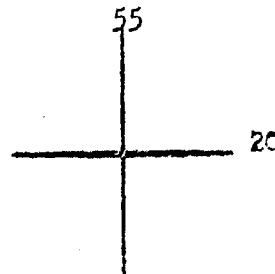


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Annex B Map Corrections (Overlay)



New Trail Found  
Location of Ambushes

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Patrol Leader

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ANNEX C (List of Captured Weapons and Equipment)

- 2 - Soviet 7.62mm Assault Rifles, Type AK-47.  
serial numbers 204863L and 200751C.
- 1 - ChiCom 7.62mm Sub-machinegun, Type 50, serial number  
371149 (8175).
- 1 - U. S. Carbine, Cal. .30, M-1, serial number 3634520.
- 1 - ChiCom 7.62mm Carbine, Type 56, serial number 10066218.
- 6 - ChiCom grenades.
- 1 - M-26 grenade.
- 195 - Rounds AK-47 Ammunition, 5 Magazines.
- 52 - Rounds K-50 Ammunition, 2 Magazines.
- 42 - Rounds .30 Cal. Ammunition, 3 Magazines.
- 5 - Cartridge Belts, and assorted NVN 782 gear.

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 Debriefer: SSgt D. A. KCH  
 Map Sheet: 6560III and 6559IV

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 PHU BAI, RVN  
 111000H July 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Size and Composition: (1) Officer, (2) Enlisted, (1) USN.
- b. Special Attache Equipment: None.
- c. Communications Equipment: (1) AM/PRC-25, (1) AM/PRC-40.
- d. Observation Equipment: (1) 7x50, (1) M-49 Spotter Scope.
- e. Special Equipment: None.
- f. Special Weapons: (2) Claymore Mines.

2. MISSION: To conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3. Establish ambushes of opportunity and capture at least one Viet Cong.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 061600H/101600H July 1966.4. ROUTE: ANNEX A (PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY).5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. During 96 hours of patrolling and observation the patrol made one contact with 4 VC, killing 2 and wounding one. One "way station" was located. Numerous, long well used trails and harbor sites were found in the objective area. One fire mission was called in support of the patrol with unknown results.

b. Enemy:

- (1) 081200H (YD 767666) the patrol approached a "way station" and observed 4 VC taking off into the brush. Upon checking the area, the patrol found one small rice storage area with approximately 300 pounds of rice and 35 pounds of salt. Numerous VC clothing and documents were also found. The rice and salt were destroyed.

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- (2) 091200H (YD 768068) the patrol found two well used huts hidden under the canopy. These were located next to a stream and had been used as recently as 6 hours ago. One well used trail, approximately three feet wide, was leading Northeast. The patrol set up an ambush and ambushed 4 VC, killing two and wounding one.

c. Terrain:

- (1) Terrain was very easy and a patrol could cover approximately 400 meters an hour. The canopy was up to 100 feet high and water was very plentiful.

- (2) Map Corrections: ANNEX B (Map Corrections).

d. Other Information:

- (1) 081400H OE A/C received small arms fire from the mouth of the valley approximately 1000 meters at a 30 degree azimuth from coordinates YD 766067.
- (2) 091230H (YD 768068) the patrol heard voices of approximately 3 to 4 VC, these voices were heard about 30 minutes after the ambush and only 50 meters from that location. Radio background noise was heard, indicating that they may have been using a radio.
- (3) 081215H (YD 767066) one artillery mission was fired on the 4 VC fleeing the "way station". Seven rounds were expended with excellent coverage of the target. No damage estimate could be made.

- (4) ANNEX C (List of Captured Weapons and Equipment).

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 2 VC KIA (confirmed), 1 VC WIA (confirmed), and 1 VC WIA (probable). Two friendly casualties were sustained, both were minor.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Physical condition, excellent; Morale, outstanding.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

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

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DEBRIEFER: None

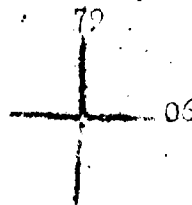
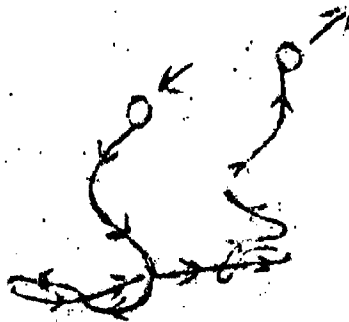
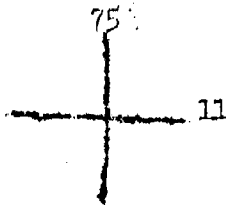
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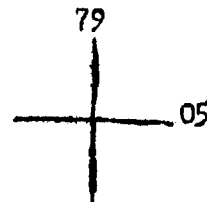
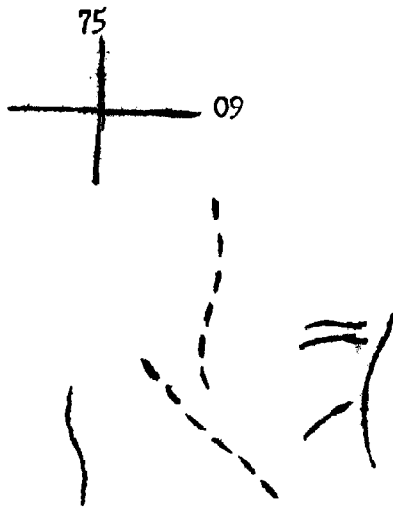
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Annex B (Map Corrections) to Patrol Report for Operation Order 37-66.

Ref: Map Sheet 6559 IV and 6560 III



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----- Streams  
----- Trails

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ANNEX C (List of Captured Weapons and Equipment) to Patrol Report for Operation Order 37-66.

Medical Supplies

Documents

Books (diaries)

Large assortment of VC clothing and uniforms.

300 - pounds of rice (destroyed)

35 - pounds of salt (destroyed)

5 - pounds of pepper (destroyed)

3 - magazines w/pouches for sub-machinegun.

20 - rounds 7.62 M-14 ammunition

60 - rounds 7.62 K-50 ChiCom ammunition

1 - ChiCom sub-machinegun, type K-50, serial number 4669 (358037)

1 - ChiCom carbine, 7.62, serial number E8294

2 - ChiCom grenades

2 - ~~ChiCom~~ ~~submachine~~

Assortment of VC ponchos and shelter halves

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 (b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with changes 1 and 2  
 (c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 6-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organizations

1st Platoon, Company "B", 3rd Recon Bn

Sgt VOSS

1. SITUATION.

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

2. MISSION. During the period 2 through 15 July 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 2, 3, 4, and 5. Capture of prisoner. 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 company's four platoons will be employed for a duration of 4 to 5 days in each of two RZ's during the period 2 through 15 July 1966, inclusively. The remaining platoons will conduct training as directed and be prepared to assume operations in support of infantry units. Platoons will be inserted so as to insure fifty percent of available forces are employed continuously.
- b. 1st Platoon. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4 and within the area indicated on Annex A (Operation Overlay), during the period 7 through 11 July 1966, inclusively. Unless otherwise directed conduct platoon training during the period 140900H - 141600H July 1966.
- c. Coordinating Instructions.
  - (1) Initial Point. HMM - 161.
  - (2) Date, time and place of insertion. 071600H July 1966, YD 830980.

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- (3) Date, time and place of extraction. 110830H July 1966  
ID 834005.
- (4) Thrust Lines. Alpha - 8600 Bravo - 8299
- (5) Personnel. Effect distribution of this operation order to all units concerned within the HUE/TUN BAI enclave 48 hours prior to insertion.
- (6) Plan and appropriate line-of-sight concentrations along patrol routes and 48 hours prior to insertion.
- (7) Artillery. No artillery fire 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 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 are re-established enroute.
- (11) Report to 1st Group Bravo S-2 ASAP upon extraction for debriefing.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by the patrol leader maintaining contact with each member 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 platoon member.

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(8) Two CS grenades per platoon.

(9) One green smoke per platoon.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.a. Communications.

- (1) Carry an AN/PBC-25 for primary communications. Innerplatoon communications will be by an AN/PBC-10.
- (2) The AN/PBC-25 radio will be used to call and adjust artillery; however, before shifting the AN/PBC-25 to the "Conduct of Fire net", communications with Recon Group Bravo will be established utilizing the AN/PBC-10.
- (3) The communications relay located on Hill 225 will continue to support RECON 3 and 4.
- (4) Call Signs:

1st Platoon  
 Recon Group Bravo  
 Company 1st  
 Artillery Support  
 Air Division  
 Radio Relay (Hill 225)  
 3rd Bn 1st Marines

IRONHORSE  
 PUNCTUATE  
 RAINBELT BRAVO  
 POLISH CROW  
 SACRED  
 BRAVO RELAY  
 MUTTER

| (5) <u>Presidential:</u> | <u>Primary</u> | <u>Alternate</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| RECON GROUP BRAVO        | 38.7           | 50.5             |
| POLISH CROW              | 36.2           |                  |
| SACRED                   | 40.7           |                  |
| MUTTER                   | 41.1           |                  |

(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 Bravo net continually.
- (9) All traffic will be addressed to RAINBELT BRAVO RELAYED through BRAVO RELAY OR BRAVO XRAY.

S. L. OWENS  
 Captain, U. S. Marine Corps  
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ANNEXES:

A (Operations Overlay)

OFFICIAL:

J. J. CARTY  
 Operations Officer

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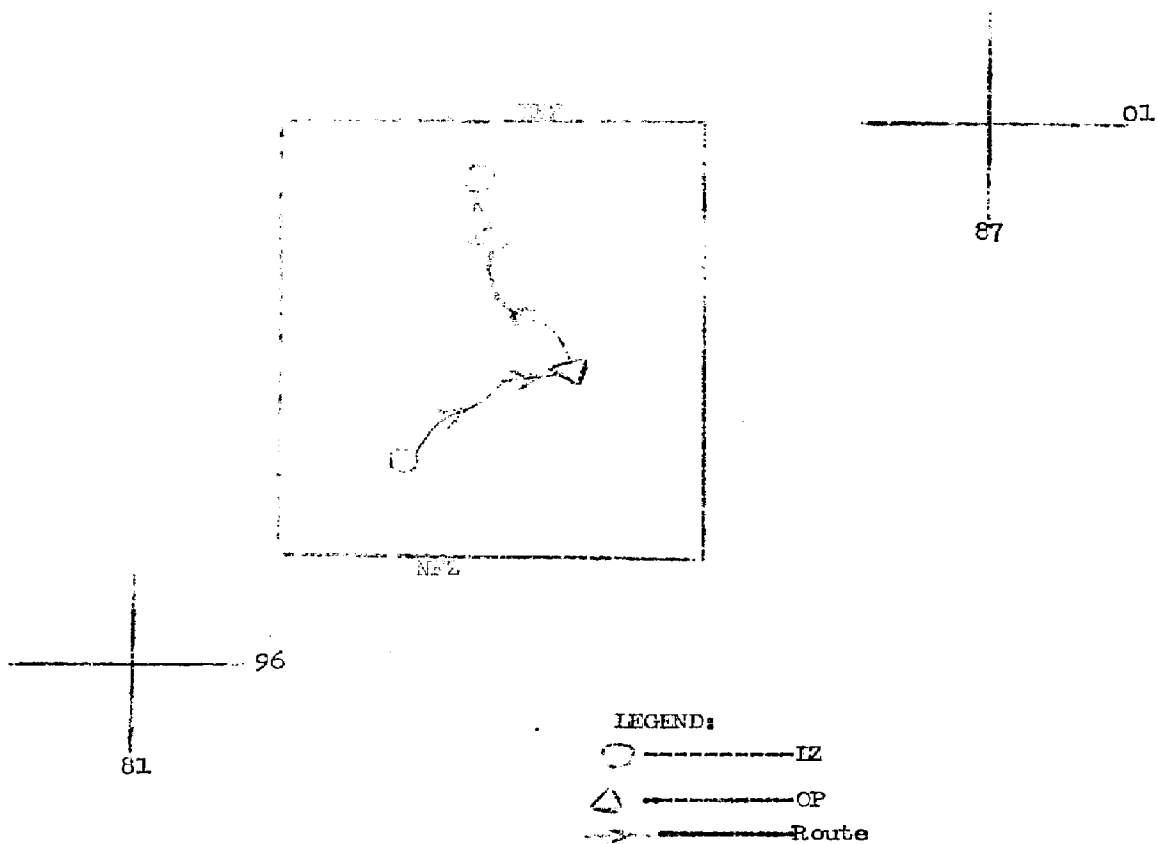
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Annex A (Operations Overlay) to operation Order 38-66.

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Operation Order 38-66  
 Patrol: 1st Platoon, Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn  
 Debriefing: Sgt V. D. VOSS  
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PATROL REPORT

1. 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 binoculars.
  - e. Special Equipment. None.
  - f. Special Weapons. (1) M-79.
2. MISSION. To conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4. Establish ambushes of opportunity and capture at least one Viet Cong.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 071600H/110830H July 1966.
4. ROUTE: Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. Synopsis: During 89 hours of patrolling and observation the patrol made one sighting of one VC. Numerous, well used trails and harbor sites were found in the objective area. Four fire missions were called in support of the patrol with negative results.
  - b. Enemy:
    - (1) 090900H (YD 842984) the patrol spotted 1 VC through 7x50 binoculars. The VC wore a green cover and a khaki shirt. No weapon could be observed. A fire mission was called in support of the patrol in this area. A recon was conducted of the area after completion of the fire mission with negative results.
  - c. Terrain:
    - (1) Terrain was easy, except along the SONG TA TRACH RIVER there was thick undergrowth, and the patrol could cover approximately 400 meters per hour. The canopy was up to 30 feet high. The only water supply was the SONG TA TRACH RIVER.

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- (1) The SONG TA TRACH RIVER can be forded at coordinates YD 832983.
- (2) A new LZ was located at coordinates YD 831983. One helicopter capacity.
- (3) During the patrol much suspected enemy movement was heard. Four artillery missions were fired:
  - (a) 080715H (YD 834981), 6 rounds.
  - (b) 090923H (YD 843982), 5 rounds.
  - (c) 091410H (YD 844983), 3 rounds.
  - (d) 101727H (YD 833975), 10 rounds.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Physical condition, excellent;  
Morale, outstanding.8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.*V. D. VOSS*V. D. VOSS  
Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DEBRIEFER: None.

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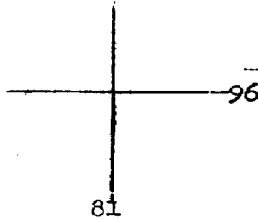
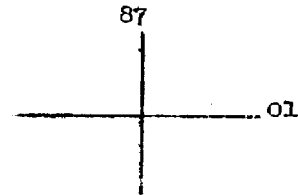
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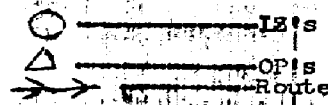
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Sheet numbers 6559 IV and 6559 I  
(b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with changes 1 and 2  
(c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 7-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

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

Sgt BOYDA  
Sgt OMMONDSON

1. SITUATION.

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

2. MISSION. During the period 1 through 31 July 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 3, 4, 5, and 6. Capture at least 1 VC in each RZ. Conduct concurrent training for platoons in garrison and be prepared to support infantry operations as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. Emphasizing reconnaissance and observation of the primary avenues of approach into the HUE/PHU BAI combat zone, one of the companies four platoons will be employed for a duration of 4 to 5 days in each of two RZ's. Insertions and extractions of each platoon will be planned so as to insure fifty percent of available forces are employed at all times. At least eight hours of concurrent training will be conducted by each platoon between operations unless otherwise directed.
- b. 3rd Platoon. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3 and within the area indicated on Annex A (Operation Overlay), during the period 10 to 14 July 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture at least 1 VC. Unless otherwise directed, conduct platoon training during the period 170900H to 171600H July 1966.
- c. 2nd Platoon. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 5 and within the area indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 11 to 15 July 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture at least 1 VC. Unless otherwise directed, conduct platoon training during the period 180900H to 181600H July 1966.
- d. Coordinating Instructions.
  - (1) Initial Point. HMM - 161.
  - (2) Date, time, and place of insertion.
    - (a) 3rd Platoon. 100630H July 1966, YD 794056.
    - (b) 2nd Platoon. 110830H July 1966, YC 964996.

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- (3) Date, time, and place of extraction.
  - (1) 3rd Platoon. 140900H July 1966, YD 803050.
  - (2) 2nd Platoon. 150930H July 1966, YC 975989.
- (4) Thrust Lines.
  - (1) 3rd Platoon. Alpha - 7806; Bravo - 8103.
  - (2) 2nd Platoon. Alpha - 9500; Bravo - 9898.
- (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 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 are re-established en-route.
- (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.
- 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 7x50 binoculars or an M-49 spotting scope per team.
  - (2) One red panel per team.
  - (3) One yellow smoke grenade 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 platoon.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.a. Communications.

- (1) Carry an AN/PRC-25 for primary communications. Inner-platoon communications will be by an AN/PRC-12.
- (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 Bravo will be established utilizing the AN/PRC-10.
- (3) The communications relay located on Hill 225 will continue to support RZ's 3 and 4.
- (4) A communications relay will be located at FDC, 3rd Bn 4th Mar, (YD 928058), to support operations in RZ 5.
- (5) Call Signs.


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

- (6) Frequencies.
- |                   | <u>Primary</u> | <u>Alternate</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------|
| RECON GROUP BRAVO | 38.7           | 50.5             |
| POLISH CROW       | 36.2           |                  |
| POLISH INDIA      | 36.2           |                  |
| SACRED            | 40.7           |                  |
| MUTTER            | 41.1           |                  |

(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 Bravo net continually.
- (10) All traffic will be addressed to RAINBELT BRAVO relayed through BRAVO RELAY or BRAVO X-RAY.

  
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ANNEXES:

A (Operations Overlay

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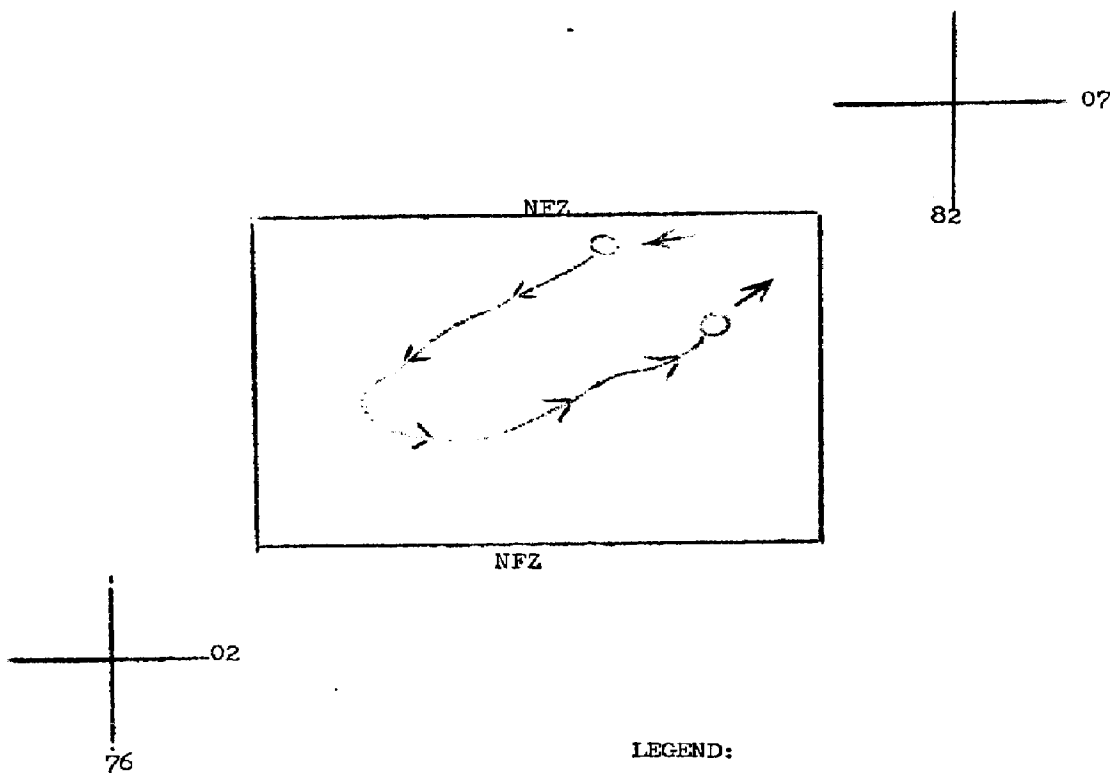
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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Operation Order 39-66

Ref: (A) Map Sheet 6559 IV and 6559 I

For 3rd Platoon during the period 10 through 14 July 1966



LEGEND:

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→ ----- ROUTE

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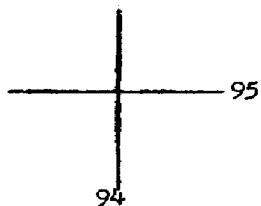
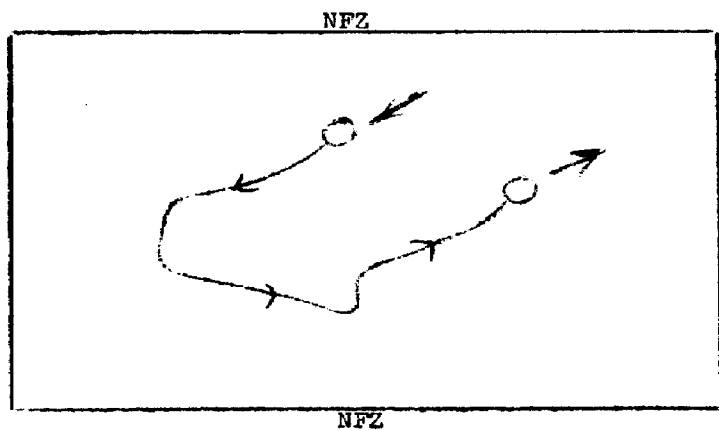
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For 2nd Platoon during the period 11 through 15 July 1966



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Operation Order 39-66  
Patrol: 3rd Platoon Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn  
Debriefed: 1st Lt R. A. BEELER  
Map Sheet: 6559 IV

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.
  - a. Size and Composition. (11) Enlisted, (2) USN.
  - b. Special Attachments. None.
  - c. Communication Equipment. (1) AN/PRC-25, (1) AN/PRC-10.
  - d. Observation Equipment. (2) 7x50 binoculars.
  - e. Special Equipment. None
  - f. Special Weapons. (1) M-79.
2. MISSION. To conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture a prisoner.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 101530H/140900H July 1966.
4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.
  - a. Synopsis. During 89½ hours of patrolling and observation the patrol made two sightings of the enemy.
  - b. Enemy.

(1) 141100 (ED 785045) the patrol was moving up a ridge line when the fourth man spotted a VC sitting about 25 meters off the trail. The patrol backtracked and set up an ambush with negative results. On the way back the patrol noticed definite ambush signs about 50 meters from the VC. On the left side of the trail two forked sticks were stuck in the ground about two feet apart. Ten meters closer to the ambush the leaves of a fern like plant were folded back and were tied to the stem with a vine. These signs were no more than a day old and the patrol leader believes that the VC they spotted was the first man in the ambush and they didn't enter the kill zone far enough for the ambush to be triggered.

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- (2) 122000 (YD 789047) the patrol observed lights moving from west to east until 2400H. The lights appeared to be flashlights.

c. Terrain.

- (1) The terrain was fairly easy and a patrol could cover 200 meters an hour. The canopy was up to 100 feet high and water could be found on the low ground.

- (2) Map Corrections. Annex B (Map Corrections).


d. Other Information.

- (1) 191530H (YD 794056) on insertion one man twisted his knee and was evacuated immediately.
- (2) 131800H (YD 795046) the patrol found a HIZ which will hold one UM - 34D.
- (3) Two new trails were located.
- (a) One trail at YD 780042 running from Southeast to Northeast to coordinates YD 792046.
- (b) One trail at coordinates YD 792042 extending to coordinates YD 793046.
- (4) There was no artillery or air strikes called in support of the patrol.
- (5) Annex B (Map Corrections).

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None

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

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None

  
R. J. BOYDA  
Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DEBRIEFER: None

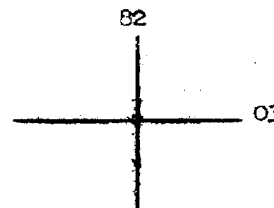
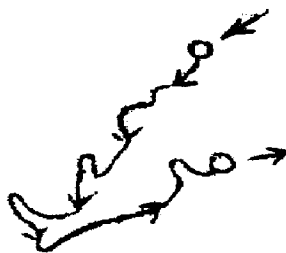
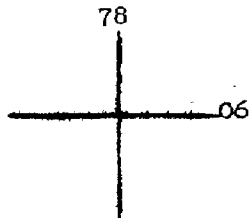
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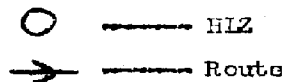
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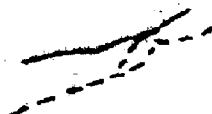
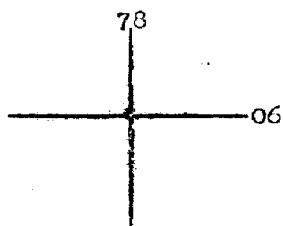
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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Patrol Route for Operation Order 39-66 in  
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----- Trail  
----- Stream

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Operation Order 93-66  
 Patrol: 2nd Platoon, Co "B", 3rd ReconBn  
 Debriefed: Sgt OMMONDSQ  
 Map Sheet: 6559 IV and 6559 I

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 PHU BAI, RVN  
 161400H July 1966

Commander  
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.
  - a. Size and Composition. (10) Enlisted, (1) USN.
  - b. Special Attachments. None
  - c. Communication Equipment. (1) AN/PRC-10, (1) AN/PRC-25.
  - d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50.
  - e. Special Equipment. None
  - f. Special Weapons. (2) Claymore mines, (1) M-79.
2. MISSION. To conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 5. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture one prisoner.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 110800H/150930H July 1966.
4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.
  - a. Synopsis. During 97½ hours of patrolling and observation the patrol made 1 contact with 1 VC and 2 sightings for a total of 10 VC.
  - b. Enemy.
    - (1) 111115H (YC 962993) The patrol was moving along the ridge line when the point man spotted a VC running away 20 meters to his left front. The patrol moved ahead about 250 meters and set up a ambush on a trail at YC 959999.
    - (2) 111820H (YC 952989) The patrol was moving along the ridge line when the whole patrol heard at least 12 voices believed to be VC up ahead of us. Requested gun ships, but were not available. So we pulled back because the voices were only 50 meters ahead and we called in artillery in on their position. Then we set up a night ambush site.
    - (3) 131400H (YC 965985) The patrol was moving up the side of the hill. The point heard noises up ahead. The patrol stayed in place and listened for approximately 1 hour. We heard 3 positions where people were making noise. It sounded like they were setting in. Once the point heard a rifle hit a tree or limb and once I heard what sounded like a bolt going home. At 1500H we moved down the hill and East out of the valley.
    - (4) 131535H (YC 965987) The patrol was moving along the river heading East when the rear security spotted 2 VC crossing the stream moving South to North. We were out of communication since 131030H, so we continued out of the valley keeping our location unknown to the VC.
    - (5) 150820H (YC 971096) The patrol was sitting in the extraction LZ when we spotted 8 VC in the vicinity of our original LZ. We called in artillery. Before the 1st round was delivered, the VC disappeared into the brush.

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c. Terrain.

- (1) The terrain was difficult to travel except on trails. The patrol could move approximately 100 meters per hour. The underbrush was 15 feet high. Canopy was about 40 feet high along the trails. Water could be found on the low ground.

d. Other Information.

(1) Annex D (Map Corrections).

(2) Three new trails were located.

- (a) One trail at YC 955994 to 952989 NE to SW.
- (b) One trail at YC 964987 to 952988 East to West.
- (c) One trail at YC 963993 to 964990 NW to SE.

- (3) Two fire missions were called in support of the patrol for a total of 10 rounds 105 HE and 3 rounds of 155 HE.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. 2 VC KIA (probable), 3 VC MIA (probable), as result of artillery.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, fair; Morale, good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. It appeared to the patrol leader that they had been compromised and were being watched and/or followed throughout the patrol's employment.

*J. D. Omondson*  
J. D. OMONDSON  
Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DEBRIEFER: None

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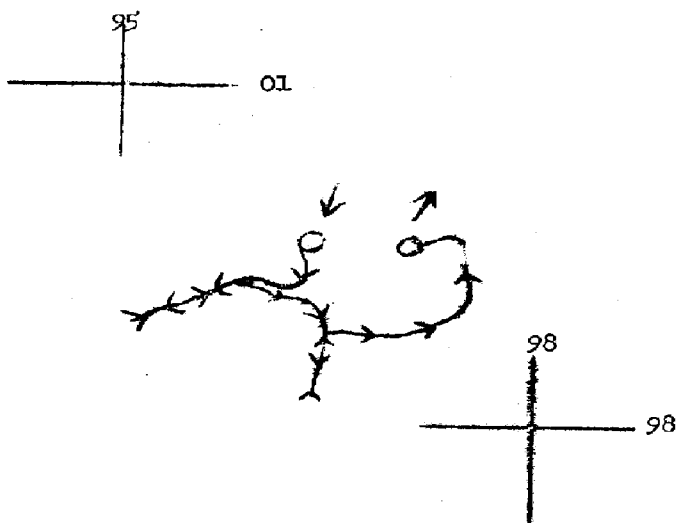
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in RZ # 5.

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| → | ----- Patrol Route    |
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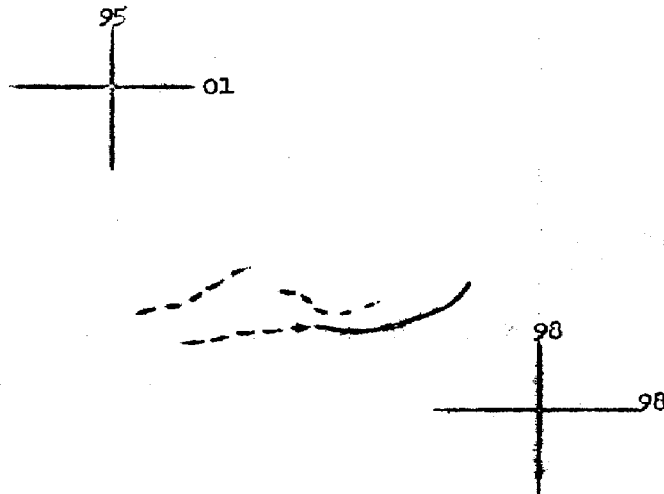
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Annex B (Map Corrections) to Patrol Route for Operation Order 39-66 in RZ# 5.

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----- New Trails  
----- Stream Shown on map

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Operation Order 40-66

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 (b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with changes 1 and 2  
 (c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 7-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

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|--|--------------|
| 2nd Platoon, Company "A", 1st Recon Bn | 1stLt TAYLOR |
| 1st Platoon, Company "B", 3rd Recon Bn | 1stLt REELER |

1. SITUATION.

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

2. MISSION. During the period 1 through 31 July 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 3, 4, 5, and 6. Capture at least one prisoner in each RZ. Conduct concurrent training for platoons in garrison and be prepared to support infantry operations as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. Emphasizing reconnaissance and observation of the primary avenues of approach in to the HUE/PHU BAI combat zone, one of the companies four platoons will be employed for a duration of 4 to 5 days in each of two RZ's. Insertions and extractions of each platoon will be planned so as to insure fifty percent of available forces are employed at all times. At least eight hours of concurrent training will be conducted by each platoon between operations unless otherwise directed.
- b. 2nd Platoon. Establish squad-size observation posts as directed on Annex A (Operations Overlay) and within RZ 3, during the period 14 to 18 July 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture one prisoner. Unless otherwise directed, conduct platoon training during the period 210900H to 211600H July 1966.
- c. 1st Platoon. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 5 and within the area indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 15 to 19 July 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture one prisoner. Unless otherwise directed, conduct platoon training during the period 220900H to 221600H July 1966.

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d. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Initial Point. HMT - 161.
- (2) Date, time, and place of insertion.
  - (a) 2nd Platoon. 140830H July 1966, YD 758093.
  - (b) 1st Platoon. 150900H July 1966, YC 902995.
- (3) Date, time, and place of extraction.
  - (a) 2nd Platoon. 180630H July 1966, YD 756078.
  - (b) 1st Platoon. 190700H July 1966, YC 894992.
- (4) Thrust Lines.
  - (a) 2nd Platoon. Alpha - 7411; Bravo - 7707.
  - (b) 1st Platoon. Alpha - 8901; Bravo - 9198.
- (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 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 are re-established enroute.
- (11) Report to the CO, Company "B", 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 7x50 binoculars or an M-49 spotter scope per team.
    - (2) One red panel per team.
    - (3) One yellow smoke grenade 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 platoon.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.
- a. Communications.
    - (1) Carry an AN/PRC-25 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 Company "B" will be established utilizing the AN/PRC-10.
    - (3) The communications relay located on Hill 225 will continue to support RZ's 3 and 4.

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(4) Call Signs.

|                        |                |
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| Hdqs 2nd Platoon       | HOMERUN        |
| 2nd Squad 2nd Platoon  | LINEDRIVE      |
| Hdqs 1st Platoon       | IRONHORSE      |
| 2nd Squad 1st Platoon  | YANKEE CLIPPER |
| Company "B"            | RAINBELT BRAVO |
| Artillery Support      | POLISH CROW    |
| Air Liaison            | SACRED         |
| Radio Relay (Hill 225) | BRAVO RELAY    |
| 1st Bn 4th Mar         | PERMISSIVE     |

(5) Frequencies.

|                | <u>Primary</u> | <u>Alternate</u> |
|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| RAINBELT BRAVO | 38.7           | 50.5             |
| POLISH CROW    | 36.2           |                  |
| SACRED         | 40.7           |                  |
| PERMISSIVE     | 43.6           |                  |

(6) Shackles.

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

S. L. OWENS  
Captain, U. S. Marine Corps  
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ANNEXES:

A (Operations Overlay)

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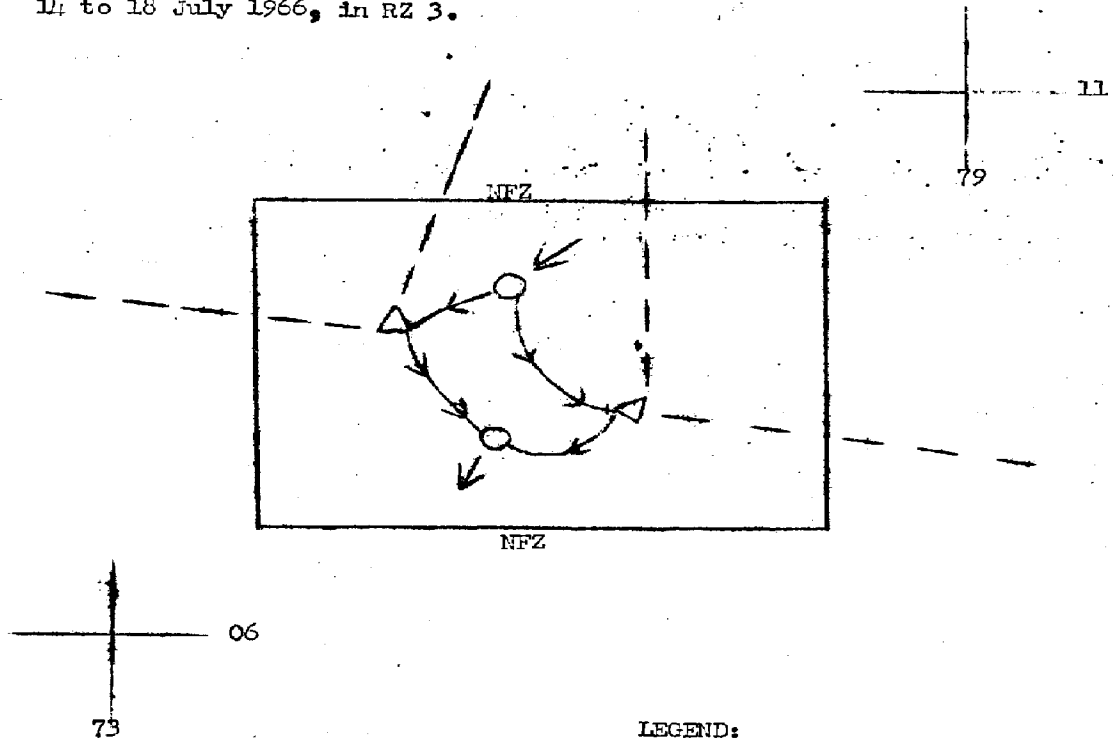
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Annex A (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 40-66 for RZ 3

Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM; 1:50,000; AMS Series L701;  
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1. For 2nd Platoon, Company "A", 1st Recon Bn, during the period  
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○ ——— LZ's  
→ ——— Route  
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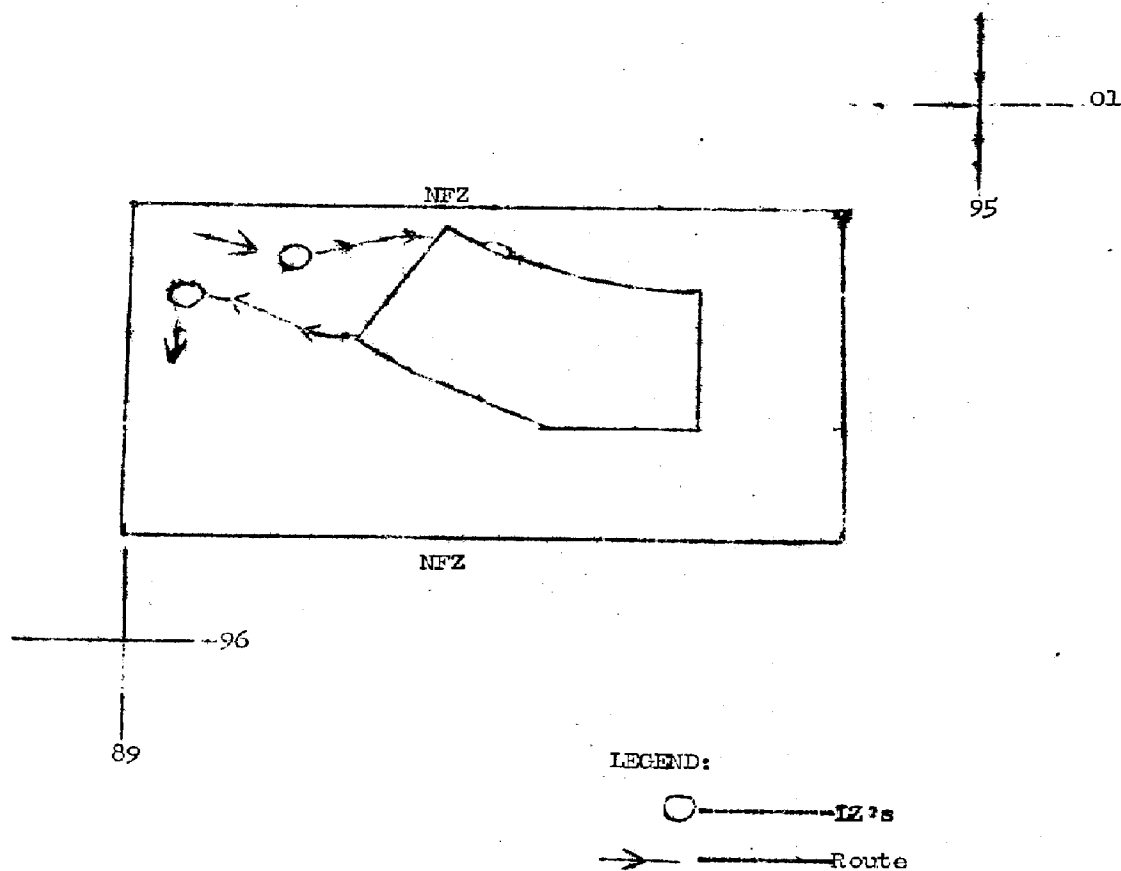
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Annex A (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 40-66 for RZ 5

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2. For 1st Platoon, Company "B", 3rd Recon Bn, during the period  
15 to 19 July 1966, in RZ 5.



LEGEND:

○ — IZ's

→ — Route

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 Patrol: 2nd Plt, Co "A"  
 Debriefed: 1st Lt J. F. TAYLOR  
 Map Sheet: 6559 IV and 6560 III

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PATROL REPORT?1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. (1) officer, (12) enlisted, (1) USN
- b. Special Attachments. None
- c. Communication Equipment. (2) AN/PRC-25, (2) AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. (2) 7x50, (1) M-49 Spotter scope.
- e. Special Equipment. None
- f. Special Weapons. (2) Claymore Mines.

2. MISSION. Establish squad-size observation post in RZ 3. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture one prisoner.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 140830H/180630H July 1966.4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 94 hours of patrolling and observation the patrol made no contacts with the VC. No trails or harbor sites were found in the objective area. No fire missions were called in support of the mission.
- b. Enemy.
  - (1) 161650H (YD 747112) 10 VC suspects were observed standing around a Vietnamese man wearing khakis, apparently attending a class of tactics and squad formations. No weapons were sighted. No artillery was called due to the proximity of the group to a village.
- c. Terrain.
  - (1) Terrain was moderate and a patrol could cover approximately 300 meters an hour. The canopy ranged from head high to 100 feet high. Water was plentiful on the low ground.
  - (2) Map Corrections. None
- d. Other Information.
  - (1) 161608H (YD 746118) Three Vietnamese were observed in a motor driven fishing boat loading and unloading some type of equipment. The nature of the equipment could not be observed.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; Morale, good.8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None

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 First Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps  
 Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER. None

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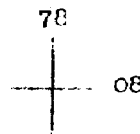
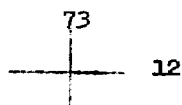
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- X ----- Location where patrol  
seperated and rejoined
- △ ----- OP's
- ----- Patrol Route
- O ----- LZ's

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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. (1) Officer, (10) Enlisted, (1) USN
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. (1) AN/PRC-10, (1) AN/PRC-25.
- d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50 binoculars.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. (4) claymore mines, (100 ft) detinating cord,  
 (8) lbs TNT.

2. MISSION. To conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture one prisoner.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 150900H/190730H July 1966.4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. 9 1/2 hours of patrolling and observation resulted in 3 contacts with the enemy resulting in 1 VC KIA (DOW), 1 VC MIA (confirmed), several documents, 1 ChiCom grenade and assorted 782 gear, (US type). New trails located are indicated on Annex B (Map Corrections). One artillery mission was called in support of this patrol.

b. Enemy.

- (1) 151125H (YC 906996) the patrol heard voices and investigated the area. One VC was observed wearing utilities and unarmed in a hut, (8' x 10'). A total of four huts were in the complex. The VC heard the patrol approaching and started to run when the patrol brought him under fire wounding him. A search of the area was conducted with negative results. During the search, several documents were discovered along with assorted 782 gear, clothes, and food. Five additional huts, fighting holes, and several underground shelters were discovered. One shelter had not yet been completed.
- (2) 171035H (YC 907996) the patrol ambushed one VC dressed in a utility shirt and black shorts, carrying a pack and one ChiCom grenade. The patrol fired on this VC, wounding and capturing him. The patrol requested the wounded prisoner be medevaced. Helicopters and fixed-wing air craft arrived on station, but were diverted for a priority mission. The prisoner died of wounds at 180300H. Several documents were found in the possession of the prisoner and were returned to the S-2, 4th Mar Regt.
- (3) 181125H (YC 907995) one VC was observed by the patrol at rear point moving North on a trail. The VC also observed the patrol and escaped further contact. Uniform and equipment, unknown.

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- (1) In the low areas (vicinity of coordinates YC 906996), the vegetation is extremely thick, confining all movement to the trails. The canopy in this area is approximately 20 feet high and consists of thick brush.
- (2) On the high ground (vicinity of coordinates YC 925990), the terrain is relatively sparse, permitting reasonable movement. The canopy within this area is approximately 40 feet high.

d. Supporting Arms.

- (1) One artillery mission was called at 171126H (YC 907994), on the base camp huts reported in paragraph 5. b. A total of 9 rounds HE and VT were expended with good effect on target. Damage to the area is unknown.

e. Other Information.

- (1) Map corrections. Annex B.
- (2) List of captured gear. Annex C.
- (3) The area between Route 34 (YC 894996), and the stream at YC 904996 will permit convenient use by helicopters for insertions and extractions.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. 1 VC KIA (DOW), 1 VC WIA (confirmed).

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

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

- a. It is suspected that approximately 30 VC have been using the base camp at YC 987994. Further, the trail network within grid squares YC 8999 and YC 9099 indicate the area is being used as major route for VC movement to both East and West.
- b. That a prisoner-match patrol be conducted at a further date in the area of the base camp.

*R. A. Beeler*

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER. Concur with the conclusions and recommendations of the patrol leader.

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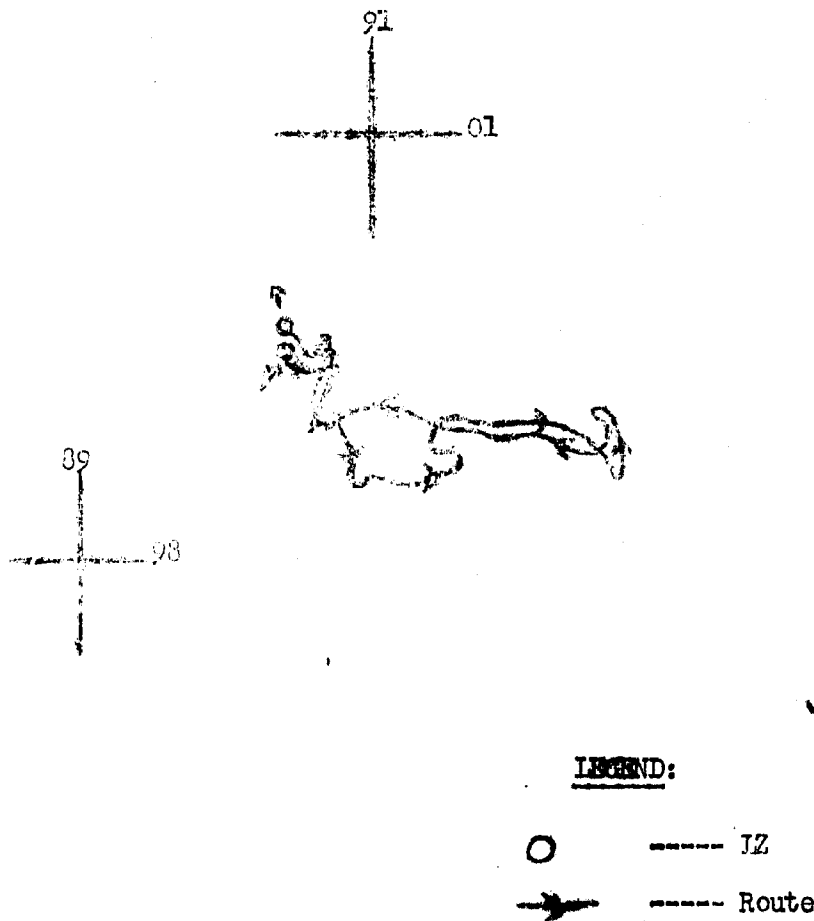
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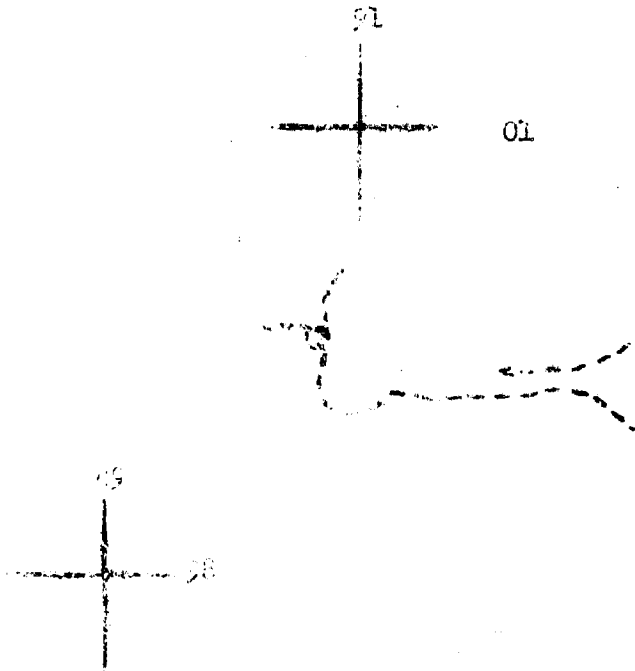
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Annex C (List of Captured Gear) to Patrol Route for Operation Order 40-66  
in RZ 4.

- 2 - Calcium Hydride Charges IL-305 A/TM (US Army)
- 1 - ChiCom grenade
- 5 - Pounds of Tobacco
- 5 - Pounds of Rice
- 3 - Pairs Ho Chi Minh sandals
- 2 - Pounds powdered milk
- Assorted items of clothing
- 1 - Notebook and assorted papers
- 1 - Carbine magazine (Cal..30 U.S.)
- 1 - Cartridge belt with magazine, baynote sheath
- 1 - Pair Jungle Boots (US Type)
- 1 - NVN Cartridge belt with canteen cover and sheath knife.

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(b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with changes 1 and 2  
(c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 7-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

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

Sgt BOYDA  
Sgt. CHMIDSON

1. SITUATION.

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

2. MISSION. During the period 1 through 31 July 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 3, 4, 5, and 6. Capture at least one prisoner in each RZ. Conduct concurrent training for platoons in garrison and be prepared to support infantry operations as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. Emphasizing reconnaissance and observation of the primary avenues of approach into the HUE/PHU BAI combat zone, one of the companies four platoons will be employed for a duration of 4 to 5 days in each of two RZ's. Insertions and extractions of each platoon will be planned so as to insure fifty percent of available forces are employed at all times. At least eight hours of concurrent training will be conducted by each platoon between operations unless otherwise directed.
- b. 3rd Platoon. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3 and within the area indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 18 to 22 July 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture one prisoner. Unless otherwise directed, conduct platoon training during the period 250900H to 251600H July 1966.
- c. 2nd Platoon. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4 and within the area indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 19 to 23 July 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture one prisoner. Unless otherwise directed, conduct platoon training during the period 260900H to 261600H July 1966.
- d. Coordinating Instructions.
  - (1) Initial Point. HMM - 161.
  - (2) Date, time, and place of insertion.
    - (a) 3rd Platoon. 180600H July 1966, YD 667090.
    - (b) 2nd Platoon. 190630H July 1966, YD 885033.
  - (3) Date, time, and place of extraction.
    - (a) 3rd Platoon. 220630H July 1966, YD 683087.
    - (b) 2nd Platoon. 230630H July 1966, YD 898011.

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- (4) Threat Mines.
  - (a) 3rd Platoon. Alpha - 6910; Bravo - 6606.
  - (b) 2nd Platoon. Alpha - 9900; Bravo - 8704.
- (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 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 are re-established enroute.
- (11) Report to the CO, Company "B", 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.
- 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 7x50 binoculars or an M-49 spotter scope per team.
  - (2) One red panel per team.
  - (3) One yellow smoke grenade 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 per platoon.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.a. Communications.

- (1) Carry an AN/PRC-25 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 Company "B" will be established utilizing the AN/PRC-10.
- (3) The communications relay located on Hill 225 will continue to support RZ's 3 and 4.

(4) Call Signs.

Hdqs 3rd Platoon  
 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon  
 Hdqs 2nd Platoon  
 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon  
 Company "B"  
 Artillery Support  
 Radio Relay (Hill 225)  
 1st Bn, 4th Marines

KELSO  
 NASHUA  
 LION  
 TIGER  
 RAINBELT BRAVO  
 POLISH CROW  
 BRAVO RELAY  
 PERMISSIVE


(5) Frequencies.

|                | <u>Primary</u> | <u>Alternate</u> |
|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| RAINBELT BRAVO | 41.55          | 49.6             |
| POLISH CROW    | 36.2           |                  |
| SACRED         | 40.7           |                  |
| PERMISSIVE     | 43.6           |                  |

(6) Shackles.

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

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

  
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 Captain, U. S. Marine Corps  
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ANNEXES:

A (Operations Overlay)

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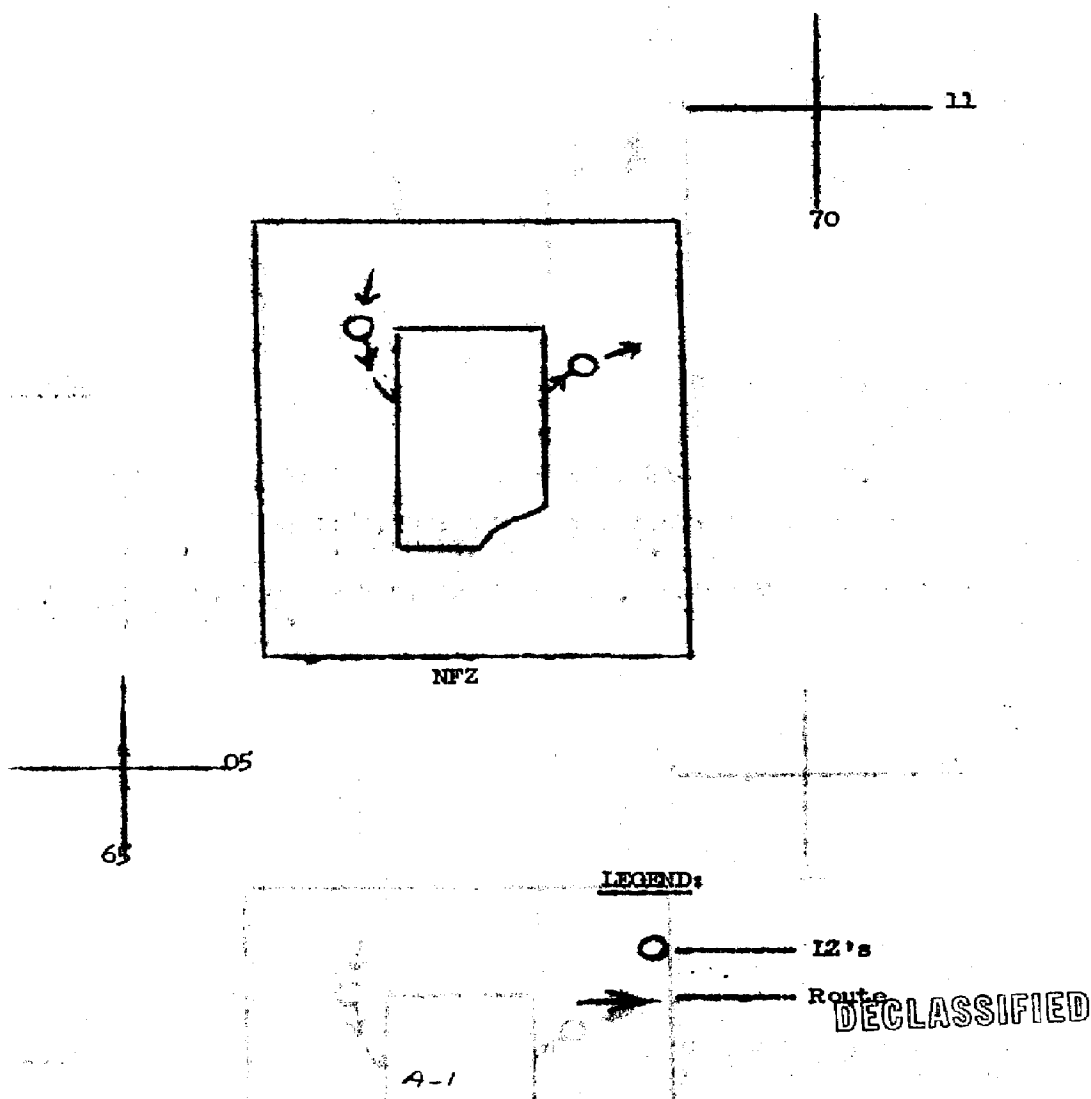
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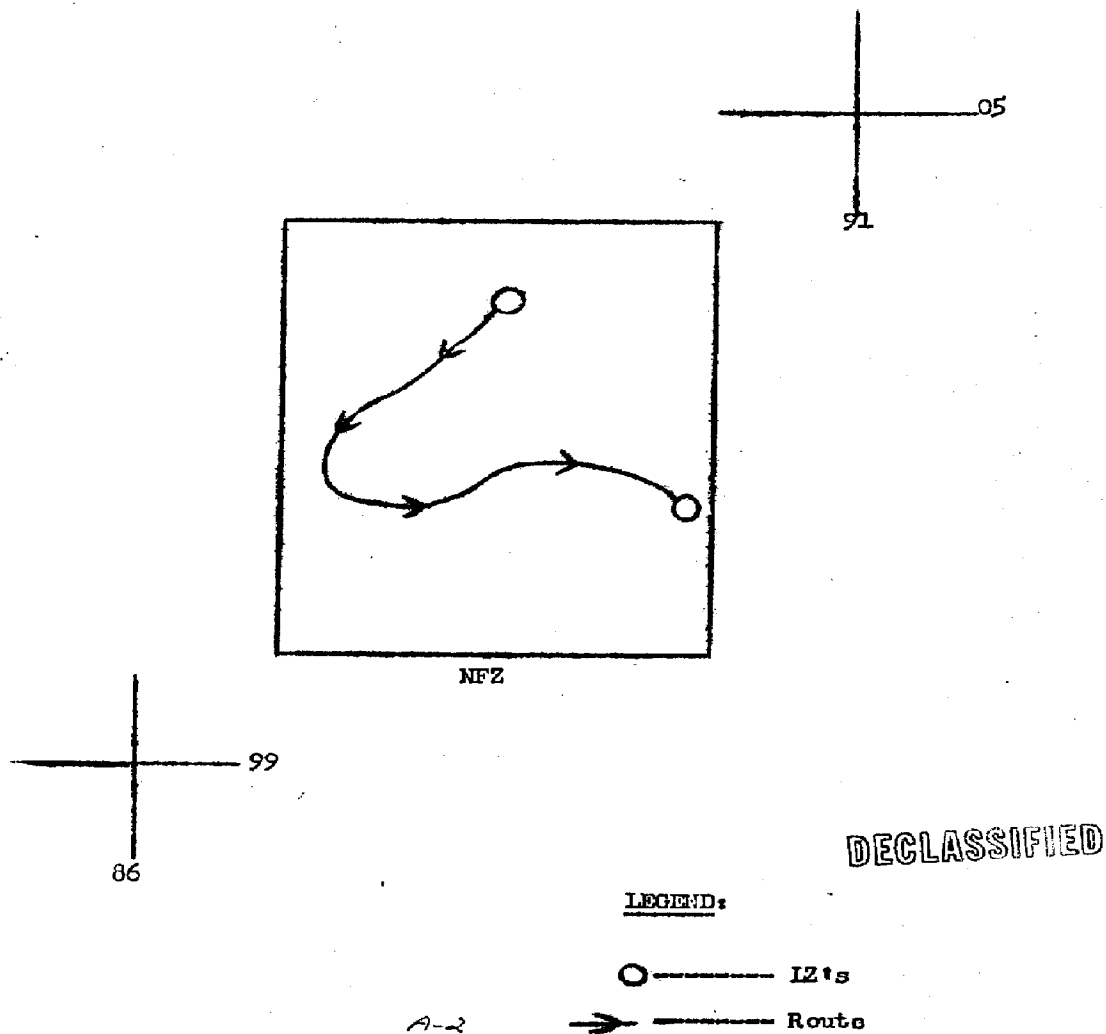
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 182200H July 1966

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 binoculars.
- e. Special Equipment. None
- f. Special Weapons. None

2. MISSION. To conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture one prisoner.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 180600H/181800H July 1966.4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. 12 hours of patrolling resulted in an emergency extraction of the patrol as a result of an estimated 15 to 20 Viet Cong attempting to encircle the patrol.

b. Enemy.

- (1) 180615H (YD 678089) A total of six rounds of small arms fire was fired at the helicopters upon insertion of the patrol. Immediately after insertion the patrol heard movement and talking in this same area.
- (2) 180615H until 181730H the patrol overheard an estimated 15 to 20 Viet Cong along the patrol's flanks, throughout the patrol route. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).
- (3) 181600H (YD 675086) The patrol received one incoming ChiCom grenade which failed to explode.

c. Supporting Arms.

- (1) The patrol called two artillery missions and adjusted as close as practical for "on-call" concentrations, without deterring the VC. A total of six rounds of 155 HE was delivered. Upon extraction of the patrol an artillery mission was fired on the area.
- (2) At 181100H an A/O conducted an air reconnaissance with negative results due to limited visibility of the terrain.
- (3) At 181730H another A/O conducted a reconnaissance of the area and sighted 3 VC.
- (4) Two fixed-wing aircraft were on station during the extraction and expended an unknown amount of ordnance on the area with unknown results.

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- (1) Extremely thick brush and elephant grass up to 12 feet high, severely restricting movement, except along trails.
- (2) Numerous trails were located throughout, however; little use has been made of these trails in the past several months.
- (3) Approximately 181830H the A/O reported one VC KIA as result of artillery.
- (4) Map Corrections. None

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. 1 VC KIA (confirmed), as result of artillery. No friendly casualties were sustained.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, excellent; Morale, excellent.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

- a. Due to the absence of recent heavy movement along the trails and the obvious increase in number of VC in the area, it is suspected a build up of VC is and can be expected for reasons unknown.
- b. Recommend extensive TPQ's in grid squares YD 6708, YD 6606, and YD 6707 on the night of 18 and 19 July 1966.

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Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DETRIEFER. Concur with conclusions and recommendations of the patrol leader.

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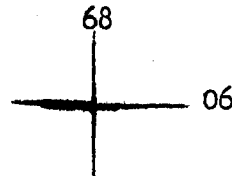
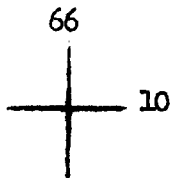
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PATROL REPORT

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- a. Size and Composition. (12) Enlisted, (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None.
- c. Communication Equipment. (1) AN/PRC-10, (1) AN/PRC-25.
- d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50 binoculars.
- e. Special Equipment. None.
- f. Special Weapons. (3) claymore mines.

2. MISSION. To conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture one prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 190700H/230930H July 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

a. Synopsis. 28 hours of patrolling and observation resulted in negative contacts or sightings of the enemy.

b. Enemy.

(1) 201500H (YD 877019) the patrol heard approximately five rounds of automatic carbine fire approximately 300 meters Northwest of this location.

(2) 220820 (YD 884014) the patrol located one hut (12' x 16'). A search of the hut disclosed (1) US steel helmet, (1) US bayonet scabbard, (1) empty .45 ammo can, (12) plastic covers for M-79 rounds and assorted documents. The patrol burned the hut and destroyed all gear found with the exception of the documents, which was turned over to S-2, 4th Marines.

c. Terrain. The terrain was difficult to negotiate due to extremely dense secondary growth, exclusive of the trail networks. When not moving on trails the patrol could move approximately 60 meters per hour. Water was plentiful in the low ground.

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- (1) Annex D (Map Corrections).
- (2) Two new trails were located.
  - (a) One trail at YD 881018.
  - (b) One trail at YD 877019.
- (3) There were no artillery missions or air strikes called in support of the patrol.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None.7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; Morale, good8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER. None.

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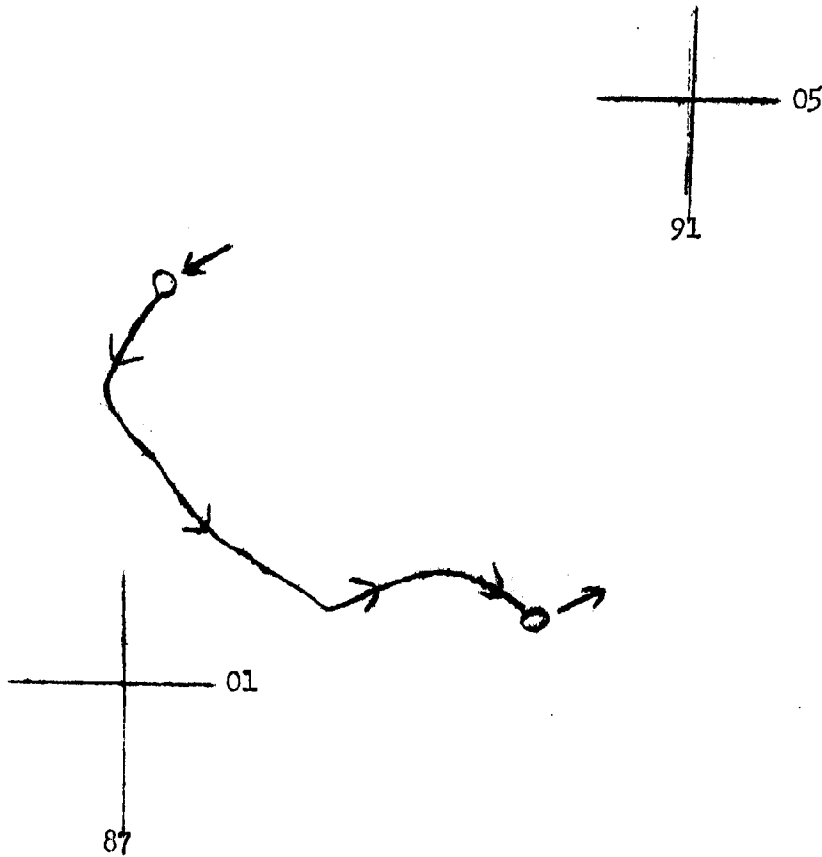
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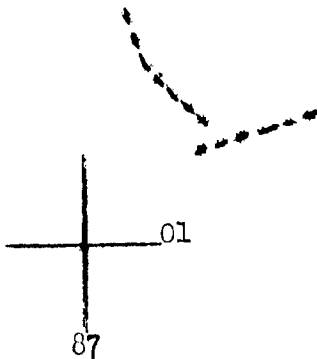
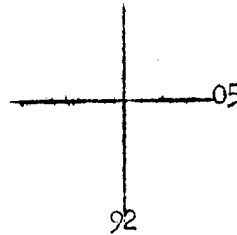
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Task Organization:

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|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 2nd Platoon, Co "A", 1st Recon Bn | LT TAYLOR     |
| 1st Platoon, Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn | SGT BACH      |
| 3rd Platoon, Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn | SGT DOYDA     |
| 2nd Platoon, Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn | SGT OMMONDSON |

1. SITUATION.

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

2. MISSION. During the period 1 through 31 July 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 3, 4, and 5. Capture at least one prisoner in each RZ. Conduct concurrent training for platoons in garrison and be prepared to support infantry operations as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. Emphasizing reconnaissance and observation of the primary avenues of approach into the HUE/PHU BAI combat zone, one of the companies four platoons will be employed for a duration of 4 to 5 days in each of two RZ's. Insertions and extractions of each platoon will be planned so as to insure fifty percent of available forces are employed at all times. At least eight hours of concurrent training will be conducted by each platoon between operations unless otherwise directed.
- b. 3rd Platoon, Co "B". Establish a communications relay site at ID 740065 (Hill 416) in support of the 2nd Platoon, Company "A". Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3 and within the area indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay) during the period 20 to 25 July 1966.

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- c. 2nd Platoon, Co "A". Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3 and within the area indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 21 to 25 July 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture one prisoner.
- d. 1st Platoon. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4 and within the area indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 22 to 27 July 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture one prisoner.
- e. 2nd Platoon, Co "B". Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4 and within the area indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 26 to 31 July 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture one prisoner.
- f. Coordinating Instructions.
  - (1) Initial Point. HMM - 161
  - (2) Date, time, and place of insertion.
    - (a) 3rd Platoon, Co "D". 200700H July 1966, YD 741085.
    - (b) 2nd Platoon, Co "A". 210700H July 1966, YD 705074.
    - (c) 1st Platoon, Co "B". 220700H July 1966, YD 823024.
    - (d) 2nd Platoon, Co "D". 260700H July 1966, YC 888994.
  - (3) Date, time, and place of extraction.
    - (a) 3rd Platoon, Co "D". 250800H July 1966, YD 732089.
    - (b) 2nd Platoon, Co "A". 250800H July 1966, YD 732089.
    - (c) 1st Platoon, Co "B". 270730H July 1966, YD 803052.
    - (d) 2nd Platoon, Co "D". 310730H July 1966, YC 854987.
  - (4) Thrust Lines.
    - (a) 3rd Platoon, Co "B". Alpha - 7409; Bravo - 7806.
    - (b) 2nd Platoon, Co "A". Alpha - 7005; Bravo - 7305.
    - (c) 1st Platoon, Co "B". Alpha - 7205; Bravo - 8204.
    - (d) 2nd Platoon, Co "D". Alpha - 8898; Bravo - 8601.

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- (5) Personally effect distribution of this operation order to all units concerned within the HUE/PHU BAI encl~~ove~~ 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 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 are re-established enroute.
- (11) Report to the CO, Company "B", 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.
- 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 7x50 binoculars or an M-49 spotter scope per team.
  - (2) One red panel per team.
  - (3) One yellow smoke grenade per patrol member.
  - (4) Two M-72 rocket launchers.

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- (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 per platoon.

## 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

### a. Communications.

- (1) Carry an AN/PRC-25 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 Company "B" will be established utilizing the AN/PRC-10.
- (3) The communications relay located on Hill 225 will continue to support RZ's 3 and 4.

### (4) Call Signs.

|                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Hdqs, 2nd Platoon, Co "A"      | HOMERUN        |
| 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "A" | INEDRIVE       |
| Hdqs, 1st Platoon, Co "B"      | IRONHORSE      |
| 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B" | YANKEE CLIPPER |
| Hdqs, 3rd Platoon, Co "B"      | KELSO          |
| 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B" | NASHUA         |
| Hdqs, 2nd Platoon, Co "B"      | LION           |
| 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B" | TIGER          |
| Company "B"                    | RAINBELT BRAVO |
| Artillery Support              | POLISH CROW    |
| Radio Relay (Hill 225)         | BRAVO RELAY    |
| 1st Bn, 4th Mar                | PERMISSIVE     |

| (5) <u>Frequencies.</u> | <u>primary</u> | <u>alternate</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| RAINBELT BRAVO          | 41.55          | 49.6             |
| POLISH CROW             | 36.2           |                  |
| SACRED                  | 40.7           |                  |
| PERMISSIVE              | 43.6           |                  |

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| Y |   |   |   |   | H |   |   |   | X |

- (7) Authentication. Challenge with any letter in the shackles and authenticate with any other in the same column.
- (8) Each patrol and/or element thereof, will submit hourly situation reports and monitor the Company "B" ~~not~~ continually.
- (9) All traffic will be addressed to RAINBELT BRAVO relayed through BRAVO RELAY and/or HOMERUN (HILL 416).

  
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ANNEXES:

A (Operations Overlay)

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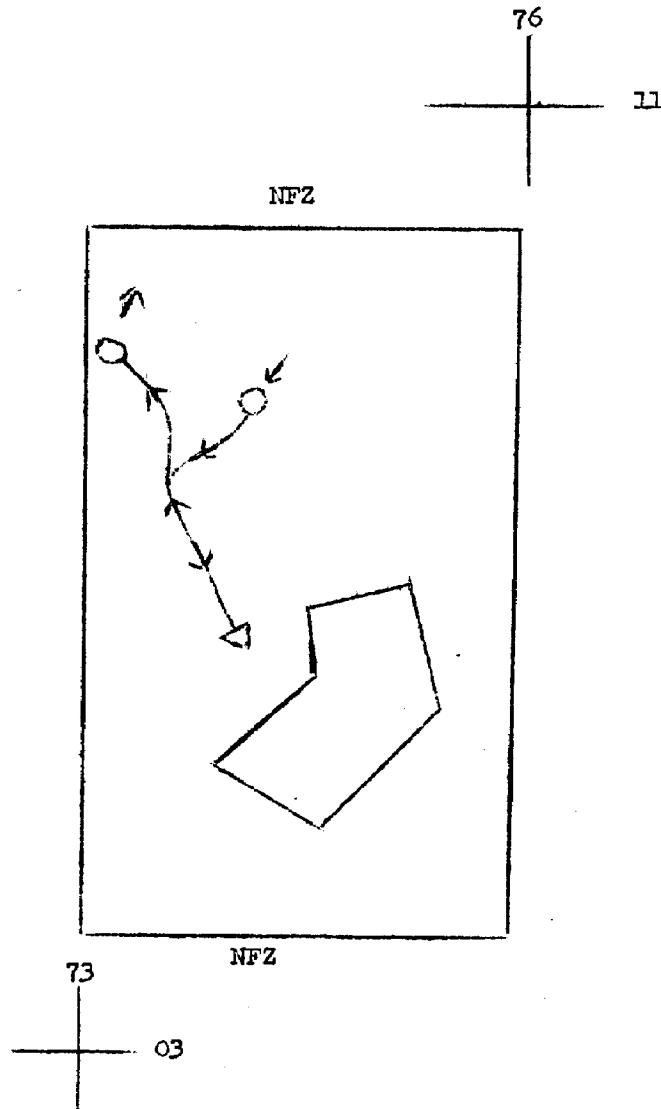
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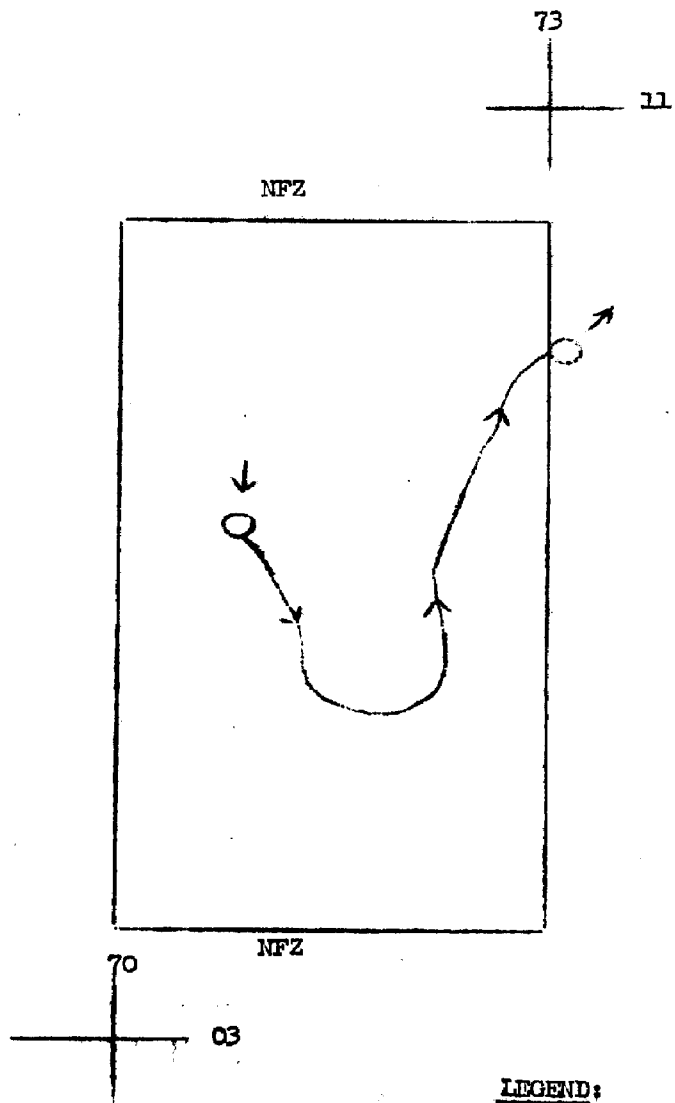
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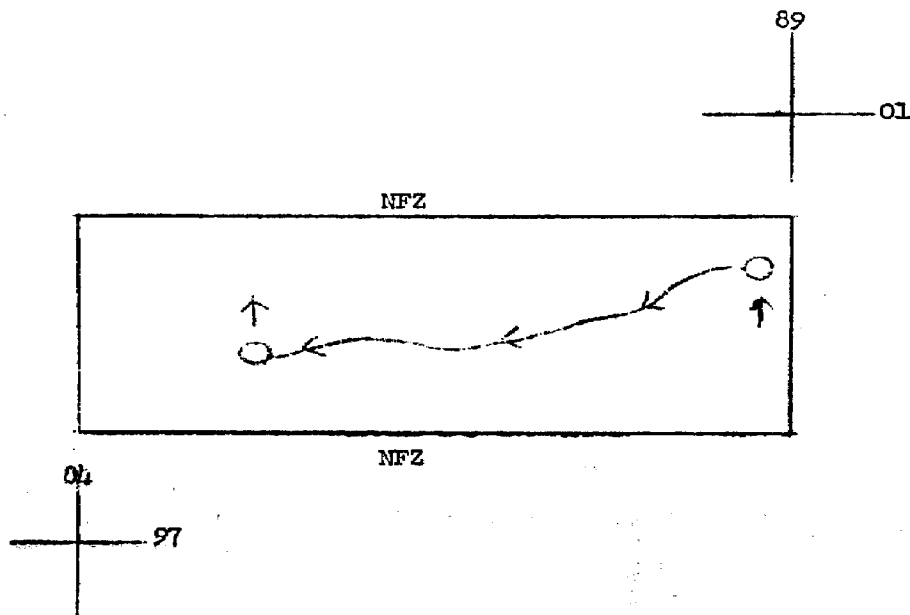
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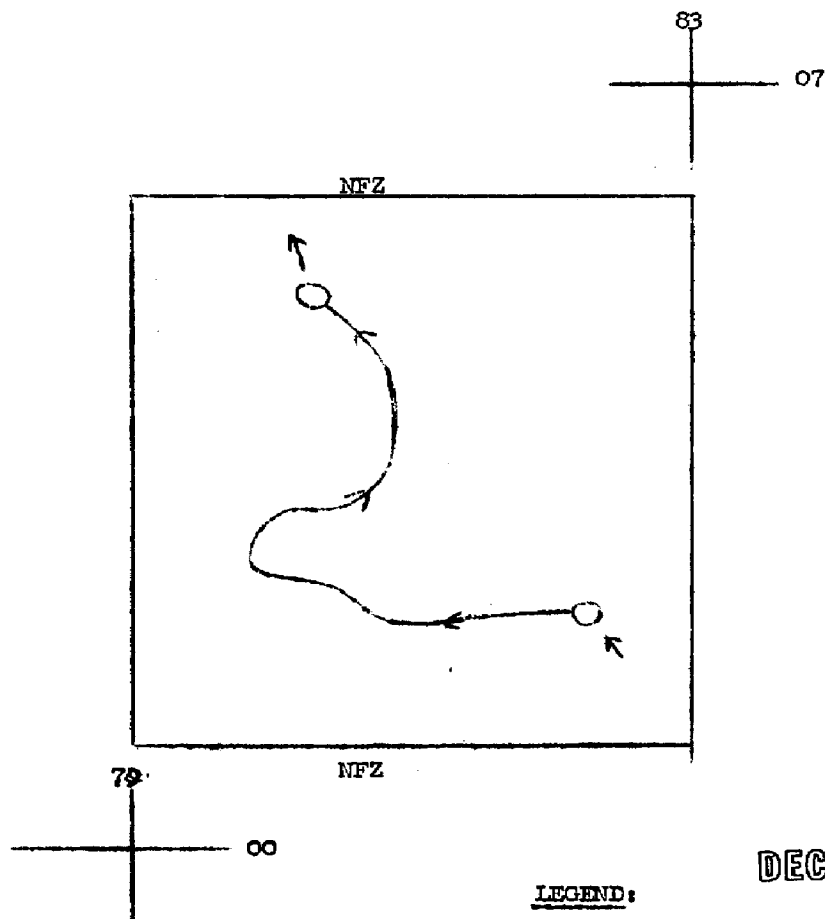
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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

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

2. MISSION. Establish a communications relay site at YD 740065 (Hill 416) in support of the 2nd Platoon, Company "A". Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture one prisoner.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 200700H/250900H July 1966.4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 122 hours of patrolling and observation the patrol made 1 sighting of the enemy.

b. Enemy.

- (1) 201830H (YD 736067) The patrol was set in on a relay site when 4 VC which were moving South East to a North West direction when they passed by our position within about 20 meters. The VC had two (2) K-50's, packs and cartridge bolts, and grenades. They were wearing black shorts and khaki shirts. One was wearing a head band (suspected sweat band).

- c. Terrain. The terrain was fairly easy to negotiate and the patrol could cover approximately 300 meters an hour. The canopy was up to 150 feet high. Water was scarce in the area.

d. Other Information.

- (1) Map Corrections. None
- (2) There was movement heard around the relay site each day between the hours of 1700 to 0530H.
- (3) Trail at YD 737074 had 5 poles stuck in the ground on its down hill side to act as a hand rail. The poles were about 4 to 5 feet high and 2 inches thick. The trail also appeared to be used, but not to extensively.
- (4) There were no artillery or air strikes called in support of the patrol.


6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None

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

  
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Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER. None

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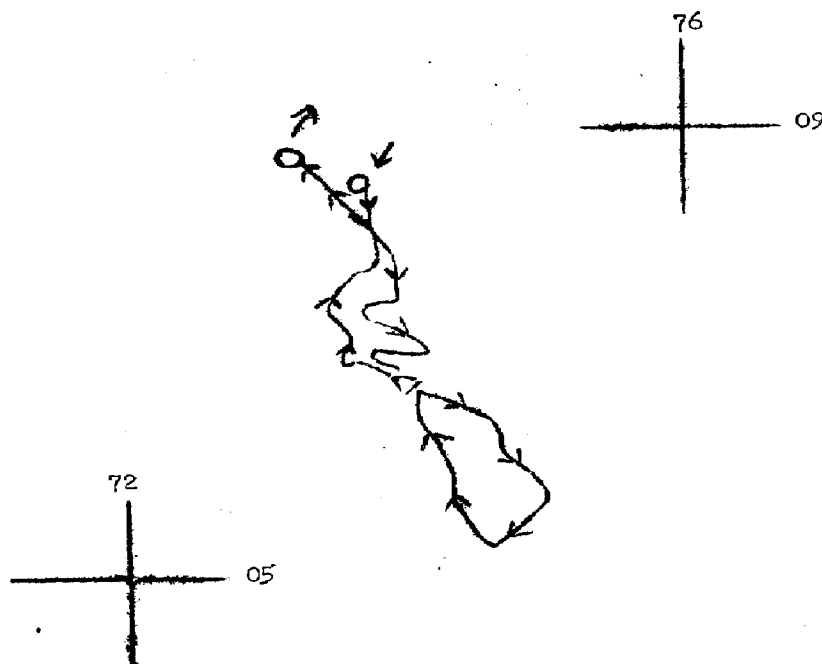
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Debriefing: 1st Lt C. T. TAYLOR  
Map Sheet: 6559 IV and 6560 IIIPATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. (1) Officer, (16) enlisted, (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None
- c. Communication Equipment. (1) AN/PRC-25, (1) AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. (2) 7x50 binoculars.
- e. Special Equipment. None
- f. Special Weapons. (2) claymore mines.

2. MISSION. To conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3. Establish ambushes of opportunity and capture at least one VC.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 210700H/250900H July 1966.4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay)5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 98 hours of patrolling and observation, the patrol made one contact with one V who threw down his pack and fled at contact. Numerous, very well used were found in the objective area. No fire missions were called in support of the patrol.
- b. Enemy.
  - (1) 231200H (YD 722073) The patrol sighted one Vc traveling South along a trail carrying a rucksack pack. He dropped his pack and ran upon contact. The pack contained 35 lbs of seed, 35 pounds of beans, and assorted clothing and documents. (Annex C, List of Captured equipment). The food and seed were destroyed.
- c. Terrain.
  - (1) Terrain was difficult and a patrol could cover approximately 200 meters an hour. The canopy ranged from 10 to 70 feet high. Water was plentiful in the area.
- d. Other Information.
  - (1) 220530H (YD 747085) Five flashlights were observed moving North along a trail. The personnel carrying the flashlights did not appear to be searching for the patrol, but seemed to be involved strictly with movement down the trail.
  - (2) Annex B (Map Corrections) to Patrol Route.
  - (3) Annex C (List of Captured Gear).

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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. One VC captured rucksack. No friendly casualties.
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. None

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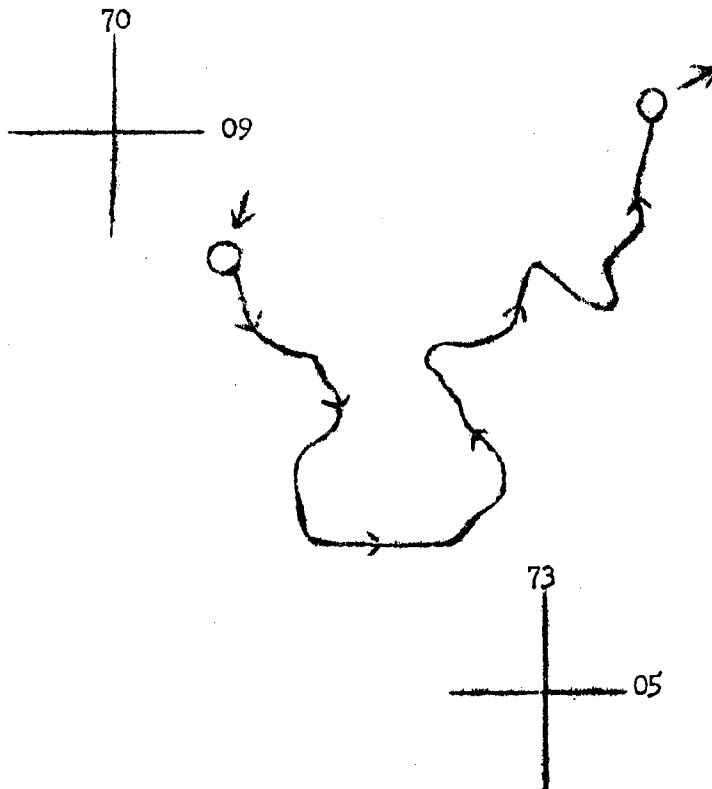
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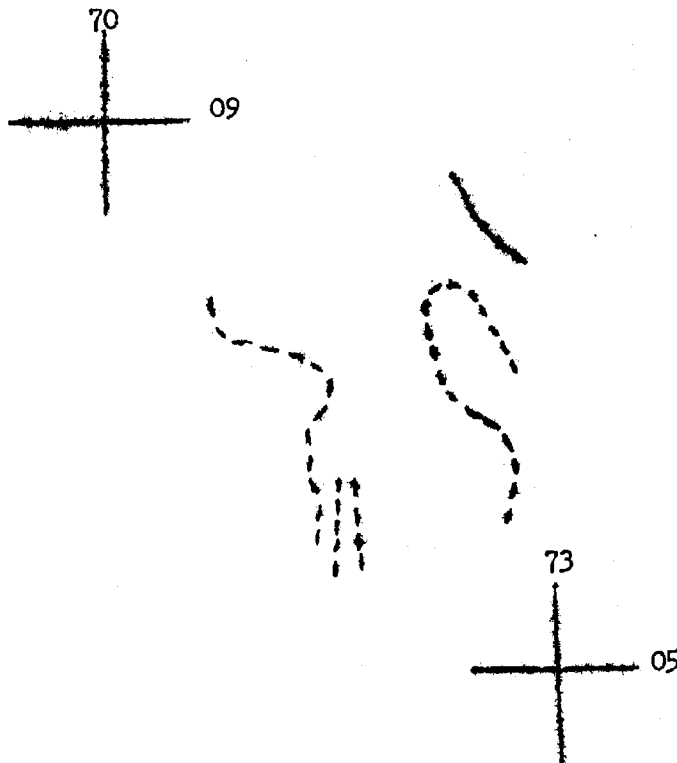
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Annex C (List of Captured Equipment)

35 lbs of seed  
35 lbs of beans  
Assorted clothing  
Toilet articles  
One flashlight  
Canteen and cup  
Rucksack pack  
Cloth shelter  
Mosquito net  
Various Documents

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- a. Size and Composition. (11) enlisted, (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None
- c. Communication Equipment. (1) AN/PRC-25, (1) AN/PRC-10
- d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50 binoculars.
- e. Special Equipment. None
- f. Special Weapons. (2) Claymore mines.

2. MISSION. To conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4. Establish ambushes of opportunity and capture at least one VC.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 220700H/270730H July 1966.4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 120½ hours of patrolling and observing, the patrol made no contacts. Numerous harbor sites were found at coordinates YD 811029, YD 882033, YD 808033. Estimated last use one month. At coordinates YD 809042 a very good OP site was located, with excellent surveillance to the East and West.

b. Enemy. None

- c. Terrain. At the insertion LZ and for approximately 300 meters along the patrol route, the underbrush was extremely thick. Throughout the patrol route the canopy was approximately 30 feet high. The patrol could cover 300 meters per hour.

d. Other Information.


252000H (YD 809042) Movement of a motor boat was heard in the SONG TA TRACH River. This boat was moving North.

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- e. Map Corrections. None
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None
7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, fair; Morale, fair.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None.

  
A. W. BACH  
Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER. None

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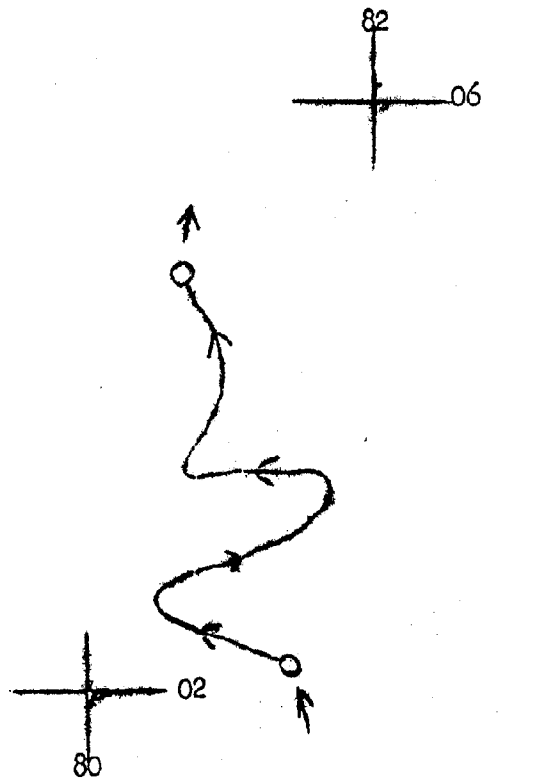
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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- 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. (1) 7x50 binoculars.
- e. Special Equipment. None
- f. Special Weapons. (3) Claymore mines.

2. MISSION. To conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture one prisoner.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 260730H/301730H July 19664. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 106 hours of patrolling and observation. The patrol made 4 contacts and 1 sighting for a total of 11 VC observed.

b. Enemy.

- (1) 271700H (YC 875993) The patrol was moving South along a trail when the point spotted 7 VC. The VC were wearing black PJs and assorted civilian shirts. 3 automatic weapons were observed. The VC were moving North on the same trail. The patrol pulled back and set up an ambush. The VC moved off the trail into the brush. No further contact was made.
- (2) (a) 301300H (YC 885993) The patrol was cutting HIZ when the security elements observed the following on the SE side of the hill. 1 VC moving toward our position. The security threw a grenade. No weapon was observed. It appeared the VC was after the claymore mine positioned by the patrol.
- (b) At 301430H (YC 885993) The security elements again observed 1 VC moving toward our position. Security threw a grenade. No weapon was observed. It appeared the VC was trying to determine the nature, size, and disposition of the patrol.
- (c) At 301550H (YC 885993) The security elements again observed 1 VC moving toward our position. The security threw a grenade and fired 18 rounds of M-14. At this time all work was ceased on the HIZ.
- (d) At 301620H (YC 885993) The patrol was sitting in defense when the security elements spotted 1 VC moving toward our position. The security threw a grenade and fired 30 rounds of M-14. The security went down the hill to conduct a search and to retrieve the claymore mine. The area was covered with blood. All the VC at this location were wearing black PJ shorts and assorted colored shirts.

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c. Terrain. The terrain was difficult to travel except on trails. The patrol could move approximately 100 meters per hour. The underbrush was 15 to 20 feet high. No water could be found.

d. Other Information.

(1) Annex B (Map Corrections)

- (a) One trail YC 877997 to 875993.
- (b) One trail YC 878996 to 882998.
- (c) One trail YC 880997 to 881995.

- 6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. 2 VC KIA (probable), 2 VC WIA (probable). As a result of hand grenades and small arms's fire.
- 7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; Morale, good.
- 8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. It appeared to the patrol leader that they had been compromised by the 1st sighting of the 7 VC and were being watched and/or followed throughout remainder of the patrol.

J. D. OMMONDSON JR.  
Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps  
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER. None

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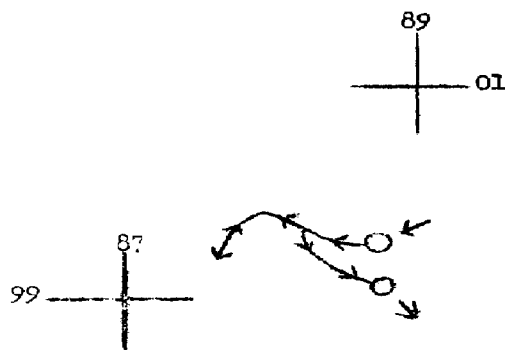
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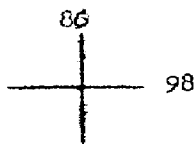
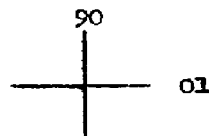
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1. Make the following pen changes to Operation Order 43-66

a. BASIC ORDER

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(2) Task Organization. Delete 3rd Platoon, Company "B", 3rd Recon Bn, (2nd Squad and 1st Squad), and 1st Platoon, Company "B", 3rd Recon Bn.

IRS  
(2) Delete 3rd Platoon, Company "B", 3rd Recon Bn and 1st Platoon, Company "B", 3rd Recon Bn from this Operation Order and all portions there unto pertaining.

  
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Operation Order 43-66

- (a) Maps: VIETNAM: 1:50,000; AMS Series L701; Sheet numbers 6460 II, 6459 I, 6559 IV, 6560 III, and 6559 I  
 (b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with changes 1 and 2  
 (c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 7-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

1 Platoon, Co "A", 1st Recon Bn  
~~2nd Platoon, Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn~~  
~~2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon~~  
~~1st Squad, 3rd Platoon~~  
~~1st Platoon, Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn~~

1stLT Taylor  
~~SGT BOLDA~~  
~~SGT FANBY~~  
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~~SGT FANBY~~

1. SITUATION.

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

2. MISSION. During the period 1 July through 10 August 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 3, 4, and 5. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner in each RZ. Conduct concurrent training for platoons in garrison and be prepared to support infantry operations as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. Emphasizing reconnaissance and observation of the primary avenues of approach into the RUE/PMU BAI combat zone, one of the companies four platoons will be employed for a duration of 4 to 5 days in each of two RZ's. Insertions and extractions of each platoon will be planned so as to insure fifty percent of available forces are employed at all times. At least eight hours of continuous training will be conducted by each platoon between operations unless otherwise directed.
- b. 2nd Platoon, Co "A". Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3 and within the area indicated on Annex A-1 (Operations Overlay), during the period 28 July to 02 August 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.

~~3. 3rd Platoon, Co "B".~~

- ~~(1) 2nd Squad. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3 and within the area indicated on Annex A-2 (Operations Overlay), during the period 29 July to 03 August 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.~~
- ~~(2) 1st Squad. Establish an observation post and radio relay site in RZ 5 in the vicinity of coordinates XG 993950, as indicated on Annex A-3 (Operations Overlay), during the period 30 July to 04 August 1966, inclusively. The radio relay will be in support of 1st Platoon, Co "B", as indicated in paragraph 3. d.~~

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- ~~1. 1st Platoon, Co "B". Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3 and within the area indicated on Annex A-4 (Operations Overlay), during the period 31 July to 05 August 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.~~

e. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Initial Point. HMMI - 161.

(2) Date, time, and place of insertion.

(a) 2nd Platoon, Co "A". 280730H, YD 651089.

~~(b) 3rd Platoon, Co "B".~~

~~2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon. 271000H, YD 779069.~~

~~1st Squad, 3rd Platoon. 300630H, YD 909997.~~

~~(c) 1st Platoon, Co "B". 310630H, YD 908969.~~

(3) Date, time, and place of extraction.

(a) 2nd Platoon, Co "A". 021530H, YD 683088.

~~(b) 3rd Platoon, Co "B".~~

~~2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon. 031530H, YD 794057.~~

~~1st Squad, 3rd Platoon. 041530H, YD 909995.~~

~~(c) 1st Platoon, Co "B". 051530H, YD 980984.~~

(4) Thrust Lines.

(a) 2nd Platoon, Co "A". ALPHA - 6510; BRAVO - 6905.

~~(b) 3rd Platoon, Co "B".~~

~~2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon. ALPHA - 7706; BRAVO - 8104.~~

~~1st Squad, 3rd Platoon. ALPHA - 9801; BRAVO - 8202.~~

~~(c) 1st Platoon, Co "B". ALPHA - 8600; BRAVO - 0303.~~

(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 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 are re-established enroute.

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- (11) Report to the CO, Company "B", ABAP upon extraction for debriefing.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE 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.
- d. Medical. Maintain an adequate supply of salt tablets and malaria pills are carried by each patrol member and consumed regularly.
- e. Special Equipment.
  - (1) One pair 7x50 binoculars or an M-49 spotter scope.
  - (2) One red panel per team.
  - (3) One yellow smoke grenade per patrol member.
  - (4) Two M-79 smoke launchers.
  - (5) Two concussion grenades per platoon.
  - (6) Two WP fragmentation grenades per platoon.
  - (7) Two grenades, (concussion, WP, or M-26 fragmentation) per platoon member.
  - (8) Two CS grenades per platoon.
  - (9) One green smoke grenade per platoon.

5. COMBAT AND COMMUNICATIONS.a. Communications.

- (1) Carry an AN/PRC-25 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 Company "B" will be established utilizing the AN/PRC-10.
- (3) The communications relay located on Hill 225 will continue to support RZ's 3 and 4.
- (4) A radio relay will be located at "K" Co, 3rd Bn 4th Mar (ID 929058) for communications in support of operations in RZ 5.

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**DECLASSIFIED**(5) Call Signs.

Hdqs, 2nd Platoon, Co "A"  
~~2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "A"~~  
~~2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B"~~  
~~2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B"~~  
~~2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B"~~  
~~2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B"~~  
 2nd Squad, 1st Platoon, Co "B"  
 Company "B"  
 Air Liaison  
 Artillery Support  
 Radio Relay (Hill 225; RZ's 3 and 4)  
 Radio Relay ("K" Co 3rd Bn 4th Mar; RZ 5)  
 1st Bn 4th Mar

HOMERUN  
~~IMMEDIATE~~  
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 RAINBELT BRAVO  
 SACRED  
 POLISH CROW or SELECTMAN  
 BRAVO RELAY  
 BRAVO X-RAY  
 PERMISSIVE

(6) Frequencies.

|                          | <u>Primary</u> | <u>Alternate</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| RAINBELT BRAVO           | 41.55          | 49.6             |
| POLISH CROW or SELECTMAN | 36.2           |                  |
| SACRED                   | 40.7           |                  |
| PERMISSIVE               | 43.6           |                  |

(7) Shackles.

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

- (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 Company "B" net continually.
- (10) All traffic will be addressed to RAINBELT BRAVO relayed through BRAVO RELAY or BRAVO X-RAY.

S. L. OWENS  
 Captain, U. S. Marine Corps  
 Commanding

ANNEXES:

A (Operations Overlay)

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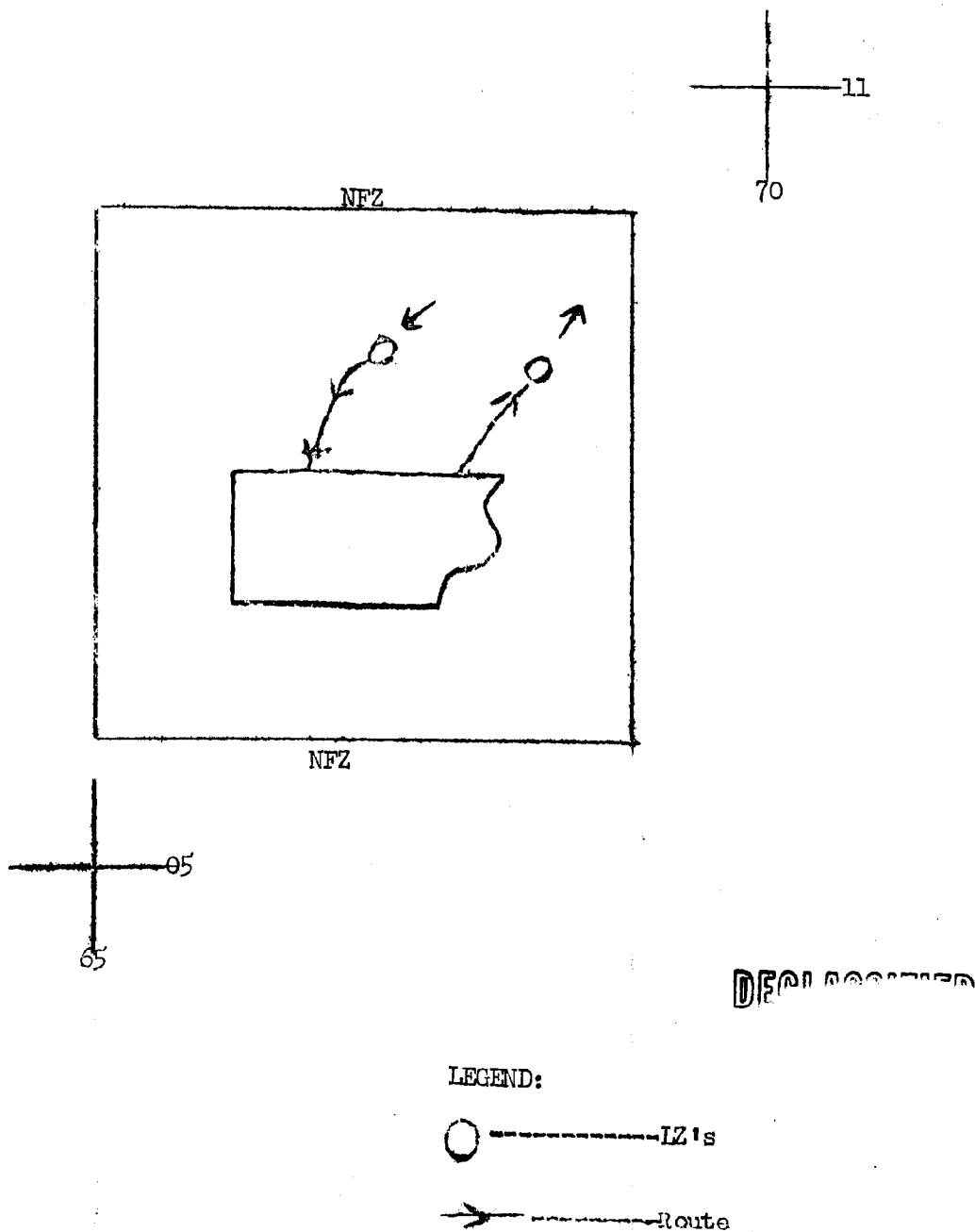
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Annex A (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 43-66

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Period: 28 July to 01 August 1966 in RZ 3

Call Sign: HOMERUN and LINEDRIVE



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 Patrol: 2nd Platoon, Co "A", 1st Recon Bn  
 Debriefing: 1st Lt J. L. TAYLOR  
 Ref: Map Sheet numbers 6560 III and 6559 IV

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.
  - a. Size and Composition. (1) Officer, (16) enlisted, (1) USN.
  - b. Special Attachments. None
  - c. Communication Equipment. (1) AN/PRC-25, (1) AN/PRC-10.
  - d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50 binoculars.
  - e. Special Equipment. None
  - f. Special Weapons. (2) Claymore mines.
2. MISSION. To conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3. Establish ambushes of opportunity and capture at least one VC.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 280730H/310730H July 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 no contacts and had no VC sightings. Two well used trails were located in the objective area. No fire mission were called in support of the patrol.
  - b. Enemy. No enemy sightings or contacts were made. No huts or harbor sites were located in the objective area.
  - c. Terrain.
    - (1) Terrain was very easy and a patrol could cover approximately 300 meters an hour. The canopy was head high to 20 meters high and water was fairly plentiful.
    - (2) Map Corrections. Annex B (Map Corrections).
  - d. Other Information. None
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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 J. L. TAYLOR  
 First Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps  
 Platoon Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER. None

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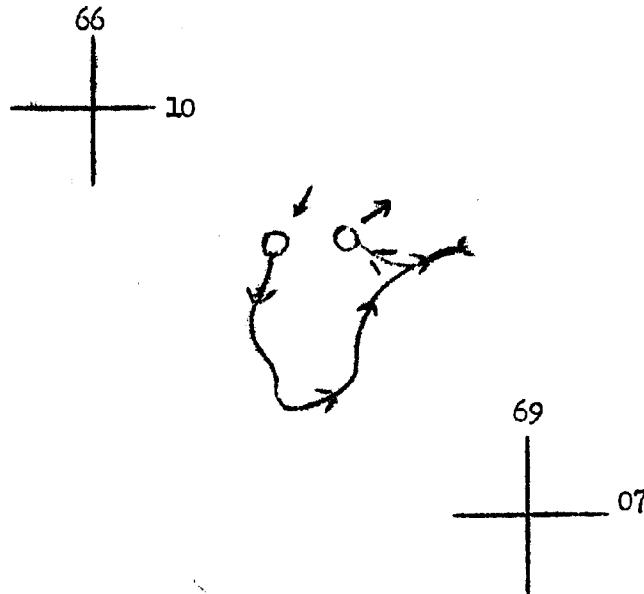
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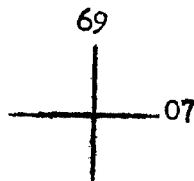
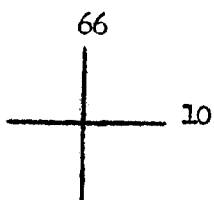
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Annex B (Map Corrections Overlay) to Patrol Route Overlay for Operation  
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LEGEND:

----- New Trail not Shown on  
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