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3d Reconnaissance Battalion  
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
FPO San Francisco 96602

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5 August 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: ACoFS, G-3)  
Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.1

Encl: (1) Battalion Operation Order 21-66  
(2) Battalion Operation Order 22-66  
(3) Patrol Report 47-66 of 7 July 1966 (Co A)  
(4) Patrol Report 48-66 of 14 July 1966 (Co A)  
(5) Patrol Report 50-66 of 12 July 1966 (Co A)  
(6) Patrol Report 51-66 of 21 July 1966 (Co A)  
(7) Patrol Report 52-66 of 26 July 1966 (Co A)  
(8) Patrol Report 53-66 of 30 July 1966 (Co A)  
(9) Patrol Report 61-66 of 3 July 1966 (Co C)  
(10) Patrol Report 62-66 of 5 July 1966 (Co C)  
(11) Patrol Report 63-66 of 6 July 1966 (Co C)  
(12) Patrol Report 64-66 of 10 July 1966 (Co C)  
(13) Patrol Report 65-66 of 9 July 1966 (Co C)  
(14) Patrol Report 66-66 of 11 July 1966 (Co C)  
(15) Patrol Report 67-66 of 14 July 1966 (Co C)  
(16) Patrol Report 68-66 of 13 July 1966 (Co C)  
(17) Patrol Report 69-66 of 16 July 1966 (Co C)  
(18) Patrol Report 70-66 of 19 July 1966 (Co C)  
(19) Patrol Report 71-66 of 17 July 1966 (Co C)  
(20) Patrol Report 72-66 of 18 July 1966 (Co C)  
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(32) Patrol Report 46-66 of 3 July 1966 (Co D)  
(33) Patrol Report 47-66 of 8 July 1966 (Co D)  
(34) Patrol Report 48-66 of 9 July 1966 (Co D)

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- (35) Patrol Report 49-66 of 20 July 1966 (Co D)  
 (36) Patrol Report 50-66 of 31 July 1966 (Co D)

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


## 2. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

- a. Reporting Unit: 3d Reconnaissance Battalion (-)(Rein) (AT 959750)
- b. Period Covered: 1-31 July 1966
- c. Commanding Officer Major Gary WILDER  
 Executive Officer Major J.C. GONZALEZ  
 Operations Officer Capt. T.R. DOMAN  
 Adjutant 2dLt. M.J. GILDEA  
 S-2 Officer Capt. W.C. SHAVER  
 S-4 Officer Capt. W.D. SHUMAN  
 CO, H&S Company Capt. G.C. ARNOLD  
 CO, Company A Capt. G. V. BEST  
 CO, Company C Capt. D.R. GARDNER  
 CO, Company D Capt. N.O. FLISRAM
- d. Average monthly strength (does not include figures for 1st Force Reconnaissance Company and Company B, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion attached to 4th Marine Regiment.
- |                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| (1) USMC Officers | 15  |
| (2) USMC Enlisted | 294 |
| (3) USN Officers  | 1   |
| (4) USN Enlisted  | 17  |

## 3. Significant Events

- a. Personnel and Administration. Officer shortages have resulted in utilizing sergeants as platoon leaders of many reconnaissance platoons.
- b. Training
- (1) Forward Observer schooling was continued with the goal of training every reconnaissance Marine to call and adjust artillery fires quickly and accurately.
  - (2) Block training, stressing reconnaissance and patrolling techniques was conducted for all newly joined personnel during the month.
  - (3) Reconnaissance companies continued to receive instruction at platoon level in weapons, tactics, personnel hygiene and general

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military subjects.

- (4) Mine and Booby trap schooling conducted by the 3d Engineer Battalion is being presented to Marines in this battalion to enable personnel to know and identify different types and likely locations of VC mines and booby traps.
- (5) Pre-SCUBA training was conducted during the reporting period to select Marines for advanced SCUBA training. Marines who complete the advanced SCUBA training will be assigned to SCUBA billets within this battalion.

c. Command and Control

- (1) On 5 July 1966, Major Gary WILDER, USMC assumed duties as Commanding Officer, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion relieving Major Thomas R. STUART, USMC rotated.
- (2) From 1-11 July 1966, 3rd Platoon and 2nd Squad, 1st Platoon, Company D OPCON to 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines.
- (3) On 8 July 1966, 6th Platoon, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company was OPCON to Commanding Officer, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion until 11 July 1966 when OPCON was passed to Commanding Officer, 4th Marine Regiment. Significant events concerning this unit will be reported in the Command Chronology of that regiment.
- (4) On 9 July 1966, 3d Platoon, Company D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion was dropped OPCON to CO, 4th Marine Regiment. Significant events concerning this unit will be reported in the Command Chronology of that regiment.
- (5) During the period 1-20 July, 1st Platoon, Company A OPCON to 4th Marine Regiment.
- (6) During the period 12-20 July, Company A Headquarters and 2d Platoon OPCON to 4th Marine Regiment.
- (7) On 15 July OPCON of 3d, 4th, and 5th Platoons, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company was passed to 3d Reconnaissance Battalion.
- (8) On 17 July OPCON of 3d and 4th Platoon, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company passed to CO, 4th Marine Regiment.
- (9) On 22 July OPCON 6th Platoon, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company passed to CO, 4th Marine Regiment.

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d. Support

- (1) 1st Platoon, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company

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- (1) The Medical Department of this battalion made weekly visits to the village of PHUOC LY. The medical personnel treated the villagers for various ailments and illnesses. The villagers seem to have trust and confidence in the ability of the medical staff.
- (2) During the month the Battalion Civil Affairs Officer distributed the following items to the people of PHUOC LY.
  - (a) 90 pounds of toys
  - (b) 600 pounds of cement
  - (c) 600 pounds of wheat
  - (d) 34 pieces of culvert
  - (e) 20 pounds of rice
  - (f) 10 pounds of candy
  - (g) 10 carpentry kits
  - (h) 200 pounds of soap

The people of PHUOC LY are responding well to these overtures.

4. Operations. The 3d Reconnaissance Battalion (-)(Rein) in general support of the 3d Marine Division maintained its operating units deployed on the periphery of the DA NANG TAOR. Significant operational events which occurred within the battalion during the reporting period were:
  - a. Company A. During the reporting period the company operated in the field for a total of 26 patrol days. The patrols located one possible VC ambush site, a VC bivouac area capable of accomodating 100 people, a cave, a lean-to and numerous trails. There were no sightings of VC personnel during the month. There were no USMC casualties sustained.
  - b. Company C. During the reporting period the company operated in the field for a total of 74 patrol days. Its patrols had 14 sightings and four contacts totalling 65 VC and 21 VCS. There were seven artillery missions called which, combined with the patrols' contacts, resulted in 8 VC KIA (Confirmed), 1 VC KIA (Probable), 5 VC WIA (Confirmed). The patrols apprehended 5 VCS and turned them over to proper authorities. In addition the patrols discovered 4 harbor sites, 2 OP sites, a cave, a large concrete structure and numerous indications of elephants having traveled through the area. There were no USMC casualties sustained.
  - c. Company D. During the reporting period the company operated in the field for a total of 22 patrol days. The patrol had one VC sighting of 16 VC. Two artillery missions were called on the VC sighted, but due to inclement weather, results could not be determined. The patrol

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located one trail marker, 4 excellent OP sites, Ten old one-man fighting holes which did not show signs of recent use, numerous unmapped trails were also sighted. There were no USMC casualties sustained.



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 3d Reconnaissance Battalion (-) (Rein)  
 DA NANG, RVN  
 291500H June 1966

**Operation Order 21-66**

- Ref: (a) Maps: VIET NAM, 1:50,000, Series L701, Sheet Numbers: 6559 I, II, IV; 6558 I; 6659 II, III, IV; 6658 I, IV; 6460 I, II; 6459 I, II; 6560 II, III, IV.  
 (b) BnOpO 349-65 w/Ch 2  
 (c) 3dDivOpO 368-66 (dtd 011200Z April 66)  
 (d) 3dMarDiv msg 091524H Jun 66  
 (e) 3dMarDiv msg 200239Z Jun 66

**Time Zone: H****Task Organization**

- a. Reference (b).  
 b. Co B (Rein) and 1stPlt, Co A, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion attached to 4th Marine Regiment.

**1. SITUATION**

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

2. MISSION. 3d Reconnaissance Battalion (-) (Rein) establishes and maintains a reconnaissance network in the TAOR/EZ's of the DA NANG tactical base and make every effort to capture VC and/or VCS.

**3. EXECUTION**

- a. Concept of Operation. Reference (b).  
 b. Co A (-)  
 (1) During the period 1-14 July 1966 inclusive, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ-3. Conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 2 and 4 on order. Utilize 50% of available forces for operations.  
 (2) One platoon continue to support reference (e) and assume screening mission upon completion.

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C O N F I D E N T I A Lc. Co C (-)

- (1) During the period 1-14 July 1966 inclusive, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ-5, Utilize 50% of available forces for operations.
- (2) One platoon will continue to support reference (d) and will assume screening mission upon completion.

4. Co D (-)

- (1) During the period 1-14 July 1966 inclusive, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ-8. Conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ-4 on order. Utilize 50% of available forces for operations.
- (2) One platoon (Rein) remain direct support in accordance with reference (c).

e. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Every effort will be made to capture and return to U. S. control VC or VCS.
- (2) Submit company employment schedule by 301900H June 1966.
- (3) Submit helicopter requirements and operation orders to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) not later than 48 hours prior to commencement of missions.
- (4) Submit patrol roster to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) prior to execution of assigned missions.
- (5) Whenever possible, patrol leaders will be afforded the opportunity for helicopter reconnaissance prior to insertion.
- (6) Operate within supporting artillery range.
- (7) Be prepared to insert and/or extract by foot.
- (8) Use varying means and times of entry and exit. Helicopter landing zones will normally be no closer than 3000 meters to the objective area.
- (9) EEI's: Annex A to reference (b).
- (10) Be prepared to recommend infantry exploitation or reinforcements and suitable primary and alternate landing zones for its entry.
- (11) Coordinate all missions with cognizant Regimental Commanders.

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- (12) Fire support and infantry reinforcement requirements will be effected by direct liaison with cognizant Regimental Commanders.
- (13) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Make personal liaison with 12th Marines (S-3) for artillery coordination, after coordinating with cognizant Regimental FSCC
- (14) Shackle O-T azimuth when adjusting artillery.
- (15) If an air strike is requested and approved, display a single yellow panel at forward most position when aircraft are on station.
- (16) Each squad will carry at least one entrenching tool. All trash and garbage will be buried and the site camouflaged. Every effort will be made to obscure all evidence of patrol passage.
- (17) Each company in the DA NANG tactical base shall report hourly to this Headquarters, the location and situation of each element of each patrol.
- (18) Any patrol out of radio contact for a period of six hours shall abort its mission and return to point of insertion.
- (19) Cause patrol leaders to report to Battalion S-2 immediately on return to the unit area for debriefing.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Utilize long range patrol packet when available and when operational areas will permit.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Each platoon size patrol will carry a PRC-25 for its primary means of communications. Inter-platoon communications by PRC-10.
- c. Field relay sites will carry both primary and alternate means of communications.
- d. Utilize Battalion Brevity Code as promulgated by reference (b).

  
THOMAS R. STUART

: Major, U. S. Marine Corps

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 141145H July 1966

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Operation Order 22-66

- Ref: (a) Maps: VIET NAM, 1:50,000, Series L701, Sheet Numbers: 6559 I, II, IV; 6558 I; 6659 II, III, IV; 6658 I, IV; 6460 I, II; 6459 I, II; 6560 II, III, IV.  
 (b) BnOpO 17-66 w/Ch 1  
 (c) 3dDivOpO 368-66 (dtd 011200Z April 1966)  
 (d) 3dMarDiv msg 091524Z Jun 66  
 (e) 3dMarDiv msg 202039Z Jun 66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization

- a. Reference (b).  
 b. Co B (Rein), 1stPlt, Co A (-) and 2dPlt, Co D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion OPCON to 4th Marine Regiment.

1. SITUATION

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3. EXECUTION

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

- (1) During the period 15-31 July 1966 inclusive, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations as directed. Use 50% of available forces for such operations except during the period 15-20 July 1966, inclusive, when this figure shall be increased to 66 2/3% of available forces.

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- (2) One platoon will continue to support provisions of reference (d) and will assume normal mission upon completion.

c. Co D (-)

- (1) During the period 15-31 July 1966 inclusive, conduct reconnaissance operations as directed utilizing maximum available forces.
- (2) One platoon remain direct support in accordance with reference (c).
- (3) One platoon remain opcon 4th Marines.

d. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Maximum effort will be put forth to capture and return to U.S. control VC and/or VCS.
- (2) Submit company employment schedule and projected patrol overlays by 140900H July 1966.
- (3) Submit helicopter requirements and operation orders to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) not later than 48 hours to commencement of mission.
- (4) Submit patrol roster to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) prior to execution of assigned missions.
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- (9) EBI's: Annex A to reference (b).
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Operation Order: 47-66  
 Patrol: 2d Flt. "A" Co.  
 Debriefing: SSGT D.R. PHELPS  
 Map Sheet: 6559 II

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 3d Reconnaissance Bn.  
 DANANG, RVN  
 070800H July 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (13) Enl, (1) USN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) 2 lb. blocks C-4 w/acc.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) Shotgun
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in or west of RZ's 3-4.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 021700H/070700H July 1966
4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 110 hours of continuous reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol noted area had numerous trail complexes, found one possible ambush site, one bivouac area, (1) lean-to and had trip flare activated by unknown source.
  - b. ENEMY: None.
  - c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense underbrush, interwoven vines and a canopy that varies from 10 feet to 50 feet in height. Area also has numerous trail complexes but none appear to have been used in approximately 2-3 weeks.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
    - (1) 021900H (ZC 155847), a trip flare that patrol had put out was tripped. Patrol leader stated that flare may have been tripped by animal. No additional activity was heard by patrol.
    - (2) 031900H (ZC 154841), patrol noted this area had been used for possible bivouac area for approximately 100 people. Patrol checked

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area with negative results. Site appeared to be over a month old.

(3) 050800H (ZC 157840), patrol found (1) very old lean-to which had collapsed. Area revealed no signs of recent activity.

(4) 061530H (ZC 159847), patrol found 15 small fire sites and approximately 30 meters southwest of this site was an additional 10 sites. Patrol checked area and found (2) rifle cleaning patches, 6 expended 30 cal. M-1 cartridges and (1) old pack of "Ruby Queen" cigarettes. Patrol leader stated this site appeared to be a possible ambush site and did not appear to be over a week old.

(5) Patrol found a trail not shown on map at (ZC 153846) running south to (ZC 153840). Trail at this time swings in a westerly direction to (ZC 146837). Trail is approximately 1 meter wide with a canopy of approximately 50 feet.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

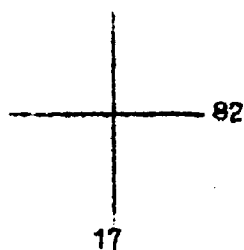
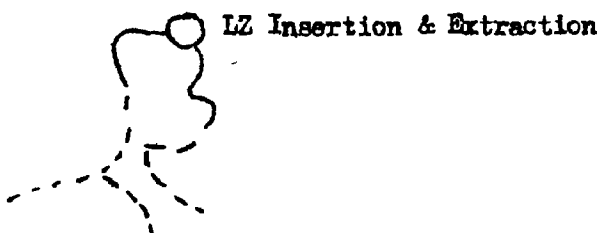
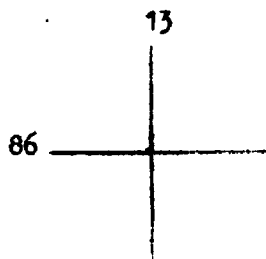
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

#### 8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusion: Due to canopy in this area the patrols will have to set up OP sites very close to highway #14 in order to properly keep this approach under surveillance.

G. L. JOHNSON  
SGT "A" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Due to observations made by patrol it is possible that a company size unit operates in this area. There was no indications which would substantiate a larger force. This area is more possibly utilized as egress and ingress than a permanent operating area.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
<p>O LZ = LANDING ZONE</p> <p>— = ROUTE TRAVELED</p>	<p>2ND. FLT, "A" CO.</p> <p>MAP: VIETNAM 1-50,000</p> <p>SERIES: L-701</p> <p>SHEET: 6559 II</p>

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Operation Order: 48-66 w/ch #1  
 Patrol: 3d Plt, 2nd Co.  
 Debriefer: SSGT D.R.PHELPS  
 Map Sheet: 6659 III

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 DANANG, RVN  
 140745H July 1966

PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (14) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x30's, (1) pr 6x30's
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) 2 lb blocks of C-4 w/aop
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance operations and establish OP sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ #3 to determine the extent of enemy activity over existing trails and locate avenues of approach into and out of assigned area.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 071700H/140700H July 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 158 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found numerous trail complexes, none of which revealed signs of use. No additional observations of significance were made.

b. ENEMY: None

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation interwoven vines, numerous large rocks and a canopy of approximately 80 feet in height. Area has numerous trail complexes but all are overgrown and reveal no signs of recent activity.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

## 8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Taking as a minimum (5) canteens of water. Water sources in this area are extremely scarce.

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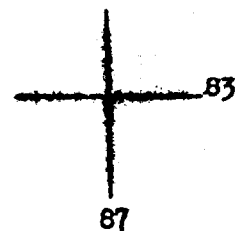
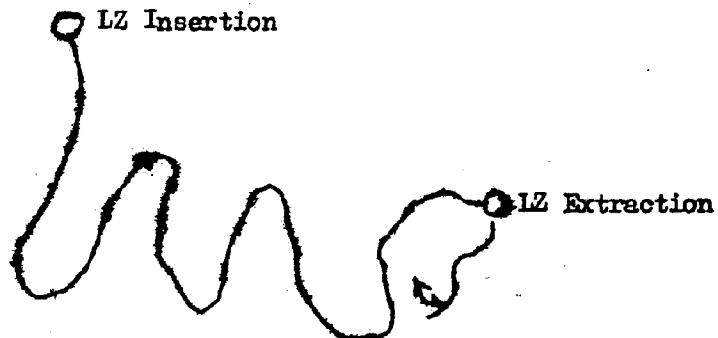
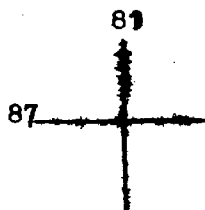
Conclusions: Patrol leader stated that the entire area covered by patrol revealed no signs or indications of use for approximately 3 months.

T. W. WARD  
SGT "A" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Due to observations made by this patrol it is extremely doubtful that a battalion size unit operates in this area as previously reported.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
O LZ = LANDING ZONE	3d Plt, "A" Co.
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Operation Order: 50-66  
Patrol: 2d Plt. Co. A  
Debriefing: SSGT D.R. PHELPS  
Map Sheet: 6659 III

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DANANG, RVN  
120800H July 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (14) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) 2 lb. blocks C-4 w/acc.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) Shotgun

2. Mission: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ#3 with particular attention to the Dong Den area to determine the extent of enemy activity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 081700H/120700H July 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 86 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found (1) cave, (1) sandal print, and (1) trail not shown on map no additional observations of significance were made.

b. ENEMY: None.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation, interwoven vines, and a canopy of approximately 60 feet in height. Movement throughout this area extremely difficult.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 081800H (AT 840825), patrol observed (1) sandal print on trail which appeared to be 1-2 days old. Checked area with negative results.

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(2) 101000H (AT 848812), patrol located (1) small cave large enough to accomodate (2) people, piece of broken dish and a small fire site. Area didn't appear to have been used within last 2 months.

(3) Patrol found one trail not shown on map at (AT 838827) running east to (AT 848828). This trail is approximately 2 meters wide and revealed no signs of recent use.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

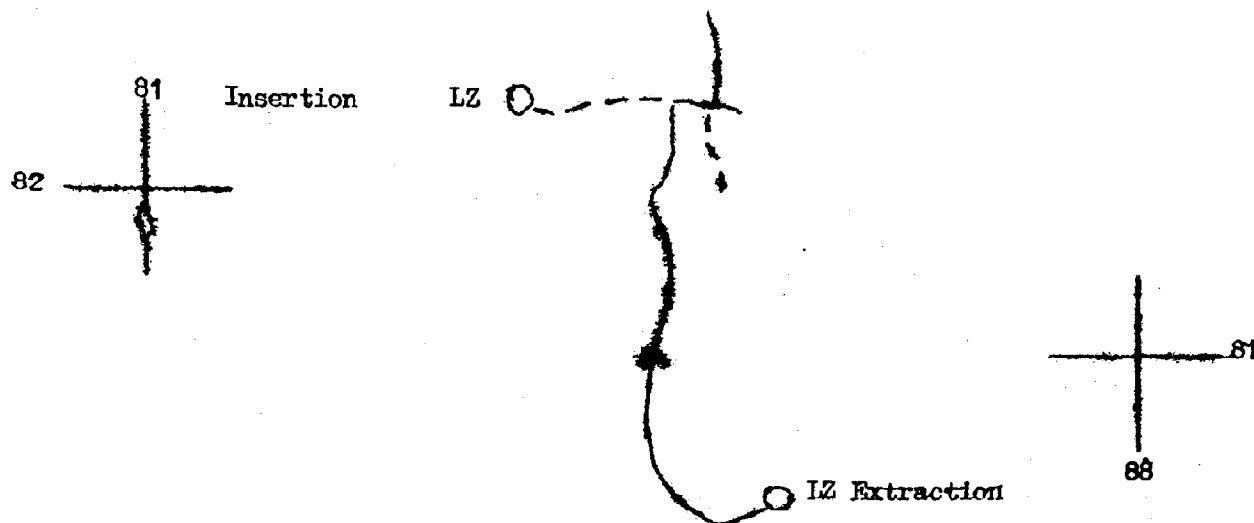
Conclusion: Area shows no signs of recent use. Trails are overgrown and patrol found no indications of activity.

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SGT "A" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Due to observation of this patrol, previous reports of a battalion size unit operating this area seem very improbable.

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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (13) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50's, (1) 6x30
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) 2 lb blocks of C-4 w/acc
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) LAW, (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the areas outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ #2 to determine the extent of enemy activity in assigned area and locate avenues of approach into and out of this area.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 180600H/211700H July 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 83 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found no signs of recent activity in this area which would substantiate recent reports of a battalion size enemy unit in this vicinity.

b. ENEMY: None

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation, inter woven vines and a canopy of approximately 80 feet in height.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: Nam Yen village complex revealed no signs of activity. Artillery was fired into this area continuously.

6. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: None

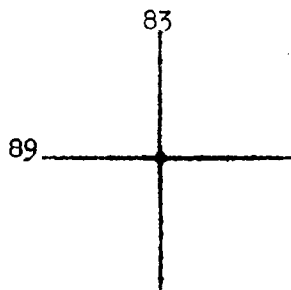
Conclusions: Area reveals no signs of recent use.

T. W. WARD  
SGT "A" Co.

. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Patrol found no indications which would substantiate reports of an enemy battalion currently operating in this area.

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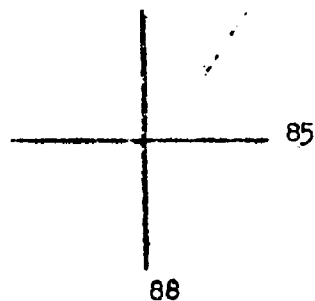


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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
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Patrol: 1st Plt. "A" Co.  
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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (16) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) F. 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (5) 27b. block C-4 w/aoc.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M16, (2) M4

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance operations and establish OP sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay in RE #3 to determine the extent of enemy activity in assigned area and maintain surveillance of the Elephant Valley approach.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 221630Z/260730H July 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 87 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol heard approximately 50 rounds of automatic weapons fire, possibly 50 caliber but could not determine source. No additional observation of significance were made.

b. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation, interwoven vines and a canopy of approximately 40 feet in height.

c. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 251715H (20 1966). patrol heard approximately 50 rounds of what sounded like 50 caliber automatic weapons fire from this vicinity. Source of fire could not be determined.

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(2) Patrol established OP site (ZC 192846) which provided excellent surveillance west to (ZC 170936) and observation east to (AT 807849).

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: None.

Conclusion: Area covered by patrol revealed no signs of recent activity.

J. TRUJILLO  
SFC 10150

9. RECOMMENDATION: None.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
O LZ= LANDING ZONE	1st Plt. "A" Co.
— = ROUTE TRAVELED	Map; Vietnam, 1:50,000 Series; L-701 Sheet: 6559 II  3d Recon Bn. (S-2)

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Operation Order: 53-66  
 Patrol: 2d Plt. "A" Co.  
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PATROL REPORT

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## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (11) Bn1, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) 2 lb. blocks C-4 w/acc.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) Shotgun

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the areas outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ #3 to determine the extent of enemy activity and maintain surveillance over avenues of approach into assigned area.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 261700H/300845H July 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 92 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found (1) trail not shown on map which revealed no signs of recent use. There were no additional observations of significance noted.

b. ENEMY: None.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation interwoven vines and a canopy varying from 50 to 80 feet in height.

## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) Trail shown in grid square (ZC 1983) completely overgrown.

(2) Patrol found trail not shown on map (ZC 193835) following contour of stream south to (ZC 192826). Trail was approximately (1) meter wide with very old panji stakes on both sides. Trail revealed no signs of recent use.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

## 8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusion: Area revealed no signs of enemy activity and there was negative traffic on highway #14 in this area.

G. L. JOHNSON  
 SGT "A" Co.

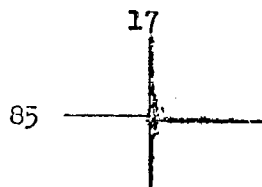
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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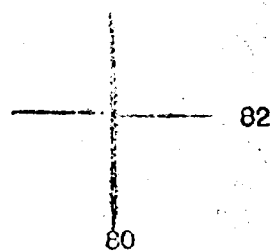
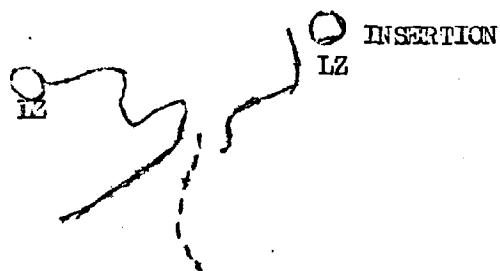
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EXTRACTION



LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
○ LZ LANDING ZONE	2d Plt. "A" Co.
--- ROUTE TRAVELED	Map: Vietnam, 1:50,000
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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (8) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50's, (1) M-49 Observation Scope
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) Claymore Mine
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) Shotgun (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in areas outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ #5.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 300700H/030700H June-July 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 72 hours of continuous reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found (1) document, observed marker scratched into large boulder and noted results of H&I fires conducted in this area appear to be very effective.

b. ENEMY: None

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense brush steep slopes and has no canopy.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 010600H (AT871622) Patrol found what appeared to be friendly propaganda leaflet. Document forwarded to G-2 030900H July 1966.

(2) 030645H (AT870626) Patrol observed a "+" scratched into large boulder this vicinity. Patrol unable to check area due to extraction at this time. Patrol leader stated this cross was visible for approximately 300 meters with the naked eye. This cross was approximately 24" high by 24" wide. No additional observations were made.

6. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

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7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Taking as a minimum, 6 canteens per man as water sources in this area are beginning to be depleted.

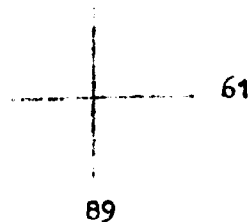
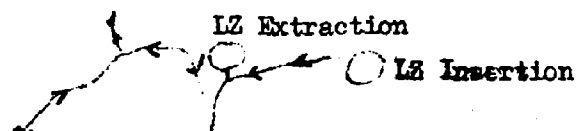
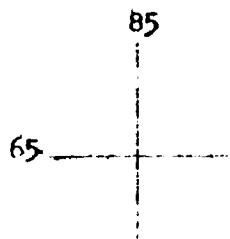
Conclusions: Area doesn't show any signs of recent activity at this time.

V. H. PATTERSON  
SGT "C" Co.

8. DESK DEFER COMMENTS: Patrol leader stated that all H&I fires conducted in the vicinity of 423 and 419 hill complexes appear to be very effective along trail complexes in these areas.

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— = ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP: VIETNAM 1-50,000
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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (1) OFF, (14) ENL, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC25, (1) AN/PRL 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (3) pr 7x50's
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) PSR-1, (1) 2 lb block C-4 W/acc
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-60, (2) M-79, (1) Shotgun

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the areas outlined on the patrol overlay in direct support of tactical operations being conducted by 2d Bn, 3d Mar in RZ #5.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 010730H/050730H July 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 96 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in (1) VCS captured, observation of approximately 150 VN, and 2 Artillery missions called expending a total of (15) rds on suspected avenues of approach. No additional sightings of significance were made.

b. ENEMY: 040930H (AT864603) Patrol observed (1) VCS this vicinity wearing black trousers, pink sport shirt, and coolie hat. VCS appeared to be cutting brush. Patrol sent (2) teams from OP site for further observation and possible capture of VCS. The VCS avoided first team and second team apprehended the VCS. Team tied, gagged, and blindfolded captive and returned to OP site. Extraction of captive requested and completed by helo at approximately 041330H. Captive was turned over to 2d Bn 3d Mar and processed through their channels. It was later reported that VCS was a brother to a PF and will be detained for 24 hours and released to the Dai Loc district chief 05 July 1966.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by thin brush and is extremely rocky with no canopy. Area has very few suitable positions for night harbor sites due to limited concealment.

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d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 020950H (AT850576) Patrol observed approximately 150 VN and 70 head of cattle moving from vic (AT850576) to vic (AT867574) VN appeared to be avoiding a Marine armored patrol that was operating approximately 500 meters to their south southwest. VN were dressed in black and white P.J.'s and were carrying bundles on yokes. Patrol observed no unusual activity.

(2) 031300H (AT863589) Patrol observed possible avenue of approach. Artillery mission of 7 rds was fired with good coverage of area.

(3) 031430H (AT853583) Patrol observed possible avenue of approach. Artillery mission of 8 rds was fired with good coverage of area.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- a. ENEMY: captured (1) VCS
- b. FRIENDLY: None
- c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: None

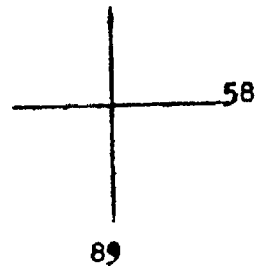
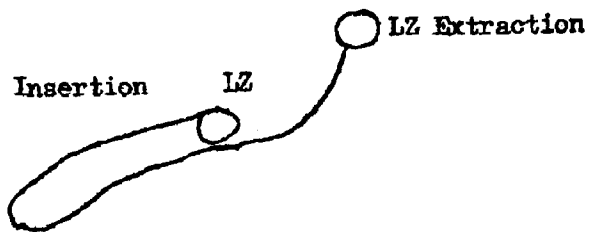
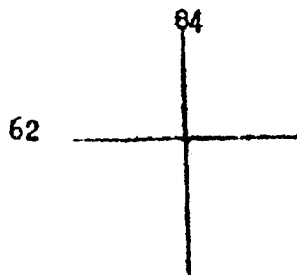
Conclusions: Area doesn't appear to be used by the VC at this time.

L. C. VETTER  
1st Lt. "C" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None

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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50's, (1) M-49 Observation scope
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) 2 lb block of C-4 w/acc
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) Shotgun, (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ #5 and maintain surveillance of the Mortar Valley avenue of approach.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 030645H/060730H July 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 72½ hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in (1) sighting of (12) VCS. Patrol noted increased activity to the northeast of the Mortar Valley complex and heard elephants trumpeting on one occasion.

b. ENEMY: None

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense undergrowth, large rocks throughout and a canopy of approximately 20 feet in height.

## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 050915H (AT885656) Patrol observed 12 VCS dressed in brown P.J.'s and brown coolie hats. VCS were moving west into the Mortar Valley complex. Patrol observed VCS for approximately 30 minutes at which time observation was lost.

(2) Patrol leader stated that activity vicinity of (AT8966) had increased significantly in the last two weeks.

(3) 052245H (AT872656) Patrol heard elephant trumpeting from this vicinity.

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6. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: None

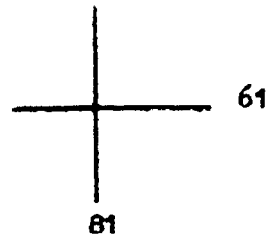
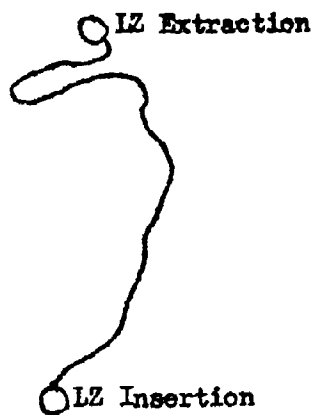
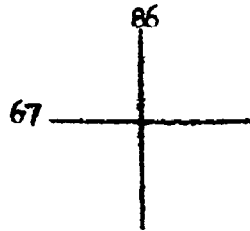
Conclusions: Area covered by patrol doesn't appear to be used by VC forces at this time.

P. M. GORCZEWSKI  
SGT "C" Co.

8. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
○ LZ - LANDING ZONE	1st Sqd, 2d Plt, "C" Co.
— - ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP: VIETNAM 1-50,000 SERIES: L-701 SHEET: 6658 IV

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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (16) Enl, (1) USN

b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None

c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10

d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (3) pr 7x50's (1) 6x30, (1) M-49 Observation scope.

e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) 2 lb block of C-4 w/acc

f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-60, (2) M-79, (1) Carbine

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the areas outlined on the patrol overlay in direct support of tactical operations being conducted by 2d Bn, 3d Marines.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 050745H/100700H July 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 119 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in (1) enemy sighting of (6) VC, (1) Artillery mission of (24) rds fired resulting in (1) VC WIA (Conf) and (5) VC WIA (Prob). Patrol noted excessive trash, C-rations cans, paper, etc. in area covered. No additional observations of significance were made.

b. ENEMY: 061000H. (AT889621) Patrol observed 6 VC dressed in dark olive drab clothing with dark brown helmets. (5) were armed with weapons and (5) packs were observed. VC were moving from NW to SE on trail this vicinity. Artillery mission of (24) rds was fired resulting in (1) WIA (Conf) and 5 WIA (Prob).

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense brush, elephant grass approximately 7 feet in height with no canopy. Due to the high ground being cleared of concealment, suitable OP sites in this area are extremely scarce.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: Area covered has excessive trash strewn throughout.

## 6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (1) WIA (Conf), (5) WIA (Prob)

b. FRIENDLY: None

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None

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7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: That patrol leaders supervise burying trash during patrol.

Conclusions: Area covered by patrol not being used by enemy forces at this time.

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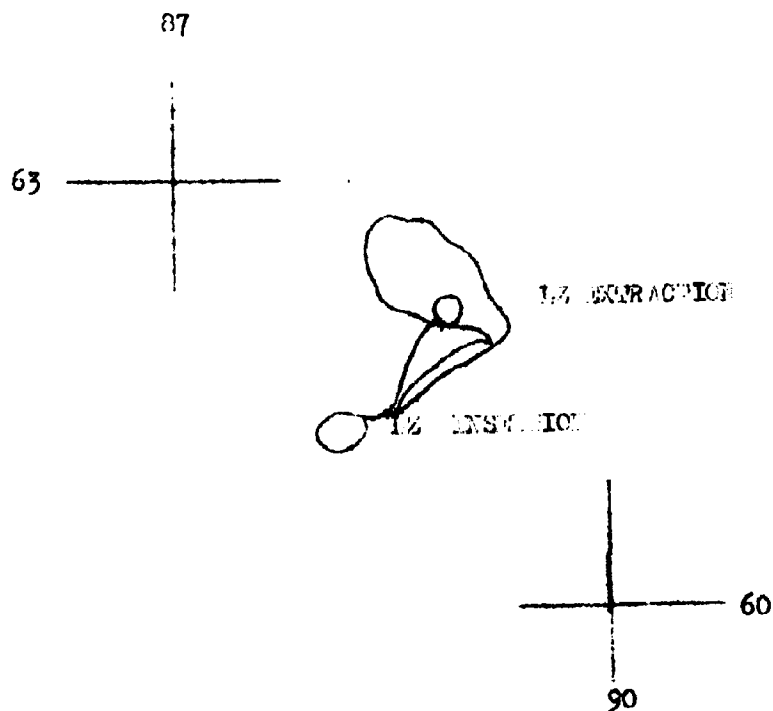
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Area appears to be used for transit from the Song Vu Gia, NW to the high ground vicinity of Hill 502.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (9) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50, (1) M-49 observation scope
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) Claymore mines, (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay in R #5 to determine enemy activity in assigned area and maintain surveillance of the Mortar Valley avenues of approach.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 060715H/090730H July 1966

4. ROUTE See Patrol Route Overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 72 1/2 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in (1) enemy sighting, (3) VC, (1) artillery mission of (17) rounds fired, observation of 20 VN cutting wood and picking berries and an unusually large number of cattle. Trail complexes throughout area patrolled revealed no signs of recent use.

b. ENEMY:

(1) 081830H (AT 832647), patrol observed 3 VC gathered around a camp fire this vicinity. Due to darkness clothing and equipment could not be observed. Artillery mission of (17) rounds was fired with good target coverage, results could not be determined due to darkness.

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c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense brush, large rocks, numerous trail complexes and no canopy.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 060928H (AT 878653), patrol observed 20 VN dressed in black and white PJ's. They appeared to be cutting wood and picking berries. Patrol leader also noted that there were approximately 70 head of cattle in this area no unusual activity was observed.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: Unknown

b. FRIENDLY: None.

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION:

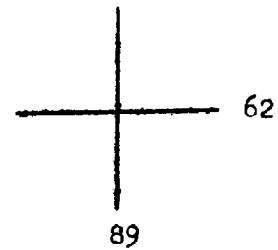
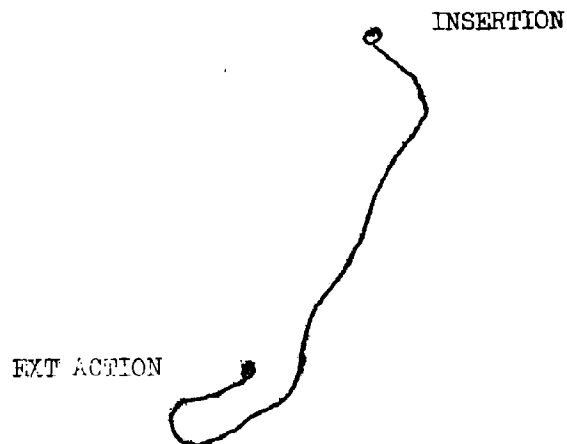
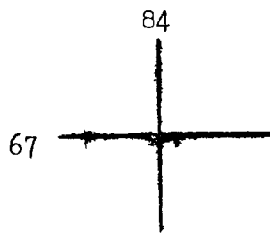
Conclusions: There were no indications that VC forces are using area covered by patrol at this time. Trail complexes throughout area reveal no signs of recent activity.

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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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O - LZ Landing Zone	2d Sq. 2d Plt. Co. C
— Route traveled	Vietnam: 1:50,000
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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (8) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50's, (1) M-49 Observation scope.
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) 2 lb block of C-4 w/aoc
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) Shotgun (1) LAW

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the areas outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ #5, paying particular attention to the Mortar Valley avenue of approach.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 090715H/110630H July 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN

a. SYNOPSIS: 47½ hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol noted numerous elephant tracks with foot prints of approximately 20 people. Three fresh trails, not shown on map were also found.

b. ENEMY: None

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense brush, kunai grass, numerous large boulders and a canopy of approximately 20 feet in height.

## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 100900H (AT876633) (AT877636) Patrol noted numerous tracks and elephant dung which appeared to be less than four hours old. There were also foot prints of an estimated 20 people intermingled with the elephant tracks.

(2) 100900H (AT876636) Patrol located three fresh trails this vicinity, not shown on map. Trails were approximately 2 meters wide running east and west. Patrol estimated these trails to have been cut within the last 3 to 5 hours.

6. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

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7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

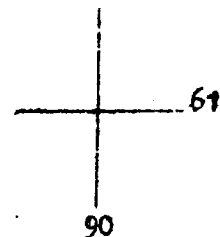
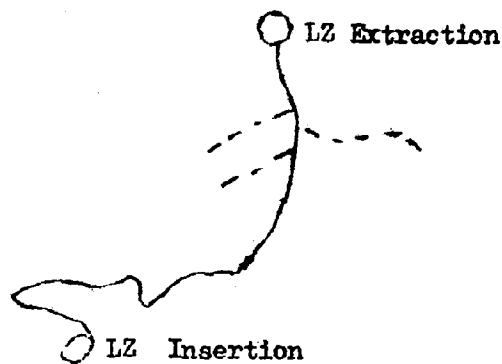
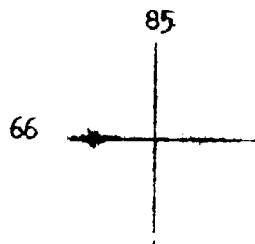
Recommendations: That future patrols operating in this area consider setting up night ambushes along the trail complexes.

Conclusions: Area covered by patrol reveals recent and heavy use by unknown number of persons utilizing elephants possibly as equipment bearers.

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8. DEBRIEFER COMMENT: Due to the patrols observations in this area it appears probable that these elephants were used to transport supplies west into either the 800 or 886 hill complexes.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
○ LZ - LANDING ZONE	1st Sqd, 2d Plt, "C" Co.
— - ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP: VIETNAM 1-50,000
--- - NEW TRAILS NOT SHOWN ON MAP	SERIES: L-701
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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (11) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (3) pr of 7x50's
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) 2 lb block of C-4 w/acc
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-60, (1) Shotgun, (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the areas outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ #5 in direct support of tactical operations being conducted by 2d Bn, 3d Marines.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 100630H/141800H July 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 107½ hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in (1) sighting of (3) VCS, finding of (2) small bowls and fresh cigarette butts and locating of a large concrete structure. Patrol also found freshly cut trail not shown on map.

b. ENEMY: 140715H (AT883591) Patrol observed 3 VCS wearing dark clothing and coolie hats. VCS were observed getting into two small boats and moving to island this vicinity. VCS retrieved (3) bundles of unknown contents and proceeded back across canal and placed the bundles in bushes at (AT883588). Patrol notified relay on hill 41 and "F" Co, 2/3 was notified.

## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 120930H (AT878602) Patrol found one very large concrete structure approximately 40 meters long, 8 meters wide and 1 meter high. There was a protruding square shaped addition on west end that appeared to have control valves on lower portion. Numerous fresh footprints were noted in this vicinity. Patrol checked surrounding area with negative results.

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(2) 131340H (AT858598) Patrol found (2) small bowls, fresh cigarette butts not over two days old and a freshly cut trail this vicinity. Trail was approximately 20" wide and ~~appeared~~ to have been cut within last 24 hours and ~~traversed~~ by 10-15 people. Patrol checked trail from (AT858598) west to hill top (AT855578) with no additional findings.

6. CONDITION OF J. BOL: Good, Morale good

7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Consideration be given to the possibility of a 60 mm squad being attached to a recon unit operating in support of infantry operations

Conclusions: Area reveals use by unknown number of persons due to fresh trails and cigarette butts found by patrol.

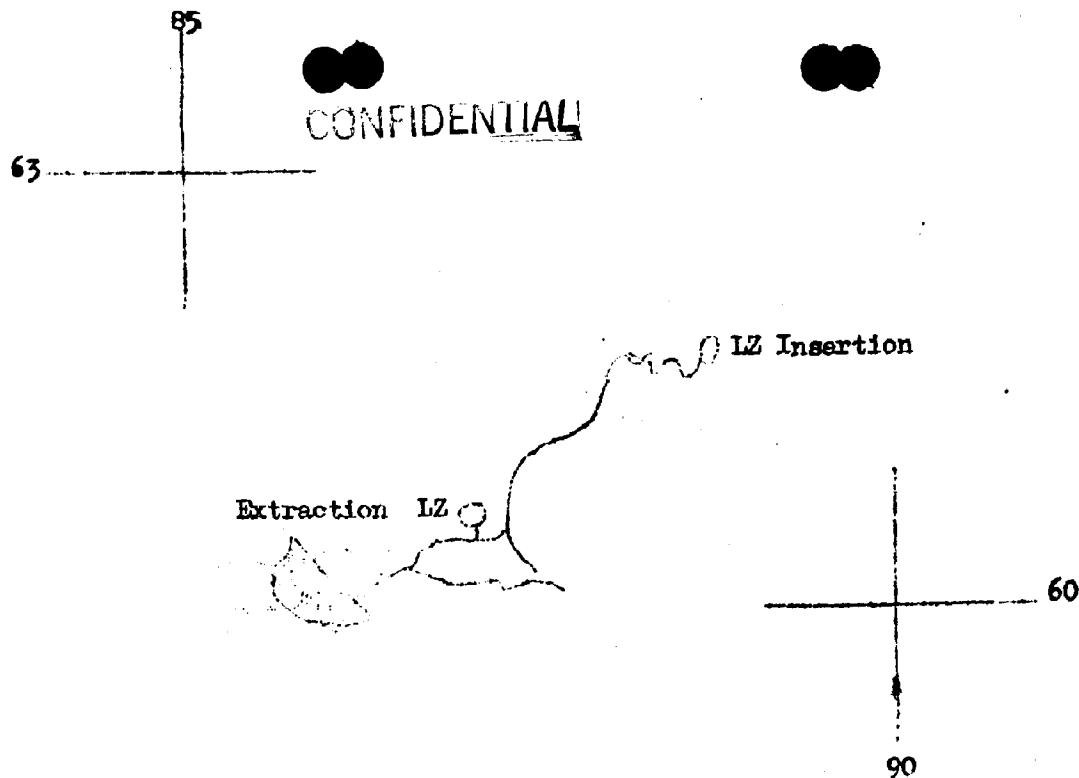
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8. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: This is the third patrol operating in this general area to note recent signs of activity within the past week.

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○ LZ - LANDING ZONE	1st Plt, "C" Co.
— ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP: VIETNAM 1-50,000 SERIES: L-701 SHEET: 6658 IV 3d Recon Bn (S-2)

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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (8) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) Claymore mines, (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the areas outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ #5, and to maintain surveillance of the Mortar Valley avenues of approach.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 110615H/130700H July 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 49 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol noted trail complex, vicinity coordinates (AT 8665) revealed signs of recent use. No additional observations of significance were made.

b. ENEMY: None.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense underbrush, numerous trail complexes, large rocks and a canopy of approximately 20 feet in height.

## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 121250H (AT 8665) Patrol leader stated that the trail complexes in this area appeared to have been used within the last 24 hours. Patrol checked area with negative results.

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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

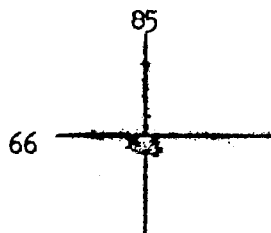
Conclusion: Area covered by patrol appeared to be used within the last 24 hours due to fresh tracks found on the trails.

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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: There has been a noted increase of activity in this area during the last two weeks.

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O LZ - Landing Zone	2d Sq. 2d Plt. "C" Co.
— Trail Traveled	Vietnam, 1:50,000 Series: L-701 Map Sheet: 6658 IV (3d ReconBn S-2)

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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) Claymore mine, (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the areas outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ #5 to determine enemy activity and maintain surveillance of the Mortar Valley avenues of approach.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 130630H/160730H July 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 73 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in (1) sighting of (1) VCS, no contacts were made. Patrol found fresh trail not shown on map, numerous indications of elephants, (2) small harbor sites, (1) safe conduct pass, observation site, and a large herd of cattle moving into the Mortar Valley area with (6) VN who appeared to be herding them.

## b. ENEMY:

(1) 150920H (AT 881652), patrol observed (1) VCS this vicinity dressed in black PJ's and white cover. Due to dense underbrush patrol could not observe VCS's approach.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense underbrush large rocks and a canopy of approximately 30 feet in height.

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d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 130700H (AT 868644), patrol found fresh trail not shown on map. Trail was approximately 4 feet wide and had been traversed by (2) to (3) elephants. It was noted that several trees along this trail had cut marks possibly done as a means of marking trail. Trail ran Southeast to river (AT 871643). Patrol found pieces of broken glass, a safe conduct pass, (2) small harbor sites and a tree which had been used for an OP site. This OP site afforded observation Northeast to the Mortar Valley approach.

(2) 141530H (AT 875646), stream this vicinity was approximately 6 meters wider at these coordinates and very deep.

(3) 150615H (AT 878646), patrol found numerous elephant tracks which appeared to be less than 4 days old. Patrol leader has made numerous other patrols in this area and stated this was the first time he had noted area to be used by elephants.

(4) 150900H (AT 800650), from 0900 to 1350H patrol observed approximately 100 head of cattle and 6 VN who, while apparently herding cattle, appeared to be trying to keep themselves concealed. Cattle were following trail southwest into the Mortar Valley approach. AO was requested and during his pass of this area patrol observed (5) of the (6) VN flee towards the Northeast to vic. (AT 890660). The patrol at this time lost observation of VN who remained with cattle.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. Recommendation: This area be kept under surveillance due to increased activity.

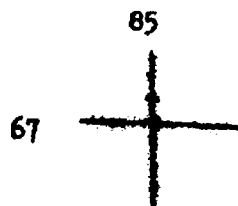
b. Conclusion: Due to observations made during patrol this area appears to be utilized as transit for supplies West to the 502 - 1025 hill complexes.

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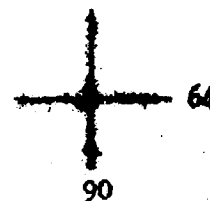
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leader.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
O LZ Landing Zone	1st Sq. 2d Plt. Co. "C"
— Route Traveled	Map: Vietnam, 1:50,000 Series: L-701 Sheet: 6658 IV  (3d ReconBn S-2)

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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (1) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50, (1) pr. 6x30
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) 2 lb. blocks C-4 w/acc., (1) M-79, (1) Shotgun.

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and establish OP sites in the area outlined in the patrol overlay in RZ #5 to determine enemy activity in your assigned area.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 141815H/180705H July 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 85 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in (2) enemy sightings totalling (22) VC, (1) contact, and one artillery mission of 107 rounds fired. There are numerous trails in this area none of which revealed signs of recent activity.

## b. ENEMY:

(1) 171725H (AT 868695), patrol observed (12) VC walking in valley this vicinity. VC wore assorted clothing and carried (4) rifles. Artillery mission of 107 rounds was fired with excellent coverage of target area. During the artillery mission the artillery flushed out an additional (6) VC dressed in khaki uniforms and armed with rifles. The first group of (12) VC moved to the base of a hill and (2) machineguns were observed at this time. The second group consisting of (6) VC then moved east and were taken under fire with M-79 fire. VC did not return fire. After artillery ceased fire there was no further movement in the target area. Results of artillery mission unknown.

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(2) 182145H (AT 879675), patrol set in night position was probed by 3 to 4 VC. Patrol threw (2) grenades, and fired (1) round from M-79. VC withdrew under fire. No additional activity was detected during remainder of night.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation, interwoven vines and elephant grass. The canopy averages approximately 30 feet in height throughout. Lower terrain in this area is extremely swampy. Movement throughout this area is extremely difficult.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: None.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: UNKNOWN

b. FRIENDLY: None.

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: Future patrols operating in this area take maximum water supply due to lack of water sources fit for human consumption available this area.

Conclusion: Area covered by patrol reveals no signs of any recent activity. The Song Thuy Loan approach to the North-west of patrol area appeared to be route used by VC sighted.

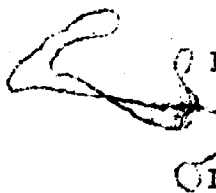
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
○ LZ - LANDING ZONE	1st Sqd, 1st Plt, "C" Co.
— - ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP: VIETNAM 1-50,000
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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

a. COMPOSITION: (8) Enl, (1) USN

b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.

c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10

d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50

e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.

f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the areas outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ #3 to determine enemy activity in assigned area and maintain surveillance of Highway 14.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 140630H/180800H July 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 7 1/2 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol heard movement and voices on one occasion but no contact was established. No additional observations were made.

b. ENEMY: None

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense undergrowth, interwoven vines and a canopy of approximately 60 feet in height.

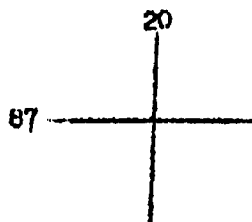
d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 141530H (AT 814838), patrol heard voices and movement to the South of their position. Estimate approximately 5 to 10 people but no actual sighting was made. Patrol at this time set up defensive position and heard movement to their northwest and West. After approximately 30 minutes patrol moved out of position to the North and movement was no longer heard.

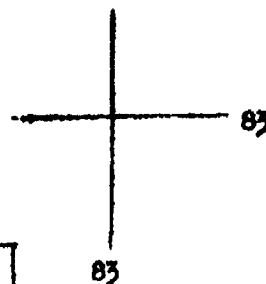
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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
O LZ LANDING ZONE	2d Sq, 3d Plt. "C" Co.
— ROUTE TRAVELED	Map: Vietnam: 1:50,000 Series: L-701 Sheet: 6658 IV  (3d ReconBn. S-2)

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ENCLOSURE (19)

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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (6) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50's
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) Claymore mines, (1) M-60, (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the areas outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ #5 to determine enemy activity in your assigned area and to maintain surveillance of the Song Vu Gia Valley avenue of approach.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 150800H/180700H July 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 72 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found (2) possible OP sites, numerous trail complexes not recently used, and noted that TPQ-10 drop on the 886 complex had produced excellent coverage of area.

b. ENEMY: None

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation interwoven vines, large rocks, and a canopy of 15 feet in height.

## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 160900H (AT839595) Patrol found two possible OP sites this vicinity. Both appeared to have been used within last 48 hours. Patrol checked area with negative results.

(2) Patrol noted that TPQ drops on the 886 hill complex produced excellent coverage of the area.

(3) There are numerous trail complexes throughout area covered by patrol, none of which reveal any signs of recent activity.

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6. CONDITION OF PRISON: Good, Morale good

7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: None

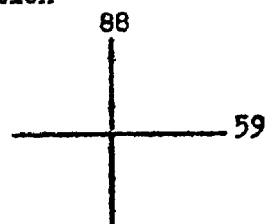
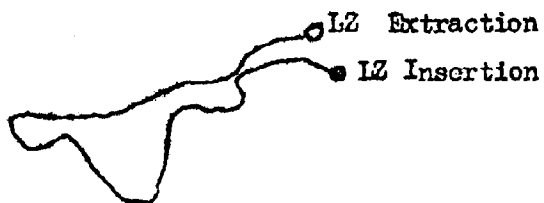
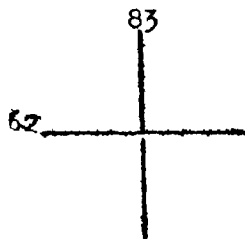
Conclusions: This area reveals no signs of any recent activity.

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8. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None

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

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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50's / cc
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) 2 lb block of C-4 w/acc
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) Claymore mines, (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the areas outlined on patrol overlay in RZ #5 to determine the extent of enemy activity in assigned area maintaining surveillance of the Mortar Valley avenue of approach.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 161730H/210700H July 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 109½ hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in (1) enemy sighting of (16) VC, (1) Artillery mission of (24) rds fired, finding of footprints and observing questionable activity from the Phuoc Ninh (5) village.

b. ENEMY: 170915H (AT895664) Patrol observed (16) VC moving in a westerly direction into the Mortar Valley complex. VC were dressed in assorted clothing consisting of Khaki, black and white P.J.'s. (4) VC were armed. An Artillery mission of (24) rds was fired with good coverage of target areas VC were observed fleeing area towards hill 221 (AT902658) prior to artillery firing for effect. After fire for effect (12) VC were observed running into village at (AT916674).

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by extremely dense undergrowth, interwoven vines, and no canopy. Movement throughout area laborious and time consuming.

## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 191400H (AT879644) Patrol noted footprints of an estimated (2) people. Tracks appeared to have been made within last 24 hours. Patrol checked area with negative results.

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(2) 201615H (AT881651) Patrol found ~~two~~ pieces of black cloth, one friendly propaganda leaflet, small basket, and numerous footprints all of which were very old. Patrol checked surrounding area with negative results.

(3) Patrol observed extensive activity in the Phuoc Ninh (5) village at coordinates (AT916674). This village appears to be used as a VC sanctuary. Patrol noted that a large number of the villagers assembled in a group shortly after the (12) VC were observed entering area. This group was observed for approximately an hour and a half at which time they dispersed. No additional observations of significance occurred.

6. CONDITION OF PATROL: Tired, Morale excellent

7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: (1) That infantry unit responsible for this area conduct a search of the Phuoc Ninh (5) village.

(2) That future patrols operating in this area consider setting up ambush positions in vicinity of (AT879645).

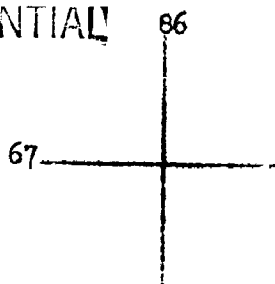
Conclusions: None

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8. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None

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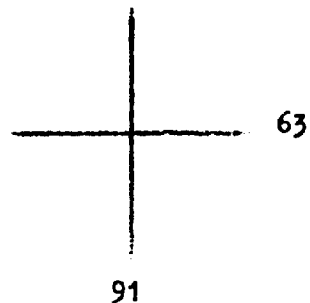


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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
O LZ = LANDING ZONE	2d Sqd, 1st Plt, "C" Co.
— = ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP: VIETNAM 1-50,000 SERIES: L-701 SHEET: 6658 IV 3d Recon Bn (S-2)

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PATROL REPORT

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## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50, (1) pr. 6x30
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) 2 lb. block C-4 w/acc.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) Shotgun

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area outlined in the patrol overlay in RZ #3 to determine the extent of enemy activity in assigned area and maintain surveillance of Highway #14.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 170730H/200800H July 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 72 1/2 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found (2) harbor sites, heard what sounded like a mortar round being fired and (1) freshly cut and traversed trail was found.

b. ENEMY: None.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense underbrush, elephant grass, and a canopy of approximately 40 feet in height.

## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 172215H (AT 808846), patrol heard an engine started from this vicinity, exact location could not be determined.

(2) 172300H (AT 808846), patrol heard what sounded like a mortar round being fired from this vicinity.

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(3) 181815H (ZC 207843), patrol found a harbor site large enough to accommodate (5) people. This site appeared to have been used within last 48 hours. It was also noted that a trail from this sight lead towards the Dong Den complex.

(4) 190700H (AT 195844), patrol found (1) U.S. Canteen, fresh water buffalo tracks and numerous footprints. Patrol checked area with negative results.

(5) 191100H (ZC 195842), patrol found freshly cut trail and harbor site large enough to accommodate (6) people. Due to time element patrol was unable to check trail.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusion: Area covered revealed numerous signs of recent activity and appears to be utilized by squad size force.

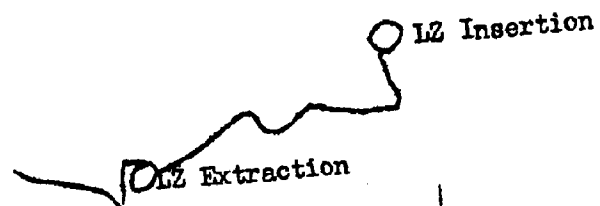
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: This area appears to be used as the major approach into the Dong Den Complex.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
<p>O LZ = LANDING ZONE</p> <p>— = ROUTE TRAVELED</p>	<p>1st Sqd, 1st Plt, "C" Co.</p> <p>MAP: VIETNAM 1-50,000</p> <p>SERIES: L-701</p> <p>SHEET: 6658 IV</p>

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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (6) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50's
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) Claymore mines, (1) M-79, (1) M-60

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the areas outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ #5 to determine the extent of enemy activity in assigned area and maintain surveillance of the Song Vu Gia avenue of approach in support of 2d Bn, 3d Mar.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 180630H/211800H July 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 8½ hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found (1) very old U.S. canteen. There were no additional observations made and the area does not appear to be used by enemy forces at this time.

b. ENEMY: None

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation, elephant grass approximately 6 feet in height, and no canopy. Area extremely difficult to traverse.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: 181700H (AT868601) Patrol found (1) U.S. canteen this vicinity. Canteen had been in this area a long period of time.

6. CONDITION OF PATROL: Tired, Morale good

## 7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: None

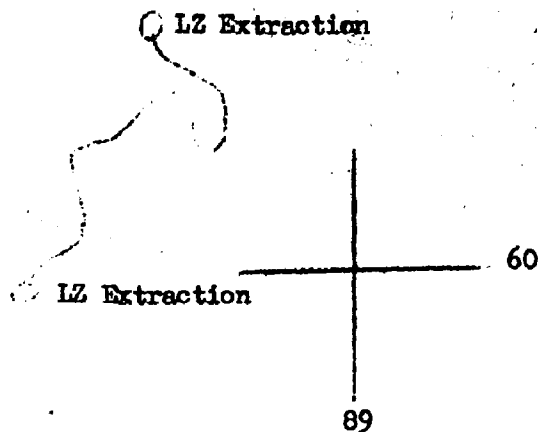
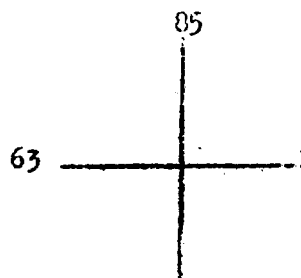
Conclusions: Area favorable for ambushes throughout due to the vegetation and terrain. There were no signs indicating any past or recent activity in the patrol area.

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8. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
O LZ - LANDING ZONE	1st Sqd, 2d Plt, "C" Co.
— - ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP: VIETNAM 1-50,000 SERIES: L-701 SHEET: 6658 IV 3d Recon Bn (S-2)

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (8) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) 2 lb. blocks C-4 w/acc.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) Shotgun

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the areas outlined in the patrol overlay in RZ # 8 to determine the extent of enemy activity in assigned area.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 200630H/221745H July 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 59 1/2 hours of reconnaissance and patrolling resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Area reveals no indications of enemy activity and water sources in this area are all stagnant.

b. ENEMY: None.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense undergrowth, interwoven vines, abandoned rice paddies, and a canopy of approximately 15 feet in height.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: All water sources in this area are stagnant.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: Patrols taking maximum water supply when operating in this area due to lack of potable water.

Conclusion: Area covered by patrol revealed no indications of recent activity.

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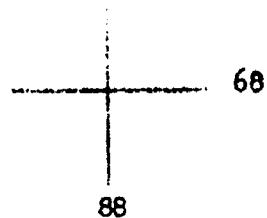
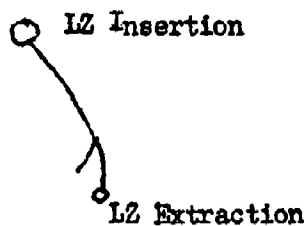
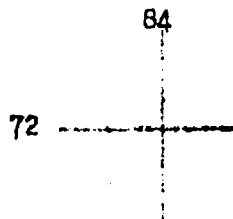
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
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— - ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP: VIETNAM 1-50,000 SERIES: L-701 SHEET: 6658 IV 3d Recon Bn (S-2)

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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (6) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50's
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) 2 lb block C-4 W/acc
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) Shotgun, (1) Claymore mine

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the areas outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ #5 to determine the extent of enemy activity in assigned area and maintain surveillance of the Song Vu Gia Valley avenue of approach in direct support of 2d Bn, 3d Mar.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 211700H/241730H July 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 72½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found one freshly cut trail not shown on map which appeared to have been traversed within last 24 to 48 hours and noted that the TPQ coverage of the 886 hill complex had produced excellent coverage of area and no activity was observed.

b. ENEMY: None

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense underbrush, interwoven vines and no canopy.

## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 221145H (AT857602) Patrol found freshly cut trail not shown on map. This trail was approximately (1) meter wide and appeared to have been traversed within last 24 to 48 hours. Patrol checked trail southeast to (AT866590) with negative results.

(2) Patrol noted that the 886 complex previously bombed by TPQ revealed excellent coverage of area and 48 hours of surveillance of this complex produced no signs of enemy activity.

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6. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

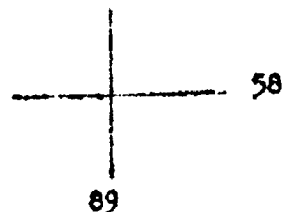
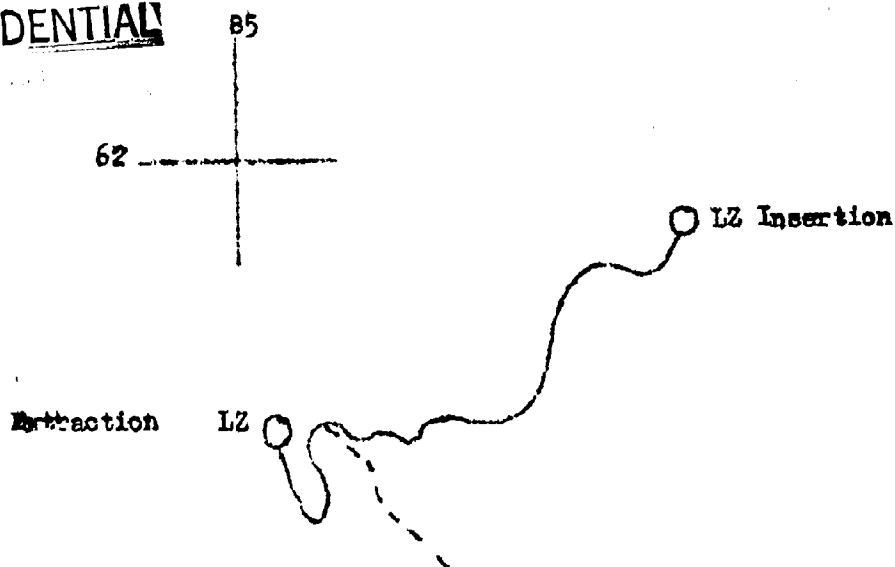
7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Area in vicinity of trail at (AT857602) to (AT866590) be kept under surveillance.

Conclusions: With the exception of new trail as shown on patrol route overlay area covered revealed no signs of activity. This trail appears to lead northwest in the 886 complex.

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SGT "C" Co.

8. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leader.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
O LZ - LANDING ZONE	2d Sqd, 2d Plt, "C" Co.
— - ROUTE TRAVELED	M.P: VIETNAM 1-50,000
--- - NEW TRAIL NOT SHOWN ON MAP	SERIES: L-701
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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (14) Enl; (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50's
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) 2 lb block C-4 w/acc
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) M-79, (1) Shotgun

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the areas outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ #5 to determine the extent of enemy activity in assigned area and conduct ambushes of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 220645H/250730H July 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 72½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (1) enemy sighting of (1) VC, no contacts. Patrol found old logging road which showed no signs of use. No additional observations of significance were noted.

b. ENEMY: 22105H (AT836755) Patrol observed (1) VC in tree this vicinity. Patrol dispatched team for attempted capture but VC fled area. No additional observations were made.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation, Kumud grass and a canopy of approximately 40 feet in height.

## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 220800H (AT836755) Patrol found numerous pieces of communication wire averaging 5 to 10 feet in length. Wire had been tied around trees and shrubs throughout area. Also found (1) PRC 40 battery. Patrol destroyed battery and wire. Area checked with negative results.

(2) 240750H (AT830754) Patrol found old logging road approximately 3 meters wide. Road checked and is road from (AT820754) west to (AT830754). Road was overgrown and revealed no signs of use.

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6. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good

7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Future patrols take maximum water supply due to limited water sources in this area.

Conclusions: Area covered by patrol does not appear to be used at this time.

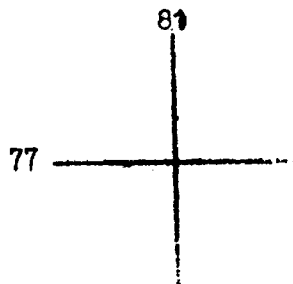
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8. DEBTIEFER COMMENTS: None

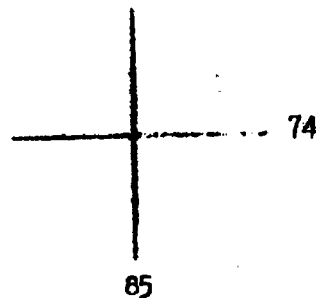
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— = ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP: VIETNAM 1-50,000
--- = NEW TRAIL NOT SHOWN ON MAP	SERIES: I-701
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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (8) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (3) pr. 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) 2 lb. blocks C-4 w/acc.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) Shotgun, (2) Carbines

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the areas outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ#8 to determine the extent of enemy activity in assigned area and conduct ambushes of opportunity as the situation may permit.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 221715H/251755H July 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 71 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (2) enemy sightings totalling (15) VC and (2) contacts resulting in (3) VC KBGF (Conf) and (3) VC WIA (Conf). There are numerous trail complexes in area, most of which reveal signs of recent activity. Patrol found several pieces of aluminum but source could not be determined.

## b. ENEMY:

(1) 241015H (AT 833665), patrol ambushed (7) VC who were moving south on trail this vicinity. Four wore khaki shirts with black trousers and (3) wore black clothing. VC carried assorted packs and weapons. Patrol engaged VC with SA fire, M-79 fire and grenades resulting in (1) VC KBGF (Conf) and 3 VC WIA (Conf). Patrol captured (2) M-26 grenades, cartridge belt, cigarette lighter, note book with assorted documents, 2 ballpoint pens, billfold with assorted documents and photos. All captured material forwarded to G-2 251800H July 1966.

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(2) 241733H (AT 856663), Patrol received unknown number of SA fire from estimated 6-8 VC. Patrol returned fire resulting in (2) VC KEGF (Conf). Patrol did not check bodies due to situation and moved to new position. No further contacts or sightings were established.

c. **TERRAIN:** This area is characterized by dense vegetation, interwoven vines, numerous trail complexes and a canopy of approximately 40 feet in height.

d. **OTHER INFORMATION:**

(1) 240900H (AT 833661), patrol found numerous pieces of aluminum this vicinity. These pieces were strewn throughout area and revealed no signs of corrosion. Patrol checked area with negative results.

(2) There were numerous trail complexes throughout area covered, most of which appeared to be frequently used. It was noted that most of these trails followed the general conformation of the lower terrain features avoiding the high ground.

(3) Due to the dense vegetation throughout this area, observation is severely limited. Maximum observation is normally 25 to 30 meters.

6. **RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:**

a. **ENEMY:** (3) VC KEGF - (3) VC WIA (Conf)

b. **FRIENDLY:** None.

c. <b>CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT:</b>	2 - M-26 grenades	billfold w/asst'd
	1 - Cartridge belt	documents & photos
	1 - cigarette lighter	2 - ballpoint pens
	notebook w/asst'd documents	1 - electric
		blasting cap

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

8. **CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Recommendation:** Future patrols operating this area utilize lower elevations consistent with security for observation sites and setting up ambushes along various trail complexes in this area.

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Conclusion: Enemy movement through this area appears to be conducted along the lower elevations, avoiding the high terrain.

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2nd Lt. "C" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Area appears to be used as a transit route west into the Happy Valley complex.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
0 LZ - Landing Zone	1st Sqd, 3rd Plt, C Co.
--- = Trail route	Map: VIETNAM 1:50,000
— Route Traveled	SERIES: L 701
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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (11) Bn1, (2) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/TRC 25, (1) AN/TRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) 2 lb. blocks C-4 w/aoo.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) M-79, (1) M-60

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the areas outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ#5 to determine the extent of enemy activity in assigned area and maintain surveillance of the Song Vu Gia Valley in support of 2d Bn. 3d Marines.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 241715H/271740H July 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 73 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (1) enemy sighting of unknown number of VC and (1) contact resulting in (4) VC KEGF (Conf) (2) VC WIA (Conf). Patrol captured (4) VCS one of which was WIA. The patrol's contact was reinforced by infantry unit from 3d Marines. There was no friendly casualties.

## b. ENEMY:

(1) 270900H (AT 863590); Patrol observed (8) VCS dressed in assorted clothing this vicinity. VCS appeared to be cutting grass or brush. Artillery mission called and as the first rounds impacted the VCS ran towards the patrol's OP. Patrol dispatched team to establish a snatch position. The team observed (1) VC with rifle at this time and took VC under SAF resulting in (1) VC KEGF (Conf) during the engagement team noticed that one of the VCS previously mentioned was reaching into the brush so team fired SAF resulting in (1) VCS WIA (Conf). The team then received SAF from (1) VC, team returned fire resulting in (1) VC WIA (Conf) who was extracted from area by (2)

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additional VC dressed in black PJ's and unarmed. The team succeeded in capturing (4) VCS one of whom was WIA. Team broke contact and regrouped with remainder of patrol, receiving SAF from unknown number of VC. Patrol requested fire support which produced excellent coverage of area. A patrol from F/2/3 was sent to reinforce and received SAF from (AT 861592). Recon patrol called in additional fire support which silenced the VC fire. The F/2/3 patrol then advanced to area where Recon patrol made initial contact. F/2/3 patrol captured (1) VCS. Both patrols at this time had combined. Helo was requested for (4) VCS and evacuation was completed at 271305H July 1966. Patrols then returned to F/2/3 CP at which time the (1) VCS captured by F/2/3 was turned over to liaison personnel. Total VC casualties (4) VC KBGF (Conf), (2) VC WIA (Conf). No friendly casualties were sustained.

c. **TERRAIN:** This area is characterized by dense underbrush, large rocks, and no canopy. Terrain elevations extremely difficult for movement.

d. **OTHER INFORMATION:**

(1) Prior to Helo evacuation of VCS one of them told patrol "VC don't die, they got weapons and shot you"! He said this several times in broken english. It was also noted that another VCS in this group carried 3,020 Piastres. Final disposition of VCS. (1) VCS WIA to C-Med the other (3) VCS turned over to 3d MAF PW collection point at 272030H July 1966.

6. **RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:**

a. **ENEMY:** (4) VC KBGF (Conf), (2) WIA (Conf)

c. **FRIENDLY:** None.

c. **CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT:** None.

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

8. **CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

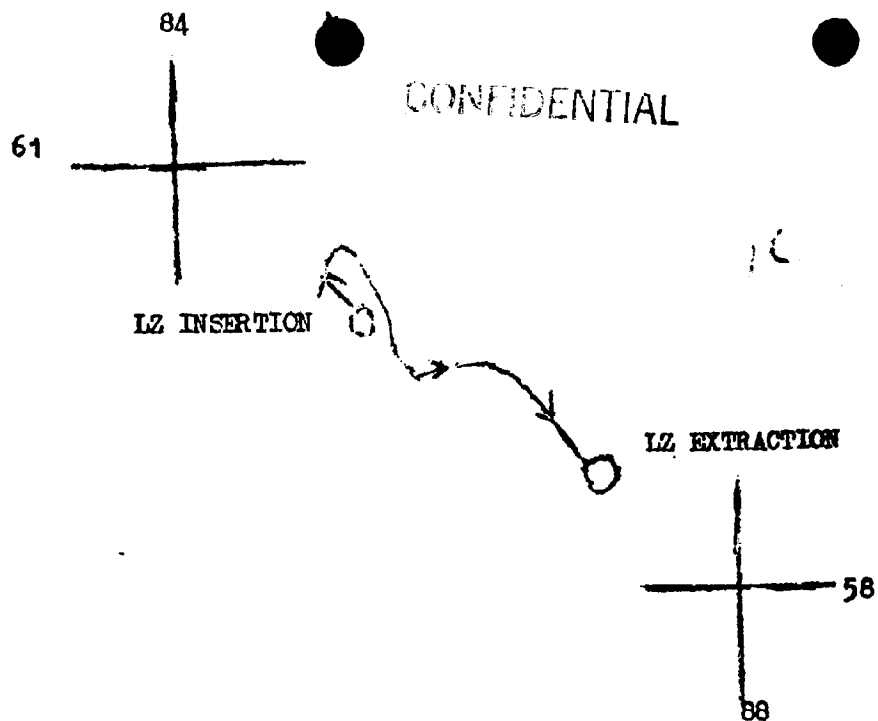
**Recommendation:** Future patrols operating this area utilize artillery fires to maximum extent possible and establish "ENADCH" positions as appropriate.

**Conclusion:** VC are using area but to what extent and for what purpose unable to determine.

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SGT "C" Co

9. **DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:** VCS captured are using an area that has been placed "OFF LIMITS" by the Dia Loc district chief. In view of the incident above it appears that these VCS were being used as a front for the VC who engaged the patrol.



LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
○ LZ LANDING ZONE	2d Sq. 1st Flt. "C" Co.
→ ROUTE TRAVELED	Map: Vietnam, 1:50,000 Series: L-701 Sheet: 6658 IV  3d ReconBn (S-2)

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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (11) Bn1, (1) USN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) 2 lb. block C-4 w/acc.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (2) Shotguns
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the areas outlined on the patrol overlay in RM #9 to determine extent of enemy activity in assigned area and maintain surveillance of Song Lo Dong Valley complex.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 260730H/290700H July 1966
4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 71 1/2 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found numerous fresh trails and signs of recent activity.
  - b. ENEMY: None.
  - c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense brush, numerous rocks, elephant grass and no canopy.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
    - (1) Patrol noted numerous fresh trails in grid square (AT 8467). These trails appeared to be used within last 5-7 days and some revealed signs of use within last 24-48 hours. Patrol checked area thoroughly but had negative results.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good. morale good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
 

Recommendation: H & I fire be programmed for coordinates (AT 845671). Area reveals signs of recent activity by estimated company size forces.

Conclusion: This area being used by enemy forces. Numerous fresh trails were found but patrol unable to determine size. Estimate approximately a Company.

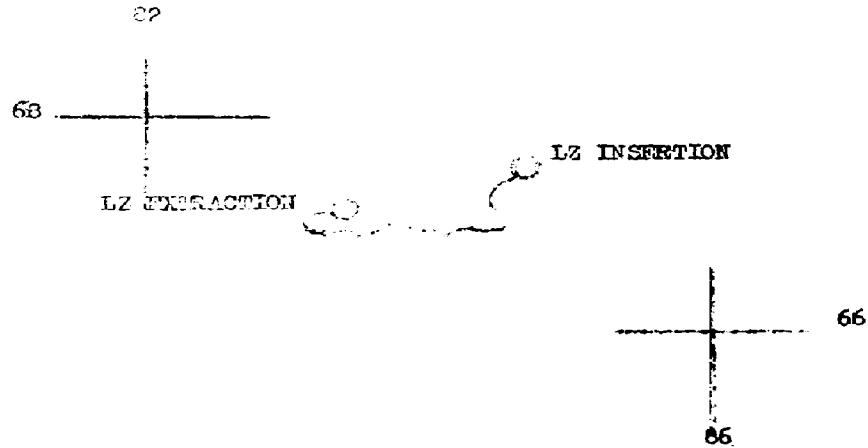
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DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: This area known approach into the southwest portion of TAOR. Signs of recent activity has increased in this area during the 10 - 14 days

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○ LZ- LANDING ZONE	2nd Sqd, 3d Plt, "C" Co
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## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (4) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) 2 lb. block C-4 w/acc.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) Claymore mine

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay in R2#5 maintain surveillance of the Song Vu Gia Valley in support of 2d Bn. 3d Marines.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 271700H/301730H July 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 72 1/2 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (1) enemy sighting of (2) VC, (1) artillery mission of (48) rounds fired. Results: (1) VC KBGF (Conf) and (1) VC KBGF (Prob). Patrol found one cave large enough to accommodate approximately 15 people and located excellent OP site.

## b. ENEMY:

(1) 300930H (AT 854587), patrol observed (2) VC moving in a northwesterly direction up stream bed this vicinity. (1) VC was dressed in black PJ's, the other in white and both wore coolie hats. The patrol observed one rifle. Artillery mission of (48) rounds was fired resulting in (1) VC KBGF (Conf) and (1) VC KBGF (Prob).

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense brush, numerous large rocks and no canopy. Brush is extremely dense along streams.

## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 300925H (AT 842594), patrol found cave this vicinity. Cave was large enough to accommodate approximately 15 men. Patrol checked cave and noted that it had a small exit in the rear. Cave afforded excellent observation of the hill 65 complex. Area was checked and revealed signs of recent activity.

(2) Patrol found excellent OP site at (AT 839595) which affords observation of Song Vu Gia Valley avenues of approach west to north-north grid line 80 and east to north-south grid line 91.

## 6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (1) VC KBGF (CONF) and (1) VC KBGF (Prob).

b. FRIENDLY: None.

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

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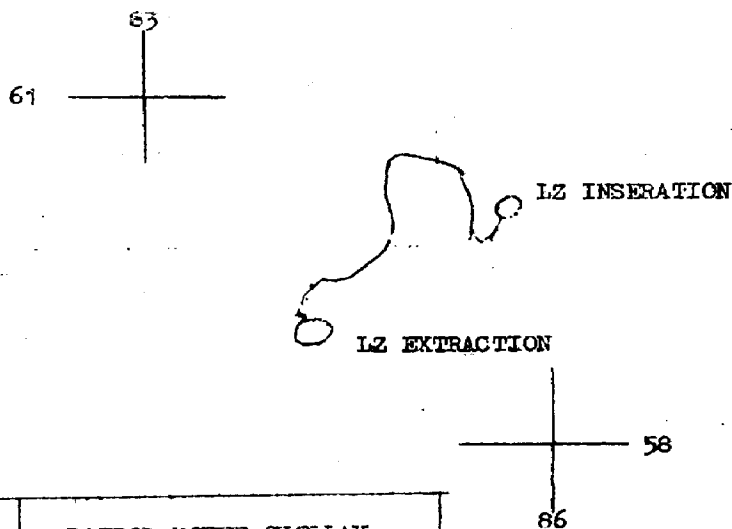
## 8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: That surveillance be maintained in Grid Square (AT 8458) and (AT 8359). The trail shown on map in these grid squares reveal constant useage.

Conclusion: Area being used as possible OP site of friendly activity in vicinity of hill 65.

J. K. GRAY  
SGT "C" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: That a platoon size patrol be inserted to exploit the findings of this patrol and set up ambushes in vicinity of trail and caves.



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— = Route traveled	Map Nictam, 1:50,000
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PATROL REPORT

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## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (8) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) 2 lb. blocks C-4 w/acc.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) Shotgun

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ#8 to determine the extent of enemy activity in assigned area and maintain surveillance of the Song Lo Dong Valley complex.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 290645H/010700H August 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 72 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found (1) stream not shown on map, (1) water source, numerous small trails, none of which reveal recent use and (1) OP site affording excellent observation of the Song Lo Dong Valley.

b. ENEMY: None.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation, interwoven vines numerous large rocks and a canopy of approximately 40 feet in height.

## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 291500H (AT 849661), patrol located excellent OP site affording observation of the Song Lo Dong Valley complex.

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(2) Area covered has numerous small trails none of which revealed signs of recent activity.

(3) 290900H (AT 846672), patrol located stream not shown on map. Stream was approximately 4 feet wide and approximately 2 feet deep.

(4) 291515H (AT 849661), patrol found (1) safe conduct pass this vicinity. Patrol checked area with negative results.

(5) Patrol located water source at (AT 842665). This source originates from seepage from rock formation.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: That future patrols operating this area be given as a minimum (5) five days for operations to properly cover area.

Conclusion: Area covered by patrol reveals no signs of recent activity..

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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

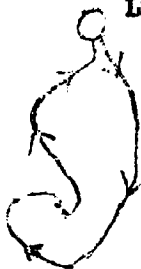
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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
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— = Route Traveled	Map Vietnam; 1:50,000 Series; L-701 Sheet; 6658 IV 3d Recon Bn. (S-2)

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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (14) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50's
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (7) 1 lb blocks of TNT w/acc
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance operations against VC forces in RZ #8 making every effort to capture VC personnel for their intelligence value.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 281645H/030635H June-July 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 107½ hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found what appeared to be trail marker, located trail not shown on map and (1) excellent OP site.

b. ENEMY: None

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation and interwoven vines. Canopy in this area varies from 15 to 30 feet. Patrol leader stated movement in this area extremely difficult.

## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 021045H (AT849678) Patrol found cleared area this vicinity and noted that in center of this area someone had dug small trenches in the ground, approximately 2½ feet long and 4" wide. Each trench pointed to trails leading away from this area towards hill complexes 270, 50, and 995. Patrol checked area with negative results.

(2) 281830H (AT839679) to (AT836664) Patrol located trail this area. Trail was approximately 3 meters wide running from north to south. Trail did not appear to have been used recently.

(3) Patrol located excellent OP site at (AT845673) giving observation from coordinates (AT8368) east to (AT8769).

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6. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: None

Conclusions: Area shows no signs of recent use.

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8. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None

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## LEGEND

O LZ = LANDING ZONE

— = ROUTE TRAVELED

## PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (10) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (5) 2 lb. blocks C-4 w/acc., (2) 1 lb. blocks TNT.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance operations in area outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ#4 and establish OP sites best suited to observe the Song Thuy Loan avenue of approach.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 031630H/080630H July 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 110 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found numerous trail complexes, found (10) old, one man fighting holes, numerous stacks of old wood and (3) excellent OP sites.

b. ENEMY: None.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense underbrush interwoven vines, large rocks and a canopy of approximately 70 feet in height. Patrol leader stated that movement by trails east of north south grid line 82 in this area is excellent, movement to the west of grid line 82 is very difficult due to terrain being extremely steep and rugged.

## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 031715H (AT 858738), patrol found 10 fighting holes 4 feet deep by 2 1/2 feet square. Holes appeared to be very old and none were bobby trapped.

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(2) Patrol leader noted stacks of cut wood throughout this area none of which appeared to be freshly cut.

(3) Excellent OP sites were found at (AT 820721) giving observation to the northeast and southeast. (AT 818724) gives good observation to the north, (AT 821678) also provides good observation to the north and the Song Thuy Loan avenue of approach.

(4) Patrol located numerous trail complexes in this area. All significant trails were checked out as shown by patrol route overlay. Trails shown are approximately 3 meters in width and appear to have been used as logging trails. None of these trails appeared to have been used recently.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: That insertion be made at (AT 844724) 2000 meters southwest of last portion of graded road on highway #1 at (AT 860737).

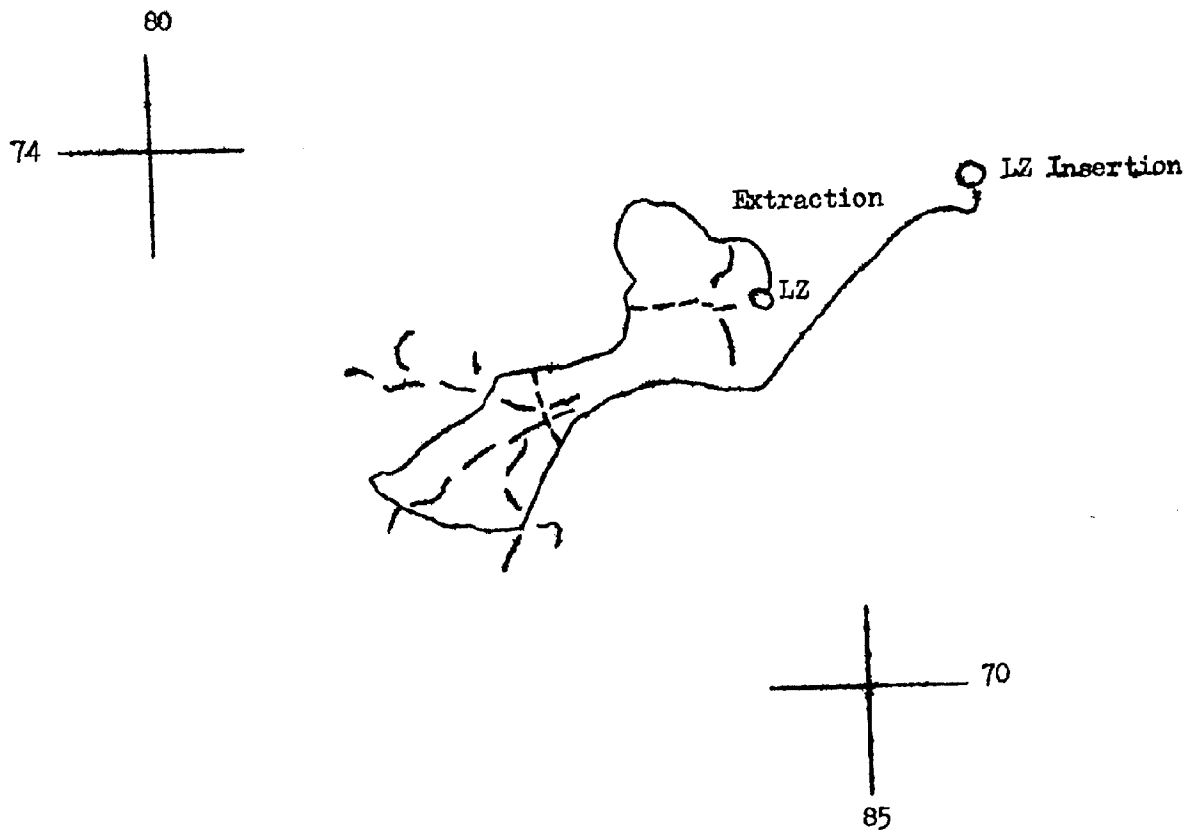
Conclusion: Area covered by patrol shows no signs of recent use. All signs in area appeared to be approximately one month old.

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SGT Co. "D"

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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O LZ = LANDING ZONE	2d Sqd, 1st Plt, "D" Co.
— = ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP: VIETNAM 1-50,000
--- = NEW TRAILS NOT SHOWN ON MAP	SERIES: L-701
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (14) Enl, (1) USN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (8) 1 lb. block TNT w/acc.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) M-79
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in areas best suited to maintain surveillance of the Happy Valley avenues of approach in RZ #8.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 081645H/090800H July 1966
4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 15 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. No observations of significance was noted.
  - b. ENEMY: None.
  - c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense undergrowth and interwoven vines with a canopy of approximately 15 feet in height.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION: None.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusions: Area covered by patrol revealed no signs of recent activity.
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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<p>O - LZ    Landing Zone</p> <p>—        Patrol route</p>	<p>2d Plt. Co. D</p> <p>Vietnam; 1:50,000</p> <p>Series: L-701</p> <p>Map Sheet 6658 IV</p> <p>(3dRecom S-2)</p>

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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (9) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/IRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50's, (1) M-49 Observation scope
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ #4 to determine the extent of enemy activity and maintain surveillance over the Song Thuy Loan avenue of approach.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 150800H/200700H July 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 119 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in (1) enemy sighting of (6) VC, (2) Artillery missions totalling (10) rds were fired, whistling was heard, and patrol heard what appeared to be sniper fire on three different occasions from the same vicinity. Patrol expended a total of (15) rds of M-79 fire into suspected sniper position with unknown results.

b. ENEMY: 161740H (AT837735) Patrol observed (6) VC dressed in black P.J.'s moving in a southeasterly direction. (4) VC were armed with weapons and (2) VC were carrying satchels under their arms. Artillery mission of (7) rds was fired but due to reduced visibility because of fog results could not be determined.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense undergrowth, elephant grass, and a canopy of approximately 40 feet in height. There are numerous trails throughout this area, none of which reveal signs of recent use.

## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 191700H (AT825765) Patrol heard whistling from this vicinity, source of which could not be determined.

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(2) 192100H (ATS28779) Patrol heard (2) rds small arms fire from this vicinity. At 192400H an additional (5) rds were fired. The exact location or source of fire could not be determined.

(3) 200640H (ATS28779) Patrol expended (15) rds M-79 fire into suspected VC sniper position with undetermined results.

(4) 200700H (ATS28779) Helo's extracting patrol received (2) rds small arms fire from this vicinity, exact location of fire could not be determined. No damage to Helo reported.

6. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

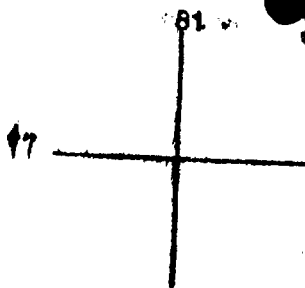
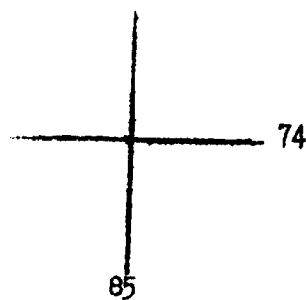
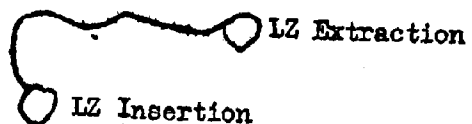
Recommendations: That the Song Tay Loan approach be kept under close surveillance, recommending the 782 hill complex be used for observation site into this approach.

Conclusions: The Song Tay Loan appears to be the approach route used by enemy forces into this portion of the TACR at this time.

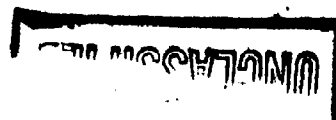
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8. ~~DEBRIEFING COMMENTS~~: Confer with patrol leader

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O LZ = LANDING ZONE	2d Sqd, 1st Plt, "D" Co.
— = ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP: VIETNAM 1-50,000 SERIES: L-701 SHEET: 6658 III 3 <sup>rd</sup> Recon Bn (S-2)

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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (9) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50, (1) pr. 6x30
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) 4 lb. block C-4 w/acc.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance operations in RMA of trail networks and establish OP sites best suited to observe the Long Binh Loan avenues of approach.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 251700H/310700H July 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 134 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol heard movement on two occasions while in their night defensive position, located (1) very old hut and found (1) knife, (1) bottle and broken pieces of pottery.

b. ENEMY: None.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by thick brush, canopy 40-60 feet, steep slopes and lack of trails make movement hard in general area.

## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 291730H (AT 810787), patrol found 1 bottle, 1 knife and pottery which had been broken. Area checked with negative results.

(2) 300900H (AT 822793), patrol found hut which appeared to be at least 6 months old. Area revealed no signs of activity.

(3) 302330H (AT 822789), patrol heard what sounded like 6-7 people moving north approximately 30 meters from patrol's position. Patrol threw (2) M-26 grenades. Results unknown.

(4) 310545H (AT 822789), patrol heard movement from this vicinity. Patrol fired (9) rounds M-79 fire and movement ceased. Patrol unable to determine results of fire.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

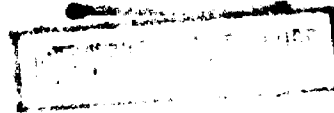
## 8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: Prior to insertion during Belo reconnaissance of area it is felt that better results could be obtained if helos would use lower altitudes for observation of area.

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ENCLOSURE (30)

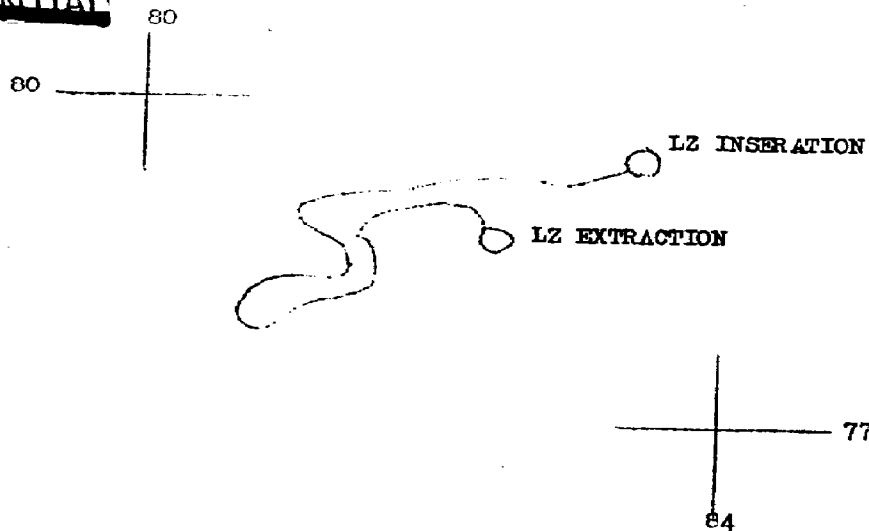


Conclusions; Area not being used at this time. Activity appears to be more to the east of area covered and in lower elevations.

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2. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
O LZ = LANDING ZONE	2sqd, 1st Plt, "D" Co.
— = Patrol Route	Map Vietnam 1:50,000 Series; L701 Sheet; 6659 III
	3d Recon Bn (S-2)

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