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

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Ser.No.: 03024866

5 September 1966

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

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) DivD 5750.1

Encl: (1) ✓ BnOpO 23-66
(2) ✓ Patrol Report 54-66 of 4 Aug 1966 (Co A)
(3) ✓ Patrol Report 55-66 of 7 Aug 1966 (Co A)
(4) ✓ Patrol Report 56-66 of 11 Aug 1966 (Co A)
(5) ✓ Patrol Report 57-66 of 16 Aug 1966 (Co A)
(6) ✓ Patrol Report 58-66 of 19 Aug 1966 (Co A)
(7) ✓ Patrol Report 60-66 of 25 Aug 1966 (Co A)
(8) ✓ Patrol Report 61-66 of 30 Aug 1966 (Co A)
(9) ✓ Patrol Report 62-66 of 31 Aug 1966 (Co A)
(10) ✓ Patrol Report 85-66 of 2 Aug 1966 (Co C)
(11) ✓ Patrol Report 86-66 of 4 Aug 1966 (Co C)
(12) ✓ Patrol Report 87-66 of 4 Aug 1966 (Co C)
(13) ✓ Patrol Report 88-66 of 5 Aug 1966 (Co C)
(14) ✓ Patrol Report 89-66 of 7 Aug 1966 (Co C)
(15) ✓ Patrol Report 90-66 of 9 Aug 1966 (Co C)
(16) ✓ Patrol Report 91-66 of 11 Aug 1966 (Co C)
(17) ✓ Patrol Report 92-66 of 11 Aug 1966 (Co C)
(18) ✓ Patrol Report 93-66 of 16 Aug 1966 (Co C)
(19) ✓ Patrol Report 94-66 of 16 Aug 1966 (Co C)
(20) ✓ Patrol Report 95-66 of 14 Aug 1966 (Co C)
(21) ✓ Patrol Report 96-66 of 19 Aug 1966 (Co C)
(22) ✓ Patrol Report 97-66 of 21 Aug 1966 (Co C)
(23) ✓ Special Patrol Report "Operation ALLEGHENY" of 29 Aug 1966 (Co C)
(24) ✓ Patrol Report 51-66 of 10 Aug 1966 (Co D)
(25) ✓ Patrol Report 53-66 of 22 Aug 1966 (Co D)

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

2. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

- a. Reporting Unit: 3d Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein) (AT 5750)
b. Period Covered: 1-31 August 1966

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c. Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Operations Officer
Adjutant
S-2 Officer
S-4 Officer
CO, F&S Company
CO, Company A
CO, Company C
CO, Company D

Major G. WILDER
Major J.C. GONZALEZ
Capt. T.R. DOMAN
2dLt. M.J. GILDEA
2dLt. D.R. PHELPS
Capt. W.C. SHAVER
Capt. J.R. BURNS
Capt. G.V. BEST, Jr.
Capt. D.R. GARDNER
Capt. J.W. HEMINGWAY

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	17
(2)	USMC Enlisted	306
(3)	USN Officers	0
(4)	USN Enlisted	19

3. Significant Events

a. Logistics

- (1) Completed construction of the battalion ammo bunker.
- (2) Completed quarterly Reconciliation Listings from C1 & C2.

b. Personnel and Administration. Officer shortages have resulted in utilizing sergeants as platoon leaders of many reconnaissance platoons.

c. Training

- (1) Forward Observer schooling was continued during the month with the goal of training every reconnaissance Marine and Corpsman 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 instructions at platoon level in weapons, tactics, personal hygiene and general military subjects.
- (4) Mine and Booby Trap schooling conducted by the 3d Engineer Battalion is being presented to Marines of this Battalion to enable personnel to know and identify different types and likely locations of VC mines and booby traps.

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- (5) Pre-SCUBA training was conducted during the reporting period to select Marines for advanced training by U.S. Navy SCUBA School. Marines who complete the advance SCUBA training will be assigned to SCUBA billets within this battalion.
- (6) During the month of August, eight communications personnel from this battalion attended a course of instruction on the AN/PRC-25 Radio, conducted by the 3d Shore Party Battalion. Three other communicators attended a Crypto School conducted by the 3d Marine Division on the KY-8.

d. Command and Control

- (1) On 20 August 1966 the 2d Platoon, Company C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion was chopped OPCON to BLT 3/3.
- (2) On 30 August 1966 3d Reconnaissance Battalion assumed OPCON of 2d Platoon, Company A, 5th Reconnaissance Battalion from Sub-Unit #1, H&S Company, 2d Battalion, 26th Marines.

e. Civil Affairs

- (1) During the reporting period, medical personnel from this battalion made four visits to the village of PHUOC LY to provide and administer medical aid to the villagers. There were approximately 40 villagers given medical aid.
- (2) The Battalion Civil Affairs Officer distributed the following items to the people in the village of PHUOC LY:

14 pieces of culvert for a well

500 pounds of wheat

40 pounds of food

100 pounds of clothing

60 pounds of toys

- (3) The Battalion Civil Affairs Officer made liaison regarding the purchasing of goats for the village. The people of PHUOC LY are responding very well to the overtures made by the Civil Affairs Officer and the Battalion's Medical personnel.

f. Operations

- (1) Company A. During the reporting period, the company operated in the field for a total of 35 patrol days. The patrol lo-

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ated: six new trails, one old logging trail not shown on the map, two excellent OP sites, one grave site, three old fallen down huts, a large cache of lumber, six old fighting holes, numerous fresh signs of elephants. The patrol had one sighting of three VC, a beam of light and a VC camp fire. Three artillery missions of 22 rounds were called on these sightings with unknown results.

- (2) Company C. During the reporting period the company operated in the field for a total of 50 patrol days. During this time the patrols made 14 VC sightings totalling 50 VC. Four artillery missions of 115 rounds were fired on these sightings with unknown results. The patrols had four physical contacts with the VC which resulted in one VC KIA (CONF) while the patrols suffered one USMC KIA, eight USMC WIA and two USN WIA. One patrol also experienced a probe by an unknown number of VC. However, no actual sighting or contact occurred. The patrols located numerous caves, an excellent OP site, one old bear trap, a 105mm Howitzer dud which was destroyed in place, one stream not shown on the map. One patrol located a hut complex that was believed to be a VC Training Camp. Within the hut complex were seven huts capable of accomodating 30 men each, a mock-up of a 105mm Howitzer, a replica of a 105 mm Howitzer shell. There were also numerous tunnels in the area, A large engine was also heard in the area, but it was not seen. A reinforced rifle company was inserted into this area for further exploitation. (Further information on this finding may be found within the 3d Marine Regiment's Command Chronology.)

- (3) Company D. During the reporting period the company operated in the field for a total of nine patrol days. The patrols located one trail, not shown on the map, six old punji traps, four huts, one possible VC bunker and three excellent OP sites. There were no enemy sightings or contacts by these patrols during the month.

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 DA NANG, RVN
 271015H July 1966

Operation Order 25-66

- 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) and 2nd Plt, Co D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion OPCON to 4th Marine Regiment.

1. SITUATION

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

2. MISSION. 3d Reconnaissance Battalion (-) (Rein) establishes and maintains a reconnaissance network in the TAOR/RZ's of the DA NANG tactical base to determine enemy movement into the TAOR and makes every effort to capture VC and/or VCS personnel and equipment for their intelligence value.

3. EXECUTION

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

- (1) During the period 1 - 31 August 1966 conduct continuous reconnaissance and surveillance operations in RZ's 2 and 3 as directed. In addition conduct patrols in those patrol areas designated in Annex A. Be prepared to assume the mission of Companies C and D. Utilize 50% of available forces for such operations.

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c. Co C

- (1) During the period 1 - 31 August 1966 conduct continuous reconnaissance and surveillance operations in RZ's 5 and 8 as directed. In addition conduct patrols in those areas designated in Annex A. Be prepared to assume the mission of Companies A and D. Utilize 50% of available forces for such operations.
- (2) One platoon remain direct support in accordance with reference (d). Be prepared to assume normal mission upon completion.

d. Co D (-)

- (1) During the period 1 - 31 August 1966 conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ's 4 and 8 as directed. In addition conduct patrols in those specific areas designated in Annex A. Be prepared to assume the mission of Companies A and C. Utilize 50% of available forces for such operations.
- (2) One platoon (Rein) remain in direct support in accordance with reference (c).
- (3) One platoon remain OPCON 4th Marine Regiment.

e. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Submit company employment schedule and overlays for all projected patrols by 301600H July 1966
- (2) Maximum effort will be put forth to capture and return to U. S. control VC and/or VCS.
- (3) Submit helicopter requirements and operation orders to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) not later than 48 hours prior to commencement of mission.
- (4) Submit patrol roster to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) prior to execution of assigned mission.
- (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.

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9) EEI's: Annex A to reference (b).

- (10) Be prepared to recommend infantry exploitation or reinforcement and suitable primary and alternate landing zones for its entry.
- (11) Coordinate all missions with cognizant Regimental Commanders. Report completion of coordination to S-3.
- (12) Fire support and infantry reinforcement requirements will be effected by direct liaison with cognizant Regimental Commanders. Report completion of coordination to S-3.
- (13) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fires. 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 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).

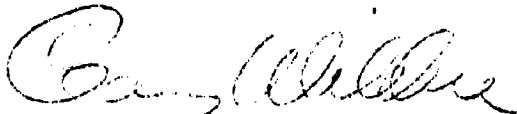
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- b. Each patrol shall carry a PRC-25 as its primary means of communications. Intra-patrol communications by PRC-10.
- c. Field relay sites will carry both primary and alternate means of communications.



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ANNEXES

A. Operation Overlay

DISTRIBUTION

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3dMarDivTSGC	(1)
1stForReconCo	(1)
BnSuplO	(1)
File	(15)
Co A	(3)
Co B	(3)
Co C	(3)
Co D	(3)

TOTAL

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Operation Order: 66
 Patrol: 3d Plt. Co.
 Debriefing: SSGT D.R. PHELPS
 Map Sheet: 6659 III

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 DANANG, RVN
 040900H August 1966

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
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) 2 lb. blocks 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#3. Determine the extent of enemy activity in assigned area and maintain surveillance of avenues of approach.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 301700H/030800H August 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 111 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol noted that HLZ previously utilized was no longer suitable, found one trail not shown on map and noted numerous C-ration cans in grid square (AT 8183).

b. ENEMY: None.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation, interwoven vines, kunai grass and a canopy varying in height from 60 to 100 feet.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) (AT 819842) HLZ this area no longer suitable for helos. Grass in area has overgrown the site.

(2) 021400H (AT 804837), Patrol found trail not shown on map running north & south. Patrol followed trail to (AT 815830). Trail is approximately 1 meter wide and a canopy of approximately 70 feet in height cover trail. Trail reveals no signs of recent use.

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(3) 020800H (AT 813834), patrol found numerous C-ration cans this vicinity which were discarded recently. Patrol checked area with negative results.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: That a reconnaissance patrol be conducted in grid squares (AT 8182) and (AT 8183) to determine activity on trail this vicinity.

Conclusion: Area reveals no signs of recent activity other than C-ration cans found.

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SGT "A" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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EXTRACTION LZ



INSERTION LZ

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
LZ LANDING ZONE	3d Plt. Co. "A"
— ROUTE TRAVELED	Map: Vietnam, 1:50,000
- - - NEW TRAIL	Series: L-701
	Sheet: 6659 III
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Operation Order: 55-66
 Patrol: 1st Plt. Co. "A"
 Debriefer: SSGT D.R. EMBELSS
 Map Sheet: 6659 III, 6559 II

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 071730H August 1966

PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (16) Inf, (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: (4) 2 lb. block C-4 w/acc.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) LAW, (2) Claymore mines, (2) M-79's

2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations and establish OP. sites in area outlined on patrol overlay maintain surveillance of assigned area and determine the extent of enemy activity over existing trails.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 040730H/071730H August 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 82 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol fired (2) artillery missions expending a total of (17) rounds on suspected enemy camp fire and beam of light. It was noted that trail complexes in area covered were overgrown and revealed no signs of activity.

b. ENEMY: None.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation, interwoven vines and a canopy varying in height from 60 to 80 feet.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 041920H (AT 817349), patrol observed a beam of light from this vicinity. Artillery mission of (3) rounds was fired with excellent target coverage, light extinguished.

(2) 050655H (AT 815849), patrol observed what appeared to be a camp fire this vicinity. Artillery mission of (9) rounds was fired with excellent target coverage results unknown.

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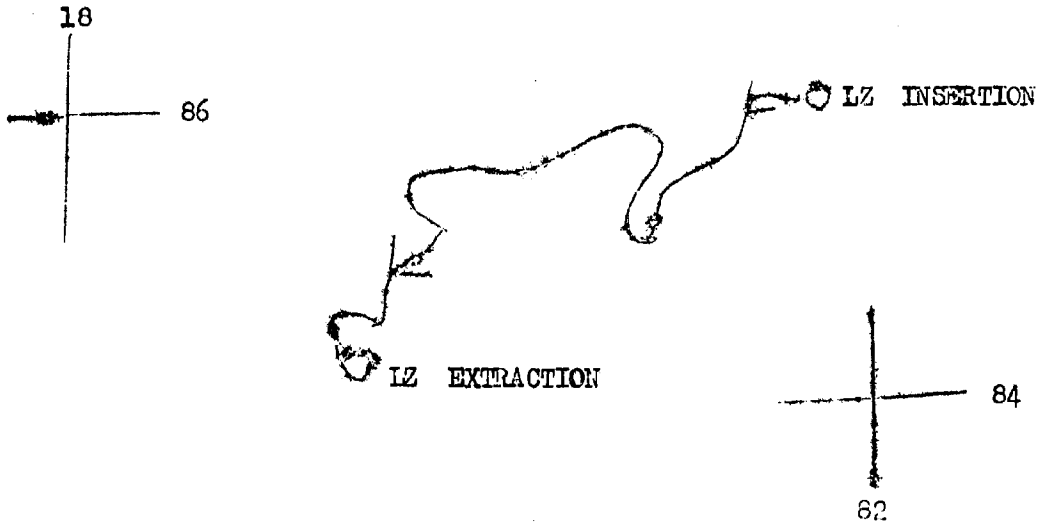
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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Excellent, morale excellent.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
- a. Recommendation: That CH-46A's be used for extraction of platoon size patrols since the H-34 does not possess the capability of lifting this size patrol out during inclement weather.
 - b. Conclusions: Area covered by patrol reveals no signs of enemy activity except as noted in column 5d of this report.

T. J. TERREBONNE
1stLt. "A" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
<p>LZ LANDING ZONE</p> <p>— ROUTE TRAVELED</p>	<p>1st Flt. "A" Co.</p> <p>Map: Vietnam, 1:50,000</p> <p>Series: L-701</p> <p>Sheet: 6659 III, 6559 II</p> <p>3d ReconBn. (S-2)</p>

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Operation Order: 56-66
Patrol: 2d Plt. "A" Co.
Debriefing: SSGT D.R. PHELPS
Map Sheet: 6559 II

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111700H August 1966

PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (15) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) 2 lb. blocks C-4 w/acc.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) LAW, (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in areas outlined on patrol overlay to determine the extent of enemy activity in assigned area, locate avenues of approach into and out of area and capture VC/VCS for intelligence value.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 071640H/111700H August 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 94 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found one old fallen down hut and one trail not shown on map which was overgrown and revealed no signs of recent use.

b. ENEMY: None.

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

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 110910H (ZC 1783) Patrol heard (2) rounds fired from this vicinity. Fire sounded like 30 cal. Source of fire could not be determined.

(2) 111345H (ZC 193842) Patrol found (1) extremely old hut this vicinity. Patrol checked area with negative results.

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(3) 091400H (ZC 186844) Patrol found trail not shown on map. Trail was approximately (1) meter wide running northeast. Trail was overgrown 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:

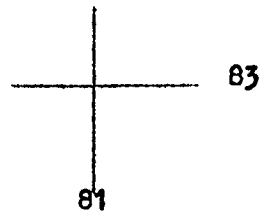
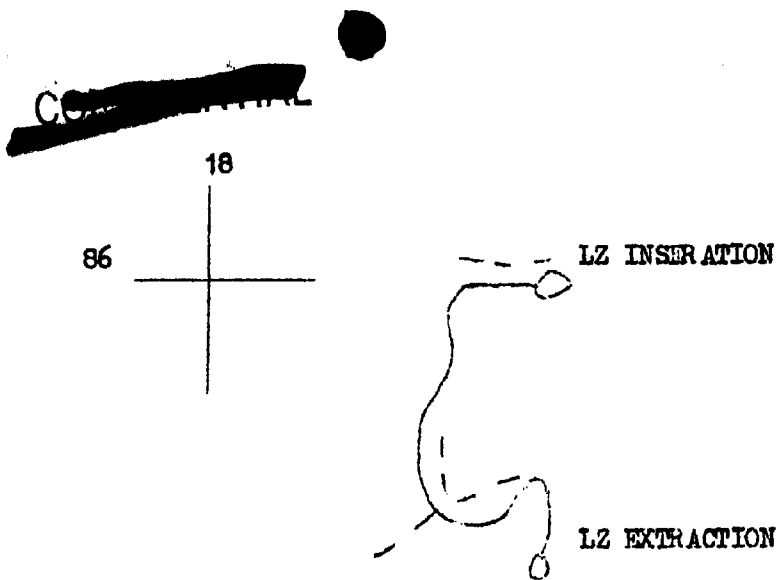
Recommendation: Taking as a minimum 5 canteens of water per man as water sources in this area extremely scarce.

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

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SGT "A" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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O LZ = Landing Zone	2nd Plt, "A" Co.
—— = Route Traveled	Map Vietnam: 1:50,000
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Operation Order: 57-66
 Patrol: 3d Flt. "A" Co.
 Debriefing: 2dLt. D. R. PHELPS
 Map Sheet: 6659 III

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 161630H August 1966

PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

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

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area outlined on patrol overlay in RZ#3 to determine extent of enemy activity in assigned area, capture and return to U.S. Control VC/VCS and locate avenues of approach into and out of assigned area.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 111640H/161530H August 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 118 1/2 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found one large trail not shown on map and noted footprints of 3 to 4 persons that had been made within last 2 to 3 days. No additional observations of significance were made.

b. ENEMY: None.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation, interwoven vines, elephant grass approximately 5 feet high and a canopy of approximately 100 feet in height.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 141100H (AT 815828) patrol found trail not shown on map running in a northwesterly direction. Trail is approximately 3 meters wide and is well worn. Trail was followed to (AT 807843). At this point trail swings sharply in a easterly direction, Patrol did not check trail any further. Due to dense canopy trail can not be seen from the

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air. Trail appears to have been used within the past 2 - 3 days by 3 to 4 persons due to footprints found on trail. Patrol during movement on trail made no additional observations.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

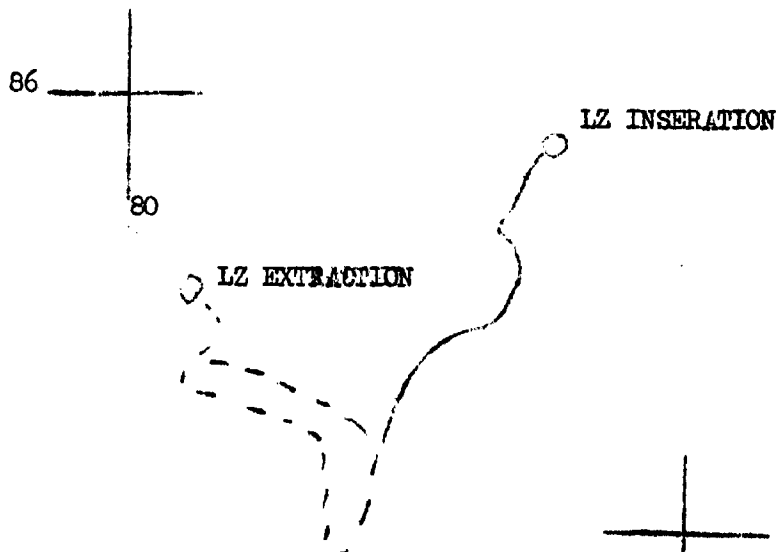
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: That due to possible extensions of patrols because of inclement weather additional rations be taken.

Conclusion: Area reveals signs of recent activity by undetermined size force.

T. W. WARD
SGT "A" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.



LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
○ LZ = Landing Zone	3D Flt, "A" Co.
— = Route Traveled	Map Vietnam: 1:50,000
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Operation Order: 58-66
 Patrol: 1st Plt. "A" Co.
 Debriefing: 2d Lt. D.R. PHILIPS
 Map Sheet: 6659 III, 6559 II

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 191630H August

PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

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

2. MISSION: Conduct area reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area to determine the extent of enemy activity over existing trails and locate avenues of approach into and out of assigned area. Capture and return to U.S. control VC/VCS for their intelligence value.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 161615H/191630H August 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 no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol located one excellent OP site and found one trail not shown on map.

b. ENEMY: None.

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

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 161645H (AT 815869) patrol found trail not shown on map. Trail is approximately 5 feet wide running in a westerly direction. Trail revealed numerous signs of elephants and is well worn. Patrol checked trail to (ZC 193867) with no significant observations.

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(2) 161900H (AT 889868) patrol located CP site this vicinity which provides excellent observation of the valley north of the Song Ca De river.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: Taking 6 canteens of water per-man since water sources in this area are extremely scarce.

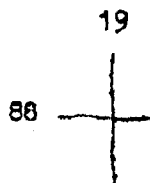
Conclusion: Area covered by patrol reveals no signs of use.

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Cpl "A" Co.

9. DIBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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LZ INSERTION



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Operation Order: 60-66
 Patrol: 2d Plt, "A" Co.
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (15) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) pr AN/PRC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50M₈
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) 2 lb blocks C-4 w/aoc
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) LAW, (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct area reconnaissance in assigned area to locate VC camp sites storage areas, and communication routes. Determine enemy activity over existing trails, capture and return to U.S. control VC/VCS and locate avenues of approach into and out of assigned area.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 201430H/251630H August 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 122 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in one enemy sighting of (3) VC, one artillery mission of (5) rds fired, hearing SAF on two different occasions, location of one excellent OP site, found possible grave site, pieces of pottery, and numerous fresh signs of elephants in area covered.

b. ENEMY: 241200H (ZC158851) Patrol observed (3) VC dressed in black P.J.'s and armed with rifles sitting along river bank. Artillery mission of (5) rds was fired with negative results. VC last observed moving into woodland before return could be adjusted on target.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation interwoven vines and a canopy of approximately 50 feet in height.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 201800H (ZC172838) Patrol found what appeared to be a freshly made grave this vicinity. Area was approximately 18" high 5' long and 3' wide. Patrol checked area with negative results.

(2) 231330H (ZC1585) Patrol heard one round of small arms fire from this vicinity. Source of fire could not be determined.

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(5) (ZC168847) Patrol found excellent OP site this vicinity affording unlimited observation to the west.

7: CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

Recommendations: Future patrols operating in this area take maximum water as water sources in this area are stagnant.

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(2) From information received, it appears this area is possible being used by squad size force utilizing elephants for transporting supplies.

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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: (2) AN/PRC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50's, (1) pr 6x30's
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) 2 lb blocks of C-4 W/aoc
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) LAW, (1) M-79, (2) Shotguns

2. MISSION: Conduct area reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area to determine the extent of enemy activity, locate VC camp sites, locate avenues of approach into and out of assigned area, and capture and return to U.S. control VC/VCS.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 251545E/301000H August 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 114 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found one trail not shown on map, the remains of two old huts and heard drums. No additional observations of significance were noted.

b. ENEMY: None

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation, interwoven vines, large rock formations and a canopy of approximately 50 feet in height.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 250215H (AT8088) Patrol heard drum beats emanating from this vicinity, source of which could not be determined.

(2) 261000H (ZC202888) Patrol found trail not shown on map running north and south. Patrol followed trail to (ZC198866). Trail is approximately 2 meters wide. Due to canopy this trail cannot be observed from the air. Trail appeared to have been used recently by undetermined number of people.

(3) 271030H (ZC199883) Patrol found the remains of one old hut this vicinity. Patrol checked surrounding area with negative results.

(4) 300830H (ZC193864) Patrol found the remains of one old hut this vicinity. Patrol checked surrounding area with negative results.

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(5) Due to the nature of the terrain throughout this area there are no identifiable HLZ's as such. Insertions and extractions will have to be accomplished at the discretion of the patrol leader. Helo reconnaissance of area should be conducted prior to insertion for this reason.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

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

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

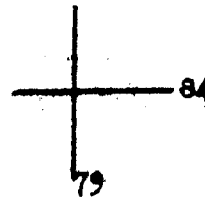
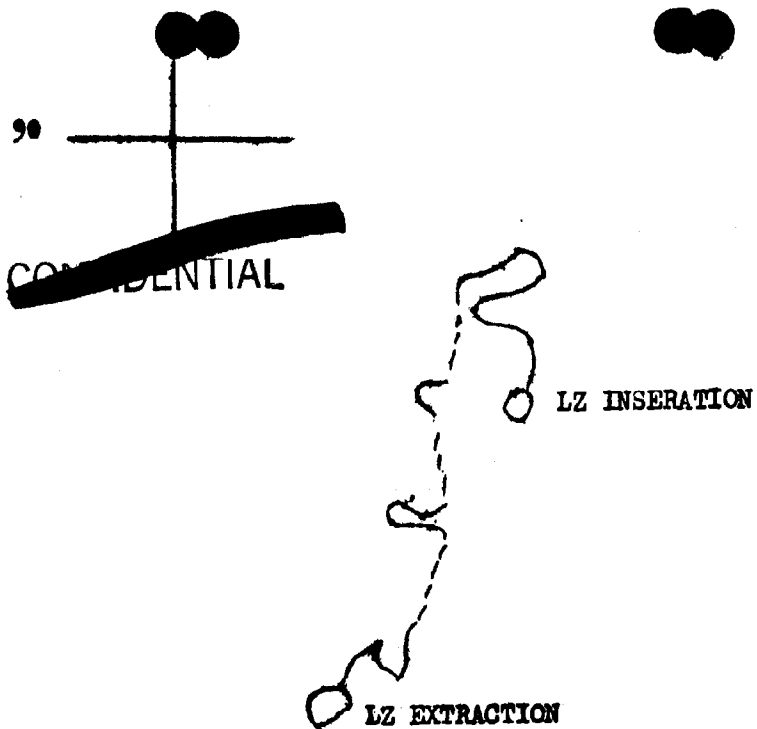
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: None

Conclusions: Area reveals no signs of activity except as noted in paragraph 5.d.(1).

T. W. WARD
Sgt "A" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None



LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

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

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area to determine the extent of enemy activity over existing trails, locate avenues of approach into and out of assigned area, locate VC campsites, storage areas, and capture and return to U.S. control VC/VCS.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 260900H/310730H August 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 118½ hours of reconnaissance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found one old logging trail not shown on map and one trail. Patrol located large cache of lumber, found (6) old fighting holes, heard SAF and had possible jamming of radio.

b. ENEMY: None

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation, interwoven vines, and a canopy of approximately 90 feet in height. Area has numerous small trails none of which appear to be used at this time.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 260900H (AT813753) Patrol found what appeared to be an old logging road which runs east and west. Road is approximately two meters wide and reveals no indications of recent use. Patrol followed road and at (AT795753) found large cache of cut lumber. Patrol checked surrounding area with negative results and continued along the road to (LT792752) with no additional significant observations.

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(2) 270900H (ZC203755) Patrol found trail not shown on map that runs east and west. Trail is approximately one meter wide. Patrol while checking area found at (ZC204754) ~~the~~ fighting holes, staggered on either side of the trail, covering an approach from the northeast. These holes were approximately 5' deep, 8' long and 3' wide. This area did not appear to have been used within the last two months. Patrol continued along trail to (ZC207756) with no additional significant observations.

(3) 271600H (ZC201759) Patrol heard two carbine rounds and approximately six rounds of automatic weapons fire, source of which could not be determined.

(4) Patrol experienced communications difficulties throughout movement in grid square (ZC1974).

(5) From HLZ located at (AT814753), west, there are no HLZ's. The only means of extraction would be by hoist through the canopy.

(6) 291400H (ZC202748) Patrol experienced a possible jamming of their frequency. Patrol changed to Helo frequency. The jamming consisted of being keyed out and what sounded like someone blowing into the hand set.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Tired, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

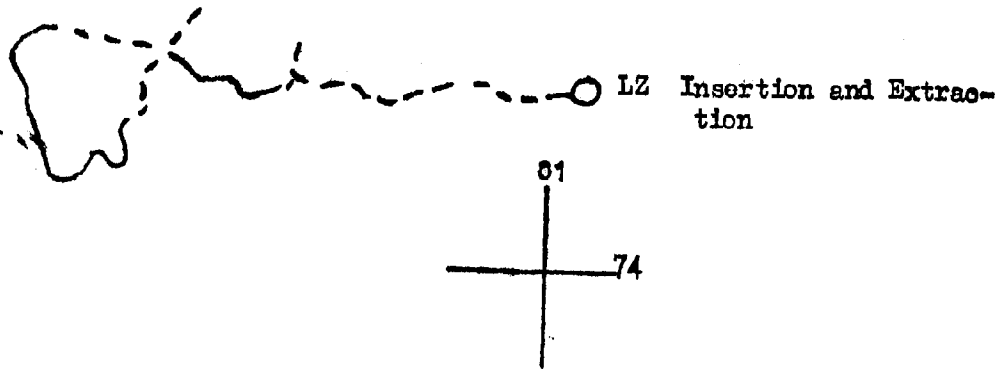
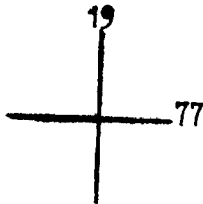
Recommendations: If future operations are going to be conducted in this area it will be necessary to have HLZ's established closer to operational area.

Conclusions: Area covered by patrol does not appear to have been used in approximately one month.

T. J. TERREBONNE
1st Lt "A" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leaders recommendation.

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LEGEND	PATROL REPORT OVERLAY
<p>O LZ - LANDING ZONE</p> <p>— - ROUTE TRAVELED</p> <p>— - NEW TRAIL NOT SHOWN ON MAP</p>	<p>1st Plt, "A" Co.</p> <p>MAP: VIETNAM 1-50,000</p> <p>SHEET: 6659 III-6559 II</p> <p>SERIES: L-701</p> <p>3d Recon Bn</p> <p>(S-2)</p>

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PATROL REPORT

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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: (2) pr. 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) 2 lb. block of C-4 w/acc.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area 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 Gai avenues of approach.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 301730H/021730H August 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 72 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (1) enemy sighting of (3) VC, (1) artillery mission of (2) rounds fired and observation of normal activity in the Song Vu Gia area.

b. ENEMY:

(1) 021115H (AT 835613), patrol observed (1) VC dressed in black PJ's with white coolie hat. VC was armed with rifle. Artillery mission was requested and prior to being fired patrol observed (2) additional VC both dressed in black PJ's and armed with rifles join the first sighted VC. Artillery fired (2) rounds 105 HE with negative results. Fire mission was cancelled due to time lapse between request and delivery. VC disappeared from patrol's observation at this time. No additional activity was observed from this area.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by large rocks, dense brush, Kunai grass and no canopy.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: None.

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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: H & I fires be placed on hill 722 vicinity
(AT 8361) & (AT 8461), as area appears to be
used as enemy OP site.

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

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SGT "C" Co.

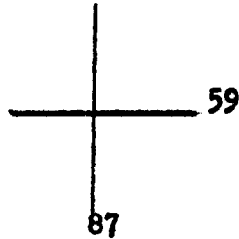
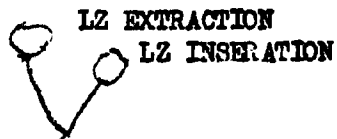
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
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— = Patrol Route	Map Vietnam; 1:50,000 Series; I-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: (2) Off, (7) 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: (1) 2lb. black 70-4 w/acc.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) Shotguns, (1) Carbine

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

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 310630H/040900H August 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 98 1/2 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Area covered by patrol was extremely difficult for movement and revealed no signs of activity.

b. ENEMY: None.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation, interwoven vines, and a canopy of approximately 50 feet in height. Movement throughout area extremely difficult.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: None.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

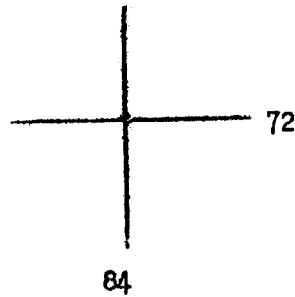
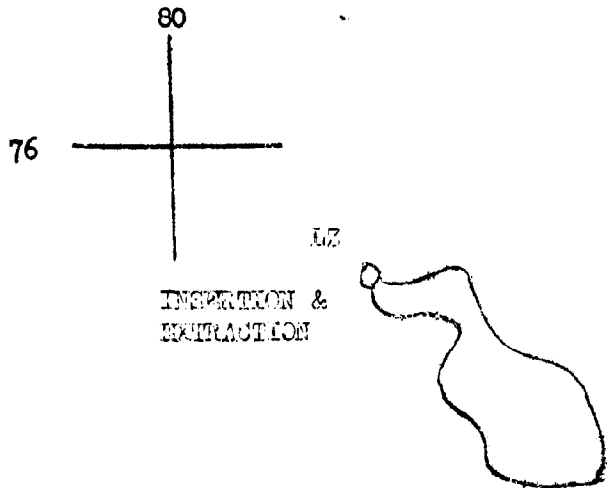
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
LZ LANDING ZONE	1st Sq. 1st Plt. Co. "C"
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PATROL REPORT

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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: (2) pr. 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) 2 lb. block C-4 w/acc.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) Shotguns, (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the areas outlined on the patrol overlay in R7#5 to determine enemy activity in assigned area and maintain surveillance of the Song Lo Dong Valley complex.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 010715H/040930H August 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 74 1/2 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol checked trail complexes in assigned area none of which revealed signs of recent activity.

b. ENEMY: None.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by interwoven vines, dense brush and kunai grass approximately 11 feet in height. Area has no canopy.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: Trail complexes in area covered by patrol reveals no signs of recent use..

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

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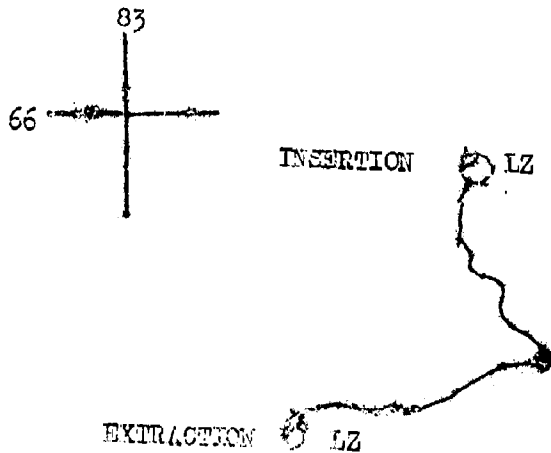
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8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: None.

Conclusion: Area reveals no signs of recent activity.

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SGT "C" Co.9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Enemy movement in this area appears to be
channeled between East - West grid lines (AT 62 and AT 63).

LEGEND	Patrol Route Overlay
LZ LANDING ZONE	2dSg-3dFlt, "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

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: (1) 2 lb. block C-4 w/aoc.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) Shotgun, (2) Claymore mines

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: 020715H/052000H August 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 85 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol observed normal activity in the Song Vu Gia Complex.

b. ENEMY: None.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense brush, numerous large rocks, kunai grass averaging 5 feet in height and no canopy.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: None.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

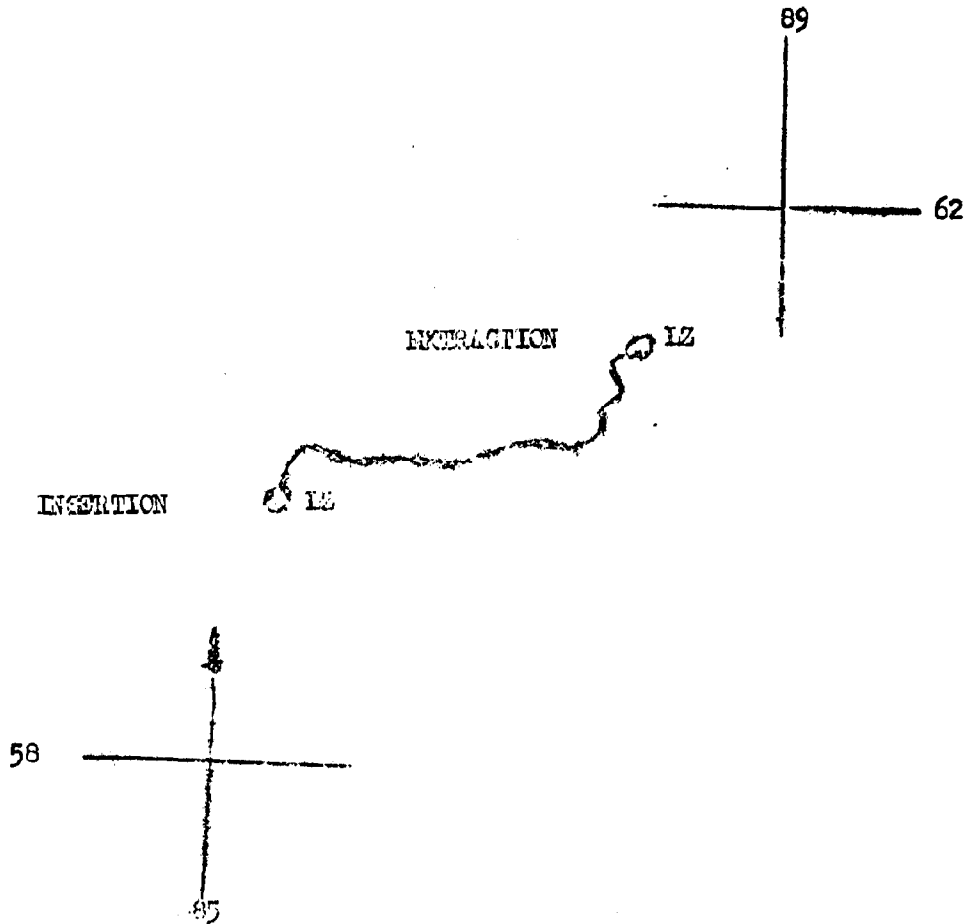
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
LZ LANDING ZONE	2d Sq. 2d Bt. Co. "C"
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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/aoc.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) Shotguns, (1) M-79

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

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 040700H/070700H August 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 72 hours of reconnaissance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found numerous old caves and (1) very old bear trap. Area covered reveals no signs of recent use.

b. ENEMY: None.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation, interwoven vines, and a canopy of approximately 40 feet in height. Area also has numerous old caves.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 061500H (AT 829639), patrol found (1) extremely old bear trap this vicinity. Patrol disposed of trap by burying.

(2) Due to terrain characteristics area has no suitable OP sites. Area has to be actively patrolled for adequate coverage.

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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: None.

Conclusion: Area reveals no signs of activity.

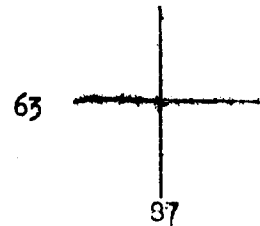
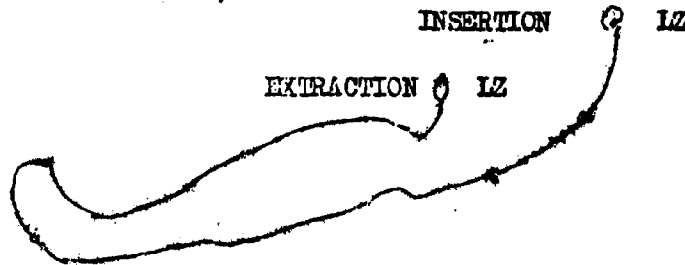
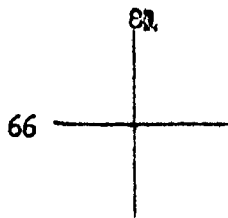
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
LZ LANDING ZONE	1st Sq. 1st Plt. "C" Co.
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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
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) 2 lb. block C-4 w/acc.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrol's & establish OP sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay to determine the extent of enemy activity in assigned area and maintain surveillance of the SONG VU GIA valley in support of 2nd Bn. 3d Marines.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 051950H/091730H AUGUST 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (1) enemy sighting and contact with (1) VC. Patrol located excellent OP site affording observation over the SONG VU GIA valley and noted normal activity in same. Patrol experienced possible probe but no confirmed sighting or contact developed.

b. ENEMY:

(1). 052100H (AT 879609) Patrol heard movement around night defensive position. Patrol threw (3) M-26 grenades and movement ceased. Area checked at first light on 6 August with negative results.

(2). 071745H (AT 859604) Patrol observed (1) VC dressed in green clothing and armed with a rifle walking north towards streambed this vicinity. The VC was too close to patrol's position for an artillery mission so the patrol took VC under fire with (150) rds. small arms fire and (7) M-79 rds. Patrol checked area with negative results.

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c. **TERRAIN:** This area is characterized by dense forest, numerous large rocks and no canopy.

d. **OTHER INFORMATION:** Patrol found excellent OP site at (AT855599) affording observation of the Song Vu Gia Valley.

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

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

8. **CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

a. **Recommendation:** None

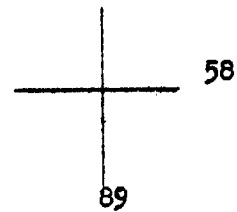
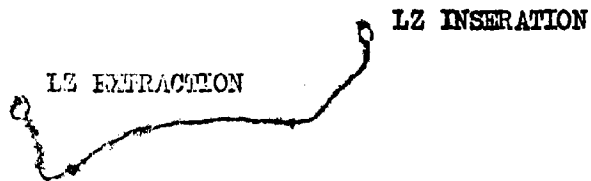
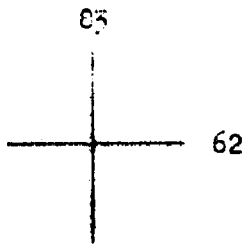
b. **Conclusions:** Area covered by patrol reveals no signs of enemy activity except as noted in paragraph 5 of this report.

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9. **REMARKS/COMMENTS:** None.

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (3) Em1, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) 2 lb. block C-4 w/acc.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) Shotguns, (1) M - 79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish op sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay to determine the extent of enemy activity in assigned area.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 070645H/110950H August 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 100 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found (1) 105 round (DUD) and destroyed same in place. Also located stream not shown on current tactical map.

b. ENEMY: None.

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

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 071515H (AT 859632), patrol found (1) 105 round (DUD) this vicinity. Patrol destroyed round in place. Patrol also noted that path had been made leading from the 105 round northeast. Patrol checked area with negative results.

(2) (AT 859632), patrol found stream not shown on map. Stream was approximately 4 feet wide and 1 1/2 feet deep. Area around stream this vicinity reveals signs of recent use.

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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: H & I fire be scheduled for (AT 8563) as area appears to be used as enemy water source.

Conclusion: Area reveals signs of recent use by small groups. No indications at this time of any significant size force operating in this area.

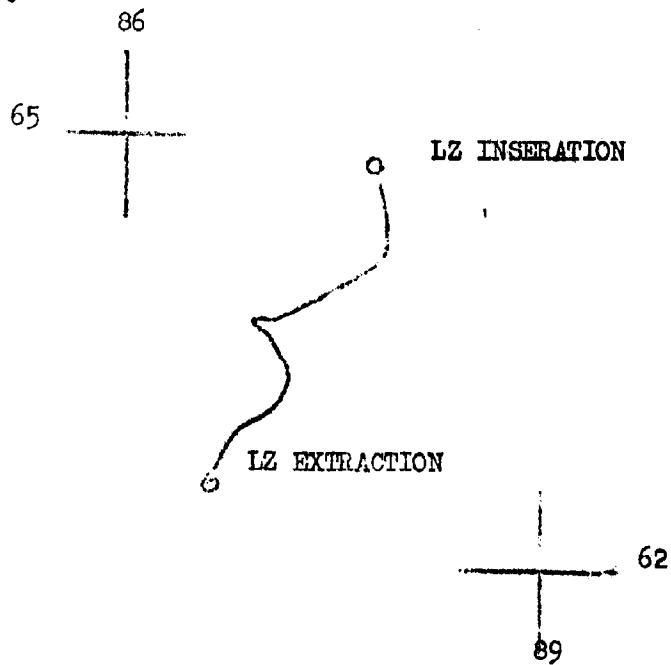
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Activity noted in this area on numerous occasions.

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (2) Off, (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: (2) 2 lb. block C-4
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (3) Claymore mines, (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay 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: 091700H/120730H August 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 38 1/2 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (3) enemy sightings totalling (8) VC and (1) contact with (1) VC. One artillery mission of (47) rounds was fired. Area covered by patrol reveals numerous signs of extensive use. Area has numerous trail complexes all of which reveal recent use, and sounds emitting from area, source of which could not be determined.

b. ENEMY:

(1) 101245H (AT 804606), patrol located trail this vicinity and set up ambush. At 101300H patrol observed (2) VC females dressed in black and white PJ's moving northeast up trail carrying what appeared to be (2) 100 lb. rice bags. No action taken. Patrol left team in ambush position and remainder of patrol moved northwest up trail. Point of patrol at this time observed (5) VC dressed in black and white PJ's all armed with rifles sitting in open area vicinity (AT 803606). Patrol then received word from ambush team that they heard voices and movement, no actual observation could be made. Ambush element advised to remain in position. The point man then observed (1) additional VC moving towards patrol on trail. VC came within 5 meters of point before being killed by SAF. During this engagement patrol also fired SAF into area where the initial sighting of (5) VC was made.

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Results of fire unknown. Patrol withdrew from immediate vicinity and requested artillery mission at 101315H. Artillery mission of (47) rounds was fired with unobserved results. Time lapse on artillery was approximately 10 minutes from request to on the way.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by sparse vegetation, interwoven vines, steep ravines, stream beds not shown on map and a canopy varying in height from 30 to 100 feet.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 101245H (ZC 7961), patrol heard what sounded like large pulley being operated from this vicinity. Exact source of sound could not be determined.

(2) Trail shown on map in grid square (ZC 7959) runs in a northwesterly direction to (ZC 7960) crossing creek bed then swings in a easterly direction towards the 1025 hill complex.

(3) patrol noted that entire area covered revealed numerous signs of recent activity. Fresh trails, freshly cut lumber, trail markers carved into trees, fresh footprints, numerous small camp fire sites, and well worn trails with signs of periodic useage.

(4) Patrol found assorted documents vicinity of (ZC 212597).

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

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

b. FRIENDLY: None.

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: Insertion of patrol for clandestine reconnaissance of this area avoid contact or compromise of patrol at all costs.

Conclusion: Area reveals signs of extensive use throughout.

C. L. VETTER
1stLt. "C" Co.

9. DEBRIEFING COMMENTS: Area long suspected to be sanctuary for enemy forces. Possibly used as storage, training, production and base camp for VC forces operating throughout this area.

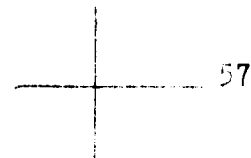
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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (8) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25.
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (3) pr. 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) 2 lb. block C-4 w/acc.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) M-1 Carbines, (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay 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: 110900H/160730H August 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 118 1/2 hours resulted in three enemy sightings totalling (16) VC and no contacts. Two artillery missions expending a total of (66) rounds fired, observation of known enemy OP site, finding of trail not shown on current maps, locating (1) large cave and finding (1) water can, piece of cheesecloth and one Vietnamese battery.

b. ENEMY:

(1) 111850H (AT 835597), patrol observed (8) VC moving north to southwest on trail this vicinity. VC were dressed in dark clothing and one weapon was observed. VC disappeared before artillery mission could be requested.

(2) 141230H (AT 828604), patrol observed (2) VC in OP site this vicinity. (1) VC was dressed in Complete khaki uniform with soft-cover and had a green belt around waist. Patrol noted that the VC dressed in khaki appeared to have starched uniform and had a pair of binoculars and a carbine. The other VC was wearing black PJ's, armed with what appeared to be automatic weapon and cartridge belt.

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At 1245H patrol observed (2) additional VC move into OP site, one dressed in khaki the other in white shirt, white shorts and what appeared to be white plastic construction cover. The VC dressed in white had a carbine slung over his shoulder and rifle of unknown type in his hands, the VC dressed in khaki had what appeared to be an automatic weapon. Artillery mission of 27 rounds fired with negative results.

(3) 151200H (AT 838604), patrol observed (4) VC in OP site this vicinity. 3 VC wore black PJ's the other was dressed in a khaki uniform with soft cover and had a pair of binoculars. VC dressed in black PJ's was armed with a rifle. Patrol noted that one of the VC was observing them and waving his arm. Artillery mission of (39) rounds fired with excellent coverage, results unknown.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by elephant grass approximately 4 1/2 feet high, numerous large rocks, numerous small streams and a canopy of approximately 30 feet in height.

c. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 110900H (AT 845593), after insertion of patrol in HLZ the pilots reported to patrol that they had received SAF from vicinity of (AT 847592). Patrol observed area approximately 10 minutes with negative results.

(2) 151900H (AT 833596), patrol found (1) corroded 5 gal. water can, (1) small can which appeared to be coffee container, (1) small Vietnamese battery and (1) large piece of cheesecloth. Patrol checked area and at (AT 832596) found cave 15 feet long and 5 feet high. From this area observation of the Song Vu Gia Valley is unlimited.

(3) 151915H (AT 833598), patrol found trail not shown on map. Trail is approximately 2 feet wide and 8 inches deep. Running in a northwesterly direction towards the 836 hill complex. This trail parallels trail shown on map, and reveals signs of constant use.

(4) During the day and night of 14 August patrol observed napalm and TPQ strikes on the 819 hill complex and noted that coverage was concentrated in vicinity of (AT 814605) resulting in large fires and clearing of treeline. Airstrikes were also observed during the day of 15 August on the west side of the 836 complex.

(5) Patrol located 4 HLZ's all of which will accommodate 2 H-34 helos. These are shown on patrol overlay this report.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

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7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: Future patrols operating in this area take a sniper rifle with scope for employment against OP location at (AT 838604).

Conclusion: Area covered by patrol reveals numerous signs of recent use by undetermined size force.

J. E. HAMILTON
Cpl "C" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Associating these observations with the VC training camp located on the 14th of August it appears reasonable to assume that this area is utilized as the forward OP for the training camp and surveillance of all reconnaissance activity conducted along the Charlie Ridge Complex.

b. Time on artillery missions of 14 August was 10 minutes and on 15 August was 15 minutes.

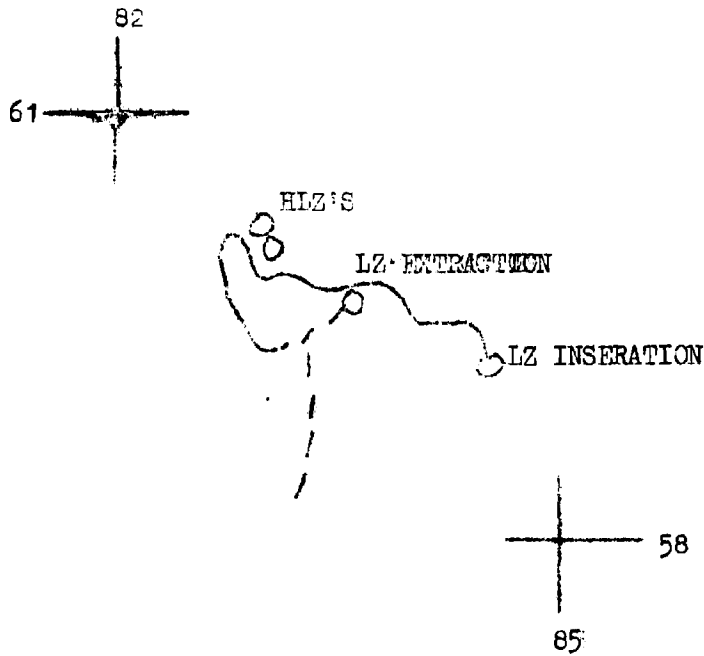
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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

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

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

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 120745H/160800H August 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 92 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in one enemy sighting of (4) VC and no contacts. Patrol also found one old rubber sandal. Area covered reveals no indications of use.

b. ENEMY:

(1) 141200H (AT 828604), patrol observed (4) VC. Three dressed in black PJ's and (1) in khaki. Three rifles were observed. No action taken by patrol due to artillery coverage already on target by another reconnaissance patrol operating in this area.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by scrub grass, numerous large rock formations and no canopy.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 130830H (AT 849605), patrol found one rubber sandal this vicinity. No additional observations were made.

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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Goodm morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: None.

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

W. P. KNIGHT
Lsgpl "C" Co

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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PATROL REPORT

Addendum to Patrol Report of 191730H August 1966 to Operation Order 96-66

1. Under paragraph 5 d of basic patrol report add following sub-paragraph (4).

(4) The patrol, while in the vicinity of 8261, received imitative deception broadcasts during the period 172100H -- 180300H August 1966. The imitative effort consisted of the enemy repeating, in ENGLISH, the patrol's call sign followed by an effort to say "ALFA SIERRA". At times the imitation was so effective that the patrol had to ask for confirmation from their parent company. When the imitative station would key its transmitter it would completely disrupt communications with the patrol and its parent unit. Ultimately, the patrol changed to the alternate frequency.

DEBRIEFER'S COMMENTS: Although the VC communication equipment was not identified nor the antenna systems located, it is felt that the radio was in close proximity of the patrol area and that it was of significant wattage in order to be able to completely disrupt the communications of the patrol.

The marking of trees, as mentioned in the basic report, was noted with particular interest from a communications view point.

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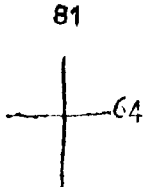
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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (3) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: None.
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None.

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the areas outlined on the patrol overlay. Primary mission of patrol is clandestine reconnaissance of area.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 160800H/191730H August 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 (2) enemy sightings totalling (5) VC and (1) contact. Results of contact (1) USMC KIA and (1) USN WIA, enemy casualties unknown. Patrol found huts, sniper positions, (1) large trail and numerous small trails throughout grid square (AT 8161). Noticed marks carved into trees and found one possible animal snare. Voices were heard several times but patrol made no confirmed sightings from these incidents.

b. ENEMY:

(1) 160830H (AT 829615), patrol observed (2) VC dressed in green utilities this vicinity. Patrol continued mission without further incident from this sighting.

(2) 181345H (AT 819613), patrol observed (3) VC dressed in striped camouflage utilities and camouflage soft covers. VC were armed with automatic weapons, type unknown. Contact was immediate with the VC opening fire. Patrol returned fire, VC broke contact. Results of fire exchange was (1) USMC KIA, (1) USN WIA.

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Enemy casualties unknown. Patrol recovered KIA's radio and M-14 rifle and attempted to remove body but unable to, due to situation and KIA's size. After recovering gear patrol leader gathered all the patrol's packs, (1) M-14 rifle and extra equipment and destroyed same. Patrol after destroying gear moved in easterly direction for approximately 2,000 meters to (AT 829618) where the WIA's weapon was disassembled and all small components were scattered except the bolt which was retained by patrol. The barrel and stock group was hidden in hollow tree this vicinity.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by sparse vegetation, elephant grass, numerous trail complexes and a canopy varying in height from 60 to 100 feet.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 160850H (AT 834616), patrol observed (2) huts this vicinity. Huts were large enough to accomodate 8 to 12 men. Patrol heard voices approximately 100 meters to the northeast.

(2) 181100H (AT 824617), patrol found trail this vicinity which did not appear to be used. Patrol followed trail and it was noted that cut into one tree was 18 notches. Further along trail patrol noticed (2) X's carved into tree. Trail swings west (AT 824618) and follows contour lines to (AT 822617) at which time trail veers north to (AT 820619) trail leads into small stream at (AT 817614). There are (5) sniper positions this vicinity and a possible snare trap as shown on diagram. Patrol then headed south to (AT 817614) moved down finger where they came across hut in clearing which appeared to be used for overnight rest stop at (AT 818614). Patrol then moved north to (AT 817615) then moved south to (AT 817614). At these coordinates patrol smelled fish cooking. Patrol then moved south towards smell of fish. Patrol at this time heard voices. Patrol began checking area and in process of checking this area the contact with the enemy was made.

(3) It was noted that the VC which the patrol made contact with appeared to be larger than the normal vietnamese.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: Unknown

b. FRIENDLY: (1) KDCF (CONF), (1) WIA

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Tired, morale high.

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8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: None.

Conclusion: Area contains large enemy force, possibly battalion size or larger.

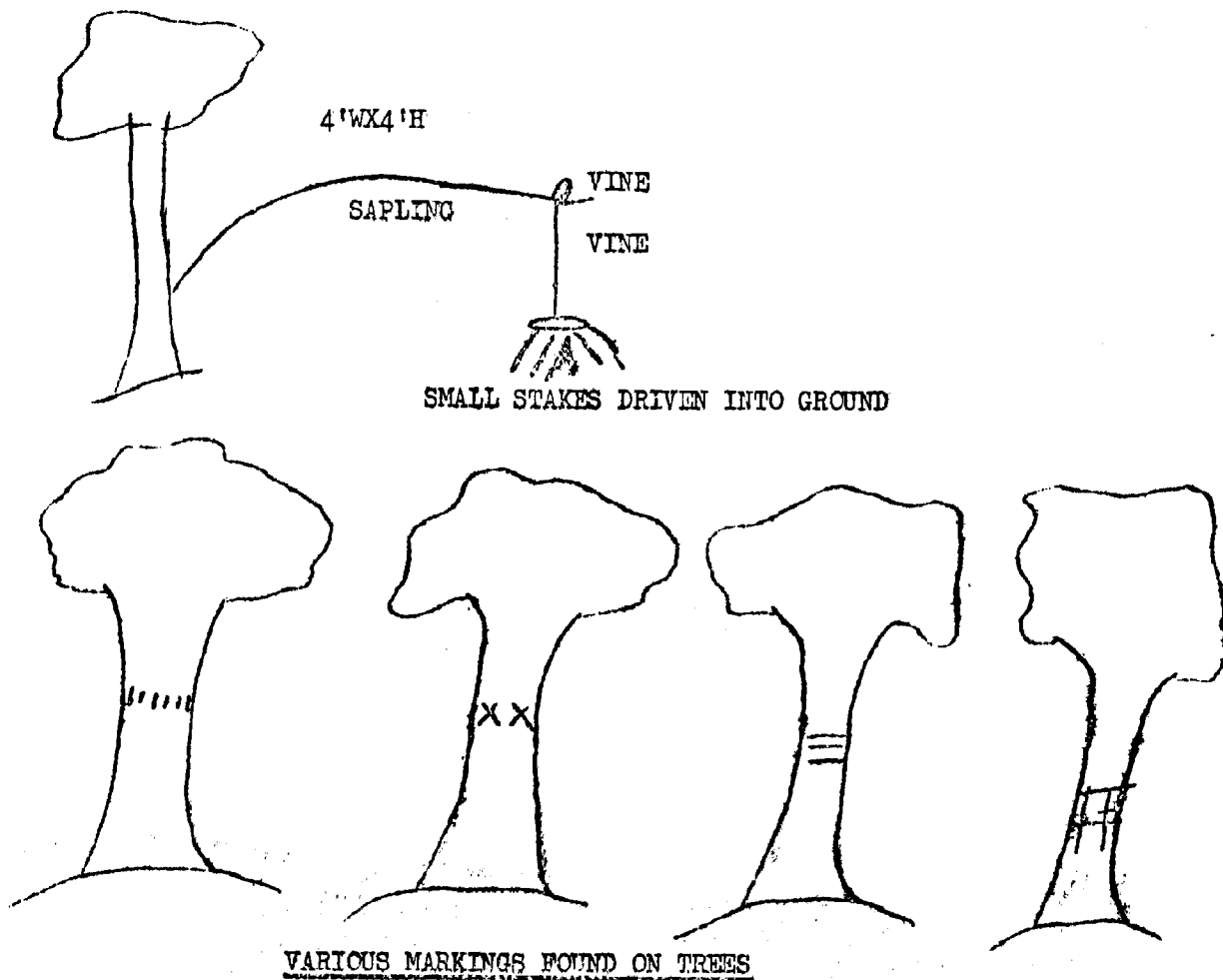
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GYSGT "C" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: The observations made by this patrol in association with the patrol report of 14 August noting the VC training camp, and the patrol report of 16 August of the enemy OP at (AT 828604) it is felt that the entire area of hill complexes 826, 1025, 1078, 722 and 819 contain VC/NVA concentrations of undetermined size. Possibly the major base camp for this area.

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PATROL REPORT

Addendum to Patrol Report of 141030H August 1966 to Operation Order 95-66.

1. Make the following addition to the "Note" at the bottom of 105mm
Howitzer Mock-ups:

It was later reported that one replica of a 105mm shell, constructed
of wood, was also found. This round was approximately 24" long, 6" in
diameter with a small metal band around the center.

L. C. VETTER
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c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: That this area be exploited by infantry unit
immediately

Conclusion: Area being utilized by enemy force of undetermined
size as a training, storage and bivouac site.

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

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leader. Area long suspected
of harboring enemy force.

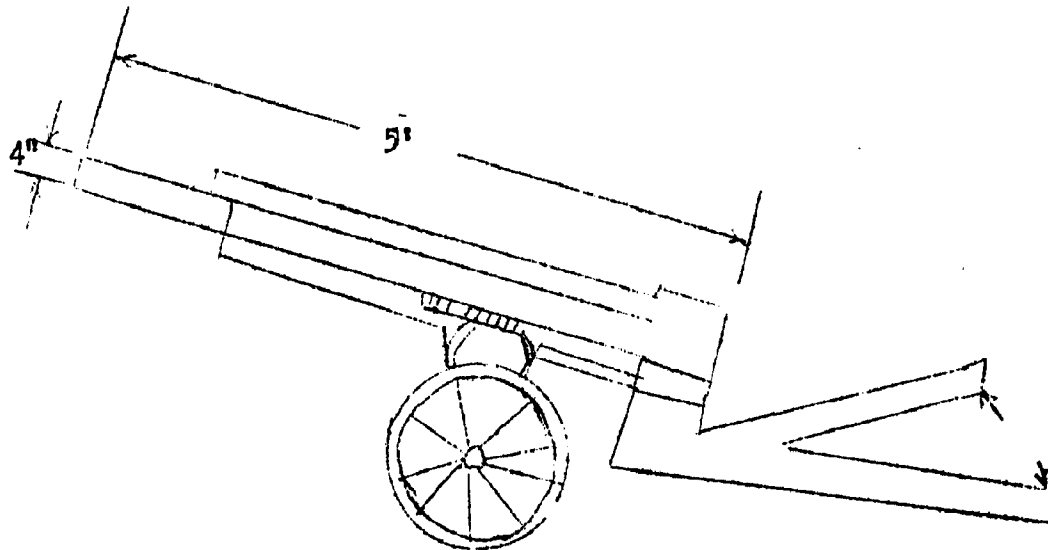
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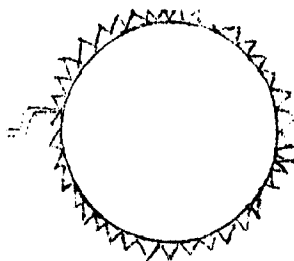
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105mm H
Mock-up



Rubber tire w/metal spokes



Elevation gear made from
metal



Windage gear made from
metal

"NOTE"

This mock-up was constructed of bamboo w/rubber tires & metal spokes. Gears were made from metal. Mock-up apparently used for training purposes due to meticulous construction.

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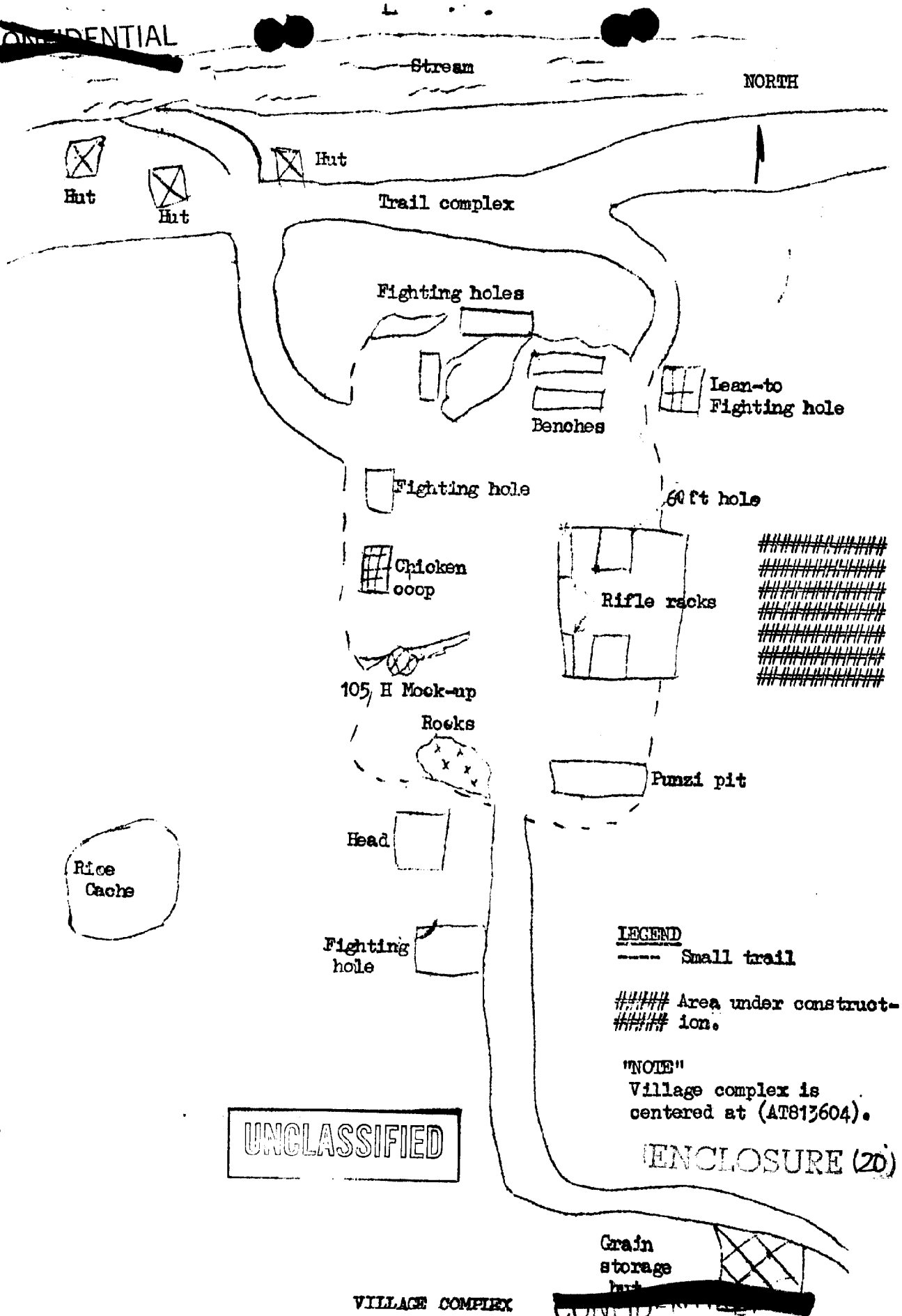
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----- Small trail

Area under construction.

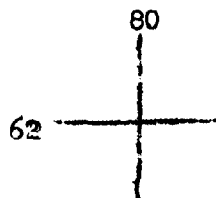
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Village complex is centered at (AT813604).

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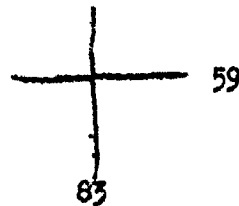
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LZ LANDING ZONE	2d Sq. 2d Plt "C" Co.
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 141045H August 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (2) Off, (6) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) 2 lb. blocks C-4 w/acc.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (3) Claymore mines

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

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 131700H/141045H August 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 18 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in 2 enemy sightings totalling (12) VC, (1) contact sustaining (1) USMC WIA, enemy casualties unknown, Patrol located hut complex which appeared to be VC training camp; (1) storage complex and numerous fighting holes. A 105 H mock-up was also found constructed of bamboo.

b. ENEMY:

(1) 140600H (AT 814603), patrol observed 12 VC. (9) VC dressed in green uniforms wearing what appeared to be green steel helmets, packs and armed with one ChiCom type 53 LMG, one VC 9mm SMG and one VC 7.62 SMG (Modified Mat -49. (3) VC wore black and white PJ's with no covers. All VC were armed but weapons could not be identified. Patrol made immediate contact resulting in one friendly WIA. Enemy casualties unknown. During contact VC were observed deploying in an attempt to encircle patrol's position. Patrol shifted position approximately 400 meters to the South and requested artillery fire. 105's, 8 in. and 81 mm Mortars in support provided excellent coverage of entire target area. No additional contact established. 141015H (AT 813603)

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patrol last observed VC moving south along treeline. VC disappeared into treeline this vicinity. No additional observations were made. Patrol was extracted at 141045H.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by sparse vegetation, large trees spaced for easy movement, trail network well used and a canopy of approximately 100 feet in height.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 140840H (AT 814603), patrol found a hut complex this vicinity consisting of (7) huts approximately 15 feet wide and 30 feet long. These huts were well constructed with bamboo and had bamboo type racks within. Huts would easily accommodate 30 men each. It was noted during reconnaissance of one of these huts there was 2 large holes 4' x 4' dug into each end of hut approximately 6 feet deep and tunneled under approximately 6 feet long and 4 feet high. On the outside of this same hut was (3) more holes the same size. The bottom of each of these holes was covered with bamboo matting. Patrol also found one very large dugout approximately 3' x 4' with steps cut leading down approximately 7 feet into large hollow area approximately 4' high, 5' wide and 10' long, floor covered with matting. The entrance to this cave is covered with weaved brush. Due to rice on deck of cave it appears to be used for storage.

(2) Within this hut complex was numerous holes approximately 1 foot deep with bamboo on the bottom.

(3) Complex also had a 105H bamboo mock-up constructed to scale. Diagram of mock-up included with report.

(4) (AT 8060) patrol heard what sounded like large engine running this vicinity. It was noted that VC when initially observed appeared to be heading towards this area.

(5) (AT 8060) patrol heard what sounded like geese and drums emitting from this vicinity. During the evening of the 13th of August.

(6) (AT 814603) during the patrol's contact (1) M-14 Ser.No. 937278 was lost, along with (1) pack complete with 4 M-14 magazines fully loaded, (4) lbs C-4 with acc. and (3) M-26 grenades.

(7) Time lapse on artillery support from request to on the way was ten minutes.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: Unknown

b. FRIENDLY: (1) WIA Med Evac

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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (8) Bal, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/ERC 25
- 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 area outlined on the patrol overlay to determine the extent of enemy activity in assigned area and to maintain surveillance of the Song Vu Gia Valley in support of 2d Bn. 3d Marines.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 170700H/210900H August 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 98 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found two leaflets and the remains of four ChiCom grenades. No additional observations of significance were noted.

b. ENEMY: None

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense brush, numerous rocks and no canopy on the higher terrain and dense vegetation, interwoven vines in the lower areas.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 171800H (AT 888602), patrol found one safe conduct pass this vicinity. Patrol checked surrounding area with negative results.

(2) 171800H (AT 888602), patrol found the remains of four ChiCom hand grenades. Patrol checked surrounding area with negative results. Grenade fragments were extremely old.

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(3) 100700H (AT 883609), patrol found one propaganda leaflet this vicinity. Patrol checked surrounding area with negative results.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

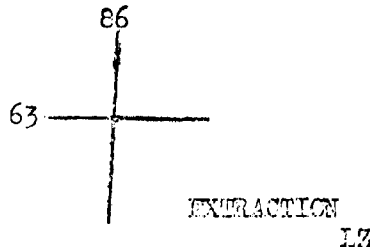
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: That frequencies be changed if keyed and for a period in excess of 2 minutes.

Conclusion: Area covered by patrol reveals no signs of enemy activity except as noted in paragraph 5.d.

J. W. TURLEY
SGT "C" Co.

9. DESERIBER COMMENTS: None.



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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
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GENERAL INFORMATION

5-3

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION:

a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (7) Enl, (2) USN

2. MISSION: In direct support of 2d Bn, 3d Marines conducting operation Al-leghany.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 231200H/291600H August 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. ENEMY: Enemy units encountered in this operation were all armed with automatic weapons and Chi Com grenades. Incoming rounds were fired by expert riflemen. The enemy had excellent fire discipline and withdrew only when losing fire superiority. Enemy contacted wore green utility uniforms. Information indicates presence of well disciplined, well trained, well armed, and equipped unit(s), probably NVA. Documents captured have included characteristics of very sophisticated weapons systems, including rockets, ships, artillery, and infantry weapons. This may indicate that the training camps uncovered may have been designed specifically for the training of officers or high military cadre.

The enemy's jungle fighting tactics are reminiscent of Japanese WW II tactics, which encompassed determined resistance on the ground coupled with snipers and grenadiers in the trees.

b. TERRAIN: The characterization of this area varies from extremely dense to sparsely vegetated. The canopy varies from 30 to 100 feet in height. Area has numerous trail complexes and adequate water sources.

c. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) Radio transmissions intercepted by the 2d Bn, 3d Marines on numerous occasions indicate the possibility of Chinese advisors in this area but cannot be confirmed. Enemy unit(s), have the capability of monitoring friendly radio transmissions.

(2) During the operation mortar fire was received by the units in contact on 3 or 4 different occasions.

(3) The characteristics of this area, the dense vegetation and difficult terrain, necessitated close combat. Enemy structures and fortifications were extremely difficult to detect until very close proximity was achieved. The numerous base camps detected within this area were relatively small with vegetation hanging down to the rooftops. Accordingly detection from the air is impossible.

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(4) Area had numerous large caves and tunnel complexes, storage areas, classrooms, living quarters, messhalls, and various other facilities common to a military unit. Also noted throughout area was large defensive positions on the outer edges of the camp complexes.

(5) The capture and subsequent salvage of the wooden replica of the 105H and 105 round indicates the enemy may be training their local forces in the use of our weapons, to be used against us in the event they are able to penetrate our defensive positions.

(6) Although few booby traps were encountered during this operation future patrols inserted into this area should be extremely cautious since it is a well established enemy tactic to booby trap areas known to be used by friendly forces.

6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: (1) Future insertion of patrols in this area utilize HLZ located at (AT790595) since all other known LZ's can be expected to be well covered by the enemy.

(2) Surveillance be maintained of this area since it is quite probable that the enemy forces will re-occupy these complexes due to the excellent OP sites available affording unlimited observation of the "Charlie Ridge" complex and friendly activity conducted in the Song Vu Gia valley.

(3) Area be scheduled for "Arc Lites".

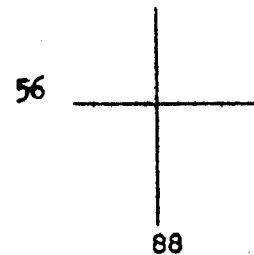
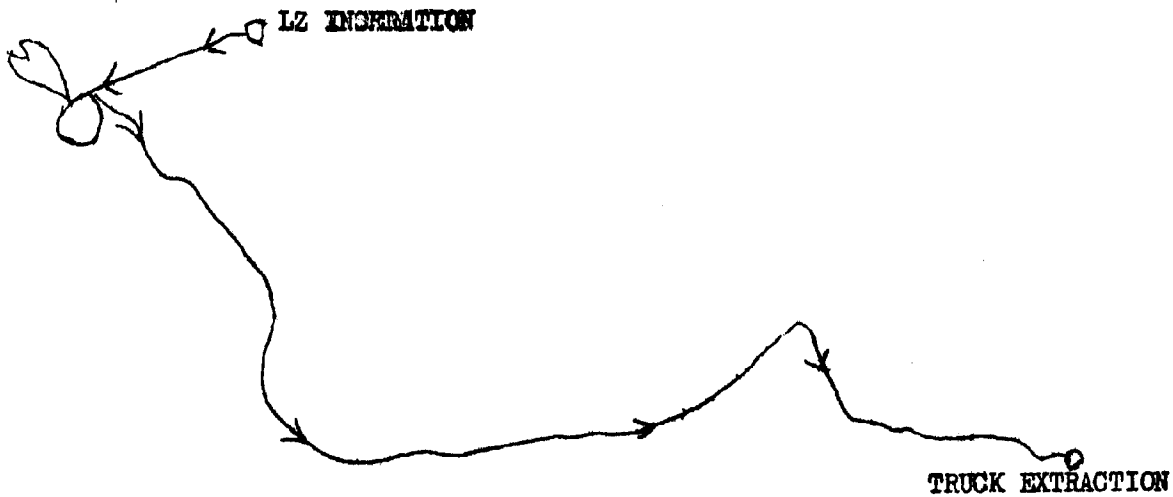
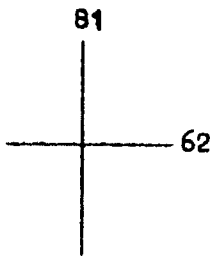
Conclusions: (1) Patrol leader feels that the enemy force(s) retreated north and northwest towards the 1025, 1078 hill complexes located directly above area of operation.

(2) It was apparent that the enemy had definite reasons for wanting to hold this area, most likely as a major base of operations, since the initial translations of documents captured indicate that all major attacks conducted throughout the Danang TAOB over the past 12 months have been formulated, rehearsed, and coordinated from this area.

(3) It is the opinion of the battalion S-2, from all information received, that the areas immediately due north and northwest of the Allegheny area still contain a major portion of the unit(s) engaged during this operation.

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Intelligence Officer

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101100H August 1966

PATROL REPORT

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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: (2) pr. 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance operations and establish OP sites in the areas outlined on the patrol overlay to determine the extent of enemy activity in assigned area and maintain surveillance of the Song Thuy Loan avenues of approach.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE:

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 112 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol noted that trails were overgrown and revealed no signs of activity.

b. ENEMY: None.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation, kunai grass approximately 6 feet in height and a canopy of 30 - 35 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:

Recommendation: Future patrols operating in this area be given additional time in OP sites.

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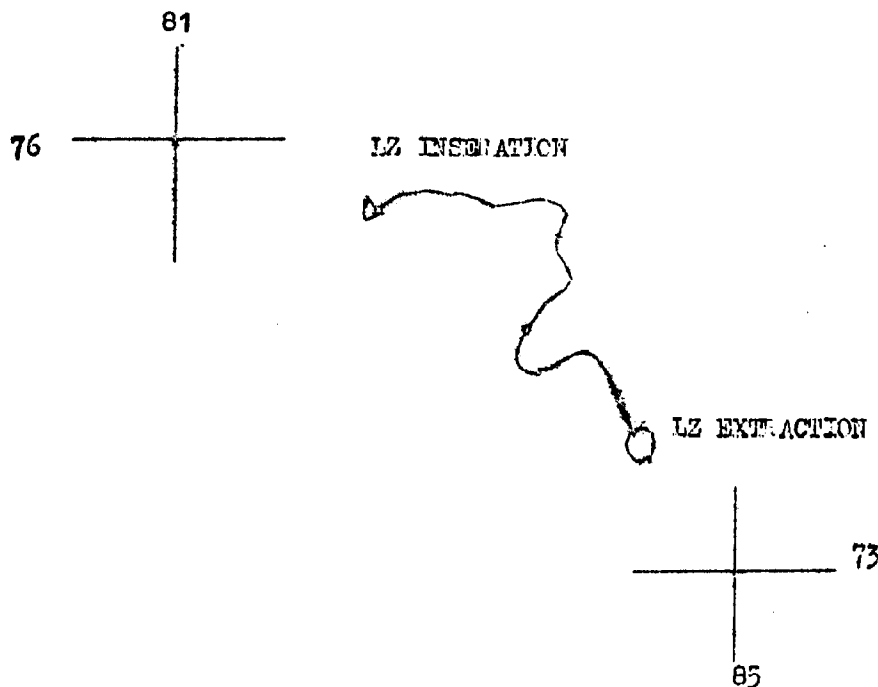
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That maximum water be taken by patrol since terrain features in this area makes movement to water sources extremely slow.

Conclusion: Area covered by patrol reveals no signs of activity.
All trails in area are overgrown.

J. M. JOHNSON
SGT "D" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.



LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
o LZ = Landing Zone	2nd sq, 1st Plt, "D" Co.
— = Patrol route	Map Vietnam; 1:50,000 Sheet: 6658 III Series: L-701 3d Recon Bn. (S-2)

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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (10) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50, (1) pr. 6x30
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
- 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 to determine the extent of enemy activity and maintain surveillance of the Song Lo Dong avenue of approach.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 171810H/220630H August 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 108 1/2 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Two artillery missions were called expending a total of (11) rounds. Patrol found three OP sites, observed possible bunker and found four huts none of which appear to be used. Patrol also found (6) old punji traps and one trail not shown on map.

b. ENEMY: None.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation, interwoven vines, numerous rock formations, numerous small streams and a canopy of approximately 60 feet in height.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 181030H (AT 844668), patrol found OP in this vicinity affording observation of grid squares (AT 8468) and (AT 8469).

(2) 181820H (AT 842663), patrol located OP site in this vicinity affording better observation of the area noted in paragraph # 1 above. Patrol observed what appeared to be a bunker at (AT 852691).

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Artillery mission of (4) rounds fired with good target coverage results unknown.

(3) 191400H (AT 834664), patrol found three huts this vicinity. These huts were in poor condition and did not appear to have been used for a long period of time. Patrol checked surrounding area and found 6 punji pits in close proximity to huts. All appeared very old.

(4) 191830H (AT 837633), patrol found excellent Cp site this vicinity affording unlimited observation of the Song Lo Dong Complex.

(5) 201100H (AT 839678), patrol observed one hut this vicinity. Artillery mission of (7) rounds fired with good target coverage. results unknown.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation: (1) That future patrols operate approximately 1500 meters north of area covered by this patrol.

(2) Closer liaison between patrol leaders and battalion supply be made for the timely issue of ammunition and demolitions to patrols.

Conclusion: Area reveals signs of use by small groups possibly 3 or 4 people.

D. H. DEEN
SGT "D" Co.

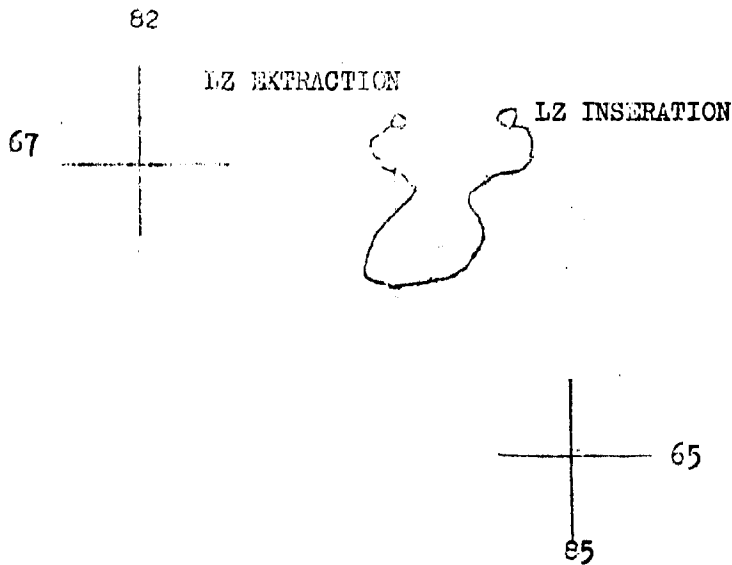
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:

a. Concur with patrol leaders recommendations;

b. Time lapse of artillery missions called from request to first round impacting after two communication relays was 25 and 11 minutes respectively.

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