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

- Encl: (1) Command and Staff Billet Assignments
(2) Co "B", OpC 56-66 of 290800H August 1966 and Patrol Report of 021500H September 1966
(3) Co "B", OpC 57-66 of 290800H August 1966 and Patrol Report of 051000H September 1966
(4) Co "B", OpC 58-66 of 310800H August 1966 and Patrol Report of 061000H and 061200H September 1966
(5) Co "B", OpC 59-66 of 050800H September 1966 and Patrol Report of 111000H September 1966
(6) Co "B", OpC 60-66 of 041600H September 1966 and Patrol Report of 131500H September 1966
(7) Co "B", OpC 62-66 of 091000H September 1966 and Patrol Report of 151500H September 1966
(8) Co "B", OpC 63-66 of 111000H September 1966 and Patrol Report of 191900H September 1966
(9) Co "B", OpC 64-66 of 130900H September 1966 and Patrol Report of 221700H September 1966
(10) Co "B", OpC 65-66 of 141200H September 1966 and Patrol Report of 241500H September 1966
(11) Co "B", OpC 66-66 of 151500H September 1966 and Patrol Report of 221600H and 201600H September 1966
(12) Co "B", OpC 67-66 of 191900H September 1966 and Patrol Report of 261630H September 1966
(13) Recon Group Bravo OpC 7-66 of 211200H September 1966 and Patrol Report of 251000H September 1966
(14) Co "B", OpC 68-66 of 221500H September 1966 and Patrol Report of 291600H September 1966
(15) Co "B", OpC 69-66 of 241030H September 1966 and Patrol Report of 020800H October 1966
(16) Co "B", OpC 70-66 of 241000H September 1966 and Patrol Report of 281500H September 1966
(17) Co "B", OpC 71-66 of 251600H September 1966 and Patrol Report of 281000H September 1966

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1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted.
2. Organizational Data.
 - a. Designation. Company "D" (Rein), 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 - b. Location. Hue-Puu Dai, Republic of Viet Nam (RVN) YD 884130
 - c. Period Covered. 30 August to 30 September 1966
 - d. Command and Staff Billets. Enclosure (1).
 - e. Average Monthly Strength. 4 USMC Officers, 97 enlisted, and 5 USN enlisted
3. Significant Events.
 - a. Personnel.
 - (1) On 30 August 1966, Captain SPIVEY assumed duties as Commanding Officer
 - (2) On 30 August 1966, 2ndLt GREEN assumed duties as Platoon Commander, 2nd Platoon, Company "A", 1st Reconnaissance Battalion.
 - (3) On 30 August 1966, 2ndLt PFELTZ reported and assumed duties as Platoon Commander, 3rd Platoon.
 - (4) On 31 August 1966, 1stLt BEELER assumed duties as XO.
 - (5) On 14 September 1966, Sgt BACH assumed duties as Platoon Commander, 2nd Platoon.
 - b. Command and Control.
 - (1) On 06 September 1966, 1st Platoon was released from OPCON to 3rd Bn, 4th Marines upon termination of Operation PAWNEE.
 - (2) 3rd Platoon OPCON to 3rd Bn, 4th Marines from 8 to 14 September 1966 in support of Operation PAWNEE II.
 - (3) 5th Platoon, 3rd Force Recon Company OPCON to "D" Company 20 to 27 September 1966 for a directed reconnaissance mission.
 - (4) Detachment of 3rd Force Recon Company joined on 28 September 1966.

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05213c. Close Combat.

(1) Enclosures (2) through (17) summarize the operations conducted during this period.

(2) The major cumulative losses of enemy personnel, equipment, and supplies during this month as result of this company's activities include the following:

- (a) VC KIA (conf) 11
- (b) VC KIA (prob) 26
- (c) VC WIA (conf) 19
- (d) Weapons captured: 1 K-50, 1 AK-47, 4 SKS-53, 1 Cal..45 pistol, 1 M3A1 Submachine Gun, 5 grenades, 2 knives.
- (e) Ammunition captured: 259 rounds
- (f) Assorted combat equipment and numerous documents captured
- (g) In excess of 500 lbs of rice destroyed

d. Medical. This company sustained two WIA's during this period as a result of engagements with the enemy. Evacuation was not required.

B. L. Spivey Jr.
B. L. SPIVEY Jr.

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COMMAND AND STAFF BILLETS

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERNO/M'S</u>
CO	Capt	SPIVEY, D.L.	Capt	082622/0302
XC	1stLt	BEELER, R. A.	1stLt	089734/0302
Plt Cmd, 1st Plt	1stLt	MEYER, M. L.	SSgt	1819763/0369
Plt Cmd, 2nd Plt	1stLt	ANDERSON, J.D.	SSgt	1840298/0369 - 1 to 13 September 1966
		BACH, A. W.	Sgt	1994442/0311 - 14 to 30 September 1966
Plt Cmd, 3rd Plt	1stLt	PFELTZ, A.R.III	2ndLt	091971/0302
Plt Cmd, 2nd Plt, Co "A", 1st Recon Bn	1stLt	GREEN, J. D.	2ndLt	091779/0302
GIC, det, 3rd Force Recon Co	Capt	JORDAN, K.D.	Capt	082671/0302
Plt Cmd, 1st Plt, 3rd Force Recon Co	1stLt	CAPERS, J. Jr.	SSgt	1605728/0369

ENCLOSURE (1)

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Operation Order 56-66
 Patrol: 2nd Platoon, Co "A", 1st Recon Bn.
 Debriefed: Sgt A. W. Bach
 Ref: Map Sheet Number 655912

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 FNU BAI, RVN
 021500 September 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.
 - a. Size and Composition. (1) Officer, (16) Enlisted, (1) USN.
 - b. Special Attachments. None.
 - c. Communications Equipment. (2) AN/PRC-25.
 - d. Observation Equipment. None.
 - e. Special Equipment. None.
 - f. Special Weapons. (1) Satchel C-4, (2) Claymores.
2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4. Provide one element to establish a communications relay site in the vicinity of YC 816965, while the remaining element conducts a recon of the area. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 291530H August/020830H September.
4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).
5. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND THE TERRAIN.
 - a. Synopsis. 102 hours of patrolling and observing resulted in negative sightings and contacts. No friendly casualties were sustained.
 - b. Enemy. None.
 - c. Terrain. Consisted of small rolling hills with thick brush, occasional canopy approximately 20 feet high. Patrol could move approximately 200 meters per hour. Water was plentiful throughout the patrol route.
 - d. OTHER INFORMATION.

(1) 301000H August at YD 841021 the patrol found one old bunker, believed to have been an ammunition storage bunker. Estimated last use was two months.

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(2) No fire missions or air strikes were call in support of this patrol.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None.

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

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None.

J. D. Green
J. D. GREEN

Second Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

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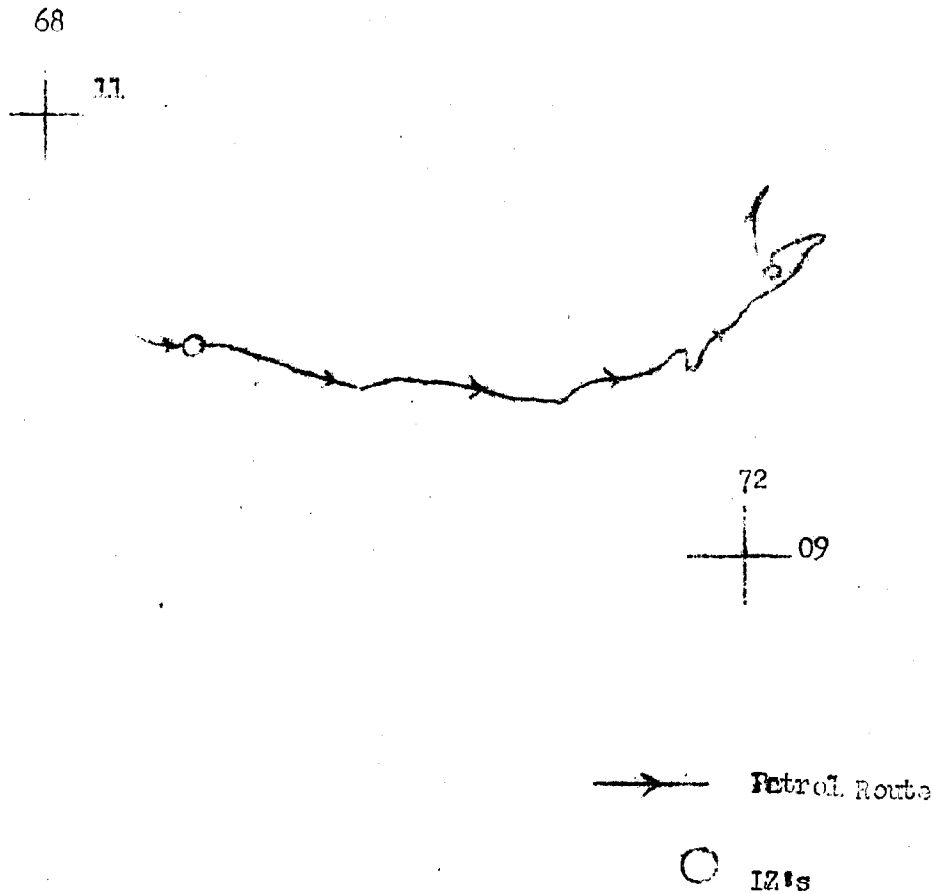
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Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn
PHU HAI, RVN
021500 September 1966.

Annex A: (Patrol Report Overlay) to Patrol Route for Operation Order 56-66

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PHU BAI, RVN
290800H August 1966

Operation Order 57-66

Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM: 1:50,000; AMS Series L701; Sheet number 6559 IV
(b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with 1 and 2
(c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 7-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

2nd Platoon, Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn SGT GIMNESON

1. SITUATION.

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

2. MISSION. During the period 1 through 15 September 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 3, 4, and 6. A ~~maximum effort will be~~ devoted to capturing at least one prisoner in each RZ. Conduct concurrent training for platoons in ~~garrison~~ and be prepared to support infantry operations as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operation. Emphasizing reconnaissance and observation of the primary avenues of approach into the HUE/PHU BAI combat zone one of the companies four platoons will be employed for a duration of 4 to 5 days in each of two RZ's. ~~Insertions and extractions~~ of each platoon will be planned so as to insure fifty percent available forces are employed at all times. At least eight hours of concurrent will be conducted by each platoon between operations unless otherwise directed.
- b. 2nd Platoon, Co "B". Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4 and along the route as indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 31 August to 04 September 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A ~~maximum effort will be~~ devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.

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ENCLOSURE (3)

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- (1) Initial Point. HMM - 161
- (2) Date, time, and place of insertion. 310900, YC 823023
- (3) Date, time/ and place of extraction. 040830, YC 835008
- (4) Thrust Lines. Alpha -7903; Bravo - 8499
- (5) Personally effect distribution of this operation order to all units concerned within the HUE/PHU DAI enclave 48 hours prior to insertion.
- (6) Plan and coordinate "on-call" concentrations along patrol routes and OP's prior to insertion.
- (7) ~~Adjust supporting artillery~~ ASAP ~~after insertion.~~
- (8) Submit two copies of patrol rosters to this headquarters (Attn: S-3) to include the number and type of serialized items carried by each patrol member by name.
- (9) Consistent with assigned missions, avoid extensive movement during the heat of the day to avoid heat casualties.
- (10) If a patrol is out of contact for three hours, it will return to the last position where communications were successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to the nearest friendly unit where communications are re-established enroute.
- (11) Report to the CO Company "B", ASAP upon extraction for debriefing.

d. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by the patrol leader maintaining continuous camouflage of patrol members.
- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by the patrol leader, to include not less than 100 rounds per M-16, and 20 rounds per M-79.
- c. Rations. As directed by the patrol leader while anticipating a shortage of water.

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

e. Special Equipment.

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Communications.

- (1) Carry an AN/IRC-25 radio for primary communications. Inner-platoon communications will be by an AN/IRC-10 radio.
- (2) The AN/IRC-25 radio will be used to call and adjust artillery; however, before shifting the AN/IRC-25 radio to the "Conduct of Fire Net", communications with Company "D" will be established utilizing the AN/IRC-10 radio.
- (3) The communications relay located on Hill 225 will continue to support RZ's 3 and 4.
- (4) Call Signs.

Hdqs, 2nd Platoon, Co "D"
 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "D"
 Company "D"
 Air Liaison
 Artillery Support
 Radio Relay
 2nd Bn, 9th Mar

LION
 TIGER
 RAINDELT BRAVO
 SACRED
 SELECTMAN
 BRAVO RELAY
 PILSNER

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(5) <u>Frequencies.</u>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
RAINBELT BRAVO	41.55	49.6
SELECTMAN	36.2	
SACRED	40.7	
PILSNER	44.7	

(6) Shackles.

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Y	M	S	I	N	Q	R	F	D	B
K	P		U		J		T		Z

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

D. L. Spivey
 D. L. SPIVEY
 Captain, U. S. Marine Corps
 Commanding

ANNEX:

A (Operations Overlay)

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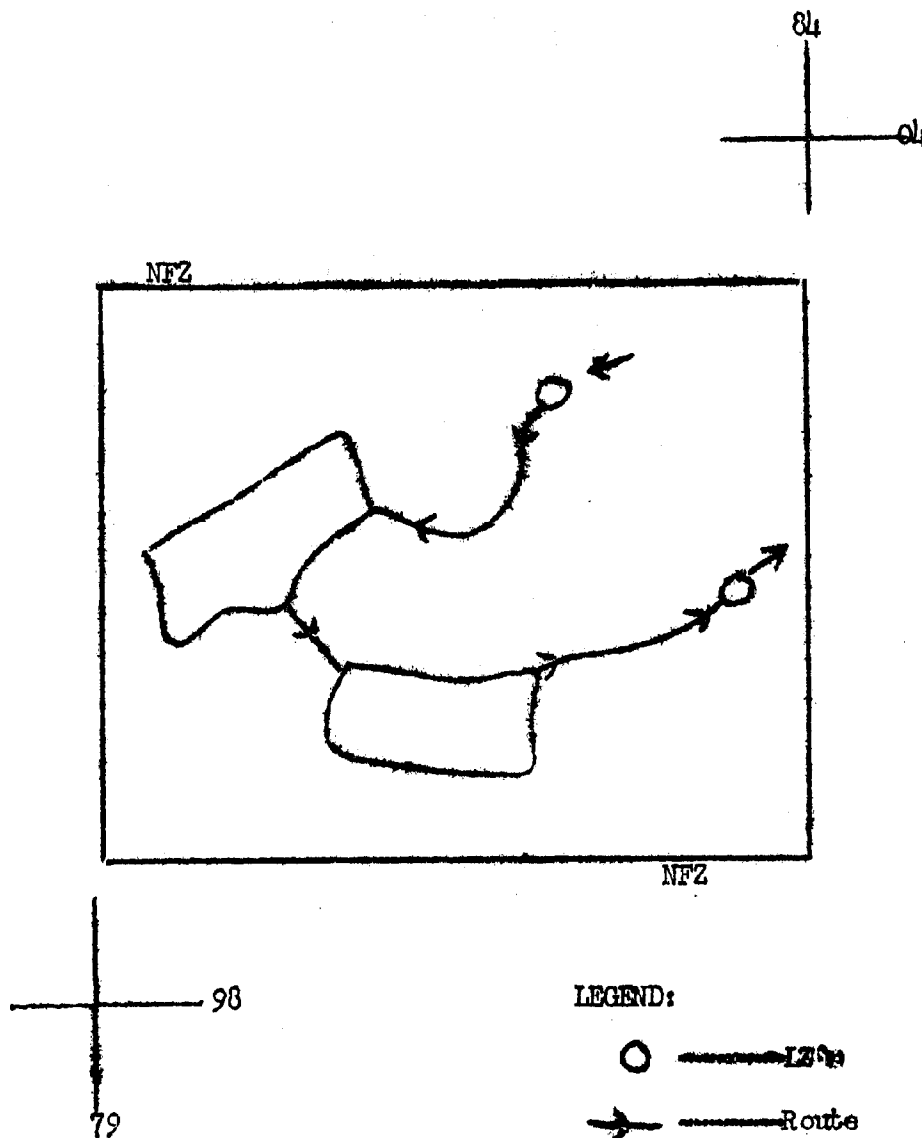
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Co "D", 3rd Recon Bn
PHU DAI, RVN
290800H August 1966

ANNEX A (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 57-66

Ref: Map Sheet Number 6559 IV

Call Sign: LION and TIGER



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Operation Order 57-66
 Patrol: 2nd Platoon, Co "B", 3rd ReconBn
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 PHU DAI, RVN
 051000H September 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. (12) enlisted, (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachment. None
- c. Communications Equipment. (2) AN/ARC-25's.
- d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. None
- f. Special Weapons. (6) Claymore mines.

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4 and along the assigned route. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 3100900H/040900H September 1966.4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).5. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND THE TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. 98 hours of patrolling and observation resulted in negative enemy sightings and/or contacts. There were no fire missions or air strikes called in support of this patrol.
- b. Enemy. There were no enemy contacts or sightings made by this patrol.
- c. Terrain. Consisted of thick brush, elephant grass, and low canopy approximately 12 feet to 15 feet high. Patrol could move approximately 150 meters per hour. Water was plentiful throughout the patrol route.
- d. Other Information.
 - (1) The patrol found one trail running East to West located at coordinates YD 810037. Estimated approximate use to have been with in the last week.
 - (2) The patrol found one HLZ at YD 815025.
 - (3) Map Corrections. None

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; Morale, good.

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8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None

L. O. Hudson
J. D. OLLIHSON
Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: None

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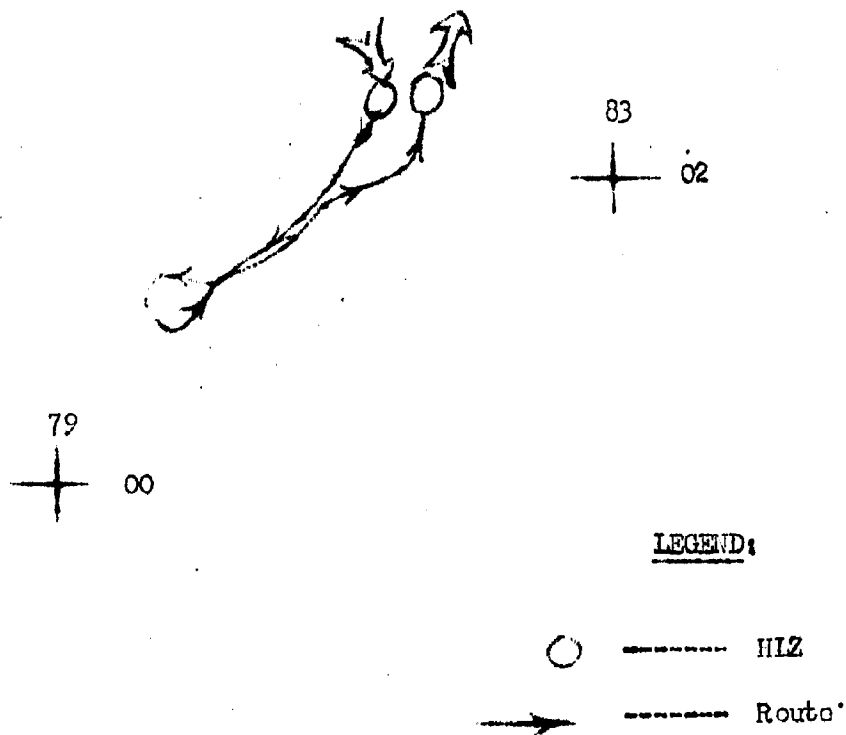
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Co "D", 3rd ReconBn
PHU BAI, RVN
051000H September 1966

Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Patrol Route for Operation Order 57-66 in
RZ 4.

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Call Sign: LION and TIGER



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310800H August 1966

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

Task Organization:

CPL DRYAN
2nd Lt FLEETZ

a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS.

b. Friendly Forces. Current OPSUMS.

c. Attachments/Detachments. None.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. Emphasizing reconnaissance and observation of the primary avenues of approach into the HUE/PHU DAI combat zone, one of the companies four platoons will be employed for a duration of 4 to 5 days in each of two RZ's. Insertions and extractions of each platoon will be planned so as to insure fifty per cent of available forces are employed at all times. At least eight hours of concurrent training will be conducted by each platoon between operations unless otherwise directed.
- b. 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B". Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3 and as indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 02 to 05 September 1966, inclusively. Establish successive OP's in the vicinity of coordinates YD 762097 and YD 774097. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.

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c. 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B". Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3 and along the route as indicated of Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 02 to 07 September 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Initial Point. HMI-161.

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

(a) 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B". 020700H, YD 756095.

(b) 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B". 020700H, YD 673088.

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

(a) 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B". 051500H, YD 774088.

(b) 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B". 070900H, YD 703111.

(4) Thrust Lines.

(a) 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B". ALPHA ~~6511~~ ⁷⁵¹¹, BRAVO ~~7408~~ ⁷⁹⁰⁸

(b) 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B". ALPHA ~~6512~~ ⁶⁶¹², BRAVO ~~7108~~ ⁷¹⁰⁸

(5) Personally effect distribution of this operation order to all units concerned within the HUE/PHU IRI enclave 48 hours prior to insertion.

(6) Plan and coordinate "on-call" concentrations along patrol routes and OP's prior to insertion.

(7) Submit two copies of patrol rosters to this headquarters (Attn: S-3) to include the number and type of serialized items carried by each patrol member by name.

(8) Adjust supporting artillery ASAP after insertion.

(9) Consistent with assigned missions, avoid extensive movement during the heat of the day to avoid heat casualties.

(10) If a patrol is out of contact for three hours, it will return to the last position where communications were successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to the nearest friendly unit unless communications are re-established enroute.

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

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.a. Communications.

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

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(3) The communications relay located on Hill 225 will continue to support RZ's 3 and 4.

(4) Call Signs.

1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "D"
 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "D"
 Company "D"
 Air Liaison
 Artillery Support
 Radio Relay
 2nd Bn 9th Mar

KEISO
 NASHUA
 RAINBELT BRAVO
 SACRED
 SELECTMAN
 BRAVO RELAY
 PILSNER

(5) Frequencies.

Primary

Alternate

RAINBELT BRAVO
 SACRED
 SELECTMAN
 PILSNER

41.55
 36.2
 40.7
 44.7

49.6

(6) Shackles.

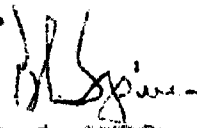
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 J Z W H N Y

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

(8) Each patrol and/or element thereof, will submit hourly situation reports and monitor the Company "D" net continually.

(9) All traffic will be addressed to RAINBELT BRAVO relayed through BRAVO RELAY.


 D. L. STACEY
 Captain, U. S. Marine Corps
 Commanding

Annexes:

A (Operations Overlay)

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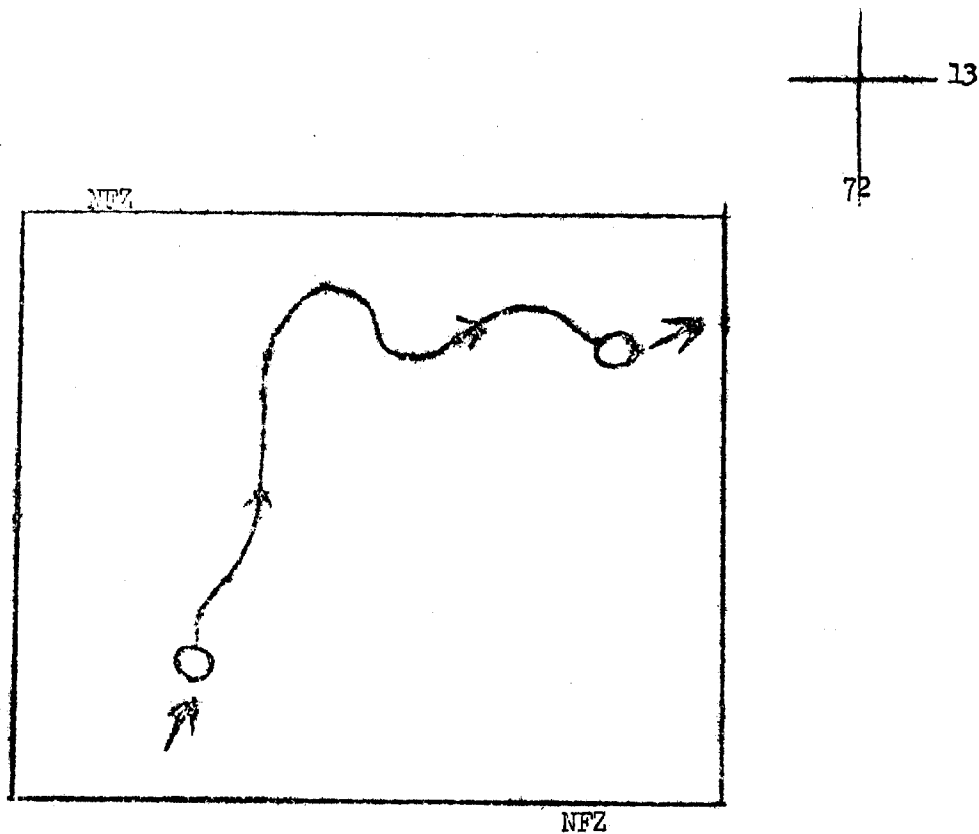
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310800H August 1966

Annex A (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 58-66 in RZ 4

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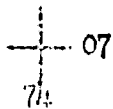
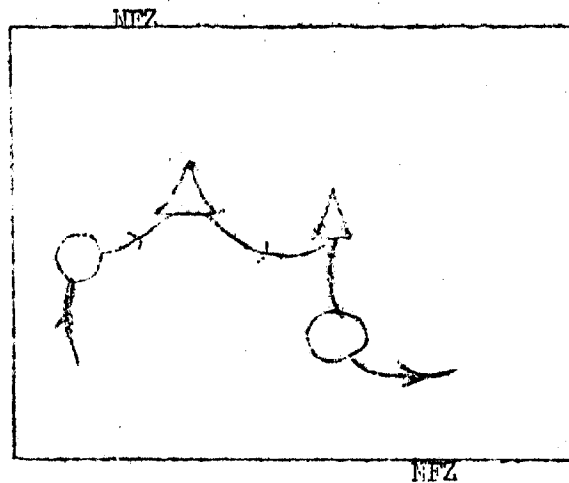
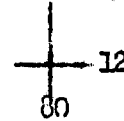
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Co "D", 3rd Recon Bn
PNU LMI, RVN
340800H August 1966

Annex A (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 50-66 in RZ 4

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Call Sign: NASHUA



LEGEND:

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○ ——— LZ's

→ ——— Route

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Operation Order 58-66

Patrol: 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B", 3rd Recon
Ref: Map Sheet number 6560 III

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PHU BAI, RVN
061000 September 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

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

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3. Establish ambushes of opportunity and a maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 020800H/051500H September 1966.

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

5. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND THE TERRAIN.

a. Synopsis. 103 hours of patrolling and observation resulted in two sightings and one contact. The contact resulted in the capture of one weapon, and ammunition. No friendly casualties were sustained.

b. Enemy.

(1) 041430H, YD 682112 the patrol established an ambush; at 1430H the ambush was triggered when 3 VC moved into the ambush site. Contact resulted in (2) KIA's (Confirmed) and (1) WIA (Probable). One Russian made weapon and ammunition was captured.

c. Terrain. Consisted of thick underbrush and occasional canopy, being approximately 40 to 50 feet high. The patrol could cover approximately 200 meters per hour. Water was plentiful throughout the patrol route.

d. Other Information.

(1) 042100H (YD 689110) the patrol heard movement on a distant trail, estimated number to be 10 to 15 people. Due to the distance, contact was unable to be made.

(2) Map Corrections. None

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. The patrol set off a successful ambush, resulting in (2) KIA's (conf) and (1) WIA (prob). They captured one Russian weapon, ammunition and assorted documents.

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7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; Morale, good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. Recommend future ambushes within patrolled area.



A. R. PELTZ
Second Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DETERMINER: None

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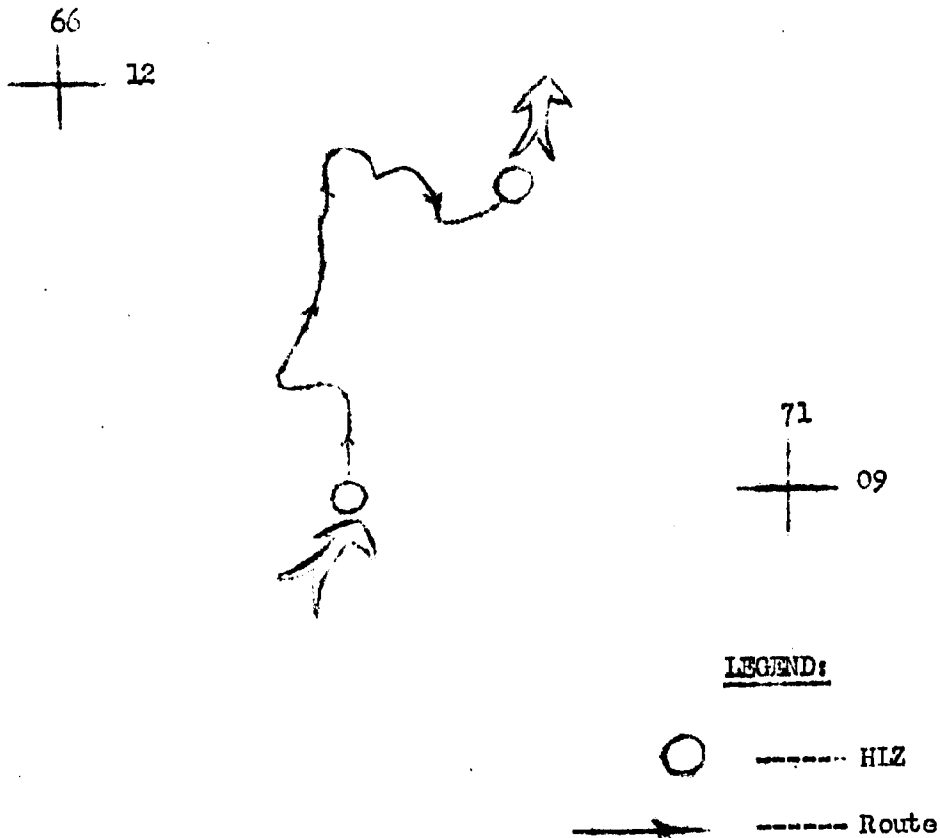
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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Patrol Route for Operation Order 50-66 in RZ 3.

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Operation Order 58-66
 Patrol: 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B"
 Debriefer: Sgt L. W. BLCH
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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. (7) enlisted
- b. Special Attachments. None
- c. Communications Equipment. (1) AM/FRC#25 (1) AM/P.O.#10
- d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7X50
- e. Special Equipment. None
- d. Special Weapons. (2) Claymore

2. MIS ION Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3 and as indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 02 to 05 September 1966, inclusively. Establish successive OP's in the vicinity of coordinates YD 762097 and YD774097. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURNE 020800H/051530H4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay)5. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND THE TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. 103 hours of patrolling and observation resulted in four sightings and no contacts. No friendly casualties were sustained.

b. Enemy

- (1) 041130, YD756113 the patrol observed 3 VC moving north on trail, carrying packs, weapons, and brushes on their back for cover.
- (2) 050930H Yd 753117 the patrol observed 5VC moving north along trail, believed to be going to the village at YD 748118, VC were carrying heavy packs, but no weapons were observed, bush again was used as cover.

- c. Terrain consisted of rolling hills with thick brush, and an occasional 20 to 30 foot high canopy. The patrol could cover approximately 300 meters per hour. Water was limited throughout the area.

d. Other Information.

- (1) No fire missions or air strikes were called in support of this patrol.
- (2) Map Corrections. None

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

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

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M. L. B. YAM
Corporal, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DESCREIVER: None

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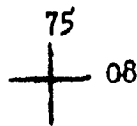
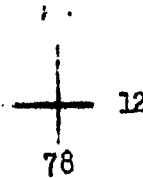
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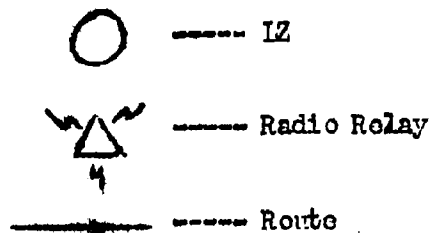
Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Patrol Route for Operation Order 58-66 in
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 (b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with 1 and 2
 (c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 7-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "A", 3rd Recon Bn 2ndLT GREEN
 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "A", 3rd Recon Bn 3SG ALVERZE

1. SITUATION.

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

2. MISSION. During the period 1 through 12 September 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 3, 4, and 6. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner in each RZ's. Conduct concurrent training for platoons in garrison and be prepared to support infantry operations as directed.

3. EXECUTION

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

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- c. 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "A". Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3 and along the route as indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 05 September to 10 September 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.
- d. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Initial Point. HMM - 161.
 - (2) Date, time, and place of insertion.
 - (a) 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "A". 051430H, YD 662118.
 - (b) 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "A". 051430H, YD 662118.
 - (3) Date, time, and place of extraction.
 - (a) 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "A". 101530H, YD 683142.
 - (b) 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "A". 101530H, YD 683142.
 - (4) Thrust Lines.
 - (a) 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "A". Alpha - 6515, Bravo - 7111.
 - (b) 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "A". Alpha - 6515, Bravo - 7111.
 - (5) Personally effect distribution of this operation order to all units concerned within the HUE/PHU BAI enclave 48 hours prior to insertion.
 - (6) Plan and coordinate "on-call" concentrations along patrol routes and OP's to insertion.
 - (7) Adjust supporting artillery ASAP after insertion.
 - (8) Submit two copies of patrol rosters to this headquarters (Attn: S-3) to include the number and type of serialized items carried by each patrol member by name.
 - (9) Consistent with assigned missions, avoid extensive movement during the heat of the day to avoid heat casualties.
 - (10) If a patrol is out of contact for three hours, it will return to the last position where communications were successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to the nearest friendly unit unless communications are re-established enroute.

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(11) Report to the CO Company "D", ASAP upon extraction for debriefing.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

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

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- (3) The communications relay located on Hill 225 will continue to support RZ's 3 and 4.

(4) Call Signs.

Hdqs, 2nd Platoon, Co "A"
 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "A"
 Company "B"
 Air Liaison
 Artillery Support
 Radio Relay
 2nd Bn, 9th Mar

HOMERUN
 LINE DRIVE
 RAINBELT BRAVO
 SCOT 1-4
 SELECTMAN
 BRAVO RELAY
 PILSNER

(5) Frequencies.

Primary

Alternate

RAINBELT BRAVO
 SELECTMAN
 SCOT 1-4
 PILSNER

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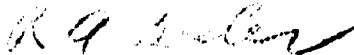
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(6) Shackles.

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



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 Acting

ANNEX:

A (Operations Overlay)

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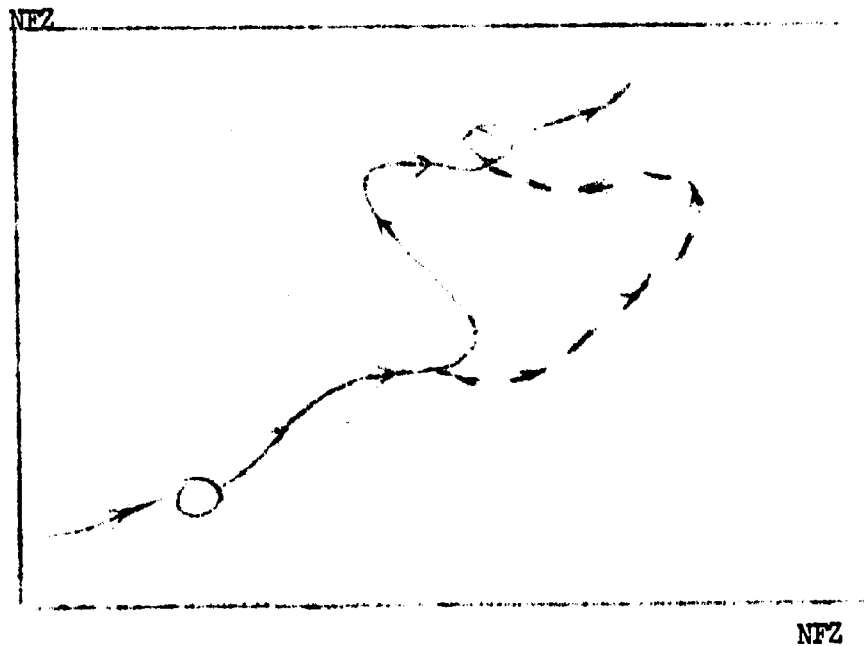
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Annex A (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 59-66 in RZ 3.

Ref: Map Sheet number 6460 II and 6560 I

Call Sign: HOMERUN and LINE DRIVE

72
+ 16



64
+ 10

----- Patrol route of
1st Squad, 2nd Plt
----- HLZ
----- Patrol Route of
2nd Squad, 2nd Plt

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Operation Order 59-66
 Patrol: 1st and 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "A"
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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size, and Composition. (1) Officer, (15) enlisted, (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None
- c. Communications Equipment. (2) AN/PRC-25's, (2) AN/PRC-10's.
- d. Observation Equipment. None
- e. Special Equipment. None
- f. Special Weapons. None

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ3 and to establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 051500H/101500H September 1966

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

5. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND THE TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 120 hours of patrolling the patrol made 3 contacts. Capturing (4) SKS Model 53 rifles, (1) Grease gun, (1) SKS Model 47 rifle, and (1) US 45, .Cal Pistol. (1) rice cache was found in the objective area. 3 friendly casualties were sustained.
- b. Enemy.
 - (1) 061500H (YD 682124) the patrol found a hut containing 500 lbs of rice, (4) SKS 53 rifles, 150 rounds of 7.62mm carbine. The hut looked to be 1 month old. It appeared to the patrol that the area had not been used for 1 week. The rice and the ammunition was destroyed.
 - (2) 070930H (YD 696134) the patrol was sitting in position when three VC walked up the trail. The point opened fire on the VC killing all three. One was wearing green utilities, top and bottom. 1 had black PJ's, 1 had black PJ shorts and khaki shirt.
 - (3) 070950H (YD 696134) the patrol was moving along a trail when 5 VC took the patrol under fire with automatic weapons fire and threw one hand grenade. One man was wounded in the left arm, 1 in the leg, and 1 in the arm.
 - (4) 071015H (YD 696136) the patrol was in the HLZ when they heard 1 VC firing his automatic weapon at the low flying air support. The patrol fired into the area of the firing. The firing ceased.
- c. Terrain. The patrol could move approximately 700 meters per hour. Low ground was thick with vines, bursh and shrubs, water was plentiful. On the high ground the canopy was 50 feet high. The vegetation was thick.

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Other Information.

- (1) No fire mission were called in support of this patrol.
- (2) Map Corrections. (1) old, well used trail located at YD 685125 to MD 697135. One new HIZ was located at YD 697134, could hold 1 UH-34. Map Corrections on Annex B.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. 3 VC KIA (conf), 2 VC KIA (prob), as a result of small arms fire from the patrol. 4 SKS 53 Chicom carbines. 1 M16, 1 Gal..45 pistol, 1 AK 47 and 150 rounds of 7.62 ammunition. And assorted documents that were returned to this headquarters.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; Morale, good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None

J. B. Green
J. B. GREEN
Second Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: Previous patrol into that area on 210900H/250930H August 1966 found 1 newly constructed hut and a 500 lb cache at YD 680123 on 220900H.

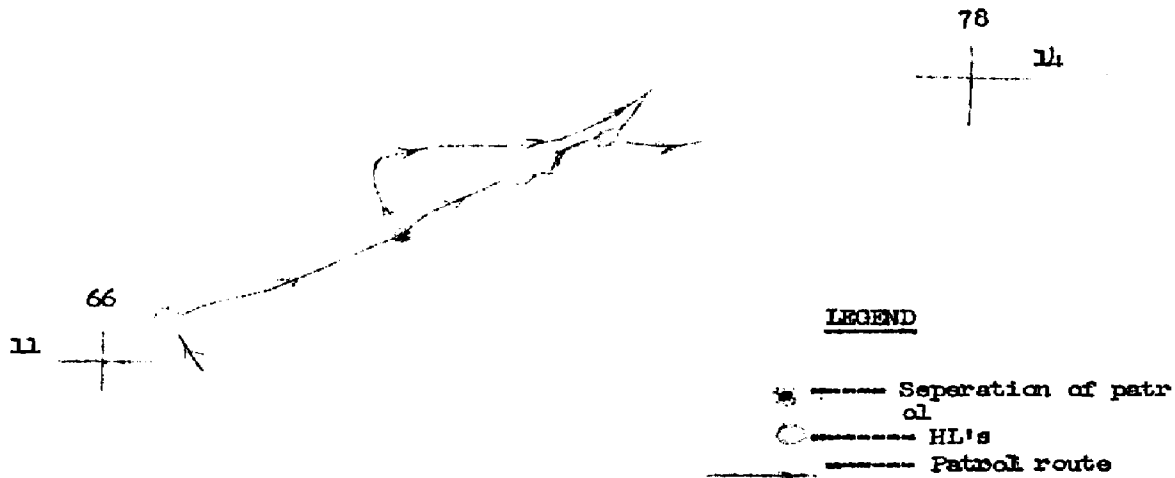
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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Operation Order 59-66 in RZ 3

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Call Sign: HOMERUN
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List of captured gear captured on Operation Order 59-66 in RZ 3.

1 - cartridge belt (NVN type)
1 - Cal.. 45 pistol and holster with 10 rounds
1 - ChiCom grenade
1 - AK - 50 ChiCom rifle
3 - AK - 50 magazines
4 - 7.62 Russian Carbines with 130 rounds
1 - A5 caliber grease gun and 60 rounds
3 - 9mm magazines and 60 rounds
assorted medical supplies
assorted documents
500 lbs of rice (destroyed)

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Operation Order 60-66

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

Time Zone: II

Task Organization:

1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B"
 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B"

SGT OMINDSON
 CPL FRONING

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUS.
- b. Friendly Forces. Current OPSUS.
- c. Attachments/Detachments. None

2. MISSION During the period 1 through 12 September 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 3, 4, and 6. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner in each RZ's. Insertions and extractions of each platoon will be planned so as to insure fifty percent available forces are employed at all times. At least eight hours of concurrent training will be conducted by each platoon between operations unless otherwise directed.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operation. Emphasizing reconnaissance and observation of the primary avenues of approach into the HUE/PHU BAI combat zone, one of the companies four platoons will be employed for a duration of 4 to 5 days in each of two RZ's. Insertions and extractions of each platoon will be planned so as to insure fifty percent available forces are employed at all times. At least eight hours of concurrent training will be conducted by each platoon between operations unless otherwise directed.
- b. 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B". Conduct reconnaissance operations with RZ 3 and along the route as indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 7 to 11 September 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.
- c. 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B". Conduct reconnaissance operations and establish a relay station in the vicinity of YD 727088, within RZ 3 and along the route as indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 07 to 10 September 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.
- c. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Initial Point. HMM - 161.
 - (2) Date, time, and place of insertion.
 - (a) 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B". 070800H, YD 758078.
 - (b) 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B". 070830H, YD 730094.

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- (3) Date, time, and place of extraction.
 - (a) 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B". 110730H, YD 781066.
 - (b) 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B". 101530H, YD 782083.
- (4) Thrust Lines.
 - (a) 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B". Alpha - 7408; Bravo - 7905.
 - (b) 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B". Alpha - 7110; Bravo - 7507.
- (5) Personally effect distribution of this operation order to all units concerned within the HUE/PHU BAI enclave 48 hours prior to insertion.
- (6) Plan and coordinate "on-call" concentrations along patrol routes and CP's prior to insertion.
- (7) Adjust supporting artillery ASAP after insertion.
- (8) Submit two copies of patrol rosters to this headquarters (Attn: S-3) to include the number and type of serialized items carried by each patrol member by name.
- (9) Consistent with assigned missions, avoid extensive movement during the heat of the day to avoid heat casualties.
- (10) If a patrol is out of contact for three hours, it will return to the last position where communications were successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to the nearest friendly unit unless communications are re-established enroute.
- (11) Report to the CO Company "B", ASAP upon extraction for debriefing.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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

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(8) Two CS grenades per platoon.

(9) One Green smoke per platoon

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Communications.

- (1) Carry an AN/PRC-25 radio for primary communications. Inner-platoon communications will be by an AN/PRC-10 radio.
- (2) The AN/PRC-25 radio will be used to call and adjust artillery; however, before shifting the AN/PRC-25 radio to the "Conduct of Fire Net", communications with Company "B" will be established utilizing the AN/PRC-10 radio.
- (3) The communications relay located on Hill 225 will continue to support RZ's 3 and 4.
- (4) Call Signs.

Hdqs, 2nd Platoon, Co "B"
2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co WD
Company "B"
Air Liaison
Artillery Support
Radio Relay
2nd Bn, 9th Mar

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TIGER
RAINFALL BRAVO
SCAT 1-4
SELECTMAN
BRAVO RELAY
PILSNER

(5) <u>Frequencies.</u>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
RAINFALL BRAVO	41.55	49.6
SELECTMAN	36.2	
SCAT 1-4	41.2	
PILSNER	44.7	

(6) Shackles.

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B	N	E	F	O	D	G	H	J	A
X	C	P	W	M	L	T	K	U	I
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- (7) Authentication. Challenge with any letter in the shackles and authenticate with any letter in the same column.
- (8) Each patrol and/or element thereof, will submit hourly situation reports and monitor the Company "B" net continually.
- (9) All traffic will be addressed to RAINFALL BRAVO relayed through BRAVO RELAY.

R. A. BEELER
First Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps
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ANNEXES:

A (Operations Overlay)

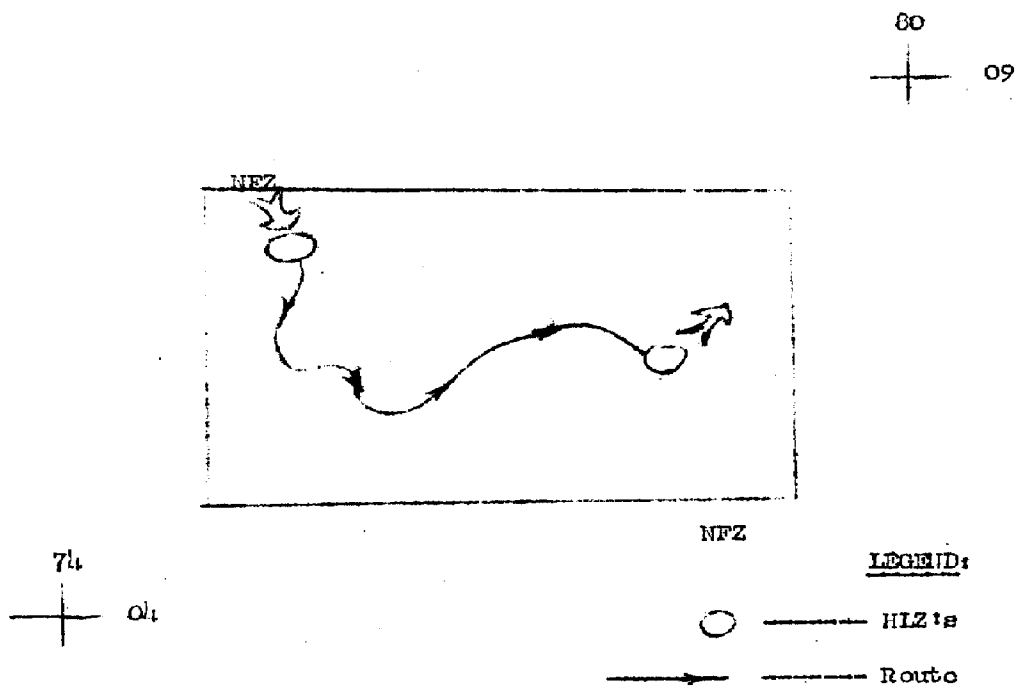
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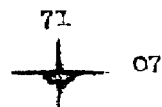
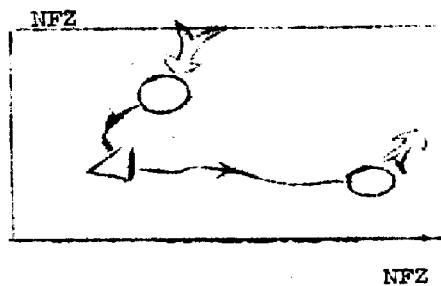
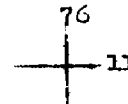
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Call Sign: TIGER



LEGEND:

-  --- HIZ
-  --- OP's
-  --- Route

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 Patrol: 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B"
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 131500H September 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. (9) enlisted, (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None
- c. Communications Equipment. (1) AN/PRC-25, (1) AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. None
- e. Special Equipment. None
- f. Special Weapons. (4) Claymore mines.

2. MISSION. To conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 090730H/131100H September 1966.4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 99½ hours of patrolling and observation, one enemy contact was made resulting in 1 probable KIA. No artillery missions were called in support of this patrol.
- b. Enemy. The patrol was moving East when the rear security spotted 1 VC observing the patrol's movement. The rear point engaged the VC with small arms fire. The patrol made a search of the area and found blood stains in the vicinity of where the body fell.
- c. Terrain. The terrain in the objective area was generally thick underbrush. The canopy 60 to 70 feet high. Water was found in the low land. Leeches were also in the low land. The patrol could move approximately 200 meters per hour.
- d. Other Information.
 - (1) There were numerous harbor sites located in the area. The trails were old, but well used.
 - (2) Map Corrections. Annex B (Map Corrections).
 - 1 Trail at YD 758070 running East to West, well used
 - 1 Trail at YD 762063 running North South, well used but old.
 - 1 Trail at YD 770064 to YD 773068 running North.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. 1 VC KIA (probable) as a result of small arms fire.

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

W. H. Hansen

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Lance Corporal, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: None

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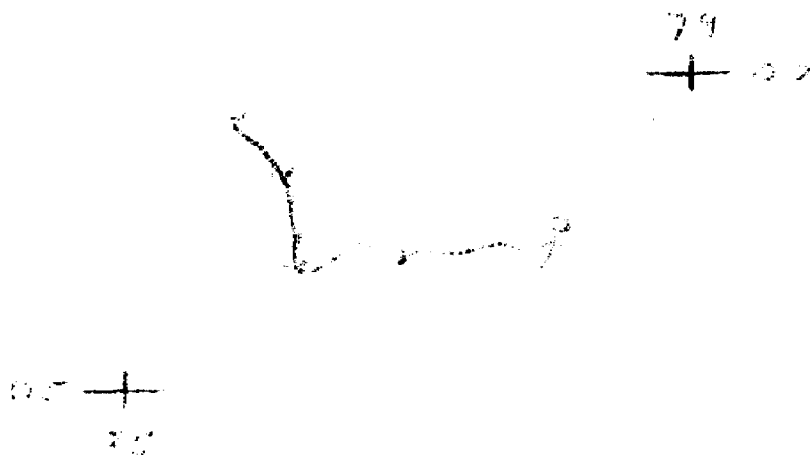
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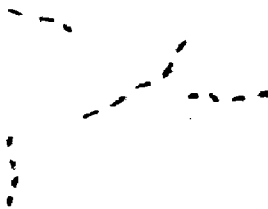
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 (b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with changes 1 and 2
 (c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 7-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization.

1st Platoon, Co "B", 3rd ReconBn

SSgt MEYER

1. SITUATION. See reference (b)

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance from 101400H to 141430H September 1966, to determine VC activity within assigned area.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. (See Operations Overlay) after insertion by helicopter move overland by foot to assigned area. Establish radio relays as necessary to maintain continuous communications. Move to prescribed LZ by the assigned time for helicopter extraction.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Insertion: (a) Time: 101400H, (b) YC 821999.

(2) Extraction: (a) Time: 141430H, (b) YC 829978.

(3) See reference (b)

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See reference (b).5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL. See reference (b).a. Shackles.

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B. Frequencies.PrimaryAlternate

RAINDELT BRAVO

41.55

49.6

SELECTMAN

60.2

SCAT 1-4

41.2

PILSNER

44.7

B. L. Spivey
 B. L. SPIVEY
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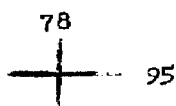
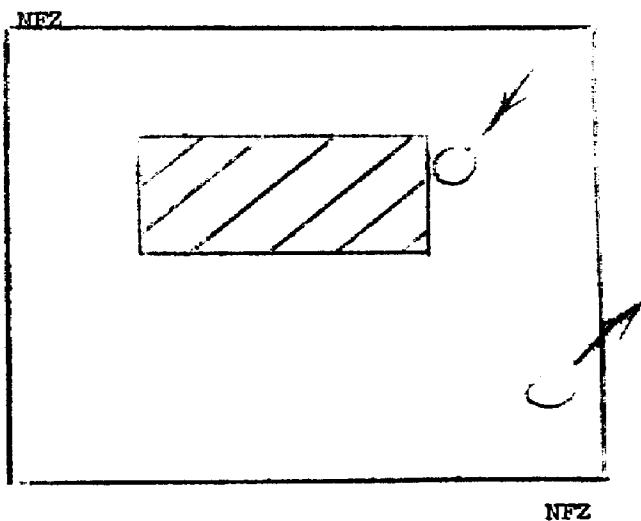
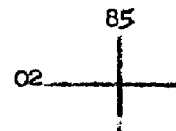
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Call Sign: IRONHORSE



LEGEND:

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 ***** Area of Recon.

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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. (14) enlisted, (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None
- c. Communications Equipment. (2) AN/PRC-25's.
- d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50
- e. Special Equipment. None
- f. Special Weapons. (2) Claymore mines

2. MISSION. To conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4. Establish ambushes of opportunity and a maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 101400H/141500H September 19664. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 37 hours of patrolling and observation, negative contact and/or sightings were made. No fire missions or air strikes were called in support of this patrol.
- b. Enemy. No enemy contacts or sightings were made by this patrol.
- c. Terrain. The terrain in the objective area was, thick and bumpy in the low ground. Water was plentiful in the low ground. The high ground was easy to travel. The patrol could travel 100 meters per hour in the low ground and 500 meters per hour in the high ground.
- d. Other Information.
 - (1) 141500H (YC 828993) the patrol was crossing a stream at above coordinates when the safety line broke causing the patrol to loose 1 M-14 sermo 565825 in about 20 feet of water. Recovery of the rifle was not possible due to swiftness of the water.
 - (2) Map Corrections. Annex B (Map Corrections Overlay)
 - 1 HLZ located at YC 829994.
 - 1 new trail located at YC 829996 running East to YC 835995.
 - 1 old trail located at YC 805996 running South West along stream to YC 807982.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. NoneCONFIDENTIAL

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

M. A. MEYER
Staff Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: None

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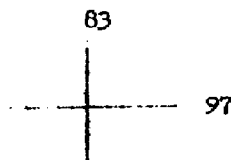
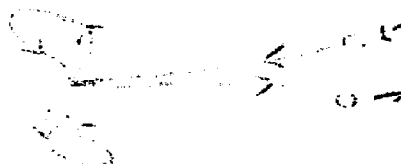
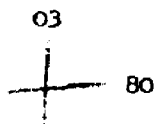
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LEGEND:

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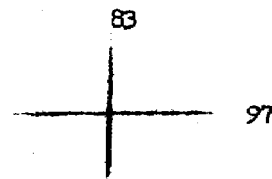
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 (b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with changes 1 and 2
 (c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 7-66

Task Organization.

2nd Platoon, Co "A", 1st Recon Bn

LT GREEN

1. SITUATION. See reference (B)
2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4 from 141430H to 181500H September 1966, to determine VC activity within assigned area.
3. EXECUTION.
 - a. Concept of Operations. (See Operations Overlay) after Insertion by helicopter move overland by foot to assigned area. Establish radio relays as necessary to maintain continuous communications. Move to the prescribed LZ by the assigned time for helicopter extraction.
 - b. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Insertion: (a) Time: 141430H, (b) YC 829978
 - (2) Extraction: (a) Time: 181500H, (b) YC 834963
 - (3) Thrust Lines: ALPHA - 7998, BRAVO * 8495
 - (4) Ironhorse extraction occurs at same time and LZ.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See reference (b).
5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL. See reference (b).

Shackles.

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Frequencies.PrimaryAlternate

RAINBOLT BRAVO
~~selection~~
 SCAT L-4
 PILSNER

41.55
 60.2
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49.6

BLS
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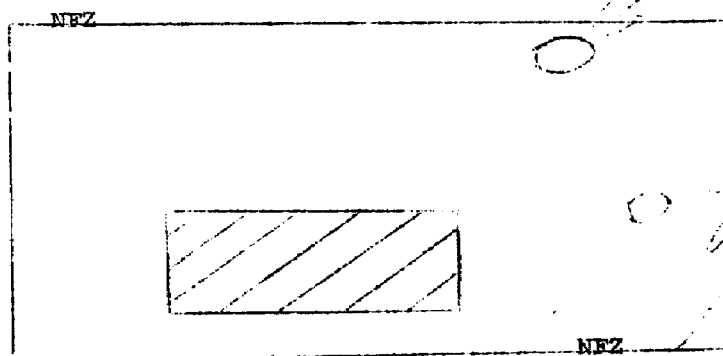
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Call Sign: IRONHORSE

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LEGEND

○ — HL's

▨ — Assigned area
of reconnaissance

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 191900H September 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. (1) Officer, (14) enlisted, (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None
- c. Communications Equipment. (2) AN/PRC 25's.
- d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50's
- e. Special Equipment. None
- f. Special Weapons. None

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4. Establish ambushes of opportunity and a maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 141430H/190830H September 1966.4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).5. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 11 1/2 hours of patrolling and observation resulted in 1 sighting and no contacts. No artillery or air strikes were called in support of this patrol. One MedEvac was required for three casualties which were non-battle. The patrol found three trails in the assigned area.
- b. Enemy. 171030H YC 823966 the medevac detail spotted 4 of 5 VC, the total was unknown. The VC were wearing green utilities and all were carrying weapons, type unknown. The VC were traveling West along a trail.
- c. Terrain. Terrain was thick underbrush along the rivers and streams. The canopy was 50 to 60 feet high. Water was plentiful in the low grounds. The patrol could travel approximately 250 meters per hour.
- d. Other Information.
 - (1) 171400H YC 833964 required one medvac chopper for 3 non-battle casualties. One had blood poisoning in the left arm and the other two had badly sprained ankles.
 - (2) 181100H YC 830976 one rifle was lost trying to cross a stream at above coordinates. The serial number of the rifle was 929319.
 - (3) Map Corrections.
 3 old trails, well used. One at YC 828968 to YC 810968, one at YC 801967 to YC 805960, one at YC 823960 to YC 830963.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. NoneCONFIDENTIAL

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

J. B. Green
J. B. GREEN
Second Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: None

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

J. B. Green
J. B. GREEN
Second Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: None

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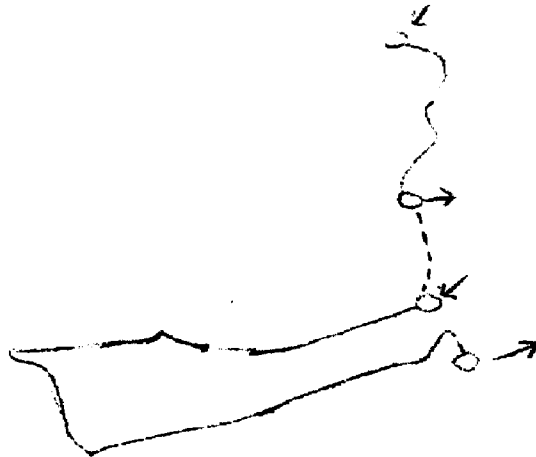
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Call Sign: HOMERUN and LINEDRIVE

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LEGEND:

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Annex B (Map Corrections Overlay) to Patrol Route for Operation Order 63-66 in
RZ 4.

Ref: Map Sheet number 6559 IV

Call Sign: HOMERUN and LINEDRIVE

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Task Organization:

2nd Platoon, Co "B", 3rd ReconBn

Sgt BACH

1. SITUATION. See reference (b).
2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 5 from 170930H to 211100H September 1966, to determine VC activity within assigned area.
3. EXECUTION.
 - a. Concept of Operations. (See Operations Overlay) after insertion by helicopter move overland by foot to assigned area. Establish a radio relay as necessary to maintain continuous communications. Move to the prescribed LZ by the assigned time for extraction.
 - b. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Insertion: (a) Time: 170930H, YC 985979.
 - (2) Extraction: (a) Time: 211100H, YC 976993.
 - (3) Thrust Lines. Alpha - 9600; Bravo - 0197.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See reference (b).
5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL. See reference (b).

a. Shackets.

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b. Frequencies.

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
RAINBELT BRAVO	41.55	49.6
SELECTMAN	60.2	
SCAT 1-4	41.2	
PILSNER	44.7	

c. RC Numbers.

RC	RC
RC	RC
RC	RC
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B. L. SPIVER
 Captain, U. S. Marine Corps
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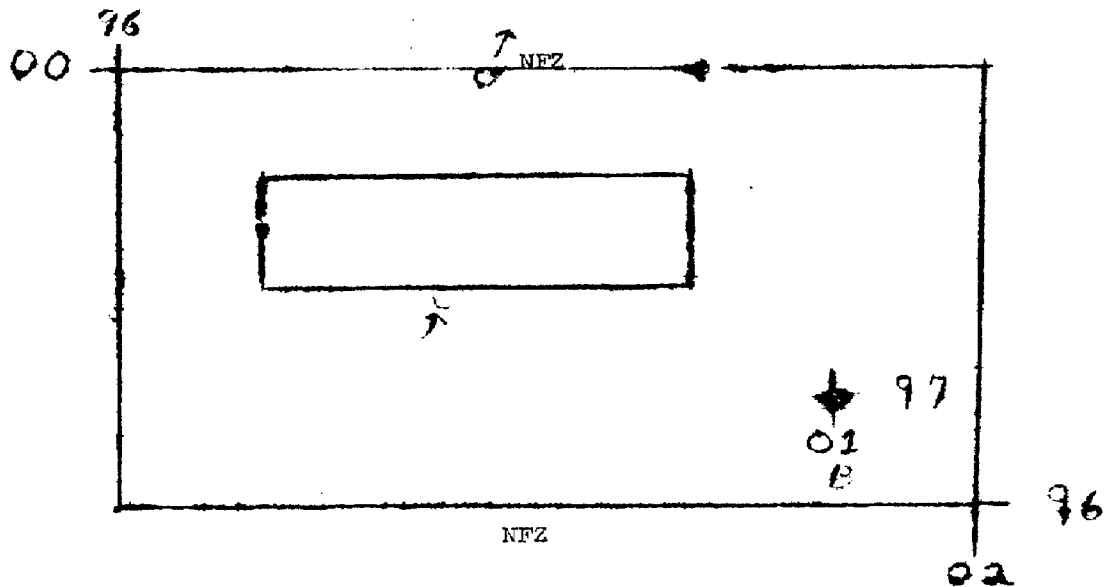
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Call Sign: LION and TIGER



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- a. Size and Composition. (15) enlisted, (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None
- c. Communications Equipment. (2) AN/IRC-25.
- d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50.
- e. Special Equipment. None
- f. Special Weapons. (4) Claymore mines.

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 5. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 171530H/21100H September 19664. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay)5. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 92 hours of patrolling and observation the patrol made 3 sightings with one contact. The patrol called in two fire missions in support of the patrol. A total of 12 rounds 155mm HE were delivered. No enemy or friendly casualties.

b. Enemy.

- (1) 201215H (YC 968997) the patrol spotted 2 VC at YD 977010. The patrol called in 1 fire mission of 155mm 6 rounds HE with excellent coverage of target. The patrol made a search of the area with negative results.
- (2) 210800H (YC 968997) the patrol spotted 5 VC at YD 968000. The patrol called in 1 fire mission. The first round hit, the VC scattered. The patrol did not pursue.
- (3) 211050H (YC 968997) the patrol spotted 1 VC at YD 968000. He was heading Southwest. He was wearing green jacket, red shorts, and a head band. Believed weapon he was carrying to be a SKS-53. Fired 4 M-79 rounds and a swept the area with negative results.

- c. Terrain. The terrain consisted of 5 to 6 feet high thick brush. Rolling hills. The patrol could move approximately 75 meters per hour. Water was plentiful in the low ground.

d. Other Information.

- (1) 2 fire mission were called in support of this patrol for a total of 12 rounds, 155mm HE. No enemy casualties or friendly casualties.
- (2) Map Corrections. Annex B (Map Corrections Overlay).

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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None

7. COMMUNICATIONS DEBRIEF:

On this patrol communications was very good and at no time did the operator experience any communications problems, in fact this platoon did not have to go through the alternate relay station that was sent out, they were able to communicate directly to our regular relay station with loud and clear communications. There should be no doubt as to whether or not a patrol can communicate when it goes into this area.

Reuben Hill
REUBEN HILL
SSGT USMC
Debriefer;

8. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; Morale, good.

9. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. Send a patrol deeper into the SSE Valley of RZ 5.

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: None

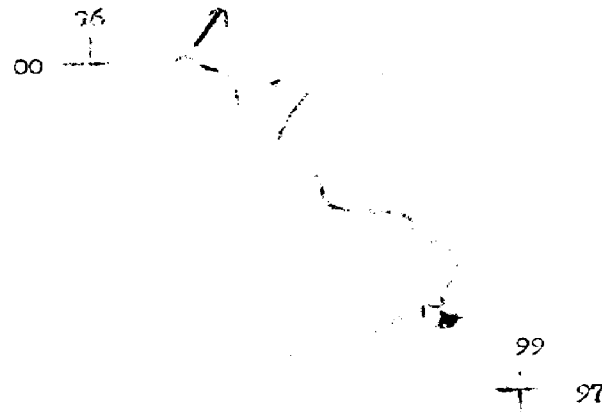
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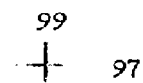
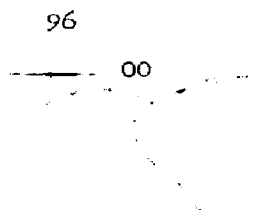
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Task Organization:

1st Platoon, Co "D", 3rd Recon Bn

SSGT MEYER

1. SITUATION. See reference (b).
2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4 from 19 to 23 September 1966, to determine VC activity and trafficability of Highway # 14 within the assigned area.
3. EXECUTION.
 - a. Concept of Operations. (See Operation Overlay). After insertion by helicopter move overland by foot to assigned area. Establish a radio relay as necessary to maintain continuous communications. Move to the prescribed LZ by the assigned time for extraction.
 - b. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Insertions: Time 190000H, YC 895978.
 - (2) Extraction: Time 231000H, YC 909953.
 - (3) Thrust Lines. Alpha - 8898; Bravo - 9394.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See reference (b).
5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL. See reference (b).

a. Shackles.

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B. Frequencies.

RAIF MIT BRAVO
 SELIGMAN
 SCOT 1-4
 TILSON

<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
41.55	49.6
60.2	
41.2	
44.7	

c. RC Numbers.

RC
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 Captain, U. S. Marine Corps
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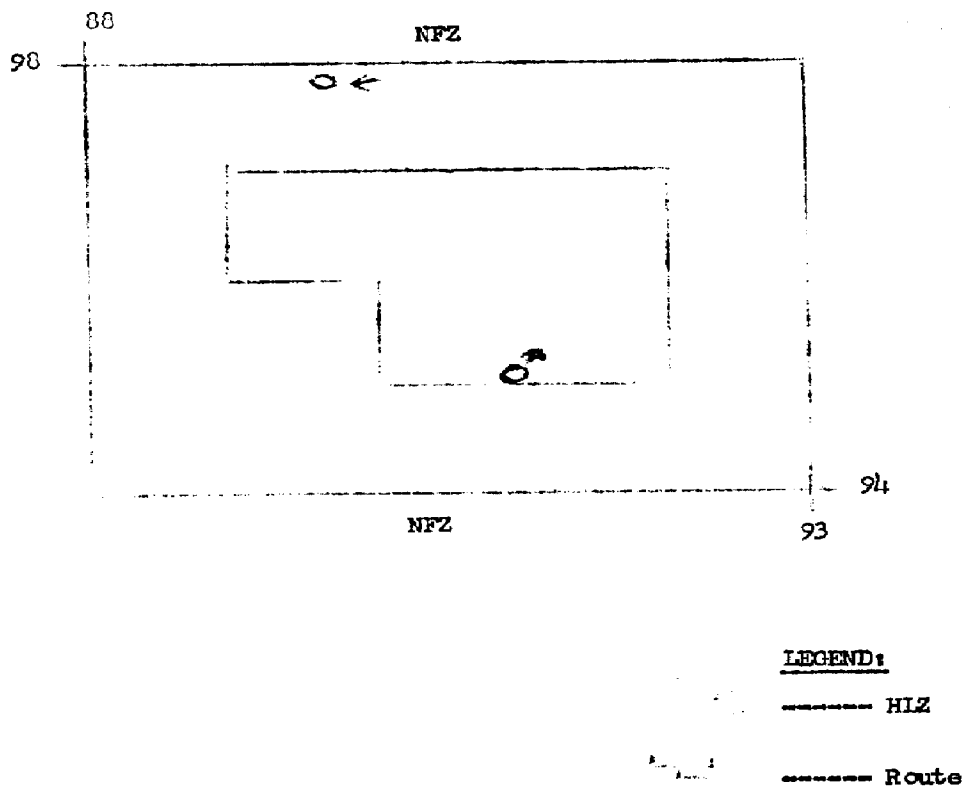
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 Debreifer: SSgt J. D. OMLANDSON
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 241500H September 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. (1) Officer, (9) enlisted, (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None
- c. Communications Equipment. (2) AN/PRC-25
- d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50
- e. Special Equipment. None
- f. Special Weapons. (2) Claymore mines.

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations and a road recon of highway # 14 along the assigned route. Establish ambushes of opportunity and a maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 200900H/241030H September 1966.4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).5. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 97 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours of patrolling there were negative sightings and/or contacts. No fire missions or air support were called in for support of this patrol. Ten caves were discovered.
- b. Enemy. No enemy sightings or contacts were made by this patrol.
- c. Terrain. The terrain consisted of very thick brush about 12 feet high, very difficult to travel except on the trails and road. The patrol could travel 150 meters per hour in the brush. Water was plentiful in the low ground.
- d. Other Information.
 - (1) 221200H (YC 898966) 10 caves were located by the patrol. Each one was approximately 15 feet in diameter and 7 feet high.
 - (1) Map Corrections. Annex B (Map Corrections Overlay)
 - 1 old logging trail at YC 896970 to YC 899966.
 - 1 old logging trail at YC 903962 to YC 896954.

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

[Signature]
 T. A. BEELER
 First Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps
 Patrol Leader

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LEGEND:

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Call Sign: IRONHORSE and YANKS CLIPPER

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LEGEND:

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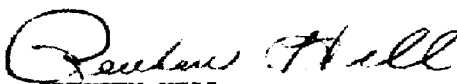
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBREIFER:

It should be noted that the last three patrols into this area all showed no recent use of the area in as much as 3 or more weeks. From YD 8901 to YC 8995 and from East boundary YD 9301.

J. D. OMMONDSON
SSGT USMC
Debreifer;

COMMUNICATIONS DEBREIF:

The area covered on this patrol was a good area for communications. At no time was communications lost with the platoon although at one time the operator stated upon his return to the CP that he thought he detected some jamming by a VC Station. This cannot be determine because there are a lot of ARVN stations in the area and they sometime interfere with our stations, otherwise this area is a good area as far as communications is concerned, and at any time hence forth upon entering this area there should be no doubt as far as communications is concerned. I recommend this area very highly for communications.


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SSGT USMC
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Operation Order 66-66

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

Task Organization.

1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B"
2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B"

2ndLt PFELTZ
Sgt FAHEY

1. SITUATION. See Reference (b).

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and observation within RZ 4 from 18 to 21 September 1966. To determine VC activity and locate approaches to and from Highway # 14 within the assigned area.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. (See Operation Overlay). After insertion by helicopter move overland by foot to assigned area. Establish a radio relay as necessary to maintain continuous communications. Move to the described IZ by the assigned time for extraction.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Insertion: Time: 181130H, KELSO - YC 908998; NASHUA - YC 88699.

(2) Extraction: Time: 211130H, KELSO - YC 901992; NASHUA - YC 89697

(3) Thrust Lines. Alpha - 8701; Bravo - 9397.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See reference (b).5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL. See reference (b).a. Shackles.

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b. Frequencies.

RAINBELL BRAVO
SELEOTMAN
SCAT 244
PILSNER

<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
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c. RC Numbers.

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Captain, U. S. Marine Corps
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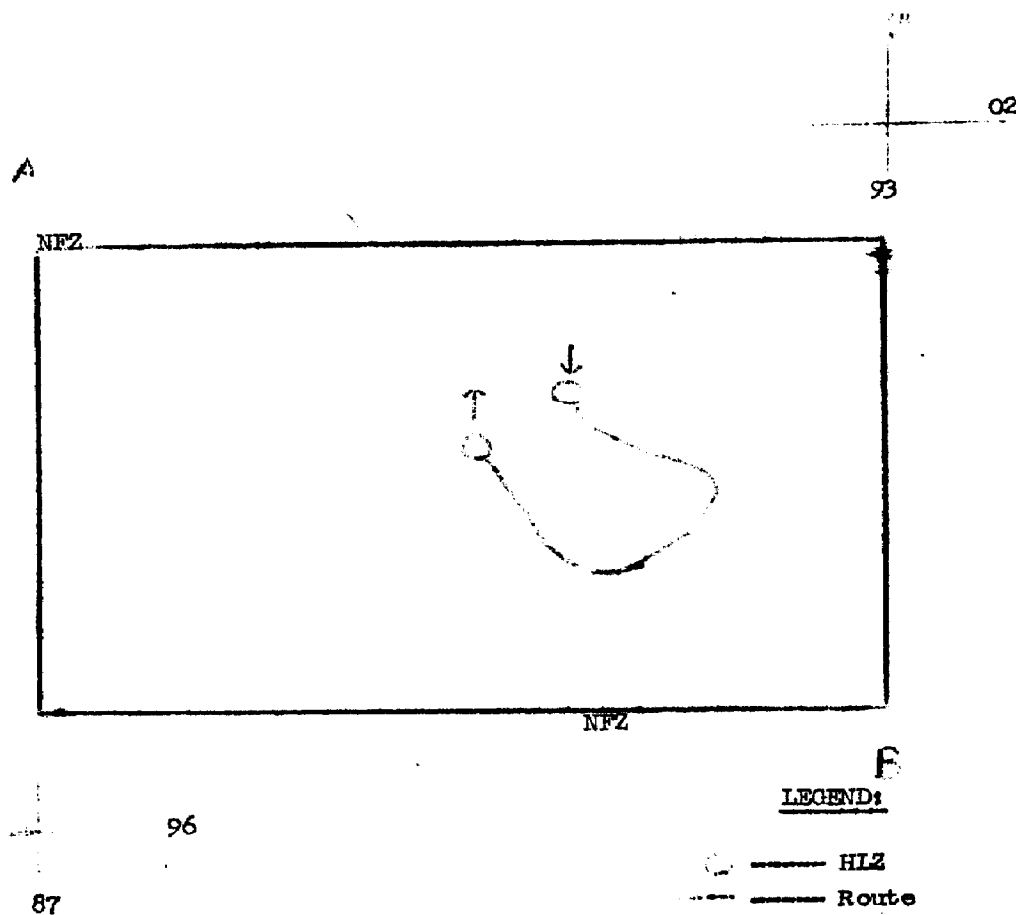
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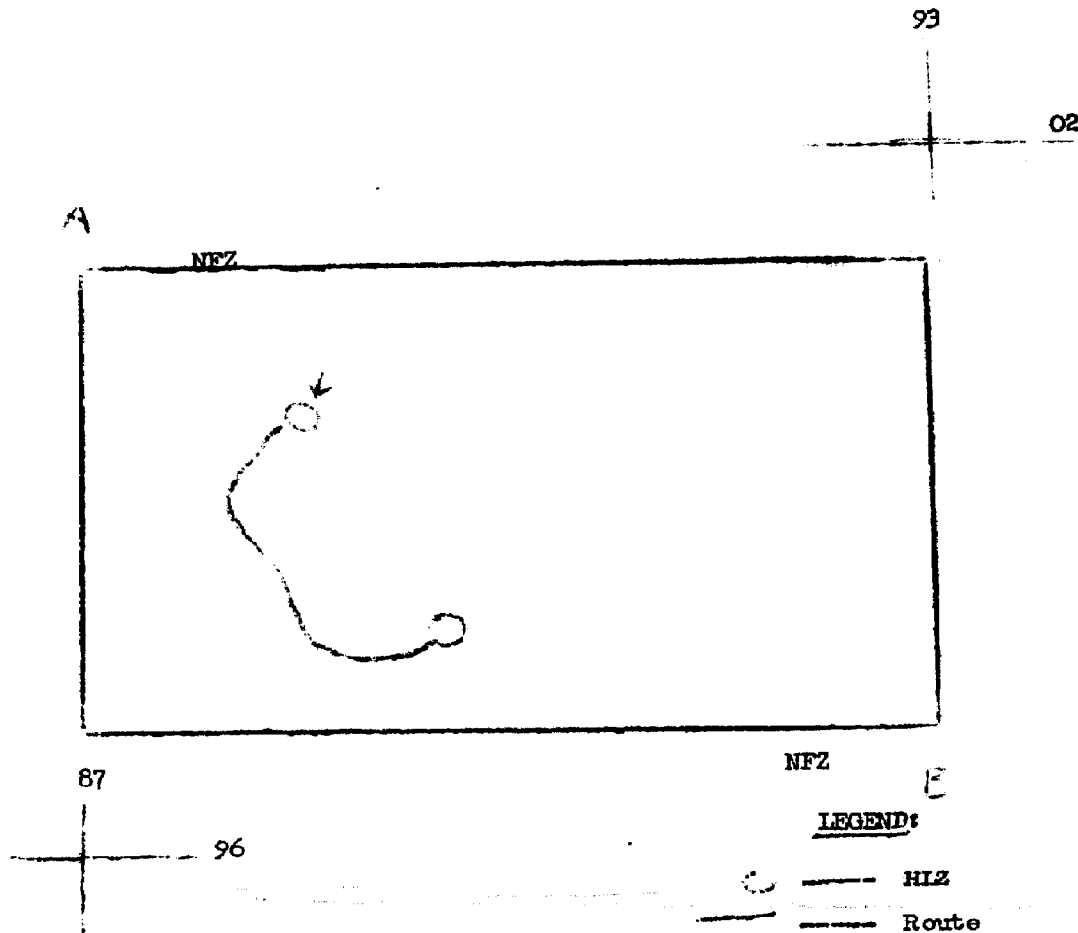
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Call Sign: NASHUA



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 Patrol: 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B"
 Debriefing: SSgt J. D. OMBROSON
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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. (1) Officer, (6) onlisted, (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None
- c. Communications Equipment. (1) AN/PRC-25, (1) AN/PRC-10.
- b. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50.
- c. Special Equipment. None
- f. Special Weapons. (4) Claymore mines.

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4 and along the assigned route. Establish ambushes of opportunity and a maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 181130H/211200H September 1966.4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 69½ hours of patrolling and observation the patrol made negative contacts and/or sightings. No fire missions or air strikes were requested in support of this patrol.
- b. Enemy. There were no sightings or contacts made by this patrol.
- c. Terrain. The terrain was rolling hills with thick under brush with 6 to 10 feet high canopy. Water was plentiful in the low ground. Leeches and ticks were also in this entire area.
- d. Other Information.

- (1) 181600H (YD 905005) the patrol heard what sounded like 10 to 15 persons following them. Later while in a harbor site, at 182100H the patrol heard movement till 0300H. Sounded like the were trying to encircle the patrol. The patrol threw 1 hand grenade to try to engage the enemy with negative results. A search in the morning revealed nothing.

- (2) Map Corrections. None

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None7. COMMUNICATIONS DEBRIEF:

On this patrol communications were good until the patrol moved into the area at coordinates YC 910990. At this time the radio operator lost all communications with relay and had to relay their traffic through IRONHORSE who was patrolling in RZ 4 at this time, the patrol did not gain communications again with relay until moved to higher ground. This area where communications was lost is completely surrounded by hills, the highest being 800 feet thus making this area quite a deep valley and a poor area for communications. I suggest that if it is important to go into this valley that the patrol use its extra radio and leave one radio on higher ground, because they will not be able to communicate once they reach the bottom of the valley.

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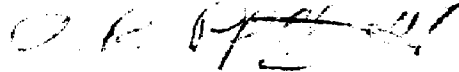
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8. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, average; Morale, good.
9. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. Area gives every indication of negative activity. Believe area could be kept clear with H & T fire. The patrol route too long for amount of time allotted for area due to thick underbrush.



A. R. PFELTZ
Second Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: None

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

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Call Sign: KULSO

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LEGEND:

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 Patrol: 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B"
 Debreifer: SSgt J. D. O'NEIL
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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

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

2. MISSION. To conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4 and establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 181430H/191800H September 19664. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay)5. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND THE TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 27½ hours of patrolling and observation the patrol made no contacts or sightings. No artillery or air strikes were called in support of this patrol. Four non-battle casualties developed necessitating extraction of the entire patrol.
- b. Enemy. No contacts and/or sightings were made by this patrol.
- c. Terrain. The patrol could travel 400 meters per hour. The vegetation was dense, thornes, thick brush, and vines. The canopy was 7-14 feet high. Water was plentiful in the low ground.
- d. Other Information.
 - (1) Map Corrections. None

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None7. COMMUNICATIONS DEBRIEF.

Debrief by SSgt HILL of 3rd Platoon, 2nd Squad. Radio Operator was PFC LOFSTEDT

Overall condition of communications while out with patrol was very good and at no time during the patrol was the platoon out of communications. Except at the time the choppers came in for med-evac, the operator had to switch from 41.55 to 41.60 in order to get loud and clear communications with the choppers. This area is a good area for communications and there should be no doubt as far as communications is concerned when we go into this area.

Rubin Hill

RUBIN HILL
 SSgt USMC
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8. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, poor; Morale, poor. Sickness developed during the patrol. Symptoms - high fever, dizziness, weak and sleepy, diarrhea. Cause unknown.

9. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

The evidence of the area indicates no one has used this area in two to three months.


R. B. FAHEY
Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: None

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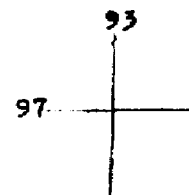
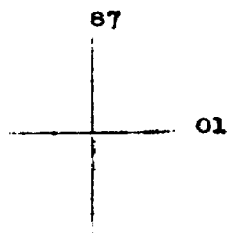
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Call Sign: NASHUA



LEGEND:

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

Task Organization.

1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "A", 1st ReconBn
2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "A", 1st ReconBn

2ndLt GREEN
Sgt ALVEREZ

1. SITUATION. See reference (b).

2. MISSION. (See Operations Overlay) 1st Squad is to conduct reconnaissance and observation in the assigned area to determine if VC are using this area as a route to infiltrate troops and/or supplies along any of the avenues of approach. 2nd Squad is to act as a radio relay between the 1st Squad and BRAVO RELAY along the assigned route.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. After insertion by helicopter move over land by foot to the assigned area. Maintaining continuous communications move to the described LZ by the assigned time for extraction.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Insertion. Time: HOMERUN - 231030H, YD 666091
LINEDRIVE - 230930H, YD 706109

(2) Extraction. Time: HOMERUN - 271030H, YD 695098
LINEDRIVE - 271030, YD 726125

(3) Thrust Lines. HOMERUN - Alpha - 6611; Bravo - 7008
LINEDRIVE - Alpha - 7013; Bravo - 7410

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See reference (b).5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL. See reference (b).a. Shackles.

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b. Frequencies.

RAINBOLT BRAVO
SELECTMAN
SCAT 1-4
FILSNER

Primary	Alternate
41.55	49.6
36.6	
41.2	
44.7	

c. RC Numbers.

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Captain, U. S. Marine Corps
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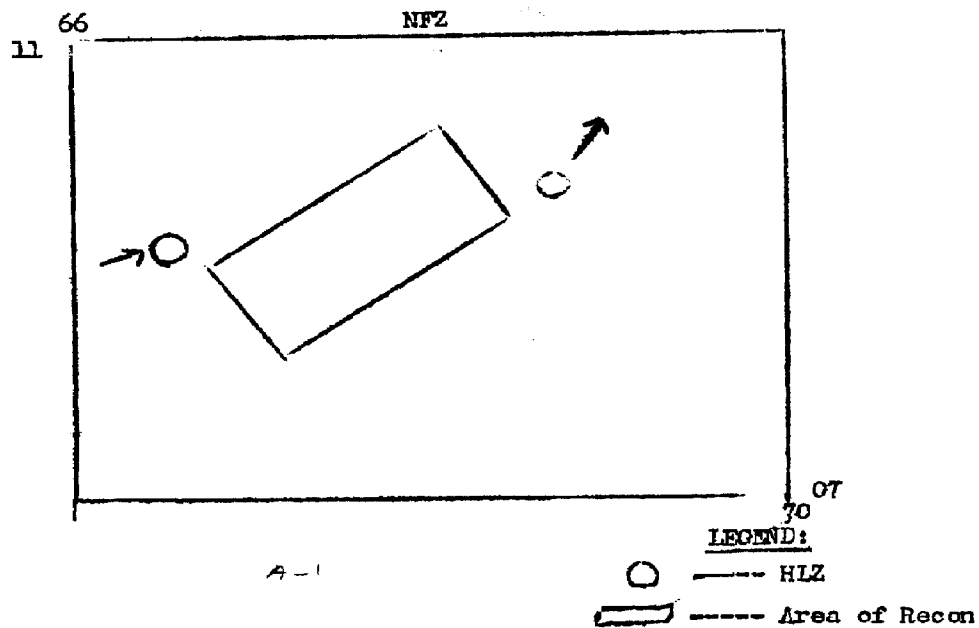
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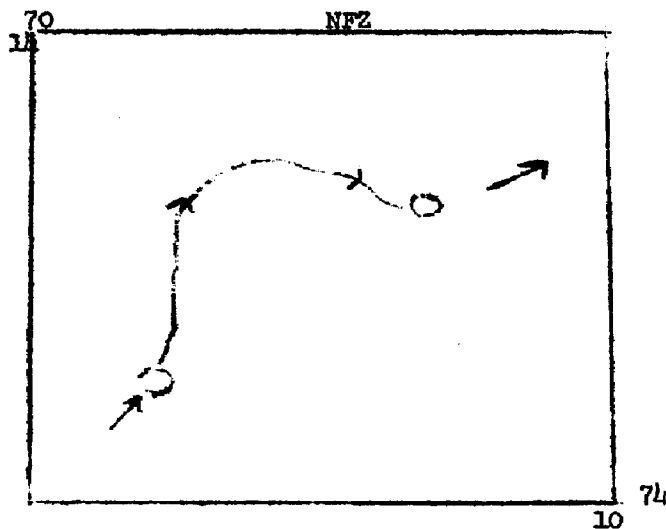
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Annex A (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 67-66 in RZ 4.

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Call Sign: LINEDRIVE



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Operation Order 67-66
 Patrol: 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "A"
 Debriefer: SSgt J. D. OMKONDSCH
 Ref: Map Sheet number 6560 III

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 261630H September 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. (7) enlisted.
- b. Special Attachments. None
- c. Communications Equipment. (2) AN/PRC-25's.
- d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50.
- e. Special Equipment. None
- f. Special Weapons. (8) CS grenades, (1) M-79.

2. MISSION. To conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations within the assigned area in RZ 3. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 221330H/261130H September 1966

4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay)

5. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 94 hours of patrolling and observation the patrol made negative sightings or contacts. No fire missions or air strikes were called in support of this patrol.
- b. Enemy. No contacts or sightings were made by this patrol.
- c. Terrain. The terrain consisted of heavy under brush with canopy of 30 feet high. Large boulders were encountered. A large stream was located (See Annex B, Map Corrections). Water was plentiful in the low ground.
- d. Other Information.

- (1) 241300H, (YD 715125) the patrol found large boulders outcroppings, ideal for harbor site and storage area, rocks were approximately 20 feet wide and 30 feet long. On the 23rd, 24th, and 25th at approximately 2030H each day, heard approximately 12 mortar rounds hitting in grid square 7314. Rounds landed 3 to 5 minutes apart.

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

1 Stream located at YD 721126 flowing North to the KHE THUNG, stream approximately 20 feet wide.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None

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7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical Condition, good; Morale, excellent.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None

C. ALVERZE
Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader


ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: None

COMMUNICATIONS DEBRIEF:

Operator: Cpl LDTEZ

Debriefer: SSgt R. HILL

On this patrol the radio operator had constant communications with the relay station and at no time was he unable to communicate. During the entire route that the patrol covered communications was never lost. This area is a very good area as far as communications are concerned. If at any time a patrol has to enter this area again there should be no doubt of communications.


RUBEN HILL
SSGT USMC
Debriefer:

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Call Sign: LINE DRIVE



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Annex B (Map Corrections Overlay) to Patrol Report for Operation Order 67-66

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Call Sign: LINE DRIVE

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LEGEND:

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 Ref: Map Sheet numbers 6560 III

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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. (1) Officer, (5) enlisted, (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None
- c. Communications Equipment. (2) AN/IRC-25's.
- d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50.
- e. Special Equipment. None
- f. Special Weapons. (1) M-79. (2) DS grenades.

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations within the assigned area in RZ 3. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 221400H/261130H September 1966.4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).5. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 93½ hours of patrolling and observation there were negative contacts and/or sightings. No fire missions or air strikes were called in support of this patrol. 1 new trail and 2 HLZ's were located during this patrol.
- b. Enemy. No enemy contacts and/or sightings were made by this patrol.
- c. Terrain. The terrain consisted of thick underbrush. The canopy was 10 to 15 feet high, water was plentiful in the low ground. The patrol could cover approximately 100 meters per hour in the brush and about 350 meters per hour on the new trail.
- d. Other Information.

(1) 261000H the patrol heard one burst of automatic weapons fire from grid square YD 7008.

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

1 new trail well and recently used at YD 696091 to YD 685098.

YD 692097 1 HLZ large enough for one UH-34.

YD 687096 1 HLZ large enough for two UH-34's.

Single barbed wire apron surrounding the clearing on the map at the above location.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None

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

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None

J. B. Green

J. B. GREEN
Second Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: None

COMMUNICATIONS DEBRIEF:

Debriefing: SSGT R. HILL

Operator: PFC ROWE

On this patrol the radio operator had constant communications with the relay station and at no time was he unable to communicate. During the entire route that the patrol covered communications was never lost. This area is a very good area as far as communications are concerned. If at any time a patrol has to enter this area again there should be no doubt of communications.

R. Hill

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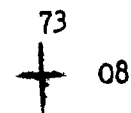
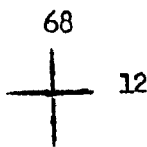
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Task Organization.

5th Platoon, 3rd Force Recon Company(+) 1st Lt O'DONNELL

1. SITUATION. See reference (b)
2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance within the assigned zone to determine extent of VC activity.
3. EXECUTION.
 - a. Concept of Operations. See (Operations Overlay). After insertion move to vicinity of assigned zone. Establish a communications and conduct patrolling to accomplish the mission. Avoid all contact.
 - b. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Insertion. Time: 211400H, YD 438150.
 - (2) Extraction. Time: 251200H, YD 458144.
 - (3) Thrust Lines. Alpha - 4019; Bravo - 4514.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See reference (b).
5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL. See reference (b).

a. Shackles.

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b. Frequencies.

F-1	2356	Primary IRC - 47	
F-2	3862	Alternate IRC - 47	
F-3	5637	Alternate IRC - 47	
F-4	12042	Alternate IRC - 47	
F-5	45.1	Primary IRC - 25	
F-6	57.4	Alternate IRC - 25	4th MarReg TAC (PHU BAI)
F-7	53.2	Alternate IRC - 25	4th MarReg TAC (DONG HA)

Regiment Comm Net 2492
 Alternate 12750

c. Call Signs.


Voice	Base	RAINBLET BRAVO
	Patrol	SERLOUD
	4th Mar	SCAT
CW	Base	8104
	Patrol	RD6P

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- d. Schedule. Call BASE on the hour on F-1 if no contact, call on hour + 20 minutes on F-3, hour + 30 minutes on F-4. Advise BASE when contact will be lost due to displacement.
- e. Emergency Procedure. If no contact is made by hour + 30 minutes monitor FM (F-5) for AO. Displace to better site as soon as possible. If no contact is made after 6 hours, abort the mission. Move to the insertion or extraction LZ


J. C. GONZALEZ
Major, U. S. Marine Corps
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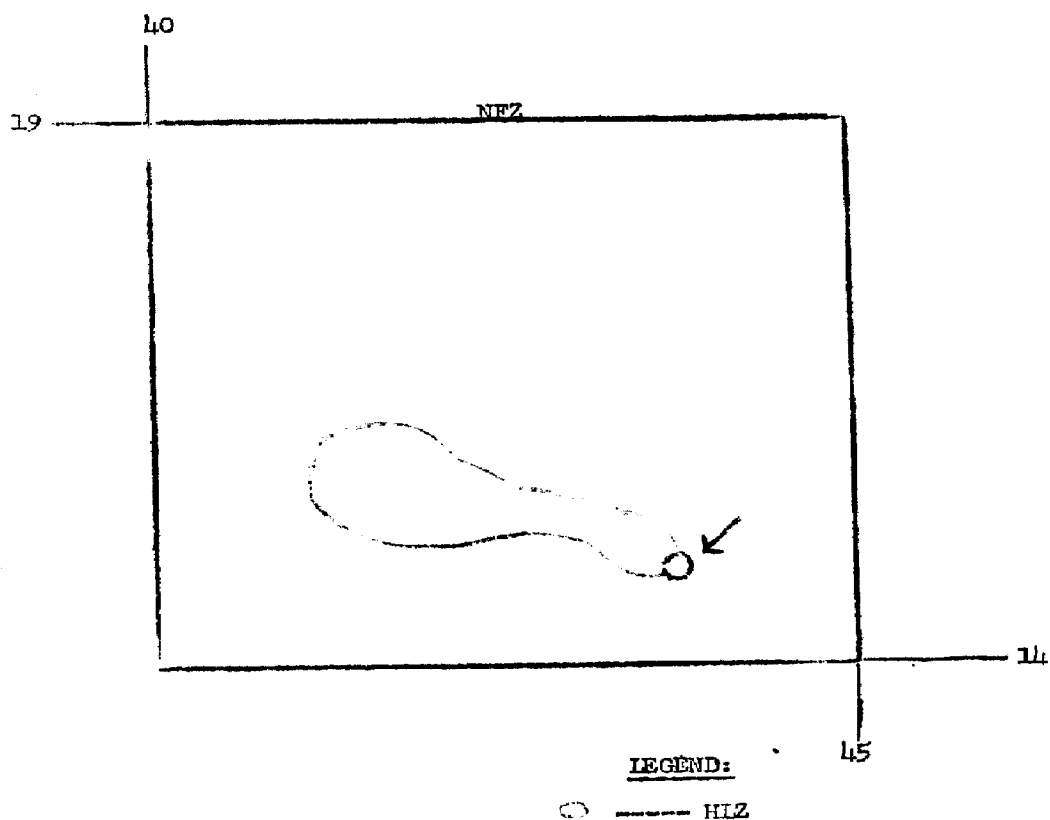
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Call Sign: SHROUD



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- a. Size and Composition. (1) Officer, (13) enlisted, (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None
- c. Communications Equipment. (1) AN/PRC-47, (3) AN/PRC-25's.
- d. Observation Equipment. None
- e. Special Equipment. (1) AN/PRC-47, (1) SID.
- f. Special Weapons. (1) M-79.

2. MISSION. After insertion move to the vicinity of the assigned zone. Establish a communications and conduct patrolling to accomplish the mission. Avoid all contact.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 211400H/241100H September 1966.4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).5. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND THE TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 68½ hours of patrolling and observation the patrol had negative significant sightings or contacts.
- b. Enemy. There were no enemy contacts or sightings made by this patrol.
- c. Terrain. The terrain consisted of high canopy 75 to 100 feet high. There was no secondary under growth encountered. A large number could travel 500 meters per hour. Water was plentiful in the low ground. Abundant wild life. Bomb craters running East to West, North of the R46 Taming River. Large boulders in the area. Both the streams and river are man fordable, with strong currents and rocky bottoms. River is 6 to 8 feet deep, but also knee deep in some places; 25 to 30 feet wide.
- d. Other Information.
 - (1) 212200H (YD 445151) the patrol picked up movement with their SID (Seismic Intermission Device). It appeared at first to be someone walking, after monitoring for 20 minutes, the movement ceased. Investigation in the morning revealed fresh deer tracks near the patrol's harbor site. The patrol also found two old camp fires each about 2 feet in diameter.
 - (2) 230800H (YD 440159 to YD 440154) a five man team lead by GASHER made a reconnaissance of the stream and river. The patrol took 20 pictures of the stream and surrounding terrain.
 - (3) 240800H (YD 3918) automatic fire was heard when a OE Plane passed over.

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(4) Throughout the patrol it was noted by the patrol members that small arms fire from the East, was either coming from up the valley or from the high ground. Some of the firing heard was, single shot rifle, carbine, some automatic fire for a total of 3 or 4 round burst. Approximately 100 rounds of .50 cal. and what sounded like a 12.7mm were also heard. About 5 or 6 times the patrol heard what sounded like a 57mm recoilless rifle being fired at a target at close range. All of the above was heard during the duration of the patrol. One .50 Cal. casing was also found.

(5) Evidence of Use of Area.

(a) At YD 422157 the small trees and shrubery in this area were cut (old cuts) to keep area clear.

(b) At YD 415158 this area contained evidence of old cultivation. The vegetation now is wild. Foot paths were also noted, but not recently used within 3 weeks.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None

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

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

- a. Activity seemed to be farther to the East from the sound of the weapons fire.
- b. AN/PRC-47 proved cumbersome and unreliable.
- c. S. I. D. proved very good as a warning system.
- d. The firing that was heard during the patrol seemed to be a pattern like a training schedule. From 0800H to 1030H small arms fire was heard, single shot and short automatic bursts. In the afternoon larger crew served weapons, heavy machine gun and what sounded like a 57mm recoilless rifle.



D. W. O'DONNELL
First Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: None

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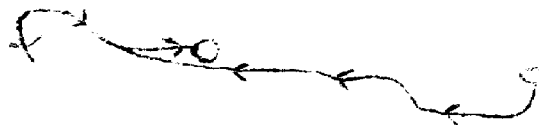
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251000H September 1966

Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Patrol Report for Operation Order 7-66

Ref: Map Sheet numbers 6460 II and 6460 III

Call Sign: SCHROUD

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+ 17



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+ 13

LEGEND:

○ — HLZ
→ — Patrol Route

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Annex B (Map Corrections Overlay) to Patrol Route for Operation Order 7-66

Ref: Map Sheet numbers 6460 II and 6460 III

Call Sign: SCHROUD

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+ 17

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LEGEND:

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Streams
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Communications Debrief to Patrol Report for Operation Order 7-66

Debreifer: SSgt R. HILL

Operator: LCPL R. H. VOTLZ

The patrol went out at 211100H September 1966. BASE was unable to communicate except by using a helicopter that was kept on station as relay. On the morning of 22 September, an AN/TRC-83 was taken to Hill 180 in an attempt to contact the patrol on AM voice or C.W. Voice proved negative. C. W. was tried and about 1300H communications was established with the patrol on 2356KCS. The patrol was receiving BASE (AN/TRC-83) loud and clear and BASE was receiving the patrol (AN/TRC-47) weak but readable. According to plan three different frequencies were tried, 2356, 3862, and 5637KC. 3862 proved to be the best. At about 1700H, 22 September, communications with the patrol started to fade and by 1800H the station on Hill 180 had the patrol very weak and barely readable. From this time and throughout the night communications stayed the same. So the next morning 23 September, the station at Hill 180 was moved to the area of YD 6530. Communications was not made until around 1400H and then lost again around 1700H. Before communications could be made again the AN/TRC-83 had a power failure and communications was never regained on AM, CW or VOICE. The only reliable communications possible with the patrol was through air relay, which was used so far as available to fill the gaps.

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Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM; 1:50,000 AMS Series 1701; Sheet numbers 6460 II
(b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with changes 1 and 2

Task Organization.

1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B"
2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B"
3rd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B"

LCPL RICHARDS
SGT FAHEY
2NDLT PFELTZ

1. SITUATION. See reference (b).

2. MISSION. (See Operation Overlay). Conduct ground reconnaissance and observation along assigned routes to determine if VC are using this area as a route to infiltrate troops and/or supplies.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. After insertion by helicopter move overland along assigned routes. Establish a radio relay to maintain continuous communications. Move to the prescribed LZ by the assigned time for extraction.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Insertion: Time: 231600H, KELSO - YD 591216.
STALLION - YD 591216.
NASHUA - YD 603221.

(2) Extraction: Time: 280800H, KELSO - YD 598216.
STALLION - YD 598216.
NASHUA - YD 593210.

(3) Thrust Lines. Alpha - 5622; Bravo - 6019.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See reference (b).5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL. See reference (b).a. Shackles.

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F	H	Q	L	A	P	G	N	J	X
R	V	D	U				S	T	

b. Frequencies.

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
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RAINBOLT BRAVO
YANKEE RELAY
SCATT 1-4
PILSNER

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49.6
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c. RO Numbers.

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Captain, U. S. Marine Corps
Commanding

ATTACHMENT: A (Operations Overlay)

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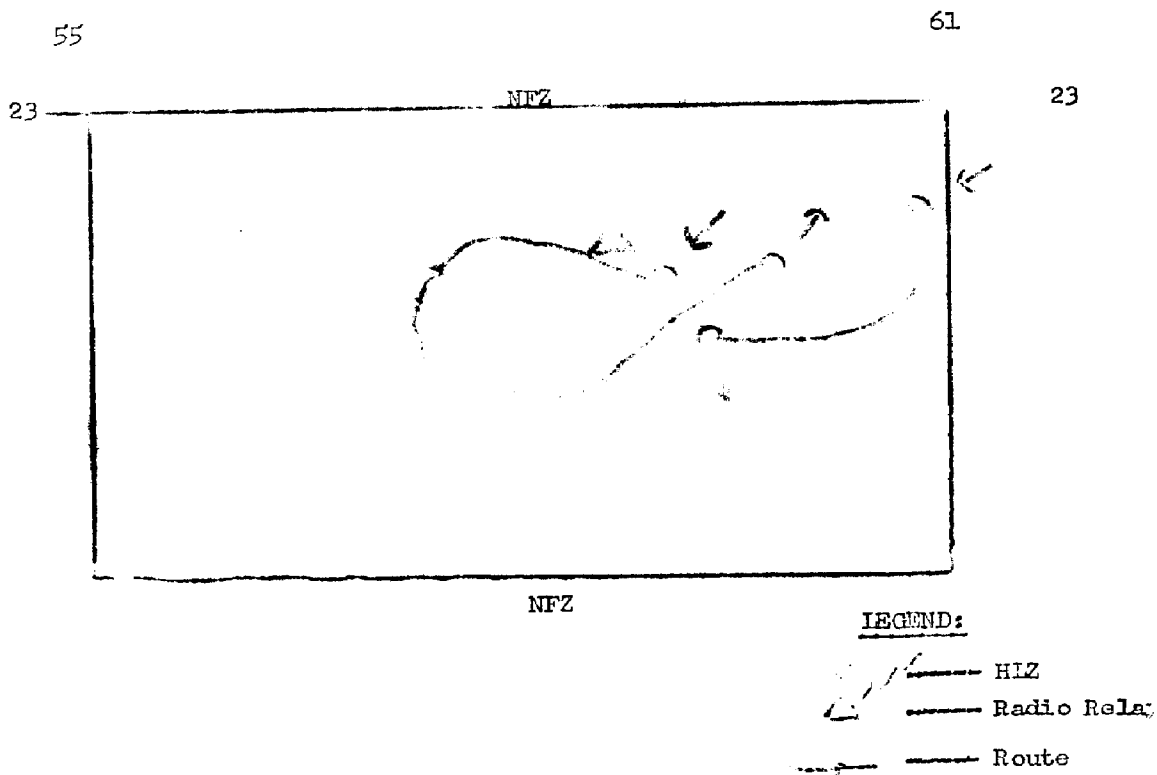
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Annex A (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 68-66 in RZ 2

Ref: Map Sheet number 6460 IX

CallSign: KILSO, NASHUA, and STALLION



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Operation Order 68-66

Patrol: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Squads, 3rd Platoon

Debreifer: SSgt J. D. CHANDSON

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291600H September 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. (1) Officer, (14) enlisted, (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None
- c. Communications equipment. (2) AN/PRC-25, (1) AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. (2) 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. None
- f. Special Weapons. (1) M-60, (1) M-79, (6) Claymore mines, (5) lbs of TNT, (20) feet of detanating cord, (4) electric blasting caps.

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations within RZ 2. Establish ambushes of opportunity and a maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 231600H/281430H September 19664. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay)5. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 118½ hours of patrolling and observation the patrol made 3 sightings and no contacts. 1 rice cache was found and destroyed. 3 HLZ's, one harbor site or training camp was discovered, also 8 trails and 3 CP sites. 1 fire mission was called in support of this patrol with negative results. No air support was called in support of this patrol. No friendly or enemy casualties.

b. Enemy.

- (1) 241000H (YD 559215) the patrol found 2 huts 6'x12'x6' of which 1 contained approximately 2000 lbs of rice. The rice was destroyed by burning the hut with 4 trip flares and 1 WP grenade.
- (2) 251000H (YD 587216) the patrol sighted 3 VCS at YD 582199 on a sand bar moving East and then back into the canopy. The patrol called in 1 fire mission with good coverage of the area. No weapons or equipment were observed.
- (3) 261500H (YD 601213) the patrol was moving from a CP when they came upon a trail at YD 602215. The patrol followed the trail and found a large harbor site with approximately 50 fighting holes, running from YD 597213 to YD 613210. Many trails well used approximately 2 weeks old running North and South. Empty cigarette packs, made in Quang Tri, broken pottery, pieces of clothing and poncho material. 1 boot canvas type and empty sardine and concentrated milk cans. Also many temporary shelters were in the area.
- (4) 272000H (YD 597213) the patrol was in there night harbor site when they sighted 2 large boats at YD 598215 riding deep in the water heading South.

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- (5) 280020H (YD 597213) the patrol was in there night harbor site when they again sighted 2 more large boats riding deep in the water at YD 598215, heading South.
- (6) 280430H (YD 597213) the patrol still in there night harbor site sighted 4 large boats riding shallow in the water at YD 598215 heading North. Believe these 4 boats to be the same ones sighted earlier this evening.

d. Other Information.

- (1) The patrol was supported by ARVN Artillery PK 17. They fired 1 fire mission (2 105 How. fired 17 rounds of HE).

(2) Map Corrections.

- (a) OK Sites found. 1 at YD 604216, 1 at YD 596213, and 1 at YD 595206.
- (b) HLZ found. 1 at YD 606212, will hold 2 H-34's. 1 at YD 615207, will hold 1 H-46. 1 at YD 599213 to YD 598214, will hold 10 H-46's on the East bank.
- (c) Trails found.

From YD 596235 to YD 607224
 From YD 606223 to YD 593212
 From YD 608223 to YD 593210
 From YD 599210 to YD 598205
 From YD 603210 to YD 604205
 From YD 604212 to YD 615210
 From YD 603213 to YD 615216
 From YD 603214 to YD 607220
 All these trails were will used, but were not used in last two weeks.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None

7. CONDITION OF THE PATROL. Physical condition, NASHUA - good.
 KELS - good.
 STALLION - exhausted.
 Morale, NASHUA - poor
 KELS - poor
 STALLION - poor

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. It appears the VC are using the SONG BO as a infiltration route and streams as harbor sites.

R. B. Fahey
 R. B. FAHEY
 NASHUA
 Patrol Leader

A. R. Pefitz
 A. R. PEPLITZ
 STALLION
 Patrol Leader

L. D. Richards
 L. D. RICHARDS
 KELS
 Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: None

COMMUNICATIONS DEBRIEF: On this patrol the platoon was split up into three Teams, KELS, NASHUA, AND STALLION. KELS was set in place on the high ground and acted as a relay for NASHUA AND STALLION. KELS had good contact with BRAVO RELAY and BRAVO YANKEE at all times and never lost contact. NASHUA and STALLION were about three thousand meters away from KELS operating down in the low ground. There were two incidents where the two teams lost communication with KELS. First of all when they were dropped off in the LZ.

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They were dropped in a three sided box canyon at coordinates YD 608223 and while down into this area they had no communications with KEIS^ and had to move to higher ground before communications was made. After both teams moved out of the canyon they had good communications with KEIS^ and did not lose contact with them again, however on the day that the whole platoon was to be extracted they moved to their IZ at coordinates YD 586207 and in this area they had negative communications with anyone until a HUEY arrived on station to relay for them. This is also a very bad area for communications. A good point to bring up is the relay site where KEIS^ was located at coordinates YD 585215, they had good loud and clear communications with BRAVO RELAY, BRAVO YANKEE and they could also monitor BRAVO (COC) at times and also they heard stations from Force Recon who is also on 49.6 operating in the Dong Ha area. This is a good spot to keep in mind when a relay station is needed for the surrounding area.

Reuben Hill
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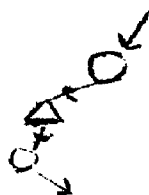
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Call Sign: KELSO

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LEGEND:

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RZ 2

Ref: Map Sheet number 6460 II

Call Sign: STALLION

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LEGEND:

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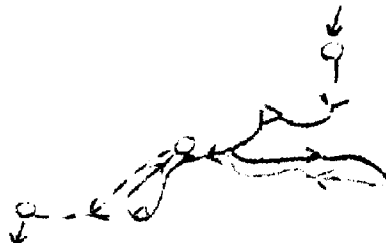
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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Patrol Route for Operation Order 68-66

Ref: Map Sheet number 6460 II.

Call Sign: NASHUA

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OP ----- C ----- H12
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which NASHUA was lighter to

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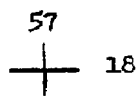
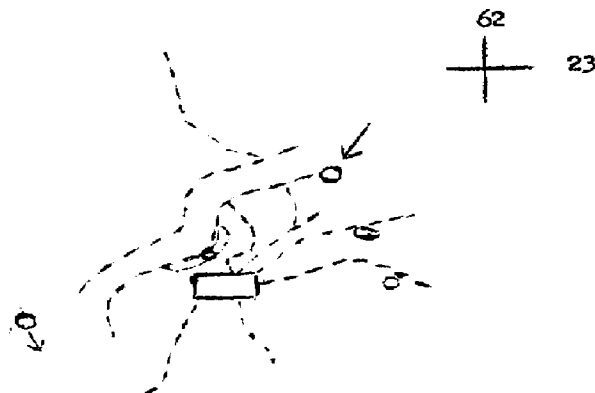
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Annex B (Map Corrections Overlay) to Patrol Route for Operation Order 68-66
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Call Sign: NASHUA



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- ----- HLZ
□ ----- Harbor site or training area
- - - Trails not shown on the map

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Operation Order 69-66

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

Task Organization.

1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B", 3rd ReconBn Sgt BACH

1. SITUATION. See reference (b).
2. MISSION. (See Operations Overlay). Conduct ground reconnaissance and observation within RZ 4 from 25 September to 01 October 1966. To determine VC activity within the assigned area.
3. EXECUTION.
 - a. Concept of Operations. After insertion by helicopter move overland by foot to the assigned area. Maintain continuous communication. Move to the prescribed LZ by the assigned time for extraction.
 - b. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Insertion: Time: 251000H, YD 796054.
 - (2) Extraction: Time: 011100H, YD 817023.
 - (3) Thrust Lines. Alpha - 7806; Bravo - 8102.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See reference (b).
5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL. See reference (b).

a. Shackles.

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b. Frequencies.

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
RAINBOLT BRAVO	49.6	41.55
SELECTMAN	36.6	
SCAT 1-4	41.2	
PILSNER	44.7	

c. RC Numbers.RC
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Captain, U. S. Marine Corps
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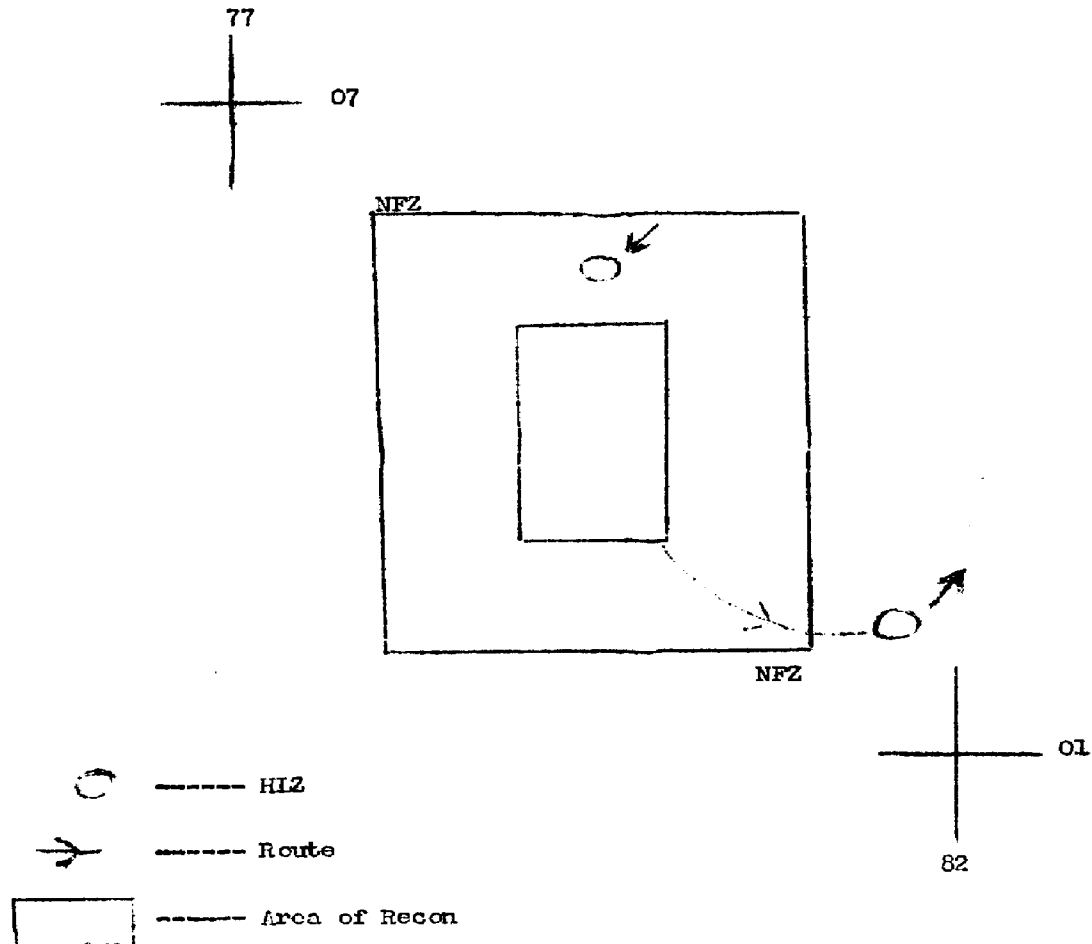
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Annex A (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 69-66 in RZ 4.

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Call Sign: LION



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 Debriefer: SSgt J. D. CHANDSON
 Ref: Map Sheet number 6559 IV

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 PHU DAI, RVN
 020800H October 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. (8) enlisted
- b. Special Attachments. None
- c. Communications Equipment. (2) AN/PRC-25's.
- d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50
- e. Special Equipment. None
- f. Special Weapons. (3) Claymore mines

2. MISSION. To conduct reconnaissance operations with in RZ 4 and to establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 251100H/301500H September 19664. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).5. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 124 hours of patrolling and observation the patrol had one contact. As a result they accounted for 1 VC KIA (conf), 2 VC WIA (conf). They captured a assorted VC supplies, documents and 1 weapon, they also found 7 huts and 2 trails in the same area.

b. Enemy.

- (1) 261130H (YD 793038) the patrol was moving along low ground when the point came upon a trail at YD 794033. The patrol made a search of the area and spotted 7 huts on the high ground to the East at YD 796034. The patrol leader set up security and went forward with two other men to make a search of the huts. While searching the huts, the security sighted approximately 15 VC moving on the trail approaching the huts. The security took the VC under a heavy volume of automatic fire when they were spotted, they killed 1 VC and wounding two other. A search of the area was made. Weapons, equipment, supplies and documents were taken by the patrol.

- c. Terrain. The terrain consisted of their underbrush throughout the patrols route. The canopy was 35 feet high in the low ground, 50 feet in the high ground. Water was plentiful in the low ground. Leaches were found in the low ground also.

d. Other Information.

- (1) 281400H 1 man was med-evac because of the high fever and chills suspected malaria. No corpsman was with the patrol. The man was admitted to A Medical Battalion with possible Appendicitis.

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

2 trails located at YD 796051 to YD 797034 and at YD 792032 to YD 800035. Both trails are well used and recently. 7 huts located at YD 795037, each approximately 6'x6'x6', about 2 weeks old.


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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY.

1 VC KIA (confirmed), 2 VC WIA (probable):

7. CONDITION OF THE PATROL. Physical Condition, good; Morale, poor, upon return.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None


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

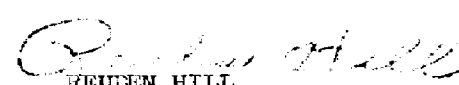
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DEBREIFER: None

COMMUNICATIONS DEBRIEF:

Debreifer: SSgt R. HILL

Operator: Cpl GAVATRA

This patrol was inserted on the 25th of September 1966 in the area of coordinates YD 796055. At the time of insertion the radio operator had good communications with BNAV KELLY, and from this time on he never lost communications. On the second day that the patrol was out they were moving through the valley at coordinates YD 795035 and made contact with the enemy. Even being down in this valley they had no trouble making communications and during the entire fire fight communications was never lost. This area is rated high as far as radio communications are concerned.


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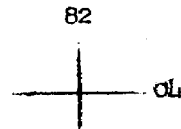
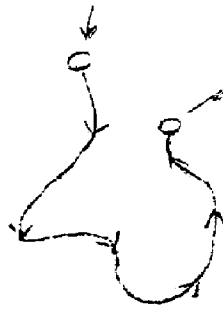
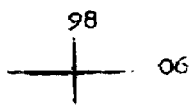
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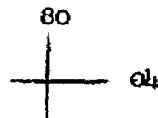
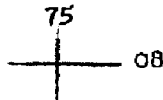
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Annex D (Map Corrections Overlay) to Patrol Route for Operation Order 69-66

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Operation Order 70-66

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

Task Organization:

2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B", 3rd ReconBn

Sgt MACHOLTZ

1. SITUATION. See reference (b).
2. MISSION. (See Operations Overlay). The patrol is to establish observation post within RZ 5 from 26 September 1966, to 01 October 1966. Maintaining surveillance of the river and any avenues of approach in the assigned area, for possibly VC activity.
3. EXECUTION.
 - a. Concept of Operations. After insertion by helicopter proceeded overland by foot to the assigned area maintain continuous communications. Move to the prescribed LZ by the assigned time for extraction.
 - b. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Insertion: Time: 261000H, YO 955997.
 - (2) Extraction: Time: 021130H, YO 972997.
 - (3) Thrust Lines. Alpha - 9402; Bravo - 9898.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See reference (b).
5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL. See reference (b).

a. Shackles.

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b. Frequencies.

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
RAINBELT BRAVO	49.6	41.55
SELECTMAN	36.6	
SCAT 1-4	41.2	
PILSNER	44.7	

c. RC Numbers.

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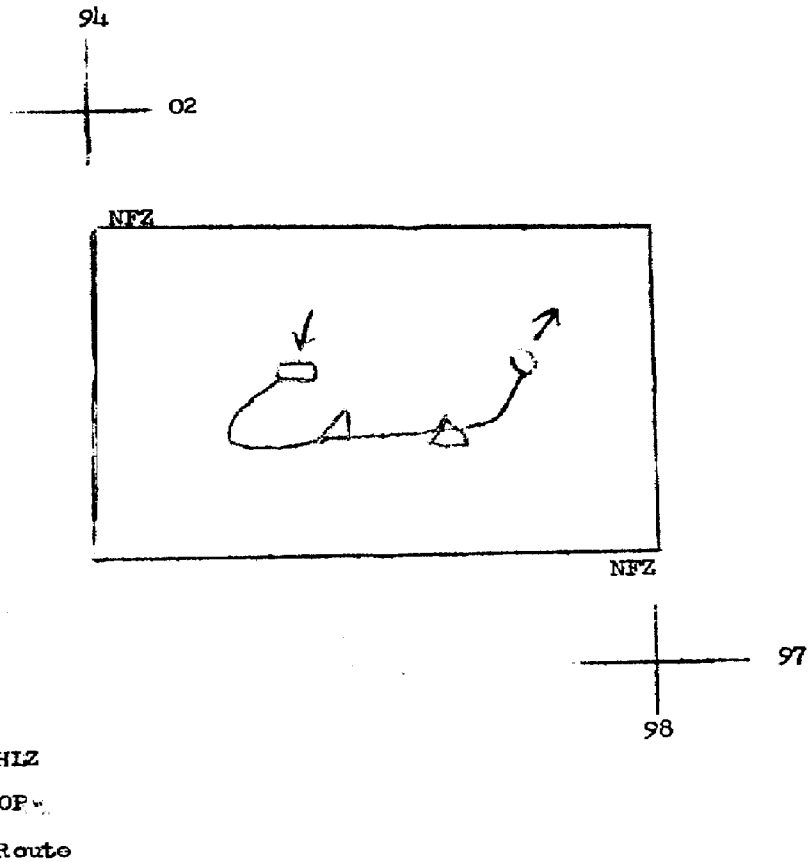
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Annex A (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 70-66 in RZ 5

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Operation Order 70-66
 Patrol: 2nd Squad, 1st Platoon, Co "B"
 Debrefor: SSgt J. D. O'NEAL
 Ref: Map Sheet number 6559 I

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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. (8) enlisted, (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None
- c. Communications Equipment. (1) AN/PRC-25, (1) AN/PRC-10
- d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50
- e. Special Equipment. None
- f. Special Weapons. (1) Claymore mine, (1) M-79

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and observations operations within RZ 5. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner. Establish ambushes of opportunity.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 271100H/281015H September 19664. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay)5. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. During 23 hours of patrolling and observation. The patrol was fired on once by unknown number of VC. No fire missions or air strikes was called in support of this patrol. As a result of poor communications the patrol was extracted early.

b. Enemy.

- (1) 271715H (YC 953990) the patrol was set up in defense waiting for helicopter to lower a AN/PRC-25 radio. When the patrol marked there position with a yellow smoke, the patrol received approximately 12 rounds of small arms fire from a unknown number of VC. The helicopter moved away from the area, and the patrol moved approximately 800 meters to a night harbor site and set up a defense. No further contact was encountered.

- c. Terrain. The terrain consisted of 12-15 feet canopy and thick brush.

d. Other Information.

- (1) 271700H (YC 953990) the patrol heard small arms fire in grid square YD 9600. It sounded like the firing was aimed at the helicopters.

- (2) Map Corrections. 1 trail previously reported was recently used, maybe 2 days ago.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None7. CONDITION OF THE PATROL. Physical condition, good; Morale, fair.

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R. P. Cardone
 R. P. CARDONE
 Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps
 Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBREIFER: None

COMMUNICATIONS DEBREIF:

Debreifer: SSgt R. HILL

Operator: PFC EVERS

This patrol was dropped off in RZ 4 at coordinates YC 955997, when they were dropped off they made a check with their radio with the choppers and everything was alright so the operator was instructed to inform the choppers to return to the Base. At this point the operator tried to make a radio check with the relay station BRAVO X-RAY and also relay station BRAVO RELAY and was unable to transmit to either one, however he was receiving X-RAY and RELAY loud and clear, but was unable to transmit. During the entire day (27 Sept) both relays tried unsuccessfully to raise the patrol so BRAVO SIX ordered another radio for the patrol, but as the chopper was trying to lower the radio they drew sniper fire and was unable to get the new radio (AN/PRC-25) finally after an hour of retuning his AN/PRC-10, the operator was able to transmit to BRAVO X-RAY very weak and barely readable, they held this until around 0300H A.M. 28 Sept. at which time the transmitter on their handset went out. After fooling around with the handset for an hour or so they were able to raise BRAVO X-RAY weak and barely readable again, and they held this until they were extracted about 0930H 28 Sept. It cannot be determined if this is a good area or not for communications, because before the patrol could move any where they had trouble with their AN/PRC-25 and the AN/PRC-10 would not transmit the distance good enough to proceed with the route the patrol was assigned.

Reuben Hill
 REUBEN HILL
 SSgt USMC
 Debreifer:

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Operation Order 71-66

Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM: 1:50,000; AMS Series L701; Sheet number 6560 III

Task Organization.

1st Squad, 1st Platoon, Co "B", 3rd ReconBn

SSgt MEYER

1. SITUATION. See reference (b).
2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance generally along assigned route. Determine extent of VC activity, with particular emphasis on all trails or avenues of approach possibly leading into the SONG HUONG Valley and HUE.
3. EXECUTION.
 - a. Concept of Operations. After insertion by helicopter proceed overland by foot along assigned route, maintaining continuous communications. Move to prescribed LZ by the assigned time for extraction.
 - b. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Insertion. Time: 271130H, YD 682157.
 - (2) Extraction. Time: 021100H, YD 727125.
 - (3) Thrust Lines. Alpha - 6914; Bravo - 7314.
 - (4) Artillery support will be provided by ARVN Artillery at Nam Hoa (GS 7416). Missions will be called through WHISKEY RELAY.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See reference (b).
5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL. See reference (b).

a. Shackles.

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b. Frequencies.PrimaryAlternate

RAINBELL BRAVO	49.6	41.55
WHISKEY RELAY	49.6	
SELECTMAN	36.6	
SCATT 1-4	41.2	
FILSNER	44.7	

c. RC Numbers.RC
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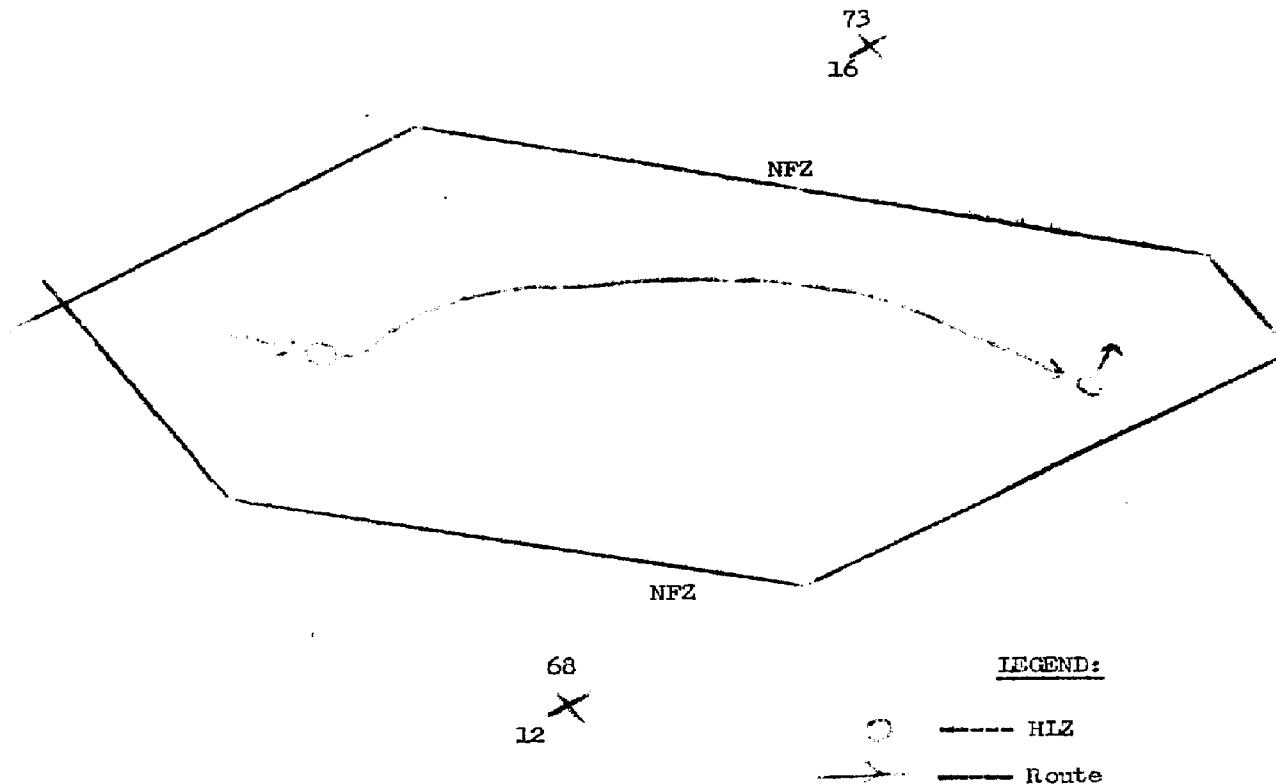
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Annex A (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 71-66 in RZ 3

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. (9) enlisted
- b. Special Attachments. (2) snipers
- c. Communications Equipment. (1) AN/PRC-25, (1) AN/PRC-10
- d. Observation Equipment. (2) 7x50
- e. Special Equipment. None
- f. Special Weapons. (1) Claymore mine, (1) M-79

2. MISSION. To conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations within RZ 3. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 271150H/271415H September 1966

4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay)

5. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

a. Synopsis. During 2 hours and 25 minutes of patrolling and observation, the patrol made one (1) enemy sighting. Two fire missions and one air strike was called in support of this patrol.

b. Enemy.

(1) 271215H (YD 709158) 15 minutes after insertion the patrol sighted at least 50 VC in the valley at YD 715155. Moving West along the stream. Called in a fire mission. Fired three times for adjustment to get on target. Then fired 16 rounds (four fires for effect). Good of coverage of target.

(2) 271300H (YD 709158) the patrol sighted 15 to 20 VC at YD 711152. They were moving up the hill at this coordinates. Called in a fire mission. Fired 3 rounds for adjustment to get on target. Then fired 19 rounds for effect. Good coverage of the target. The patrol started to call in a 3rd fire mission, when gunships arrived. The patrol then cancelled the fire mission. Gunships made numerous passes on all the targets.

c. Terrain. The terrain consisted of 2 feet grass and shrubs and grass. There was no canopy.

d. Other Information.

(1) Map Corrections. None

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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY.

- 2 VC KIA (conf) by Artillery
- 15 VC KIA (prob) by Artillery
- 10 VC WIA (prob) by Artillery
- 2 VC KIA (conf) by Gunships
- 6 VC KIA (prob) by Gunships
- 6 VC WIA (prob) by Gunships

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

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None

Michael A. Meyer

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Staff Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: None

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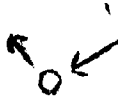
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