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

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

Subj: Command Chronology (U)

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.1

Encl: (1) ✓ Patrol Report 85-66 of 10 Nov 66 (Co A)
(2) ✓ Patrol Report 87-66 of 14 Nov 66 (Co A)
(3) ✓ Patrol Report 1-66 of 26 Nov 66 (Co A)
(4) ✓ Patrol Report 90-66 of 8 Nov 66 (Co B)
(5) ✓ Patrol Report 91-66 of 5 Nov 66 (Co B)
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(11) ✓ Patrol Report 97-66 of 27 Nov 66 (Co B)
(12) ✓ Patrol Report 1-2/26 of 05 Nov 66 (Co B)
(13) ✓ Patrol Report 2-2/26 of 14 Nov 66 (Co B)
(14) ✓ Patrol Report 3-2/26 of 15 Nov 66 (Co B)
(15) ✓ Patrol Report 4-2/26 of 25 Nov 66 (Co B)
(16) ✓ Patrol Report 120-66 of 8 Nov 66 (Co C)
(17) ✓ Patrol Report 121-66 of 11 Nov 66 (Co C)
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(22) ✓ Patrol Report 17-66 of 27 Nov 66 (Co C)
(23) ✓ Patrol Report 63-66 of 10 Nov 66 (Co D)
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- (42)✓ Special Patrol Report of 29 Nov 66 (3d For)

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

2. ORGANIZATION DATA -

- a. Reporting Unit: 3d Reconnaissance Battalion (-) (Rein) (YD 894128)
- b. Period Covered: 1-30 November 1966

c. Commanding Officer	LtCol. Gary WILDER
Executive Officer	Major J.C. GONZALEZ
Operations Officer	Major T. R. DOMAN
Adjutant	2dLt. F.E. DAUBENSPECK
S-2	2dLt. D.R. PHELIS
S-4	Capt. T.E. HUFF
CO, H&S Co	Capt. J.R. BURNS
CO, Co A	1stLt. R.A. RICK
CO, Co B	Capt. B.L. SPIVEY
CO, Co C	Capt. D.R. GARDNER
CO, Co D	Capt. J.W. HEMINGWAY
CO, Det, 3d ForReconCo	Capt. K.D. JORDAN

- d. Average monthly strength (Includes Det, 3d Force Reconnaissance Co)

(1) USMC Officer	29
(2) USMC Enlisted	451
(3) USN Officer	0
(4) USN Enlisted	29

3. Significant Events

- a. Personnel and Administration.. Officer shortages have resulted in utilizing sergeants as platoon leaders of three reconnaissance platoons.
- b. Training
 - (1) Reconnaissance companies continue to receive instructions at platoon level in weapons, tactics, personal hygiene and general military subjects.

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(2) Four Marines of the battalion attended the course of instruction offered by the MACV Recondo in NHA TRANG; RVN:

c. Logistics

(1) During the reporting period the battalion was relocated from Da Nang to Phu Bai and Dong Ha. Air and Sea transportation was utilized to complete the move.

(2) The battalion has initiated and is presently working on a quarterly reconciliation program.

d. Command and Control

(1) On 14 Nov 1966, 3d Plt, 3rd Force Recon Co OpCon chopped to CG, 1st Marine Div.

(2) On 21 Nov 1966, 1st Force Recon Co. passed OpCon to 1st MARDIV.

(3) On 21 Nov, 1966, 3d Recon Bn (-) was relocated to Phu Bai (YD-894128) and Dong Ha (XD 240598). Opcon was chopped to 3d Marine Division. As of 21 Nov 1966, 3d Recon Bn (-) (Rein) disposition is as follows:

HUE PHU BAI

3d Recon Bn (-) (Rein)
H&S Co (-)
Co A
Co B
Det, 3d ForRecon Co (2 Plts)

DONG HA

3d Reconnaissance Bn (-)
Det, H&S Co
Co C
Co D

(4) On 2 Dec 1966, 2d Plt, Co A, 3d Recon Bn chopped Opcon to Blt 1/4. On 6 Dec 1966, 2d Plt, Co A, 3d Recon Bn passed ADCON to Blt 1/4.

e. Operations

(1) Co A: During the reporting period the company completed 4 patrols, averaging 4 days with an average of 8 men per patrol. The patrols have had 3 enemy sightings for a total of 9 VC resulting in one artillery mission of 16 rds. which accounted for 2 VC KIA (Prob). There were no USMC casualties sustained. Patrols located numerous trails not shown on the map, 4 huts and a suspected VC OP. This company was under operational control of 1st MARDIV until 21 Nov 1966.

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- (2) Co B During the reporting period the company completed 13 patrols, averaging 4 days with an average of 8 men per patrol. The patrol made 23 enemy sightings totalling 134 VC and 13 VCS which resulted in 4 contacts, 12 Artillery missions and 2 Air Strikes. There were a total of 40 VCKBMTOWS (Conf), 1 VCKBGF (Conf), 3 VC KIA (Prob), 2 VC WIA (Conf), 9 VC WIA (Prob), 1 VCC and 2 VCS detained. The patrol captured 1 MAT 49, 1 CHICOM grenade, 1 MK-2 grenade, 55 pounds of rice, assorted clothing, documents and equipment. The patrols also observed numerous trails not shown on the map, trail markers, numerous harbor sites, 20 fighting holes and 12 boats were observed on a river. The patrols on one occasion heard drums and saw flashing lights. There were 217 rounds of Artillery fired in support of the patrols. There were no friendly casualties sustained.
- (3) Co C During the reporting period the company completed 7 patrols, averaging 3 days with an average of 8 men per patrol. The patrols located numerous trails not shown on the map. In addition, the patrols also located a bridge and an underwater road not shown on the map. On several occasions the patrols heard S.A.F. The patrols had a total of 12 enemy sightings totalling 104 VC. From these sightings the patrols made one contact and fired 8 Artillery missions which expended 41 rounds of Artillery. Casualties from these actions were 5 VC KIA (Conf) and 4 VC KIA (Prob). There were no friendly casualties sustained. Patrol captured the following: 1 MAT-49 SMG, 1 PPSH-41 SMG, 7 Magazines, 4 CHICOM grenades, 2 cartridge belts, 21,000 piasters, 87 Dong in North Vietnamese currency and miscellaneous documents. This company was under operational control of 1st Marine Division until 21 November 1966.
- (4) Co D. During the reporting period the company completed 8 patrols, averaging 3 days with an average of 8 men per patrol. Patrols located numerous trails not shown on the map, several small harbor sites, two bunkers, one trench, one cave and three fighting holes. The patrols had 2 enemy sightings totalling 16 VC. One contact and one Artillery Mission resulted in 2 VC KIA (Prob). On the night following the contact patrol heard crying and moaning, no VC were observed. The patrol did not sustain any casualties during the reporting period. There were 18 rds of Artillery fired in support of the patrols. This company was under operational control of 1st Marine Division until 21 November 1966.

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- (5) Det 3d Force Recon Co. During the reporting period the detachment completed 12 patrols, averaging 3 days with an average of 5 men per patrol. Patrols located numerous trails not shown on the map, 25 fighting holes. 1 M79 round, 1 fresh grave and an aircraft which had crashed in the mountains. A patrol also observed possible VC smoke signals. The patrols had 11 enemy sightings totalling 153 VC. Two physical contacts and 14 artillery missions resulted in 24 VC KIA (Conf), 33 VC KIA (Prob) 6 VC WIA (Conf), 10 VC WIA (Prob). Artillery also caused two secondary explosions. The patrols captured 1 VCC, 1 AK 47 W/4 magazines, 1 cartridge belt, 1 CHICOM grenade, 1 pocket knife. There was 1 USMC WIA sustained. There were 309 rounds of Artillery expended in support of the patrols.


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Operation Order: 85-66
 Patrol: SURF, 1-A
 Debriefing: SSgt. E.W. BELL
 Map Sheet: 6640 III, IV

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 3rd. Reconnaissance Bn.
 DA NANG, RVN
 DTG 101645H NOVEMBER 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: (1) OFF. (20) Enl. (1) USN
- B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
- C. COMMUNICATIONS & OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (3) PRC-25's (5) 7X50's
- D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) C-4 (1) M-79 (1) Shotgun, Rifle Grenades.

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 070800H/101600H

4. ROUTE: See patrol overlay.

5. SYNOPSIS: This patrol covered a period of 80 Hrs. in the field with 1 sighting.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY & TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY:	TIME	COORD.	ACTIVITY
	101130H	AT862403	5 VC, 2 moving into canopy, 3 digging hole.

B. TERRAIN: Canopy, 10' to 40'. Thick undergrowth in spots.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: Patrol had communications trouble the whole time on patrol.

Possible Hospital vicinity AT912393. Patrol observed a lot of peasant activity in the paddies around Village.

Helos received fire from vicinity AT8638 to AT8738 upon extraction. There was a lot of firing in the valley throughout the patrol's time on OP.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Patrols should go in vicinity AT8637 EAST TO 8837, NORTH TO 8639 WEST TO 8639.

LT. SILER

PATROL LEADER

1ST PLT Co. "A"

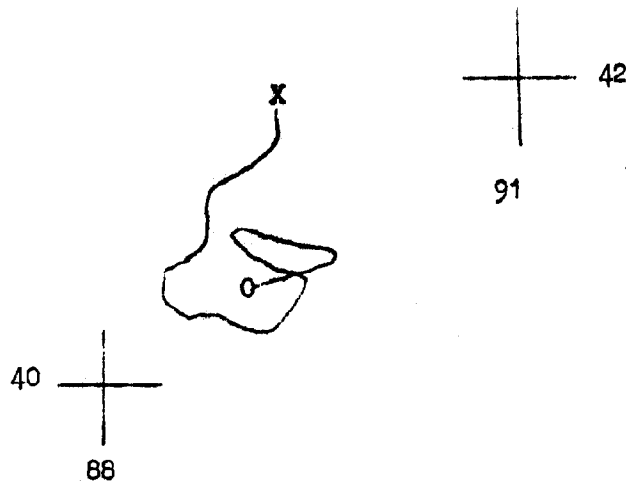
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Agree on patrol leaders comments on where future patrols should go for OP.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
X - INSERT	1ST PLT. Co. "A"
O - EXTRACT	MAP VIETNAM: 1:50,000
— - PATROL ROUTE	SERIES: L 701
	SHEET: 6640 III, IV

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Operation Orders: 87-66
 Patrol: CORAL A
 Debriefers: 556T BELL
 Map Sheet: 6559 II

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 DANANG, RVN
 DTG 141000Z 66

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (1)OFF (16)ENL (1)USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: 2 DOG TEAMS
- c. COMMUNICATIONS & OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (3)PRC-25 (2)7X50
- d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2)C-4 (1)M-79

2. MISSION:

CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS OF AREA ASSIGNED.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN:

111400 / 161230H

4. ROUTE:

SEE PATROL OVERLAY.

5. SUNOPSIS:

PATROL SPENT 118 HRS OF PATROL IN AREA ASSIGNED, WITH 1 SIGHTING AND 2 CONTACTS, ALSO FOUND NUMEROUS TRAILS AND 4 HOOCHES; 2 HOOCHES AT VICZC 194896 LOOKED LIKE OLD HOOCHES THAT WERE BEING REBUILT; 1 BIG HOOCH AT VICZC 193814 AND A 2 MAN HOOCH AT VICZC 185823. PATROL ALSO FOUND A PIT ABOUT 5X5 FEET X 25 FEET DEEP, FRESHLY DUG; AND ALSO FOUND A VC OP THAT HAD BEEN FRESHLY MADE VICZC 184818.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY & TERRAIN:

a. ENEMY:

- 1. AT 121000H VICZC 197817 PATROL RECEIVED 2 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE.
- 2. AT 121325H VICZC 195816 PATROL RECEIVED 2 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE;
NEITHER TIME COULD PATROL OBSERVE VC.
- 3. VC AT 131100H VICZC 195816 TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY PATROL RESULTS UNOBSERVED,

b. TERRAIN:

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b. TERRAIN;

CANOPY ON THE HIGH GROUND ABOUT 60 FEET AND ON THE LOW GROUND ABOUT 10 TO 15 FEET HIGH WITH THICK SECONDARY UNDERGROWTH RIVER UNFORDABLE THIS TIME OF YEAR; WATER ROSE APPROX. 25 FT. AFTER RAIN STARTED

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

PATROL ROUTE WAS CRISSCROSSED WITH TRAILS AND FENCE LINES.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY;

COULD NOT OBSERVE.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL:

PATROLS FEET WERE IN BAD SHAPE; BUT MORALE WAS HIGH

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: _____

THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF VC MOVING BACK INTO AREA; POSSIBLY A SMALL CADRE GROUP

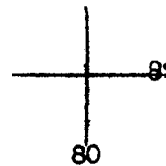
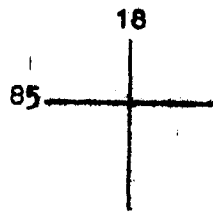
11. RESULTS OF FM & AIR STRIKES:

NONE

12. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:

WOULD WAIT A WHILE LONGER BEFORE STARTING TO PATROL THIS AREA AGAIN;

AS THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF FIELDS BEING WORKED OR OF PEASANTS MOVING IN TO FARM THE LAND.



LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
<p>O- INSERT</p> <p>Z- EXTRACT</p> <p>--- -TRAIL</p> <p>— = PATROL ROUTE</p> <p>XXX- FENCE LINE</p>	<p>3d. PLT. Co. C</p> <p>MAP VIETNAM: 1:50,000</p> <p>SERIES: L701</p> <p>SHEET: 6559II</p>

Operation Order: 36
 Patrol: 1st Bgd, 3d Flt, "A" Co.
 Debriefer: SSGT F. LOGUE
 Map Sheet: 6440 II, 6559 I

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 PHU BAI, RVN
 260905H Nov 1966

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (7) Enl
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (5) lbs C-4 w/aoc
- e. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area to determine the extent of VC activity; locate trails and harbor sites; establish day night OPs and ambushes on likely avenues of approach. When possible engage the enemy with SAF or supporting arms, making every effort to determine the results and to capture documents, weapons, and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 200800H/240800H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: This patrol was of 96 hours duration during which time no contact was established with the enemy and (1) sighting of (3) VC was made. (1) Fire mission of 16 rds was called on the VC with unobserved results.

b. ENEMY: 200900H (YD591247) Patrol observed (3) VC dressed in black F.J.'s entering a tree line. VC were too distant to observe specific details. One fire mission of 16 rds of artillery was called with good coverage resulting in (2) VC KIA (Prob).

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by numerous hills with low waist high shrubbery. There was no canopy.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: None

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (2) VC KIA (Prob)

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusions: Does not appear to be any enemy activity in this area at this time.

Recommendations: Recommend better coordination between recon and supporting arms. An air strike was conducted approximately 2,000 meters from OP and ARVN artillery fired numerous missions in vicinity but patrol had not been advised of either.

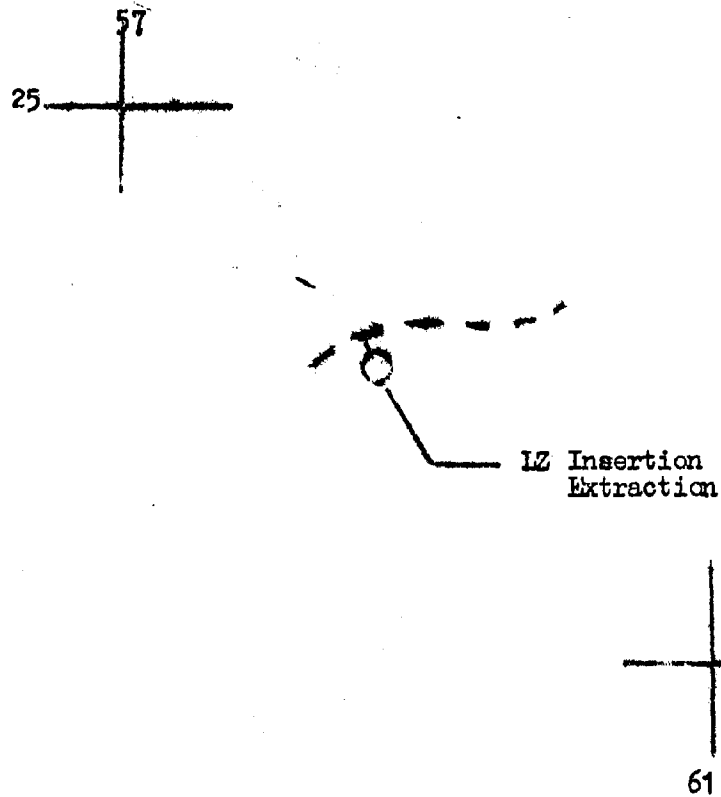
R. W. PLATT
 2d Lt "A" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: This area is known to be heavily pro-VC.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
○ LZ = LANDING ZONE	1st Sqd, 3d Plt, "A" Co.
----- = ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP VIETNAM: 1:50,000 SERIES: 1-701 SHEETS: 6460 II, 6559 I 3d Recon Bn (S-2)

Operation Order: 1-66
 Patrol: 2d Sqd, 3d Plt, "A" Co. *5.3*
 Debriefing: L/Cpl J. C. CAMASTRA
 Map Sheet: 6559 I

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 PHU BAI, RVN
 260935H Nov 1966

CONFIDENTIALPATROL REPORT**1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:**

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

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area to determine the extent of VC activity. Locate trails and harbor sites, establish day and night OPs and ambushes on likely avenues of VC movement. When possible engage the enemy with SAF or supporting arms making every effort to determine results and to capture documents, weapons, and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 200830H/240830H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: In 96 hours of patrolling there were negative sightings or contacts. There were no air strikes or fire missions called in support of this patrol.

b. ENEMY: None

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by a 40 ft canopy on high ground. The low ground has dense vegetation, interwoven vines with small animal trails.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: None

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Tired, Morale high

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: None

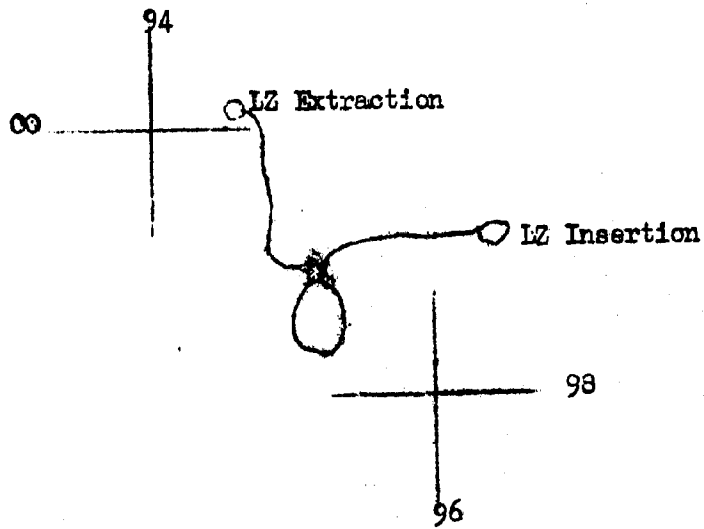
Conclusions: Due to friendly troops in the area patrol leader feels that the VC have been forced further south into the hills.

P. R. CHAPIN
 SGT "A" Co.

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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
○ LZ = LANDING ZONE	2d Sqd, 3d Plt, "A" Co.
— ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP VIETNAM: 1-50,000
	SERIES: L-701
	SHEET: 6559 I
	3d Recon Bn
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Operation Order: 90-66
 Patrol: 1st Sqd, 1st Flt, "B" Co.
 Debriefed: 2dLt D.R. PHELPS
 Map Sheet: 6560 III

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 PHU BAI, RVN
 081030H Nov 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
 - a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (6) Enl
 - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
 - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
 - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) M-7x50, (1) M-49 Observation scope
 - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
 - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-60, (1) M-79
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance along assigned route to determine VC activity. Engage the enemy when possible with SAF or supporting arms, making every effort to determine the results and to capture documents, weapons, and prisoners.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 040800H/080900H Nov 1966
4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - a. SYNOPSIS: 97 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (6) enemy sightings totalling (21) VC and no contacts. The patrol observed woodcutters, heard drums, observed flashing lights, and found one cave large enough to accommodate three people.
 - b. ENEMY:
 - (1) 060900H (YD714148) Patrol observed (1) VC dressed in black P.J.'s carrying pack and rifle moving northeast along trail. VC disappeared from sight before patrol could initiate any action.
 - (2) 061645H (YD714148) Patrol observed (4) VC dressed in black P.J.'s. One VC was dressed in khakis. They were armed with rifles and what appeared to be a Heavy Machine gun or mortar. VC were moving northeast on trail and moved rapidly from patrol's observation.
 - (3) 061710H (YD714148) Patrol observed (11) VC dressed in camouflage clothing, 3 were in khakis and were carrying packs and rifles. The VC were moving northeast on trail. VC disappeared from patrol's observation before any action could be initiated.
 - (4) 071430H (YD714148) Patrol observed (2) VC dressed in black P.J.'s, one was wearing a khaki shirt and was moving northeast on trail. Patrol could not observe weapons or equipment due to the dense vegetation.
 - (5) 071615H (YD714148) Patrol observed (2) VC one dressed in black P.J.'s. The other VC was dressed in light clothing. They were moving southwest carrying packs, no weapons observed.
 - (6) 080900H (YD714148) Patrol while in process of being extracted observed (1) VC dressed in dark clothing moving southwest on trail carrying pack and rifle. Patrol engaged VC with SAF with unknown results.
 - c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by sparse brush, numerous large rock formations and no canopy.

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d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) Patrol leader stated that approximately 15-20 wood cutters were observed in the vicinity of (YB691196) every day except Sunday. No unusual activity was noted.

(2) Drumbeats were heard coming from vicinity of (YD7417) throughout this operation between the hours of 1800H and 0200H daily.

(3) 041900H -2100H (YD705131) Patrol observed light flashing from this vicinity source of which could not be determined. Lights were also observed vicinity of (YD725143) during this same period of time.

(4) 080835H (YD712162) Patrol found one bunker constructed of large rocks big enough to accommodate (3) people. From this cave observation to the northeast and southeast is unlimited. While checking area patrol found the remains of one IRC/10 radio battery and old C-bat-ion cans.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

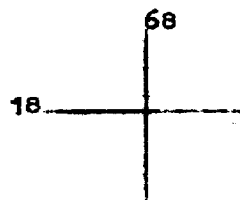
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Surveillance of area be maintained.

Conclusions: Area being used by VC forces moving southwest into the mountains and northeast towards village located at (YD715172).

R. A. SUTTON
2dLt "B" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leaders recommendation. Area has had constant activity as reported by recon patrols for the past two weeks. Nature of terrain makes area extremely favorable for storage.

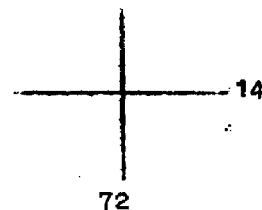


Insertion

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LZ Extraction

LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
○ LZ - LANDING ZONE	1st Sqd, 1st Plt, "B" Co.
— - ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP VIETNAM: 1-50,000
	SERIES: I-701
	SHEET: 6560 III
	3d Recon Bn
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Operation Order: 94-66
 Patrol: 1st Sqd, 2d Plt, "B" Co.
 Debriefers: 2dLt D.R. PHELPS
 Map Sheet: 6559 IV

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 121825H Nov 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (6) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: None
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance along assigned route to determine VC activity. Engage the enemy when possible with SAF or supporting arms, making every effort to capture and return to US control VC/VCS.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 071430H/121500H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 120 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (1) enemy sighting of (3) VCS, leading to the capture of (2) VCS. The 2 VCS were evacuated to IIT. The patrol stated area is covered with propaganda leaflets, a number of which have been torn up. The patrol found several trails branching off of highway 14.

b. ENEMY: (1) 111230H (YC907959) Patrol encountered (3) VCS dressed in khakis and black P.J.'S sitting on trail at these coordinates. Patrol apprehended (2) VCS, the third one escaped, and was pursued by SAF with negative results. VCS were evacuated to IIT at 111330H. Patrol captured approximately 55 lbs of rice and assorted clothing.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense brush, numerous large rock formations and a canopy of approximately 50 feet in height. Water is plentiful throughout area.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) Area has had a psywar drop completed recently as evidenced by a large quantity of propaganda leaflets along highway 14. Patrol leader stated that several of these leaflets had been torn up and scattered.

(2) Area has several trails branching off of highway 14 leading both east and west.

(3) The commanding terrain covered by patrol overlooking the highway reveals no signs of use at this time.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- a. ENEMY: (2) VCS captured
- b. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: Approximately 55 lbs of rice and assorted clothing.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Surveillance of highway 14 be maintained.

Conclusions: Highway 14 used by enemy forces as main LOC to the south and southeast from the north.

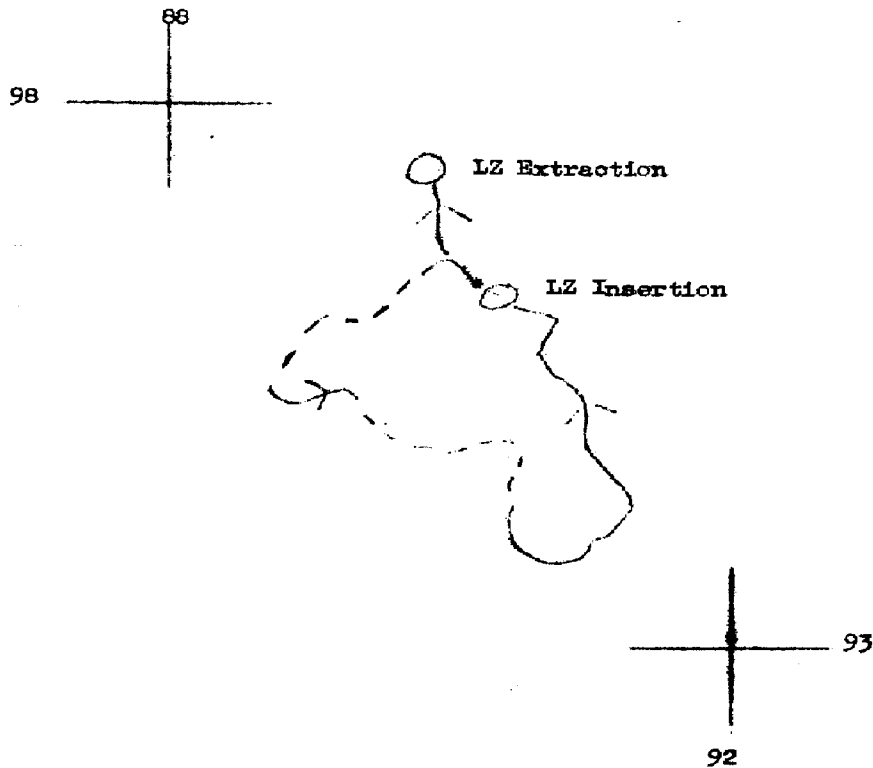
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with the patrol leader's recommendation and conclusions. VCS captured with large quantity of rice and clothing lend credence to patrol leader's conclusion.

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LEGEND	PATROL REPORT OVERLAY
○ LZ - LANDING ZONE	1st Sqd, 2d Plt, "B" Co.
— - ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP VIETNAM: 1-50,000
--- NEW TRAILS NOT SHOWN ON MAP	SERIES: L-701
	SHEET: 6559 IV
	3d Recon Bn
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Operation Order: 92-6
 Patrol: 2d Bgd, 2d Plt, "B" Co. *S-3*
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 131200H Nov 1966

CONFIDENTIALPATROL REPORT**1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:**

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

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance along assigned route to determine VC activity. Engage the enemy forces with SAP or supporting arms as appropriate. Every effort will be made to capture VC/FCS.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 080900H/131000H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 121 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. One clay pot with approximately five pounds of salt was found and destroyed. Area covered reveals no signs of recent activity.

b. ENEMY: None

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense brush, numerous large rock formations, and no canopy. Water is plentiful throughout area.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 081000H (YD724114) Patrol found approximately five pounds of salt in a clay pot, and destroyed same. Patrol checked area with negative results.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Fair, Morale fair

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: None

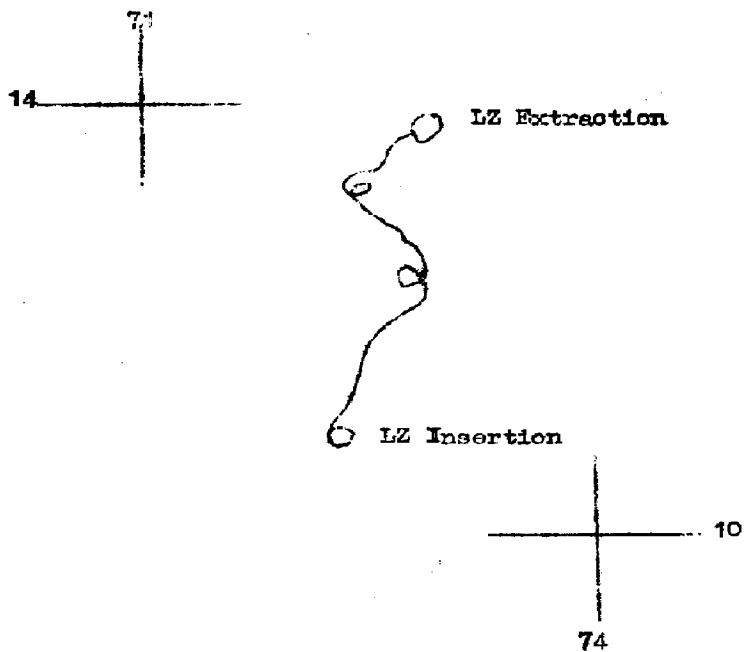
Conclusions: Area covered by patrol reveals no signs of recent use.

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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
O LZ - LANDING ZONE	2d Sqd, 2d Flt, "B" Co.
— - ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP VIETNAM: 1-50,000
	SERIES: L-701
	SHEET: 6560 III
	3d Recon Bn
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Operation Order: 66
 Patrol: 1st Sqd, 1st Plt, "B" Co.
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (7) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50, (1) M-49 OP scope
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) M-60

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance within assigned area to determine the extent of VC activity. Locate trails and harbor sites. Establish two night ambushes on likely avenues of VC movement. Engage the enemy when possible with SAF or supporting arms, making every effort to determine results and to capture documents, weapons, and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 131000H/170900H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

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5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: During 85 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance there were negative sightings or contacts. No fire missions or air strikes were called in support of the patrol. The patrol heard SAF and what sounded like an 81mm Mortar.

b. ENEMY: (1) Off, (7) Enl, (1) USN

c. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None

d. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by thick secondary growth consisting of brush and interwoven vines and high brush about 30 ft high. The patrol could travel 300 meters per hour, water was plentiful on the low ground.

e. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 152200H The patrol heard what sounded like an 81mm mortar being fired from GS (YD6947) and landing at GS (YD 6819). The patrol heard 5 misfires.

(2) It was also noted by the patrol that SAF was coming from AP NGOC RD area (YD7317). The firing set no pattern, it continued night and day.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: That a patrol be sent into GS (YD7214), (YD7215), (YD7314), and (YD7315) to capture a prisoner. Previous patrols have reported enemy activity in this area.

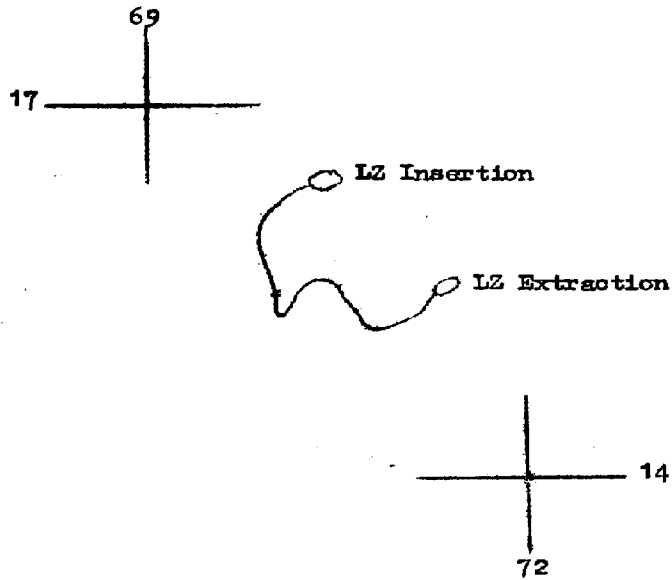
Conclusions: None

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 214 "B" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: The area recommended by the patrol leader for surveillance is out of our recon zone.

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LEGEND	PATROL REPORT OVERLAY
○ LZ - LANDING ZONE	1st Sqd, 1st Plt, "B" Co.
— - ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP VIETNAM: 1-50,000
	SERIES: L-70
	SHEET: 6560 II
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 Patrol: 2d Sqd, 1st Plt, "B" Co.
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 162000H Nov 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

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

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance generally along assigned route to determine extent of VC activity. When possible establish night LP's and ambushes on avenues of VC movement and engage enemy with SAF or supporting arms, making every effort to determine results and to capture documents, weapons and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 121530H/161710H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 98 1/2 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in 2 enemy contacts resulting in 3 VC KIA (Conf) and 1-3 VC KIA (Prob), 3-5 VC WIA (Prob). 2 trails not shown on map were located by the patrol. 1 VCC with weapons, equipment, and documents was sent to G-2 for evaluation and interrogation.

b. ENEMY: (1) 141345H (YC896976) The patrol was sitting in an ambush along Highway #14, when 5 VC wearing mixed P.J.'s carrying packs and baskets were seen moving north. There were 4 men and 1 woman. The VC sighted one of the patrol members and the ambush was triggered killing 1 VC. 2 of the patrol members chased two of the VC running away. One of the VC started firing a revolver and was killed, the other was captured and returned to ITT with equipment. The patrol started to receive fire from YC894977, and one more VC was killed. It was estimated that there were approximately 30 to 50 VC. A fire mission was called in on the VC 1 1/2 rds of 8 inch were delivered with good effect on target resulting in 1-3 VC KIA (Prob), 3-5 VC WIA (Prob). The patrol was lifted out and reinserted 1,000 meters to the north at YC893993 and continued to patrol.

(2) 161620H (YC892991) The patrol was sitting in an ambush, waiting to be extracted when 2 VC were sighted coming off a trail leading on to Highway #14. The patrol took them under fire wounding and capturing 1 VC. The other VC got away. The VC that was captured was wearing blue shorts and a green shirt. The other VC was wearing all black P.J.'s. Both of the VC were carrying weapons. The captured VC had a wallet containing 1 small book, 4 pictures, and 2 pieces of paper. The patrol members stated that the VC was very cooperative.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by thick secondary growth of brush and interwoven vines. Canopy ranged from 15 to 30 ft high w/trees about 60 ft high.

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d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) The patrol noted that there was a gasoline engine running continuously from GS 9098.

(2) YC893990 Patrol found one new trail not shown on map. Trail was approximately 1 ft wide and was not well traveled.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (3) VC KIA (Conf), (1-3) VC KIA (Prob), (3-5) VC WIA (Prob)

b. FRIENDLY: None

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: (1) MAT 42, (1) CHICOM Grenade, (1) Mk 2 grenade, Documents&pictures

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Fair, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

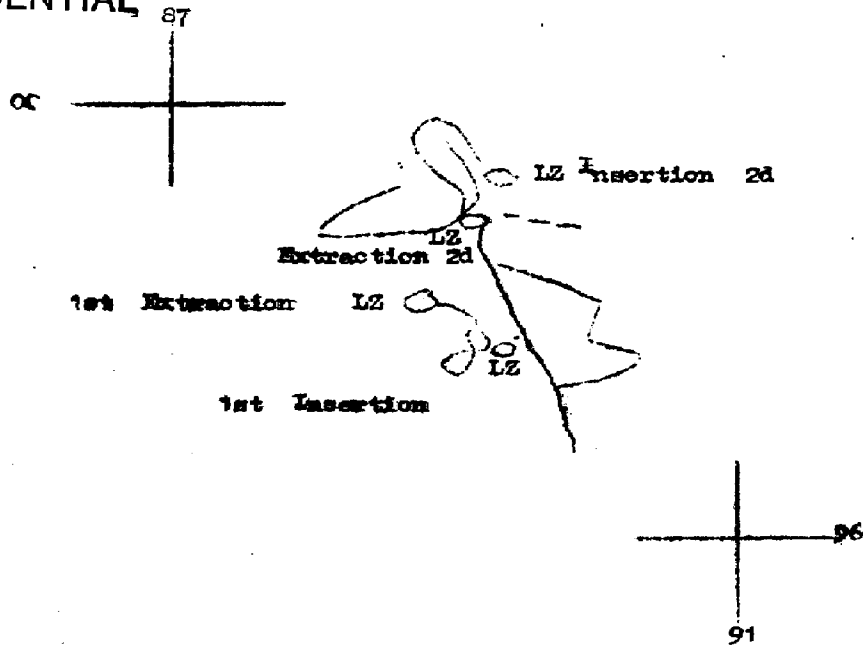
Recommendations: Future patrols in this area use a preplanned ambush. Due to activity it is also recommended that continuous surveillance of Highway be maintained.

Conclusions: That the VC are using Highway #14 as an avenue of approach and supply route from the evidence of camp fires and small trails near the highway.

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SSGT "B" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with the patrol leader's recommendations and conclusions.

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

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (8) Bn
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRO 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area to determine the extent of VC activity. Locate trails and harbor sites. Establish day and night CPs and ambushes on likely avenues of VC movement. When possible engage the enemy with SAF or supporting arms, making every effort to determine results and to capture documents, weapons, and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 170910H/211330H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: During 100 hours of patrolling and observation there were negative sightings and 1 contact. 2 fire missions were called in support of the patrol. This patrol located 2 new trails w/numerous harbor sites and fighting holes.

b. ENEMY: None

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by thick secondary growth consisting of high brush, bushes and vines w/bamboo. Canopy ranged from 50 to 70 ft in height.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 181000H (YD706147) While moving down a small stream the patrol found 1 old hut, and 3 fairly new lean-tos with approximately 19 well constructed fighting holes, 2x2x3 ft deep. A further investigation of the stream to the south disclosed an additional 20 fighting holes and numerous small harbor sites large enough for 4 men.

(2) 191015H (YD695147) The patrol located a harbor site large enough for 100 VC while following an uncharted trail. The harbor site consisted of numerous small clearings each containing the remains of an old fire. A further investigation of the trail disclosed approximately 6 more small harbor sites about 50 meters apart. A piece of split bamboo believed to be a trail marker was found at (YD695150). On the trail at (YD694150) a large rock looked out of place and an investigation of the area was made. A smaller rock was found about 10 meters down the trail which fit into a notch of the large rock.

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(3) 192400H (YD713159) The patrol was in their harbor site when they observed lights at the above coordinates. Two nights previously, lights were observed at the same location on the afternoon of the 19 the patrol registered RC 807. That evening when the lights appeared the concentration was fired. The lights went out, target unobserved.

(4) 201350H (YD704153) The patrol was sitting in an CP when they received 2 rds from what sounded like an SKS/M-53. A fire mission of 19 rds of 105 HE was delivered with good coverage of suspected target area. No damage assessment was made.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

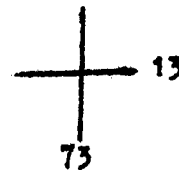
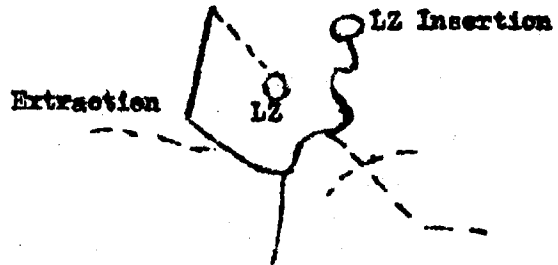
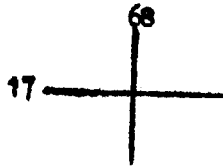
Recommendations: That a patrol investigate where the new trails are leading to. Recommend the patrol recon GS (YD6913), (YD6914), (YD7013), (YD7113), (YD6814).

Conclusions: None

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2dLt "B" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
<p>○ LZ = LANDING ZONE</p> <p>— - ROUTE TRAVELED</p> <p>--- - NEW TRAILS NOT SHOWN ON MAP</p>	<p>1st Sqd, 2d Plt, "B" Co.</p> <p>MAP VIETNAM: 1-50,000</p> <p>SERIES: L-701</p> <p>SHEET: 6560 III</p> <p>3d Recon Bn</p> <p>(S-2)</p>

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

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

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area to determine the extent of VC activity. Determine if there is a ford or crossing site on SONG LA TRACH. Locate trails leading to west from this point. Locate harbor sites along trails. When possible engage the enemy with SA-7 or supporting arms, making every effort to determine results and to capture documents, weapons, and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 170930H/211410H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: During 100+ 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. 2 large trails were located.

b. ENEMY: None

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by thick secondary growth, consisting of high brush, interwoven brush, vines w/canopy approximately 25 ft high. The patrol could travel 300 meters per hour.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) The patrol found 2 main trails about one meter wide with numerous small trails leading off.

(2) 172000H (YD808028) The patrol was in their night harbor site when an incoming round from the north landed about 300 meters from their position. During the night three more rounds of what the patrol believed was 60mm mortar fire landed in the same vicinity.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: None

Conclusions: The trails even though defined, were not recently used. There appeared to be no movement in the last 3 months.

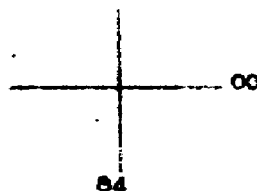
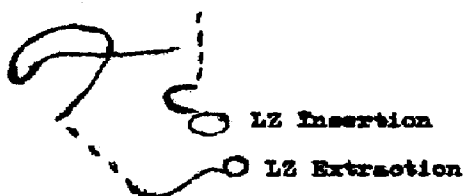
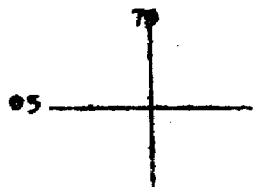
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
○ LZ • LANDING ZONE	2d Sqd, 2d Plt, "B" Co.
— ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP VIETNAM: 1-50,000
— NEW TRAIL NOT SHOWN ON MAP	SERIES: L-701
	SHEET: 6559 IV
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

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

2. MISSION: Establish continuous surveillance over roads through assigned areas. Conduct day and night ambushes using organic weapons and/or supporting arms. Make every effort to determine results of contacts and to capture documents, weapons, and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 211300H/261430H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: During approximately 12⁰⁰ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance patrol had 2 sightings totalling 10 VCS. No action was taken on any of the sightings. Patrol heard SAF and mortar firing. Patrol also heard what sounded like a motor boat.

b. ENEMY: (1) 211315H (YD725116) Patrol observed 7 VCS cutting wood at these coordinates. No action was taken by the patrol.

(2) 231010H (YD735117) Patrol was observed by 3 VCS. No action was taken by the patrol.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense brush 3 to 4 ft high.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) (YD7314-7414) Patrol heard SAF, automatic weapons; and mortar firing from this vicinity. Firing continued for the entire time the patrol was in the field.

(2) 241600H/251600H (YD7412) Patrol heard what sounded like a mortar boat from this vicinity.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Fair, Bad feet, Poor morale due to rain.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: None

Conclusions: VC do not appear to be moving in the area at this time.

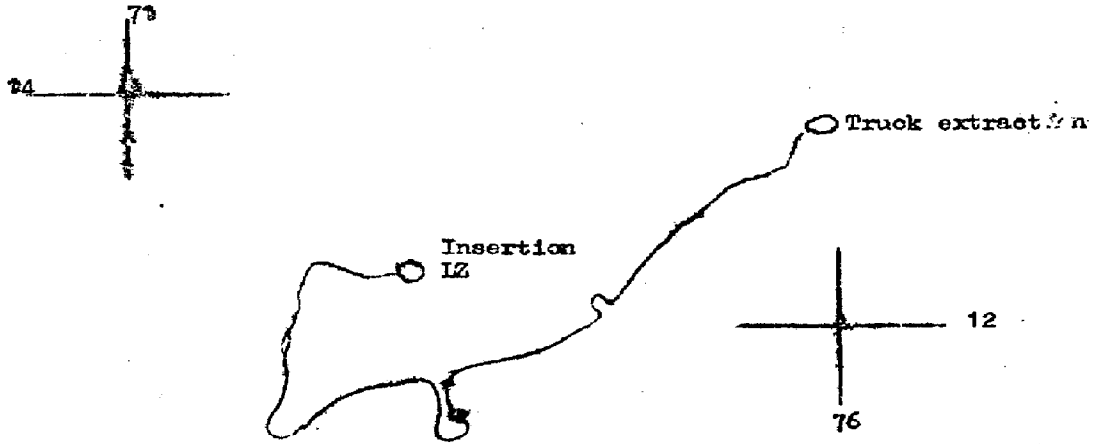
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None

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LEGEND	PATROL REPORT OVERLAY
<p>O LZ - LANDING ZONE</p> <p>— = ROUTE TRAVELED</p>	<p>1st Sqd, 1st Plt, "B" Co. .</p> <p>MAP VIETNAM: 1-50,000</p> <p>SERIES: L-701</p> <p>SHEET: 6560 III</p> <p>3d Recon Bn</p> <p>(S-2)</p>

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (6) M1, (1) USW
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) Claymore mines
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-60

2. MISSION: Establish continuous surveillance over roads through assigned areas. Conduct day and night ambushes using organic weapons and/or supporting arms. Make every effort to determine results of contacts and to capture documents, weapons, and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 211300H/261400H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: During 121 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in one enemy contact with approximately 30 VC upon insertion. Patrol was reinserted at another location. Patrol called 1 fire mission with unobserved results. Patrol also found several documents.

b. ENEMY: 211320H (YD904997) Upon insertion first part of patrol was fired on by approximately 30 VC. VC appeared to be using recoilless rifles to fire on the choppers. Patrol was extracted and reinserted. Patrol searched area of original insertion with negative results.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by low brush, and secondary undergrowth, which was very thick.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 211530H (YD883983) Patrol fired a fire mission of 20 rds.

(2) 211600H (YD892999) Patrol found several documents stashed in a drum.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

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

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: None

Conclusions: None

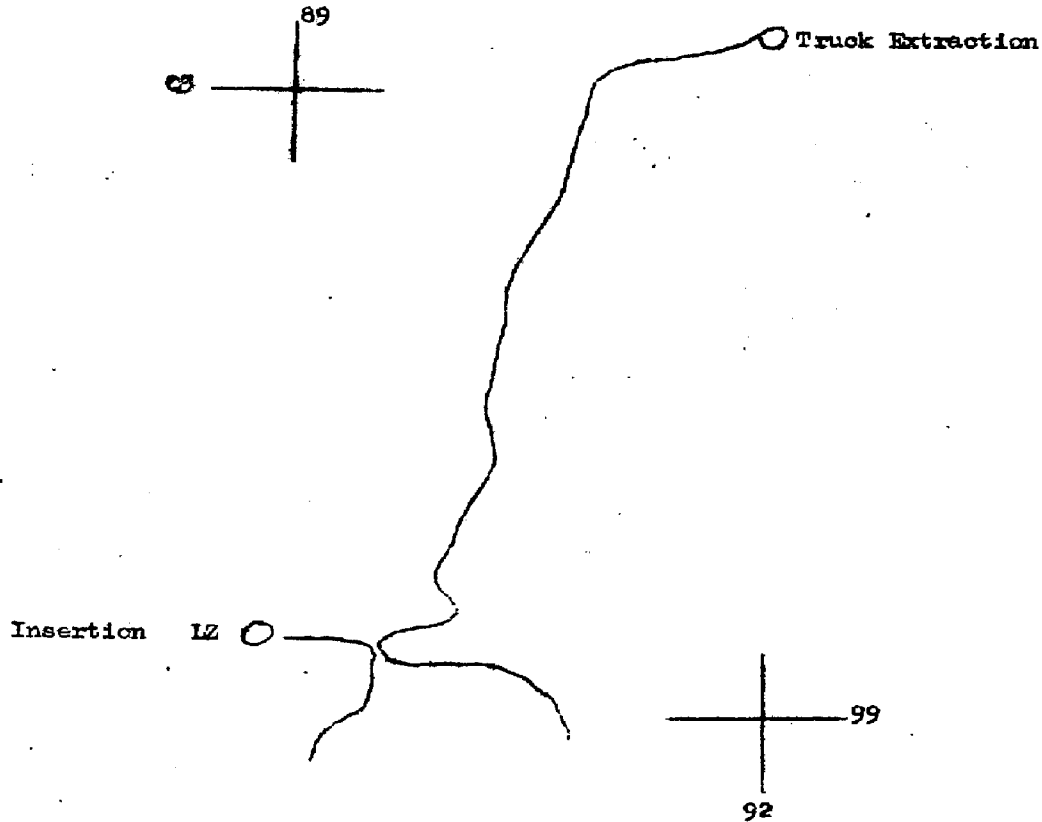
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None

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LEGEND	PATROL REPORT OVERLAY
<p>O LZ - LANDING ZONE</p> <p>— - ROUTE TRAVELED</p>	<p>2d Sqd, 1st Plt, "B" Co.</p> <p>MAP VIETNAM: 1-50,000</p> <p>SERIES: L-701</p> <p>SHEET: 6559 IV</p> <p>3d Recon Bn</p> <p>(S-2)</p>

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
 - a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (5) Enl, (1) USN
 - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (10) ARVN
 - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/IRC 25, (1) AN/IRC 10
 - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50, (1) pr 6x30
 - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) Claymore mine
 - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-60, (1) M-79
2. MISSION: To conduct reconnaissance patrols and maintain surveillance of assigned area in support of 2d Bn, 26th Marines on Operation PAVINE III.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 010900H/041700H Nov 1966
4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - a. SYNOPSIS: 80 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance in support of 2d Bn, 26th Marines resulted in (10) sightings totalling (72) VC and no contacts. Patrol called (10) artillery missions expending a total of (178) rds and (2) airstrikes resulting in (1) VC KBGF (Conf), (37) VC KMTOWS (Prob), (2) VC WIA (Conf) (4) VC WIA (Prob). Patrol observed approximately 12 boats and several trails along the beach. Area covered by patrol reveals no signs of use. All enemy activity observed was in the lowland and along the beach.
 - b. ENEMY:
 - (1) 011630H (AU845065) Patrol observed (17) VC dressed in black P.J.'s all armed moving southwest on trail. Artillery mission of (23) rds fired but prior to fire for effect VC dispersed.
 - (2) 011730H (AU827073) Patrol observed (2) VC dressed in black P.J.'s both armed moving south on beach. Artillery mission of (17) rds fired resulting in (2) VC KBGF (Prob).
 - (3) 011745H (AU819069) Patrol observed (10) VC dressed in black P.J.'s all armed moving south on beach. Artillery mission of (43) rds fired resulting in (10) VC KBGF (Prob). There was excellent coverage of the target by artillery during this mission.
 - (4) 020800H (AU826067) Patrol observed (5) VC dressed in black and white P.J.'s w/packs moving northwest on beach. No artillery mission called in attempt to determine the destination of VC. VC last observed at (AU827071).
 - (5) 020905H (AU827073) Patrol observed (12) VC dressed in black P.J.'s armed with (3) rifles and carrying packs. VC were observed changing from black P.J.'s into green utilities. Artillery mission of (43) rds fired resulting in (5) VC KBGF (Prob), (2) VC WIA (Conf), and (3) VC WIA (Prob).
 - (6) 021325H (AU824075) Patrol observed (3) VC dressed in black P.J.'s. Equipment could not be observed. VC were moving northwest on beach. Artillery mission of (21) rds fired resulting in good coverage, (3) VC KBGF (Prob).
 - (7) 021530H (AU814058) Patrol observed (5) VC dressed in black P.J.'s moving southwest on beach. VC appeared to have packs and were carrying one body. Artillery mission of (3) rds fired with negative results. VC dispersed.

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(8) 02055H (AUS20060) Patrol observed (1) VC dressed in black P.J.'s armed w/rifle moving northeast on beach. Artillery mission of (2) rds fired resulting in (1) VC WIA (Prob).

(9) 030715H (AUS05065) Patrol observed (2) VC in boat. Artillery mission of (6) rds fired resulting in VC beaching boat and fleeing area.

(10) 031100H (AUS27057) Patrol observed (15) VC dressed in green utilities with rifles and packs in open around caves. Air-strikes conducted resulting in (5) VC KAMA (Prob). After A/S patrol called artillery mission of (20) rds results unknown. Second A/S conducted on target with 90% coverage resulting in (10) VC KAMA (Prob).

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation inter woven vines, numerous large rock formations and no canopy.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 022230H (AUS00056) to (AUS20062) Patrol observed that boats which had been previously beached had departed area.

(2) During operation patrol observed numerous trails along the beach. See patrol route overlay.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (1) VC KBGP (Conf), (37) VC KBMTOWS (Prob), (2) VC WIA (Conf), (4) VC WIA (Prob).

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale excellent.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: That ARVN reconnaissance units be utilized to maximum extent possible during this operation with the patrols.

Conclusions: Area appears to be utilized by Main Force enemy troops who are living in the villages with the local population.

That ARVN reconnaissance troops are familiar with VC tactics, movement, and operational area. They are considered an asset to the patrols.

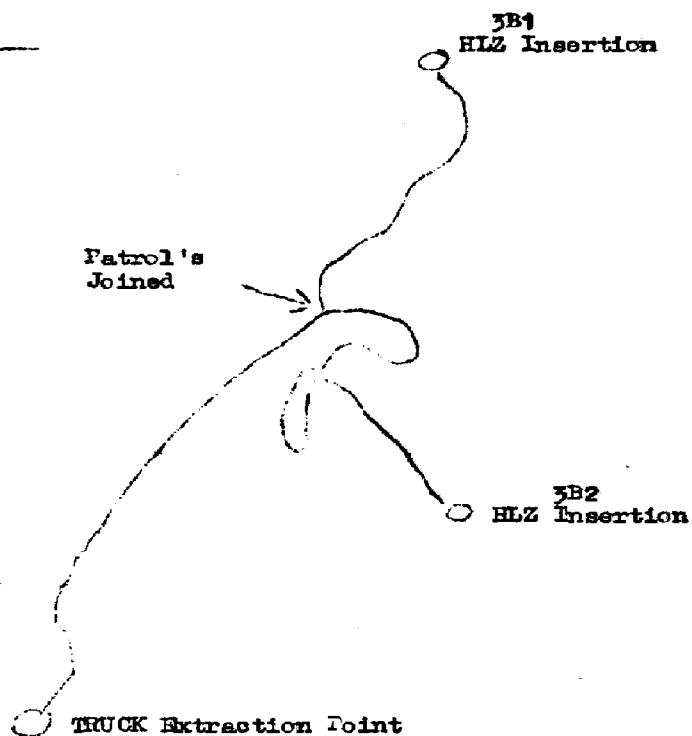
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with the patrol leader's recommendation.

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LEGEND	PATROL REPORT OVERLAY
O LZ - LANDING ZONE	1st Sqd, 3d Flt, "B" Co.
— - ROUTE TRAVELED	2d Sqd, 3d Flt, "B" Co.
	MAP VIETNAM 1-50,000
	SERIES: L-701
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 Debriefing: SSGT J.D. OMMONDSON Jr
 Map Sheets: 6559 I

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 141400H Nov 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (3) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) 6x30
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) Claymore mine
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area to determine the extent of enemy activity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 090800H/130800H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 96 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (1) enemy sighting and no contacts. No artillery or air strikes were called in support of this patrol. 3 trails not shown on map were found.

b. ENEMY: (1) 131745H (ZC144973) Patrol sighted 10-15 VC moving northeast on trail. 3 VC carried weapons and 5 carried packs. No fire mission was called because of the elements of 2/26 in the area.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by heavy brush w/canopy 40 to 50 feet in height. Movement in this area is extremely difficult. Water is plentiful.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) (ZC124951-138951) Patrol found one trail running northeast from first coordinates to second coordinates. Trail appears to be well used and is approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ meter wide.

(2) (ZC137967-ZC134913) Patrol found one trail running north west to second coordinates.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: None

Conclusions: None

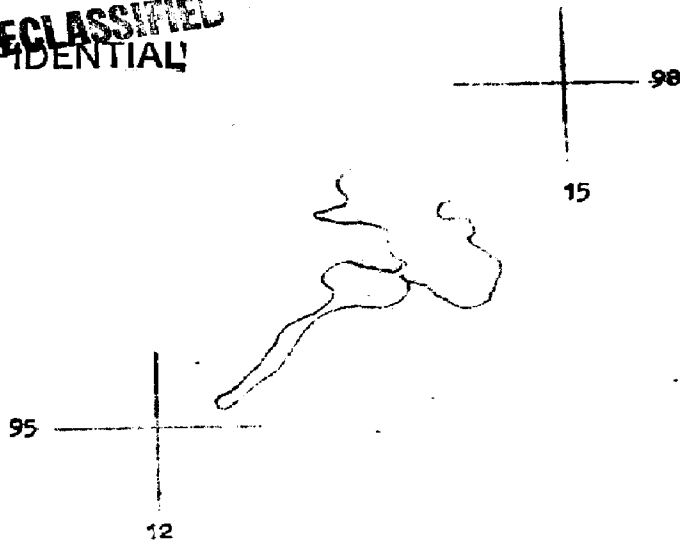
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None

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— PATROL ROUTE	1st Sqd, 3d Plt, "B" Co. MAP VIETNAM: 1-50,000 SERIES: L-701 SHEET: 6559 I 3d Recon Bn (S-2)

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
 - a. COMPOSITION: (5) Enl, (1) USN
 - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (20) ARVN Recon
 - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
 - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50
 - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) Slaymore mine
 - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) M-79, (1) M-60
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area to determine enemy activity. Engage the enemy with SAF when possible. Attempt to capture one prisoner.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 110900H/150900H Nov 1966
4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - a. SYNOPSIS: 96 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in one contact resulting in (1) KIA ARVN Recon and one sighting of one VC. The patrol also located one hut and fighting hole. No fire missions or air strikes were called in support of this patrol.
 - b. ENEMY: (1) 121430H (20155975) The patrol sighted 1 VC wearing mixed P.J.s and moving Northwest on a trail. No weapon was observed. Patrol attempted to apprehend, but lost visual contact. Active report for area. (2) 121430H (20155975) The patrol made contact with at least (4) VC who fire upon the patrol inflicting (1) friendly KIA ARVN. The patrol swept the area returning fire. A search of the area was negative except for some expended AK.47 ammunition.
 - c. TERRAIN: This area consisted of thick secondary growth with bushes and interwoven vines. Canopy is approximately 30-40 ft high.
 - d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 121430H (20110970) Patrol located one hut approximately 8ft wide, 5ft high, and 4 ft long, hut appeared to have been recently used. In the same area the patrol discovered one fighting hole and a complex of trails.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
 - a. ENEMY: None
 - b. FRIENDLY: (1) KIA ARVN Recon
 - c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Bad, Morale good
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: None

Conclusions: None
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None

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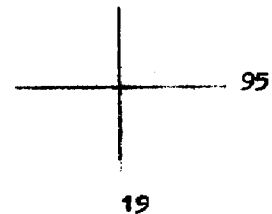
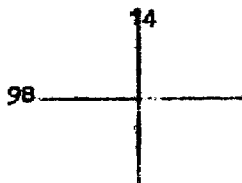
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— = ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP VIETNAM: 1-50,000
	SERIES: L-701
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (1) OFF, (4) INF
- b. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS: (5) ARVN
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50, (1) pr 6x30
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) Claymore, (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of GS 9515, 9516, 9517, 9518, 9519, 9520. Engage the enemy when possible. Attempt to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 200900H/231500H

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: During 80 hours of patrolling and surveillance there were negative sightings or contacts. The patrol located a base camp, a harbor site, and 2 trails and 1 HLZ.

b. ENEMY: None

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by thick secondary undergrowth consisting of brush and interwoven vines, w/canopy approximately 35 ft high. The hills are covered with rocks and streams were swollen and rapid flowing.

6. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 201500H (ZC151966) The patrol found a harbor site containing 2 temporary shelters. An AN/PRC 10 battery had burned. No other signs of use of this area. The site was about 2 months old.

(2) 211500H (ZC168947) Hill 738 The patrol found a VC base camp. The camp contained 12-20 temporary shelters lean-to type and vine type rifle racks. There were enough lean-tos and vine type rifle racks to accommodate 50 persons.

(3) (ZC146197) The patrol located an old well used trail approximately 18 in wide running to hill 738 at (ZC168947). The trail had not been used for about one month.

(4) (ZC173958) The patrol located an old well used trail approximately 18 in wide running to (ZC168947). It was lost at the stream. The trail was gravel covered, but had not been used in a long time. Vines were growing across the trail.

(5) (ZC144171) Patrol located one HLZ large enough for 1 H34. It is irregular in shape and covered by short elephant grass.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Fair, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None

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Legend	PATROL REFLECT OVERLAY
0 LZ - LANDYND ZONE	1st Sqd, 3d Plt, 'B' Co.
1 - ROUTE TRAVEL	MAP VIETNAM: 1-50,000
	SERIES: L-701
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Operation Order; 121-66
 Patrol; VENUS, 3-C
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: (1) OFF. (12) Enl. (1) USN
- B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
- C. COMMUNICATIONS & OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) PRC-25's (3) 7X50's
- D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) M-79 (2) C-4

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 080830H/111615H

4. ROUTE: See patrol overlay.

5. SYNOPSIS: This patrol covered a period of 80 hrs. in the field; with 6 sightings; ARTY FM called 5 times with results of 3 VC KIA (conf.) 4 VC KIA (Prob.)

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY & TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY:	TIME	COORD	ACTIVITY
	081200H	AT970458 to AT980464	15 VC moving E. to W. AO to late.

B. 090705H AT948438 8 VC moving E. to W. carrying 5 rifles & bundles, FM called, could not observe.

C. 091055H AT953458 5 VC moving N. to E. carrying rifles & packs, FM called, good coverage could not observe.

D. 091550H AT958452 8 VC moving E. to W. carrying 3 rifles, 2 packs, FM called, could not observe.

E. 091615H AT975462 6 VC moving E. to W. carrying rifles and packs. FM called. Results 2 VC KIA (conf) 2 VC KIA (prob)

TERRAIN: 3' to 4' grass over the entire patrol route, with sparse brush.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: Water is scarce & trails well used.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 3 VC KIA (conf) 4 VC KIA (prob)

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9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Future patrols should try further South too check out higher ground.

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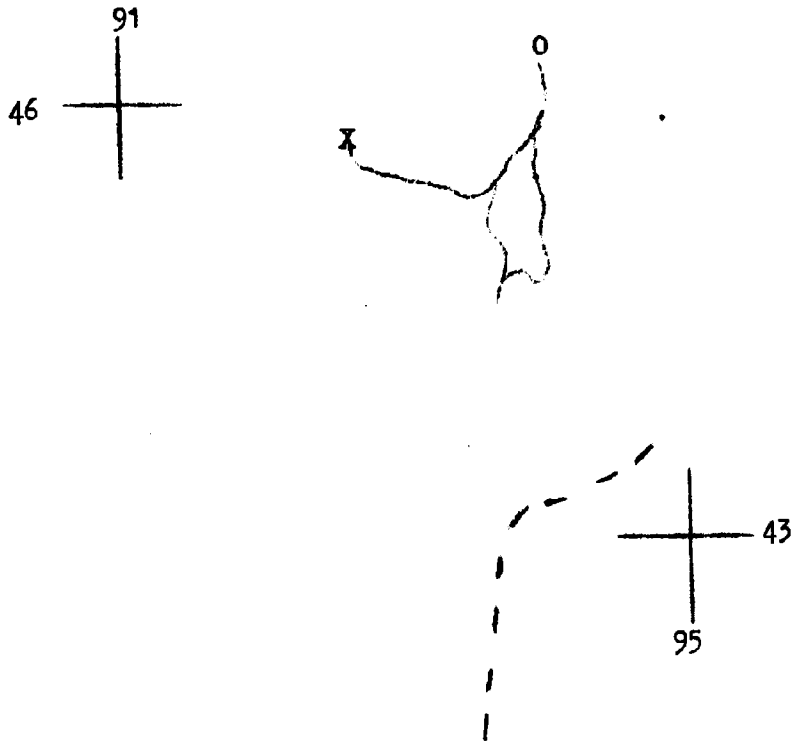
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11. RESULTS OF FM & TPQ's: FM gave good coverage of areas called on.
12. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Agree with patrol leaders comments on moving further South.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
X = INSERT	3RD PLT. Co. "C"
O = EXTRACT	Map VIETNAM: 1:50,000
- - - - PATROL ROUTE	Series: L 701
- - - - TRAIL	Sheet: 6640 III

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - A. COMPOSITION: (1) OFF. (16) Enl. (1) USN.
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: 2 dogs & handlers
 - C. COMMUNICATIONS & OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) PRC 25's (2) 7X50's
 - D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) Claymores (4) blocks C-4 (2) Shotguns with FLESHETTE rounds. (1) M-79
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 050800/080800
4. ROUTE: See patrol overlay.
5. SYNOPSIS: This patrol covered a period of 72 hrs. in the field; with no sightings or contacts.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY & TERRAIN:
 - A. ENEMY - NONE
 - B. TERRAIN - Thick undergrowth.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: Patrol found a bridge that is not on our maps vicinity BT138846. Bridge is in need of repair.
Patrol found a large harbor site in the vicinity of there extraction, that had been used recently.
Patrol also found what appears to be a roadway under a stream that is not marked on our maps. (See patrol overlay). This road is 6 to 7 ft. wide. (Info. on bridge see enclosure 1 and 2).
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMENDATIONS: Patrol reports that dogs should not be taken into this area as there are numerous leeches in the vicinity of patrol route. The river is fordable with a depth of 4 to 5 ft.

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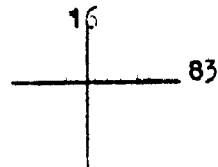
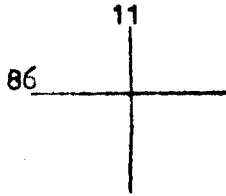
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11. DEBRIEFER COMMENT Would recommend further patrolling of the area around the bridge and what appears to be a roadway under stream.

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7 November 1966
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BRIDGE REPORT

1. LOCATION: Grid Reference: 142847
2. GENERAL CONDITION OF BRIDGE: In need of repair (Poor)
3. GENERAL DATA: (in Feet)
 - a. Length: (12')
 - b. Width: (8')
 - c. Construction materials: Steel
 - d. Overhead clearance: Unlimited
 - e. Spans: (10 Beams)
 - (1) Length: (12')
 - (2) Width: (6 to 8 inches)
4. WATER:
 - a. Depth: 1 to 2 Ft.
 - b. Width: 2 to 3 Ft.
 - c. Direction of flow: North to South
 - d. Est velocity: 1 to 2 mph
5. BANKS:
 - a. Height: 10'
 - b. Degree of slope: 90°
 - c. Nature: Rock

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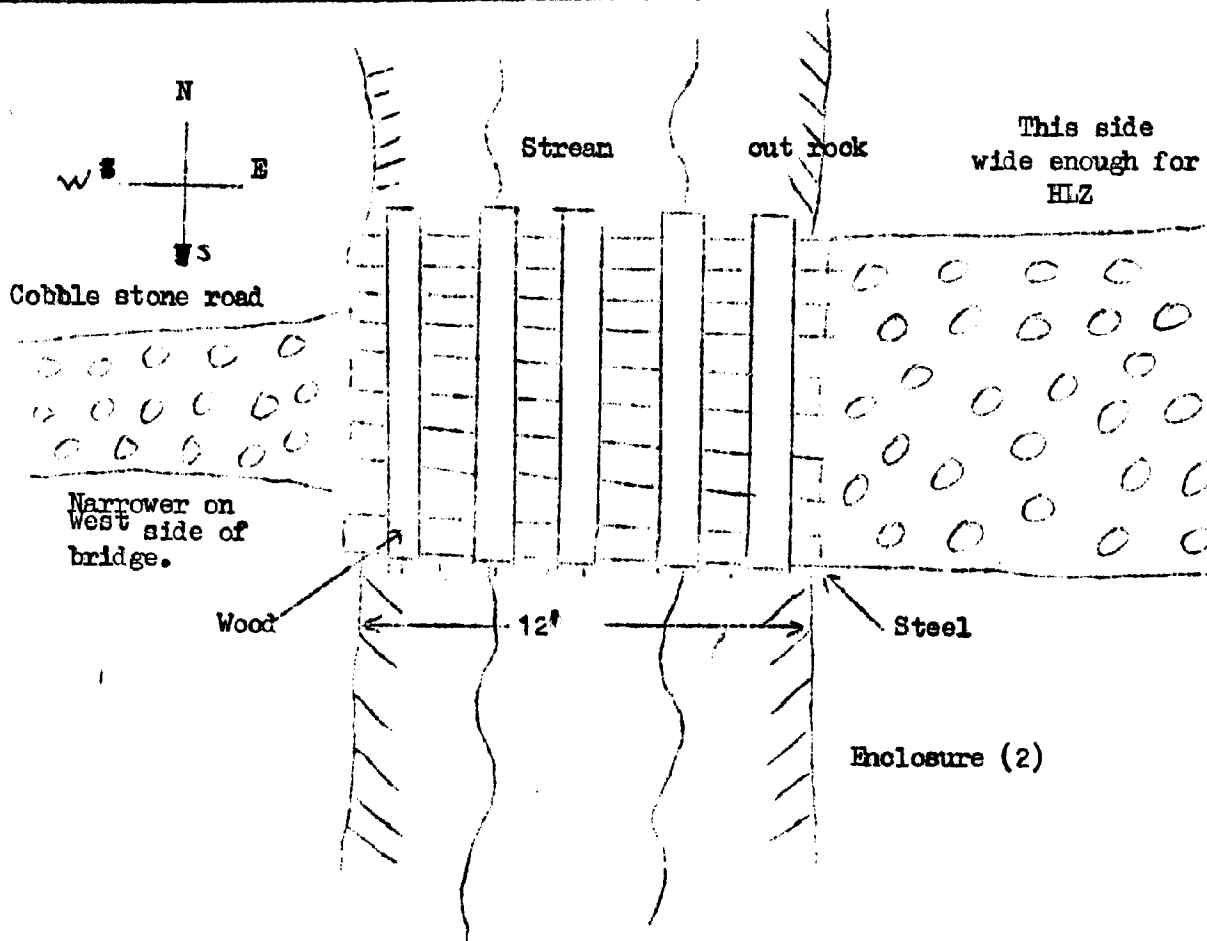
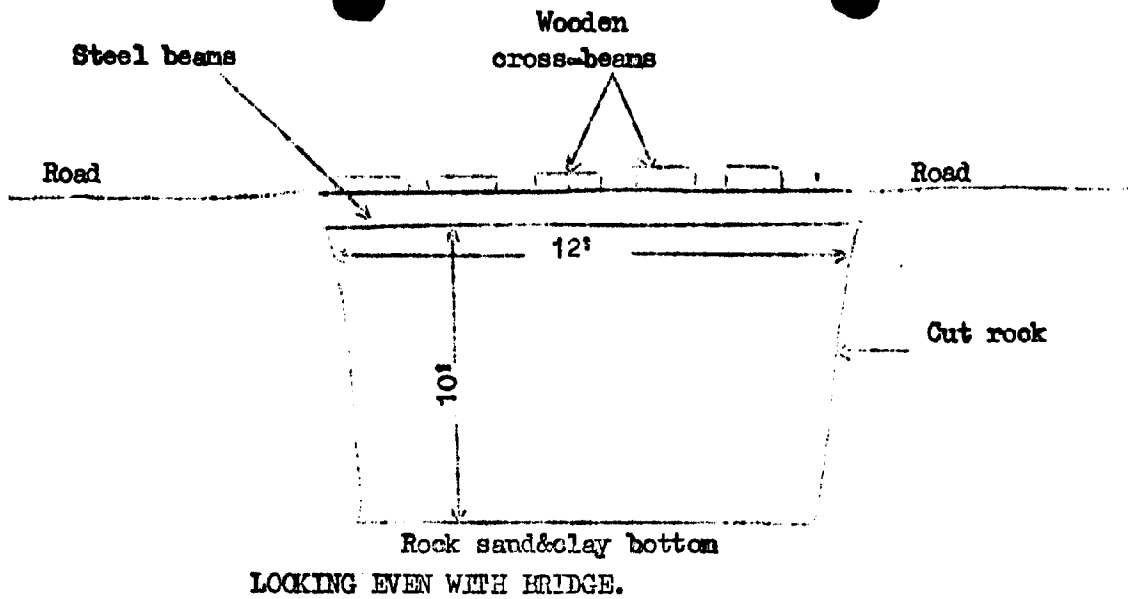
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 DONG HA, RVN
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (6) RM (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7X50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) 216 blocks C4 w/acc
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (2) Shotguns

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms. Establish ambushes of opportunity and make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 170000H/201400H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. SYNOPSIS: 17 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (1) enemy sighting of (2) VC and no contacts. Patrol found small hut complex with fighting holes and bunkers, crossed trail not shown on map and found possible trail marker constructed of sticks.

- b. PARTY: 180800H (XD 246493) patrol while being extracted observed (2) VC. These coordinated. 1 VC wore khakis, one pack. No weapons were observed.

- c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by elephant grass 4-8 feet high with a canopy averaging 50' in height.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

- (1) 180740H (XD 246493) patrol found one bunker 5'x4' constructed of logs and earthen. While checking area one burned down hut was found. Area reveals no signs of recent use.
- (2) 180825H (XD 246494) patrol crossed trail not shown on map. Trail is approximately one meter wide and appeared to be heavily used.

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- (3) 16400H (XD 944495) patrol found possible trail marker this vicinity consisting of three sticks forming a teepee and three cuts made in area. Patrol checked area with negative results.
- (4) 164105 (XD 944496) patrol found three huts same large enough to accommodate 4-5 people, two bunkers 5'x5' constructed of logs and earth and four sleeping holes. Patrol checked area with negative results.
- (5) (XD 947496) Location HIZ is large enough to accommodate (2) H 34 soldiers.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- a. ENEMY: None.
- b. PRISONERS: None.
- c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: HIZ fire be scheduled for 0600 hours at (XD 947496).

Conclusions:

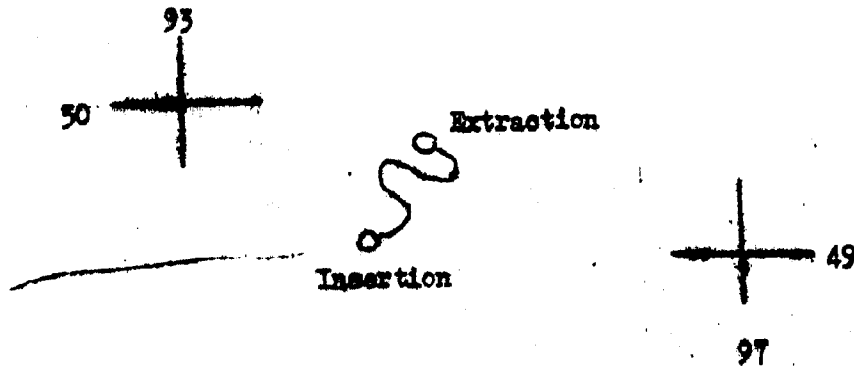
- (1) This area permits unlimited observation of the SONG TRINH BIN river valley.
- (2) Due to heavy rains patrol was unable to determine if area has been used recently.

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Patrol Leader
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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 202115H November 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enl (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7X50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) CS Grenades
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms. Establish ambushes of opportunity and make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 171015H/201345H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. SYNOPSIS: 76 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (2) enemy sightings totalling (7) VC and (1) contact resulting in (2) VC KBGF (Conf) and (1) VC KBGF (Prob). Patrol captured the following equipment: (1) MAT 49 SMG, (1) PPSH 41 SMG, (2) cartridge belts, (7) magazines, (4) Chicom grenades, miscellaneous documents, (1) U.S. first aid pouch, (1) pack, 2,100 piastres in Vietnamese currency and 87 Dong in North Vietnamese currency. Patrol heard SAF source of which could not be determined and found two trails not shown on current tactical maps.
- b. ENEMY: 171120H (YD 056639) patrol, while checking fortified area this vicinity consisting of fighting holes, trenches and bunkers which appeared to have been constructed by USMC forces, observed (4) VC dressed in green utilities, packs and armed moving west along ridgeline (YD 054643). Patrol, while in process of requesting artillery mission observed (3) VC, (2) dressed in utilities, the other in green utility jacket with black PJ bottoms, moving towards their position. Patrol ambushed VC with SAF and M-79 fire resulting in (2) VC KBGF (Conf) and (1) VC KBGF (Prob). The following equipment was captured: (1) MAT 49 SMG, (1) PPSH 41 SMG, (2) cartridge belt, (7) magazines, (4) Chicom grenades, miscellaneous documents, (1) U.S. first aid pouch, (1) pack, 2,100 Vietnamese piastres and 87 Dong in North Vietnamese currency.

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c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by sparse brush, gentle rolling hills and no canopy.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 171145H (YD 062638) patrol heard one round SAF from this vicinity source of which could not be determined.

(2) Patrol found two trails as shown on patrol route overlay both of which are approximately one meter wide and appear to be heavily used at this time.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (2) VC KBGF (Conf), (1) VC KBGF (Prob)

b. FRIENDLY: None.

c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: (1) PPSH 41 SMG, (1) MAT 49 SMG, (2) Cartridge belts, (7) Magazines, (4) Chicom grenades, (1) Pack, (1) First Aid Pouch (U.S.), Miscellaneous documents, 2,100 South Vietnamese piastres and 87 Dong in North Vietnamese currency.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

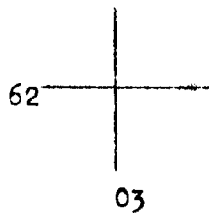
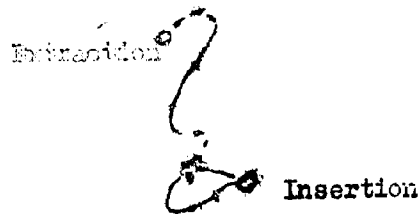
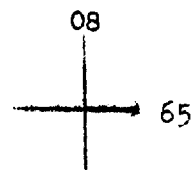
Recommendations: None.

Conclusions: Area appears to be used for transient moving northwest towards ridgeline vicinity (YD 045643).

T. GILJUM
Patrol Leader
Sgt. Co C.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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 231000H Nov 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (8) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC-25's
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7X50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) CS Grenades
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) M-79's

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms. Establish ambushes of opportunity and make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 200745H/230830H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. SYNOPSIS: 72½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found one trail and cultivated area not shown on the map and heard SAF being directed at aircraft the source of which could not be determined.

b. ENEMY: None.

- c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by elephant grass approximately 6' high with gentle rolling hills. Canopy was encountered on the higher elevations which averaged 30 feet in height.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

- (1) 201100H (YD 1452) patrol heard SAF emitting from this vicinity the source of which could not be determined.
- (2) 201000H (YD 147507) patrol found trail not shown on map running northwest to southeast which is approximately one meter in width. Patrol followed trail to (YD 145508) with negative results. Trail reveals no signs of recent use.

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- (3) Patrol noted that all aircraft passing through the RAO VINH B valley vicinity of (YD 1348) received SAF the source of which could not be determined.
- (4) (YD 1350) Patrol observed rice paddies which appeared to be in stage #4 throughout this grid square. These cultivated areas are not shown on the map.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

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

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Surveillance of this area be maintained due to its suitability for possible future enemy utilization.

Conclusions: Terrain not suitable for C² sites. Area presently reveals no signs of enemy use.

J. J. BURKHARDT
Patrol Leader
Cpl. Co C.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Recommend cultivated area (YD 1350) be destroyed to deny the enemy of its use.

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LEGEND	MAP SERIES
O - BLZ	VIET NAM
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-----TRAIL	AMS Series: L701
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (8) Enl
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC-25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7K50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) CS Grenades
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) M-60, (1) WP Grenade

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms. Establish ambushes of opportunity and make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 220945H/271000H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. SYNOPSIS: 120 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found two trails not shown on map, one large bivouac area, heard S&B, and noted entire area reveals extensive bomb and artillery damage.
- b. ENEMY: None.
- c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation, interwoven vines and a canopy of approximately 150' in height. Foot movement extremely difficult at this time due to heavy rains and composition of the soil.
- d. OTHER INFORMATION:
 - (1) 221130H (XD 912585) patrol found trail not shown on map running north and south approximately 2' in width. Patrol followed trail to (XD 912589) with negative results. No signs of recent use were noted.
 - (2) 221530H (XD 912589) patrol found cleared area with a stagnant pool of water 20'x40' in size these coordinates. Area revealed no signs of enemy use.

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- (3) 231400H (XD 918588) patrol heard two rounds of SA from this vicinity source of which could not be determined.
- (4) 241645H (XD 916583) patrol found large bivouac area which could accommodate 150-200 people. A check of area revealed several small individual shelters, fighting holes, bunkers, classrooms, one ammo bunker and several small huts. Area did not appear to have been used in last 3-5 weeks.
- (5) 241730H (XD 916582) patrol found trail not shown on map following contour of river approximately 1 meter in width and followed same to (XD 915589). Trail appears to be heavily used at this time, although no sightings were made during two days of surveillance of this area.
- (6) Patrol noted this entire area reveals signs of extensive bomb and artillery damage.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

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

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Fair, Morale fair.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations:

- (1) Patrol be conducted north of this operational area in grid squares (XD 9058), (XD 9158).
- (2) Overflight be conducted in area of (XD 9254) for selection of HLZ which appear to exist this vicinity.

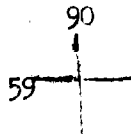
Conclusions: Area covered by patrol reveals no signs of enemy use at this time.

J. F. WALKER
Patrol leader
1/Lt. C4 C

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leader's recommendations.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (8) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (1) UPI Photographer
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PKC-25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CS Grenades
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms. Establish ambushes of opportunity and make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 200730H/271100H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY TERRAIN:

- a. SYNOPSIS: 99½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (3) enemy sightings totalling (68) VC/NVA and no contacts. Three artillery missions expending a total of (41) rounds was expended in support of this patrol. Patrol observed one cave, found (2) trails not shown on map and noted extensive bomb and artillery damage along the high ground.

b. ENEMY:

- (1) 231210H (XD 896556) patrol sighted (3) VC dressed in khakis sitting in tree line apparently observing area. No weapons were noted. An artillery mission of (5) rounds was fired with unknown results. VC were no longer visible.
- (2) 251830H (XD 888557) patrol sighted (2) VC dressed in blue raincoats armed with what appeared to be one AK-47 moving east and then cutting to their north up trail. VC moved from observation rapidly.
- (3) 260905H (XD 888559) patrol sighted a total of 63 VC/NVA this vicinity. VC/NVA were dressed in black PJ's and khakis with gray ponchos and plastic raincoats. The (42) NVA were wearing green helmets and large packs, armed with AK-47's, K-50's and one RPG-2.

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one weapon observed had what appeared to be tripods. The packs carried appeared to be heavily loaded. An artillery mission of (29) rounds was fired with unknown results. Assessment could not be made due to weather.

c. **TERRAIN:** This area is characterized by steep ravines, small trees, numerous small trails, and a canopy of approximately 8-10 feet in height.

d. **OTHER INFORMATION:**

- (1) 241415H (XD 905559) patrol observed one large cave these coordinates. Artillery mission of (7) rounds was fired with negative results. No activity was observed around cave.
- (2) 251700H (XD 895577) patrol found trail not shown on map running east and west approximately 1 meter wide. One small tin container was found. Trail does not appear to be heavily used.
- (3) 251720H (XD 888559) patrol found trail not shown on map running north and south approximately 1 meter in width which is heavily used. This trail was the one on which the sightings of the VC/NVA were made.
- (4) Patrol leader noted that extensive bomb and artillery damage was visible along the higher elevations. Enemy movement at this time is conducted along the lower elevations.

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

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

7. **CONDITION OF PATROL:** Fair, Morale good.

8. **CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Recommendations:

- (1) Surveillance of area be maintained.
- (2) Extensive TPG strikes be conducted at (XD 8356) along the lower elevations. Recommend strikes be conducted between 0700 to 0900 hours.

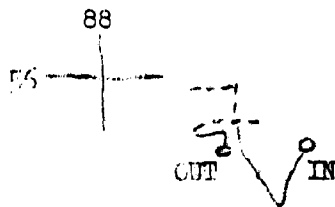
Conclusions: TUCI-1181 HMM complex appears to be a major infiltration/logistical route at this time, utilized by both VC and NVA forces.

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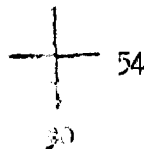
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J. K. WOOD
 Patrol Leader
 Sgt. C. D.

9. DEBRIEFING COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leaders recommendations and conclusions.



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 Patrol: Asp, 2-D
 Debriefing: SSgt. E.W. BELL
 Map Sheet: 6658 III

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (1) OFF. (14) Enl. (1) USN

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE

C. COMMUNICATIONS & OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) PRC-25's (1)

BC SCOPE (2) 7X50's (1) 20 power scope

D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) M-79 (2) Claymores, 10 lbs. C-4

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 070845H/101532H

4. ROUTE: See patrol overlay.

5. SYNOPSIS: This patrol covered a period of 79 hrs. in the field with no enemy sightings.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY & TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY: NONE

B. TERRAIN: Canopy 10' to 15', Thick underbrush.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: Patrol upon insertion heard drums to the North of their position. Patrol observed a lot of friendly activity in their area.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Would not put another OP. in this area, as there are too many friendlies in the area.

LT. HISLER

PATROL LEADER

2ND. PLT. Co. "D"


11. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: I agree with conclusions of the patrol leader.

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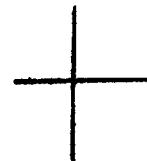
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Patrol: Rattler, 3-D
Debriefing: SSgt. E.W. Bell
Map Sheet: 6558 II

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DTG: 131500H Nov 66

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (1) OFF (21) ENL. (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS:
 - (2) DOGS & HANDLERS.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS & OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT:
 - (3) PRC-25 (1) 7X50
- d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (17) C-4
 - (2) M-79

2. MISSION:

CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS OF AREA
ASSIGNED, TRY TO LOCATE POW. CAMP REPORTED THIS GENERAL
VICINITY:

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE & RETURN:

090900H/131400H

4. ROUTE:

SEE PATROL OVERLAY.

5. THIS SYNOPSIS:

PATROL SPENT 101 HRS. ON PATROL IN ASSIGNED AREA, WITH
NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS OR CONTACTS.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY & TERRAIN:

- a. ENEMY: NONE.
- b. TERRAIN: HEAVY UNDERGROWTH, TREES 20FT. TO 40FT.
HIGH.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION:

PATROL AT 101235H VIC ZC 169457 HEARD MANY VOICES NORTH OF THEIR POSITION; CONTACT NOT MADE PATROL ALSO FOUND A CAVE VIC ZC 187457 ON THE EAST SIDE OF TRAIL, THERE WAS A LOT OF SHRAPNEL LAYING IN AREA FROM FM OR TPQ IN AREA. PATROL BLEW LZ VIC ZC 162468.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH ENEMY: NONE.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: 3 NO BATTLE CASUALTIES. PATROL WAS THIRSTY, HUNGRY, AND TIRED.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: RECOMMEND TAKING AXE INTO AREA; ALSO DOGS AND HANDLERS SHOULD MOVE OFF BY THEMSELVES AT NITE, AS THE DOGS GROWL, AND BARK WHEN APPROACHED AT NITE, ALSO BRING ELECTRICAL BLASTING CAPS.

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3RD PLT. CO "D"

11. RESULTS OF FM AND TPQ:

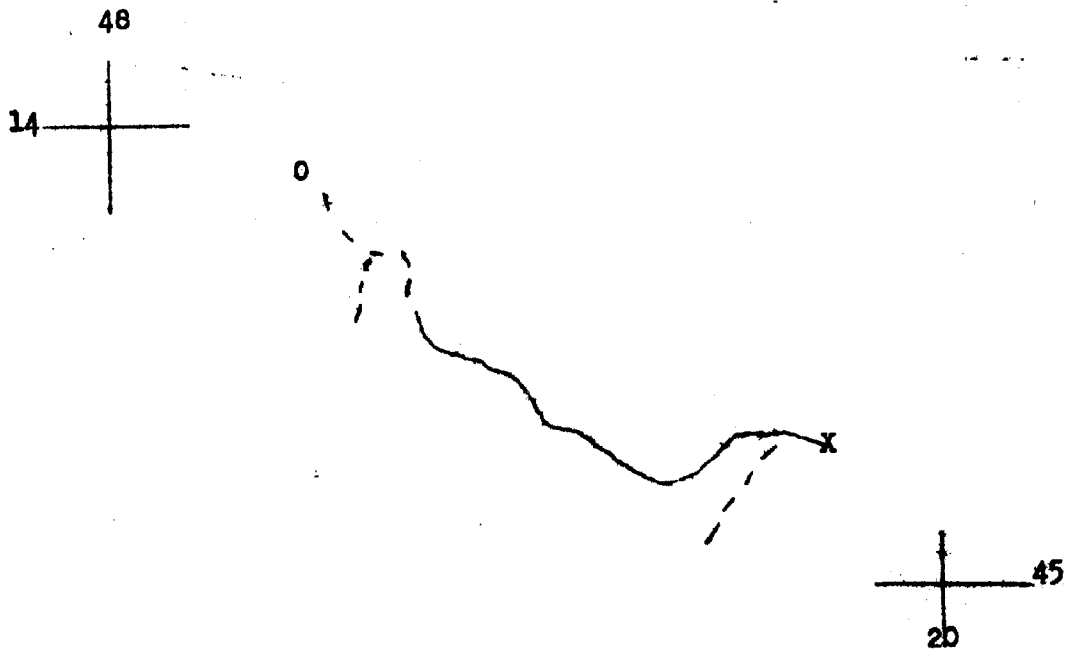
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12. DEDUCTIONS/COMMENTS:

RECOMMEND FUTURE PATROLS GO IN FURTHER NORTH. THIS AREA SEEMS COMPLETELY VOID OF ANY ENEMY ACTIVITY.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (1) OFF (15) Enl. (1) USN

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE

C. COMMUNICATIONS & OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT:

(2) PRC-25 (4) 7x50

D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT:

(1) M-60 (2) M-79

2. MISSION:

Conduct Reconnaissance and surveillance operations of area assigned, try to locate POW camp reported in this general vicinity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 131300H/ 171400H

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. SYNOPSIS: Patrol in 97 hrs of patrolling in this area, had one contact with 12 VC AT ZC158482; small arms were fired resulting in 2 VC KIA (prob). Patrol also heard many voices and movement around their pos. Patrol also called in arty FM, with possible casualties to VC as they could hear crying and moaning around them all night on the 14th to morning of the 15th.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY & TERRAIN:

A. Enemy: at 141030 Vic ZC158482 12 VC moving west on trail wearing camouflaged utilities & helmets; carrying packs and weapons.

B. TERRAIN:

This area is covered with thick vegetation and under brush, with many well used trails.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

Main trails are about 1MTR. wide with vegetation cut away to 3 mtrs. wide.

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8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

Patrol took VC under fire with M-60, resulting in 2 VC KIA (prob). Then withdrew to rally point.

9. CONDITION GOOD OF PATROL:

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Future patrols in this area should go in with at least a reinforced plt.

11. Results of arty F, & Air Strikes;
Arty FM gave good coverage.

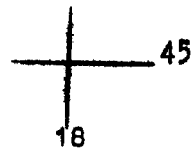
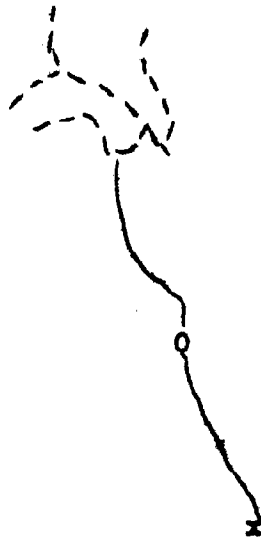
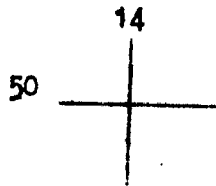
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12. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:

Agree with patrol leaders recommendations; and if a good LZ could be found in this area would try for a snatch.

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 Debriefed: 2/10, D. R. PHELPS
 Map Sheet: 6381 III, 6461 III

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT

- a. COMPOSITION: (8) EIR (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC-25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7X50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CS Grenades
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms. Establish ambushes of opportunity and make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 170030H/201130H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. SYNOPSIS: 73 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol heard what sounded like large mortar firing, found trail not shown on map, several small harbor sites, observed partially destroyed bridge, located one bunker and one trench. Area covered by patrol reveals no signs of recent enemy activity.
- b. ENEMY: None.
- c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense brush averaging approximately 15 feet in height in the lowland and a canopy of approximately 30 feet on the high ground.
- d. OTHER INFORMATION:
 - (1) 172400H (YD 144474) patrol while in night defensive position heard what sounded like large mortar being fired from this vicinity. H&I fire was being conducted into this same area.

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- (2) 171700H (YD 138466) patrol found trail not shown on map running north-northeast approximately 2 feet wide. Patrol followed trail to (YD 139473) with negative results. Trail reveals no signs of recent use.
- (3) 171930H (YD 137460) patrol found several small harbor sites this vicinity each large enough to accomodate two people. Patrol checked area with negative results.
- (4) Patrol observed partially destroyed bridge at (YD 120461). Observation was maintained for three hours with negative results.
- (5) 180745H (YD 136472) patrol found horseshoe shaped bunker 4 1/2 feet wide by 4 1/2 feet in depth that would accomodate two people.
- (6) 171045H (YD 133467) patrol found one old trench which is overgrown with vegetation and reveals no signs of use.
- (7) 171600H (YD 126465) patrol found one old trench which is overgrown with vegetation and reveals no signs of use.
- (8) (YD 1246) - (YD 1346) The commanding terrain in these grid squares is suitable for HLZ's in its entirety with no obstacles noted by patrol.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

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

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Future patrols operate approximately 2,000 meters further south due to commanding terrain located in that area.

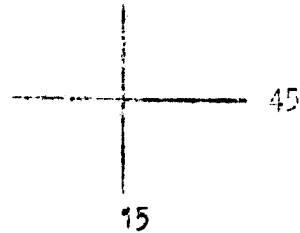
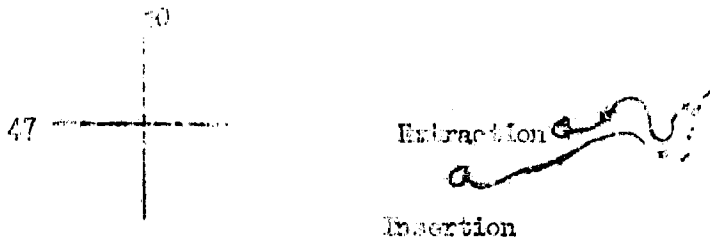
Conclusions: Area covered by patrol reveals no signs of recent use.

A. P. MILLER
Patrol Leader
Cpl. Co D.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leader's recommendation.

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○ - HLZ	VIET NAM
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----- TRAILS	AMS Series I 701
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enl (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC-25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pair 7X50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine the extent of enemy activity. Engage enemy forces with supporting arms. Establish ambushes of opportunity and make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 170830H/201430H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. SYNOPSIS: 78 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found (3) fighting holes, (2) wooden beds, (1) glass bottle (possibly plasma container) and fresh excavation of possible fighting hole which had not been completed.

b. ENEMY: None.

- c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by elephant grass 4-6 feet high with a canopy averaging approximately 30 feet in height. Area has numerous steep ravines making movement difficult.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

- (1) 170830H (YD 014533) patrol inserted these coordinates. HLZ large enough to accommodate (2) H-34 helicopters.

- (2) 170925H (YD 013534) patrol found two fighting holes 8'x7'x4' deep. While checking area patrol found one glass bottle possibly used as plasma bottle and two wooden beds. Area reveals no signs of recent use.

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(3) 191400H (YD 018537) patrol found one partially completed fighting hole 7'x8'x7' deep. Found in this immediate area was a pick, (3) pick handles and (1) cup. Area appeared to have been used within last 7-10 days.

(4) 201430H (YD 016537) patrol extracted these coordinates. HLZ is large enough to accommodate (1) CH-46A or (2) H-34 helicopters.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: None

b. FRIENDLY: None.

c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: (1) glass bottle (possibly plasma bottle)

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

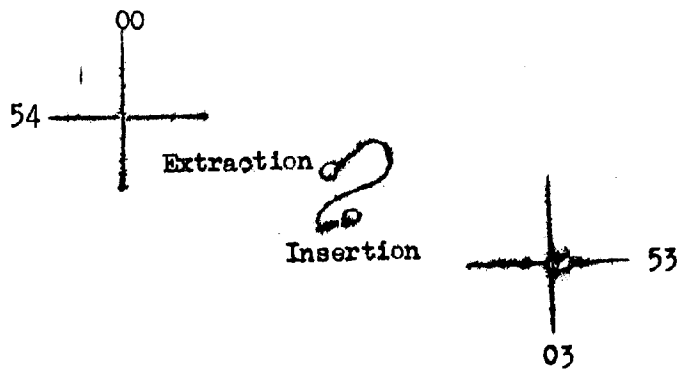
Recommendations: Take one bottle of insect repellent per man per day due to the leeches.

Conclusions: This area gives unlimited observation of the CU VALLEY. Area reveals no signs of recent use other than excavation noted in paragraph 5.d.(3).

H.J. PAYNE
Patrol Leader
SSgt. Co D.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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LEGEND	MAP SERIES
0 - HLZ	VIET NAM
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 250800H Nov 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (6) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC-25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7X50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (5) 2 lb blocks C4 w/acc
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms. Establish ambushes of opportunity and make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 210815H/241600H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. SYNOPSIS: 80 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found (2) large trails not shown on map, several harbor sites, a trench, a large bunker and one cave. Area covered by patrol reveals no enemy use at this time.
- b. ENEMY: None.
- c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by trees sparsely spaced with no brush on the ground. Area appears to have been extensively bombed due to the broken and burned trees.
- d. OTHER INFORMATION:
 - (1) 210845H (X) 943609) patrol found a cave approximately 10' long by 4' high dug into side of hill tapering down. Patrol noted while checking cave that steps had been dug into entrance, small pieces of cut wood had been staked and that ventilation holes had been cut into roof of cave. Also found in the immediate area were three small stick constructed shelters each of which would accommodate two people.

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- (2) 211100H (XD 946610) patrol found trail not shown on map running due north which varies in width from one to two meters and appears to be heavily used. Patrol followed trail to (XD 945616) noting that harbor sites large enough to accommodate 10-15 people each were found along trail. At (XD 945614) patrol located harbor site which would accommodate 100-150 people. Area had cut logs, and several large trails were leading from site but all were overgrown. Also found along trail appeared to be one wooden bed and one basket. At (XD 945612) a trench approximately 8' long and 3' deep and 3' wide was found.
- (3) 271000H (XD 942612) patrol while checking area found trail which runs south east approximately one meter wide. Patrol followed trail to (XD 943611) at which time trail intersects with trail found the previous day. This trail appears to be well used but no harbor sites were encountered.
- (4) 231230H (XD 950624) patrol observed a large bunker which appeared to be constructed of logs and sandbags approximately 25' long and 10' high. This bunker was situated on commanding terrain which would permit unlimited observation of the SONG CAM LO river valley to the south and southwest.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

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

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Additional patrolling required to determine location and type of structure which was observed during this operation.

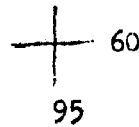
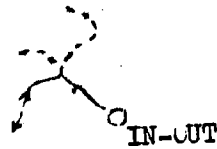
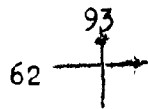
Conclusions: Area covered by patrol does not appear to be used at this time. Enemy activity possible to the north of operational area vicinity of (XD 9562).

D. H. BARBER
Patrol Leader
Cpl. Go D.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Unidentified NVA Company of the 341 Division was reported on 19 Nov 1966 to be operating in the vicinity of bunker observed by patrol, however no activity was noted.

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LEGEND	MAP SERIES
O - HLZ	VIET NAM
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---- TRAILS	AMS Series L701
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enl, (1) USN
 - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
 - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC-25
 - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) prs 7X50
 - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) 2 lb block C4 w/acc
 - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms. Establish ambushes of opportunity and make every effort to capture a prisoner.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 211000H/241530H Nov 1966
4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - a. SYNOPSIS: 77½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. No sightings of significance were made during this operation. Area covered reveals no signs of use at this time.
 - b. ENEMY: None.
 - c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by elephant grass averaging approximately 8' in height, numerous rock formations and steep ravines making movement difficult.
 - d. OTHER INFORMATION: None.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
 - a. ENEMY: None.
 - b. FRIENDLY: None.
 - c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: None.

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7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

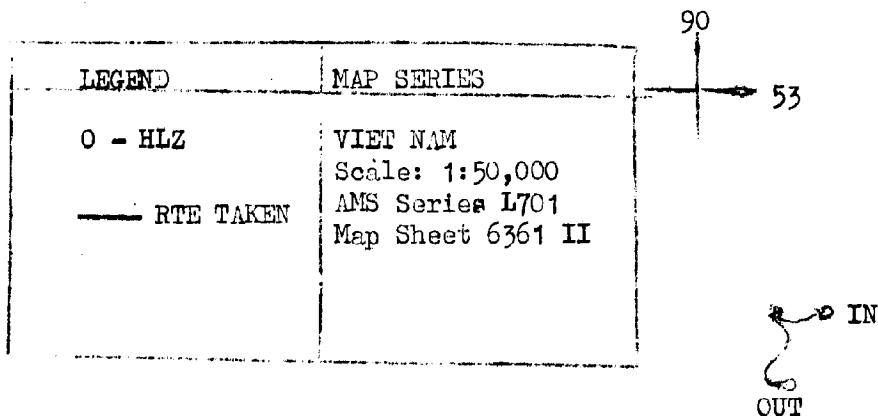
Recommendations: This area affords unlimited observation of the river approaches from the west and should be maintained to prevent any attempt at infiltration along this route.

Conclusions:

- (1) (XD 905510) OP these coordinates provide unlimited observation of the entire KHE GIANG THUAN river complex.
- (2) Area covered by patrol reveals no signs of recent use.

R.R. GALL
Patrol Leader
Cpl. Co D.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leader's recommendation.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC-25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (5) 2 lb blocks C4 w/acc
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage the enemy with supporting arms. Establish ambushes of opportunity and make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 221010H/271130H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. SYNOPSIS: 121 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in one sighting of (4) VC and no contacts. An artillery mission of (18) rounds was fired in support of the patrol. Patrol noted area was littered with debris, found (5) trails not shown on map, heard what sounded like mortar fire, found possible dud round, heard what sounded like a loud speaker broadcasting in Vietnamese, heard SAF being directed at A0 and found previously buried trash which had been dug up.

b. ENEMY:

- (1) 221250H (YD 041626) Patrol sighted (4) VC dressed in green uniforms, green helmets, armed with rifles and what appeared to be (2) recoilless rifles. VC were apparently preparing positions when observed by patrol. Artillery mission of (18) rounds fired resulting in excellent coverage. Assessment not possible due to vegetation, however the recoilless rifles appeared to have been hit. No further observation of the (4) VC was made.

- c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense brush, steep hills, sparsely spaced trees.

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d. OTHER INFORMATION:

- (1) 221010H (YD 037632) patrols insertion HLZ was littered with debris consisting of C-ration boxes, cans, burned batteries, (15) M-79 rounds found, 7.62 mm ammo, and (2) magazine pouches.
- (2) 221730H (YD 030618) patrol while in night position heard what sounded like mortar fire emitting from this vicinity.
- (3) 221315H (YD 030630) patrol heard SAF emitting from this vicinity directed towards AO.
- (4) 230950H (YD 039632) patrol found possible dud round this vicinity with the following markings: 1001-5524849-"This down or aft when loading".
- (5) Patrol located (5) trails not shown on map as shown on patrol route overlay. The trails average 2' to 1 meter in width and did not appear to have been used recently.
- (6) 241015H (YD 039633) patrol heard what sounded like a loud speaker broadcasting Vietnamese. An AO was in this area prior to and after this loud speaker was heard by patrol.
- (7) 241528H (YD 037625) patrol heard one round SAF emitting from this vicinity source of which could not be determined.
- (8) 241750H (YD 030618) Patrol heard what sounded like mortar fire emitting from this vicinity.
- (9) 251030H (YD 038633) patrol while enroute to new position noted trash previously buried by this patrol had been dug up. No footprints or other signs of human activity was found.
- (10) 260330H (YD 037634) patrol while in night defensive position had (2) artillery rounds detonate approximately 300 meters from position.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

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

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good.

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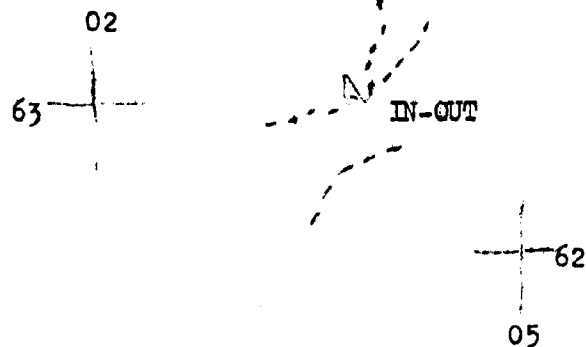
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Future patrols operate southwest of this operational area vicinity of (YD 0262).

Conclusions: Area covered by patrol reveals no signs of recent enemy use. Area vicinity of (YD 0261) appears to have enemy activity at this time.

G. C. KRAFT
Patrol Leader
Sgt. Co D.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Patrol leader remarked that entire area covered by patrol was littered with debris.



LEGEND	MAP SERIES
O - HLZ	VIET NAM
—— RTE TRAVELED	Scale 1:50,000
----	AMS Series 1:50,000
----	Map Sheet 636: II
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 Map Sheet: 6460 IX

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
 - a. COMPOSITION: (6) Enl, (1) USN
 - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
 - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/TRC 25
 - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50
 - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
 - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area to determine enemy activity. Harass and destroy by supporting arms and ambushes. Exert maximum effort to capture a prisoner. Collect all available weapons and intelligence data.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 030800H/051030H Nov 1966
4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - a. SYNOPSIS: 50+ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol during this operation found pottery, small fire places, broken radio batteries, harbor sites, steel cables across stream, and one rice paddy in questionable location. Area covered reveals numerous signs of use by small groups.
 - b. ENEMY: None
 - c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by sparse vegetation, and no canopy except when moving into low areas. Water is plentiful in the lower areas.
 - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
 - (1) 030800H (YD613211) Patrol inserted this vicinity and noted HLZ revealed signs of recent use. Patrol found pottery, small fire places, (2) broken up TRC/10 radio batteries, and noted several cleared off areas, apparently used for sleeping, which would accommodate approximately 15 people. Patrol leader stated that due to height of this hill mass communications were excellent.
 - (2) 041105H (YD617217) Patrol moved onto previously found trail and followed same to (YD614232) at which point trail intersects with stream shown on map. At this point the patrol found a 3 strand cable $\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter across stream purpose of which could not be determined. A check of the immediate area revealed numerous signs of buffalo prints and one set of footprints. Along trail at (YD611226) patrol found one document.
 - (3) 041700H (YD614229) Patrol found rice paddy this vicinity which was in stage 5. Patrol checked surrounding area with negative results.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Excellent, Morale excellent
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Recommendations: Surveillance of area be maintained. Conclusions: (1) Area covered by patrol appears to be used by small groups of people for transient. (2) HLZ at (YD613211) possibly used by enemy forces as a point from which radio jamming is conducted.

J. CANNERS Jr.

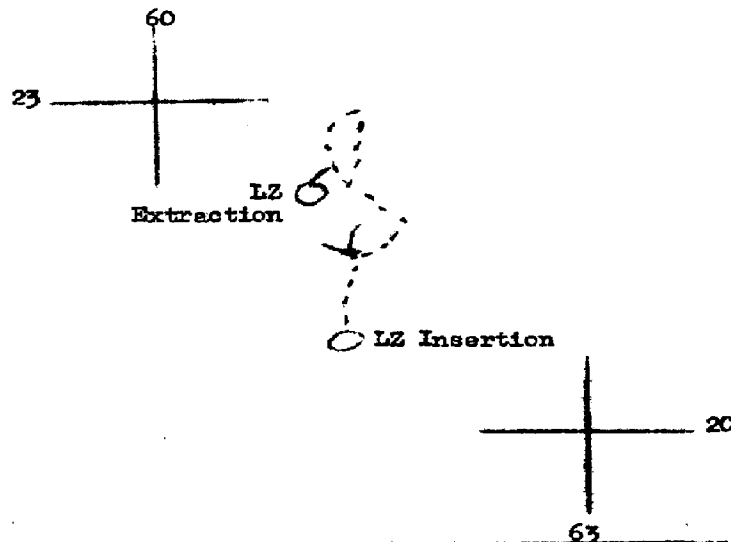
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leader's recommendation and conclusions. A large VC base camp has been previously located by recon at (YD602213). Steel cables across river possibly used as marker for supply movement to known base camps. Recommend extensive H&I fires be conducted into this area.



LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
○ LZ = LANDING ZONE	1st Team, 1st Flt, 3d Force Recon
— = PATROL ROUTE	MAP VIETNAM: 1-50,000
--- = PREVIOUSLY FOUND TRAIL	SERIES: L-701
	SHEET: 6460 II
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (5) Enl
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (1) cameraman, (2) Dogs and Handlers
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/TRC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area to determine the extent of enemy activity. Harass and destroy by use of supporting arms and ambush. Exert maximum effort to obtain a prisoner. Collect all weapons and intelligence data.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 051015H/080830H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 70 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in one enemy sighting of (5) VC and no contacts. One artillery mission of (38) rds fired resulted in (3) VC KBGF (Conf) and (2) VC WIA (Conf). Patrol heard SAF/AW directed at Huey Gunship and heard what sounded like .50 cal or 12.7mm fire source of which could not be determined.

b. ENEMY: (1) 060945H (YD578202) The patrol sighted 5 VC wearing black P.J.'s and green utilities with pith helmets. 3 VC were carrying supplies and 2 with weapons moving west on trail. A fire mission was called and 38 rds 105 How H.E. were delivered on target with good coverage resulting in 3 VC KIA (Conf) and 2 WIA (Conf).

c. TERRAIN: The canopy ranged from 15ft in the low ground to 40 ft in the high ground with thick secondary growth throughout the patrol route. Water was plentiful in the low ground.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 051030H (YD585192) The patrol heard a heavy volume of SAF/AW fire being directed at a gunship. The gun ship returned fire with unknown results.

(2) Throughout the patrol it was noted that .50 cal or 12.7 mm firing was coming from the east. Approximately 150 rounds were heard.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- a. ENEMY: (3) VC KBGF (Conf), (2) VC WIA (Conf)

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: That only one dog be taken in support of the patrol. Consideration be given to utilizing ARVN reconnaissance personnel with patrols in this area.

Conclusions: The VC have broken up in small groups and do not appear to be using the patrol bases found in the area at this time.

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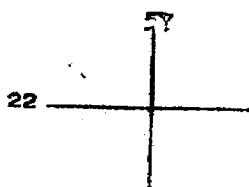
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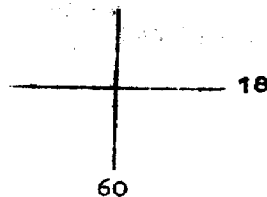
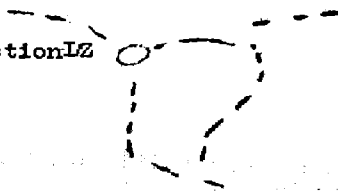
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: H&I fires conducted into these VC base camps during the past week appear to be producing the desired results of denying the enemy there use. Recommend H&I fires be maintained in this RZ for this reason.



Insertion and Extraction LZ



LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
O LZ - LANDING ZONE	2d Team, 1st Plt, 3d Force Recon
— - ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP VIETNAM: 1-50,000
--- - NEW TRAILS NOT SHOWN ON MAP	SERIES: I-701
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 Map Sheet: 6559 I

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
 - a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (5) Enl
 - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (2) Scout dogs/w Handlers 74 Sabut dog section leader.
 - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
 - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50, (1) M-49 observation scope
 - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (8) CS grenades
 - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-16, (1) M-79, (1) M-2 carbine
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area to determine the extent of enemy activity. Harass and destroy by use of supporting arms and ambushes. Exert maximum effort to obtain a prisoner. Collect all weapons and intelligence data.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 070830H/091500H Nov 1966
4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - a. SYNOPSIS: 54 1/2 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (3) enemy sightings totalling estimated 30 VC and (2) contacts. Patrol called (2) artillery mission expending a total of (18) rds, requested gunships and fixed wing which supported patrol during both contacts. Contacts resulted in (5) VC KBMTOWS (Conf), (3) VC KBGF (Prob), (4) VC WIA (Conf) and one USMC WIA. Patrol captured (1) VCC who was evacuated to IIT, found trail not shown on map and observed numerous other trail complexes all of which appeared to be well used. The following equipment was captured (1) AK-47 assault rifle, (1) cartridge belt w/1st aid kit, (4) magazines, (1) ChiCom grenade, and (1) pocket knife.
 - b. ENEMY: (1) 081150H (YC989967) Patrol while in OP. position observed (1) VCS moving northeast dressed in a blue shirt and purple trousers carrying a pack and hunting knife. Patrol apprehended VC and requested evacuation of VCC by Helo. Helo arrived approximately 1230H and evacuated VCC to IIT. Patrol continued mission.
 - (2) 081400H (YC989967) Patrol made contact with 10 VC moving southwest on trail dressed in khaki shorts and shirts, bamboo helmets, rubber sandals, and armed with automatic and semi-automatic weapons. Patrol took VC under fire with SAF and M-79. VC returned fire and broke contact. Patrol requested gunships. AO, fixed wing and gunships arrived on station and expended ordnance into target area. After aircraft expended ordnance patrol went into target area and found (1) VC KIA (Conf) and heavy blood trails. Patrol estimated (4) VC WIA (Conf), due to blood trails found in target area. The following gear was captured: (1) AK-47 assault rifle, (4) magazines, (1) cartridge belt w/first aid pouch, (1) ChiCom grenade, (1) pr rubber sandals, and grey plastic poncho. Patrol leader stated that the VC KIA was wearing black T.J.'s under his uniform. He further remarked that the VC uniforms appeared to be new.

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(3) 091220H (YC989968) Patrol while in OP site observed estimated VC platoon moving towards their position from the southeast following route patrol had used. Patrol engaged VC with SAF and M-79, killing (2) VC (Conf) and sustaining (1) USMC WIA (MINOR). Patrol broke contact and moved west across stream and called one artillery mission of (9) rds with good target coverage results unknown. At this time movement and voices were heard around their new position and extraction was requested. Prior to extraction helo's arriving, an AO and gunships arrived on station and gunships strafed target area. Fixed wing aircraft arrived on station and expended ~~ammunition~~ into target area. Extraction helo's arrived making two unsuccessful attempts to extract patrol due to receiving heavy SAF. As the extraction helo's withdrew the second time patrol again engaged VC with SAF resulting in (2) VC KBGF (Conf). Fixed wing and gunships made another strike into target area. The third attempt at extraction was successful. Patrol extracted at 091530H. A.O., fixed wing and Huey gunships were still on station. Contact with the enemy resulted in (4) VC KBGF (Conf). Patrol was unable, due to the dense vegetation, to assess casualties from fixed wing and gunships. Only two VC were visually observed and they were dressed in khaki uniforms w/bamboo helmets.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by sparse secondary growth on the high ground, with a canopy averaging 150 feet in height. The low ground has dense vegetation, interwoven vines, and steep embankments along eastern side of stream. On the western side, the embankment has a gentle slope making movement favorable to foot troops.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 071030H (YC989969) Patrol found trail not shown on map running parallel to the river. Patrol set up ambush and while in position scout dog alerted to movement to patrol's rear, moving from southwest to northeast. Artillery mission of (9) rds was fired at suspected enemy position with unknown results.

(2) Area has numerous trail complexes all of which appear to be well used.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (1) VCC, (5) KBMTOWS (Conf), (3) VC KBGF (Prob), and (4) WIA (Conf)

b. FRIENDLY: (1) WIA

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: (1) AK-47, (1) cartridge belt w/1st aid packet, (4) magazines, (1) ChiCom grenade and (1) pocket knife

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale excellent

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: (1) Area be exploited by infantry unit.

(2) That radio relay be maintained at X-Ray relay during operations in RZ#5. (3) Continual utilization of the scout dogs especially when operating in the lowland areas with known or suspected trail complexes.

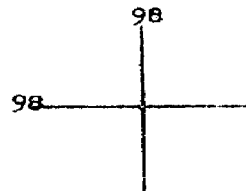
Conclusions: Area to the east (YC9996) and southeast (YC9896) harbors enemy forces of unknown size. Possible training area/base camps are considered probable.

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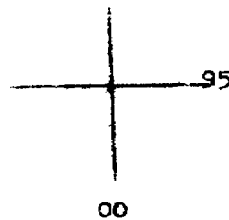
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leaders recommendations and conclusions. Rallier report of 2 Nov placed the 810th battalion in this area and wpns/uniforms indicate the presence of a well organized, equipped unit.

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 LZ Extraction



LEGEND	PATROL REPORT OVERLAY
<p>o LZ - LANDING ZONE</p> <p>— - ROUTE TRAVELLED</p> <p>- - - NEW TRAILS NOW SHOWN ON MAP</p>	<p>1st Team, 3d Plt, 3d Force Recon</p> <p>MAP VIETNAM: 1-50,000</p> <p>SERIES: L-701</p> <p>SHEET: 6559 I</p> <p>3d Recon Bn</p> <p>(S-2)</p>

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (6) Enl
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/TRC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50, (1) M-49 Observation Scope
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) Claymore mine, (1) Incendiary grenade.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area to determine the extent of enemy activity. Harass and destroy by use of supporting arms and ambushes. Exert maximum effort to obtain a prisoner. Collect all weapons and intelligence data.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 040700H/070900H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 74 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (2) enemy sightings totalling (25) VC and no contacts. (2) Artillery missions totalling (70) rds were fired resulting in (15) VC KBGF (Conf) and (5) VC KBGF (Prob). Patrol heard constant SAF/AW fire coming from the AP LAI BANG village, heard what sounded like 3.5 rocket firing from vicinity of village and heard AW fire fired at A.O.

b. ENEMY:

(1) 041200H (YD599243) Patrol observed (20) VC dressed in black and white P.J.'s moving south in column. All the VC were armed. Artillery mission of (65) rds was fired resulting in (15) VC KBGF (Conf) and (5) VC KBGF (Prob). No additional movement was observed in the target area.

(2) 051340H (YD593204) Patrol observed (2) VC dressed in black P.J.'s moving south in boat. Both VC had weapons. An artillery mission of (5) rds was fired with unknown results.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation, interwoven vines, and steep ravines making movement extremely difficult. Vegetation averages 10-12 feet in height.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) (YD607254) The village of AP LAI BANG, at these coordinates, appears to have heavy VC activity. Throughout the duration of this operation the patrol heard constant and heavy SAF/AW fire coming from within.

(2) 041420H (YD598237) Patrol requested A.O. to make further assessment of artillery mission on the (20) VC. A.O. arrived on station at 041515H and received AW fire from these coordinates. A.O. called air strike on enemy position with unknown results.

(3) 051205H (YD606235) Patrol heard SAF/AW fire and what sounded like 3.5 rocket firing coming from this vicinity, source of which could not be determined.

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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (15) VC KBGF (Conf) and (5) VC KBGF (Prob)

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

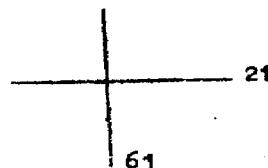
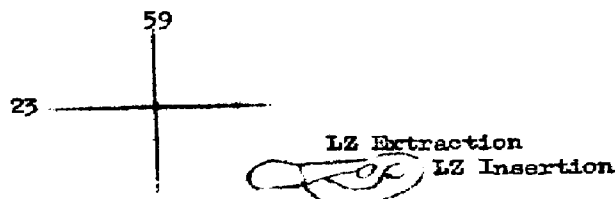
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: The infantry conduct an operation in the village of AP LAI BANG to clear the area of enemy activity.

Conclusions: Village of AP LAI BANG is occupied by enemy forces and is utilized as a training facility. Enemy activity in this village is constant.

T. T. FULDE
SGT 3d Force Recon

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leader's recommendation. All patrols operating in this same general area report SAF/AW fire coming from AP LAI BANG and the village of AP THANH TAN. Four enemy base camps have been located in RZ II which is due south of these villages. The Song Bo river, and trail's found by the patrols make ingress, egress, and logistical efforts extremely convenient for enemy forces to operate in this area.



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○ LZ - LANDING ZONE	2d Team, 3d Plt, 3d Force Recon
— - ROUTE TRAVELED	MAI VIETNAM: 1-50,000
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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (5) Enl
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
- d. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area to determine the extent of enemy activity. Harass and destroy by use of supporting arms and ambush. Observe activity in village to your north. Exert maximum effort to obtain a prisoner. Collect all available enemy weapons and data.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 060800H/090950H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 74 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in the sighting of 81 VC and no contacts. Two artillery missions expending a total of (32) rds and airstrikes were conducted on this sighting resulting in (1) VC KIA (Conf), (10) VC KIA (Prob), and (10) VC WIA (Prob). The patrol observed possible smoke signal, heard SAF on two occasions, source of which could not be determined and observed a psywar aircraft which was taken under fire as it passed over the village complexes of AP CO BI, AP THANH TAN, AP SONG QUA, AP CONG THANH, and AP HIEN AN.

b. ENEMY: (1) 081300H-081640H (YD525245) to (YD535255) Patrol observed a total of 81 VC in groups of 3-5 dressed in black P.J.'s and khakis carrying packs and moving northeast towards the village complexes of Ap Cong Thanh, Ap Son Qua, and Ap Thanh Tan. Due to distance weapons could not be observed. Two artillery missions totalling (32) rds were fired resulting in (2) secondary explosions. Fixed wing expended 1000 lb bombs, mapalm, and strafed with 20mm. resulting in a secondary explosion, source of which could not be determined. Explosion was comparable to an 81mm. Casualty assessment on all ordnance expended was (1) VC KIA (Conf), (10) VC KIA (Prob), and (10) VC WIA (Prob). Patrol leader noted that prior to movement being observed that smoke was sighted at (YD538253) coming intermittently from this vicinity possibly used as a signal to the VC movement.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation, interwoven vines, and no canopy. Water was plentiful in the lowland.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 070900H (YD5621) Patrol heard one round of SAF from this vicinity source of which could not be determined.

(2) 071400H (YD5524) Patrol heard 4-5 rounds of SAF from this vicinity source of which could not be determined.

(3) 081000H (YD5824) Patrol observed psywar aircraft conducting a leaflet drop over this area. The patrol noted that the aircraft drew heavy semi-automatic/automatic weapons fire and also heard what sounded like a .50 cal or 12.7mm firing. This fire was coming from the villages of Ap Co Bi, Ap Thanh Tan, Ap Song Qua, Ap Cong Thanh, and Ap Hien An as the aircraft passed over them. The fire was constant until aircraft departed the area.

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(4) The patrol leader stated that activity in the rice paddies during the 6th and 7th appeared to be normal. The day of 8 Nov 66 no activity what-so-ever was observed prior to patrols sightings as covered in paragraph 5b of this report.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (1) KIA (Conf), (10) KIA (Prob), (10) WIA (Prob)

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Outstanding, Morale excellent

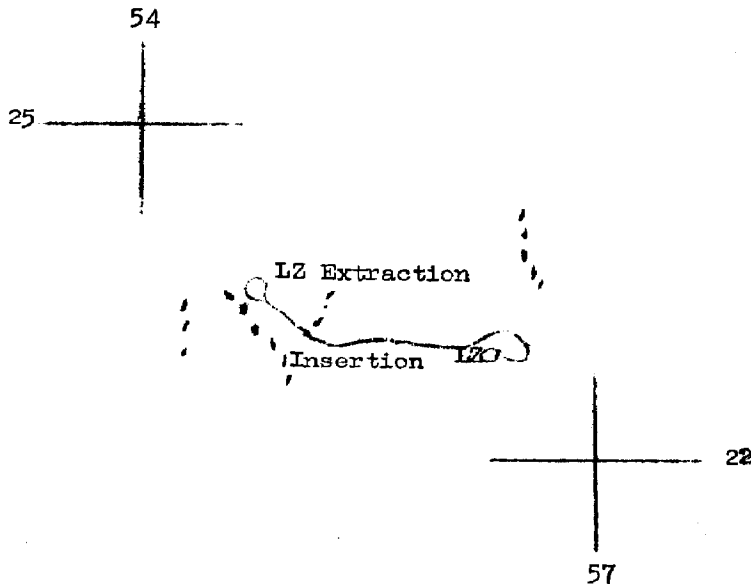
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: Arc Light be scheduled for the village complexes listed in this report.

Conclusions: Village complexes as listed in this report are heavily occupied by enemy forces at this time.

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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leader's recommendation and conclusions. These village complexes have been reported by recon patrols repeatedly as harboring enemy forces.



LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
○ LZ - LANDING ZONE	1st Team, 5th Plt, 3d Force Recon
— - ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP VIETNAM: 1-50,000
— - NEW TRAIL NOT SHOWN ON MAP	SERIES: L-701
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (1) Scout dog w/handler
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
- d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (5) 2 lb blocks of C-4 w/acc, (1) claymore mine
- e. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) LAWs, (2) M-79, (1) Grenade Launcher

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area to determine the extent of enemy activity. Harass and destroy by use of supporting arms and ambush. Capture a prisoner. Return all weapons and intelligence data. Observe river traffic.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 100930H/130930H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 75 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found one trail not shown on map, fired one artillery mission of (13) rds at a stone structure, heard SAF and possible .50 cal/12.7 mm fire coming from the villages to the north of patrol's operational area, found (1) M-79 round, carbine ammo, and one small Vietnamese bottle. Area covered by patrol does not appear to be used at this time.

b. ENEMY: None

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by sparse vegetation, gentle rolling hills with a canopy of 20 feet in height in the lowland and ravines.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) SAF and what sounded like .50 cal or 12.7mm fire was heard throughout this operation coming from the vicinity of the village complexes on the northern edge of RZ2.

(2) Patrol found trail not shown on map running northwest to southeast. Patrol entered trail at (YD616238) and followed same to (YD611245). This trail is approximately one meter wide and reveals signs of constant use.

(3) 101300H (YD614234) Patrol found one M-79 round, carbine ammunition, and one small, empty, vietnamese bottle. Patrol checked area with negative results.

(4) 110930H (YD607231) Patrol observed a structure constructed with stone in this vicinity but due to vegetation could not observe size. An artillery mission of (13) rds was fired with good coverage, results unknown.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Excellent, Morale excellent

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: (1) Information be made available as to the status of the villages on the northern edge of RZ# 2. (2) Continue use of scout dogs with patrols.

Conclusions: Area being utilized by personnel from the village complexes at this time.

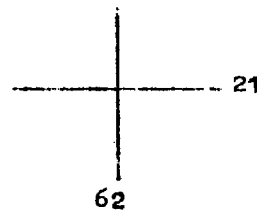
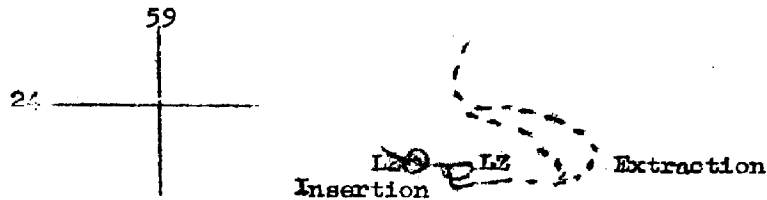
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leader's recommendation. The village complexes on the northern edge of RZ #2 have been reported by numerous patrols as a suspected VC sanctuary.



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○ LZ - LANDING ZONE	1st Team, 1st Plt, 3d Force
— - ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP VIETNAM: 1-50,000
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (5) Enl,
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50's
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area to determine the extent of enemy activity. Harass and destroy by use of supporting arms and ambushes. Exert maximum effort to capture a prisoner. Collect all available weapons and intelligence data. Watch for signs of enemy base camp sites.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 131045H/161000H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 7 1/2 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found two new trails not shown on map. They also found an old set of dog tags and discarded C-rations.

b. ENEMY: None

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by ferns and bushes. The canopy is approximately 10 ft in height.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 131050H (YD579193-570199) Patrol found one trail not shown on map. Trail is approximately one meter wide and well traveled.

(2) 140830H (YD574194) Patrol found one pair of USMC I.D. tags plus discarded C-ration cans and other trash along trail.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Patrol leader feels that the trail found should be kept under surveillance when it is usable. At present time due to weather conditions trail is flooded.

Conclusions: None

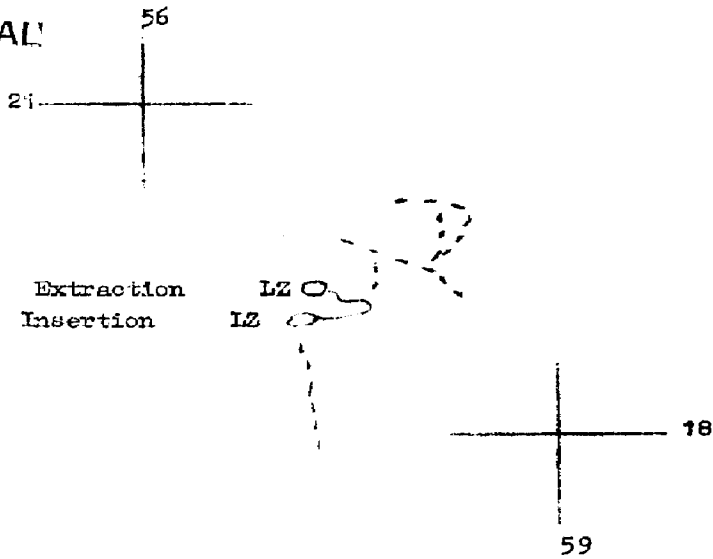
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with the patrol leader's recommendation.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

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

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area to determine the extent of enemy activity. Harass and destroy by use of supporting arms and ambushes. Exert maximum effort to obtain a prisoner. Collect all weapons and intelligence data.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 110920H/131115H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 50½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol heard small arms fire coming from the vicinity of Ap Lai Bang village, found one trail not shown on map, and received one radio transmission which sounded like a Vietnamese speaking English. Patrol area reveals no signs of activity at this time.

b. ENEMY: None

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation, interwoven vines, and no canopy. Vegetation averages 10-12 feet in height.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 110930H (YD600189) Immediately upon insertion patrol's radio operator received a radio transmission which sounded like a Vietnamese speaking clearly in English stating "Marines you die, we want your blood? Transmission came in loud and clear. No additional transmissions were received. Frequency being used was 49.05.

(2) 111020H (YD602196-590009) Patrol found trail not shown on map at these coordinates. The trail was well traveled and was approximately one meter wide.

(3) 130700H Patrol heard SAF/AW fire coming from the vicinity of Ap Lai Bang village.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: None

Conclusions: Area covered reveals no signs of recent activity.

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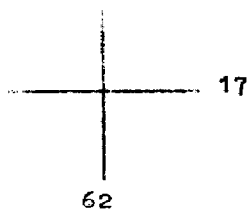
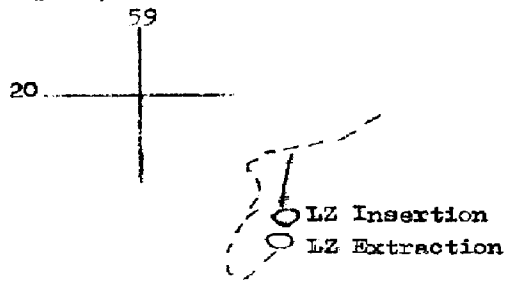
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
 - a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (4) Enl
 - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
 - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
 - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50, (1) M-49 OP scope.
 - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) CS grenade
 - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area to determine the extent of enemy activity. Harass and destroy by use of supporting arms and ambushes. Capture a prisoner. Return all enemy weapons and intelligence data. Be prepared to act as comm relay if needed. Observe traffic to your north.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 130915H/171220H Nov 1966
4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - a. SYNOPSIS: During 99 hours of reconnaissance and observation 2 contacts and 3 enemy sightings were made totalling 43 VC. Four fire missions were called in support of the patrol, 134 rds of 155 howitzer H.E. were expended. The patrol located a fortified position consisting of approximately 25 fighting holes and a complex of trails.
 - b. ENEMY: (1) 131710H (YD524235) The patrol was moving through the jungle breaking a trail when the point heard movement and talking up ahead. The patrol stopped and listened. A few minutes later 1 VC pushed the brush aside and the patrol opened fire wounding the VC (Conf). There was more movement in the brush and the patrol threw 2 hand grenades and the movement stopped. The patrol went down and checked the area and found that the VC were cutting to improve the trafficability of the trail.
 - (2) 141100H (YD526232) The patrol was moving along a dried stream bed when the point heard an estimated 3 or 6 VC moving in the brush. The patrol called in 16 rds of 155 howitzer which were delivered with good effect on target. No damage assessment was made.
 - (3) 141300H (YD525255) The patrol was set in an OP when they sighted 33 VC some of which were women. The VC were dressed in black P.J.'s, khakis, and mixed P.J.'s and khakis. They were moving north on a cart trail and all carried packs and had some sort of camouflage brush or material, only 2 were observed with weapons. A fire mission was called in and 36 rds of 155 howitzer HE were fired with good effect on target resulting in 5 VC KIA (Prob) and 6 VC WIA (Prob).
 - (4) 161130H (YD525255) The patrol was set in the same OP as on 14 Nov when they sighted 8 VC dressed in khakis and P.J.'s moving south on the same cart trail. One man was armed and all carried large packs. A fire mission of 10 rds of 155 howitzer HE was fired with good effect on target, resulting in 5 VC WIA (Prob).
 - (5) 171030H (YD526236) The patrol was set in the defense waiting for extraction when the security heard movement on a trail. The security fired on the first VC and threw a CS grenade. SAF was returned until the CS grenade went off. The VC started screaming and running down the hill in front of the patrol. The patrol opened fire with small arms, and hand grenades, and M-79 rds resulting in 6 VC WIA (Conf). 52 rds of 155 howitzer were delivered with good coverage on target. No damage assessment was made on the fire mission. After the patrol was extracted 20 more rds of 155 were fired into the area.

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d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 151200H (YD524234) The patrol was moving along a trail near where they made the first sighting and contact when they located an abandoned enemy position consisting of approximately 25 1-3 man fighting holes. The one man holes were 3 ft long, 2 ft wide and 4 feet deep. At the end of each hole was a shallow dugout which would protect a man from an artillery airburst. The three man holes were shaped like a donut and also had a dugout large enough to protect three men from an airburst. These holes were 8 ft in diameter, 4 ft deep, and had a 2 ft center. One US steel helmet, 1 7.62 mm cartridge, and 5 M-79 casings were found. The whole area has a well used trail complex running to the fighting holes. The trails were 1 meter wide and well used. The over hanging canopy concealed the trails and natural camouflage covered the fighting holes. New comm wire was found in the area set up as a guide line along the trails. The wire was tied tight about waist high.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- a. ENEMY:** (5) VC KIA (Prob), (7) VC WIA (Conf), (11) VC WIA (Prob)
- b. FRIENDLY:** None
- c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT:** None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

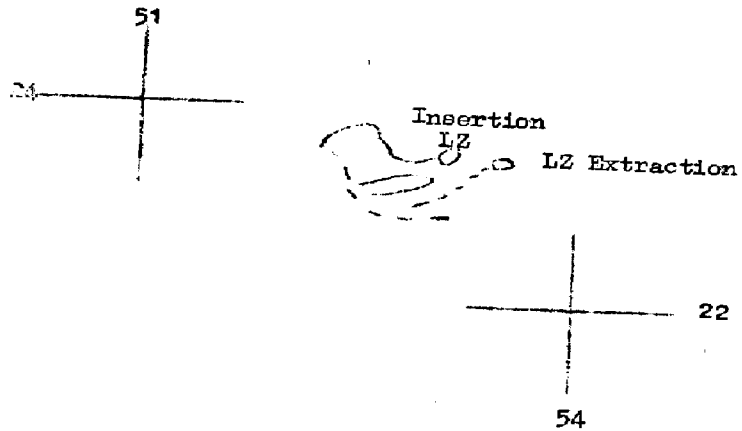
Recommendations: That a 15 man or platoon size patrol set up an ambush along the cart trail (YD525255). Also an air strike be made to destroy the fighting holes at (YD524234).

Conclusions: None

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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with the patrol leader's conclusions.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
O LZ - LANDING ZONE	1st Team, 5th Plt, 3d Force
— - ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP VIETNAM: 1-50,000
- - - - NEW TRAILS NOT SHOWN ON MAP	SERIES: 1-704
	SHEET: 6460 II
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Operation Order: 21
 Patrol: 2d Team, 5th Plt, 3d Force
 Debriefing: CPL R.P. KRON Jr.
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: 2 dogs w/handle
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50, (1) M-49 OP scope
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area to determine the extent of enemy activity. Harass and destroy by use of supporting arms and ambushes. Exert maximum effort to capture a prisoner. Collect all weapons and intelligence data.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 171015H/191715H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 55 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in 1 enemy sighting of 5 VC on whom 5 rds of 155 howitzer were fired resulting in 5 VC KIA (Prob). There were no contacts on this patrol. Patrol heard AW weapons firing and observed a light. The patrol also found an excellent OP site.

b. ENEMY: (1) 171705H (YD978001) Patrol sighted 5 VC wearing black P.J.'s and carrying rifles. VC were heading northwest. A fire mission of 5 rds 155 howitzer was called resulting in 5 VC KIA (Prob).

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense brush, interwoven vines, and no canopy. Water is plentiful on the low ground.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 181330-181800H (YD965985) Patrol heard automatic weapons firing from this vicinity. Firing continued sporadically throughout the afternoon. They stated that they could not distinguish any certain type of weapon as there were several firing.

(2) 181930H (YD964991) Patrol observed a light from this vicinity. The light did not look like a flare but appeared to be more like a big spotlight.

(3) (YD977986) Patrol found an excellent OP site at these coordinates. OP affords excellent observation to the east, north, and south.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- a. ENEMY: (5) VC KIA (Prob)

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Recommend that the next patrol in area of GS (YD9598) and (YD9698) check out possibility of enemy activity in these areas.

Conclusions: None

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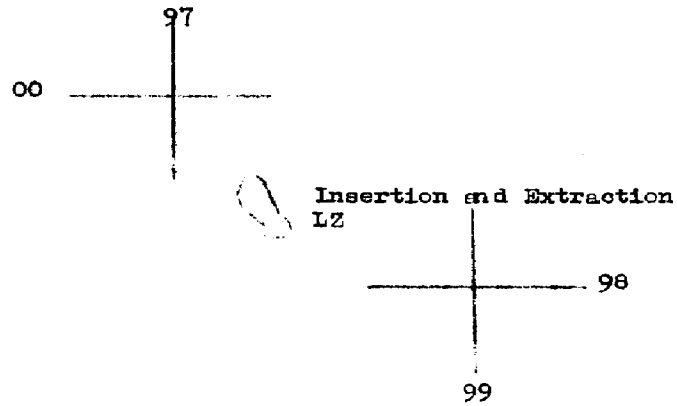
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None

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— - ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP VIETNAM: 1-50,000
	SERIES: L-701
	SHEET: 6559 I
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Operation Order: 2
Patrol: 1st Team, 3d Plt, 3d Force
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (5) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (2) Dogs w/handlers
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) M-79, (2) LAW, (1) Claymore

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area to determine the extent of enemy activity. Harass and destroy by use of supporting arms and ambush. Exert maximum effort to capture a prisoner. Return all enemy weapons and intelligence data.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 180900H/191730H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: During 32¹/₂ hours of reconnaissance and observation there were negative sightings or contacts. 1 fire mission was called in support of the patrol. A previous VC base camp was relocated and confirmed by the patrol.

b. ENEMY: None

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by thick secondary growth consisting of interwoven vines, brush w/canopy approximately 50 ft high. The patrol could travel 150 meters per hour.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) The patrol reestablished the location of a VC base camp at (YD621207). On a previous patrol they killed (1) VC at this location and this time found one grave. The trails found previously, remain the same. Due to the constant rain it was hard to say if the trail has been used recently.

(2) The patrol heard what sounded like a .50 cal or 12.7mm AW firing every time an air craft flew over. Approximately 200 rds were fired from the vicinity of GS (YD6125).

(3) The patrol fired 14 rds of 155 howitzer HE at a suspected enemy ambush. At the end of the fire mission the patrol searched the area with negative results.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: That an air strike be carried out using napalm to burn out the vegetation in the vicinity of the base camp.

Conclusions: None

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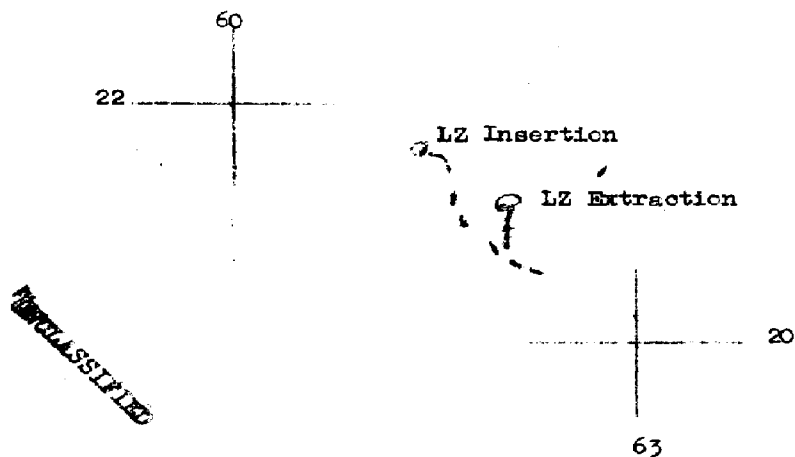
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None

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--- - NEW TRAIL NOT SHOWN ON MAP	SERIES: L-701
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 Patrol: 1st Team, 1st Plt, 3d Force
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (1) ^{USA} ~~USA~~, (7) Enl
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) Claymore mine, (10) lbs C-4 w/aoc
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) M-79

2. MISSION: Locate wreckage of plane.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 240820H/281715H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: This patrol in 97 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance located plane wreckage; found numerous trails and harbor sites in area of wreckage. Called in (1) Arty fire mission of VC probing their position, fire mission had good coverage of target.

b. ENEMY: (1) 272400H (YD619212) Patrol called artillery mission on approximately 5-10 VC with good coverage on target. Patrol searched area following morning with negative results.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by thick vegetation in some spots, sparse in others.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) Patrol found numerous pieces of plane wreckage strewn over a 500 meter area vic YD593209. Wreckage consisted of 2 sections of wings, a portion of fuselage, pieces of instrument panel and several small bottles that looked like oxygen bottles.

(2) Area around wreckage has several trails and harbor sites. Trails run Northwest to Southeast. Patrol also found VC Company size harbor site vic YD597208.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Wet, tired, hungry, and cold, morale low.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Recommend that further patrols be sent into this area.

Conclusions: Area appears to be heavily traveled by the VC.

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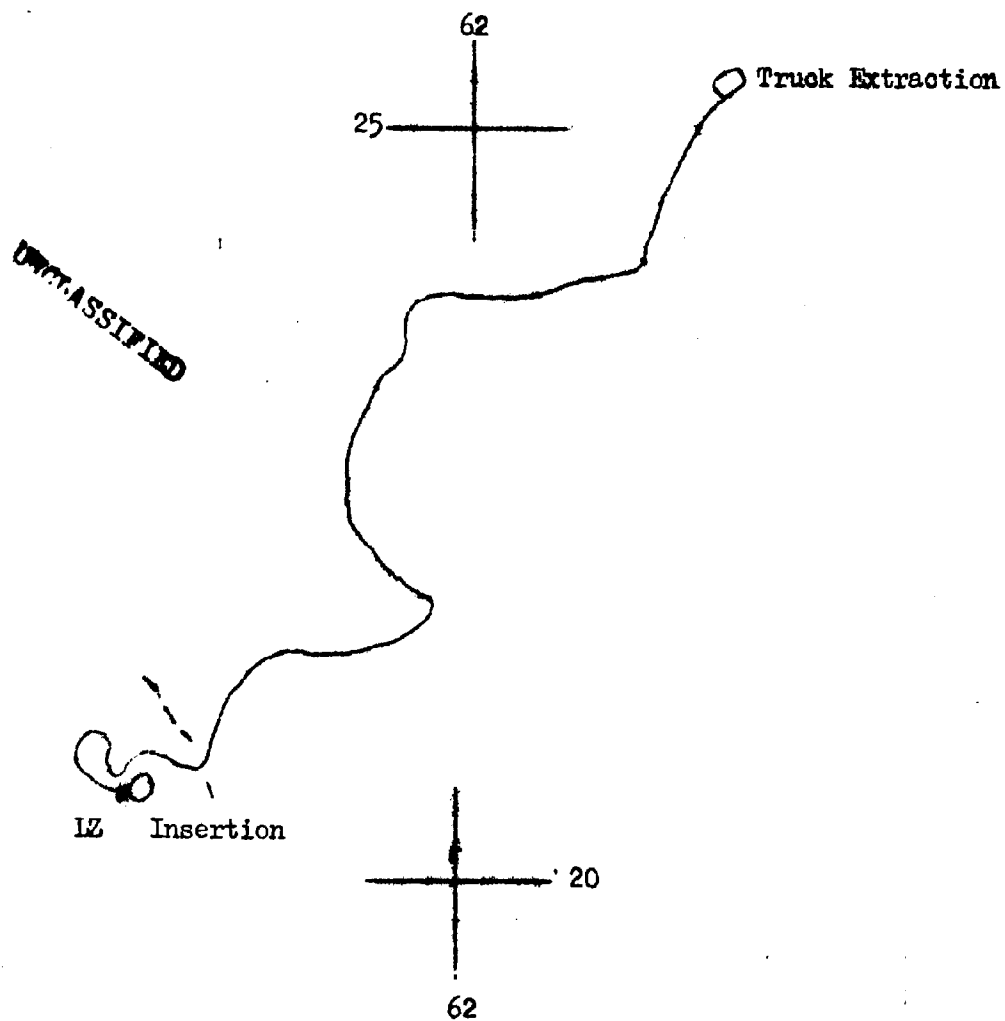
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Area vic (YD612229) seems like a good place for an ambush.

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<p>O IZ = LANDING ZONE</p> <p>— = ROUTE TRAVELED</p> <p>--- = NEW TRAILS NOT SHOWN ON MAP</p>	<p>1st Team, 1st Plt, 3d Force</p> <p>MAP VIETNAM: 1-50,000</p> <p>SEREIS: L-701</p> <p>SETUT: 6460 II</p> <p>3d Recon Bn</p> <p>(S-2)</p>

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