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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

3d Reconnaissance Battalion

COMMANDERMajor J. R. A. REHFUS
14 April 67 to PresentSUBORDINATE UNITSH & S Company
A Company
B Company
C Company
D CompanyCapt. R.J. WEIDNER 9 April 67 to Present
Capt. A.D. CROSBY 2 Dec. 66 to Present
Capt. W.E. HUDSON 9 April 67 to Present
1st/Lt. J.F. WALKER 24 Mar. 67 to Present
Capt. G.E. STERN Jr. 15 Mar. 67 to PresentATTACHED UNITS3d Force Reconnaissance Co.
(26 April 67 to Present)
1st and 4th Platoon of A Co.
1st Reconnaissance Bn.
(17 April 67 to Present)Capt. W.C. FLOYD 6 June 66 to Present
1st Platoon attached to B Co., 3d Recon Bn.
4th Platoon attached to 3d Force Recon Bn.2. LOCATION

30 April HUE-PHU BAI, RVN

H & S Co. (-), Co. B,
3d Force Reconnaissance Company
3rd and 4th Platoons, Co. A, 1st Recon Bn.
Det. H & S Co., Co. C & Co. D
Company A30 April DONG HA, RVN
30 April KHE SANH, RVN3. STAFFExecutive Officer
Operations Officer
Asst. Operation Officer
Adjutant
S-2 Chief
S-4
Bn. Supply OfficerMajor P.H. FRIEDRICHS, 29 Apr. 67 to Present
Capt. J.W. HEMINGWAY 29 Apr. 67 to Present
Capt. J.L. WILLIAMS 29 Apr. 67 to Present
2nd/Lt. G.E. FOX 31 Jan 67 to Present
SSgt. J.D. PIPPIN 11 Apr. 67 to Present
Capt. D.R. GARDNER 10 Feb. 67 to Present
2nd/Lt. C.H. BLACK 14 Apr. 67 to Present4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH (Includes 3d Force Reconnaissance Company)

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
29	590

<u>USN</u>	
<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
0	29

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

A Co. During the reporting period the Company completed 18 patrols averaging 3.7 days with an average of 8 men per patrol. The patrols made 23 sightings for a total of 144 VC, which resulted in 3 contacts, 14 fire missions of 246 artillery rounds, and 3 air strikes. There were a total of 3 VC KIA (Conf), and 22 VC KIA (Prob). Patrols sighted several trails, huts, and fortified positions not indicated on the map. There were 11 USMC WIA sustained.

B Co. During the reporting period the Company completed 27 patrols averaging 3.2 days with an average of 9 men per patrol. The patrols made 36 sightings, totalling 371 VC, which resulted in 14 contacts, 13 fire missions with a total of 298 artillery rounds fired, and 9 air strikes. There were a total of 24 VC KIA (Conf), 38 VC KIA (Prob), and 4 VC WIA (Conf). There were numerous trails, huts, and fortified positions observed by the patrols. There were 1 USMC KIA, 12 USMC WIA and 2 USN WIA sustained.

C Co. During the reporting period the Company completed 23 patrols averaging 4.0 days with 9 men per patrol. The patrols made 20 sightings for a total of 207 VC/NVA, which resulted in 11 contacts, 40 fire missions of 2781 artillery rounds, and 5 air strikes called. There were a total of 4 VC/NVA KIA (Conf), 34 VC/NVA KIA (Prob), 4 VC/NVA WIA (Conf), and one captured with his weapon, (1-SKS). Many trails, huts, and fortified positions not shown on the map were sighted by patrols. There were 9 USMC WIA sustained.

D Co. During the reporting period the Company completed 21 patrols averaging 2.7 days with an average of 8 men per patrol. The patrols made 20 sightings for a total of 271 VC/NVA, which resulted in 8 contacts, 28 fire missions of 841 artillery rounds, and 4 air strikes. There were a total of 18 VC/NVA KIA (Conf), and 31 VC/NVA KIA (Prob). The patrols captured 25 weapons and much other enemy equipment. Trails, hut complexes, and fighting holes not shown on the map were sighted by patrols. There were 11 USMC WIA sustained.

3d Force Recon Co. During the reporting period the Company completed 21 patrols averaging 2.7 days with an average of 8 men per patrol. The patrols had 20 sightings for a total of 180 VC/NVA that resulted in 3 contacts, 8 fire missions of 499 artillery rounds and 11 air strikes. There were a total of 15 VC/NVA KIA (Conf) and 29 VC/NVA KIA (Prob). Patrols observed trails, huts, and fighting holes not shown on the map. There were 7 USMC WIA and 1 USN WIA sustained.

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1. Intelligence. During this period enemy sightings have become more numerous. The enemy has been well disciplined and organized, as well as being well armed and equipped. There was a significant increase in enemy sightings in the Hal Lang Forest area south of Quang Tri City. Sightings and contacts have been of varying sizes but groups of up to 50 VC/NVA have been encountered. In addition to the above there has been a significant increase in the number of sightings south and south-west of the city of Hue.
- m. Communications. During the month of April 1967 two radio relay sites were deactivated and one was established. The relay located at Phu Loc, RVN (ZD 083003) was deactivated on 6 April 1967. Also the relay located on Hill 1739 at Dong Voi Mep, RVN (XD 831546) was deactivated on 19 April 1967. A relay site was established on Hill 674 (YD 519228) on 22 April to support reconnaissance operations during Operation SHAWNEE.
- n. Weather. Crachin continued to hamper insertion and extraction of reconnaissance units by helicopter on a few occasions this month. This resulted in a less than desirable reconnaissance screen during this period. Some compensation was made by walking patrols in, vice helicopter insertions. The remainder of the month was characterized by generally clear skies with no major problems in the deployment and scheduling of operations. Temperatures during the month were in a transitional phase between the cool and warm seasons. During this period the mean maximum temperature was 90 degrees with humidities from 50 to 75 percent. Due to extremely high temperatures encountered on a few occasions by patrols during this month, movement was restricted and a few heat casualties were sustained.
- o. Fire Support. During the reporting period patrols of this battalion called 103 artillery fire missions expending 4665 rounds.
- p. Air Support. During the reporting period patrols of this battalion called 22 Fixed Wing missions. Helicopter gunship support, and med-evacs were utilized several times.
- q. Activations/Deactivations/Redesignations. Detachment 3d Force Reconnaissance Company was redesignated 3d Force Reconnaissance Company when on 26 April 1967 the other 3 platoons and the Headquarters section of Force Reconnaissance Company was attached OPCON/ADCON to this battalion from CONUS.
- r. Training. Training was and is being held for all newly joined personnel from CONUS in all phases of reconnaissance techniques being employed by this battalion in the RVN. Training was and is being given on familiarization firing and zeroing of the U.S. Rifle M-16 E-1. Training has been initiated for the three newly joined platoons of 3d Force Reconnaissance Company and will continue into early May.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- a. Combat Missions Assigned. 3d Reconnaissance Battalion and attached Force Reconnaissance Company, conduct reconnaissance operations, STING-RAY operations and other operations, as directed, within the Division area of responsibility. (3d Mar Div LOI # 1-67)
- b. Significant Operations Conducted. Units of this Battalion have participated in Operations Prairie III and IV, and Operations Chinook II, Big Horn, and Shawnee.
- c. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy. There have been 64 VC/NVA KIA (Conf), 154 VC/NVA KIA (Prob), and 12 VC/NVA WIA (Conf) inflicted on the enemy during the reporting period.
- d. Casualties Sustained. There has been 1 USMC KIA, 23 USMC WIA and 3 USN WIA sustained by the Battalion.
- e. New Techniques Employed. Nothing significant to report.
- f. Command Relations. Nothing significant to report.
- g. Equipment. Nothing significant to report.
- h. Logistics. The exchange of Company A moving from Phu Bai, RVN to Khe Sanh, RVN and 3d Force Recon Company moving back to Phu Bai from Khe Sanh was completed on 6 April 1967.
- i. Civic Action. All personnel joining the battalion from CONUS are given a class in the personal response program. One man from this battalion attended the Division personal response school during this reporting period.
- j. Administration. Nothing significant to report.
- k. Personnel.
 - 9 April 67 Capt. R.J. WEIDNER assigned as Commanding Officer H & S Company and relieved as Commanding Officer B Company.
 - 9 April 67 Capt. W.E. HUDSON assigned as Commanding Officer B Company.
 - 11 April 67 2nd Lt. D.R. PHELPS relieved as S-2 Officer
 - 14 April 67 Maj. C.N. DEZER relieved as Battalion Commander of 3d Recon Bn.
 - 14 April 67 Maj. J.R.A. REHFUS assigned as Battalion Commander 3d Recon Bn.
 - 26 April 67 Capt. W.D. MOONEY relieved as Det. Cdr. 3d Force Recon Company
 - 29 April 67 Maj P.E. FREIDRICHS assigned as 3d Recon Bn. Executive Officer and relieved as S-3 Officer.
 - 29 April 67 Capt. J.W. HEMINGWAY assigned as S-3 Officer and relieved as Asst. S-3 Officer.
 - 29 April 67 Capt. J.L. WILLIAMS assigned as Asst. S-3 Officer.

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s. Sequential Listing of Significant Events.

26315H/291432H March. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 0041) conducted 82 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in (1) enemy sighting and (1) contact. (1) NVA KIA (Conf) and (3) NVA KIA (Prob) resulted from patrol SAF. 81's Fired (1) mission of 80 rounds with unknown results and artillery fired (2) missions totalling (44) rounds resulting in 2 dwellings destroyed. Patrol heard sounds of movement past night position and experienced communication jamming at same time preventing the firing of artillery. See supporting document # 1.

280830H/021545H April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (XD 8860) conducted 127½ hours of reconnaissance which resulted in (1) sighting and (2) night incidents. (3) Artillery missions of (92) rounds with excellent coverage resulted in (2) NVA KIA (Conf) and (10) NVA KIA (Prob). Patrol found trails of moderate usage and a valley OP position. See supporting document # 2.

030845H/041315H April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (XD 9860) conducted 28½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in (2) enemy sightings and (1) contact. Patrol fired (4) artillery missions totalling (822) rounds. Contact resulted in (1) NVA KIA (Conf), (10) NVA KIA (Prob), (3) NVA WIA (Conf), and (4) USMC WIA (Minor). Patrol found evidence of west-east traffic through valley south of Mutter's Ridge. See supporting document # 3.

31 March/3 April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (ZC 1597) conducted approximately 72 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in (5) enemy sightings totalling (13) VC/NVA and contact made on (6) occasions resulting in (1) VC/NVA KIA (Prob), (9) USMC WIA (Med-Evac), and (1) USN WIA (Minor), and (1) scout dog KIA. Artillery, fixed wing and gunships were used in support of this operation. Patrol found bunkers and (1) tunnel along streambed, received (8) rounds of mortar fire, and noted that scout dog accompanying patrol alerted to enemy activity almost constantly. OPCON to 26th Marines. No patrol report available.

050910H/051700H April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 0960) conducted 8 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in no enemy sightings and (1) contact. Ambush by unknown number of VC resulted in (5) USMC WIA, (1) USN WIA by grenade fragments. Patrol fired (1) mission of (125) rounds in support with negative results. See supporting document # 4.

081530H/111545H April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 5920) conducted 68½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in (6) enemy sightings totalling (110) VC/NVA and no contacts. Artillery fired (168) rounds in support of patrol resulting in (14) enemy KIA's (Conf) and (20) enemy KIA's (Prob). Patrol found (1) excellent OP and observed (1) old hut. Area observed by patrol is heavily traveled by small groups of VC/NVA moving in an easterly direction. See supporting document # 5.

060930H/111230H April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (XD 9958) conducted 123 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in (1) enemy sighting of (12) NVA and (1) contact with (5) NVA KIA (Conf). Artillery supported with (2) missions of (36) rounds with (5) NVA KIA (Prob). Patrol adjusted air strike with unknown results. Bodies of CH-34 crew members killed 13 March could not be found. (Patrol's Mission) See supporting document # 6.

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091300H/101400H April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (XD 9150) conducted 25 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in (1) enemy sighting and (1) contact. Patrol found (1) large fresh bunker complex and an apparent storage area. Patrol fired (1) artillery mission of (1200) rounds resulting in (10) NVA KIA (Prob). See supporting document # 7.

121330H/161930H April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 7905) conducted 102 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in (2) enemy sightings, totalling approximately (18) VC/NVA and (2) contacts resulting in (1) enemy KIA (Prob), (1) friendly KIA, (1) friendly WIA, and captured (1) pack filled with salt. Artillery fired (5) rounds in support of patrol with unknown results. Huey gunship was used in support of patrol. Patrol found medical vial, trail, boat and camp site. Area covered by patrol reveals signs of extensive use at this time. See supporting document # 8.

111630H/151030H April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 1564) conducted 90 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in (1) enemy sighting of (7) NVA and (1) contact with same. Enemy unit was carrying wounded man on stretcher. Ambush of enemy resulted in (1) USMC WIA. (1) Artillery mission of (94) rounds was fired with unknown results. Patrol found numerous trails and individual fighting holes averaging (1) month old in this area. HIZ's had fighting holes around their perimeter. Enemy use of this area is of a transient nature at this time. See supporting document # 9.

161530H/190945H April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 6620) conducted 66 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in (4) enemy sightings totalling (8) VC/NVA and no contacts. Artillery fired (20) rounds in support resulting in (6) KIA (Prob). Patrol found (1) trail and a platoon size harbor site. Area covered by patrol did not reveal signs of extensive use, although patrol believes river nearby is heavily traveled. See supporting document # 10.

150915H/151830H April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 3444) conducted 9½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in (1) sighting of (15) NVA and (1) contact with same. Patrol came across freshly made combat outpost. Exchange of SA/AMF resulted in (2) NVA KIA (Prob) and (1) USMC WIA (Minor). (2) Artillery missions totalling (53) rounds forced enemy to abandon their position. Extraction helicopters received AMF and gunships struck numerous positions in GS (YD 3444). Area was defended in depth and was probably a combat OP for larger unit. See supporting document # 11.

170900H/220830H April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 0965) conducted 119½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found (1) large bunker complex about 2 weeks old, and two smaller bunker areas with cooking hooches also several weeks old. (1) Old dwelling was found containing (25) weapons, (200) mortar rounds and other assorted gear. Sounds of bunker-building were heard and signs were seen of recent passage of a small unit carrying heavy loads east. See supporting document # 12.

210900H/251330H April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (XD 8751) conducted 100½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in (7) sightings totalling 97-99 NVA and (1) contact with 4-5 of same. (4) NVA KIA (Conf) and (10) NVA KIA (Prob) resulted from SAF and artillery. (1) Very heavily used east-west trail found, as were several old trails. Possible base camp may exist near Hill 602. M/3/3 called in to exploit patrol sightings with negative results. Artillery fired (15) missions in support totalling (115) rounds resulting in (3) KIA (Conf) and (10) KIA (Prob) noted above. Area appears to have heavy enemy activities, probably movement north to south. See supporting document # 13.

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211600H/251600H April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 5823) conducted 114 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in (10) enemy sightings totalling (205) VC/NVA resulting in (46) KIA (Conf), (4) WIA (Conf), and (10) KIA (Prob) from air strikes directed by AO. Patrol found company size harbor site, foxholes, trenches, bunkers, helicopter trap, burnt radio, and Vietnamese books. This area appears to be heavily occupied at this time. See supporting document # 14.

191130H/211700H April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 2735) conducted 558 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in (1) sighting of (7) NVA and (1) contact with same resulting in (3) NVA KIA (Conf), (4) NVA KIA (Prob), and (3) USMC WIA (Minor). (1) Artillery mission of (1) round fired in support. Patrol found heavily used trail shown on map, running through HLZ. Area was found where trees had been cleared and tops burned. Patrol heard sound of rocket being fired and 12.7mm shot. See supporting document # 15.

221800H/271200H April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 1940) conducted 114 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in (5) sightings totalling approximately (15) VC/NVA and (5) contacts. (2) Possible cave sites were found. (10) Artillery missions totalling (195) rounds were fired in support. Area has moderate enemy activity at this time. See supporting document # 16.

241530H/241930H April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 8204) conducted 4 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in (1) sighting totalling (5) VC/NVA and (1) contact with estimated 12-15 VC/NVA resulting in (3) KIA (Conf), (4) KIA (Prob). Artillery fired approximately (20) rounds with good coverage of area. Patrol found (2) trails. Area covered by patrol reveals signs of heavy enemy use. Supporting document # 17.

271030H/281700H April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 6727) conducted 308 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in (1) enemy sighting totalling (5) VC/NVA and (1) contact resulting in (1) enemy KIA (Conf), (3) enemy KIA (Prob). Artillery fired (30) rounds in support with unknown results. Patrol found (2) trails, (1) well used, Gunships and fixed wing used in support of the patrol. Area covered by patrol reveals signs of enemy use, although no direction could be determined. See supporting document # 18.

271000H/271730H April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 7606) conducted 78 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in (4) enemy sightings totalling (37) VC/NVA and (4) contacts resulting in (6) KIA (Conf), (7) KIA (Prob). Artillery fired (7) rounds in support with negative results. Patrol found trails, heard movement, voices and what appeared to be drums. Patrol had AO on station and used fixed wing and gunships in support of patrol. Area covered by patrol reveals signs of heavy movement to the northwest and southeast. See supporting document # 19.

28 April 1967. During the early morning hours the VC/NVA commenced mortaring the Phu Bai complex. Approximately 18-20 mortar rounds fell within the Reconnaissance Battalion's cantonment resulting in (14) USMC WIA's. On the same morning the Reconnaissance cantonment at Dong Ha was mortared and rocketed resulting in (17) USMC WIA's.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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 - (3) ✓ Patrol Report 146-67 of 05 April 67 (Co. C)
 - (4) ✓ Patrol Report 148-67 of 06 April 67 (Co. D)
 - (5) ✓ Patrol Report 107-67 of 12 April 67 (1st Force)
 - (6) ✓ Patrol Report 150-67 of 12 April 67 (Co. D)
 - (7) ✓ Patrol Report 155-67 of 11 April 67 (Co. C)
 - (8) ✓ Patrol Report 116-67 of 17 April 67 (Co. B)
 - (9) ✓ Patrol Report 159-67 of 17 April 67 (Co. C)
 - (10) ✓ Patrol Report 126-67 of 19 April 67 (1st Recon Bn.) Attached to "B" Co.
 - (11) ✓ Patrol Report 169-67 of 19 April 67 (Co. D)
 - (12) ✓ Patrol Report 173-67 of 24 April 67 (Co. D)
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 Map Sheet: 6342 II

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - a. COMPOSITION: (7) USMC (1) USN
 - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENT: NONE
 - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
 - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7 X 50
 - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) WP RIFLE 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. Make every effort to capture a prisoner. Plot HLZ's for future operations. Pay particular attention to trails and their frequency of use in your PZ. Ascertain if the area is being used by the enemy and for what purpose.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 261315H/291430H MARCH 1967
4. ROUTE: SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - a. SYNOPSIS: 82 hours of reconnaissance resulted in (1) enemy sighting and (1) contact. (1) NVA KIA (CONF) and (3) NVA KIA (PROB) resulted from patrol SAF. 81's fired (1) mission of 80 rounds with "Unknown" results and artillery fired (2) mission totalling (44) rounds resulting in (1) dwelling destroyed. Patrol heard sounds of movement past night position and experienced communication jamming at same time preventing the firing of artillery.
 - b. ENEMY: 271230H (YD 014434) Patrol was engaged in clearing an LZ for a non-battle casualty. Patrol observed (2) NVA wearing khakis, cartridge belt, black covers and one carried binoculars. Enemy appeared to have OP overlooking E/2/26 position at CALU. Enemy fired on patrol. Patrol returned fire and observed (2) four man NVA teams approaching from both flanks. Enemy dressed similar to first two and armed with AK-47's and 1 rifle. (1) NVA KIA (CONF) and (3) NVA KIA (PROB) by SAF. Fire started in elephant grass and aided patrol to break contact. Patrol fired (1) 81mm mission of (80) rounds and (1) artillery mission of (20) rounds with unknown target cover and results.
 - c. TERRAIN: Area characterized by moderate hills with elephant grass and briars 8'-10' high. Communication fair, Water is scarce.

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d. OTHER INFORMATION:

- (1) 271830H (YD 010430) Patrol heard numerous small explosions resembling ammunition cooking off in fire this vicinity.
- (2) 281045H (YD 000429) Patrol saw montagnard-type hootch with no activity in area. Area appeared to be agricultural area growing food for (1) hootch. (1) artillery mission of (24) rounds destroyed dwelling and growing area.
- (3) 281530H (XD 988436) Patrol saw (2) new lean-to shelter.
- (4) 281430H (XD 997439) Patrol heard movement about (10) meters above their OP site. Estimate 2-3 people conversing in Vietnamese.
- (5) 282230H (YD 000434) Patrol while in night harbor site heard movement near position moving down (south) along streambed. Movement seemed to be in (2) groups, a small advance party and a main body totalling at least (20). Patrol heard sound of sticks being tapped together as communication. At 282300H patrol saw (8) flashlights moving south in streambed. From 282230H to 282330H patrol experienced radio jamming in form of a coded signal. Poor communication prevented the firing of artillery.
- (6) 291430H (YD 001430) Patrol extracted here. Poor LZ, unsuitable terrain.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- a. ENEMY: (1) NVA KIA (CONF) (3) NVA KIA (PROB)
- b. FRIENDLY: NONE
- c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: (3) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES (MINOR) PHYSICAL CONDITION FAIR, MORALE GOOD

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations:

- (1) If patrol walks in, go from Grid Square 9944.
- (2) Helicopter insertions are a must to reconnaissance this area.

Conclusions:

- (1) Water and terrain forces NVA to travel in streambeds.
- (2) Hills 118 and 184 are good NVA OP sites.

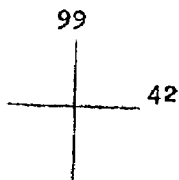
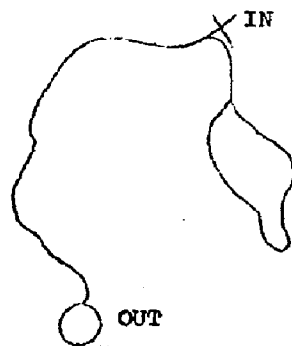
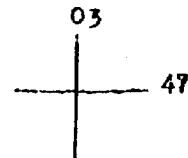
F. HAASE

Patrol Leader

Cpl Co C

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Numerous patrols have tried walking south from GALT. Difficult vegetation prevents deep penetration within time allowed.

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PATROL REPORT

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- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7 X 50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) CLAYMORE MINES (4) WP RIFLE GRENADES
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 (1) M-60

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms. Make every effort to capture a prisoner. Plot HLZ's for future operations. Pay particular attention to trails and their frequency of use in your RZ. Ascertain if the area is being used by the enemy and for what purpose.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 280830H MAR 1967/021545H APRIL 1967

4. ROUTE: SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 127 1/2 hours of reconnaissance resulted in (1) sighting and (2) night incidents. (3) artillery missions of (92) rounds with excellent coverage resulted in (2) NVA KBGF (CONF) and (10) NVA KBGF (PROB). Patrol found trails of moderate usage and a valley OP position.

b. ENEMY:

(1) 301530H (XD 895603) Patrol heard (10-15) NVA moving south on animal trail. Enemy apparently heard patrol and deployed to flank the patrol. Patrol reversed direction. (1) Artillery mission of (24) rounds fired with negative results.

(2) 310100H (XD 896597) Patrol smelled the presence of the enemy. Movement in brush approached on three sides of the patrol position to within 50-100 meters. (1) Artillery mission was fired of (30) rounds. Patrol then heard sounds of moaning and movement in brush. Patrol investigated on 010730H. Found blood trails and estimated (2) NVA KBGF (PROB).

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- (3) 021030H (XD 848617) Patrol saw (3) NVA dressed in green utilities, packs, soft covers and AK-47's at a distance of 300 meters, moving south. At start of artillery mission enemy went north in direction of first round. Enemy joined by estimated (20) more. Remainder of mission claimed (2) NVA KBGF (CONF) and (8) NVA KBGF (PROB). A total of (38) rounds fired in this mission.

c. TERRAIN: Characterized by steep hills covered with canopy up to 100' high and thick secondary growth. Water is plentiful. Communication is poor even with RAINBELT ALPHA.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

- (1) 290915H (XD 872590) Patrol found (2) fresh cuts on tree.
- (2) 291600H (XD 886599) Patrol found (3) very old fighting holes and several rusted cans.
- (3) 311300H (XD 898593) Patrol found stream not shown on map. Stream flows into larger at (XD 878616). Stream obtains 30-40 meter width before flowing into SONG CAM LO.
- (4) 011400H (XD 876616) Patrol found excellent OP with hut in position to observe entire SONG CAM LO valley. At (XD 877621) Patrol saw (6) houses, (3) of which were in good repair. Dwellings could sleep (15) to (20) men. At (XD 869623) patrol saw (1) lean-to shelter. At (XD 877617) Patrol found (6-8) man harbor site, well concealed. Major trail (1) meter wide runs through valley. Patrol found animal pen and water buffalo grazing in valley.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- a. ENEMY: (2) NVA KBGF (CONF) (10) NVA (KBGF) (PROB)
- b. FRIENDLY: NONE
- c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: EXCELLENT, MORALE GOOD

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Future patrols be conducted in area LL 8961 and UR 9163.

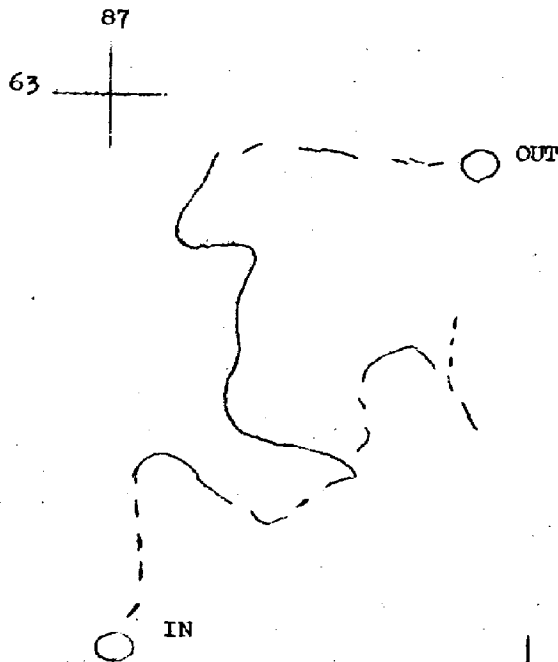
Conclusions:

- (1) SONG CAM LO valley has little traffic at this time.
- (2) Possible enemy reconnaissance activity to determine future use of SONG CAM LO valley by NVA.

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Patrol Leader
SSgt Co D

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: NONE

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 DONG HA, RVN
 DTG 050830H APRIL 1967

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - a. COMPOSITION: (8) USMC (1) USN
 - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENT: (NONE)
 - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
 - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7X 50
 - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) CLAYMORE MINES, (4) WP RIFLE GRENADES
 (3) CS GRENADES (1) 2LB BLOCK G-4
 - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms. Make every effort to capture a prisoner. Plot HLZ's for future operations. Pay particular attention to trails and their frequency of use in your RZ. Ascertain if the area is being used by the enemy and for what purpose.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 030845H/041315H APRIL 1967
4. ROUTE: SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - a. SYNOPSIS: 28 1/2 hours of reconnaissance resulted in (2) enemy sightings and (1) contact. Patrol fired (4) artillery missions totalling (822) rds. Contact resulted in (1) NVA KIA (CONF), (10) NVA KIA (PROB), (3) NVA WIA (CONF) and (4) USMC WIA (MINOR). Patrol found evidence of WE traffic through valley south of Mutter's Ridge.
 - e. ENEMY:
 - (1) 032100H (XD 988606) Patrol heard (2-3) voices at (75-100) meters east of patrol position. At 032200H patrol saw (1) light in direction of initial voices. At 032215H patrol fired (1) mission of (37) rounds, with excellent coverage. Movement ceased. At 031045H saw light to west of position. Patrol fired (100) artillery rounds throughout night on defensive concentrations, with negative results.
 - (2) 040935H (XD 988611) Patrol approached crest of Mutter's Ridge. When within (20) meters of top patrol found (1) very fresh CHI COM grenade booby trap. At same time patrol came under SA/ARF and grenades from (15-20) NVA. NVA dressed in grey and green utilities, soft covers, and carried AK-47's and carbines. Patrol returned fire resulting in (1) NVA KIA (CONF) and 3 NVA WIA (CONF), and by fire and maneuver moved (300) meters back down hill. Immediately on contact

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patrol called preplanned concentrations. At 041005H artillery began firing. Patrol fired (2) missions and crept rounds down hill behind themselves.

- (3) At 041010H (XD 980605) Patrol heard movement behind them at distance of (20) meters from estimated same enemy.
- (4) 041110H (XD 994597) Patrol called (1) artillery mission on areas of contact and withdrawal resulting in (10) NVA KIA (PROB).
- c. TERRAIN: Steep hills and vegetation blown away by explosives. Excellent observation of valley from southern slopes. Communications good. Water plentiful in valley.
- d. OTHER INFORMATION:
 - (1) Patrol noted that E-W trail along GL 60 (XD 992600) in valley south of Mutter's Ridge had seen much recent small unit traffic from W to E.
- 6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
 - a. ENEMY: (1) NVA KIA (CONF) (10) NVA KIA (PROB) (3) NVA WIA (CONF)
 - b. FRIENDLY: (4) WIA (MINOR)
 - c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: NONE
 - d. LOST EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25 (DESTROYED).
- 7. CONDITION OF PATROL: POOR ~~WAS VERY GOOD~~
- 8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: The area of contact should not be used for reconnaissance penetrations to the north.

Conclusions:

Mutter's Ridge used as a valley OP and first line of defense against reconnaissance to the north of same ridge.
Significant small group EW traffic in valley to south of Mutter's Ridge.

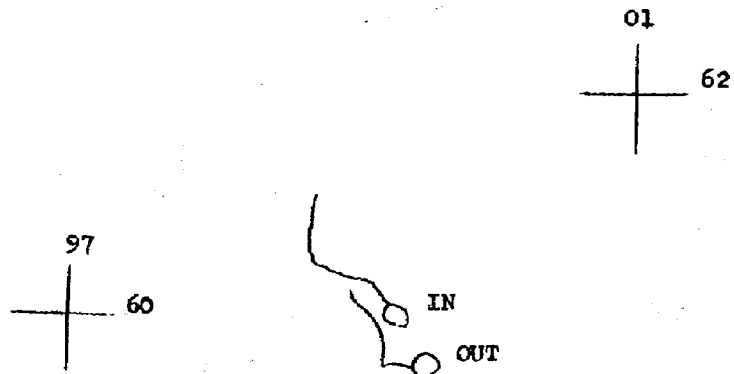
R.F. RUSSEL
Patrol Leader
Cpl Co C

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:

Numerous artillery duds were reported by patrol.
Much debris in area through which patrol traveled due to prior infantry operations.
Concur with patrol leader.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - a. COMPOSITION: (9) USMC (1) USN
 - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
 - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
 - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7 X 50
 - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CLAYMORE MINES, (2) WP RIFLE GRENADES (4) 2LB BLOCKS C-4
 - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms. Make every effort to capture a prisoner. Plot HLZ's for future operation. Pay particular attention to trails and their frequency of use in your RZ. Ascertain if the area is being used by the enemy and for what purpose.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 050910H/051700H APRIL 1967
4. ROUTE: SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - a. SYNOPSIS: 6 hours of reconnaissance resulted in no enemy sightings and (1) contact. Ambush by unknown number of VC resulted in (5) USMC WIA, (1) USN WIA by grenade fragments. Patrol fired (1) mission of (125) rds in support with negative results.
 - b. ENEMY:
 - (1) 051230H (YD 095603) Patrol was moving NE through thick brush. A booby trap was detonated and immediately 4 or 5 CHI COM grenades were thrown on top of patrol from one side of trail. Front half of column was ambushed, resulting in (5) USMC WIA and (1) USN WIA. Patrol withdrew 40 meters under covering M-79. Enemy did not pursue. Patrol fired (1) mission of (125) rds. Patrol heard moaning following several volleys. Area checked with negative results.
 - c. TERRAIN: Gentle rolling hills with mixed elephant grass and scrub brush up to 12' high. Communication excellent. Vegetation offers little concealment to moving units.
 - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
 - (1) Patrol noted much normal civilian activity.

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- (2) Because of nature of terrain and civilian activity patrol was under observation until within 300 meters of ambush site.
- (3) 051145H (YD 091601) Patrol noted a whistling which started each time they halted. Whistle was identical each time it was heard and sounded like a bird imitation. Whistle was heard up until within 20 meters of contact.
- (4) 051225H Vicinity (YD 095603) Patrol crossed NS trail (1) meter wide. Rear point saw (2) VN children emerge from bushes next to patrol at distance of (1) meter. VN were surprised and detained by rear point for security check. Rear point checked contents of bag hanging from pole between them. Bag appeared heavy and seemed to contain twigs. Rear point dismissed VN and VN continued E on trail shown on map. VN were still in sight when patrol was ambushed. As patrol withdrew to intersection of EW trail and trail which patrol had broken the VN could no longer be seen. At 051400H patrol heard movement in the brush to east of their position. At 051645H infantry unit approached patrol position along trail VN had used. Head element triggered (1) booby trap (50) meters from patrol position resulting in (3) USMC WIA.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE

- a. ENEMY: NONE
- b. FRIENDLY: (5) USMC WIA (1) USN WIA
- c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: POOR, MORALE GOOD

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Future patrols be helicopter inserted at least 1000 meters north of river to walk into recon zone.

Conclusions:

Patrol was ambushed by VC element.

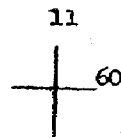
VC have some means of observing and signalling approach of patrols.

J.F. ZAMAITES
Acting Patrol Leader
L/Cpl Go D

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:

Patrols have frequently used this general route on walk-in patrols north from Route 9.
Several busses stopped on Route 9 as patrol made their way from insertion point.

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Operation Order: 107-67
 Patrol: 1st TM, 3d Plt. Force Recon 3d Reconnaissance Bn.
 Debriefers: SSgt. J.D. PIPPIN PHU BAI, RVN
 Map Sheet: 6441 I 120900H April 1967

PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (10) Enl. (1) USMC Scoutdog
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
- d. OBSERVATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) Pr. 7x50 (1) Pr. 8x35
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) Gas Masks (20) GS grenades
(2) WP Rifle grenades
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) Claymore Mines (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area, locating trails and harbor sites. Establish day OP's and ambushes on likely avenues of VC movement. Engage the enemy with SAF and/or supporting arms, making every effort to capture documents, weapons, and prisoners. Patrols will act as Forward Observers for on call artillery.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 081530H/111545H April 1967

4. ROUTE: See route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 68½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (6) enemy sightings totalling (110) VC/NVA and no contacts. Artillery fired (168) rds in support of patrol resulting (14) enemy KIA's (C) and (20) enemy KIA's (P). Patrol found (1) excellent OP and observed (1) old hut. Area observed by patrol is heavily traveled by small groups of VC/NVA moving in an Easterly direction.

b. ENEMY:

(1) 101155H (YD 562252) Patrol sighted 2 VC moving East along tree line, dressed in black PJ's and white Koolie hats, carrying packs and rifles. No action taken.

(2) 101315H to 101505H (YD 603265) Patrol sighted a total of 74 VC moving East Northeast in vicinity of tree line along river, dressed in black PJ's and green utilities, carrying a total of (24) rifles and (26) packs. The VC were moving in groups of (3) to (4) to these coord. then assembling into groups of approx. (20), then continuing to move North Northeast along Route 554. Artillery mission called on targets totalling (125) rds with excellent coverage of target, resulting in (14) KIA's (C).

(3) 101630H (YD 600252) Patrol sighted 6VC moving East along road dressed in Khaki uniforms, (2) carrying packs and rifles. No action taken due to air craft in area.

(4) 101849H (YD 603265) Patrol sighted (20) VC moving North along Route 554 dressed in black PJ's and Khaki uniforms, carrying packs and rifles. Artillery mission called on target expending (43) rds of zone sweeping fire with 100% coverage, resulting in (20) KIA's (P)

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(5) 110800H (YD 603259) Patrol sighted 2VC walking Northeast dressed in black PJ's, carrying packs and rifles. No action taken.

(6) 111350H (YD 603265) patrol sighted (6) VC moving East wearing Khaki uniforms, carrying packs and rifles. No action taken due to prep-fire and air strikes in the vicinity for sweep.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by gentle slopes and rolling hills, easily accessible from all sides. Vegetation consist. of brush and shrubs 2 to 5 ft. high.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 081530H (YD 595234) Patrol inserted these coord. LZ will accommodate (1) CH-46. Site is covered with brush 2 to 4 ft. high. No obstacles noted.

(2) 090900H (YD 599234) Patrol located excellent OP site these coord. From these coord. observation is undistracted to the Northwest, North and East.

(3) 091300H (YD 612214) Patrol observed old hut these coord. Hut had thick roof, hut approx. 12 ft. long, 6 ft. wide and 10 ft. high. Hut did not appear to be used at present.

(4) 091500H (YD 599234) Patrol had Med-Evac from heat stroke, also scout dog and handler Evac due to shortage of water and heat factor.

(5) 111545H (YD 599234) Patrol extracted these coord. LZ will accommodate (1) UH-34. Site is covered with brush approx. 4 ft. high. No obstacles noted in sight.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: 14 KIA's (C) 20 KIA's (P)

b. FRIENDLY: None

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, moral good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Patrol should continue to operate in this area because the excellent observation of the valley.

Conclusions: (1) Communications throughout this patrol was excellent.

(2) Natural water source accessible in the vicinity of OP none, although patrol could be resupplied from the river to the East.

L.E. KEEN
Sgt. Force Recon

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:

(1) Concur with patrol Leaders Recommendations and Conclusions.

(2) Area observed by patrol appeared that the VC/NVA were moving out of the mountainous area into the valley in groups of 3 to 4 and assembling into approx. platoon size units via (YD 5625) prior to moving into more unsecured area.

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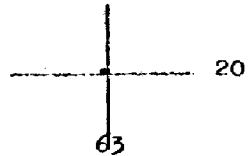
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - a. COMPOSITION: (7) USMC (1) USN
 - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
 - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
 - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7 X 50
 - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) M476 (6) WP RIFLE GRENADES (1) YELLOW STREAMERS (1) WP HAND GRENADE
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms. Make every effort to capture a prisoner. Plot HLZ's for future operations. Pay particular attention to trails and their frequency of use in your RZ. Ascertain if the area is being used by the enemy and for what purpose.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 060930H/111230H APRIL 1967
4. ROUTE: SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - a. SYNOPSIS: (123) hours of patrolling resulted in (1) enemy sighting of (12) NVA and (1) contact with (5) NVA KIA (CONF). Artillery supported with (2) missions of (36) rounds with (5) NVA KIA (PROB). Patrol adjusted air strike with unknown results. Bodies of CH-54 crew members killed 13 MARCH could not be found.
 - b. ENEMY: 101330H (XD 988613) Patrol point observed (3) NVA dressed in green utilities, soft camouflaged bush hat, no pack, weapon, cartridge belt with CHI COM grenades. Enemy seemed to be in OP position, with debris such as rice bowls, cartridge boxes. Patrol took enemy underfire resulting in (3) NVA KIA (CONF). Patrol began taking fire from 75 meters to East and returned SA/AFW resulting in (2) NVA KIA (CONF), and (1) USMC WIA (MINOR). Patrol began to withdraw under cover of air strike. Artillery was called on enemy position of (30) rounds with results of (5) NVA KIA (PROB). Enemy withdrew.
 - c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by defoliated canopy, steep hills, open, observable approach routes. Communication poor on defilade side of ridge, water good.
 - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
 - (1) 071400H (XD 995585) Patrol found old enemy base camp not used for 4-5 months, with numerous fighting holes, and (2) rundown hooches. Trail along stream used by friendlies running N-S 3' wide.

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- (2) 071500H (XD 994593) Patrol found old enemy base camp, out of use, company size. Fighting hole, old bunkers, (1) hooch.
- (3) 091600H (XD 990623) Patrol heard voices from this vicinity. Negative communication precluded artillery.
- (4) 100800H (XD 989622) Patrol observed (3) fresh foot prints of tennis shoes heading from E to W up stream.
- (5) 101000H (XD 986619) Patrol found downed H-34 helicopter. Tail section was intact, everything else was scattered and burnt. Negative USMC bodies.
- (6) 101100H (XD 987618) Patrol found downed H-46 helicopter. NVA's had been carrying pieces all over area, plane was burnt and scattered all over. Patrol leader judges plane set on fire by enemy. Tires had been cannibalized. No booby traps on either plane.
- (7) 101730H (XD 990604) Patrol found small bivouac area of 10 man capacity, not used within last 3 months.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- a. ENEMY: (5) NVA KIA (CONF), (5) NVA KIA (PROB)
- b. FRIENDLY: (1) USMC WIA (MINOR)
- c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: FAIR, MORALE GOOD

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations:

ARCHLIGHT and TPQ's be conducted on Mutter Ridge and Ridge to north of Mutter Ridge. Planes make drops on passes from north to south since defilade side of ridge remains untouched.

Conclusions:

Enemy OP activity at 988613.

C.O. ROSE
Patrol Leader
Cpl Co C

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Payable Mike Five reported enemy OP site at coordinates of above contact. Concur with patrol leader's recommendations and conclusions.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - a. COMPOSITION: (9) USMC (1) USN
 - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
 - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
 - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) 7 X 50
 - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) CLAYMORE MINE (5) WP RIFLE 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. Make every effort to capture a prisoner. Plot HLZ's for future operations. Pay particular attention to trails and their frequency of use in your RZ. Ascertain if the area is being used by the enemy and for what purpose.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 091300H/101400H APRIL 1967
4. ROUTE: SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
 - a. SYNOPSIS: 25 hours of reconnaissance resulted in (1) enemy sighting and (1) contact. Patrol found (1) large fresh bunker complex and an apparent storage area. Patrol fired (1) artillery mission of (1200) rds resulting in 10 NVA KIA (PROB).
 - b. ENEMY:
 - (1) 101000H (XD 924501) Patrol was firing artillery mission to destroy bunker complex at (XD 924503) (13) NVA dressed in dark green uniforms, wearing cartridge belts, and haversacks, no covers and carrying AK-47's emerged from canopy into elephant grass in column and approached patrol position 100 meters away. Enemy moved around patrol to vicinity (XD 923498). By 101100H patrol realized they were surrounded by estimated (80) NVA. Patrol began throwing grenades. Patrol received heavy SA/AFW and returned same. Patrol called artillery fire mission of (1200) rds with 10 NVA KIA (PROB) resulting. Screams were heard following friendly grenade. Air Strikes were called on bunker complex. Estimate bunker complex destroyed by air. While Air Strikes and gunships provided covering fires patrol was extracted at their defensive position without friendly casualties.

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c. TERRAIN: Rolling hills with intermittent canopy and elephant grass. Excellent communications.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

- (1) 091300H (XD 914509) Patrol inserted these coordinates. HLZ large enough for (3) CH-46's. Old rusted O-Ration cans found in area.
- (2) 091500H (XD 924503) Patrol found heavily used EW trail (1) meter wide. Trail used by platoon size unit moving east.
- (3) 091545H (XD 924503) Patrol found bunker complex consisting of (20) 6' X 6' reinforced camouflaged bunkers. Estimate (40) 2 man camouflaged fighting holes some of which were connected by tunnels to hear by bunkers. Numerous tunnel air holes were found. At least (50) meters of tunnel was believed to connect bunkers. Estimate area (1) week old. (1) very old hooch was found to contain (4) old empty packs, (3) pair old uniforms and numerous rusted fish cans, several empty baskets, and (2) jungle sneakers. A ladder was attached to a tree near a large 6' X 6' X 8' deep bunker. OP in tree could observe area from THONSON LAM to near CA LU. (2) old fenced in graves with markers were found in area. One area 100 meters in diameter was found which had been cordoned off by vines, shoulder high. Within this area were more than (20) freshly dug holes. Each hole had a 12" X 18" inter woven stick framework placed 4" over it. Underneath the framework was freshly packed dirt. Upon digging 6" a tunnel was discovered large enough to allow passage of a small man. About (20) other holes were found in this area, of varying size. Holes had been filled in, some holes could have held objects up to (4) feet long and (1) foot wide. In immediate area of these holes portions of vines were found wrapped around trees with ends pointing toward specific man made objects. At one point on the trail a 3' stick was suspended across the trail about 2' above the ground and (3) 3' sticks were leaned against the horizontal stick with sharpened ends pointing down the trail.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: 10 NVA KIA (PROB)

b. FRIENDLY: NONE

c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD/MORALE GOOD

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

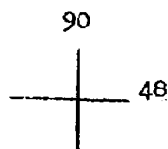
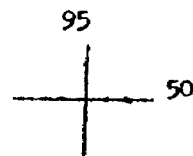
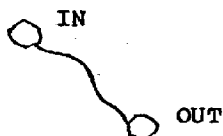
Recommendations: Future patrols this area walk in or land some distance away.

Conclusions: Area appeared to be some type of storage area.

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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Infantry operation is currently conducted in this area.



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PATROL ROUTE

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (1) OFFICER, (7) Enl. (1) USN 1664--67
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) PR. 7X50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CS grenades, (5) Yellow smokes,
 (5) Trip flares
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area, locating trails and harbor sites. Establish dev OP's and ambushes on likely avenues of VC movement. Engage the enemy with SAF and/or supporting arms, making every effort to capture documents, weapons, and prisoners. Patrol will act as Forward Observers for on call artillery.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 121330H/ 161930H April 1967

4. ROUTE: See Route Overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

+ a. SYNOPSIS: 102 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (2) enemy sightings, totalling approx. (18) VC/NVA and (2) contact resulting in (1) enemy KIA (Prob), (1) friendly KIA, (1) friendly WIA, and captured (1) pack filled with salt. Arty fired (5) Rds in support of patrol with unknown results. Huey gunship was used in support of patrol. Patrol found Medical Vial, trail, boat and camp site. Area covered by patrol reveals signs of extensive use at this time.

b. ENEMY:

(1) 151530H (YD 836006) Patrol observed (3) VC/NVA via these coord. Carrying packs, and no weapons were observed. They appeared to be filling containers. Then moved off to the north.

(2) 161450H (YD 833007) Patrol moving to LZ was ambushed by approx. 10-15 VC/NVA these coord. Patrol received AW, MG fire and grenades. Returned AW and grenades while moving back down trail. Resulted in (1) Friendly WIA (minor). At 161515H patrol again tried moving to LZ and again was ambushed approx. 30 meters north of first ambush site, receiving AW and MG fire resulting in (1) Friendly KIA (P81 Ldr). Patrol returned AW fire, grenades causing (1) Enemy KIA (Prob), and called fire mission of (5) Rds on ambush site with unknown results. Patrol requested Sparrow Hawk force. Huey gunship arrived on station to support the patrol. Gunship during 1st strafing run rec'd MG fire. Gunship rec'd no further fire after first run. Patrol found a pack filled with salt and one sandal at this ambush site. Patrol married up with Sparrow Hawk force at 1835H with no further contact.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by steep hills covered with dense vegetation approx. 10-12ft high with interwoven vines making movement extremely difficult. Area covered has canopy approx. (80-90ft) high.

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d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 121330H (YD 835008) Patrol inserted these coord. LZ will accommodate (1) CH-46. Site covered with sand, brush and small rocks. No obstacles noted.

(2) 121400H (YD 833006) Patrol found what appeared to be directional marker, constructed of a stick 5ft long, leaning against tree. 3 rocks were placed at the ends of the stick, 14' line going north and south.

(3) 141430 (YD 824001) Patrol found medical vial in creek bed these coord. Vial turned into this Hqts.

(4) 141630H (YD 824998) Patrol found what appeared to be old cooking fire. The fire had (4) stick placed around the fire use to hold pot or can above the fire. This site appeared to be at least two weeks old.

(5) 151500 (YD 833006) Patrol found a trail running east from stream bed these coord. Patrol followed trail approx 250 meters. Trail approx 2 1/2 ft wide and appeared well used.

(6) 160830H (YD 834006) Patrol found and destroyed a boat at these coord. Boat was 6ft long and 2-3ft wide. Boat was tied to the bank and was submerged. The stake holding the boat appeared to be freshly cut.

(7) 161930H (YD 833008) Patrol extracted these coord. LZ will accommodate (1) CH-46. Site is an old bomb crater.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (1) KIA (Prob)

b. FRIENDLY: (1) KIA, (1) WIA (minor)

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: (1) Pack w/salt, (1) Saddle

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Fair, morale fair.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: 1. Future patrols operate west on trail at (YD 833008).

(2) Future patrol operate east side of creek, fork, (YD 837006) Possible enemy harbor site or camp.

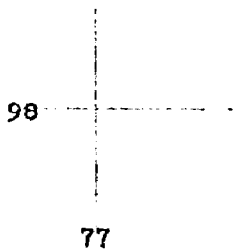
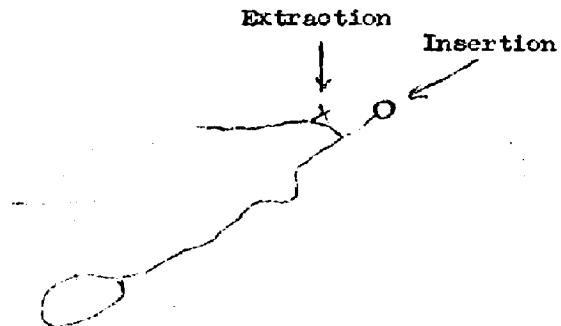
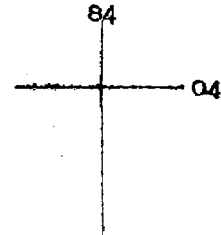
Conclusions: (1) Poor communications throughout patrol.

(2) Water resource in this area plentiful.

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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: This area appears to be heavily traveled to the north and east at this time.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (7) USMC (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7 X 50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) WP RIFLE 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. Make every effort to capture a prisoner. Plot HLZ's for future operations. Pay particular attention to trails and their frequency of use in your RZ. Ascertain if the area is being used by the enemy and for what purpose.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 111630H/151030H APRIL 1967

4. ROUTE: SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 90 hours of reconnaissance resulted in (1) enemy sighting of (7) NVA and (1) contact with same. Enemy unit was carrying wounded man on stretcher. Ambush of enemy resulted in (1) NVA WIA (PROB) and (1) NVA prisoner (previously wounded) and (1) USMC WIA. (1) artillery mission of 94 rounds was fired with unknown results. Patrol found numerous trails and individual fighting holes averaging (1) month old in this area. HLZ's had fighting holes around their perimeter. Enemy use of the area transient at this time.

b. ENEMY: 120900H (YD 152647) Patrol heard movement along trail 10-15 meters north of position. (3) NVA wearing khakis passed by patrol position. 10 Meters behind came a group of (3) men carrying (1) man on a stretcher. Two men were wearing pith helmets and were carrying AK-47 and an SKS. Men dressed in same manner as above. Both groups were talking loudly. Patrol opened fire on second group. Stretcher was dropped and magazine of AMF ineffectively returned by enemy. (1) NVA WIA (PROB) and (1) USMC WIA resulted from SAF. Man on stretcher was dressed in khaki shirt and blue trousers and had a previous wound of the left ankle. Enemy broke contact to NW. Patrol heard movement in brush near position and threw grenades; movement ceased. (1) Artillery mission of (9) rounds was fired with unknown results. Prisoner and USMC removed from field by helicopter MED-EVAC with out further incident.

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- c. TERRAIN: Low rolling hills with thick brush 6' high. Movement not difficult. Little water available. Communication excellent. Numerous trails in area.
- d. OTHER INFORMATION:
- (1) 111745H (YD 149639) Small bundles of camouflage materials found. Materials at least 3 weeks old.
 - (2) 120830H (YD 149648) New trail was found to have been freshly (within 1 week) cut N-S. Trail was 1 meter wide. (6) old fighting holes found this vicinity.
 - (3) 121200H (YD 152649) Trail found this vicinity led towards (3) old fighting holes.
 - (4) 121640H (YD 150605) (3) Voices were heard moving rapidly NE to SW. No action taken.
 - (5) 130900H (YD 157647) Several month old camp fire remains were found. Nothing else noted in area. (YD 143636) and (YD 150635) also had similar sites.
 - (6) (YD 152647) Large trail found this vicinity. Appeared to have been made by a PC. Deep cuts indicate passage when muddy. Trail leads into THON GON NAY in GS YD 1561.
 - (7) (YD 1765) Each night patrol heard sounds of SA/AVF from this vicinity. Sporadic fire was heard from 200 to 0500 each night.
 - (8) 131530H (YD 1262) Patrol observed (3) large fires this GRID SQUARE.
 - (9) (YD 1562) Many small trails branch from main N-S trail shown on the map.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
- a. ENEMY: (1) NVA POW (PREVIOUSLY WOUNDED) (1) NVA WIA (PROB)
 - b. FRIENDLY: (1) USMC WIA
 - c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: 1 SKS, 2 HELMETS, 1 BLUE COTTON SHEET, 1 PAIR SANDALS, 1 BUSH BAT, 1 STRETCHER, 1 CAN CONDENSED MILK
7. CONDITION PATROL: PHYSICAL FAIR/MORALE FAIR
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
- Recommendations: Northern area of RZ be reconned further.
- Conclusions: Medical facilities are available for NVA in vicinity of CAM LO.
Area presently being used for transit.

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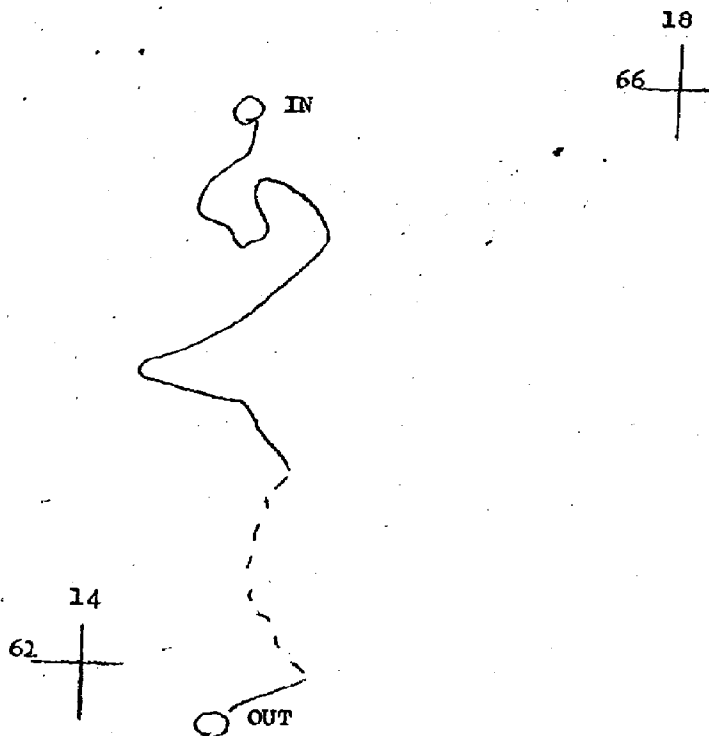
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: GRID SQUARES (YD 1464) and (YD 1564) were characterized by many individual fighting holes, which by their position were concealed from aerial observation. Only (1) new fighting hole was seen. Most holes seemed to be at least 3 to 4 weeks old. Most suitable HLZ's in these areas had numerous fighting holes concealed around the perimeter.

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 PHU RAI, RVN
 191800H April 1967

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

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- a. COMPOSITION: (12) Bn1.
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) Pr. 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (36) CS grenades
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 (4) Claymore mines

2. MISSION: Establish OP's with operation area to locate enemy infiltration routes, enemy troop movement, and enemy staging areas. Avoid contact with small enemy units, unless contact is a matter of self defense. Artillery will not be fired on enemy units less than (50) men, without first receiving permission from this HQT's. Act as a relay for other patrols in the area.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 161530H/190945H April 1967

4. ROUTE: See route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 66 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (4) enemy sightings totalling (8) VC/NVA and no contacts. Artillery fired (20) rds in support resulting in (6) KIA (P). Patrol found (1) trail and a Plt size harbor site. Area covered by patrol did not reveal signs of extensive use, although patrol believes river is heavily traveled.

b. ENEMY:

(1) 171315H (YD 629223) Patrol observed (1) VC wearing black PJ's in the vicinity of these coord. VC jumped out of hole and ran to the East over hill. No weapon or equipment observed.

(2) 171500H (YD 620211) Patrol observed (1) Vietnamese Female walking north these coord, dressed in tan and black peasant clothing. She was not observed carrying anything.

(3) 180810H (YD 608231) Patrol observed (4) VC/NVA in brush line along river, wearing black PJ's and carrying rifles. Called fire mission of (11) rds with excellent coverage of target. (4) KIA (P)

(4) 181220H (YD 608231) Patrol observed (2) VC/NVA moving south along river, wearing black PJ's carrying rifles. Called fire mission of (9) rds with excellent coverage of target (2) KIA (P).

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c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by rolling hills, low brush averaging 6 ft. high. Rate of movement 300 meters per hour.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 161530H (YD 609221) Patrol inserted these coord. LZ will accommodate (1) CH-46. Site is covered with scrub brush 5-6 ft. high. No obstacles noted.

(2) 161600H (YD 610211) Patrol crossed trail at these coord. running North and South approx. $1\frac{1}{2}$ ft. wide. Trail did not appear to be heavily used at this time.

(3) 161715 (YD 613209) Patrol found what appeared to be VC/NVA harbor site, for approx. a plt. Patrol found Vietnamese ration cans, Vietnamese cigarette pack, old metal pot on tripod over old cooking fire, and what appeared to be approx. 20 wood frames for constructing shelters. Site did not appear to be used recently.

(4) 190945H (YD 613213) Patrol extracted these coord. This entire area could be used as LZ. Area covered with low grass and scrubs approx. $1\frac{1}{2}$ ft. high.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- a. ENEMY: (6) KIA (P)
- b. FRIENDLY: None
- c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, moral good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Future patrols should operate only as OP's in this area, due to open terrain. Also future patrols operate in the vicinity of (YD 629224) for excellent observation.

Conclusions:

(1) Patrol had continuous interference from (3) ARVN nets and believe (1) VC/NVA nets, other than interference communication is excellent in this area.

(2) No natural water in this area.

(3) All movement in this area appears to be along river.

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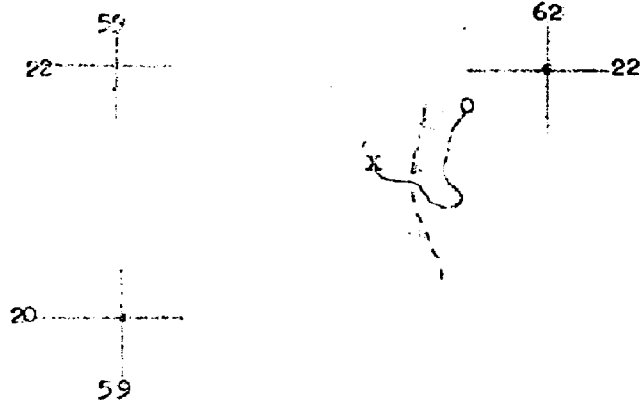
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
 - a. COMPOSITION: (10) USMC (1) USN
 - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
 - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
 - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7 X 50
 - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) CLAYMORE MINES (9) WP RIFLE GRENADES (15) GS GRENADES (11) GAS MASKS
 - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms. Make every effort to capture a prisoner. Plot ELZ's for future operations. Pay particular attention to trails and their frequency of use in your RZ. Ascertain if the area is being used by the enemy and for what purpose.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 150900H/151300H APRIL 1967
4. ROUTE: SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
 - a. SYNOPSIS: 9 1/2 hours of reconnaissance resulted in (1) sighting of (15) NVA and (1) contact with same. Patrol came across freshly made combat outpost. Exchange of SA/ARF resulted in (2) NVA KIA (PROB) and (1) USMC WIA (MINOR). (2) Artillery mission totalling (53) rds forced enemy to abandon their position. Extra ction helicopters received ARF and gunships struck numerous positions in GS (YD 3444). Area was defended in depth and was probably a combat OP for larger unit.
 - b. ENEMY:
 - (1) 151300H (YD 345448) Patrol was traveling SE on well use dirt road which had been paved at one time. Several old individual fighting holes were seen along this road. Vegetation was knee high and very little cover was available. Patrol approached low ridge line and at a distance of 50 meters received a large volume of SA/ARF. Fire was delivered from the ridgeline to the patrol's right front. Patrol returned fire. (1) USMC WIA resulted from initial burst. (1) fire mission of (42) rds resulted in forcing the enemy to abandon fixed positions. As patrol moved into area they fired on several NVA resulting in (2) NVA KIA (PROB). (1) Artillery mission of (8) rds resulted in forcing more enemy to leave bunker area. In bunker area

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patrol found (15-10) fresh two man bunkers well camouflaged with reinforced roofs and (1) large (8) man bunker equipped to hold a 12.7mm HMG. Two short tunnels with no exits were found. Position offered excellent observation and fields of fire from 270 to 90 degrees. Patrol saw a reinforced squad in this position wearing khakis and carrying carbines and AK-47's. Gunships in area provided protection for helicopter resupply and drew SA/AWP. Gunships made Air Strike on ridge line running from (YD 345445) to (YD 342447) and from (YD 348440) to (YD 348446) and from (YD 359445) to (YD 353445). MG fire came from these (3) ridges.

- (2) 151830H (YD 361458) Patrol extracted these coordinates. While waiting for helicopters, Patrol came under ineffective M-79 fire (3 rds).

c. **TERRAIN:** Very low rolling hills covered with sparse knee high vegetation offering little concealment for tall objects. Communication was poor with RAINBELT ZULU (YD 340505).

d. **OTHER INFORMATION:**

- (1) 151315H (YD 352453) Patrol found following diagram scratched in middle of road at a fork in road:

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- (2) At (YD 353456) Patrol found L-shaped piece of metal 12" by 8"

pointing towards RIGGLES (1/9) position. Patrol found (15-10) fresh two man bunkers well camouflaged with reinforced roofs and (1) large (8) man bunker equipped to hold a 12.7mm HMG.

6. **RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:** Position offered excellent observation and fields of fire from 270 to 90 degrees. Patrol saw a reinforced (2) INVA KIA (PROB) wearing khakis and carrying carbines and AK-47's. Gunships in area provided protection for helicopter resupply.
- a. **ENEMY:** (2) INVA KIA (PROB) wearing khakis and carrying carbines and AK-47's. Gunships in area provided protection for helicopter resupply.
- b. **FRIENDLY:** SA (1) USMC WIA (MINOR) Air Strike on ridge line running from (YD 345445) to (YD 342447) and from (YD 348440) to (YD 348446) and from (YD 359445) to (YD 353445). MG fire came from these (3) ridges.
- c. **CAPTURED EQUIPMENT:** (3) NONE.

7. **CONDITION OF PATROL:** PHYSICAL GOOD/MORALE EXCELLENT. Patrol extracted these coordinates. While waiting for helicopters, Patrol came under ineffective M-79 fire (3 rds).

8. **CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

a. **TERRAIN:** Very low rolling hills covered with sparse knee high vegetation offering little concealment for tall objects. Communication was poor with RAINBELT ZULU (YD 340505). Area extremely dangerous to move through because of lack of concealment and cover. Future patrols take plenty of water.

Conclusions: 15H (YD 352453) Patrol found following diagram scratched in middle of road at a fork in road:

Area lacked living facilities and was probably a combat outpost.

Area defended in depth.

Immediate area around the bunkers was occupied by up to (1) Company.

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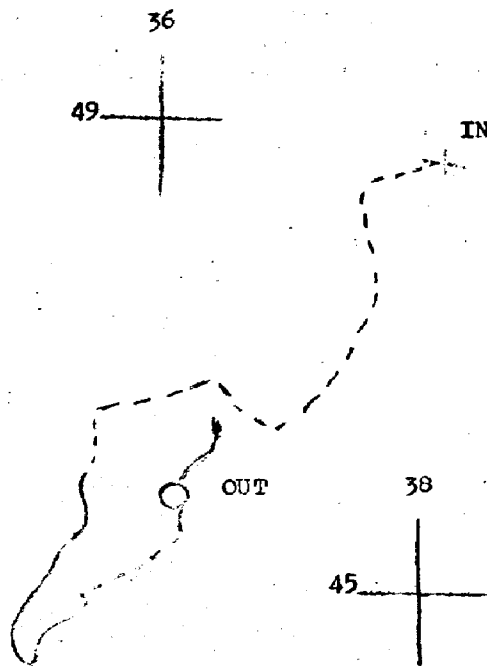
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:

- (1) Patrol said OP appeared to be watching sweep by unit from 1/9 to the North and East.
- (2) An enemy regiment is thought to be in this vicinity.
- (3) Concur with patrol leader.

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Operation Order: 173-67
 Patrol: 2nd Sqd 3rd Plt Co D
 Debriefers: 2nd/Lt J.L. ZELLERS
 Map Sheet: 6342 I

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 31 Reconnaissance Battalion
 DONG HA, RVN
 DTG 241400Z APRIL

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (9) USMC
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) PM 7 x 50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) CLAYMORE MINES, (16) CS GRENADES (9) GAS MASKS
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zones to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms. Make every effort to capture a prisoner. Plot HLZ's for future operations. Pay particular attention to trails and their frequency of use in your RZ. Ascertain if the area is being used by the enemy and for what purpose.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 170900Z to 220830Z APRIL 1967

4. ROUTE: SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. SYNOPSIS: 119 1/2 hours of reconnaissance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found (1) large bunker complex about 2 weeks old, and two smaller bunker areas with cooking hooches also several weeks old. (1) old dwelling was found containing (25) weapons, (200) mortar rounds and other assorted gear. Sounds of bunker-building were heard and signs were seen of recent passage of a small unit carrying heavy loads east.
- b. ENEMY: NONE
- c. TERRAIN: Low rolling hills with fairly dense undergrowth up to 7' high. Water in moderate quantities can be found due to recent rains. Comm good. Many trails in area used by infantry, woodcutters, VC/NVA. HLZ's plentiful in this area.

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d. OTHER INFORMATION:

- (1) 171750H (YD 0962) Drum signals began immediately after spotter ground and continued 10 minutes.
- (2) 191535H (YD 096657) Bunker complex found, 400 meters square. Area constructed about 2 weeks ago. 15-20 (4) man bomb shelters and 25-30 interlocking 3 man bunkers, all with log and dirt roofs, and 15-20 individual fighting holes were in this area. Complex arranged on east side of hill. Area concealed from air but not too heavily camouflaged from ground observation. No debris in complex. No large trails were found running into complex. Old discarded 782 gear and C-Ration cans were found. All bunkers seemed similar-no MG or mortar positions.
- (3) 191635H (YD 094665) Voices and sound of shovels smacking dirt were heard. Patrol fired (1) artillery mission of (14) rds with good coverage. Results unknown.
- (4) 200925H (YD 094654) 5' x 10' dwelling found with no access trails. No other dwellings were nearby. No farming in this vicinity. Numerous ordnance items found within were not stacked in a military manner. Old NVA 782 gear found in area. See list of gear and gear returned in para. 6.C. Dwelling was old but mortar rounds were new.
- (5) 201140H, (YD 094653) Cooking hooche found by stream. (7) Bunkers facing east were located on hill behind dwelling. Bunkers were large enough for (3) men and had log reinforced roofs. (8) Individual fighting holes also found. No trails seemed to lead into area. Last used two weeks ago.
- (6) 201740H (YD 092650) Recently used cooking hooch with (12) three man bunkers with log reinforced roofs were found. Several empty cans and 1 full can of mortar fuzes and 1000' spool of comm wire found here. Area constructed within 2-4 weeks. Bunkers facing south. Area was near but not overlooking suitable large HLZ.
- (7) 210825H (YD 095640) Tracks of (3) NVA carrying very heavy loads east were found on trail. Tracks were less than 48 hrs old.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: NONE

b. FRIENDLY: NONE

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c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT:

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GEAR FOUND IN CACHE FOUND AT YD 094654

- 200 82mm MORTAR RDS
- 3 CARTRIDGE BELTS
- * 15 ASSORTED MAGAZINES
- 4 CASES B-40 ROCKETS, 6 PER CASE
- 2 B-40 ROCKET CARRIERS, 1 WITH 2 B-40 ROCKETS
- 7 CASES 7.62mm rds, 450 rds PER CASE
- 400 RDS LINKED 7.62mm
- 24 82 FUZES
- UNK BOOSTERS
- X 100 CHICOM GRENADES
- * 5 PPSH, CHINESE TYPE K-50
- * 1 M3A1
- * 3 BROWING AUTO RIFLES
- * 4 M-1
- * 11 SOVIET MODEL 1944 CARBINE
- * 1 FRENCH 7.5 LMG MODEL M 1920/24
- * RETURNED, REMAINDER DESTROYED

X 7 GRENADES RETURNED REMAINDER DESTROYED.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL GOOD/MORALE EXCELLENT

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Water will be scarce during hot weather.

Conclusions: Enemy building for future use.

G.L.R. GERARD
Patrol Leader
Sgt Co D

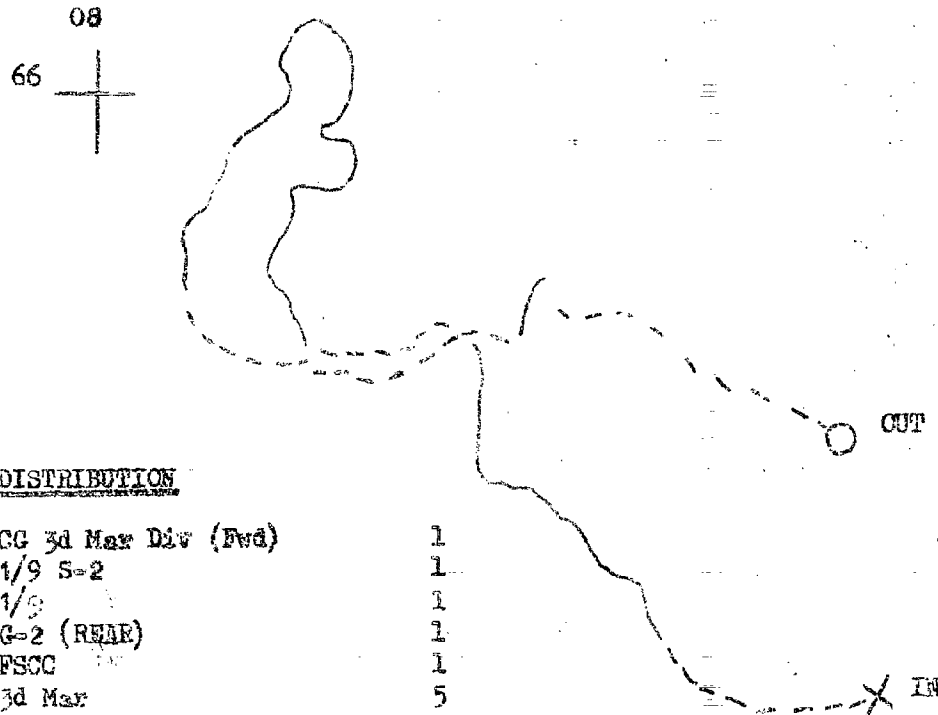
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:

Patrol Leader felt that NVA might have started building bunkers in south and are working way north.

No MG or HMG positions were noted in any of the complexes found.

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 3d Reconnaissance Battalion
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 DTG 291300H APRIL 1967

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (8) USMC
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PBC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7 X 50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) CLAYMORE MINES, (20) 60 GRENADES (8) GAS MASKS
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance is assigned none to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms. Make every effort to capture a prisoner. Plot H/H's for future operations. Pay particular attention to trails and their frequency of use in your LZ. Ascertain if the area is being used by the enemy and for what purpose.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 210900H/251300H APRIL 1967

4. ROUTE: SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. SYNOPSIS: 100 1/2 hours of recon resulted in 7 sightings totalling 97-99 NVA and 1 contact with 4-5 of same. (4) NVA KIA (CONF) and (10) NVA KIA (PROB) resulted from SA/ and artillery. (1) Very heavily used EW trail found at rear several old trails. Possible base camp may exist near Hill 602. M/3/3 called in to exploit patrol sightings with negative results. Artillery fired 15 missions in support totalling 115 rds resulting in (3) KIA (CONF) AND (10) KIA (PROB) noted above. Area appears to have heavy infantry activities, probably movement N to S.

b. ENEMY:

- (1) 221200H (XD 679515) 4-5 NVA seen moving E on trail. Enemy wearing clean, new khakis, black jungle covers, cartridge belts and carrying AK-47's. NVA were at sling arms. Patrol made immediate ambush and SA/ART resulted in (1) NVA KIA (CONF). Remainder fled down trail.

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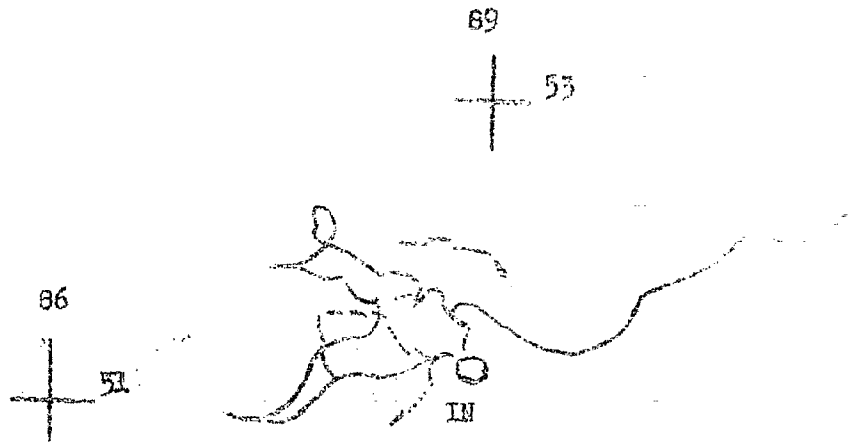
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to west without returning fire. Body and weapon not recovered because of steep hill and loose rocks.

- (2) 211230H (2) NVA dressed as above seen on same trail dragging unknown object. (PROBABLY KIA).
 - (3) 211235H Patrol saw 50 NVA moving tactically along same trail to point of contact. Enemy dressed as above except they were carrying very heavy packs, and armed with (4) MG's, (1) 81/82 mortar, AK-47's and SKS carbines. At contact point enemy split. (25) continued E on trail, (25) moved up hill on the western flank of the patrol.
 - (4) 211300H (XD 878512) Patrol saw (2) NVA sweeping and searching across hill side (25) meters from their position. (1) Artillery mission fired with unknown results.
 - (5) Throughout night sounds of movement were heard along trail and beating drums and sticks came from vicinity Hill 602. Artillery missions fired with unknown results.
 - (6) 220830H (XD 886513) (10) NVA dressed as above moving east on same trail as 2 APRIL. No action taken.
 - (7) 220920H 8-9 NVA followed first group. Both groups moved tactically.
 - (1) Fire mission of 12 rds resulted in screaming, thrashing and
 - (3) NVA KIA (CONF).
 - (8) Voices and movement heard throughout afternoon and night of 22 April, vicinity (XD 886513).
 - (9) While OPCON M/3/3, patrol observed 25 NVA dressed as above moving west on same trail (XD 881516). An attempted ambush was unsuccessful. Enemy did not come into kill zone.
- c. TERRAIN: Steep rocky hills with 100' canopy. Generally thick underbrush. Water plentiful in valleys. Comm fair. At least (1) heavily used trail in the KHE GIANG THON valley.
- d. HLZs (XD 889513) HLZ's in this area cover a large area. Elephant grass is 12' with no obstacles noted. Approaches are without major obstacles and ground is fairly level.

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e. OTHER INFORMATION:

- (1) 210930R (XD 889514) Old unused trail with many old empty rice bags, medical gear, and discarded NVA gear noted. Bomb craters nearby.
- (2) 211100H (XD 887511) Very well used trail runs on hill. Many wide running E-W found here. Vine ladders, logs, bridges, log reinforcing on hillside cuts, and numerous other sites were found. Trail ran along the hill side following the 500 meter contour line. Trail probably runs to Hill 602 (XD 887517).
- (3) (XD 886517) and (XD 890518) Two trails running along stream were found. Numerous fish traps noted. Trails not used for several months.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- a. ENEMY: (4) NVA KIA (CONF) (10) NVA KIA (PROB)
- b. FRIENDLY: NONE
- c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL GOOD/MORALE GOOD

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations:

TFQ of Hill 602 area.

Future patrol operate in UR 9051, LS 8849.

Conclusions: Possible base camp vicinity Hill 602.

R.G. FROCK
Patrol Leader
Cpl. Co D

9. DESERIBER COMMENTS:

- (1) Previous patrols have noted much activity in the Hill 602 area. In GS (XD 8751, 8851, 8951) and vicinity. SEE PATROL REPORT 52-67.
- (2) Patrol estimated (10) NVA KIA (PROB) resulted total from all artillery missions fired.

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Patrol: 1st. Sqd. and Plt "B" Co.

Detachment: 1st. D. B. WILSON

Map Sheet: 6441 I

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1st Bn. 1st Div.

27 11000 April 1967

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

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- a. COMPOSITION: (8) Pz. (1) USN.
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) Pr. 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) M1 rifle grenades, (2) CS grenades
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 (4) Claymore mines.

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area, locating trails and harbor sites. Establish day OP's and ambushes on likely avenues of VC movement. Engage the enemy with S&P and/or supporting arms, making effort to capture documents, weapons, and prisoners. Patrols will act as Forward Observers for on call artillery.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 211600H/251000H April 1967

4. ROUTE: See route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 114 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in 10 enemy sightings totalling 205 VC/NVA and no contacts. Patrol found company size harbor site, fox holes, fighting holes, trenches, bunkers, (?) trail, helicopter trap, burnt radio, and Vietnamese books. This area appears to be heavily occupied at this time.

b. ENEMY:

(1) 221240H (YD 587248) Patrol observed (42) VC/NVA walking West-East, wearing khakis and black PJs, some also wore gray uniforms and others wore shorts, VC were carrying packs and rifles. Artillery called but no clearance was given. Patrol then called Air Strike w/good tgt. coverage resulting in (26) KIA's (6), (4) WIA's (6). After Air Strike the WIA's started walking East-West, artillery called w/1000 tgt coverage, no patrol could fire.

(2) 221600H (YD 557249) Patrol observed (30) VC/NVA moving East-West wearing khakis and black PJs, some also wore gray uniforms and others wore shorts. Artillery called with good tgt. coverage, but were under thick canopy and results were unknown.

(3) 221630H (YD 557249) Patrol observed scattered groups moving East in fire team formations. (27) VC/NVA were moving East-West, dressed in khakis and black PJs, gray uniforms and others wore shorts. Air Strike called w/good tgt. coverage, (30) KIA (3), captured by AR.

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(4) 221715H (YD 577249) Patrol observed 10VC/NVA wearing khaki and black PJ's, some wore gray uniforms, and shorts. They were moving East-West. VC called, artillery and air strikes with excellent tgt coverage resulting in (10) VC/NVA KIA (P).

(5) 231200H (YD 590247) Patrol observed (2) G-130's spraying chemical East-West. Aircraft destroyed (30) mds of 50 cal. fire. Patrol could not contact VC. No action taken.

(6) 240345H (YD 579254) Patrol observed (2) VCS moving West wearing black PJ's. No weapons or equipment observed. No action taken.

(7) 241300H (YD 579251) Patrol observed (5) VCS moving West wearing black PJ's. No weapons or equipment observed. No action taken.

(8) 241430H (YD 579251) Patrol observed (21) VCS moving West forming into one large group at these coord. After forming into the large group enemy moved North staying along the tree line for about 30 minutes, then started crossing a rice field. Artillery was called w/excellent tgt. coverage, resulting in (10) KIA's (P).

(9) 241700H (YD 579251) Patrol observed (4) VCS wearing black PJ's, no weapons or equipment was observed. VCS were moving West along tree line. No action taken.

(10) 250930H (YD 605255) Patrol observed (10) VCS walking East toward the river, wearing dark uniforms, carrying packs and probably rifles. VCS moved with approx. 15-20 meters spacing in between each other. No action taken due to the friendly troops in the area.

(11) 250930H (YD 605239) On the East side of the river (60) VCS were observed in rice field, appeared to be working. No action taken due to being situated at this time.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by steep hills covered with low grass and shrubs w/canopy averaging 3-6 ft.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 211600H (YD 586835) Patrol inserted these coordinates. LZ will accommodate (1) G-130. Area is covered with scrub grass shrubs 3-6 feet high. No obstacles noted.

(2) 211630H (YD 587234) Patrol found harbor site company site and excellent D.F., numerous fighting holes, and trenches throughout area.

(3) 211630H (YD 585827) Patrol observed bunker and hooch these coordinates. Bunker (6x8x3 ft.), hooch (8x10x7 ft.). Hooch did not have roof.

(4) 241045H (YD 574237) Patrol observed trail these coordinates running North and South. Trail was approximately 3 feet wide. Patrol found VC person hooch on trail. Trail is well improved due to the fact that the dirt surface is hard packed, although trail has mud approximately one week ago. Patrol observed U.S. formation once along trail.

(5) 241500H (YD 585835) Patrol found helicopter trap consisting of two basket poles with wire connecting the two poles at the top. Trap was approximately 4 feet high off the ground. No explosives were observed.

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(6) 241515H (YD 595235) Patrol found burnt radio at these coordinates. No distinguishing marks on radio but radio used sort of a oversize BA-38 type battery. These types of batteries were scattered all around the area.

(7) 241515H (YD 595235) Patrol found several Vietnamese books in area. Forwarded to G-2.

(8) 241600H (YD 628224) Patrol observed (6) cement bunkers. Bunkers were too far away for patrol to determine construction or size.

(9) 251000H (YD 594233) Patrol extracted these coordinates. LZ will accommodate (1) C-46. Area is covered with small grass and scrub approximately 3-6 feet high. No obstacles noted.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: 46 KIA (c) 4 WIA (c) 1D KIA (p)

b. FRIENDLY: None

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: (1) Keep recon team on ridgeline as it is a good LZ.

(2) Have at least (2) 7x50's.

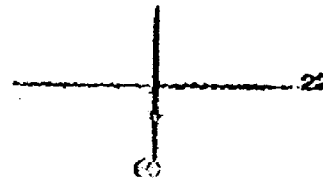
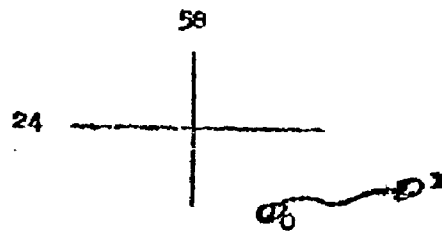
Conclusions: (1) Communication throughout this area was good except for the number of teams on the same frequency.

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Sgt. Co. "B"

9. FRIESENER COMMENTS: It appears that this area is used as a regrouping area before the enemy moves to the North or East.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (7) USMC (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PIC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) PR 7 X 50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) CLAYMORE MINES, (4) CS GRENADES (5) WP HAND GRENADES
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

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3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 191130H/211700H APRIL 1967

4. ROUTE: SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 5 1/2 hours of reconnaissance resulted in (1) sighting of (7) NVA and (1) contact with same resulting in (3) NVA KIA (CONF), (4) NVA KIA (PROB) and (3) USMC KIA (MINOR). (1) Artillery mission of (1) rd fired in support. Patrol found heavily used trail shown on map, running through HLE. Area was found where trees had been cleared and tops burned. Patrol heard sound of rocket being fired and 12.7mm shot.

b. ENEMY: 211210H (YD 277554) (7) NVA approached patrol position from 30 meters. Enemy had camouflaged faces, green berets, & rifles, and cartridge bolts or packs. Lead man wore blue shorts. Enemy carried AK-47's and a type of 12.7mm armor piercing automatic rifle. All Enemy were larger than ordinary VN and did not have ordinary VN facial features.

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Lead man was light skinned. Enemy saw patrol, gave (1) signal and deployed. Patrol fired on enemy at distance of (3) meters apparently surprising enemy as to identity. (3) NVA KIA (CONF), (4) NVA KIA (PROB) resulted from SAF. Patrol saw or heard no other commands or signals. Enemy well trained. At start of contact patrol received a heavy volume AWF from direction enemy had approached. Fire stopped. Patrol broke contact to West. Later, several Recon-by-fire rounds were fired in direction of patrol. (1) Artillery mission of (1) rd fired with negative results.

c. TERRAIN: Steep low hills with canopy 100' high. Water plentiful. Comm extremely poor. Several trails were found showing moderate recent use. HLZ's are scarce.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

- (1) 191130H (YD 275376) (1) Meter wide trail shown on map runs through HLZ. HLZ large enough for 3- CH-46's. Trail shows fairly heavy recent use.
- (2) 201300H (YD 275365) Trail continues overhill 200 to 282. Area between hills had trees cut off to 5' and all tops have been burned. Elephant grass to 3' found in area.
- (3) 201430H (YD 265344) A single rocket-type sound heard the vicinity. No explosion followed.
- (4) 201500H (GS YD 3035) 12.7mm round fired this vicinity.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- a. ENEMY: (3) NVA KIA (CONF) (4) NVA KIA (PROB)
- b. FRIENDLY: (3) USMC WIA (MINOR)
- c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL GOOD/MORALE GOOD

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: TPQ in W $\frac{1}{2}$ GS (YD 2835).

Conclusions: No signs of digging were found. Area may be used for training.

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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:

- (1) Much enemy radio traffic was heard on helicopter insert/extract frequency.
- (2) Lack of packs or cartridge belts might indicate a base camp located near point of contact. Enemy unit seemed to be in a high state of training.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (7) USMC
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) PRC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7 X 50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) CLAYMORE MINES
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 (1) M-60

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms. Make every effort to capture a prisoner. Plot HLZ's for future operations. Pay particular attention to trails and their frequency of use in your RZ. Ascertain if the area is being used by the enemy and for what purpose.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 221000H/271200H APRIL 1967

4. ROUTE: SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. SYNOPSIS: 114 hours of recon resulted on (5) sightings totalling approximately (15) VC/NVA and (5) contacts. (2) VC/NVA KIA (PROB) resulted from artillery fire. Patrol found no signs of enemy activity. (2) Possible cave sites were found. (10) Artillery missions totalling 195 rds were fired in support. Area has ~~little~~ *moderate* enemy activity at this time.

b. ENEMY:

- (1) 232100H (YD 194401) 3 Boats were seen crossing the QUANG TRI RIVER from N to S. Estimate (15) VC/NVA with small arms. Approached to within 100 meters. Patrol initiated SA/NVA, enemy returned same. (1) incoming grenade received, (1) USMC WIA (MINOR). Enemy broke contact.

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- (2) 232230H (YD 191401) (5) VC/NVA were seen to approach patrol position from SW. Equipment which could be distinguished was (1) pith helmet. Exchange of SA/AMF resulted in no known casualties. (1) Claymore mine was out. Enemy broke contact.
- (3) 240000H (YD 194401) (1) Boat seen moving S to N. Estimate (5) VC/NVA. SAF emptied boat. Casualties unknown. Enemy did not return fire.
- (4) 240145H (YD 193401) Estimated (2) VC/NVA seen running across sand bar towards patrol position. SAF directed toward enemy. Enemy did not return fire.
- (5) 240215H (YD 193401) (2) VC/NVA were seen swimming N to S across river toward patrol position. Artillery fired on enemy resulting in in (2) VC/NVA KIA (PROB).
- (6) 240745H (YD 195397) Sparrow Hawk found 3 sets of foot prints moving south from river.
- (7) 18 Artillery missions totalling 195 rds fired in support.
- c. TERRAIN: Valley with almost impassable undergrowth up to 15' high. Water plentiful along river. Comm very good. No trails or evidence of travel found in this area.
- d. HLZ:
- (1) (YD 207417) Extraction zone chopped from very thick brush. Large enough for (1) CH-46. Not a good HLZ.
- (2) (YD 212413) 600 x 30 meters zone with waist high elephant grass. Several ditches in zone. No obstacles in approach. Best approach from east.
- e. OTHER INFO: MATION:
- (1) (YD 198399) Possible cave on S side of river. Visual observation only.
- (2) (YD 198399) Tomb/Graves at this location. No physical recon made.
6. S OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
- a. ENEMY: (2) VC/NVA KIA (PROB)
- b. FRIENDLY: (1) USMC WIA (MINOR)
- c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: NONE

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7. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL FAIR/MORALE OUTSTANDING

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations:

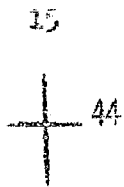
Walk into BZ from BA LONG is unfeasible using QUANG TRI RIVER valley.

Conclusions: River valley east from BA LONG seen to have no traffic.

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Patrol Leader
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:

- (1) Concur with patrol leader.
- (2) Patrol reported helicopters taking heavy volume of fire from GS (YD 2045)
2144, 2145, 2344)
- (3) Recommend further recon in above areas.

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 207010Z April 1967

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

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- a. COMPOSITION: (C) Bn.
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7x50, (1) 6x35
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (15) CS grenades (6) Claymore mines
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) M-14 w/grenade launcher

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area, locating trails and harbor sites. Establish day OP's and ambushes on likely avenues of VC movement. Engage the enemy with SAF and/or supporting arms, making every effort to capture documents, weapons, and prisoners. Patrols will act as Forward Observers for on call artillery.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 241530H/241930H April 1967

4. ROUTE: See route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SIGHTING: 4 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (1) sighting totalling (5) VC/NVA and (1) contact with estimate 12-15 VC/NVA moving in (3) KVA (6). (4) KIA (1). Artillery fired approx. (20) rds with good coverage of area. Patrol found (2) trails. Area covered by patrol reveals signs of heavy enemy use.

b. ENEMY:

(1) 274870H (YD 816024) Patrol observed and fired on (3) VC/NVA moving South approx 20 meters from parade position. VC/NVA were dressed in Khaki, black and (1) wearing a steel helmet, the one wearing the helmet was approx. 5'10" and was lighter complexion than the others. Area was engaged between patrol and the enemy. Enemy called down artillery with good area coverage. At 1845H patrol observed VC/NVA within 10-15 meters of their position and heard movement to indicate 12-15. Patrol continued to fire SA, M-79, CS grenades, and blew Claymore mines. Patrol requested extraction at this time. Patrol continued moving sporadic fire until approx 1810H. Results of contact (3) enemy KIA (1), and (4) enemy KIA (2) from SAF and all contact was broken. At 1920H patrol moved approx 20 meters West to the LZ for extraction. 1930H helicopter landing into the LZ to extract patrol, started hoisting SA line from the vicinity (YD 816016) helicopter also received SAF from the Northwest of the zone. Helicopter and patrol returned five until they were out of the zone.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by low rolling hills with low brush, elephant grass, vines and unknown canopy of 10-20 ft high.

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d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 241530H (YD 817024) Patrol inserted these coord. LZ will accommodate (4) G46. Site is covered with low scrubs 2-3 ft. No obstacles noted.

(2) 241535H (YD 817024) Patrol found a trail at these coord. running East and West approx. 3 ft. wide. Trail appeared to be heavily traveled at this time.

(3) 241630H (YD 818021) Patrol found a trail at these coord. running North and South approx. 3 ft. wide. Trail appeared to be traveled, but not frequently.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (3) KIA (C), (4) KIA (I)

b. FRIENDLY: None

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, moral good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: TRQ's in the vicinity of (YD 8102)

Conclusions:

(1) Patrol had good communication with whip antenna and negative communication with tape in the low area.

(2) Natural water source is plentiful.

(3) This area appears to be heavily traveled at this time.

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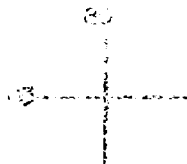
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:

(1) From period of 26 March to 24 April 3 patrols have operated within this area bounded by (YD 8103, 8100, 8403, and 8400). Making a total sightings of approx 39 V18VA, and 3 contacts resulting in (6) Enemy KIA (I) and 4 KIA (C). 1 friendly KIA and 2 KIA's unknown, capturing 1 weapon type 53 caliber. High patrol reported signs of heavy enemy use to the East and West. Patrols have found well used trails, trail markers, old cargo piles, harbor sites and a boat on one occasion. The V18VA on each contact was well armed with semi-automatic and automatic weapons, and one contact a machine gun. On contact the patrol was subordinated, one patrol to watch the ambush and on one occasion the V18VA were within 40-45 yards before contact was made. In each contact the enemy appeared to be well organized and returned a heavy volume of fire each time.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (9) Enl
 b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
 c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
 d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50's
 e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (18) CS grenades
 f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-60 (1) M-79 (5) Claymore mines

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2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area, locating trails and harbor sites. Establish day OP's and ambushes on likely avenues of VC movement. Engage the enemy with SAF and/or supporting arms, making every effort to capture documents, weapons, and prisoners. Patrols will act as Forward Observers for on call artillery.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 271030H/281700H April 1967

4. ROUTE: See route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 30½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in 1 enemy sighting totalling 5 VC/NVA and 1 contact resulting in (1) enemy KIA (o), (3) enemy KIA (p). Artillery fired (30) rounds in support with unknown results. Patrol found (2) trails (1) were used. Gunships and fixed wing used in support of the patrol. Area covered by patrol reveals signs of enemy use, although no direction could be determine.

b. ENEMY: (1) 281400H (YD 694157) Patrol observed 5 VC/NVA at these coordinates wearing khakis and bush covers, carrying rifles, moving North. Patrol engaged enemy with SAF and M-79 causing 1 enemy KIA (o), 3 KIA (p), patrol started receiving SAF from (YD 692157) and (YD 694157). Patrol called artillery mission of (30) rounds on position and requested gunships and fixed wing. Both Hueys and fixed wing received SAF during strafing runs over enemy positions. Patrol and aircraft continued to receive sporadic SAF until approximately 1630H at which time all contact was broken. Although patrol only observed (5) VC/NVA it was estimated to be 20-25 in this vicinity. Results of air strikes and artillery unknown.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by steep mountainous terrain covered with heavy scrubs and brush to the South, Northern area covered with low grass 1-2 feet high.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 271030H (YD 693167) Patrol inserted these coordinates. This entire valley area is a suitable LZ. Area is covered with low grass approximately (1) ft. high.

(2) 271730H (YD 692158) Patrol found trail at these coordinates running East and West approximately 1½ ft. wide along ridge line. This trail did not appear to have been used in a long time.

(3) 281500H (YD 694157) Patrol checking for results of the fire fight observed well used trail at these coordinates approximately 1-2 feet wide and appeared to circle around the base of the hill.

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(4) 281700H (YD 692155) Patrol extracted these coordinates. This LZ is not for future use due to the difficulty of getting into zone.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (1) KIA (c) (3) MIA (p)

b. FRIENDLY: None

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Fair, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

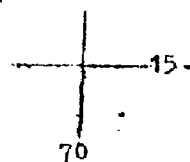
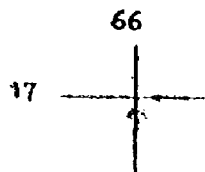
Recommendations: LPQ's in vicinity of (YD 692157) and (YD 694157).

Conclusions: (1) Patrol had excellent communication throughout patrol.

(2) No natural water source in this area.

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S/Sgt. Co. "B"

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Out of (3) Patrols in this area a total of (8) sightings were made totalling 38 VC/NVA and (5) contacts.



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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

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- a. COMPOSITION: (11) Enl.
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50's (1) 6x35's
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (22) CS grenades
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 (1) M-14 w/grenade launcher
 (6) Claymore mines

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area, locating trails and harbor sites. Establish day OP's and ambushes on likely avenues of VC movement. Engage the enemy with SAF and/or supporting arms, making every effort to capture documents, weapons, and prisoners. Patrols will act as Forward Observers for on call artillery.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 271000H/271730H April 1967

4. ROUTE: See route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 7 1/2 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in 4 enemy sightings totalling 37 VC/NVA and 4 contacts resulting in (6) KIA (o), (7) KIA (p). Artillery fired (7) rounds in support with negative results. Patrol found trails, heard movement, voices and what appeared to be ~~cameras~~. Patrol had AO on station and used fixed wing and gunships in support of patrol. Area covered by patrol reveals signs of heavy movement to the Northwest and Southeast.

b. ENEMY: (1) 271400H (YD 771064) Patrol sighted 3 VC/NVA moving North at these coordinates (2) were wearing khaki shirts, black bottoms, no hats, and (3) with pack. (1) was wearing camouflage utilites carrying radio, (looked similar to AN/PRC 10). Patrol engaged enemy with SAF, enemy returned fire and broke contact moving North. (1) enemy KIA (o).

(2) 271415H (YD 767006) Patrol observed (2) VC/NVA Northwest wearing black PJ's and brown covers, no weapons observed. Patrol engaged enemy with SAF, enemy moved over ridge line out of sight. No fire was returned.

(3) 271435H Patrol observed (2) groups of VC/NVA. (1) group of (15) at (YD 765063) wearing mixed khakis, PJ's and utilites moving Southeast, carrying rifles, mortar and what appeared to be mortar rounds in boxes. (2) Groups of (15) at (YD 765065) wearing mixed khakis, PJ's and utilites, carrying weapons moving Southeast. AO was on station and patrol requested fixed wing, called artillery, (artillery cancelled due to air in area), an patrol engaged enemy with SAF. Fixed wing made strike on both psn, resulting in (5) KIA (o) at (YD 765065), and VIC (YD 765063) patrol heard secondary explosion and saw mortar tube fly into the air, (7) KIA (p). No further movement was observed from either position.

(4) 271510H (YD 769064) Patrol observed (2) VC/NVA 100 meters East of these coordinates, heading West over ridge. Patrol only observed white Koolie hats. Patrol engaged enemy with SAF and enemy moved West out of sight.

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(5) During air strikes AG and fixed wing were receiving sporadic SAM throughout the area.

c. **THREAT:** This area is characterized by low rolling hills with vegetation ranging from low scrubs to high brush, elephant grass and trees. Rate of movement in heavy area approximately 300 meters per hour.

d. **OTHER INFORMATION:** (1) 271000H (YD 765064) Patrol inserted these coordinates. IZ will accommodate (1) CH-46 and approximately 25 meters East, Northeast of these coordinates IZ will accommodate (1) CH-46. Site covered with brush and elephant grass 3 to 10 feet high. No obstacles noted. Patrol found a hand detonated device for Claymore in the IZ, device was turned into this headquarters. Patrol as departing the IZ located a trail at IZ coordinates running West to (YD 764063) then Northeast. Trail approximately 2-3 feet wide and appeared to be well used. Patrol observed water buffalo tracks probably made moving West.

(2) 271330H (YD 765065) Patrol heard what appeared to be drums or bamboo beating on a drum. Also what appeared to be someone swinging a piece of bamboo on a string making a whistling noise. Patrol requested AG.

(3) 271610H (YD 769064) Patrol heard movement past North of their position at these coordinates, noise appeared to be someone tapping on a rifle stock.

(4) 271700H (YD 765066) Patrol heard voices in the vicinity of these coordinates. Voices sounded to be approximately 3 people. Artillery mission of (2) rounds fired with negative results.

(5) 271730H (YD 768064) Patrol extracted these coordinates. IZ will accommodate (2) CH-46's. Site covered with small scrubs and grass 3-6 feet high.

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

a. **ENEMY:** 6 KIA's (c) 7 KIA's (p)

b. **FRIENDLY:** None

c. **CAPTURED/REQUIREMENT:** None

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

8. **CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Recommendations: TTP/ABC-LITE in area of contact.

Conclusions: (1) Patrol had excellent communication throughout patrol.

(2) Natural water source good in this area.

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GY SGT. Co. B

9. **DISSEMINATION COMMENTS:** (1) In each contact the enemy was engaged first with SAM then air or artillery. The (2) groups of (15) returned fire and appeared to be well organized and equipped. In the groups of (2) and (3) the enemy would return SAM as he withdrew.

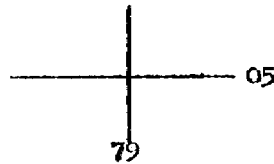
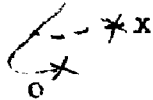
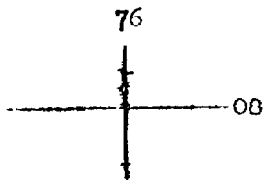
(2) This area has a significant increase in enemy activity in the past three weeks. Each patrol in the area has made contact with small groups of VC/PA.

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