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Commanding General, 3d Marine Amphibious Force
Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 August 1967 to 31 August 1967

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMF PACO 5750.8

Encl: ✓(1) 3d Reconnaissance Battalion Command Chronology

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 August 1967 to 31 August 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

3d Reconnaissance Battalion

Major R. C. BELL
3 August 67 to PresentSUBORDINATE UNITS

Aug. 67

H & S Company
Company A
Company B
Company C
Company DCapt. J. R. BURNS 1 August 67 to Present
Capt. A. K. WARD 21 May 67 to Present
Capt. J. L. WILLIAMS 18 July 67 to Present
1st Lt. S. M. HARTNETT 26 August 67 to Present
Capt. R. L. KLEIN 21 May 67 to PresentATTACHED UNITS3d Force Reconnaissance Co.
(26 April 67 to Present)

Major W. C. FLOYD 6 June 66 to Present

2. LOCATION31 Aug. HUE-PHU BAI, RVN
31 Aug. DONG HA, RVN
31 Aug. KHE SANH, RVNH & S Company, Company A and Company C
Company D and 3d Force Recon Company
Company B (Rein)3. STAFFExecutive Officer
Operations Officer
Asst. Operations Officer
Adjutant
S-2 Officer
S-4 Officer
Bn. Supply OfficerMajor E. F. BAULCH 3 July 67 to Present
Capt. R. R. GREGA 1 August 67 to Present
2nd Lt. J. L. ZELLERS 1 August 67 to Present
2nd Lt. G. E. FOX 31 January 67 to Present
Capt. J. L. SHEBEL 20 May 67 to Present
Capt. J. B. HANRAHAN 15 July 67 to Present
1st Lt. G. H. BLACK 14 April 67 to Present4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

(Includes 3d Force Reconnaissance Company)

<u>Officer</u>	<u>USMC</u> <u>Enlisted</u>
32	672

<u>Officer</u>	<u>USN</u> <u>Enlisted</u>
0	35

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PART II

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Co. A During the reporting period the Company completed 22 patrols averaging 3.7 days with an average of 8.0 men per patrol. The patrols made 16 sightings for a total of 102 VC, which resulted in 5 contacts, 7 fire missions of 133 artillery rounds, and 6 air strikes. There were a total of 5 VC KIA (Conf), and 4 VC KIA (Prob). Patrols sighted several trails, huts and fortified positions not indicated on the map. There were 2 USMC KIA and 1 USN KIA, and 14 USMC WIA sustained.

Co. B During the reporting period the Company completed 24 patrols averaging 3.9 days with an average of 8.5 men per patrol. The patrols made 10 sightings, totalling 133 VC, which resulted in 9 contacts, 11 fire missions with a total of 967 artillery rounds fired, and 3 air strikes. There were a total of 14 VC KIA (Conf), 63 VC KIA (Prob). There were numerous trails, huts and fortified positions observed by the patrols. There were 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIA sustained.

Co. C During the reporting period the Company completed 27 patrols averaging 3.7 days with 8 men per patrol. The patrols made 31 sightings for a total of 249 VC/NVA, which resulted in 10 contacts, 20 fire missions of 536 artillery rounds, and 13 air strikes called. There was a total of 22 VC/NVA KIA (Conf), 14 VC/NVA KIA (Prob). Many trails, huts and fortified positions not shown on the map were sighted by the patrols. There were 3 USMC WIA sustained.

Co. D During the reporting period the Company completed 19 patrols averaging 3.4 days with an average of 8 men per patrol. The patrols made 11 sightings for a total of 83 VC/NVA, which resulted in 2 contacts, 13 fire missions of 428 artillery rounds, and 8 air strikes. There were a total of 7 VC/NVA KIA (Conf), and 10 VC/NVA KIA (Prob). Trails, hut complexes, and fighting holes not shown on the map were sighted by patrols. One VCS was detained. There were 2 USMC WIA sustained.

3d Force Recon Co. During the reporting period the Company completed 36 patrols averaging 3.5 days with an average of 7.5 men per patrol. The patrols had 30 sightings for a total of 216 VC/NVA that resulted in 11 contacts, 25 fire missions of 983 artillery rounds and 10 air strikes. There were a total of 35 VC/NVA KIA (Conf) and 40 VC/NVA KIA (Prob). Patrols observed trails, huts and fighting holes not shown on the map. One weapon and one NVA captured along with a VCS detained. There was 1 USMC KIA and 8 USMC WIA sustained.

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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 Operation CUMBERLAND, ARDMORE, FREMONT, KINGFISHER, LIBERTY, RUSH, and CLOUD (Recon portion started but operation cancelled).
- c. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy. There have been 83 VC/NVA KIA (Conf), 131 VC/NVA KIA (Prob) inflicted on the enemy during the reporting period.
- d. Casualties Sustained. There have been 4 USMC KIA, 1 USN KIA, and 29 USMC WIA sustained by the Battalion.
- e. New Techniques Employed. As of 28 July 1967 three scout dogs with handlers have again been attached to this unit. Also on 20 August, three Kit Carson Scouts were attached to this unit.
- f. Command Relations. Nothing significant to report.
- g. Equipment. Communication equipment is still being tested for possible reconnaissance use includes an auxillary speaker for the PRC-25 and a VHF radio set to give patrols a ground to air capability. (RT-40) is still being tested.
- h. Logistics. Nothing significant to report.
- i. Civic Action. All personnel joining the Battalion from CONUS are given a class in the personal response program. Two men from this Battalion attended the Division Personal Response School during this reporting period.
- j. Adminstration. Nothing significant to report.
- k. Personnel. Twenty-eight radio operators joined the Battalion during August. These operators offset the losses suffered through casualties and rotation during August and the scheduled losses of September. The Battalion T/O was increased by an additional 30 personnel by adding a Sniper Platoon to H&S Company.

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l. Intelligence. A continuing decrease in enemy activity was noted to the west of Khe Sanh. To the north, however, trail usage and sightings of lights both increased and showed general movement to the east and southeast. Increased bunkering, trail usage and movement was noted east of Khe Sanh. Southeast and southwest continued to show nearly the same level activity as in July.

Enemy movement to the west and southwest of Con Thien diminished somewhat during August, however, small elements of up to platoon size continued to move and perhaps patrol this region. South of Dong Ha small VC/NVA units were encountered. The Da Krong Valley had signs that a large unit moved east or southeast late in July. This unit may have moved to the Hai Lang Forest area because of the increased activity noted within.

Southwest of My Chanh there was a sharp rise in contacts with well trained, and equipped enemy. Several hundred lights were also noted moving north and west. The Co Bi Thanh Tan Ridge area continued its level of enemy activity. To the southwest and south of Hue enemy activity also remained fairly constant.

Two patrols operated near the southern end of the Ashau Valley. Both teams made heavy contact with well organized units of at least platoon size. These contacts verified the continuing presence of enemy in the valley area.

m. Communications. During the month of August several radio relays were activated and deactivated or relocated. The radio relay located at Phu Loc, RVN (ZD 081006) was reactivated on 31 August 1967. Bravo Relay located at (YC 767963) was deactivated on 17 August 1967.

n. Weather. The month was characterized by generally clear skies with no major problems in the deployment and scheduling of operations caused by weather. During this period the mean maximum temperature was 98 degrees with humidities from 40 to 80 percent. Due to extremely high temperatures encountered on a few occasions by patrols this month, movement was restricted and a few heat casualties were sustained.

o. Fire Support. During the reporting period patrols of this Battalion directed 71 artillery fire missions expending 3047 rounds.

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p. Air Support. During the reporting period patrols of this Battalion called 40 fixed wing missions. Helicopter gunship support and med-evacs were utilized several times.

q. Activations/Deactivations/Redesignations. Nothing significant to report.

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 A-1 to all newly arrived personnel. Training has been conducted by the Battalion NBC, NCO. This covered monitoring, surveying, and decontamination of NBC agents. On 3 and 4 August a school was conducted by the 3d Marine Division Engineers for 25 members of this command on VC Land Mine Warfare and Booby Traps. Again on 10 and 11 August, 17 and 18 August, 24 and 25 August, and 31 August/1 September, the same school was conducted for 25 additional members each week. Alpha Company conducted rubber boat training for members of their company at Col Co Beach on 28 August 1967. The Battalion Motor Transport section conducted a school on 30 August on Vehicle Recovery and Driver Safety.

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011300H/030905H August. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YC 5483 AISHAU Valley) conducted 44 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 2 contacts and 2 sightings resulting in 2 USMC KIA, 1 USN KIA, 5 USMC WIA and one USMC crewman KIA. Patrol heard fire directed at helo and F/W on several occasions. Harbor sites and trails were noted. Area covered reveals signs of Montagnard and VC/NVA activity. (See supporting document # 1)

020800H/040730H August. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YC 5583 AISHAU Valley) conducted 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 1 sighting of 6 NVA and 1 contact with at least a platoon resulting in 3 NVA KIA (Prob) and 4 USMC WIA (2 Med-Evac). Patrol noted many bunkers and farming areas. Area appeared to be heavily fortified by the enemy. (See supporting document # 2)

030830H/042120H August. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 0764) conducted 36 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 2 enemy sightings totalling 14 VC/NVA and contact with the same resulting in 6 VC/NVA KIA (Conf) and 4 VC/NVA KIA (Prob). Patrol found propaganda leaflets, a DH-10 directional mine, a suspected enemy mortar position, and one four month old dud 155 round. (See supporting document # 3)

091100H/120530H August. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 8408) conducted 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance around the RAIN-BELT Relay position resulting in 2 night contacts. Results of contacts were 4 VC KIA (Conf) and 2 VC KIA (Prob) resulting from SAF and supporting arms fire. Enemy appears to have the relay position under surveillance. (See supporting document # 4)

151440H/171720H August. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 0364) conducted 51 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 2 sightings totalling 31 NVA/VC. Patrol made contact with 19 NVA/VC resulting in 2 NVA/VC KIA (Conf) and 7 NVA/VC KIA (Prob). Patrol called artillery mission and fixed wing on both sightings with unobserved results. (See supporting document # 5)

151631H/181540H August. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 2654) conducted 71 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in contact with an estimated 8-10 VC resulting in 4 VC KIA (Conf) and 1 VC WIA (Minor, Captured). One prisoner, a woman, was turned over to ITT. A large cache of rice was located in the village. Patrol called air strikes on village. (See supporting document # 6)

181030H/211330H August. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 5716) conducted 76 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 2 enemy sightings totalling an estimate of 5-8 VC/NVA and 2 contacts resulting in 1 KIA (Prob), 3 enemy WIA (Prob) and 3 friendly WIA's. Artillery fired 6 rounds in support. Area covered by patrol reveals signs of movement throughout. (See supporting document # 7)

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161430H/181630H August. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (XD 7544) conducted 50 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 2 enemy contacts resulting in 3 enemy KIA (Conf) and 25 enemy KIA (Prob). There were no friendly casualties. (See supporting document # 8)

191502H/211345H August. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 0770) conducted 46 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 2 enemy sightings of 35 NVA. Patrol observed 10 NVA in bunkers and called air strikes which destroyed bunkers. Patrol made contact with an estimated 10-15 NVA. Total results for patrol were 5 NVA KIA (Conf) and 13 NVA KIA (Prob). Ten of the 13 probable were a result of air strikes. There was 1 USMC WIA (Minor). (See supporting document # 9)

201900H/221530H August. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 3542) conducted 50 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 1 sighting of 2 lights and contact with 10-15 NVA resulting in 2 NVA KIA (Conf) and 2 NVA WIA (Conf). Patrol called artillery and fixed wing on target with excellent coverage of target. Results unknown. (See supporting document # 10)

221340H/221923H August. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 0669) conducted 6 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 4 enemy sightings totalling 16 NVA and 1 contact with an estimated 15-20 NVA. Patrol was pinned down by sniper fire. Results of the contact were 4 NVA KIA (Conf), 1 NVA KIA (Prob), and 1 USMC KIA and two fires resulted from air strikes. Air strikes and artillery missions continued after patrol was extracted. (See supporting document # 11)

221700H/250700H August. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (XD 9546) conducted 62 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in team being surrounded twice by an estimated 30-40 enemy one time and 50-60 enemy the next time. Both of these encounters resulted in the enemy losing 1 KIA (Conf) and 37 KIA (Prob) from SAF, artillery, and fixed wing air strikes. One friendly WIA (Minor) also resulted. (See supporting document # 12)

251600H August. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 4421) immediately following insertion was hit by an approximate platoon size enemy unit. Results of this contact was 3 VC KIA (Conf) and 2 VC KIA (Prob). Following teams extraction gunships and fixed wing ran air strikes on the area. (See supporting document # 13)

291120H/291745H August. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 4235) conducted 6 1/2 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 3 sightings of 10 VC/NVA and 1 contact resulting in 2 KIA (Conf) and 5 KIA (Prob). Patrol fired a total of 40 artillery rounds in its support along with a fixed wing air strike. (See supporting document # 14)

080730H/122100H August. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (0259) conducted 160 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 5 sightings of NVA totalling 10 NVA, 1 sighting of 12 lights and contact with an estimated platoon or more of NVA. Contact resulted in 13 NVA KIA (Conf). An unknown number of NVA KIA (Prob) and 1 USMC WIA (Minor).

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓(1) Patrol Report 311-67 of 03 August 67 (Co. A)
- ✓(2) Patrol Report 314-67 of 05 August 67 (Co. A)
- ✓(3) Patrol Report 380-67 of 09 August 67 (3d Force)
- ✓(4) Patrol Report 323-67 of 13 August 67 (Co. C)
- ✓(5) Patrol Report 398-67 of 23 August 67 (3d Force)
- ✓(6) Patrol Report 405-67 of 19 August 67 (3d Force)
- ✓(7) Patrol Report 337-67 of 21 August 67 (Co. C)
- ✓(8) Naval Message # 1 of 18 August 67 (Co. B)
- ✓(9) Patrol Report 404-67 of 24 August 67 (3d Force)
- ✓(10) Patrol Report 412-67 of 23 August 67 (Co. D)
- ✓(11) Patrol Report 417-67 of 24 August 67 (3d Force)
- ✓(12) Patrol Report 97-67 of 25 August 67 (Co. B)
- ✓(13) Patrol Report 348-67 of 25 August 67 (Co. C)
- ✓(14) Patrol Report 309-67 of 29 August 67 (Co. C)
- ✓(15) Patrol Report 390-67 of 12 August 67 (3d Force)

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 3d Reconnaissance Battalion
 PHU BAI, RVN
 311000H JULY 1967

COMPANY A
 3d Reconnaissance Battalion
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Operation Order 311-67

Ref: (a) Map: VLEP NAM, 1:50,000 Map Sheet 6441 II; Map Series: L7014
 (b) Project Delta Report

Task Organization: 1stSqd 2ndPlt Co A (LT McBRIDE 8 MEN)

1. SITUATION: See current intelligence and patrol reports, see also reference (b).
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area of operation. Establish day and night observation positions to fulfill the requirements of Annex B (Intelligence).
3. EXECUTION:
 - (a) Concept Of Operations: See Annex A (Concept of Operation).
 - (b) Coordinating Instructions:
 - (1) Insertion: 010630H August at coordinates primary YC 543848
 Alternate YC 545845 YC 554818
 - (2) Extraction: 031500H August at coordinates primary YC 553818
 Alternate YC 543848
 - (3) Thrust Lines:

NTL: 5581
 MTL: 5482
 OTL: 5684
 - (4) Primary means of insertion one (1) OH-46 helicopter into a helicopter landing zone. The alternate means of insertion is by rappelling.
 - (5) The insertion aircraft will be for rappelling prior to leaving the departure airfield.
 - (6) In addition to the eight (8) man patrol one (1) other member from Company A will accompany the patrol on insert, aboard the insert aircraft, to assist if rappelling is required.
 - (7) An airborne relay will be established prior to insert. This relay will be secured on word from the 3d Reconnaissance COG only.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:
 - (a) The patrol roster will be submitted by 311500H JULY 1967.
 - (b) All members will carry gas masks.

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5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: See Annex C (COMMUNICATIONS)

A.K. WARD
Captain U.S. MARINE CORPS
Company Commander

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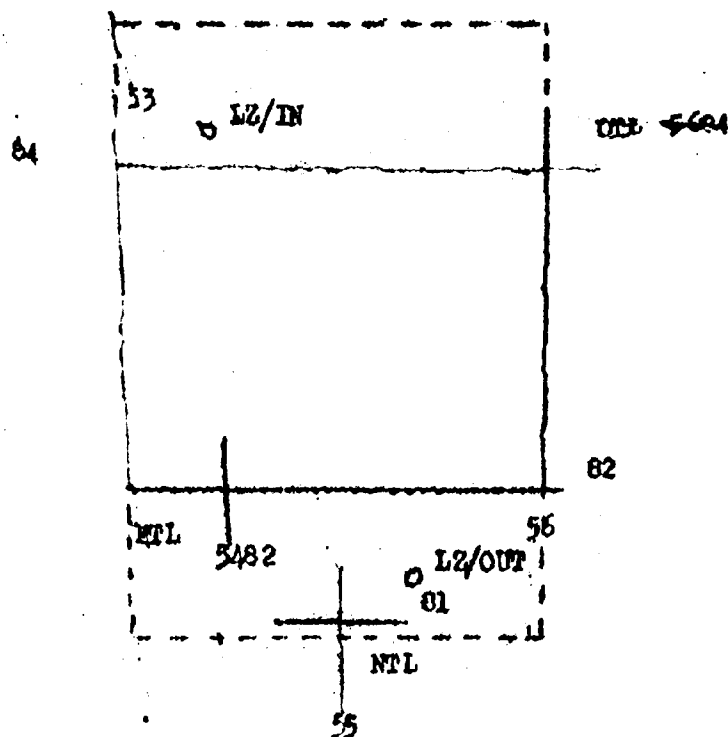
ANNEX: A (Concept of Operations) to Operations Order

Ref: (a) Map: VIET NAM, 1:50,000 Map Sheet 6441 II Map Series L7014

TIME ZONE: HOTEL

1. Concept of Operation:

- (a) The patrol will be inserted by helicopter into a landing zone located at coordinates YC 543848 on 010630H August 1967. If the helicopter is unable to land at the above landing zone the insert will be at an alternate landing zone located at coordinates YC 553818 YC 545848. If the helicopter can not land at any of the above listed landing zone the patrol will enter the area of operation by rappelling.
- (b) There will be no landing zone preparation by either artillery or air prior to insertion.
- (c) After landing the patrol will establish observation post to fulfill the requirements of ANNEX B (Intelligence).
- (d) When informed of exact time of extraction the patrol will move to the extraction landing zone and confirm its coordinates. The patrol will also signify whether a helicopter can land or is hoist necessary.

2. Area of Operation:

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Ref: (a) Map; VIET NAM, 1:50,000 Map Sheet 6441 II Map Series L7014

Time Zone: HOTEL

1. Essential Elements of Information:

a. The following ESI's will be transmitted as received:

- (1) To what extent is the avenue of approach from LAOS (vicinity Base Area 611) (YC 2095) along A SAP River (Route 923) into A SHAU (vicinity of TA BAT) used for infiltration of material and personnel?
- (2) What new trails or motorable roads are planned or being built in the area?
- (3) Are there any new road or trail bridges in the area? What is their capacity? What type of construction? What is their width and length?
- (4) Are there tunnels in that area that are used primarily for transportation of material and personnel? Where? How long and how deep are they?
- (5) What is the alignment and width of any new trails that have been developed? Include a trace at a scale of 1:50,000.
- (6) What are the major avenues of infiltration easterly out of the A SHAU Valley?
- (7) Is foot movement on the intermediate and higher slopes affected during the wet seasons?
- (8) Where is the surface water generally unpotable?
- (9) Are elephants or other pack animals being used for transportation? If so, along which routes are they primarily used?
- (10) Where are truck parks located along Route 548?
- (11) What is the location and size of POL storage areas along Route 548?
- (12) What is the location and size of food, medical, and ammunition storage areas along Route 548? Are these separated from the rest areas, or way stations?
- (13) Where are labor units bivouacked along Route 548?
- (14) Is the controlling headquarters in the area subordinate to the NVN high command NVN MR 4, or the Northern Front? Where is it located?
- (15) What types of subordinate headquarters exist in the area? Where are they located.

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- (16) Is there any information as to the existence of an unidentified division or divisions in the area? If so, where is it located?
- (17) Where are the hospital complexes located?
- (18) Where are the bivouac areas?
- (19) Where are the training areas?
- (20) Where are the enemy command and control facilities for A SHAU infiltration?
- (21) How effective are the B-52 bombing raids in reducing the infiltration into and through the area?
- (22) What defenses surround the controlling headquarters? Subordinate headquarters?
- (23) Where are the following weapons primarily deployed: RPG-7 AT Launchers? 37mm AA Guns? Heavy and light machine guns?
- (24) What is the present enemy troop strength in the A SHAU Valley to include adjacent LAOS Base Areas 607 and 611? Include identification, weapons, and disposition.
- (25) Is civilian housing used by military personnel? Is military equipment being stored in civilian housing? If so, where and what quantity?
- (26) Are there any indications of Red Chinese advisors or units in the area? North Korean? Other?
- (27) What techniques have the VC/NVA used to spread propaganda?
- (28) What is the nature of infiltration currently being conducted? How large are the troops? What uniforms do they wear? What equipment and supplies do they carry?
- (29) Is infiltration by both land and water into and out of the area taking place?
- (30) What is the attitude of the civilians toward the VC, NVA, NVN, GVN, US or other FVMAF?
- (31) What fixed enemy communications sites are located in the area?
- (32) What enemy signal units are located within the area? What is their composition, strength, mission, known location, and equipment?
- (33) What antenna configurations are located within this area?
- (34) How do the mountains within the area affect enemy communications?

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- (35) What is the nature of present communications with relays or other friendly units?
- (36) What are current weather conditions throughout day/night?
- (37) Where are usable HLZ's? Their size?
- (38) What areas could be readily improved to be adequate HLZ's?
- (39) What are enemy reactions to our use of supporting arms?
- (40) Where are enemy supply caches and personnel concentrations?

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Ref: (a) Map: VIET NAM, 1:50,000 Map Sheet 6441 II Map Series L7014

Time Zone: HOTEL

1. The following SHACKLE and BREVITY code will be utilized

(a) SHACKLE: CODE (2)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
E	K	X	N	S	C	J	Q	G	Y
B	Z	I	W	F	L	P	T	O	A
B	R	U	H	Y					M

(b) BREVITY CODE

ENEMY	COFF
FRIENDLY	MONKEYS
MOVING	ANY RELIGION
OP	ANY CAR
CONTACT	SMOKER
HARBOR SITE	ANY BEER BRAND
KIA	STUDENT
WIA	MINISTER
MIA	DENTIST
PRISONER	SAILOR
INSERTION	MOUNTAIN
EXTRACTION	PROFESSOR
HLZ	ZOO
GUNSHIP	FEATHER
AO	WINDOW
FIXED WING	SAINTS
ARTY	BLANKET
REACTION FORCE	HURRICANE
NORTH	MATRESS
SOUTH	HOUSE

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	FAST	SUBMARINE
WEST	WEST	COTTONWOOD
	TRAIL	BASEMENT
	ROAD	CHURCH
	RIVER	ATTIC
	STREAM	SUBWAY
	H&I	BOXCARS
	VEHICLES	WHALES
	MED*EVAC	ANGEL
	TROOP HELO	HELMETS
	VALLEY	MESSEHALL
	RIDGE	PILOT
	AA GUNS	TURKEYS
	STORAGE AREA	DEPOT
	CAVE/TUNNEL	ICE CAPS
	AUTO WPNS	CANTEENS
	NVA/MAIN FORCE	STEAMBOAT
	VC/MONTENGARDS	EGGS

2. The following procedures will be utilized upon insertion.

- (a) Establish communications with appropriate ground relay (RAINBOLT/YANKEE)
- (b) Establish Communications with airborne relay if unable to contact ground relay.
- (c) Establish communication with insert aircraft.
- (d) After insuring that patrol is secure give an ALPHA SERIA to the insert aircraft. This will release the insert aircraft.
- (e) Transmit location of patrol to ground/airborne relay as soon as possible.

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3. Procedures be followed during conduct of patrol.

- (a) Give patrol location, while on the move every hour.
- (b) Transmit EEL's as completed utilizing the following format.

(1) Sample Transmission:

ECHO FOHO INDIA SEVEN BRAVO ZTL RIGHT .4 up .1
(APPROPRIATE BREVITY CODE WORDS TO DESCRIBE ACTION)

- (c) Transmit patrols condition (ALPHA SERRIA) while in OP site every hour on half hour.

4. Procedures to be followed on extraction

- (a) When informed that aircraft are airborne activate RT-10 homing beacon.
- (b) Extraction will be on special air ground frequency.

5. Procedures to be utilized in the event communications is lost.

- (a) Immediately activate special air-ground radio (RT-10) Contact any station that net
- (b) Attempt to contact ground/airborne relay on primary frequency at fifteen minute intervals.

6. Call Signs, frequencies to be utilized

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>Call Sign:</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
1A2	PARTY LINE I	47.2 (GREEN) PRIMARY
1A2	-to-	46.8 (WHITE) ALTERNATE
1A2	-dt-	50.0 (SECONDARY)
MARINE AQ	SACRED	41.30
AF AC	TRAIL	47.60
2/26	MONEY	37.25
MEB-EVAC COMM FREQ		35.5 (VERMILLION)
4th MARINES	SQAT	68.30
1/4	PERMISSION	45.10
ARTY	RAINHEIT YANKER	47.2 (GREEN)
SPECIAL AIR-GROUND	PARTY LINE I	25.83
2/4	RIDGEBEAM	59.1

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 Patrol: 1st Sqd, 2nd Plt, Co. "A"
 Debriefed: SSgt. J. E. PIPPIN
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 031500H August 1967

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT: 3d Recon Bn S/C No. 3 6 8 9 -67
- COMPOSITION: (1) Officer (6) Enlisted (1) USN
 - SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
 - COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's (1) HT-10
 - OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) 7x50's
 - SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) Claymore Mines (3) CS Grenades (2) Gas Masks
(4) WP Rifle Grenades
 - SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 (1) M-14
2. MISSION: See Enclosure (1).
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 011300H/030905H . . . August 1967
4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
- SYNOPSIS: 44 Hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in 2 contacts and 2 sightings. Patrol heard fire directed at helo and F/W on several occasions. Harbor sites and trails were noted. Area covered reveals signs of Montagnard and VC/NVA activity.
 - ENEMY: (1) 011300H (YC 548834) Upon insertion patrol heard 2 rifle shots to the north of their position. The shots were possible signals.
 - (2) 011830H (YC 538831) Patrol heard 5-6 rifle shots in the vicinity of the valley. These shots were also believed to be a signal.
 - (3) 021045H (G.S. YC 5281) Patrol heard AWF believed to be directed at a AO in this area.
 - (4) 021100H (YC 539824) Patrol heard voices and chopping in this area. The noise continued for several minutes and stopped. Scout team from patrol moved into area and found signs of bark being cut off trees, no other signs found.

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(5) 021400H (YB 541823) Point of patrol made contact with 4 Montagnards, 2 women, 1 boy and 1 man. Patrol moved back north approximately 70 meters and Montagnard moved south. At approximately 1500H a scout team from patrol moved back into the area of the sighting and observed 2 NVA dressed in khaki colored clothing and bush hats, no weapons were observed. Team rejoined patrol and patrol started to move north. One team member heard a shout that sounded like ChienHoi---ChienHoi and then started receiving AW fire from the vicinity of (YB 541823) from estimated 3 weapons (possible AK-47's). Patrol returned fire. Firing ceased and patrol started moving north to high ground. After moving approximately 15 meters patrol again started receiving AW fire from the north causing 2 WIA's (Minor). Patrol threw grenades and fired AWP. At 1630H all contact was broken and the enemy moved north and then south into valley area.

(6) 021700H (YB 540832) Helo's and fixed wing arrived on station. As helo's and fixed wings strafed area, on each pass they received AWP from 300 meters east, west and south of these coordinates. The heaviest fire was directed from the valley area. Patrol attempted to clear this area for extraction helo, because of the large trees and brush, area could not be cleared. Patrol was directed by helo's to move to (YB 54822). During move patrol continued to hear SA and AW fire directed at air-craft. Patrol moved to the area without incident. At 021910H patrol arrived at LZ. No extraction could be attempted because helo's observed lights around patrol's position. Patrol could not observe the lights from the ground. During the night patrol heard movement along ridgeline to the north. Movement was to the northeast and southwest. Patrol called a total of 29 rounds of 175 around position.

(7) 030630H (YB 547828) As last patrol member started aboard helo, helo received (2) (possible RPG rounds) disabling helo and causing 3 KIA: patrol members and 5 WIA's.. The rockets were believed to have been fired from vicinity (YB 550825). Second helo came in and picked up remainder of team and helo crew. As helo was lifting off several SA rounds were directed at helo from vicinity (YB 550825).

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by steep mountains, high ridge lines and low valleys, thick interwoven vines, brush and bamboo. The canopy ranges from 30-40 feet high with intermittent secondary canopy.

(1) COMMUNICATION: Patrol experienced poor or no comm throughout operation. On several occasions, patrol could not obtain comm with anyone.

(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Poor, only water observed is in small stream in valley area.

(3) TRAILS: (YB 545836) Trail running southwest approximately 1 meter wide. Trail appeared well used at one time, no signs of present usage at this point. Along ridgeline at (YB 538831) patrol observed signs of recent foot traffic moving generally south.

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(2) (YC 545829) Trail running north and south approximately 2 meters wide. The trail appeared to be in use at the present time. Patrol also found (2) 4 to 5 men harbor sites along trail.

d. H12's: (YC 548834) LZ will accommodate 1 CH-46. Site covered with thick elephant grass 10-12 ft high. Area surrounded by low scrubs.

(2) (YD 547828) LZ will accommodate 2 CH-46's. Site covered with low grass and small trees and stumps. Stumps could pose as an obstacle for helo's.

e. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) (YC 539834) Patrol found punji pit several months old. Sticks in the bottom were rotten and would break if stepped on.

(2) (YC 538831) Patrol found what is believed to be a old Montagnard camp. Patrol noted MRC-10 batteries (old), old tin cans and lean-to frames, also a old trench 4 ft long and 3 ft deep. The area did not appear to have been used recently. This area could have also served as a harbor site for VC or NVA. Also game traps were noted in the area.

(3) (YC 547828) This is a large cleared area with surrounding fence, made of small poles cut out of clearing, fence approximately 4 ft high. The area was divided in half by a fence running across center of clearing. Patrol observed what appeared to be a bunker on a knoll to the south. The area had small trees and tree stumps throughout.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: UNKNOWN

b. FRIENDLY: 3 KIA's 5 WIA's, (1) HELO CREWMAN KIA

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Fair Morale: Fair

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: (1) Establish delay to support patrols in this area.

(2) Future patrols operate in valley area in force.

Conclusions:

(1) Patrol feels the Montagnard area is located on the high ground with very little VC/NVA activity. The enemy activity appeared to be in the valleys.

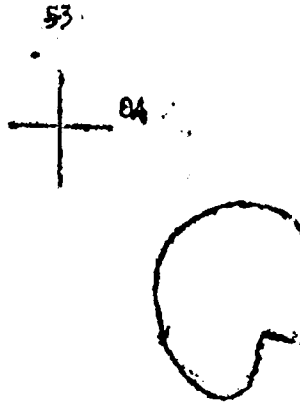
(2) General Conclusions: The Montagnard in this area are believed to be sympathetic toward the VC/NVA.

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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Reconnaissance observation of the valley confirms the continued useage of the valley by the enemy as was determined by the (Delta Teams). At (YD 545822) helo dropped 1,000 rounds SA ammo and was no recovered.



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C = Collection
X = Extraction
— = Patrol Route

PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

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MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area of operation. Establish day and night observation positions to fulfill the requirements of ANNEX B (INTELLIGENCE).

ANNEX B (INTELLIGENCE) To Operation Order 311-67

Ref: (a) Map: VIET NAM, 1:50,000 Map Sheet 6441 II Map Series L7014

Time Zone: HOTEL

1. Essential Elements of Information:

a. The following EEI's will be transmitted as received:

- (1) To what extent is the avenue of approach from LAOS (Vicinity Base Area 611) (IC 2095) along A SAP River (Route 923) into A-SHLOU (Vicinity of T.L.B./T) used for infiltration of material and personnel?
- (2) What new trails or motorable roads are planned or being built in the area?
- (3) Are there any new road or trail bridges in the area? What is their capacity? What type of construction? What is their width and length?
- (4) Are there tunnels in that area that are used primarily for transportation of material and personnel? Where? How long and how deep are they?
- (5) What is the alignment and width of any new trails that have been developed? Include a trace at a scale of 1:50,000.
- (6) What are the major avenues of infiltration easterly out of the A-SHLOU Valley?
- (7) Is foot movement on the intermediate and higher slopes affected during the wet seasons?
- (8) Where is the surface water generally unpotable?
- (9) Are elephants or other pack animals being used for transportation? If so, along which routes are they primarily used?
- (10) Where are truck parks located along Route 548?
- (11) What is the location and size of POL storage areas along Route 548?
- (12) What is the location and size of food, medical, and ammunition storage areas along Route 548? Are these separated from the rest areas, or way stations?
- (13) Where are labor units bivouacked along Route 548?

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ENCLOSURE (1)

- (14) Is the controlling headquarters in the area subordinate to the NVA high command NVN MR 4, or the Northern Front? Where is it located?
- (15) What types of subordinate headquarters exist in the area? Where are they located?
- (16) Is there any information as to the existence of an unidentified division or divisions in the area? If so, where is it located?
- (17) Where are the hospital complexes located?
- (18) Where are the bivouac areas?
- (19) Where are the training areas?
- (20) Where are the enemy command and control facilities for A SHAU infiltration?
- (21) How effective are the B-52 bombing raids in reducing the infiltration into and through the areas.
- (22) What defenses surround the controlling headquarters? Subordinate headquarters?
- (23) Where are the following weapons primarily deployed? RPG-7 at launchers? 37mm AA Guns? Heavy and light machine guns?
- (24) What is the present enemy troop strength in the A SHAU Valley to include adjacent LAOS Base Areas 607 and 611? Include identification, weapons, and disposition.
- (25) Is civilian housing used by military personnel? Is military equipment being stored in civilian housing? If so, where and what quantity?
- (26) Are there any indications of Red Chinese ~~adviser~~ units in the area? North Korean ~~adviser~~ units?
- (27) What techniques have the VC/NVA used to spread propaganda?
- (28) What is the nature of infiltration currently being conducted? How large are the troops? What uniforms do they wear? What equipment and supplies do they carry?
- (29) Is infiltration by both land and water into and out of the area taking place?
- (30) What is the attitude of the civilians toward the VC, NVA, NVN, GVN, US or other PWIAF?
- (31) What fixed enemy communications sites are located in the area?

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- (32) What enemy signal units are located within the area? What is their composition, strength, mission, known location, and equipment.
- (33) What antenna configurations are located within this area?
- (34) How do the mountains within the area affect enemy communications?
- (35) What is the nature of present communications with relays or other friendly units?
- (36) What are current weather conditions throughout day/night?
- (37) Where are usable HLZ's? Their size?
- (38) What areas could be readily improved to be adequate HLZ's?
- (39) What are enemy reactions to our use of supporting arms?
- (40) Where are enemy supply caches and personnel concentrations?

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Operation Order: 314.67

Ref: (a) Map: VIET NAM, 1:50,00 Map Sheet 6441 II; Map Series L7014
 (b) Project Delta Report

Task Organization: 2ndSqd 1stPlt Co A (LT WEH 8 MEN)

1. SITUATION: See current intelligence and patrol reports, see also reference (b).
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area of operation. Establish day and night observation positions to fulfill the requirements of ANNEX B (Intelligence).
3. EXECUTION:
 - (a) Concept of Operation: See ANNEX A (Concept of Operation)
 - (b) Coordinating Instructions:
 - (1) Insertion: 020630H August at coordinates primary YC 558852
 Alternate YC 563852
 - (2) Extraction: 041500H August at coordinates primary YC 564833
 - (3) Thrust Lines:

RTL 5585
 STL 5683
 ZTL 5782
 - (4) Primary means of insertion one (1) CH-46 helicopter into a helicopter landing zone. The alternate means of insertion is by rappelling.
 - (5) The insertion aircraft will be for rappelling prior to leaving the departure airfield.
 - (6) In addition to the eight (8) man patrol one (1) other member from Company A will accompany the patrol on insert, aboard the insert aircraft to assist if rappelling is required.
 - (7) An airborne relay will be established prior to insert. This relay will be secured on word from the 3d Reconnaissance COG only.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:
 - (a) The patrol roster will be submitted by 011500H AUGUST 67.
 - (b) All members will carry gas masks.

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5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: See ANNEX C (COMMUNICATION)

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Captain U.S. MARINE CORPS
Company Commander

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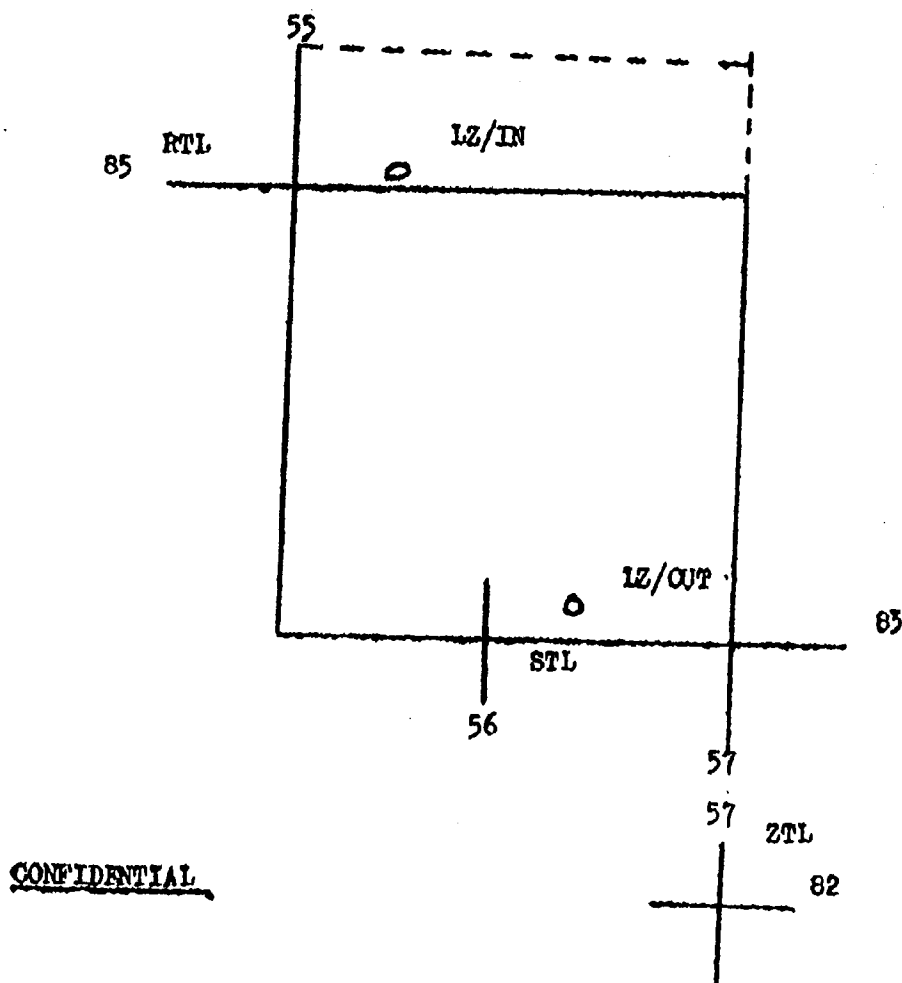
ANNEX: A (Concept of Operations) to Operations Order 314-67

Ref: (a) Maps: VIET NAM, 1:50,000 Map Sheet 6441 II Map Series L7014

TIME ZONE: HOTEL

1. Concept of Operation:

- (a) The patrol will be inserted by helicopter into a landing zone located at coordinates YC 558852 on 020630H August 67. If the helicopter is unable to land at the above landing zone the insert will be at an alternate landing zone located at coordinates YC 563852. If the helicopter can not land at any of the above listed landing zone the patrol will enter the area of operation by rappelling.
- (b) There will be no landing zone preparation by either artillery or aid prior to insertion.
- (c) After landing the patrol will establish observation post to fulfill the requirements of ANNEX B (Intelligence).
- (d) When informed of exact time of extraction the patrol will move to the extraction landing zone and confirm its coordinates. The patrol will also signify whether a helicopter can land or is hoist necessary.

2. Area of Operation:

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ANNEX B (Interference) to Operation Order 314

Ref: (a) Map: VIET NAM, 1:50,000 Map Sheet 6441 II Map Series L7014

TIME ZONE: HOTEL

1. Essential Elements of Information:

a. The following EET's will be transmitted as received:

- (1) To what extent is the avenue of approach from LAOS (Vicinity Base Area 611) (YC 2095) along A SAP River (Route 923) into A SHAU (Vicinity of TA BAT) used for infiltration of material and personnel?
- (2) What new trails or motorable roads are planned or being built in the area?
- (3) Are there any new road or trail bridges in the area? What is their capacity? What type of construction? What is their width and length?
- (4) Are there tunnels in that area that are used primarily for transportation of material and personnel? Where? How long and how deep are they?
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- (35) What the nature of present communications with or other friendly units?
- (36) What are current weather conditions throughout day/night?
- (37) Where are usable HLZ's? Their size?
- (38) What areas could be readily improved to be adequate HLZ's?
- (39) What are enemy reactions to our use of supporting arms?
- (40) Where are enemy supply caches and personnel concentrations?

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ANNEX C (Communications-Electronics) to Operate Order 314-67

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Time Zone: HOTEL

1. The following SHACKLE AND BREVITY code will be utilized

(a) SHACKLE: CODE (3)

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
G Q S J V E K X C N
P F L T O A Z D W I
H B Y M U R

(b) BREVITY CODE

ENEMY	COED
FRIENDLY	MONKEYS
MOVING	ANY RELIGION
OF	ANY CAR
CONTACT	SMOKER
HARBOR SITE	ANY BEER BRAND
KIA	STUDENT
WIA	MINISTER
MIA	DENTIST
PRISONER	SAILOR
INSERTION	MOUNTAIN
EXTRACTION	PROFESSOR
HLZ	ZOO
CUNSHIP	FEATHER
AO	WINDOW
FIXED WING	SAINTS
ARMY	BLANKET
REACTION FORCE	HURRICANE
NORTH	MATRESS
SOUTH	HOUSE

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EAST	SUBMARINE
WEST	CONTTONWOOD
TRAIL	BASEMENT
ROAD	CHURCH
RIVER	ATTIC
STREAM	SUBWAY
H&I	BOXCARS
VEHICLES	WHALES
MED-EVAC	ANGEL
TROOP HELO	HELMETS
VALLEY	MESSHALL
RIDGE	PILOT
AA GUNS	TURKEYS
STORAGE AREA	DEPOT
COVE/TUNNEL	ICE CAPS
AUTO WPNS	CANTEENS
NVA/MAIN FORCE	STEAMBOAT
VC/MONTENGARDS	EGGS

2. The following procedures will be utilized upon insertion.

- (a) Establish communications with appropriate ground relay (RAINBOW YANKEE)
- (b) Establish Communications with airborne relay if unable to contact ground relay.
- (c) Establish communication with insert aircraft.
- (d) After insuring that patrol is secure give an ALPHA SERRIA to the insert aircraft. This will release the insert aircraft.
- (e) Transmit location of patrol to ground/airborne relay as-soon as possible.

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3. Procedures to be followed during conduct of patrol.

- (a) Give patrol location, while on the move every hour.
- (b) Transmit ECH's as completed utilizing the following format.

(1) Sample Transmission:

ECHO ECHO INDIA SEVEN BRAVO ZTL RIGHT .4 UP .1
 (APPROPRIATE BREVITY CODE WORDS TO DESCRIBE ACTION)

- (c) Transmit patrol condition (ALPHA SERRIA) while in OP site every hour on half hour.

4. Procedures to be followed on extraction

- (a) When informed that aircraft are airborne activate RT-10 homing beacon.
- (b) Extraction will be on special air ground frequency.

5. Procedures to be utilized in the event communications is lost.

- (a) Immediately activate special air-ground radio (RT-10) contact any station that net.
- (b) Attempt to contact ground/airborne relay on primary frequency at fifteen minute intervals.

6. Call Sign; frequencies to be utilized:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CALL SIGN;</u>	<u>FREQUENCY</u>
1A2	MONO TYPE II	47.2 (GREEN)
1A2	-do-	46.8 (WHITE) ALTERNATE
1A2	-do-	50.0 (SECONDARY)
MARINE AO	SACRED	41.30
AF AO	TRAIL	47.60
2/26	MONEY	37.25
MED-EVAC COMM FRQ	JA	35.5 (VERMILLION)
4th MARINES	SCAT	68.30
1/4	PERMISSION	45.10
ARTY	RAINBOLT YANKEE	47.2 (GREEN).
SPECIAL AIR-GROUND	MONO TYPE II	258.3
2/4	RIDGEBEAM	59.1

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(2) 340630H (YC 559831). As fixed wing and extraction helos approached the patrol at (YC 564837) a rifle shot was fired into the air from the valley. Immediately, at a 360 degree perimenter about 300 meters away, puffs of smoke were seen rising into the air as though fires were being extinguished. Strong rice and fish smell was noted about this time. Movement in the brush was heard approaching from southeast. As yellow smoke was popped for extraction, movement was heard all around patrol's position approximately 500 meters away. As patrol ran for extract chopper, a muffled explosion occurred several meters behind helo and heavy SA/AMF was received by patrol and helo. The nature of the explosion could not be determined but could have been a mine of some type. Fire was received from all sides of patrol. Six NVA wearing green utilities with no packs but cartridge belts, helmets and possibly carbines were seen running towards base of hill from (YC 560833) to (YC 562833) where 3 fell as though hit by SAF.

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At least one 50 cal weapon was fired. At least one platoon of enemy appeared to be firing on the patrol and extract helicopters. An unknown number of NVA were noted moving up ravines toward extract zone in the vicinity of (YC 564835). Patrol was extracted at 040730H while receiving heavy SA/AMF. Results of contact: 3 NVA KIA (Prob), 4 USMC WIA (2 Med-Evaced).

c. TERRAIN: Steep hills with thin to moderate underbrush and canopy 20-60 ft high. Considerable bomb damage throughout area. Bamboo varied from light to moderate.

(1) COMMUNICATION: Generally poor, airborne relay was used with good results.

(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Fair for small units. Water plentiful in valleys for any size unit.

(3) TRAILS: Plentiful averaging 3-5 ft wide with overhead vegetation. Trails were well used but not recently. Trails shown on map do exist.

d. HLZ's: Only usable zones were in the valleys in the area but these zones were dominated by high terrain and bunkers.

e. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 020800 (YC 559850) Team rappelled into very marginal HLZ.

(2) 021300H (YC 554849) A well used 10 ft wide trail heading north-south found here. Trail had not been used recently. Overhead canopy camouflaged trail from air observation. Trail was intermittent and was marked by sticks pointing south.

(3) 032100H (YC 558827) A small light was seen for about 15 seconds. Light disappeared; no action was taken.

(4) 040300-040415H Sound of wood on wood was heard coming from valley vicinity (YC 563832). Patrol observed that small fields of possible corn and peas in the valley which were being worked on at night. Fields were fenced in by rail wood fences, and irrigated. No one was seen in the fields during the day.

(5) (YC 563839) Six year-old bunkers were noted along trail. Each could hold 4 men. Bunkers had log and dirt reinforced roofs.

6. (YC 573832) Two bunkers could be seen through binoculars, they appeared to be log and dirt construction.

(7) (YC 573833) Four acres of crops (corn, peas) were seen in this area. Land was irrigated and well used.

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(8) (YC 567828) Two acres of corn located here. Land was irrigated and well tended.

(9) Adjacent to the small fields in (YC 569831) were several "mumps" showing possible log and mud construction. Patrol believes these may have been bomb shelters/bunkers.

(10) (YC 568832) Patrol observed a man made dam, estimated to be 12 ft deep.

(11) (YC 564833) Three bunkers were noted here. Two were partially destroyed by a bomb strike and the third seemed to be intact. Bunkers were approximately 16 ft long, 4 ft high and 3 ft wide and seemed to be constructed of logs and dirt. (During the contact, on 4 July, fire was received from these bunkers although no movement had been noted in this vicinity).

(12) (YC 564837) Old helipad located here, large enough for 1 CH-46. Pad was level and tarred/oiled, with log works supporting edges of pad. Area adjacent had many old punji pits with rotting stakes. Double apron barbed-wire was noted on east, north and west around this helipad. About 4 acres was encompassed by this defensive wire. Old rusted wire had been replaced by new wire. Wire was well concealed and had been recently repaired. A horse-shoe - shaped trench line, about 2 months old, was placed on the northwest of the helipad with open end facing south. Two bunkers each large enough for at least six people and connected by the trenchline were facing south. Construction was about 2 months old and they had log and dirt roofs. Valley to southeast, south and southwest was dominated by this bunker location. Helipad was guarded by 14 ft sharpened anti-helicopter stakes about 1 year old. Poles were easily removed to clear landing zone. Over 50 2-man bunkers and fighting holes were spread along trail from (YC 563839) to the helipad at (YC 564837).

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- a. ENEMY: 3 NVA KIA (Prob)
- b. FRIENDLY: 4 USMC WIA (2 Med-Evaced)
- c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good Morale: Good

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8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: (1) HLZ's are guarded in the area, rappelling should probably be considered to be used in marginal, unguarded zones.

(2) Rappel insert by this team took too long because of inexperience or lack of training.

Conclusions: Area covered by patrol reveals:

- a. Current enemy fortification and usage of this area for agriculture.
- b. Nighttime tending of fields.
- c. Irrigation of crops.

(2) General Conclusions:

- 1. Enemy is growing food.
- 2. Enemy has bunkers and defensive positions.
- 3. Enemy was well disciplined and trained.
- 4. Enemy was well coordinated and had some type of effective communications system.

Sgt. GOODWIN
Asst. Patrol Leader
Company "A"

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with Patrol Leader.

a. BACKGROUND OR CHANGES IN THIS AREA: This patrol verified PROJECT DELTA observations of enemy activity in this area.

b. PATROL OPINION OF NATURE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY: Occupation and defense of a rest/food growing area as well as an eastern approach to the southern end of Ashau Valley.

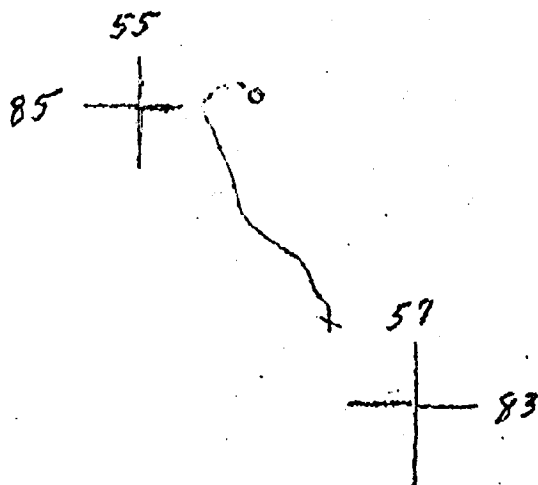
c. OTHER: (1) Patrol noted many water buffalo tracks and evidence that anyone moving along trail could cover tracks by brushing leaves onto trail.

(2) Trail which patrol followed south went around the hills at a constant contour rather than over hills or through valleys.

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(3) On several occasions patrol heard movement in the brush, halted, and observed one or more doves struggling to make their way through a tangle of briars and vines and fly away. Patrol felt that enemy may possibly utilize this disturbance by the birds to cover their own noise while moving through the brush. Doves are not normally noted in a thicket.



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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

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 DONG HA, RVN
 091100H August 1967

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (7) USMC
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) Claymore mines, (3) WP hand grenades.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79w/60 rounds, (1) M-14

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage the 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: 030830H/042120H August 1967.

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 36 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in two enemy sightings totalling 14 VC/NVA and contact with the same which resulted in 6 VC/NVA KIA (C) and 4 VC/NVA KIA (P). Patrol found propaganda leaflets, an DH-10 Directional mine, a suspected enemy mortar position, and one four month old dud 155 round.

b. ENEMY:

(1) 041000H (YD 075647) Patrol moving down trail at these coordinates observed 1 VC/NVA dressed in dark colored uniform wearing a helmet and pack no weapon could be observed. Enemy appeared to be approximately 75 inches tall. Patrol then made contact resulting in (1) VC/NVA KIA (P).

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(2) 041911H (YD 078654) Patrol set in harbor site heard movement in bushes around their position. Patrol threw grenades and fired SA/ARF, at which time patrol started receiving SAF. Patrol observed 4 of the enemy wearing utilities, packs, cartridge belts, helmets, carbines and AK-47's. Artillery mission was called by patrol but could not observe results of rounds. At this time two of the team members while under heavy SAF moved out to an open field to observe and adjust artillery this resulted in excellent target coverage and (5) VC/KIA (C) and (4) VC/KIA (P). At approximately 1930H patrol broke contact and moved to HLZ for extraction. At this time patrol heard movement in their previous harbor site and moving towards patrol's position. Movement believed to have been of approximately 15-20 people. Gunships made rocket runs approximately 15 minutes prior to extraction. As helicopter arrived for extraction one patrol member observed the helicopter going towards a tree where the strobe light was located, while under fire one patrol member picked up strobe light and directed helicopter for a safe landing. Patrol was then extracted with (4) USMC WIA (Non-Serious). Artillery mission of 15 rounds then fired with unknown results.

TERRAIN: This area is characterized by low rolling hills with elephant grass 1-3 feet high. Communication Coss. Natural water sources poor. Rate of movement is 500 meters per hour.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 031030H (YD 087628) Patrol found one 155 mm dud round at these coordinates. Dud appeared to be approximately four months old. Patrol detonated dud with 2 claymore mines, destroying bomb.

(2) Patrol found propaganda leaflets strategically placed along trail between (YD 089625) and (YD 106612). Trails appeared to be well used.

(3) (YD 079639) Patrol found a DH-10 Directional mine on a well used trail at these coordinates. Mine was not booby trapped. Mine appeared to be there for approximately 1-2 months.

(4) (YD 072659) Patrol found a suspected enemy mortar position and aiming stake at these coordinates. Patrol called artillery mission of 10 rounds with destroyed position.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (6) VC/NVA KIA (C); (4) VC/NVA KIA (P).

b. FRIENDLY: (4) WIA (Non-serious)

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: (1) DH-10 DIRECTIONAL MINE

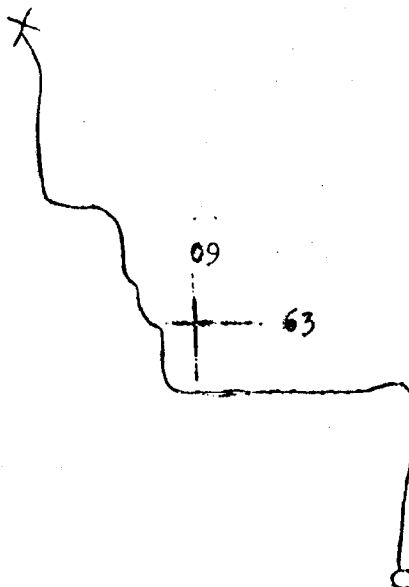
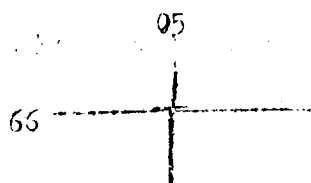
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Very Good, morale Outstanding.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

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Recommendations:

- (1) Future patrols operating in this area go as a reinforced patrol.
- (2) Future patrols operating in this area should OP this rather than physically patrolling.

Conclusions:

(1) Area covered by patrol reveals enemy movement in small groups and then when contact is made with a patrol other small groups in area converge to support the enemy.

9. HLZ'S: Entire area covered by patrol could be utilized as HLZ's.
10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leaders recommendations and conclusions.

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 3d Recon Bn S/C No. 3835-67
 3d Reconnaissance Bn
 FPO BAI, RVN
 131100H August 1967

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enlisted (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) Claymore Mines (1) CS Grenade
 (3) WP Rifle Grenades (2) WP Hand Grenades
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 (1) M-14

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- 2. MISSION: See Operation Order.
- 3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 091100H/120530H August 1967
- 4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.
- 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: Reconnaissance from the RAINBELT Relay position resulted in two night contacts. Four VC KIA (Conf), 2 VC KIA (Prob) and 1 VC MIA (Prob) resulted from SAF and supporting arms fire. Enemy appears to have had the relay position under surveillance.

b. ENEMY: (1) 092000H (YD 848086) Patrol moved SW on a trail from RAINBELT Relay position. Trail began at the wire and was used by friendlies for water access. At (YD 843084) 092030H point man encountered a taut wire stretched waist high across trail. After moving 20 meters beyond wire patrol heard movement in the brush adjacent to trail. Immediately a grenade spoon was heard. Patrol opened fire with SA/AW and enemy returned semi automatic fire. Patrol estimated 5-8 enemy and claimed (2) VC KIA (Prob) as a result of SAF. Patrol withdrew to RAINBELT Relay and while doing so became engaged in taut wire. It appeared that wire was warning device rather than booby trap. 81mm illumination was provided by Relay and 10 VC were seen by Relay. Patrol believes these enemy were not the same with whom they made contact. 106's and 81mm mortars were fired causing (4) VC KIA (Conf). Bodies were removed during the night.

2 (2) 102100H (YD 848086) While patrol was at RAINBELT Relay, 2 incoming grenades were received inside the defensive wire. Patrol called 1 artillery mission of 6 rounds with unknown results.

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(3) 120245H (YD 836069) While in night harbor site patrol heard movement of 2-3 people and received 1 incoming grenade and returned several grenades. Several inaccurate rounds of SAF were directed on patrol's position. Patrol covered withdrawal to RAINBELT Relay by M-79 and SA/AF. One artillery mission of 6 rounds was fired on area of contact. As patrol entered Relay position movement was heard in pursuit of patro.. One VC WIA (Prob) resulted from contact.

c. TERRAIN: Rolling hills with vegetation burned off, offering little concealment for recon movement.

(1) COMMUNICATION: Excellent

(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Scarce in the area immediately surrounding RAINBELT Relay.

(3) Trails: None, of enemy origin.

d. HIZ's: Entire area is one large HIZ.

e. OTHER INFORMATION: None.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: 4 VC KIA (Conf) 2 VC KIA (Prob) 1 VC WIA (Prob)

b. FRIENDLY: None

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good MORALE: Good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Recon patrols no longer operate out of RAINBELT Relay because of poor concealment.

Conclusions: (1) Area covered by patrol reveals: Enemy surveillance of the RAINBELT Relay position.

(2) General Conclusions: Training of enemy did not seem to high because of the poor ambush and probe of night harbor position.

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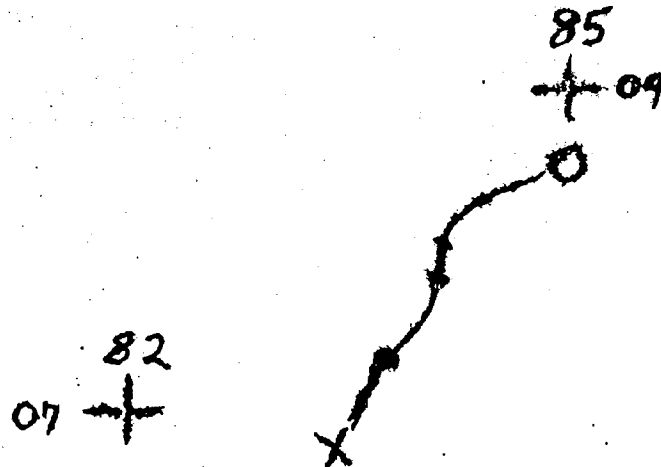
9. DEBRIEF COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leader.

a. OTHER: Patrol noted many dud mortar rounds in the vicinity of RAINBELT Relay.

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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

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 Patrol: 1st Tm, 2nd Plt 3d Force
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 DONG HA, RVN
 230900H August 1967

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (8) ENLISTED
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
- c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) CLAYMORE MINES; (3) WP RIFLE GRENADES
 (7) GAS MASKS, (5) OS GRENADES, (1) SHOTGUN
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 w/50 rds.; (2) M-14

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Make every effort to capture a prisoner. Report HHC'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: 151440H(YD 058638)/171720H(YD 034642)

4. ROUTE: SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

- a. SYNOPSIS: 51 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (2) sightings totalling (31) NVA/VC. Patrol made contact with 19 NVA/VC resulting in (2) NVA/VC KIA(C) and (7) NVA/VC KIA(P). Patrol called arty missions and fixed wing on both sightings with unobserved results.

7. DETAILS:

(1) 1711045H (YD 038640) Observed 12 NVA moving southeast wearing khakis, (4) packs, cartridge belts, bush hats, and mixed assortment of rifles and AK-47's. Called arty mission (18) rds. with very good coverage of target. Called AO and fixed wing make (6) strikes with very good coverage of target area. Results unobserved.

(2) 171445H (YD 038641) Observed (19) VC/NVA moving southeast wearing mixed uniforms (khakis, PJ's, and civilian clothing), (6) M16's and M14's, mixed assortment of rifles, AK-47's and carbines. (1) NVA/VC was a corpsman carrying a medical kit and what appeared to be several cans of plasma. Enemy stopped for chow and were getting ready to move out when patrol opened fire with S/A resulting in (7) NVA/VC KIA

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(3) 177120H (YD 034642) Extraction Helicopters were receiving SAT from target area. Fixed wing was making strikes on target as patrol was being extracted.

a. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by steep hills and dead brush throughout area. Entire area has been defoliated. Communication good. Natural Water Sources plentiful. Rate of movement at patrols disorientation. Numerous trails throughout area.

a. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 177120H (YD 034642) Patrol observed a tunnel opening approximately two feet in diameter on extraction LZ. Patrol did not have time to check it out.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (2) VC/NVA KIA (C), (7) VC/NVA KIA (P).

b. FRIENDLY: NONE

c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) Have another patrol reinserted in same area.
- (2) Have tunnel opening observed at extraction LZ. Be checked out for possible arms cache.

CONCLUSIONS:

(1) Area covered by patrol reveals signs of groups of 10-20 well equipped VC/NVA moving through area heading towards SONG CAN LO. Area provides an easy access route to the river without going through valleys and hills to the north and northwest of DONG HA Mountain.

9. REMARKS: (YD 058638) (1) CH-46. LZ has not been cleared. But could be cleared of obstacles by using several Claymore mines. Obstacles are dead stumps two to four feet high. No approach obstacles. Best approach from north to south.

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OPERATION ORDER : 405-67
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 190810H August 1967

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (8) ENLISTED
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
- c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (8) GAS MASKS, (7) CS GRENADES
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79w/85 Rounds, (5) M-14's, (1) M-60

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage the 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: 151631H/181540H August 1967

4. ROUTE: SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS : 71 Hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in contact with an estimated 8-10 VC. Resulting in 4 VC KIA (C); (1) VC WIA (MINOR, CAPTURED). One prisoner a woman was turned over to INT. A large cache of rice was located in the village. Patrol called airstrikes on village.

b. DETAILS:

(1) 181145H (YD 263546) Patrol observed a small village consisting of four hooches made of bamboo, and palm leaves 10-15 FEET. Three men were sent into village to check it out. In first hooch scout team found three 100lb bags of rice and ten to fifteen baskets of rice. As scout team was checking out rest of hooches they noticed movement in two of the hooches. One man came out and started leading the scout team towards one of the rice paddies near the hooches.

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Approximately 3/4 of the way across the rice paddy the man broke into a run and immediately the scout team started receiving SA and AWP. Scout team opened fire resulting in three VC KIA (C). Scout team broke contact and as they were withdrawing one VC woman tossed a Chi Com Grenade at them resulting in one USMC WIA (Minor). Scout team joined back up with patrol and returned to village. Patrol started receiving SA and AWP. Patrol threw several grenades in one of the hooches resulting in one VC woman WIA whom the patrol captured. Patrol started withdrawing from the village and observed two VC moving across field. Patrol opened fire resulting in one VC KIA (C). Patrol called in air strikes with good coverage of target, with unknown results. Extraction helos and gunships were still receiving sporadic SA as patrol was being extracted.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by low rolling hills with shrubs and bushes one to two feet high. Communication Good; Natural Water sources Plentiful. Rate of movement at patrols decoration.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 151630H (YD 206542) Patrol observed boot prints of twelve to fourteen people headed west. Boot prints were deep and indicated that people were carrying heavy loads. Prints were approximately five to ten hours old.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (4) VC KIA (C); (1) VC WOMAN WIA (MINOR)

b. FRIENDLY: (1) USMC WIA (MINOR)

c. CAPTURED /EQUIPMENT: (1) VC WOMAN

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale Good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) AREA IS EXTREMELY OPEN THUS MAKING LAND NAVIGATION VERY HARD. BRAVOS ARE ONLY APPROXIMATELY H & I FIRES SHOULD NOT BE PLOTTED WITHIN 1000 METERS OF PATROL'S POSITION.

(2) HAVE ANOTHER PATROL REINSERTED IN AREA.

CONCLUSIONS:

(1) PATROL MADE CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED EIGHT TO TEN VC. VILLAGE IS DEFINITELY UNDER VC CONTROL AND IS POSSIBLY USED FOR THE RAISING OF CROPS AND CATTLE FOR VC/NVA. VILLAGE WAS BEING ENLARGED. FENCE GATES IN AREA ARE BOOBY TRAPPED.

9. HLZ'S: Entire area is suitable for HLZ'S.

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10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:

(1) (YM 263546) Air strikes did not destroy hooch containing all the rice. Would be advisable to reinsert patrol near village to confiscate rice for ARVN forces.

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 211600H August 1967

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT: 3d Recon Bn S/C No. 4044-67

- a. COMPOSITION: (6) Enlisted, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) 7X50's
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) Claymore mines, (3) CB grenades, (3) Gas Masks, (3) WP Hand Grenades
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) Shot gun

2. MISSION: Reconnaissance assigned zone, noting and quickly reporting indications of enemy activity. Make every effort to capture prisoners and documents. Engage the enemy with supporting arms, and act as forward observers for on call artillery. Make special effort to maintain continuous observation of BONG SONG RIVER.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 181030H/211330H August 1967

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 76 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (2) enemy sightings totalling estimate of 5-8 VC/NVA and (2) contacts resulting in (1) KIA (p), (3) Enemy WIA's (p) and (3) Friendly WIA's. Artillery fired 6rds in support. Area covered by patrol reveals signs of movement throughout.

b. ENEMY:

(1) 181500H (YD 373467) Patrol observed 3 VC dressed in blue shorts, dark shirts and one with white hat, carrying cartridge belts and weapons. The VC came from the southwest and appear to be searching patrol insertion LZ, and then moved out of sight back to the southeast.

(2) 211045H (YD 566172) Patrol heard movement approximately 75 meters southwest of these coordinates. Movement continued to move toward patrol's position, then patrol heard 3-5 voices approximate 25 meters from patrol. Patrol fired on the enemy and received semi-auto weapons fire in return. Patrol threw grenades, blew claymore and moved east, southeast and broke contact. Results of contact (1) friendly WIA, (1) KIA (p) and possible 2 enemy WIA's.

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(3) 211200H (YD 563169) Patrol moved to these coordinates and requested extraction. Patrol observed and fired on 2 VC/NVA approximately 20 meters south of these coordinates. Patrol then started receiving AWF approximately 50 Meters south of their position. Artillery mission of 5rds called on enemy position with unknown results. On initial AWF patrol took 2 WIA's, 1 minor and 1 Med-Evac. After artillery mission enemy fire ceased. At 2245H Helo Etc (1) WIA by sling without incident. After Med-Evac completed AO directed fixing strikes east and northwest of patrol's position. At approximately 1330H as remainder of patrol was being extracted helo started receiving AWF from 1 to 2 Weapons from the west.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by steep hill and ridge lines burned off in places with vegetation area of thick underbrush from 4 to 10 ft. high.

(1) COMMUNICATIONS: Patrol had interference from ARVN unit. AO and patrol had poor comm with helo.

(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Good water in the valley.

(3) The only trails observed were old and not used.

d. HLZ's: The entire valley area can be utilized as an HLZ.

e. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) (YD 560170) Patrol heard a dog barking in vicinity of above coordinates. Arty mission of (1)rd was fired in area.

(2) Patrol heard SA and 50 cal. from the north 4-6000 meters possible ARVN's.

6. RESULTS OF SEARCH UNITS IN THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: 1KIA(p) and 3WIA's(p)

b. FRIENDLY: 3WIA's

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good/morale: Good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: (1) TPQ vicinity (YD 574161) to (YD 578161 and (YD 560170) to (YD 566170).

(2) Insert patrol on ridgeline vicinity (YD 564174) for excellent OP of river and valley.

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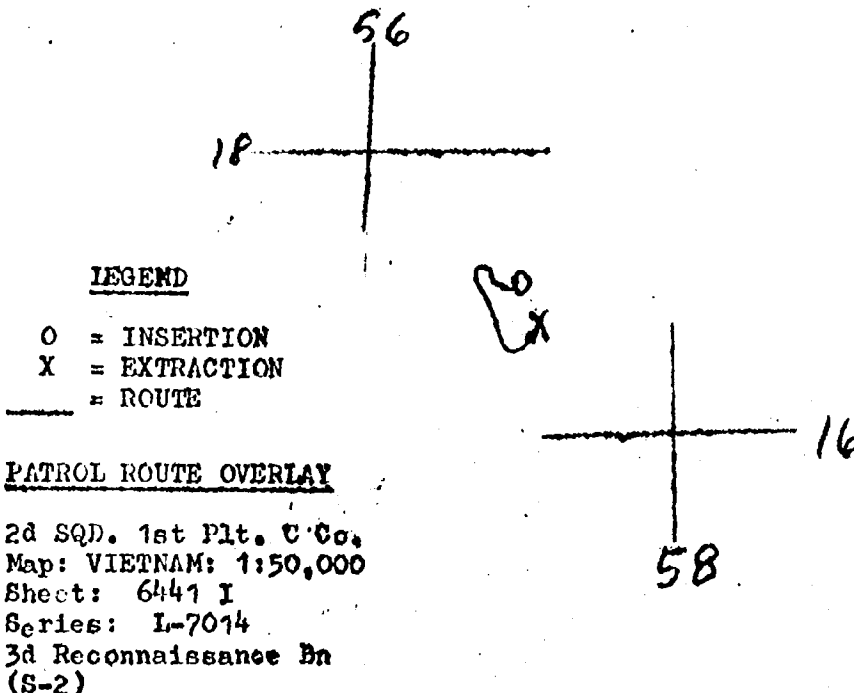
(1) Area covered by patrol reveals: signs of groups of 3 to 5 enemy moving throughout area.

(2) General conclusions: Patrols feels the 3VC observed on 18 Aug. had observed helo insert patrol and were trying to locate direction of patrols movement. The other groups hit did not appear to be looking for patrol or suspect USMC units in the area, they were moving as if the area was secure for them.

CPT DAVIS
Company C

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: (Concur with PL)

a. PATROL OPINION OF NATURE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY: Patrol feels the enemy are possible using the valley vicinity GS (YD 5716) for harbor site as base camp.



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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL 92-67

A. MAP SHEET 6342 III, 1:50,000

(1) DEBRIEFER: SSGT F.V. EARLY/LCPL W.A. MALLAND, REVIEWED BY CAPT. H.L. BOHR JR.

(2) DEBRIEF OF RECON TEAM 1B1, B CO, THIRD RECON BN, 182000H AUG

1. COMPOSITION, SIZE, EQUIPMENT.

A. COMPOSITION: 9 USMC ENL, 1 USMC PL

B. COMEQUIP: 2 AN/PRC 25'S

C. OBS EQUIP: 1 PR 7x50'S

D. SPECIAL WPNS: 1 M-14, 1 M-79

2. MISSION: TO CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE WITHIN THE AREA BOUNDED BY (XD74444)(UL) (XD7642)(LR), LOCATING TRAILS AND HARBOR SITES.

ESTABLISH DAY OP'S AND AMBUSHES ON LIKELY AVENUES OF NVA/VC MOVEMENT.

ENGAGE THE ENEMY WITH S&F AND/OR SUPPORTING ARMS, MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE DOCUMENTS, WEAPONS, AND PRISONERS. PATROL WILL ACT AS FORWARD OBSERVER FOR ON CALL ARTILLERY.

3. SYNOPSIS: 50 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE RESULTED IN 2 ENEMY CONTACTS. CONTACTS RESULTED IN 3 ENEMY KIA (C) AND 25 ENEMY KIA (F). THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

4. INSERTION: PATROL WALKED INTO AREA FROM HILL 881

5. EXTRACTION: 181630H AUG AT (XD758441) BY HELO

6. TERRAIN: THIS AREA IS CHARACTERIZED BY ROLLING HILLS COVERED WITH 3-7 FT HIGH ELEPHANT GRASS. AVERAGE RATE OF MOVEMENT WAS BETWEEN 300-500 METERS PER HOUR.

7. PATROL ROUTE: FROM INSERTION POINT TO VIC OF (XD756435) TO VIC OF (XD754433) TO VIC OF (XD751431) TO VIC OF (XD749434) TO VIC OF

EXTRACTION POINT.

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8. HLZ'S:

(1) AT XD 758441 SITE WILL ACCOMMODATE 3-4 CH-46'S. SITE IS CHARACTERIZED BY 3 FT HIGH ELEPHANT GRASS. THERE IS 1 STUMP IN THE ZONE. THIS STUMP IS APPROX 4 FT HIGH AND CAN'T BE OBS'D FROM THE AIR. IT IS TOX THE ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ WESTERN SIDE OF THE LZ. BEST APPROACH IS EAST TO WEST.

9. ENEMY ENCOUNTERS:

(1) FROM PATROL'S POSITION AT XD 747435 6 NVA WERE OBS'D AT XD 736419. ALL 6 WERE WEARING BLACK SHORTS, BLACK SHIRTS, AND BLACK COVERS. ALL WERE CARRYING SMALL ARMS WHICH APPEARED TO BE CARBINES. AT THIS TIME THE PATROL CALLED ARTILLERY MISSION. 36 ROUNDS WERE FIRED WITH VERY GOOD TARGET COVERAGE. MISSION RESULTED IN 3 ENEMY KIA (C), AND ~~4~~ ENEMY KIA (P). AT THIS TIME THE PATROL BEGAN TO TAKE MORTAR ROUNDS FROM THE VIC OF HILL 918 (XD 725444). THE ROUNDS WERE HITTING APPROX 200 METERS FROM ~~THE~~ POSITION AND WERE BEING WALKED TOWARDS THE TEAM. THE TEAM THEN BEGAN TO MOVE BACK TO HILL 8818 WHEN APPROX 200 METERS FROM OLD POSITION 25-30 NVA WERE SEEN IN THE SAME VIC AS THE FIRST 6. 5 OF THE ENEMY WERE WEARING KHAKIS AND STRAW HELMETS. 1 WAS OBS'D WEARING KHAKIS WITH A KHAKI COVER, THIS PERSON WAS CARRYING NO WEAPON AND WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FORMATION. THIS PERSON APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN THE UNIT LEADER. THE REST WERE ALL WEARING BLACK UNIFORMS AND BLACK COVERS. 6 OF THESE WERE CARRYING LARGE PACKS, 2 WERE CARRYING WHAT APPEARED TO BE A HEAVY MACHINEGUN, AND 3 MORTAR TUBES WERE BEING CARRIED BY 2 MEN ON EACH TUBE. ALL THE ENEMY EXCEPT ONE WERE CARRYING SMALL ARMS. PATROL CALLED ARTILLERY AND AIR STRIKES ON TARGET. BOTH WITH VERY GOOD TARGET COVERAGE. RESULTS OF ARTILLERY AND AIR STRIKES WAS 20 ENEMY KIA (P). MOVEMENT OF BOTH UNITS OF MEN WAS NORTH TO SOUTH.

(2) THE PATROL AGAIN BEGAN TO MOVE TO HILL 8818 WHEN THE PATROL HAD MOVED APPROX 100-200 METERS THEY BEGAN TO TAKE SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM THE VIC OF XD 752429 AIR STRIKES WERE CALLED IN WITH VERY GOOD TARGET COVERAGE. DUE TO DISTANCE THE PATROL COULD NEITHER OBS'D RESULTS OR NUMBER OF ENEMY FIRING AT TEAM.

9. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTER WITH ~~XXXXXX~~ THE ENEMY: NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

3 ENEMY KIA (C) 20 ENEMY KIA (P).

10. MISC INFO:

(1) 3 PATROL MEMBERS SAW WHAT APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN 1 PERSON OBS THE TEAM FROM RIDGE LINE IN THE VIC OF XD 732442. DUE TO THE DISTANCE NO POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION COULD BE MADE.

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(2) PATROL MEMBER OBS A CLEARED OFF AREA ON THE RIDGE LINE AT XD 756406 THIS MEMBER OF THE PATROL BELIEVES HE SAW A LARGE DULL COLORED OBJECT PROTRUDING FROM THE CLEARED AREA. THE OBJECT WAS ROUND AND LONG AND LOOKED VERY MUCH LIKE AN ARTILLERY PIECE WOULD LOOK.

(3) COMM WAS FAIR. DURING ENEMY CONTACT A WHIP ANTENNA WAS REQUIRED TO KEEP COMM WITH RELAY. PATROL WAS IN A VALLEY AT THIS TIME, AND THERE WAS VERY THICK CLOUD COVER.

11. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: PHYSICAL/GOOD MORALE/GOOD

12. PATROL LEADERS RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

(a) RECOMMENDATIONS: IF FURTHER PATROLS GO INTO THIS AREA THEY SHOULD BE INSERTED AT NIGHT OFF OF HILL 8818 OTHERWISE PATROL WOULD BE OBS'D FROM HIGHER GROUND WHILE BEING INSERTED.

(b) CONCLUSIONS: ENEMY MAY BE MOVING TROOPS INTO THE AREA FOR AN OFFENSIVE AGAINST HILL 8818

13. DEBRIEFERS COMMENTS: FURTHER, RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IN THIS AREA.

(2) IT APPEARS THE ENEMY IS PREPARING FOR EITHER A DEFENSIVE AREA FOR THE MONSOON SEASON, OR FOR A POSSIBLE OFFENSIVE MOVE ON HILL 8818.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enlisted
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) Claymore mines; (4) WP Rifle grenades;
 (3) WP Hand grenades; (7) Gas Masks; (14) CS Grenades;
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) M-79 with 142 rounds; (2) M-14's (1) M-60

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage the 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: 191502H/211345H August 1967

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 46 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in two enemy sightings of 35 NVA. Patrol observed ten NVA in bunkers and called air strikes which destroyed bunkers. Patrol made contact with an estimated 10-15 NVA. Total results for patrol (5) NVA KIA (0); (13) NVA KIA (P). (10) by air strikes and one USMC WIA (Minor).

b. ENEMY:

(1) 200930H (YD 077703) Patrol observed (2) bunkers with 8-10 NVA moving towards bunkers. NVA wore green khakis, cartridge bolts, rifles, helmets/coolie hats. Air strikes were called with good coverage of target resulting in (2) bunkers destroyed and (10) NVA KIA (P).

(2) 201550H (YD 079702) Patrol observed (10) NVA moving southeast wearing mixed uniforms; (camos, green khakis; pj's) cartridge bolts, rifles and 3 had packs. Called artillery mission with good coverage of target with unknown results.

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(3) 201949H (YD 087695) Patrol was setting in harbor site when (6) NVA were spotted coming towards patrol's position. Patrol opened fire resulting in (1) NVA KIA (C), and (3) NVA KIA (P). Patrol immediately began receiving S/F from the north and northwest. From an estimated 10-15 NVA. Enemy had several AK-47's. Patrol returned fire resulting in (4) NVA KIA (C). Patrol broke contact and returned to friendly positions. During contact patrol observed two lights at (YD 087687).

c. TERRAIN: Varies from gentle rolling hills with moderate vegetation two to four foot high, to flatland and rice paddies and hedge rows. Communication Good, Natural Water sources sufficient. Rate of movement at patrol's discretion.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: NONE

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (5) NVA KIA (C), (13) NVA KIA (P).

b. FRIENDLY: (1) USMC WIA (Minor)

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good;

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations:

(1) Be informed of all TPQ's or ARC-LITES at least 48 hours prior to time on target or bombing mission.

CONCLUSIONS:

(1) Patrol made contact with an estimated 15-20 NVA. Enemy activity is very intense throughout area. Enemy is building bunkers and fortifications throughout area. Enemy activity has been increasing in area during past two weeks none of the enemy sighted has worn packs or carried much equipment.

9. HLZ'S: Entire area can be utilized as an HLZ.

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10. DETAILED COMMENTS:

(1) This same patrol was almost hit by an ARC-LITE on 21 August at 0500H. The only reason the patrol wasn't hit was due to the fact the patrol made contact and withdrew to friendly positions.

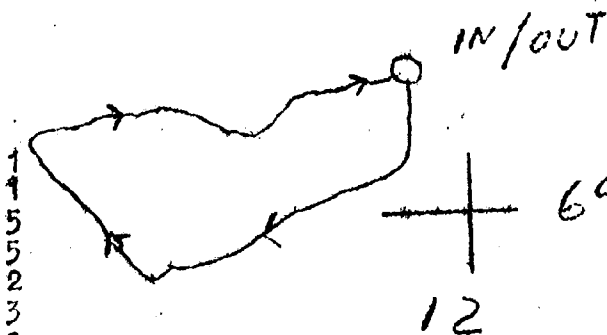
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (7) ENLISTED, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) PRC-25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7 X 50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) CLAYMORE MINES, (3) WP RIFLE GRENADES, (8) CS GRENADES
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 w/91 Rds., (2) M-14's, (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 HUZ'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: 201300H(YD 347445)/221530H(YD 349428)

4. ROUTE: SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- A. SYNOPSIS: 50 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (1) sighting of (2) lights and contact with 10-15 NVA resulting in (2) NVA KIA (CONF) and (2) NVA WIA(C). Patrol called arty and fixed wing on target with excellent coverage of target. Results unknown.

b. ENEMY:

- (1.) 201300H (YD 350428) Patrol was moving toward river when patrol observed (2) NVA filling canteens in river. Enemy wore green uniforms, light packs, (1) AK-47 and (1) rifle. Enemy and patrol opened fire at the same time, resulting in (1) NVA KIA(C). Immediately patrol began receiving S/A automatic weapons fire from an estimated 10-15 NVA on other side of river. Patrol called arty mission and fixed wing with excellent coverage of target. All firing stopped but as patrol started to cross river to check out target area. Enemy opened fire again. Patrol attempted to break contact but was pinned down by enemy fire. Arty mission and fixed wing were called with excellent coverage of target. All firing ceased. Patrol sent out a scout team to check out area of air strikes. Scout team crossed river and was going to check on (1) body of NVA killed by air strikes when (1) NVA (wounded badly) opened fire on scout team. Scout team returned fire and noticed (1) NVA moving out of area. Man appeared to be wounded. Scout team

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broke contact and rejoined patrol. Fixed wing and guships made several more passes on target prior to patrol's extraction.

6. TERRAIN: Low rolling hills with thick brush and shrubs 3'-5' high. Comm good. Natural water resources plentiful. Rate of movement 100-150 meters per hour.

a. OTHER INFORMATION:

- (1) 261530H (YD 347445) AO observed 7-8 camouflaged bunkers on trail. AO called fixed wing. Patrol unable to observe strikes or bunkers.
- (2) 201902H (YD 349436) Patrol heard fire fight approximately 1000 north of these coordinates. Fire fight lasted 15-20 minutes. Then ceased altogether.
- (3) 202000H (YD 353427) Observed (2) lights moving northeast along trail approximately 10 meters apart. No action taken.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- a. ENEMY: (2) NVA KIA(C)
(2) NVA WIA(C)

b. FRIENDLY: NONE

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL - GOOD MORALE - GOOD

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

CONCLUSIONS:

- (1) Area covered by patrol reveals signs of heavy use by small groups of NVA/VC. Patrol unable to determine direction of movement. Patrol made contact with an estimated 10-15 NVA/VC. Enemy were light pack and were not heavily armed. Enemy may have been patrol from a base camp farther east.

9. HL218: (YD 347445) 10 or more CH-46'S - Large burnt off area. No approach obstacles. Best approach heading is 360°.
(YD 349428) (1) CH-46 - Bomb crater with no obstacles. LZ should only be used in an emergency.

10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:

- (1) When patrol was checking out body of dead NVA patrol noticed (1) carbine and 6.3 plastic canteens lying next to the body.

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24 1240H August 1967

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (9) ENLISTED
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (1) USMC Scout Dog
- c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) Claymore mines; (2) WP rifle grenades
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 with 70 rounds; (1) M-14; (1) Shotgun.

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage the enemy with supporting arms. Make every effort to capture a prisoner. Plot HEZ'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: 221340H/221923H August 1967

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: (6) Hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in four enemy sightings totalling 16 NVA and one contact with an estimated 15-20 NVA. Patrol was pinned down by sniper fire. Results of the tact. (4) NVA KIA (C), (1) NVA KIA (P), (1) USMC KIA and two fires resulted from air strikes. Air strikes and artillery missions continued after patrol was extracted.

b. DETAILS:

(1) 221640H (YD 066395) and (YD 063693) Patrol observed three small groups of NVA totalling 14 NVA. Enemy wore green utilities or khakis, some wore helmets; weapons, and equipment unknown. (4) NVA sighted had packs and bush hats. Believed to be a recon patrol. Artillery mission called but was cancelled due to A. O. was on way to area.

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(2) 221723H (YD 065696) Patrol observed 9 NVA squatting on ridge line watching patrol. Unable to determine weapons or equipment. Artillery mission called but was cancelled due to AO coming on station.

(3) 221730H (YD 065693) Observed one NVA sneaking up on patrol. Enemy wore green utilities and olive hat. Enemy was well camouflaged with paint and brush. Patrol opened fire resulting in one NVA KIA (C). Also observed an unknown number of NVA moving towards patrol's position. Estimated enemy strength at 15-20 NVA. Enemy were well camouflaged with paint and bushes. Patrol started receiving sniper fire from an unknown location. Patrol started spraying area with SAF. No noticeable results.

(4) 221745H Patrol continued to receive sniper fire from an unknown location. (1) USMC KIA resulted from sniper fire. Patrol unable to retrieve man's equipment due to sniper fire. Enemy seen moving towards patrol did not open fire yet. Patrol was being pinned down by sniper fire.

(5) 221915H Patrol started receiving heavy volume of SAF from 360°. Patrol returned fire resulting in one NVA KIA (P).

(6) 221923H Extraction Helos and gunships were receiving a heavy volume of SAF during extraction.

c. TERRAIN: Gentle rolling hills with two to four feet elephant grass. Trees are sparse. Area has little coverage for teams operating in the area. Communication Good, Natural Water sources plentiful. Rate of movement at patrol's discretion. Numerous trails throughout area.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 221500H (YD 067692) Patrol observed fresh cut logs cut into eight foot lengths within past few hours. Patrol also observed several bunkers throughout area. Bunkers were constructed of dirt and several layers of logs eight to ten inches in diameter. No action taken.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (4) NVA KIA (C); (1) NVA KIA (P)

b. FRIENDLY: (1) USMC KIA

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good; morale good.

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8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations;

- (1) Ground operation be initiated in area utilizing tanks, armored personnel carriers and demolition teams.

Conclusions;

(1) Suspect enemy CP or Base Camp in the vicinity of (YD 062695). Enemy sighted were carrying weapons and some ammo but no other equipment.

(2) Patrol made contact with enemy recon screen and sniper team. Patrol was pinned down by sniper fire until enemy force could surround patrol and commence to attack.

(3) Believe sniper fire was from an automatic weapon with a scope mounted on it. Rounds were not fired by the 15-20 NVA which were moving towards patrol's position. Area could not be located where rounds were coming from. Tree line at (YD 063691) affords good cover for enemy but could not observe any muzzle flashes from area.

9. HZ/18; ENTIRE AREA IS SUITABLE FOR AN HZ.

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CPL, 3d FORCE

10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:

(1) The last three patrols into this area indicate enemy is rebuilding and reinforcing his present fortifications and constructing new fortifications. Enemy activity has been very intensified within past two weeks.

(2) And Lites in areas are not accomplishing anything unless bunkers receive a direct hit. Bunkers are well constructed and well dispersed throughout the area.

(3) Enemy may be building fortifications to mass troops and supplies for troop operating in and around CAN LO and CON TIEN.

(4) Patrol could not retrieve equipment from man killed. Equipment left behind included (1) M-16 Rifle, # 537710 with one magazine and (1) PRS-25 # 5705. Primary frequency was still on radio and is believed to have been compromised. Radio was destroyed by firing 20 rounds 5.56 mm AMMO into it from a distance of 20 feet. No action taken on the rifle.

(5) Air strikes in area after patrol's extraction resulted in two large secondary fires.

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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL 97-67

A. MAP SHEET 6342 II, III, SERIES L-7014, 1:50,000

(1) DEBRIEF OF RECON TM 2B1, B CO, THIRD RECON BN, 251130H AUG 67

(2) DEBRIEFER: SSGT R. V. EARLY/LCPL W.A. MALLAND, REVIEWED BY:

CAPT. H. L. BOHR JR.

1. COMPOSITION, SIZE, EQUIPMENT

A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF, 9 ENL USMC

B. COMM EQUIP: 2AN/PRC 25'S

C. OBS EQUIP: 1 PR 7X50'S

D. SPECIAL EQUIP: 4 TRIP FLARES, 4 M-14 FT MINES, 6 CLAYMORE MINES, 6 WP ROCKETS.

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1. SPECIAL WPNS: 1 M-14, 1 M-79

2. MISSION: TO CONDUCT RECON AND SURV IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY

XD8847(UL) XD9145(LR), LOCATING TRAILS AND HARBOR SITE;

ESTABLISH DAY OP'S AND AMB ON LIKELY AVE ON NVA

MOVEMENT. ENGAGE THE EN WITH SAF AND OR SUPPORTING ARMS,

ING EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE DOC, WPNS, AND PRISONERS.

PATROL WILL ACT AS FORWARD OBS FOR ON CALL ARTY.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 221700H AUG 1967 (2) RETURN: 250700H AUG 1967

4. ROUTE: XD984457 TO VIC OF XD890467 TO VIC OF XD898457

TO VIC OF XD895464 TO VIC OF XD897468 TO VIC OF XD895472.

5. OBS OF EN AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOP: 62 HRS OF RECON AND SURV RESULTED IN EMERGENCY

EXT. TM WAS SURROUNDED TWICE BY ELEMENTS OF AN ESTIMATED CO.

B. EN 241830H/XD952468 - PLT SURROUNDED IN HARBOR SITE

BY AN EST 30-40 EN. EN MOVED IN COLUMN TOWARD TM AND APPROX

30 METERS FM TM SPLIT INTO TWO COLUMNS AND BEGAN ENCIRCLING

TM. EN MOVED W/I 25 METERS OF TM WHEN TM DETONATED 4

CLAYMORE MINES AND DELIVERED HEAVY VOL SAF. TM THEN MOVED

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 17 KIA (P). ARTY CALLED ON AREA. GUNSHIPS ARRIVED AND PROVIDED COVER FOR TM TO MOVE FM HARBOR SITE TO LZ VIC XD 899478. TM NOT EXTRACTED DUE TO BAD WEATHER. IN THIS LOCATION TM SURROUNDED BY EST 50-60 EN.
 EN OPERATED IN 5 MAN TMS. EN MOVED W/I 25 METERS OF TM. AT THIS TIME THERE WERE FIVE MAN GROUPS. ARTY CALLED AND IMPACTED ON 4 GROUPS. TM HEARD MOANS. HEARD OTHER GROUPS MOVE INTO AREA PROBABLY TO CHECK WIA, AND KIA'S. ARTY IMPACTED IN AREA WHERE MOVEMENT HEARD. (12 KIA (P)). ARTY FIRED ALL NIGHT IN SUPPORT OF TM. MOVEMENT HEARD. EN SIGNALLED W/EACH OTHER BY 5 CLICKS ON STOCK OF RIFLE ANSWERED BY 5 CLICKS. TM HEARD TALKING, COUGHING AND WPNS BEING DROPPED. ARTY IMPACTED ON AREA WHERE MOVEMENT DETECTED. (7 KIA (P)). AT 250700H WHEN TM WAS MOVING TOWARD HELO, TM OBS 1 EN MOVING TOWARD THEM (RANGE 5 METERS). TM FIRED 20 RDS SAF RESULTS 1 KIA (P). HELO TOUCHED DOWN ON LZ AND 2 MG OPENED UP ON HELO FM NW CORNER OF LZ. AS HELO LIFTED FM LZ IT RECEIVED SAF AND A/W FIRE FM ENTIRE AREA.

C. TERRAIN: GENERALLY STEEP HILLS WITH A 60FT HIGH SPARCE

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 CANOPY.

(1) HILLS: 60 FT CANOPY W/SPARSE VEGETATION. MOVEMENT 300-500 METERS PER HOUR.

(2) FINGERS: STEEP COVERED W/5-8 FT HIGH ELEPHANT GRASS. MOVEMENT, 200 METERS PER HOUR.

(3) VALLEYS: THIN VEGETATION, 20 FT HIGH CANOPY, EASY MOVEMENT OF 300 METERS PER HOUR.

D. OTHER INFO:

(1) HLZ'S

(A) INSET LZ. XD884464- 8 FT HIGH ELEPHANT GRASS AND INTERWOVEN VINES. GOOD COVER/CONCEALMENT AND WILL ACCOMODATE 1 CH-46. BEST APPROACH S-N.

(B) EXTRACT LZ. XD894458- GOOD LZ, OFFERS COVER/CONCEALMENT AND WILL HOLD 1 CH-46. SURROUNDED BY HIGH CANOPY.

(2) COMM GOOD HOWEVER, PLT ROUTE MUST BE IN AREAS NOT MASKED BY TERRAIN.

(3) NATURAL WATER SOURCES GOOD.

(4) 221830H/XD883457 PTL CROSSED TRAIL. TRAIL WAS 2 FT WIDE, HAD HARD PACKED DIRT BASE. WAS OVERGROWN WITH VEGETATION. APPEARED NOT TO HAVE BEEN USED RECENTLY. TRAIL RAN N-S.

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(5) 231300H/XD895457- PTL FOUND 2 FT WIDE OVERGROWN TRAIL RUNNING E-W. TRAIL HAD DIRT BASE COVERED WITH LEAVES. THIS TRAIL APPEARED NOT TO HAVE BEEN USED IN LAST 3-4 MONTHS. 10 METERS OFF THE TRAIL A 2X8X2 FT U-SHAPED HOLE WAS FOUND. HOLE OVERLOOKED AN OLD LZ AND COVERED A GOOD OP OF HILL 691. NO SIGNS OF HOLE BEING USED RECENTLY WERE FOUND.

(6) 240330H/XD895460-XD895468 E-W TRAIL WAS FND. AT BEGINNING TRAIL WAS 1' WIDE THEN WIDENED TO APPROX 3'. TRAIL HAD NOT BEGUN TO OVERGROW, HOWEVER LEAVES WERE COVERING THE BASE. BASE OF TRAIL WAS HARD DIRT (TRAIL RAN TO RIVER).

(7) 241730H/XD895468 1 PUNJI PIT 2X2X2 WAS FND. 1 DUMMY PIT WAS FND ON TRAIL WITH REAL PIT JUST OFF THE SIDE. PIT WAS OLD AND APPEARED TO BE CAVING IN.

(8) VIC OF XD895467 A POSSIBLE FORD WAS FND. PRINTS OF A WATER BUFFALO WERE FND IN THE SAME VIC. PERSON'S MAKING-PRINTS WERE MOVING ACROSS STREAM S-N. THE PRINTS APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN MADE IN LAST 2-3 DAYS.

(9) IN THIS SAME AREA WHAT APPEARED TO BE A PARAPET WAS FND. PARAPET WAS APPROX 1FT DEEP AND HAD 6IN HIGH DIRT SURROUNDING IT

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AND WAS 8FT IN DIAMETER.

(10) NEAR THE ABOVE PARAPET A BLACK NECK SCARF WAS FND.

(11) APPROX 300 METERS TO SOUTH OF THE PATROLS PSN AT XD894458

2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WERE OBS WHILE ARTY WAS BOXING TM IN.

(12) RELAY OBS 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS IN THE SAME VIC AS THOSE SEEN BY THE TM.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTER WITH THE EN:

A. EN: 37 KIA (P) 1 KIA (C)

B. FRIENDLY: 1 WIA (MINOR)

7. CONDITION OF THE PTL: PHYSICAL/GOOD MORALE/VERY GOOD

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

(1) RECOMMENDATIONS: AREA WARRENTS OPERATIONS IN FORCE.

(2) CONCLUSIONS:

A. 1 EN CO WORKING IN THE AREA.

B. EN HAD POOR MOVEMENT DISCIPLINE.

C. EN MOVES QUICKLY AND HAS GOOD REACTIONS.

(3) DEBRIEFERS COMMENTS: CONCUR WITH PTL LEADERS RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS.

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251600H (YD 446218) Fixed wing prepped the zone and ridgeline to the south and west. Helo landed and 4 patrol members debarked. At this time SAF began from northeast at 300 meters. Heavier AWF commenced from north, south, and southeast. At least 12-15 VC and muzzle flashes were seen. The enemy were wearing black PJ's, no covers. A mixture of weapons were being fired by the VC. The enemy seemed well dug in and specifically guarding the HLZ. Patrol estimates approximately (1) platoon of VC from the volume of fire. The enemy did not attempt to advance on patrol. No 50 caliber fire was noted. Patrol feels the enemy sprang trap prematurely. This zone was easily defended because of the topography. 3 VC KIA (c) and 2 KIA VC (p) resulted from SAF. Gunships made strifing runs with unknown results. Helo took heavy AWF on extract. Fixed wing ran air strikes with unknown results.

COMMENTS: (1) Patrol feels this area offers an excellent location for a base/harbor location.

(2) Enemy positions were noted within several meters of bomb craters resulting from fixed wing zone prep. This indicates enemy were well dug in.

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- (1) 291120H (YD 426350) Patrol observed (2) VC/NVA in light colored clothing no packs or weapons observed. They appeared to be in a OP observing patrol. Patrol then observed (1) more VC/NVA in light colored clothing in the same area. Artillery mission of (25) rounds with excellent coverage with unknown results. Patrol then heard movement (YD 426349). Patrol moved to (YD 426346). Patrol then requested artillery mission on enemy movement with unknown results.
- (2) 291145H (YD 426342) Patrol element of (2) men observed (2) VC/NVA dressed in dark PJ's and carrying carbines. Patrol threw grenades and moved back to patrol's position. AO arrived on station and directed fix-wing on enemy's position. Fix-wing started a fire in area and patrol moved to the Northwest from fire.
- (3) 291500H (YD 424346) Patrol moved into LZ for med-evac of (3) patrol members and scout dog from heat and smoke. Patrol was resupplied with smoke and water. At approximately 1630, patrol moved south approximately 75 meters and observed (4) VC at (YD 426350) dressed in light PJ's. The VC and patrol exchanged SAF and patrol fired M-79. Then patrol observed (1) more VC approximately 30 meters to the west of patrol's position. Patrol threw grenade causing (1) KIA (Conf). Patrol continued to take SAF from (YD 426350). Artillery mission of (15) rounds with excellent coverage was called. Artillery checked fire for fixed wing to make strafing runs on enemy position. Patrol continued to receive SAF in patrol's old position until the third strafing run by fixed wing. At this time patrol observed no further enemy activity. During contact patrol caused a total of (2) KIA (Conf) and (5) KIA (Prob).
- (4) 291745H (YD 424346) Patrol was extracted with no further incident.

Recommendations: ARC-LITE/TPQ vicinity (YD 4235) and (YD 4234).
 Future patrols establish OP at (YD 403327) or (YD 40936) for excellent observation of the valley.

Debriefers Comments: Patrol feels the enemy they encountered were local VC and were not organized. Patrol received no organized fire or aggressive action.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SITE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (7) ENLISTED
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) FRC-25'S
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7 X 50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) CLAYMORE MINES
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M16, (3) CS GRENADES, (4) WP RIFLE GRENADES

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 BLZ'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: 080730H/122108H AUGUST 1967

4. MAPS: SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. SUMMARY: 150 hrs. of reconnaissance and surveillance by OP resulted in (9) sightings of NVA battalions (10) NVA, (1) sighting of (12) lights and contact with an estimated platoon of more of NVA. Contact resulted in (13) NVA KIA(C). An unknown number of NVA KIA(P) and (1) USMC WIA(MINOR).

b. ENEMY:

- (1) 120100H (YD 023593) Observed (12) lights moving toward patrol's position. Patrol started receiving S/A fire. Patrol returned S/A fire resulting in (1) NVA KIA(C).
- (2) 121530H (YD 023592) Observed (2) NVA moving along trail from south to north. NVA wore pith helmets. Unable to observe equipment or uniforms. Patrol took enemy under S/A fire resulting in (2) NVA KIA(C). Patrol observed (2) more NVA running away from area toward (YD 019259). Called arty mission with outstanding coverage of target. Results unobserved. Enemy broke contact.
- (3) 121830H (YD 019522) Observed (3) NVA moving on trail toward patrol. Enemy wore khakis, cartridge belts, packs, helmets, (1) AK-47 and (2) SIG's. Enemy opened fire and patrol returned fire resulting in (2) NVA KIA(C). Immediately enemy started opening fire from all sides of patrol except the north side of patrol. Patrol returned fire resulting in (11) NVA KIA(C). Patrol called arty mission but could not adjust

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it properly. Arty mission was cancelled and fixed wing and gunships arrived on station. HUE made several passes over target area with outstanding coverage of target. Fixed wing made several passes with outstanding coverage also. Patrol continued to receive sporadic S/A fire after fixed wing left area. Patrol unable to make assessment of enemy casualties resulting from air strikes.

(4) LOCATIONS - Patrol and extractions continued to receive sporadic S/A fire.

2. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 091454H (ID 09156022) Observed (1) fortified bunker. Bunker was situated inside a bomb crater and had access to a tunnel which led into mountain side. Called arty mission with good coverage of target. Bunker destroyed.

(2) 091244H (ID 013642) Patrol observed (3) NVA moving south to north on trail wearing black PFGs and pith helmets. Weapons and equipment unknown.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY

a. ENEMY: (13) NVA KIA (6) P (1) NVA KIA (P)

b. (1) USMC WIA (Minor)

c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Fair morale good;

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

Recommendations:

(1) If we are going into area use a different LZ. Believed enemy will mine and booby trap present LZ.

(2) Have patrols in area carry as many frag grenades and claymores as possible.

Conclusions:

(1) Patrol had contact with an estimated platoon or more of NVA. NVA were well equipped. Enemy could not move past mountain without being seen by patrol and had no alternate but to attack the patrol and get them off the mountain. Most of the sighting were of small groups of NVA moving toward the north.

9. WEAS: (ID 042594) (2) CH-46's. Both crater and elephant grass.

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10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:

(3) M-16's carried by patrol mal functioned after firing 200-300 rounds. Weapons were well cleaned by patrol prior to making contact.

Patrol left one case of VC Rations, (6) Ponchos and (3) 5-Gal. metal water cans in area. Patrol destroyed all equipment prior to patrol's destruction.

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CG 1st BATTAL MARINES G-2 REP	1
3d MARINES	5
2nd MARINES	5
12th MARINES	2
2/91	3
3d RECON BN S-2	2
1st BATTAL	1
1/3 S-2	1
3/1 S-2	1
1st BATTAL	1
1st BATTAL ADVISOR MAC V	1
2nd BATTAL RECON CO.	1
3rd BATTAL RECON CO.	1
4th BATTAL RECON BN	1
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