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Via: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF (Attn: AOofS, G-3)  
Commanding General, 3d Marine Amphibious Force  
Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific

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

Ref: (a) MOO 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 October 1967 to 31 October 1967

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

3d Reconnaissance Battalion

COMMANDERMajor R. C. BELL  
3 August 67 to Present

OCT. 67

SUBORDINATE UNITSH & S Company  
Company A  
Company B  
Company C  
Company DCapt. D. E. SEVERANCE 12 September 67 to Present  
Capt. C. R. ARIOLA 12 September 67 to Present  
Capt. P. F. REYNOLDS 14 October 67 to Present  
Capt. S. M. HARTNETT 26 August 67 to Present  
Capt. R. L. KLSIN 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 Oct HUE-PHU BAI, RVN  
31 Oct DONG-HA, RVN  
31 Oct KHE SANH, RVNH & S Company, Company A and Company D  
Company C and 3d Force Recon Company  
Company B (Rein)3. STAFFExecutive Officer  
Operations Officer  
S-2 Officer  
Adjutant  
S-2/S-3 Officer (Forward)  
S-4 OfficerMajor E. F. BAULOH 3 July 67 to Present  
Capt. R. R. GREGA 1 August 67 to Present  
1st Lt. J. L. ZELLENS 20 May 67 to Present  
1st Lt. G. E. FOX 31 January 67 to Present  
Capt. J. L. SHEBEL 20 May 67 to Present  
Capt. J. G. HANRAHAN 15 July 67 to Present4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH (Includes 3d Force Reconnaissance Company)

<u>Officer</u>	<u>USMC</u>	
	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
36		650

<u>Officer</u>	<u>USN</u>	
	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
0		37

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Co. A During the reporting period the Company completed 19 patrols averaging 3.6 days with an average of 9.0 men per patrol. The patrols made 47 sightings for a total of 446 VC/NVA, which resulted in 5 contacts, 24 fire missions of 781 rounds, and 18 air strikes. There were a total of 54 VC KIA (Conf) and 84 KIA (Prob). Patrols sighted several trails, huts and fortified positions not indicated on the map. There were no casualties during this reporting period (KIA, WIA, MIA).

Co. B During the reporting period the Company completed 24 patrols averaging 3.8 days with an average of 9 men per patrol. The patrols made 7 sightings, totalling 145 VC, which resulted in 7 contacts, 21 fire missions with a total of 782 artillery rounds fired, and 2 air strikes. There were a total of 4 VC KIA (Conf), 6 VC KIA (Prob). There were numerous trails, huts and fortified positions observed by the patrols. There was 1 USMC WIA sustained.

Co. C During the reporting period the Company completed 23 patrols averaging 3.0 days with 8 men per patrol. The patrols made 21 sightings for a total of 237 VC/NVA, which resulted in 12 contact, 22 fire missions of 952 artillery rounds, and 14 air strikes. There was a total of 38 VC/NVA KIA (Conf), 49 VC/NVA KIA (Prob) and 25 VC/NVA WIA (Conf). Many trails, huts, and fortified positions not shown on the map were sighted by the patrols. There were 2 USMC WIA.

Co. D During the reporting period the Company completed 16 patrols averaging 4.1 days with an average of 8 men per patrol. The patrols made 8 sightings for a total of 66 VC/NVA, which resulted in 4 contacts, 8 fire missions of 94 artillery rounds, and 1 air strike. There were a total of 4 VC/NVA KIA (Conf), 1 VC/NVA KIA (Prob) and 3 VC/NVA WIA (Conf). Trails, hut complexes, and fighting holes not shown on the map were sighted by patrols. There was 7 USMC WIA sustained.

3d Force Recon Co. During the reporting period the Company completed 28 patrols averaging 3.7 days with an average of 8 men per patrol. The patrols had 12 sightings for a total of 131 VC/NVA that resulted in 5 contacts, 10 fire missions of 215 artillery rounds and 4 air strikes. There were a total of 4 VC/NVA KIA (Conf) and 3 VC/NVA KIA (Prob). In addition 2 NVA (WIA) were captured. Patrols observed trails, huts and fighting holes not shown on the map. There were 2 USMC WIA and 1 USN WIA sustained.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- a. Combat Missions Assigned. 3d Reconnaissance Battalion and attached Force Reconnaissance Company, conduct reconnaissance operations, STINGRAY 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 ARDMORE, FREMONT, KINGFISHER, GRANITE, MEDINA, OSCEOLA and LIBERTY II.
- c. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy. There have been 104 VC/NVA KIA (Conf), 149 VC/NVA KIA (Prob) and 28 VC/NVA WIA (Conf) and 2 NVA POW's WIA inflicted upon the enemy during this reporting period.
- d. Casualties Sustained. There have been 12 USMC WIA and 1 USN WIA.
- e. New Techniques Employed. Nothing significant to report.
- f. Command Relations. Nothing significant to report.
- g. Equipment. Period indicates increased use/proficiency with the STARLIGHT Scope.
- 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. Administration. Nothing significant to report.
- k. Personnel.
- 14 October 67 Captain P. F. REYNOLDS assigned as Commanding Officer Company "B".
- 14 October 67 Captain J. L. WILLIAMS relieved as Commanding Officer Company "B".

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1. Intelligence. During this month deep reconnaissance activity has been curtailed in the Khe Sanh area. No significant sightings or contacts were made northeast, east and southeast from the base. Extensive night activity, as indicated by lights, was noted to the west, in Laos. In the latter portion of the month an marked increase in infiltration activity was noted west of Khe Sanh, culminated by 2 contacts. The enemy remains well organized and equipped in this area.

Activity in the vicinity of the Rockpile increased this month. Several defensive/mortar positions were discovered near Route 9 and on Dong Ha Mountain. Southwest of the Dong Ha Combat Base there were signs of enemy operating and transiting this area. Patrols on the flanks of an infantry operation in the Hai Lang Forest noted heavy infiltration during the month.

Patrols on the Co Bi Thanh Tan Ridge in the vicinity of the Song Bo continued to interdict possible rice transport routes from Base Area 114 to the coastal rice lands. Activity south and southwest of Phu Bai increased greatly early in the month with numerous sightings and contacts with probable NVA troops. The enemy were often heavily armed, including machine guns and mortars. Enemy use of rice routes continued in the Song Truoi Valley and there was evidence of possible base camp building in the mountains south of Phu Lo.

m. Communications. During the month of October radio relay sites remained in place. There were instances of suspected enemy jamming and "bogus" transmissions. It was noted during periods of extractions and gunship activity, that enemy signals were picked up on recon nets (usually reported as "very excited".)

n. Weather. The month of October continued the transition from the hot, dry season to the cooler, rainy monsoon season. The average monthly temperature was 85 degrees with humidity from 50 to 85%. On a few occasions patrols were delayed by weather but generally no major problems in the deployment and scheduling of operations were caused by weather.

o. Fire Support. During the reporting period patrols of this Battalion directed 85 artillery fire missions expending 2924 rounds.

p. Air Support. During the reporting period patrols of this Battalion called 39 fixed wing missions. Helicopter gunship support and med-evacs were utilized several times.

q. Activations/Deactivations/Redesignations. Company O relieved Company D at the Dong Ha Combat Base and assumed patrol responsibilities. In turn, Company D chopped to the Phu Bai area for tactical duties.

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r. Training. Training is conducted on a continuous basis. Newly joined personnel are instructed via a Battalion Training and Familiarization School in all aspects peculiar to reconnaissance, weapons, demolitions, etc, and information/orientation on Vietnam. The M-16 Rifle is zeroed and fan-fired during this week period. Company training is conducted along these same lines, but on a more detailed level pursuant with experiences gained in the field. Key personnel (officer and enlisted patrol leaders) assemble once each month to discuss new methods and tactics peculiar to recon and other pertinent tactics and new developments. A pre-Scuba school was conducted on three occasions to discuss problems/conditions pertinent to helicopter insertion/extraction techniques. These discussions lasted an average time of 2 hours. Artillery fire is conducted as part of the orientation training for newly joined personnel (one full day). Company training in artillery was conducted during this reporting period, but usually encompasses more sophisticated procedures, (eg) firing from an O.P. under illumination.

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s. Sequential Listing of Significant Events:

030800H/051130H October. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 7706) conducted 51½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 3 sightings totalling 34 VC/NVA and 1 contact with 20 VC/NVA. Three artillery missions totalling 118 rounds were fired resulting in 20 VC/NVA KIA (Prob). Four VC/NVA KIA (Conf) resulted from SAF. Enemy activity within this area has picked up recently. (See supporting document # 1)

040800H/081200H October. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 9106) conducted 92 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 2 VC sightings, 3 light sightings and 2 contacts. Artillery totalling 298 rounds was fired and air strikes resulted in 25 VC KIA (Prob). Area revealed heavy enemy activity. (See supporting document # 2)

061630H/072220H October. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 3642) conducted 30 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in contact with 5 NVA resulting in 3 NVA KIA (Conf), 2 NVA WIA (Conf) which were captured. Patrol observed large bunker complex, 20-30 lights and exchanged SAF with an estimated 30-40 VC/NVA. (See supporting document # 3)

070800H/121130H October. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (ZC 0796) conducted 123½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 1 flare sighting, 4 wood choppers sightings, 2 VC sightings, and 2 VC contacts. Patrol discovered fortification being built (possibly mortar position). First contact resulted in 1 VC KIA (Conf) and 3 VC KIA (Prob). Area revealed heavy build up of fortifications. (See supporting document # 4)

101400H/111000H October. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 9504) conducted 20 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance. Patrol during this short period encountered many sightings of moderate/heavy movement of both armed enemy and possible conscript civilians. As many as 25 enemy were encountered at one time; enemy included women who were armed and carried other military equipment. Just prior to extraction patrol felt it was being surrounded by a force of 100 enemy. Fire was directed at patrol which was subsequently extracted. (See supporting document # 5)

111000H/121800H October. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 2146) conducted 20 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 3 enemy sightings of an estimated 30 NVA and contact with same which resulted in 5 NVA KIA (Conf), 1 NVA WIA (Conf), and no friendly casualties. Patrol observed two secondary explosions from air strikes, two bridges, a sniper or FO position, and aiming stakes. (See supporting document # 6)

120800H/171100H October. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 4233) conducted 117 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 4 sightings totalling 17 VC and no contacts. Five harbor sites and a set of cart wheels were observed. Two fire missions were fired totalling 38 rounds; results were 7 VC KIA (Prob). (See supporting document # 7)

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130800H/131800H October. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 5923) conducted 10 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 2 large continuous sightings totalling approximately 70 VC. This sighting started 131330H till 131735H. Artillery and air strikes resulted in 22 KIA (Conf) by recon and AO had 27 KIA (Conf). Area revealed extensive enemy activity with mortar capability. (See supporting document # 8)

141530H/160900H October. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 8704) conducted 32½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in one large sighting totalling 50 VC/NVA and one contact resulting in 1 NVA KIA (Conf) by recon and 1 WIA by artillery. This area revealed heavy enemy movement. Eight mortars (possibly 82mm) were observed and most of the enemy were armed with AK-47's. (See supporting document # 9)

160800H/191945H October. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 5920) conducted 83 ¾ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 16 sightings totalling 167 VC, 1 sighting of 18-20 lights. Ten artillery missions totalling 288 rounds, 8 air strikes, and 1 contact resulted in 22 VC KIA (Conf) and 32 VC KIA (Prob). Patrol discovered a large base camp on the Song Bo River and noted heavy use of a rice carrying route. (See supporting document # 10)

171300H/282015H October. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (XD 9949) conducted 34 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in contact with 5 NVA, discovered 5 bunkers and numerous fighting holes. Patrol found 12 82mm mortar shells, numerous primers and fuses. Artillery mission of 70 rounds called with excellent coverage. Area could easily accommodate a company size group, numerous trails in area all lead to OP near this site. (See supporting document # 11)

180900H/181815H October. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 9198) conducted 9½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 1 contact with 3-5 VC/NVA. One VC/NVA KIA (Prob) and 5 USMC WIA resulted from SAF. One artillery mission of 2 rounds was fired in support. No visible signs of recent enemy activity were noted in this area. (See supporting document # 12)

201100H/250900H October. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 6223) conducted 98 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in one sighting of 6-7 lights, 3 sightings totalling 37 VC. On 23 October 1967 patrol observed people moving in groups of 2-5 people. These sightings continued all day long. Artillery was fired in support, totalling 50 rounds. Area observed revealed enemy activity. (See supporting document # 13)

250900H/271645H October. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 6318) conducted 55 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in one contact with 5-8 VC (possibly Main Force). The VC suffered 2 VC KIA (Conf) and 3 VC WIA (Conf). One USMC received minor wound from a grenade thrown by a VC. Patrol discovered a total of 5 incomplete hooches dug in separate trenches. One flashlight sighting was made and rifle shots were heard on several occasions. Possible 50 cal MG fire was heard and numerous trail networks were found. Area reveals extensive new enemy build up. (See supporting document # 14)

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281340H/310415H October. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 0458) conducted 60 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in contact with approximately 100 enemy. A total of 550 rounds of artillery was fired which resulted in 30 KIA (Conf) and 20 KIA (Prob) and 25 WIA (Conf). (See supporting document # 15)

291330H/301400H October. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (XD 8046) conducted 24½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in contact with 20-25 NVA. SAF was initiated by the patrol resulting in 4 enemy KIA (Conf) and 5 enemy KIA (Prob). Contact was broken and team continued movement to south. Team then noted movement to their east, west, and north at which time they set up a defense within a bomb crater. Fire fight ensued with estimated 45-50 enemy. SAF and grenades were exchanged. Artillery and air strikes were requested. When air arrived enemy broke contact. Enemy wore khakis and helmets and appeared well disciplined. Team was extracted. (See supporting document # 16)

300915H/041515H October. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 5720) conducted 103 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in one sighting of a sampan and 22 VC in the Song Bo River vicinity (YD 584197). No contacts were made. Approximately 200 rounds of artillery resulted in one sampan damaged and 20 VC KIA (Prob). (See supporting document # 17)

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## PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓(1) Patrol Report 402-67 of 05 October 67 (Co. A)
- ✓(2) Patrol Report 404-67 of 08 October 67 (Co. A)
- ✓(3) Patrol Report 503-67 of 07 October 67 (3d Force)
- ✓(4) Patrol Report 408-67 of 13 October 67 (Co. D)
- ✓(5) Patrol Report 504-67 of 11 October 67 (Co. C)
- ✓(6) Patrol Report 415-67 of 18 October 67 (Co. A)
- ✓(7) Patrol Report 416-67 of 14 October 67 (Co. A)
- ✓(8) Patrol Report 420-67 of 16 October 67 (Co. A)
- ✓(9) Patrol Report 422-67 of 21 October 67 (Co. A)
- ✓(10) Patrol Report 542-67 of 28 October 67 (3d Force)
- ✓(11) Patrol Report 424-67 of 19 October 67 (Co. D)
- ✓(12) Patrol Report 428-67 of 26 October 67 (Co. A)
- ✓(13) Patrol Report 437-67 of 28 October 67 (Co. D)
- ✓(14) Patrol Report 543-67 of 31 October 67 (Co. C)
- ✓(15) Spot Report in Lieu of Patrol Report 30 October 67 (Co. B)
- ✓(16) Patrol Report 399-67 of 04 October 67 (Co. C)
- ✓(17) Patrol Report 418-67 of 12 October 67 (Co. A)

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Operation Order: 402-67

Ref: (a) Maps: VIET NAM, 1:50,000 Map Sheet 6541 IV  
(b) Operation Order: 3-67

1. SITUATION: See Ref (b)

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and also check area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity of at least 15 or more enemy. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner by ambush.

3. EXECUTION:a. Concept of Operation: See Operation Overlayb. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Insertion: 030800H at YD 775067

(2) Extraction: 070900H at YD 795059

(3) Thrust Lines: ATL 7707 BTL 8005

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See Ref (b)5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: See Ref (b)a. SHICKLE: CODE (3)

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O L Y R V N Q C S E  
H U J D F B I X G Z  
P K A T M W

b. COMMUNICATIONS:(1) Call Sign:Primary Freq:Alternate Freq:

GALLOWAY BLUE

46.8 (WHITE)

47.2 (GREEN)

SECONDARY

50.0

ARTY (PEA FOWL)

46.8 (WHITE)

PERSEVERE (MARINE AO)

41.30

BALL BEARING (2/26)

37.20

MED EVAC COMM FREQ

45.7 (VERMILLION ALPHA)

DEAD AIM (4th MARINES)

68.2

TRAIL (AF AO)

47.6

NEEK JANE (1/4)

45.0

CAT KILLER (ARMY AO)

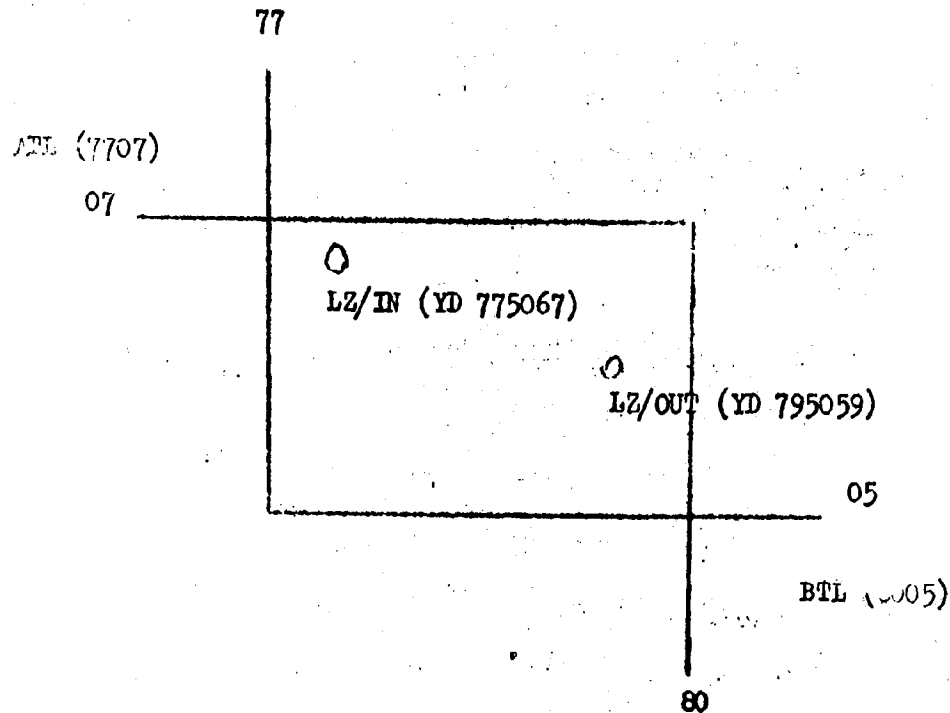
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Operation Order: 402-67  
 Patrol: (1) Sqd. (2) Plt. A Co.  
 Debriefer: Lt. ZELLERS J.L.  
 Map Sheet: 6541 IV

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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (8) Enlisted, (1) USN 3d Recon Bn S/C No. 5178-67  
 b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENT: (1) Scout Dog  
 c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's  
 d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT (1) 7X50's, (1) Starlite Scope  
 e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) Claymore Mines, (9) CS Grenades,  
 (9) Gas Masks, (2) Cameras  
 f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) M-60, (1) Shot Gun

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and also check area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner by ambush.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 030800H/051130H Oct 1967

4. ROUTE AND TRAILS OBSERVED: See patrol route overlay

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 5 1/2 hours of patrolling resulted in 3 sightings totalling 34 VC/NVA and 1 contact with 20 VC/NVA. 3 artillery missions totalling 118 rounds were fired resulted in 20 VC/NVA FIA (F). 4 VC/NVA KIA (C) resulted from SAF. Enemy activity within this area has picked up recently.

## b. ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:

(1) 041000H Patrol received information on suspected location of a VC ~~Company~~ Company at (YD 785065) which had been received from a wounded prisoner interrogated near HUE. Patrol remained at (YD 793069) because of sick scout dog. Artillery was fired on the suspected enemy position. Artillery had good coverage of target. 1/2 hour after fire mission at (YD 773063) patrol observed 12 VC moving rapidly south from area of artillery impact. Distance of observation rendered uniform or weapons indistinguishable. Enemy did not appear to move on a trail and he seemed in a great hurry. Patrol fired artillery mission of 18 rounds on enemy with good coverage. Weather caused a check fire because of poor visibility.

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(2) 041730H Patrol from their OP at (YD 793069) observed 2 VC at (YD 796064), no weapons or uniform type could be observed. Enemy was moving north on a trail at a leisurely pace.

(3) 050900H Patrol at (YD 793069) observed at least 20 NVA, with a VC leading them, moving north on a trail at (YD 786063). VC wore black PJ's, bush hat and carried a carbine. The remainder wore khakis, carried large rucksacks. Enemy were armed with AK-47's and carried linked ammo slung over shoulders. At least 1 man carried a large tube, possibly a 82mm mortar. Enemy moved slowly, as though heavily loaded, and they were in a tight column. Enemy noticed patrol at a distance of less than 300 meters. Enemy seemed to believe patrol was VC or NVA. An artillery mission commenced and the 2 lead men approached the patrol while the rest moved back south into a treeline where another unknown size group seemed to moving. Two firemissions totalling 100 rounds and 1 air strike of 21 bombs resulted in 20 VC/NVA KIA (P). 4 VC/NVA KIA (C) resulted from SAF by patrol.

c. TERRAIN: Rolling hills with scrub brush to 7-8 feet high. Rate of movement is 3000 meters per hour.

(1) COMMUNICATION: Comm was good but whip was needed in some areas.

(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Water plentiful. Note: much rain had fallen recently.

(3) TRAILS: Trails are as shown on the map. Trails were observed from a distance and they seemed well used.

(4) HLZ'S: Entire area is one large HLZ.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) At (YD 776065) on 3 and 4 October a column of smoke was seen coming through trees. Source was probably one small camp fire. 1 rifle shot was heard in this area.

(2) No sampans or river traffic were noted on 3, 4, and 5 October from (YD 795073) southeast to (YD 800064).

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: 4 VC/NVA KIA (B), 20 VC/NVA (P)

b. FRIENDLY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Physical: Good/morale: high

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8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) Continued surveillance because of recent activities.
- (2) OP's are practical in this area because of the ease of observation.
- (3) Tracers were used effectively to mark the target for air.

CONCLUSIONS:

- (1) Area covered by patrol reveals: possible of an enemy unit relocation.
- (2) General conclusions:
  - (a) The enemy were very heavily loaded.
  - (b) The enemy were moving administratively.

CPL RIGLEY  
"A" Company

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: (Concur with Patrol Leader)

a. BACKGROUND OR CHANGES IN THIS AREA: This activity is a sharp increase over that noticed in this area previously.

b. PATROL OPINION OF NATURE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

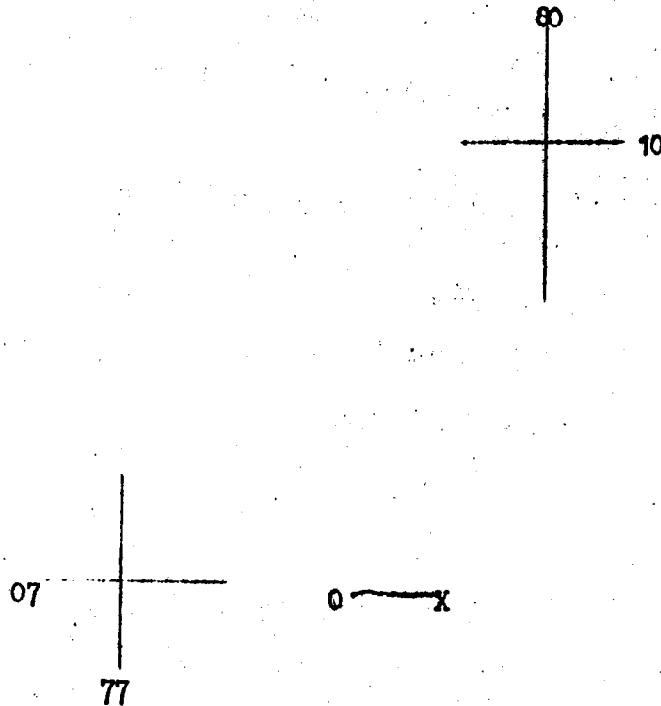
1. VC/NVA seemed well trained although hit by air/artillery
2. Patrol had placed artillery H&I on the night of 4 October in the general vicinity from which the 20 VC/NVA had appeared.
3. Patrol believes the large heavily loaded VC/NVA element moved from the area of the reported ~~upper~~ unit and they may be a point for a company size unit.
4. Patrol thought it was unusual that the enemy could be caught in the open when there was concealment in the canopy readily available.

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LEGEND

O = INSERTION  
X = EXTRACTION  
— = PATROL ROUTE

PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

(1) Sqd. (2) Plt. "A" Co.  
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Operation Order: 404-67

Ref: (a) Maps: VIET NAM, 1:50,000 Map Sheet 6541 IV  
 (b) Operation Order: 3-67

Task Organization: 1stSqd 1stPlt Co A (1/CPL TEAL 9 MEN)

1. SITUATION: See Ref (b)
2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and also check area for use as VC area camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner.

3. EXECUTION:a. Concept of Operation: See Operation Overlayb. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Insertion: 040800H at (CAC 2 TRUCK/FOOT)
- (2) Extraction: 080900H at (CAC 2 TRUCK/FOOT)
- (3) Thrust Lines: ATL (9104) BTL (9301)

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See Ref (b)5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: See Ref (b)a. SHACKLE: CODE (1)

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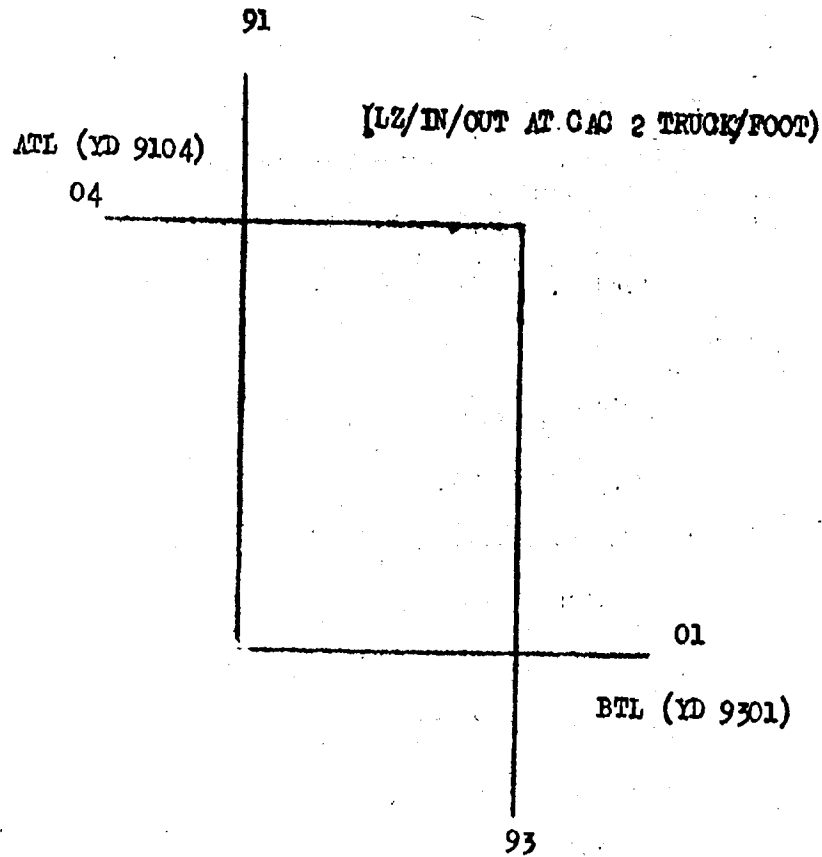
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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (9) Enlisted 3d Recon Bn S/C No. 5 2 5 3 -67
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (None)
- c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7X50's
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) Claymore mines, (9) CS Grenades, (9) Gas Masks, (1) Camera, (1) Axe.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) M-60, (1) Shot Gun, (4) M-14 (1) M-3A1 SMG.

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration route that could be used by VC/NVA and also check area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 040800H/081200H October 1967

ROUTE AND TRAILS OBSERVED: See patrol route overlay,

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 92 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted 2 VC sightings, 3 light sightings and 2 contacts. 298 rounds fired by artillery and air strikes conducted resulted in 25 VC KIA(P). Area revealed heavy enemy activity.

## b. ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:

(1) 051430H (YD 914061) Patrol observed 5 people wearing black clothing vic (YD 900545). They seemed to be carrying bundles or weapons of some kind. They ran and hid when a Huey came over their area.

Patrol called artillery but were told that these people were innocent civilians and had no weapons. They were about 1000 meters from the other civilians working in the area.

(2) 052145H (YD 913058) Patrol observed 7 lights vic (YD 913063). The lights seemed to be flashlights and were moving south. Artillery fired and lights went out.

(3) 052330H (YD 913058) Patrol heard a scream while artillery was firing in vic (YD 914058). About 15 minutes later the patrol observed another light moving towards the target position. Light went out when artillery fired.

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## 8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS: Continue surveillance on the West side of the SONG NONG RIVER.

CONCLUSIONS: Area covered by patrol reveals heavy enemy activity.

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## 9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leader.

PATROL OPINION OF NATURE AND ENEMY ACTIVITY: Patrol feels that the 5 people seen (See 1st sighting) were VC. They acted suspicious and that is why the patrol noticed them. They were about 1000 meters from the other civilians, they ran when they saw a huey in that area and they seemed like they were carrying some type of bundles or wpns. These 5 people were all wearing black clothing and the rest of the civilians working in this area at this time were wearing white cloth.

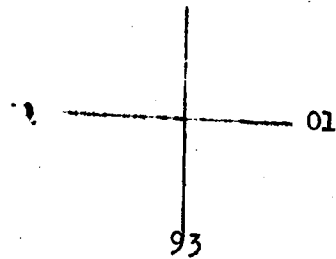
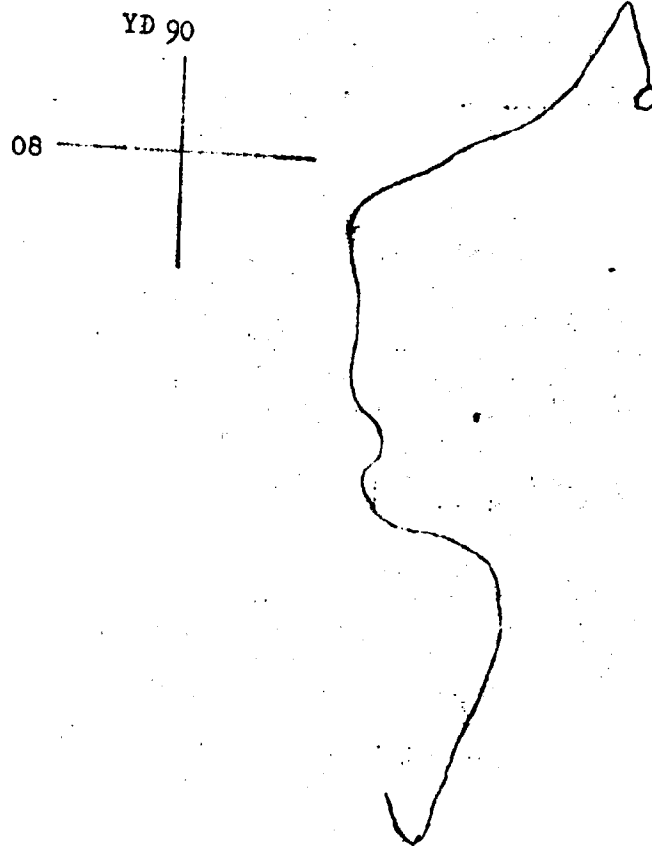
The lights observed by the patrol (See 2nd sighting) were a part of a bigger group of about 30-40 VC. Lights went on though the night and would come back to the same place that the arty had fired. These lights seemed like flashlights because they would come on for about 30 seconds and then go out again as if someone would be walking and try to see where he was going.

OTHER: Civilians go out too early before dawn and return too late, seems to be some type of mixed VC and civilian activity.

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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

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OPERATION ORDER NR 503-67 SGT. GIBBONS)

A. MAP SHEET 1:50,000, AMS SERIES L-7014, SHEET 6342 I  
(1) DEBRIEFER: CAPT. J.L. SHELBY / 08 SEPTEMBER 1967PAGE TWO 001A 341 **CONFIDENTIAL**

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (1) OFFICER, (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, (2) WP RIFLE GRENADES,  
(6) GAS MASKS, (4) CS GRENADES

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 177 ROUNDS, (3) M-14, (1) M-60,

G. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED ZONE TO

DETERMINE ENEMY ACTIVITY. ENGAGE THE ENEMY WITH SUPPORTING ARMS. MAKE  
EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE PRISONER. PLOT HLZ'S FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS.  
PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO TRAILS AND THEIR FREQUENCY OF USE IN YOURR  
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H. ASCERTAIN IF THE AREA IS BEING USED BY THE ENEMY AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 061630H (YD 364424)/072220H YD363421) HL  
IN AND OUT.

4. ROUTE: INSERT PT WEST TO YD 360424), EAST TO EXTRACT PT.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: 30 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE RESULTED IN  
CONTACT WITH 5 NVA RESULTING IN (3) NVA KIA (C), (2) NVA WIA (C) WHICH  
WERE CAPTURED. PATROL OBSERVED LARGE BUNKER COMPLEX, 20-30 LIGHTS**CONFIDENTIAL**

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AND EXCHANGED SAF WITH AN ESTIMATED 30-40 VC/NVA/VICILIANS.

## B. ENEMY:

- 1) 061950H YD 367424) PATROL OBSERVED 5VC/NVA MOVING EAST ON TRAIL. ENEMY WORE BLACK SHORTS AND SHIRTS, HEAVY PACKS, BUSI HATS AND WEAPONS OF UNKNOWN CAL. ENEMY HAD A PAIR OF FIELD GLASSES AND WERE LOOKING FOR PATROLS POSITION. CALLED ARTILLERY MISSION OF 18 ROUNDS WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGET RESULTING IN (2) VC KIA (P).
- 2) 070515H YD 363421) HEARD MOVEMENT AND VOICES OF APPROXIMATELY 5 PEOPLE. CALLED ARTILLERY MISSION OF 7 ROUNDS WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.
- 3) 070700H (YD 364424) OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA ON RIDGELINE MOVING NORTHWEST. ENEMY WORE GREEN PONCHOS AND ALL CARRIED RIFLES. BELIEVED TO BE SCOUTING PARTY FOR A LARGER UNIT.
- 4) 070900H YD 354427) PATROL RECEIVED 4 ROUNDS SAF FROM NORTHWEST UNABLE TO DETERMINE LOCATION. PATROL MOVED OUT OF AREA.
- 5) 070915H (YD 354421) OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA ON RIDGELINE MOVING TOWARDS PATROL. ENEMY WORE BLACK P.'S, AND BAMBOO HATS, 1) REFLECT POSSIBLY MORE. NO ACTION TAKEN
- 6) 070955H (YD 355417) OBSERVED 5 NVA TALKING TO WOODCUTTERS. APPEARED TO BE ASKING FOR PATROL'S LOCATION. ENEMY WORE BLACK P.'S AND PACKS. WEAPONS UNKNOWN. NO ACTION TAKEN.
- 7) 071000H YD 373428) PATROL SET UP AMBUSH FOR 5 NVA SIGHTED PREVIOUSLY. NVA

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- SPOTTED AMBUSH JUST AS PATROL OPENED FIRE RESULTING IN (2) KIA (C) PATROL IMMEDIATELY BEGAN TAKING SAF FROM ALL SIDES FROM UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE. PATROL BROKE CONTACT.
- (8) 071015H (YD 364422) PATROL SET UP IN DEFENSIVE POSITION. PATROL STARTED RECEIVING SAF FROM 20 OR MORE ENEMY. GUNSHIPS CAME ON STATION AND STRAFED AREA. ALL FIRING CEASED. GUNSHIPS MARKED POSITION OF ENEMY KIA FROM PATROL'S AMBUSH. PATROL CHECKED OUT AREA OF AMBUSH. PATROL FOUND 2) WIA MA OR AND (1) KIA AND BLOODY TRAILS WHERE BODIES WERE DRAGGED OFF FROM SITE. PATROL FOUND FOLLOWING:
- 1) AK-47 1) SKS, 2) CHICOM GRENADES, (2) AK-47 MAGAZINES AND 5 CLIPS SKS AMMO (2) CARTRIDGE BELTS, 2) MAGAZINE POUCHES, 2 PACKS, ONE PACK CONTAINED, SMALL MEDICAL KIT, (1) HAMMOCK, PONCHO, PERSONAL HEALTH ITEMS, 2 PAIR BLACK SHORTS, KHAKIS AND UTILITIES. OTHER PACK WAS TURNED OVER TO IIT AND CONTAINED FOOD AND DOCUMENTS.
- 9) 071130H YD 375435) PATROL WAS CHECKING OUR VC WOMAN WHEN ENEMY OPENED FIRE FROM BUNKER COMPLEX LOCATED ON HILL. PATROL OBSERVED 8 OR MORE BUNKERS. REACTION FORCE WAS LANDED AND TOOK OVER COORDINATION OF FIXED WING AND ARTILLERY.
- (10) 071500H (YD 363433) PATROL RECEIVED SA/AMF FROM THESE COORDINATES.
- 11) 071820H YD 352444) PATROL OBSERVED 6) BATTLE LANTERNS MOVING

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SOUTHEAST AND 1) BATTLE LANTERN MOVING EAST. AT (YD 381437) OBSERVED 4 BATTLE LANTERNS MOVING SOUTHWEST. YD 371425) OBSERVED (1) BATTLE LANTERN HEADING SOUTHWEST. PATROL WAS BEING SLOWLY SURROUNDED BY LIGHTS.

(12) 071930H (YD 365414) PATROL RECIEVED 12 OR MORE ROUNDS OF 82MM MORTARS FROM FOUR MORTAR TUBES LOCATED AT THESE COORDINATES. PATROL CALLED ARTILLERY MISSION OF 6 ROUNDS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(13) 071935H (YD 352444) PATROL OBSERVED 6 MORE LIGHTS MOVING TOWARDS PATROLS POSITION. NO ACTION TAKEN.

C. TERRAIN: GENTLE ROLLING HILLS WITH BRUSH-SHRUBS FROM 2-10 FEET HIGH AND SCATTERED THROUGHOUT AREA. NATURAL WATER SOURCES PLENTIFUL. COMMUNICATION GOOD. RATE OF MOVEMENT AT PATROLS DISCRETION. NUMEROUS WELL USED TRAILS THROUGHOUT AREA.

D. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) (YD 362472) OBSERVED TENT OR LARGE HOCH WHICH WAS FENCED OFF. BELIEVED TO BE MEETING PLACE OR CLASSROOM.

G. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

A. ENEMY: (3) NVA KIA C), (2) NVA WIA C), CAPTURED.

B. FRIENDLY: (1) NON-COMBAT CASUALTY.

C. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: SEE ENEMY INFORMATION.

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7. CONDITION OF PATROL: FAIR TO GOOD, MORALE EXCELLENT

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. PATROLS IN AREA TAKE M-60

2. PATROLS BE REINFORCED

3. HAVE REACTION FORCE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST PATROL.

CONCLUSIONS:

1. PATROLS IN AREA ARE UNDER CONSTANT OBSERVATION BY ENEMY:

2. VC/NVA IN AREA FEEL SECURE. THEY ACT LIKE THEY DO NOT EXPECT ANY ENEMY TO ENTER INTO THEIR AREA.

3. CIVILIANS IN AREA ARE VC/NVA SYMPATHIZERS. EACH CIVILIAN HAD A WEAPON ON THEIR PERSON OR HAD A WEAPON NEAR BY.

4. VILLAGE AT (YD 366431) IS HEAVILY FORTIFIED FIGHTING HOLES AND TUNNELS ARE NUMEROUS THROUGHOUT AREA.

5. HILLTOP AT (YD 375435) CONTAINS BUNKER COMPLEX AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS EMPLACEMENT

6. PATROL RECIEVED FIRE FROM AN ESTIMATED 30-40 ENEMY ARMED WITH AW.

9. HLZ'S: (YD 364424) USED FOR INSERTION OF PATROL

(YD 363421) USED FOR EXTRACTION OF PATROL. ENTIRE AREA IS SUITABLE

FOR HLZ'S. NO APPROACH OBSTACLES. BEST APPROACH HEADING IS 360

DEGREES. AREA IS LOW BRUSH AND GRASS 2-8 FEET HIGH.

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PAGE SEVEN 2017 C O N F I D E N T I A L

1. DETERMINE COMMENTS:

- 1) ALL TRAILS ARE HEAVILY TRAVELED.
- 2) ONCE A PATROL MAKES CONTACT IN AREA HAVE TEAM EXTRACTED DUE TO LACK OF COVER AND CONCEALMENT IN AREA.
- 3) IF PATROL CAN BE INSERTED WITHOUT BEING OBSERVED THEY HAVE THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE ON THEIR SIDE. IF THEY ARE OBSERVED ON INSERTION THEY WILL BE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES.
- 4) 2 NVA WIA CAPTURED AND DOCUMENTS FOUND ON THEIR PERSONS WERE FORWARDED TO HIGHER AUTHORITIES.

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(b) Operation Order: 3-67

Task Organization: 2nd Sqd 1st Plt Co D (SGT MONISE 9 MEN)

1. SITUATION: See Ref (b)
2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and also check area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner.
3. EXECUTION:
  - a. Concept of Operation: See Operation Overlay
  - b. Coordinating Instructions:
    - (1) Insertion: 070800H at ZO (TO BE ANNOUNCED)
    - (2) Extraction: 110900H at ZO (TO BE ANNOUNCED)
    - (3) Thrust Lines: ATL (0892) BTL (1194)
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See Ref (b)
5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: See Ref (b)
  - a. SHACKLE: CODE (5)
 

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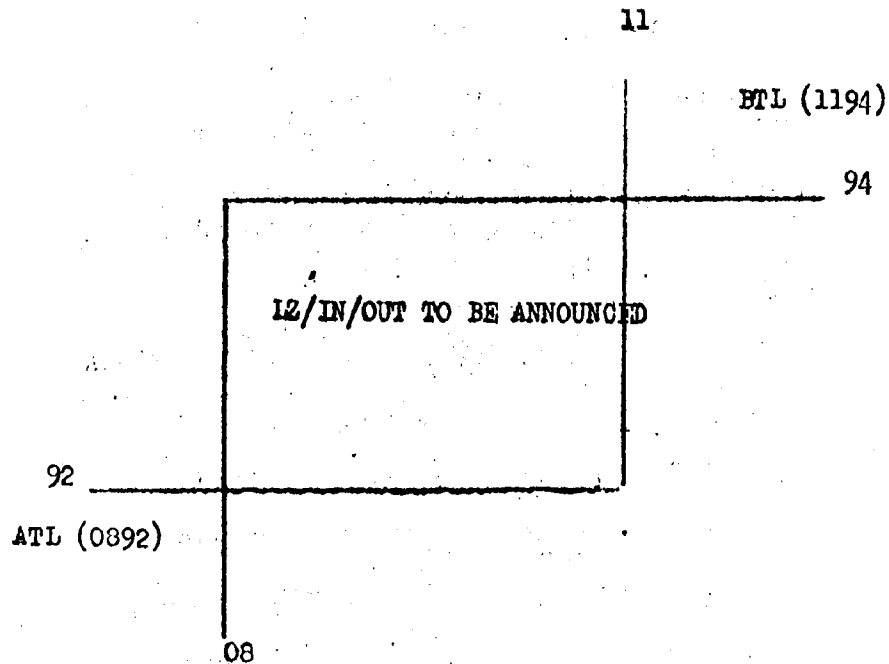
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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

3d Recon Bn S/C No. 5370-67

- a. COMPOSITION: (6) Enlisted, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (None)
- c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (None)
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) Claymore Mines, (7) CS Grenades, (3) WP Rifle Grenades, (2) Gas Masks, (1) WP Hand Grenades
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) M-14

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and also check area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 070800H/121130H Oct 1967

4. ROUTE AND TRAILS OBSERVERS: See patrol route overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 123½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in 1 flare sighting, 4 wood choppers sighting, 2 VC sightings, 2 VC contacts. Patrol discovering fortification being built (possibly mortar position). 1st contact resulted in 1 VC KIA (C) and 3 VC KIA (P). Area revealed heavy build up of fortifications.

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## b. ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:

(1) 071000H ((ZC 075968)) Patrol observed 50-60 Vietnamese people wearing black PJ's, some had coolie hats, and others had pith helmets vicinity (ZC 077967). They seemed to be carrying stretchers and a couple looked like they were on crutches. They were moving northwest in groups of about 10 persons. Team called for gunships and were told that the people were wood choppers. Patrol continued mission.

(2) 101930H-2330H (ZC 082946) Patrol observed a total of 12 flares in vicinity (ZC 089952). These flares did not look like US type. They were orange yellow, did not give out too strong illumination and did not burn as long. No other flares were observed after 2330H.

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(3) 110800H-111100H (ZC 082946) Patrol observed about 7 males and females chopping wood vicinity (ZC 083947). One was wearing a red shirt and black bottom and the others had white shirt and black bottoms. Chopping activity was heard on the trail and around that area. These people were cutting logs about 10-15 feet long by one foot in diameter and were taking them down to the river where there was a large pile stacked up. The bark was shaved off the logs.

(4) 120900H (ZC 082946) Patrol observed 10-12 wood choppers carrying logs back and forth on the trail running east and west vicinity (ZC 082945). Patrol continued observation.

(5) 121000H (ZC 082946) Patrol observed 2 VC wearing green shirts, khaki shorts, carrying heavy packs and SKS rifles slung over their shoulders. VC were moving on a trail toward a camp fire by a stream vicinity (ZC 083946)

(6) 121015H (ZC 082946) Two members moved approximately 10 meters up trail and observed 1 VC wearing drab green clothing and sandals. He was also armed with an SKS and was going to the camp fire (ZC 083946). This VC was healthy looking, approximately 5'6" tall and about 22 years old. He looked intelligent and acted like the leader of the group.

(7) 121020H (ZC 082946) The 2 members of the patrol by the trail saw 8 women carrying logs moving west on the trail. They looked healthy, young, muscular build and were smoking long type cigarettes. They also had SKS rifles slung over their shoulders and were wearing black PJs. About this time 2 team members saw 3 VCs carrying logs in the same direction of the women and took them as prisoners.

(8) 121035H (ZC 083946) Patrol got the word that the extraction helos were airborne and 2 members went to check the camp fire. Members saw 2 VCs by the fire and took them prisoners. While checking the area further the team members made contact with the 4th VC observed at 1015H. Contact resulted in 1 VC KIA (C), 3 VC KIA (P).

(9) 121045H (ZC 082946) While patrol was firing at the camp fire (ZC 082946) with M-79 and M-16 two VCs surrendered to the patrol.

(10) 121100H (ZC 082946) While being extracted the 3d helo received SA fire from (ZC 082946) resulting in 1 USMC WIA (Minor). Gunships were at this time starting to conduct an air strike.

c. TERRAIN: Thick vegetation with 30-40 feet canopy. Rate of movement approximately 50-75 meters per hour.

(1) COMMUNICATION: Generally good with some garbled and distorted background.

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(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCE: Potential

(3) TRAILS: See overlay

(4) H&I's: (None)

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 081200H Patrol found what appeared to be a foundation for a base camp vicinity (ZC 075958) hill 348. There were 6 different sites of this type in this area. See sketch.

(2) 101400H (ZC 082946) Patrol heard guns go off vicinity (ZC 075966) and they heard that the rounds were hitting vicinity (ZC 092998). This was also heard at 101900H.

(3) 111845H (ZC 082946) Patrol heard movement around their position. It sounded like braking of brush. Artillery fired with unknown results.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: 1 KIA (C), 3 KIA (P) by recon

b. FRIENDLY: 1 WIA (Minor)

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Physical: good/morale: outstanding

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS: Continue recon and H&I's

CONCLUSIONS: Area covered by patrol reveals: extensive enemy build up of base camps and fortifications.

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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: (Concur with Patrol Leader)

(1) Patrol feels that 1st camp found could be a possibly mortar position.

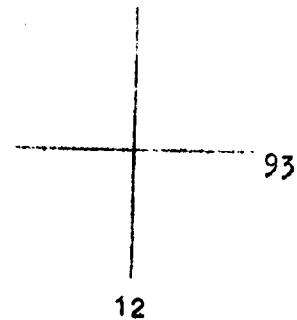
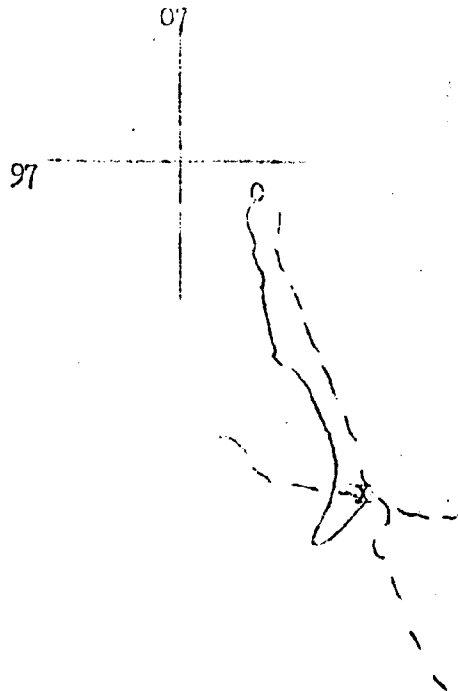
(2) They think that the VC are forcing the Vietnamese to do their building in this area.

(3) The patrol also feels that some of these groups of Vietnamese observed and reported might have been innocent civilian, working for VC.

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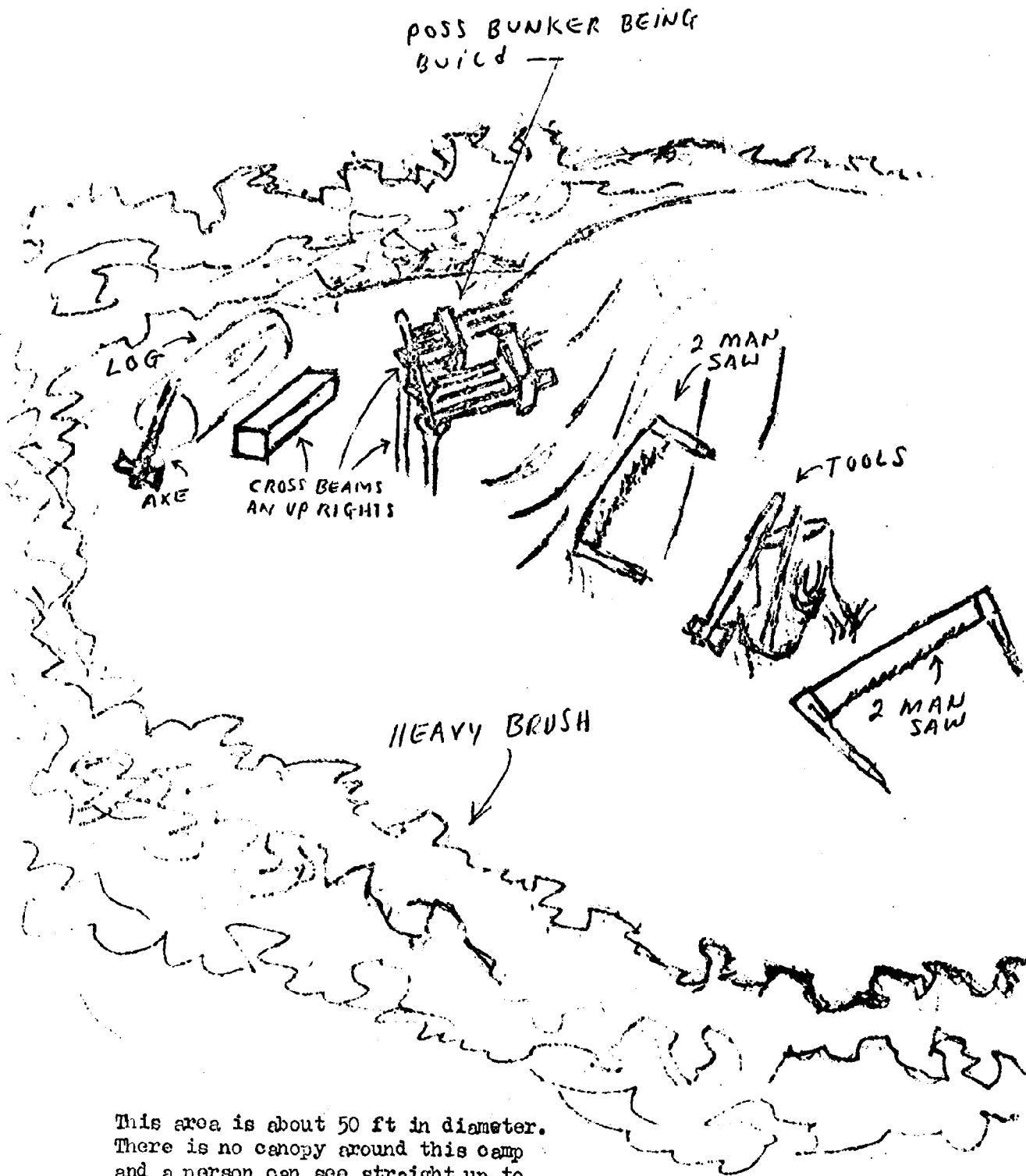
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POSSIBLE MORTAR POSITION

This area is about 50 ft in diameter. There is no canopy around this camp and a person can see straight up to the sky. Heavy brush is all around the perimeter of this camp. Patrol found six of this camps in this area.

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OPERATION ORDER NR 504-67, L/CPL. C. L. THORNTON

A. MAP SHEET: 1:50,000, AAMS SERIES L-7014, SHEET 6442 III

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PAGE TWO 001A C O N F I D E N T I A L

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: (4) CLAYMORE MINES, (4) WP RIFLE GRENADES, (9) GAS MASK, (9) CS GRENADES,

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 75 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. 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: (110000H (YD 213462)/121800H (YD 209459) PATROL HELD IN AND OUT.

4. ROUTE: INSERT PT WEST TO EXTRACT PT.

OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN: 20 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE RESULTED IN THREE ENEMY SIGHTINGS OF AND ESTIMATED 30 NVA CONTACT WITH SAME WHICH RESULTED IN 50 NVA KIA (C), 10 NVA WIA AND NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES. PATROL OBSERVED TWO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS

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THREE 001A C O N F I D E N T I A L

FOR AIR STRIKES, TWO BRIDGES, A SNIPER OR FO POSITION, AND AIRMING  
TAKES.

1. ENEMY:

11 120800H (YD 206466) OBSERVED 3) NVA WEARING KHAKIS,  
CAMOUFLAGED UTILITIES, PACKS, BUSH HATS, PTROL COULD NOT OBSERVE  
WEAPONS. PATROL CALLED ARTILLERY MISSION OF 5 ROUNDS WITH GOOD  
TARGET COVERAGE, UNKNOWN RESULTS.

21 121000H (YD 201456) PATROL MADE CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED  
12 NVA WEARING KHAKIS, CAMOUFLAGED PAINT, CARTRIDGE BELTS.  
WEAPONS OBSERVED WERE (1) 7.62 MACHINE GUN, 2) AK-47'S, (1)  
MACHINE. RESULTS OF CONTACT: (3) NVA (C), 1) NVA WIA (C).  
PATROL BROKE CONTACT AND CALLED ARTILLERY MISSION OF 5 ROUNDS  
FOR GOOD TARGET COVERAGE WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. AFTER  
ARTILLERY MISSION PATROL CALLED AO AND FIXED WING IN AREA  
WHO MADE NAPALM AND BOMBING RUNS WHICH RESULTED IN 2)  
SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. AO CALLED AIR STRIKES AT (YD 206466)  
WHO WHICH RESULTED IN 1) SECONDARY SLOW BURNING FIRE. NO  
FURTHER ACTION TAKEN.

21 121400H (YD 201456) PATROL MOVING WEST INTO TREELINE  
AT THESE COORDINATES OBSERVED AN ESTIMATED 15 NVA WEARING  
KHAKIS AND CAMO PAINT SET IN A "U" SHAPED AMBUSH. RADIO MAN  
OBSERVED ON MAN STAND UP WITH AN AK-47. RADIO MAN FIRED ON

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RESULTING IN 1) NVA KIA (C). IMMEDIATELY PATROL  
BEGAN RECEIVING SAF. PATROL BROKE CONTACT AND POPPED A  
SMOKE FOR THE AO WHO WAS ON STATION. AO CALLED ARTILLERY  
MISSION OF 9 ROUNDS WITH GOOD TARGET COVERAGE. UNKNOWN  
RESULTS. AO AGAIN CALLED FIXED WING WHO MADE BOMBING AND  
BOMBING RUNS WITH GOOD TARGET COVERAGE. PATROL THEN OBSERVED  
A FLARE ON FIRE FLY THROUGH THE AIR, RESULTING IN (1) NVA  
KIA (C). PATROL THEN MOVED TO YD 209458 WHERE THEY OBSERVED  
APPROXIMATELY 5-10 NVA WEARING CAMOUFLAGED UTILITIES, AND  
ATTACHED TO THEIR BODIES. AO REPORTED SEEING APPROXIMATELY  
10 NVA IN SMALL GROUPS TO THE NORTH, NORTHEAST, AND EAST.  
PATROL CALLED FIXED WING ON TARGET. AS FIXED WING WERE MAKING  
BOMBING RUNS THEY WERE RECEIVING SPORADIC SAF. AFTER  
FIXED WING HAD DROPPED ALL ORDNANCE GUNSHIPS ARRIVED ON  
STATION WHO REMAINED IN AREA FOR APPROXIMATELY (1) HOUR.  
AT THIS TIME FIXED WING AND AO AGAIN CAME ON STATION.

PATROL THEN CALLED FOR EXTRACTION. AS EXTRACTION HELOS  
ARRIVED THEY BEGAN RECEIVING SAF. HELOS ABORTED EXTRACTION  
AND MADE SOME BOMBING RUNS ON TARGET. AT

PAGE FIVE 001A C O N F I D E N T I A L

C. TERRA IN MODERATE ROLLING HILLS WITH KNEE HIGH ELEPHANT GRASS. COMMUNICATION POOR. NATURAL WATER SOURCES PLENTIFUL. RATE OF MOVEMENT 1000 METERS PER HOUR.

D. OTHER INFORMATION:

1) 111600H (YD 185442) PATROL OBSERVED (3) STAKES APPROXIMATELY 10 FEET HIGH APPROXIMATELY 1 INCH IN DIAMETER. STAKES APPEARED TO BE AIMING STAKES. NO ACTION TAKEN.

(2) 111730H (YD 207447) PATROL OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A PONCHO TIED IN A TREE. SITE APPEARED TO BE EITHER A FO POSITION OR A SNIPER POSITION. PATROL COULD OBSERVE QUANG TRI FROM THESE COORDINATES. NO ACTION TAKEN.

(3) 120800H (YD PATROL OBSERVED 2) BRIDGES AT THESE COORDINATES. BRIDGES WERE CONSTRUCTED OF CEMENT AND WHAT APPEARED TO BE RAILROAD TRACKS. BRIDGES COULD NOT BE USED FOR VEHICLE USE BUT PERSONNEL COULD CROSS THEM. RAILROAD TRACKS WERE RUNNING IN A NORTH, SOUTH DIRECTION. NO ACTION TAKEN.

(4) 121600H (YD 200450) PATROL HEARD A VIETNAMESE VOICE ON RADIO CALLING "PERSEVER-SIERA 4-5" PATROL CALLED AO WHO SAID HE HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY SUCH CALL.

G. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

PAGE SIX 001A C O N F I D E N T I A L

A. ENEMY: 5) NVA KIA (C), (1) WIA (C)

B. FRIENDLY: NONE

C. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD, MORALE GOOD

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

CONCLUSIONS:

1) AREA C000 COVERED/VVVVERED BY PATROL REVEALS SIGNS OF A NVA COMPANY OPERATING IN THIS AREA. INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE PATROL WAS INSERTED AND OPERATED AROUND THE NVA CO SIZE HARBOR SITE. MOVEMENT IN AREA WAS IN SQUAD SIZE GROUPS GENERALLY TOWARDS THE SOUTH.

9. HLZ'S:

1) (YD 209459) 2) CH-46'S. SITE IS OPEN FIELD WITH ELEPHANT GRASS 2-3 FEET HIGH. NO APPROACH OBSTACLES. BEST APPROACH FROM EAST TO WEST.

(2) (YD 191459) 1) CH-46. SITE IS AN OPEN FIELD WITH ELEPHANT GRASS 2-3 FEET HIGH. NO APPROACH OBSTACLES. BEST APPROACH FROM EAST TO WEST.

10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:

(1) CONCUR WITH PATROL LEADERS RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS.

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Operation Order: 415-67

Ref: (a) Maps: VIET NAM, 1:50,000 Map Sheet 6442 II  
 (b) Operation Order: 3-67

Task Organization: 1st Sqd 2nd Plt Co A (CPL WHIGLEY 8 MEN)

1. SITUATION: See Ref (b)

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and also check area for use as VC camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner.

3. EXECUTION:a. Concept of Operation: See Operation Overlayb. Coordinating Instructions:(1) Insertion: 110800H at (YD ~~429343~~ <sup>430322</sup>) (ALT. YD ~~429343~~ <sup>435325</sup>)(2) Extraction: 150900H at (YD ~~429343~~ <sup>429343</sup>)(3) Thrust Lines: ATL ~~4134~~ <sup>4134</sup> BTL ~~4432~~ <sup>4432</sup>4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See Ref (b)5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: See Ref (b)a. SHACKLE: CODE (8)

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b. COMMUNICATIONS:

(1) <u>Call Sign</u> :	<u>Primary Freq</u> :	<u>Alternate Freq</u> :
GALLOWAY BLUE	47.2 (GREEN)	46.8 (WHITE)
SECONDARY	50.0	
ARTY (CHEERY JAM)	47.2 (GREEN)	
PERSERVERE (MARINE AO)	41.30	
BALL BEARING (2/26)	37.20	
MED EVAC COMM FREQ	45.7 (VERMILLION ALPHA)	
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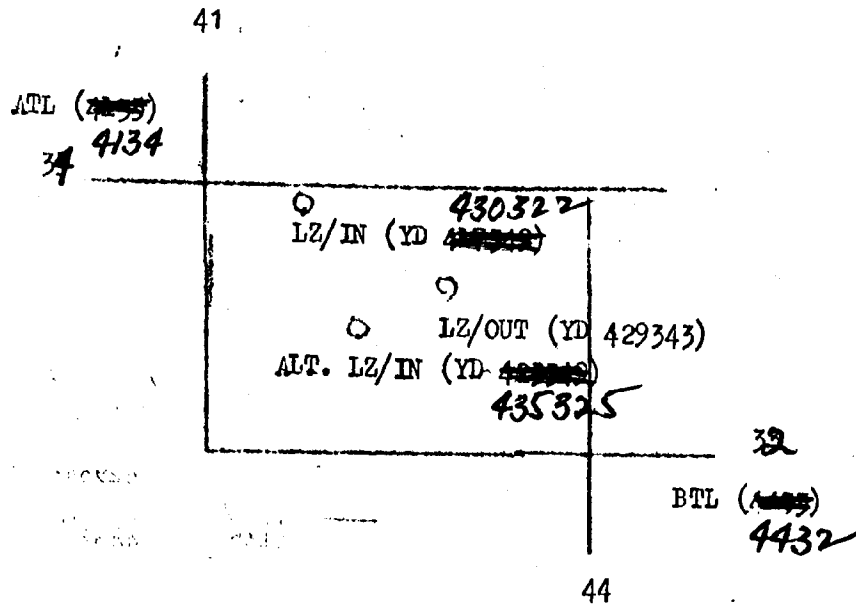
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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (6) Enlisted, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (None)
- c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7X50's
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) Claymore Mines, (9) SC Grenades,  
 (1) WP Rifle Grenade, (9) Gas Masks, (1) WP Hand Grenade, (3) Cameras
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) M-60, (1) Shot Gun

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2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and also check area for use as VC camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 120800H/171100H Oct 1967

4. ROUTE AND TRAILS OBSERVED: See patrol route overlay

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 117 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in 4 sightings totalling 17 VC and no contacts. 5 harbor sites and a set of cart wheels were observed. Two fire missions were fired totalling 38 rounds. Resulted in 7 VC KIA (P).

## b. ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:

(1) 121400H Patrol observed 2 VC vicinity (YD 428338). Wearing white trousers, pink shirts and coolie hats. Unobserved weapons cause of distance. No action taken.

(2) 131000H Patrol observed 6 VC on hill (YD 422331) possibly OP. VC were wearing black PJ's and carrying possibly carbines. Patrol called fire mission, first two rounds were direct hit on hill. Just after these two rounds patrol heard movement in the brush going east down hill. The noise continued to move up the north side of hill which the patrol had OP. Patrol continued fire mission directing at base of hill, where noise appeared to be coming from. A total of 28 rounds were fired. Patrol observed 2 VC go south in valley. 4 VC KIA (P) from artillery.

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(3) 151500H Patrol observed 8 VC (YD 432328). Wearing black PJ's and covers. Weapons unobserved. Fire mission of 10 rounds, 2P and 3P was fired. Patrol observed 5 VC leave area heading southwest. 3 VC KIA (P) from artillery.

(4) 151710H Patrol observed 1 VC on side of hill vicinity (YD 433325). He was wearing black PJ's. No weapon observed.

c. TERRAIN: Characterized by steep hills with thick brush and canopy approximately 15 feet high. Rate of movement 200 meter per hour.

(1) COMMUNICATION: Good. On the 140900 and 161700H patrol heard Vietnamese voices on 47.2 and 46.6 frequency.

(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCE: Plenty. Intermittent streams in valley. Hard to get down to water in valley cause of thick brush along the side of hill.

(3) TRAILS: As shown on map. (YD 428325) whole ridgeline is covered with trails. These trails appeared to be well used.

(4) HLZ'S: (YD 434333) Hill 102. Burnt off. No obstacles. Best approach from the north. Accommodate several slicks.

(YD 439333) Burnt off hill. Best approach from the north. Accommodate 1 helo.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) Patrol observed 3 harbor sites. (YD 430328). Two of them could hold approximately 12-15 people. The other one could hold approximately 25 people.

(2) Patrol observed 2 large harbor sites in valley (YD 433327). It could hold approximately 2 companies. Well covered with a canopy. Lot of water. A trail leading into and through harbor site, approximately 6 meters wide. Used about one or two times.

(3) (YD 423328) Patrol observed cart wheel tracks on trail. Wheel tracks 3" wide and span about 1 meter wide. Appeared to be hauling heavy loads. Tracks were cut deep in mud.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: 7 VC KIA (P) by artillery

b. FRIENDLY: (None)

7. CONDITIONS OF PATROL: Physical: good/morale: good

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## 8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS: Continue reconnaissance and surveillance in this area.

CONCLUSIONS: Area covered by patrol reveals enemy activity. Many foot trails and harbor sites.

CPL WRIGLEY  
"A" Company

## 9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:

a. PATROL OPINION OF NATURE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY: Patrol feel that the enemy movement is mostly during the night.

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O = INSERTION  
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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

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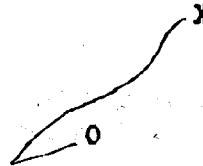
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Operation Order: 416-67

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 (b) Operation Order: 3-67

Task Organization: 1stSqd 1stPlt Co A (1/CPL KENCK 9 MEN)

1. SITUATION: See Ref (b)
2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and also check area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner.
3. EXECUTION:
  - a. Concept of Operation: See Operation Overlay
  - b. Coordinating Instructions:
    - (1) Insertion: 160800H at (YD 604228) (ALT. YD 594235)
    - (2) Extraction: 170900H at (YD 594235)
    - (3) Thrust Lines: ATL (YD 5824) BTL (YD 6122)
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See Ref (b)
5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: See Ref (b)
  - a. SHACKLE: CODE (1)
 

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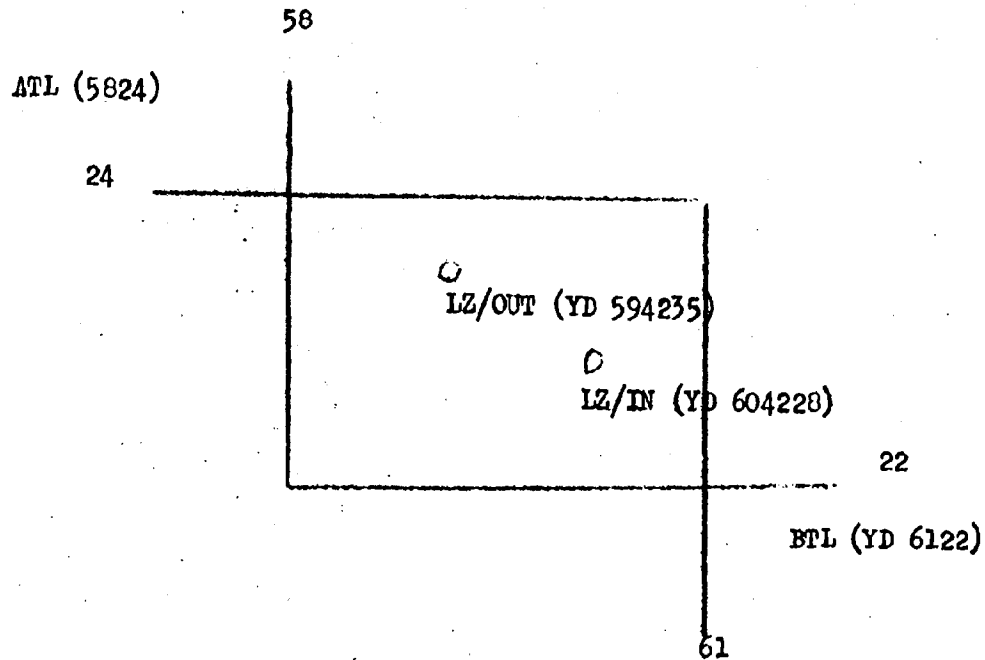
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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

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- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENT: (None)
- c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7X50's
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- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) M-60, (4) M-14

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3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 130800H/131800H Oct 1967

4. ROUTE AND TRAILS OBSERVED: See patrol route overlay

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 10 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in 2 large continuous sightings totalling to approximately 70 VC. This sighting started 131330H till 131735H. Artillery and Air strikes conducted resulted in 22 KIA (C) by recon and AO had 27 KIA (C). Area revealed extensive enemy activity with mortar capability.

## b. ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:

(1) 131330H (YD 595235) Patrol observed 4 VC wearing black, green and gray mixed color clothing, packs with camouflage grass and leaves on the back. They were armed with unknown type weapons (possibly automatic weapons). 3 more VC with same uniform then 2 more VC carrying carbines, followed by 2 VC with a black weapon (possibly M-16) and then a main body of 9 VC were observed. The lead man of this main group had on Khaki shirt and shorts. The VC were in a line and spread out. 1 mortar tube was observed with the main group and 2 VC looked like ammo carriers. These VC went across GS (YD 5824) to vicinity (YD 586246) on the road into a tree line. This tree line is 150-250 meters along road and 75-100 meters in depth on both sides. There are no houses in this area. Called artillery with poor target coverage.

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(2) 131345H (YD 595235) Patrol observed 8 VC come out of nowhere crossing a ditch vicinity (YD 596245). The VC wore same uniforms as first group. The lead man of this group had on a turquoise shirt and khaki shorts. Team then observed 22 more VC just come from nowhere at the same location. Team adjusted artillery and VC went into the ditch or trench. Patrol saw 1 round hit 3 VC and more rounds hit 5 VC bodies in trench. This resulted in 8 VC KIA (C).

(3) 131405H AO showed up and team directed AO to VC position and when AO went down for closer look he received SA fire. AO reported VC in fox holes vicinity (YD 596245). When the AO would fly away the VC would pop their heads up and at one time 12 heads were seen.

(4) 131415H Fixed wing showed up and started bombing and strafing the area (YD 596245). Good coverage right on trench. Team observed bodies laying in trench and saw 1 body fly out through the air when bomb hit the trench. VC suffered 10 VC KIA (C).

(5) 131417H Patrol observed 2 VC running from trench to the south west and 2 VC south toward the team position. 2 bombs were dropped on each 2 VC resulting in 4 VC KIA (C).

(6) 131420H AO reported to the team that he had observed elements of a VC company moving vicinity (YD 5922229) towards team's position.

(7) 131430H (YD 595235) Patrol observed 2 VC (YD 596237) moving toward team position and heard more movement of about 8 more VC. The VC just started at the team and hid in the brush. Team fired M-79 and SAF fire at VC.

(8) 131445H (YD 595235) Patrol heard movement at base of hill vicinity (YD 596232) of about 10 VC. Team fired M-79, SAF/ANF and through grenades. Team received fire and Fixed wing dropped 3 bombs and strafed area. The VC fire was wild and over the team's heads.

(9) 131700H (YD 595235) First extract helo received fire from hill 165 upon leaving. Fixed wing continued air strikes.

a. TERRAIN: One high brush, no canopy. Rate of movement approximately 400 meters per hour.

(1) COMMUNICATION: Outstanding

(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCE: Plenty

(3) TRAILS: (YD 595235) 2 feet wide trail going east and west.

(4) HLZ'S: (YD 595235) Accommodate 1 CH-46, low brush, best approach is from the northeast.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: (None)

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02. SUMMARY

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. FIFTY: 27 KIA (9) 22 SO.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Physical: good/morale: excellent

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS: Further recon patrols in this area. Use starlight scope at night.

CONCLUSIONS: Area covered by patrol reveals enemy activity.

L/CPL. KENCK

1st Company

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: (Concur with Patrol Leader)

a. PATROL OPINION OF NATURE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY: VC can be hidden in brush without being detected. They believe VC were heading to an ambush site and were part of a larger force.

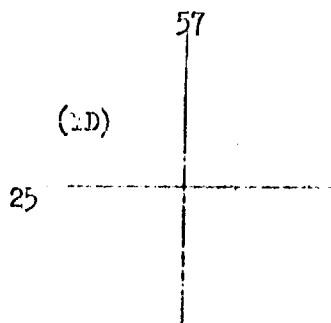
b. OTHER: 1. Use Slicks; Why?

a. Fast

b. Can get out of both sides.

c. Good firepower

d. Get low enough to ground so you don't have a big jump.



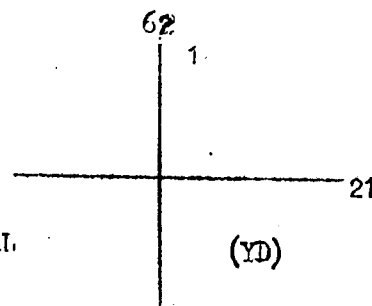
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Operation Order: 420-67

Ref: (a) Maps: VIET NAM, 1:50,000 Map Sheet 6541 IV590567  
(b) Operation Order: 3-67

Task Organization: 2ndSqd 1stPlt Co A (CPL POOLEY 9 MEN)

1. SITUATION: See Ref (b)

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by BV/NVA and also check area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operations: See Operation Overlay

b. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Insertion: 141400H at (YD 869031)

(2) Extraction: 190900H at (YD 883023) (ALT. YD 856042)

(3) Thrust Lines: ATL (YD 8504) BTL (YD 8802)

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See Ref (b)

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: See Ref (b)

a. SHACKLE: CODE (6)

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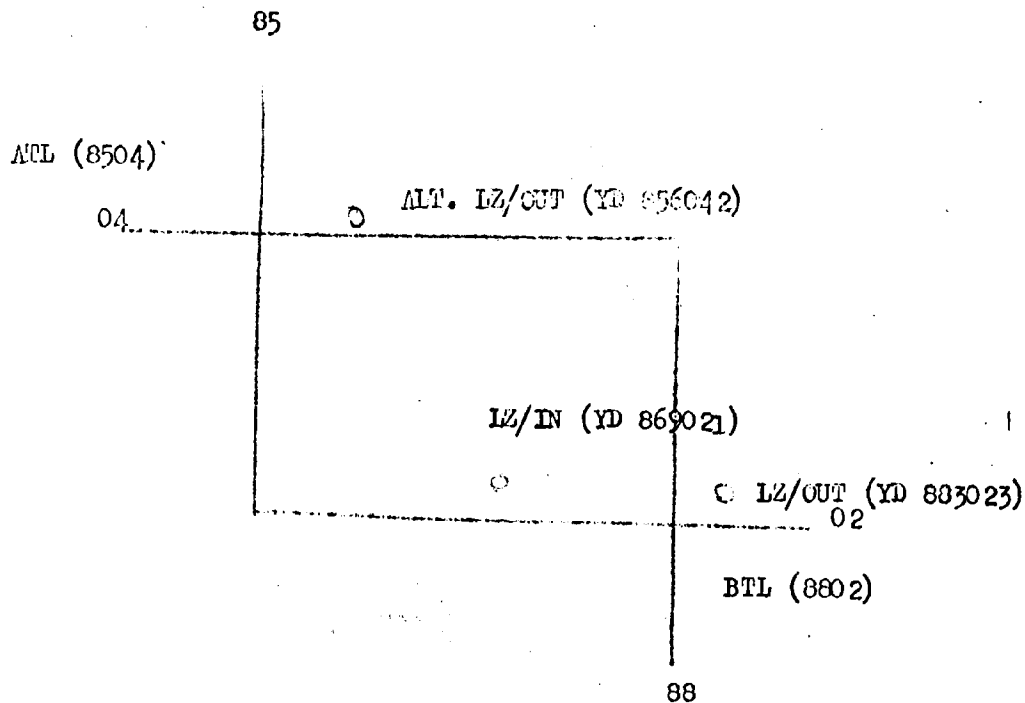
b. COMMUNICATIONS:

(1) Call Sign:	Primary Freq:	Alternate Freq:
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SECONDARY	50.0	
ARTY (TEA FOWL)	46.8 (WHITE)	
PERSEVERE (MARINE AO)	41.30	
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c. CONCENTRATION: RC 151-200

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## 6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: 1 KIA (C) by recon, 1 WIA (C) by artillery.

b. FRIENDLY: (None)

## 7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Physical: Good/Morale: Great

## 8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS: Continue reconnaissance of the general area.

CONCLUSIONS: Area covered by patrol reveals heavy enemy movement.

CPL POOLEY  
"A" Company

## 9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: (Concur with Patrol Leader)

a. PATROL OPINION OF NATURE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY: Patrol feels that this is an infiltration route used by VC/NVA troops to go to the populated areas, conduct their operations and return to the hills using the night, rain and fog as cover.

## b. OTHER:

(1) This group seems to be both VC and NVA unit because of their uniforms and mode of travel and reaction.

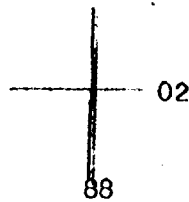
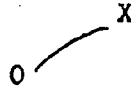
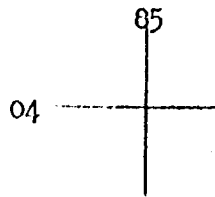
(2) Many of this enemy group seemed to be larger and huskier than the regular VC personnel.

(3) NVA seemed as confused to see recon dressed in a different type of uniform other than utilities and helmet, as our team member to see an NVA that looked like a recon team member. This might explain why, other patrols report that VC just look at the patrol without recognizing them.

(4) This group of enemy moved rapidly, did not panic in artillery barrage. Main body kept moving while other moved to the flanks and set up mortars. Deployment and discipline of this group shows well trained troops on how to conduct themselves against a artillery barrage.

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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

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(5) 160655H (YF 874049) Patrol observed approximately 50 VC/NVA moving south parallel with the river vicinity (YD 878045). They wore mixed clothing but most of them wore camouflage utilities, heavy packs, all seem to have AK-47's and 8 mortars were observed. Those VC/NVA were moving in groups of 2 to 10 and were from 30 to 50 meters intervals. They were heavily loaded and moving fast. The line extended on trail and went behind hill vicinity (YD 877040). Patrol called artillery with outstanding target coverage. Most of the VC/NVA continued without panic through the artillery fire.

(6) 160730H (YD 877040) Patrol member heard what sounded like setting up of mortars vicinity (YD 873045) and sounds of setting up some type of defense.

(7) 160805H (YD 877040) Patrol member saw a NVA at their position carrying a wounded man and another enemy behind him carrying about a 60 lbs bag of rice and armed with an AK-47. The team member thought that the NVA was a member of his team and they both looked at each other for a second and team member shot him. NVA fell back as if hit by a great force. Patrol checked area and discovered drag marks, 1 AK-47, 60 lbs bag of rice and a plastic poncho about 20 meters away. The NVA carrying the wounded man at first looked like a recon man, was about 5'8" tall, white complected and wore camouflage utilities and a black beret. NVA looked healthy and strong.

(8) 160815H (YD 877040) Patrol heard movement all around their position like trying to get close to the team to get away from the artillery which was hitting near their position. At this time patrol was firing and throwing grenades.

(9) 160850H (YD 877040) Patrol was extracted. No movement was noted or heard and helos did not receive fire.

c. TERRAIN: Rolling hills with low brush up to 4-6 feet high. Rate of movement is about 300-400 meters per hour.

(1) COMMUNICATIONS: Outstanding until the patrol started calling artillery. Sounded like someone was keying the handset. From then on until extraction comm was poor.

(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCE: Plenty

(3) TRAILS: (YD 877040) trail about a meter wide, running northeast to southwest on hill.

(4) HLZ'S: The whole area can be used as an HLZ.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: (NONE)

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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

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- a. COMPOSITION: (8) Enlisted, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (None)
- c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7X50's
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) Claymore Mines, (9) CS Grenades, (9) Gas Masks, (2) WP Hand Grenades, (2) Cameras
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) M-60, (1) M-14

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and also check area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 141530H/ 160900H Oct 1967

4. ROUTE AND TRAILS OBSERVED: See patrol route overlay

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 32½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in one large sighting totalling 50 VC/NVA and one contact resulting in 1 NVA KIA (C) by recon and 1 WIA by artillery. This area revealed heavy enemy movement. 8 mortars (possibly 82mm) were observed and most of the enemy was armed with AK 47's.

## b. ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:

(1) 151930H (YD 874049) Patrols observed 5 incoming rounds approximately 100-300 meters northeast of their position.

(2) 152145H (YD 874049) Patrol observed a flash from what seemed like a high power sniper rifle from the northeast approximately 300 meters.

(3) 160630H (YD 874094) Patrol heard noise about 400 meters south of their position but could not see anything because of fog and rain.

(4) 160645H (YD 874049) Patrol again heard noise from same position but could not observe anything.

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# PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (8) Enlisted (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (None)
- c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7Y50's
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) Claymore Mines, (9) CS Grenades,  
(9) Gas Masks, (2) Cameras
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) M-60, (3) M-14, (1) Grease Gun

3d Recon Bn S/C No. 0 0 8 (1)

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3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 160800H/191945H Oct 1967

4. ROUTE AND TRAILS OBSERVED: See patrol route overlay

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 83 3/4 hours of patrolling resulted in 16 sightings totalling 167 VC, 1 sighting of 18-20 lights. 10 artillery missions totalling 288 rounds, 8 air strikes, and 1 contact resulted in 22 VC KIA (G) and 32 VC KIA (P). Patrol discovered a large base camp on the SONG BO RIVER and noted heavy use of a rice carrying route.

## b. ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:

(1) 162400H (YD 5920) Patrol noted 18-20 lights spread over 2000 meters, moving south to north. Patrol observed lights for about 1/2 hour. 1 artillery mission of 27 rounds caused lights to go out. Lights did not return.

(2) 181300H (YD 599242) 1 VC was noted wearing black uniform, moving east. Enemy had pack and rifle. 1 artillery mission of 8 rounds was fired with unknown results.

(3) 181205H (YD 587248) 6 VC were seen in black uniforms and brown uniforms but no covers. Enemy had large leaves for camouflage. Camouflage did not match surrounding vegetation. Packs, rifles and cartridge belts were camouflaged. Enemy moved to the east. 1 artillery mission of 8 rounds was fired with unknown results.

(4) 181515H (YD 592244) 25 VC dressed as above moved from west to northeast. Air Strikes with 7 VC KIA (P) resulting.

(5) 181700H (YD 582248) 8 VC dressed as above moved from west to east. No action taken.

(6) 181705H (YD 577256) 6 VC were noted dressed as above moving west to east. No action taken.

(7) 181730H (YD 585244) 3 VC dressed as above moved north to south carrying large sacks of rice. 1 artillery mission of 18 rounds caused 3 VC KIA (P).

(8) 181815H (YD 592245) 3 VC were noted moving west to east and they also carried large sacks of rice. Enemy was dressed as above. 1 artillery mission of 20 rounds resulted 3 KIA (P).

(9) 190800H (YD 595236) 1 VC was noted moving toward patrol. Enemy dressed in black PJ's and carried a rifle and a pack. Enemy saw patrol and took evasive action. Patrol threw CS and flushed him, killing the VC. (1 VC KIA (C) resulted from SAF)

(10) 190930H (YD 595255) Drum beating was noted for 20 minutes.

(11) 191030H (YD 591245) 3 VC were noted moving west to east and as the remainder, above. 9 more VC joined the first group. 1 artillery mission of 101 rounds and a Z/W air strikes was directed causing 7 VC KIA (P).

(12) 191210H (YD 592244) 5 VC moving west to east were noted. Enemy were dressed as above and were carrying rice. 1 artillery mission of 24 rounds caused 3 VC KIA (P).

(13) 191530H (YD 575246) 3 VC dressed and armed as above were moving west to east. 1 artillery mission of 16 rounds caused 3 VC KIA (P).

(14) 191600H (YD 585243) 5 VC dressed in black utilities were noted moving west to east. Enemy had packs, rifles and camouflage. 1 artillery mission of 14 rounds was fired causing 3 VC KIA (P).

(15) 191630H (YD 585245) 9 VC were noted moving west to east. This group was followed by 30 more VC. All were dressed and armed as above. 1 artillery mission of 32 rounds and fixed wing air strikes was run with good coverage but unknown results.

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(16) 191730H (YD 599235) From this location patrol noticed enemy approaching their position. Enemy was dressed as above. Approximately 50 enemy surrounded the patrol. Fixed wing ran air strikes and received fire from enemy and the base camp mentioned earlier. 2 60mm mortar rounds were received by the patrol. 21 VC KIA (C) resulted from S/P. Many screams were heard when the A/S's were run.

c. TERRAIN: Steep hills with most high dense scrub growth. Rate of movement is 2-300 meters per hour.

(1) COMMUNICATION: Good

(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCE: Plentiful in the valley

(3) TRAILS: No recently used trails were noted except in the area of the base camp mentioned in par. 5d(1).

(4) HILLS: HILLS are found anywhere along the CO BI THANH TAN RIDGE in this area.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

1. 160830H From (YD 605232) to (YD 602233) to (YD 603234) Patrol discovered a base camp in this vicinity. The camp appeared to be one month old. This area could easily accommodate 100-200 persons. Patrol heard movement in one portion of the base camp by an estimated 20-30 enemy. Two boat landings branched off through this area, running generally east and west. 7 to 8 mortar positions were also noted. Entire camp was camouflaged by canopy and bamboo. Camp was well polioed. No hooches were seen in this area. Place was described as a temporary base area. Drums or beating on hollow logs was heard coming from the vicinity of (YD 6022).

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: 22 VC KIA (C), 32 VC KIA (P)

b. FRIENDLY: (None)

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Physical: good/morale: good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS: Continue OP of the CO BI THANH TAN VALLEY.

CONCLUSIONS:

(1) Area covered by patrol reveals the current use of a large base camp and rice routes along the SONG BO.

(2) General Conclusions: A possible battalion is operating in this area (157 persons sighted over several days)

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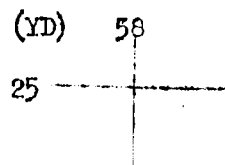
## 9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: (Concur with Patrol Leader)

a. BACKGROUND OR CHANGES IN THIS AREA: The enemy persistently uses the area in the vic of the Song Bo north of the Cobi Thanh Pan ridge for movement and rice carrying route.

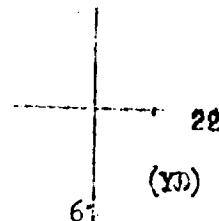
## b. PATROL OPINION OF NATURE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

- (1) Enemy seems to be moving into villages along the Song Bo.
- (2) VC were probably from the same unit.
- (3) VC did not appear concerned by the artillery fire in the Cobi Thanh Tan Valley.

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(b) Operation Order: 3-67

Task Organization: 1stSqd 1stPlt Co A (CPL CONNOLLY 9 MEN)

1. SITUATION: See Ref (b)

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VG/NVA and also check area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation: See Operation Overlay

b. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Insertion: 160800H at (YD 604228)
- (2) Extraction: 200900H at (YD 594235)
- (3) Thrust Lines: ATL (5824) BTL (6122)

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See Ref (b)

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: See Ref (b)

a. SHACKLE: CODE (1)

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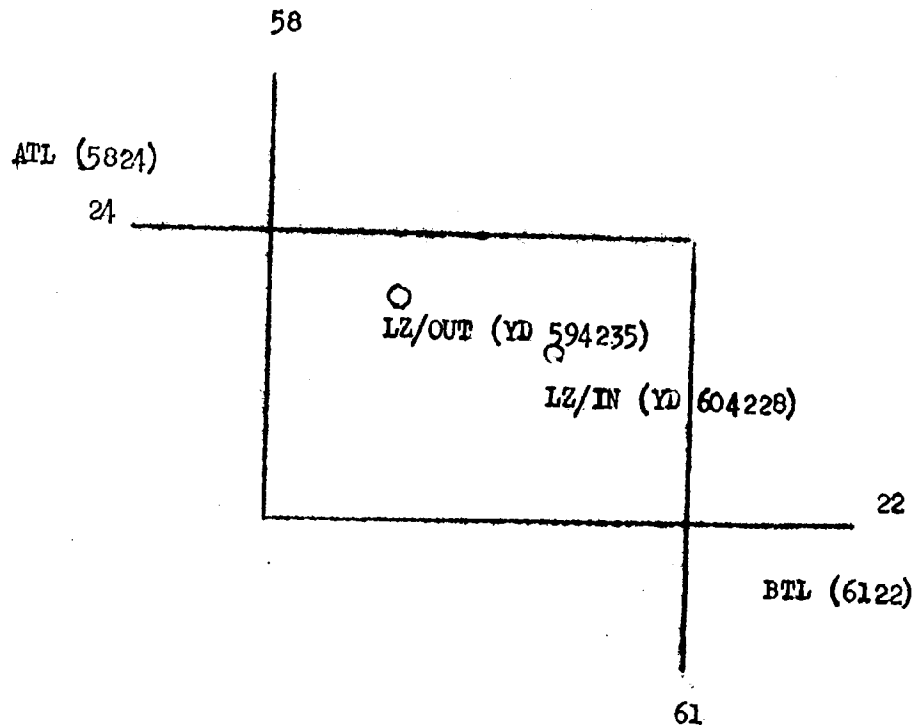
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SECONDARY	50.0	
ARTY (CHEERY JAM)	47.2 (GREEN)	
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c. CONCENTRATION: RG 101-150

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OPERATION ORDER 542-67 (CPL. W. KLANMANN)

(1) DEBRIEFER: LT. . . F. RHODES (DATE 29 OCTOBER 1967)

1. SIZE COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

a. COMPOSITION: (7) ENLISTED, (1) USN

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,  
(7) GAS MASKS, (4) CS GRENADES,

f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 41 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.  
PATROL WILL NOT BE EXTRACTED UNTIL RZ IS COVERED.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: (71300H (XD991490)/282015H  
(XD 952486) PATROL WALKED IN AND HELO OUT.

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PAGE THREE 201A C O N F I D E N T I A L

1. ROUTE: INSERT PT EAST TO (XD 973479), NORTHEAST TO (XD 95492), NORTH ALONG ROAD TO (XD 988549) THEN SOUTH ALONG SAME ROUTE TO EXTRACTION PT.

2. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

3. SYNOPSIS: 34 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE RESULTING IN CONTACT WITH 5 ENEMY, 5 BUNKERS, AND NUMEROUS FIGHTING HOLES. PATROL FOUND 13 82MM MORTAR SHALLS, NUMEROUS PRIMERS AND FIZES. ARTILLERY MISSION OF 70 ROUNDS CALLED WITH EXCELLENT COVERAGE. AREA COULD EASILY ACCOMMODATE A COMPANY SIZE GROUP, NUMEROUS TRAILS IN AREA ALL LEAD TO OT NEAR THIS SITE.

4. ENEMY:

(1) 271430H (XD 990493) PATROL FOUND A PUNJI PIT, APPROXIMATELY 3 MONTHS OLD. THE PIT WAS (4X4 FT) WITH SHARPENED BAMBPOO STAKES. A COVER OVER THE PIT HAD ROTTED AWAY.

(2) 280330H (XD 976486) PATROL FOUND A LARGE TREE WITH THE AREA AROUND THE ROOTS CLEANED OUT, MAKING ROOM INSIDE FOR A MAN. THE ENTRANCE WAS CONCEALED BY ROCKS PILED IN FRONT.

PATROL ALSO FOUND CARVED ON A NEARBY LARGE TREE, THE LETTERS X U A N CARVED IN 3 INCH LETTERS AND APPROXIMATELY THREE FEET FROM THE GROUND. THE LETTERS WERE COVERED BY LEAVES AND DEBRIS. WHEN TRANSLATED FROM VIETNAMESE, WORD MEANT UP OF, COME UP.

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(3) 081545H (XD 955453) PATROL FOUND 6-2 MAN BUNKERS WITH LOG ROOFS AND DIRT PILED ON TOP. NUMEROUS FIGHTING HOLES WERE ALSO FOUND. BUNKERS WERE ENTERED BY STEPPING DOWN AND MAKING A 90 DEGREE TURN. THESE EMPLACEMENTS APPEARED TO BE 2 WEEKS TO ONE MONTH OLD.

BUNKERS CONTAINED 13 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS, ALL APPEARED NEW, ALSO 30-40 FIZES AND PROPELLANT INCLEMENTS FOR MORTARS. A LARGE PIECE OF BAMBOO APPROXIMATELY 6 FEET LONG AND SPLIT AT BOTH ENDS TO HOLD 2 MORTARS A CARTRIDGE

BELT WAS FOUND NEARBY AS WAS A GRAY PLASTIC GROUND CLOTH. AS THE PATROL CONTINUED UP THE TRAIL BEYOND THE BUNKERS, THE SCOUT DOG ALERTED AHEAD AND THE PATROL PREPPED THE AREA

WITH M-79 ROUNDS. PATROL THEN MOVED ON LINE AND SPOTTED 5 ENEMY BREAK INTO THE OPEN TO THEIR FRONT. ENEMY WAS WEARING, WHITE SHIRTS GREEN UTILITIES, ONE WEARING GRAY PITH HELMET. PATROL OBSERVED (2) AK-47'S, PATROL INITIATED FIRE AND OBSERVED (1)

CONFIRMED KILL AND ONE PROBABLE WIA. ENEMY DID NOT RETURN FIRE, DROPPED ONE PACK AND BROKE CONTACT. MOVING

DOWN HILL. PATROL MOVED INTO A DEFENSIVE POSITION

AT (XD 951485). FW WAS BROUGHT ON STATION AND ENEMY

MACHING GUN OPENED FIRE ONE FROM A POSITION 250 METERS NORTHWEST.

AT (XD950481) FW CHANGED CHECKHEADING AND MACHING GUN,

REMAINED SILENT. THREE MEMBERS OF PATROL MOVED DOWN HILL, RETRIEVED A PACK PITH HELMET E-TOOL. AREA WAS LITTERED WITH

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U.S. 782 GEAR AND PATROL OBSERVED FRESH BLOOD.

MOVEMENT WAS HEARD BELOW AND THREE MEN WITHDREW TO HILLTOP

MORE AIRSTRIKES CALLED AND PATROL MOVED TO (XD952487) THEIR

EXTRACTION POINT. ARTILLERY MISSION OF 70 ROUNDS CALLED WITH EXCELLENT

COVERAGE OF AREA. 2100H PATROL WAS

EXTRACTED WITH NO FURTHER FIRE RECEIVED

BY AIRCRAFT OR HELO.

C. TERRAIN: RANGED FROM GRASSY ROLLING HILLS TO STEEP RUGGED CANOPIED

AREAS. CANOPY 100-150 FEET HIGH. NATURAL WATER SOURCES

PLENTIFUL COMMUNICATION RANGED FROM FAIR TO GOOD DUE

TO UPS AND DOWNS IN TERRAIN.

D. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) TRANSLATED DOCUMENTS SOME TYPE OF SUPPLY LIST REVEALS THE FOLLOWING.

MEDICINE: 150 KG,

RICE FOR ONE PERSON 5 KG

2 MACHINES: 100

1 MACHINE: 25

WIRE: 200 METERS

MINEWIRE: 50

ELECTRICAL WIRE 100

1 WIRE CUTTER

1 HOE

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ARMED FOR EACH MAN

2 SETS OF CLOTHES

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RICE.

PATROL TOOK TWO ROLLS OF COLOR FILM NO GEAR AND AREA COVERED.

G. RESULT OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY

A. ENEMY: (1) ENEMY KIA (C), (1) ENEMY WIA (P)

B. FRIENDLY: NONE

CAPTURED EQUIPMENT MISC. 782 GEAR CONTAINED IN A PACK ALONG WITH

PERSONNEL ITEMS AND 20 LBS OF RICE.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD, MORALE EXCELLENT

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) TEAMS SHOULD BE HELO LIFTED INTO AREA, SAME ON TIME GETTING INTO

RZ AND WOULD NOT COMPROMISE TEAM, TO ANY GREAT DEGREE.

(2) A DOG IS EXTREMELY USEFUL IN THIS AREA.

(3) THE BLUE FILTER ON STROBE LIGHTS IS NOT EFFECTIVE AT NIGHT AND

SHOULD NOT BE USED.

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(4) WP RIFLE GRENADES EXTREMELY USEFUL AND SHOULD BE CARRIED ON ALL PATROLS:  
CONCLUSIONS

(1) AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS DEFINATE SIGNS OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. THIS GROUP WAS MORE THAN LIKELY A MORTAR TEAM. THE ROUNDS WERE FOUND AT A DISTANCE WHICH WOULD GIV THEM COVERAGE OF ROUTE 9, WITH THE GUNS AT MAXIMUM RANGE. TRANSLATE DOCUMENTS, PROBABLUYAA SUPPLY LIST, SHOW APPROXIMATELY 350 METERS OF WIRE, THAT COULD BE USED FOR MINES. THE AREA IS A WELL DEPT BASE CAMP FROM WHICH OPERATIONS COULD EASILY BE LAUNCHED AGAINST ROUTE 9, BASE CAMP COULD ALSO BE A LAYING OVER POINT ON THE INFILTRATION ROUTE SOUTH.  
9. HLZ'S:

(1) (XD973479) 3-4 45'S. GRASS ONE FOOT BEST APPROACH EAST TO WEST NO OBSTACLES

(2) (XD 970479) GRASS ONE FOOT HIGH BEST APPROACH NORTH.

(3) (XD 952486) 2 34'S GRASS NO OBSTACLES. APPROACH FROM NORTH.  
10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: CONCUR WITH PATROL LEADERS RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS.

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Operation Order: 42A-67

Ref: (a) Maps: VIET NAM, 1:50,000 Map Sheet 6541 III & 6541 IV  
(b) Operation Order: 3-67

Task Organization: 2nd Sqd, 1st Plt, Co. D (LT. MUTER, 8 MEN)

1. SITUATION: See Ref (b).

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and also check area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner.

3. EXECUTION:a. Concept of Operation: See Operation Overlayb. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Insertion: 180900H at YC 918988 (Alt. YC 890974)
- (2) Extraction: 230900H at YC 890974 (Alt. YC 918988)
- (3) Thrust Lines: ATL 8997 BTL 9299

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See Ref (b).5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: See Ref (b).a. SHACLED CODE (9)

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ARTY (PEA FOWL)

50.4 (AMBER)

PERSEVERE (MARINE AO)

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BALL BEARING (2/26)

37.20

MED EVAC COMM FREQ

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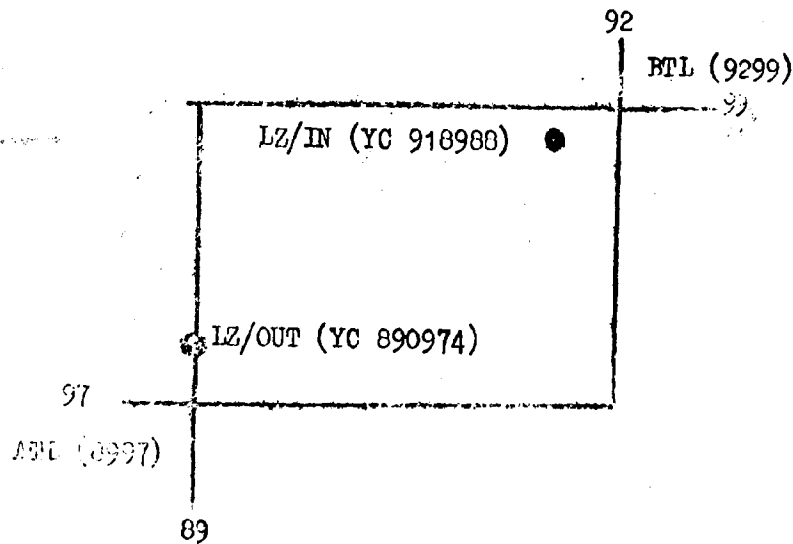
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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

3d Recon Bn S/C No. 5481-67

- a. COMPOSITION: (2) Officers, (6) Enlisted
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENT: (None)
- c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7X50's
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) Claymore Mines, (8) CS Grenades, (4) WP Rifle Grenades, (2) Gas Masks.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) M-14

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and also check area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 180900H/181815H Oct 1967

4. ROUTE AND TRAILS OBSERVED: See patrol route overlay

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 9½ hours of patrolling resulted in 1 contact with 3-5 VC/NVA. 1 VC/NVA KIA (P) and 5 USMC WIA resulted from SAF. 1 artillery mission of 2 rounds was fired in support. No visible signs of recent enemy activity were noted in this area.

## b. ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:

1. 181610H (YC 918985) After breaking brush into a small cleared area, patrol began to eat chow. Patrol was in a 2 meter diameter circle and at a 50% alert. Patrol heard nothing, saw nothing but suddenly received SA/AF from 3-5 enemy in the direction of the freshly broken trail. The distance from the patrol to the enemy was 15-20 meters. Enemy ceased fire and the distinct word "CHARGE!" was heard followed by other voices yelling. No enemy movement was noted. Enemy resumed fire. One VC/NVA stood up 10-15 meters away. Enemy was armed with an AK-47, and was wearing a white plastic jungle helmet, and a dark green utility shirt. 1 VC/NVA (p) resulted from SAF. Patrol unable to retrieve his body. 1 Artillery mission of 2 rounds was fired probably causing enemy to withdraw. No movement was noted as enemy withdrew. 5 USMC WIA (1 Serious) resulted from SAF. Medevac helo received light SAF on extract.

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TERRAIN: Rolling hills with very dense undergrowth to 8 feet high. Rate of movement is 100 meters per hour.

(1) COMMUNICATION: Good

(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCE: Excellent during the wet season. Water is generally plentiful.

(3) TRAILS: None noted by this patrol.

(4) HLZ'S: (YC 903995) The zone in this area large enough for 20 helicopters. No obstacles in the HLZ. Best approach is from west to east. Hill 324 (YC 905975) commands the HLZ. Zone is level. This zone extends westward to route 545, which provides a natural avenue of approach.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

1. (YC 895996) Patrol heard a series of 5 rifle shots, shortly after landing. This may possibly have been a signal.

2. (YC 908993) A 6 month old base camp was discovered here. 3 decayed huts, 2 collapsed bunkers, a punji pit and a tree OP were noted here. An old southeast-northwest trail ran by this area. Several sardines were noted which had not yet rusted. A third bunker looked more recently built, maybe 1 month ago.

3. 181430H (YC 919991) A clicking sound was heard. Patrol comments that it may have been a signal made by hitting two sticks together. A very faint fish odor was also noted. The clicking was very close and distinct.

4. 181515H (YC 918987) Clicking was heard again, occurring in pairs, 7 or 8 times. Sound was close at hand and quite loud. Patrol feels this may have been a signal.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: 1 VC/NVA KIA (P)

b. FRIENDLY: 5 USMC WIA (Serious)

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Physical: fair/morale: good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Do not use the valley for inserts in this area.
2. Take a dog in this area.
3. This area may lend itself to FRU operations.

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## CONCLUSIONS:

1. Area covered by patrol reveals no visible signs of recent enemy activity, however, the contact indicated that that they are in this area

2. General Conclusions: The enemy may have a base camp somewhere in this area.

Lt. MUTER  
(D) Company

## 9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: (Concur with Patrol Leader)

a. BACKGROUND OR CHANGES IN THIS AREA: This area continues to be a source of small, violent contacts with small groups of enemy. Recent recon teams have not operated successfully in this area.

## b. PATROL OPINION OF NATURE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

1. Patrol commented on the enemy ability to move up on them without detection, however, they feel that if he had waited until dusk he could have been assured of containing the patrol throughout the night.

2. Patrol feels that the enemy observed the inset and then maneuvered to intercept patrol.

c. OTHER: Patrol employed a nylon stretcher which proved very suitable for use in this terrain/vegetation.

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 (b) Operation Order: 3-67

Task Organization: 1stSqd 2ndPlt Co A (CPL DUTRO 9 MEN)

1. SITUATION: See Ref (b)
2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and also check area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity. Make every attempt to capture prisoner.
3. EXECUTION:
  - a. Concept of Operation: See Operation Overlay
  - b. Coordinating Instructions:
    - (1) Insertion: 200800H at (YD 637225)
    - (2) Extraction: 240900H at (YD 605215)
    - (3) Thrust Lines: ATL (YD 6023) BTL (YD 6321)
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See Ref (b)
5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: See Ref (b)
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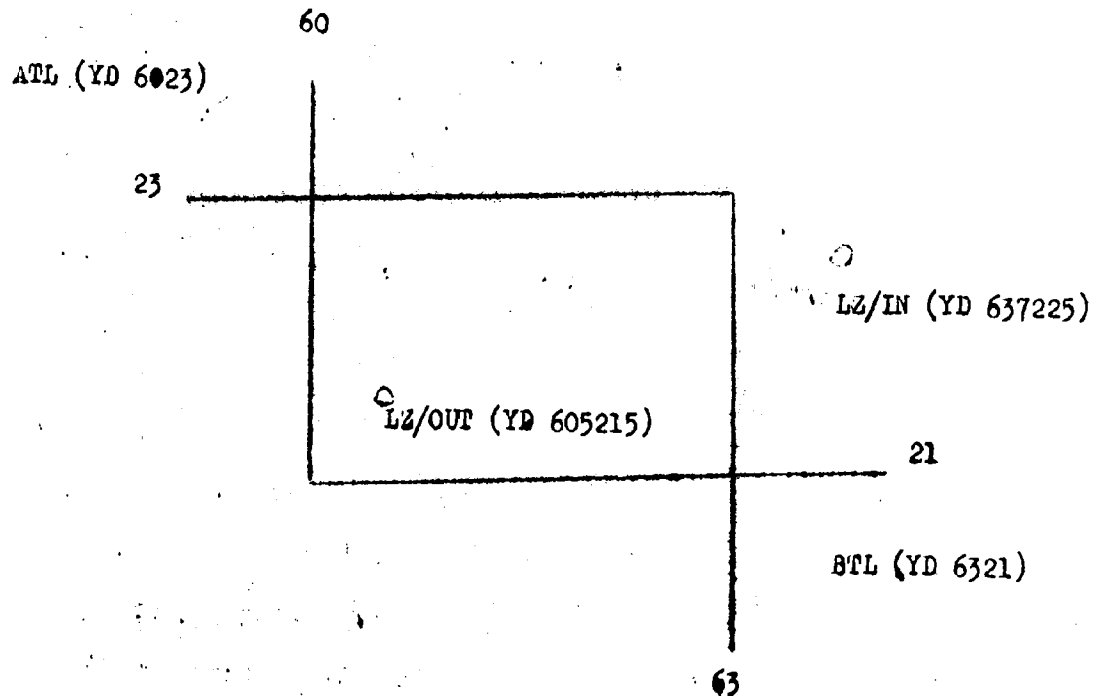
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  - b. COMMUNICATIONS:
    - (1) Call Sign

	<u>Primary Freq:</u>	<u>Alternate Freq:</u>
GALLOP BY BLUE	46.8 (WHITE)	50.4 (AMBER)
SECONDARY	50.0	
ARTY (CHERRY JAM)	46.8 (WHITE)	
PERSEVERE (MARINE AO)	41.30	
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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

3d Reconnaissance Bn 5655-67

- a. COMPOSITION: (1) Officer, (7) Enlisted, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (None)
- c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRO 25's
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7X50's, (1) 6X30's
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) Claymore Mines, (9) CS Grenades, (9) Gas Masks, (2) WP Hand Grenades, (2) Cameras, (1) Block C-4
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) M-60, (1) Shot Gun

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and also check area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity. Make every attempt to capture prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 201100H/250900H Oct 1967

4. ROUTE AND TRAILS OBSERVED: See patrol route overlay

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 98 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in 1 sighting of 6-7 lights, 3 sighting totalling 37 VC, 23 Oct 67 patrol observed people moving in groups of 2-5 people. These sighting were all day long. Artillery was fired in support, totalling 50 rounds. Area observed revealed enemy activity.

## b. ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:

(1) 211945H (YD 622235) 6-7 lights moving southeast vicinity (YD 625245). Called artillery, unable to fire because of friendly.

(2) 220830H (YD 618234) 20-25 people moving east on ridgeline approximately vicinity (YD 580270). Could not observe clothing or equipment because of range. Artillery could not fire because of friendly troop in area.

(3) 221805H (YD 618234) 6 VC moving northeast in the open. vicinity (YD 595265) wearing dark clothing, weapons could not be observed. Artillery could not fire because of friendlies in the area.

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(4) 230850H (YD 613234) 7 VC dressed in black PJ's, 2 unknown type of weapons were observed, moving south along a tree line vicinity (YD 603240). Artillery fired 20 rounds resulted in 3 rounds on target, could not determine damage.

(5) 239000H-231830H (YD 613234) Patrol observed heavy activity all around vicinity (YD 595265). People were moving in group of 2-5 from one tree line to another. About 1500H patrol observed about 30 artillery round hit west side of tree line. No activity was observed.

c. TERRAIN: Low scrub brush up to 3-4 feet. Mostly 2 feet high. Rate of movement is unrestricted.

(1) COMMUNICATION: Good

(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCE: None on ridgeline. Plenty in the valley.

(3) TRAILS: Most of the trails are on the map.

(4) HLZ'S: Ridgeline (YD 607235)-(YD 628223) can land a CH-46 any place on ridgeline. Burnt off area, scrub brush about 2 feet high. Can be approached from any direction.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) (YD 628223) 10-12 fighting holes were observed, 2 feet deep, 3 feet square. C-rations can all over the area. Holes about 2 months old.

(2) (YD 633234) 8 fighting holes same as above.

(3) (YD 618234) 2 fires that had been covered up about 1 month old. 5 packet of rice in plastic bags (VC long range).

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: (None)

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Physical: good/morale: good

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS: Continue to observe area.

CONCLUSIONS: Area covered by patrol revealed enemy activity.

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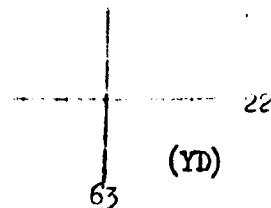
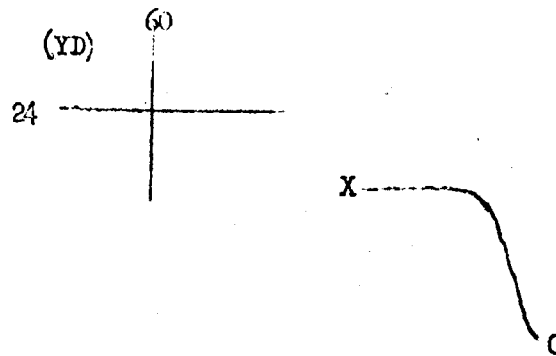
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: (None)

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Task Organization: 1st Sqd, 2nd Plt. Co. "D" (SGT POOL, 8 MEN)

1. SITUATION: See Ref (b).

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and also check area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner.

3. EXECUTION:a. Concept of Operation: See Operation Overlay.b. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Insertion: 250800H at (YD 637187) (Alt. YD 634193)
- (2) Extraction: 290900H at (YD 634193) (Alt. YD 637187)
- (3) Thrust Lines: ATL (6118) BTL (6420)

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See Ref (b).5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: See Ref (b).a. SHACKLE: CODE (4)

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b. COMMUNICATIONS:

(1) <u>Call Sign</u> :	<u>Primary Freq</u> :	<u>Alternate Freq</u>
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SECONDARY	50.9	
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PERSEVERE (MARINE AO)	41.30	
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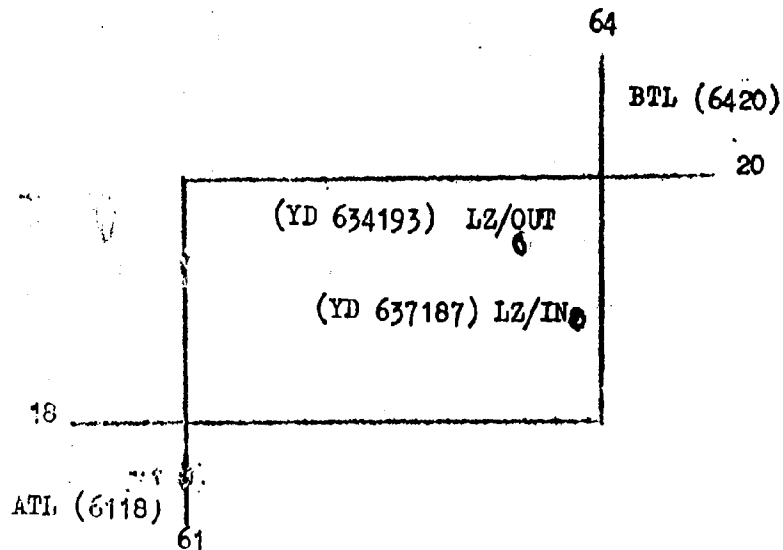
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## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

3d Recon Bn S/C No.

- a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enlisted, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (None)
- c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7X50's
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) Claymore Mines, (8) CS Grenades,  
 (2) WP Rifle Grenades, (8) Gas Masks, (1) WP Hand Grenades
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 (1) M-14

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and also check area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 250900H/271645H Oct 1967

4. ROUTE AND TRAILS OBSERVED: See patrol route overlay

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 55 Hours of reconnaissance resulted in one contact with 5-8 VC (possibly Main Force). The VC suffered 2 VC KIA (C) and 3 VC WIA (C). One USMC received minor wound from a US Grenade thrown by a VC. Patrol discovered a total of 5 incomplete hooches dug in separate trenches. One flashlight sighting was made and rifle shots were heard on several occasions. One 50 cal MG fire was heard and numerous trails networks were found. Area reveals extensive new enemy build up.

## b. ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:

1. 271515H (YD 625193) Patrol heard chopping of wood approximately 100 meters to the southeast. Patrol went to check this noise and came upon a trail that was been cut within 2 days. They followed this trail for about 20 meters more and discovered a thatched hooch inside a trench about 8 feet wide, 10 feet long and 4 feet deep. This was approximately 75 meters from the above coordinates to the southeast. The hooch was on the side of the hill and could not be seen from the air. (See Sketch). Inside the hooch, the patrol discovered 6 rectangular 2 foot long, 1 foot wide and 2 feet high possibly Chinese ammo cans, about 10 US M-14 ammo cans and vats 4 feet high and 3 feet in diameter. All of these containers were filled with rice. A total of 5 of these hooches were seen in these

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general area. This hooch was in the eastern slope of the hill. Patrol then heard about 30 to 35 VC talking and laughing below them to the southeast. Patrol started to move up the hill and discovered incomplete new punji pits about 15 meters apart. These punji pits were throughout this area where the hooches were. Patrol kept moving up the hill and from another of the hooches they heard voices and they heard a rifle bolt going closed from inside of the hooch. Patrol went for a closer look and saw a VC come out of the hooch and look around. He seemed to have noticed the patrol and was shot (1 VC KIA (C)). 4 other VC started to come out of the hooch and the first VC dressed in gray uniform throw a US grenade at the team (1 USMC WIA minor) and was trying to throw another one when he was killed. The other VC's were hit but managed to run down a trail to the east and dissapeare. Patrol broke contact and moved to their original position vicinity (YD 625193). VC could be heard following the team and reached their extract point at 1545H and called artillery, AO and med-evac. Team was extracted at 271645H. Helos did not receive fire.

c. TERRAIN: Is very hilly with thick vegetation and vines with some elephant grass in spots. There is canopy ranging from 7 feet to 20 feet high. Rate of movement approximately 200 meter per hour.

(1) COMMUNICATIONS: Was poor because another station on Freq. 47.20 started using the same frequency from 260900H until extraction.

(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCE: Plenty of water, because most of the draws form small streams at this time of the year.

(3) TRAILS:

a. There are numerous trails on hill vicinity (YD 604194) running mostly southwest and northeast along the ridgeline. These trails are about 1-2 meters wide and approximately 2 months old.

b. (YD 610194) Fairly well used trail running northwest and southeast about 2 meters wide.

c. (YD 625194) Numerous trails about a meter wide. Movement is slow because of the debris caused by shell holes.

(4) HLZ'S: a. (YD 625193) Can hold a UH-34. It is about 25 meters square with burnt out trees on it which might hamper the landing. The LZ is surrounded by thick vegetation and a tree line with canopy up to 15 feet high and it is on a slope to the north. Helos have to make a vertical landing. Best approach is from the north to the south. Was used 171645H for an Med-Evac and emergency extraction of team.

(b) (YD 604194) Good HLZ can hold 3 UH-34's. It is on top of the hill which has knee high scrub brush, flat area with no obstacles. Best approach is from the north. Used for insertion 250900H Oct 67.

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## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 250930H (YD 606194) Patrol heard one shot to the north also heard what sounded like drum beat. Range could not be determined.

(2) 252030H (YD 606194) Patrol observed what seemed like a flashligh 300-400 meters to the northwest vicinity (YD 611194).

(3) 260830H (YD 611194) Patrol heard drum beat approximately 400-500 meters to the northeast.

(4) 270230H (YD 618195) Patrol heard what sounded like a 50 cal. MG fire approximately 500-700 meters to the northeast. It had a slow rate of fire and a hollow sound.

## 6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: 2 VC KIA (C), 3 WIA (C) by recon

b. FRIENDLY: 1 WIA (Minor)

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Physical: Good/Morale: Excellent

## 8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) Continue surveillance of area

(2) Conduct H & I's on this area

(3) Bomb the area.

CONCLUSIONS: This area reveals heavy new build up, VC activity of well dug base camp.

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## 9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:

(a). BACKGROUND OR CHANGES IN THIS AREA: (See OpOrd 403-67 201 4-6 Oct 67) Patrol was extracted early. Patrol made contact and discovered the following.

1. Patrol reported 50 cal. MG fire being directed at extraction helo from vicinity (YD 618202). HMG was under heavy canopy and no fixed position was seen.

2. PATROL discovered what appeared to be a 10x10x4 feet log and dirt bunker vicinity (YD 626197). Bunkers position dominated a likely HLZ.

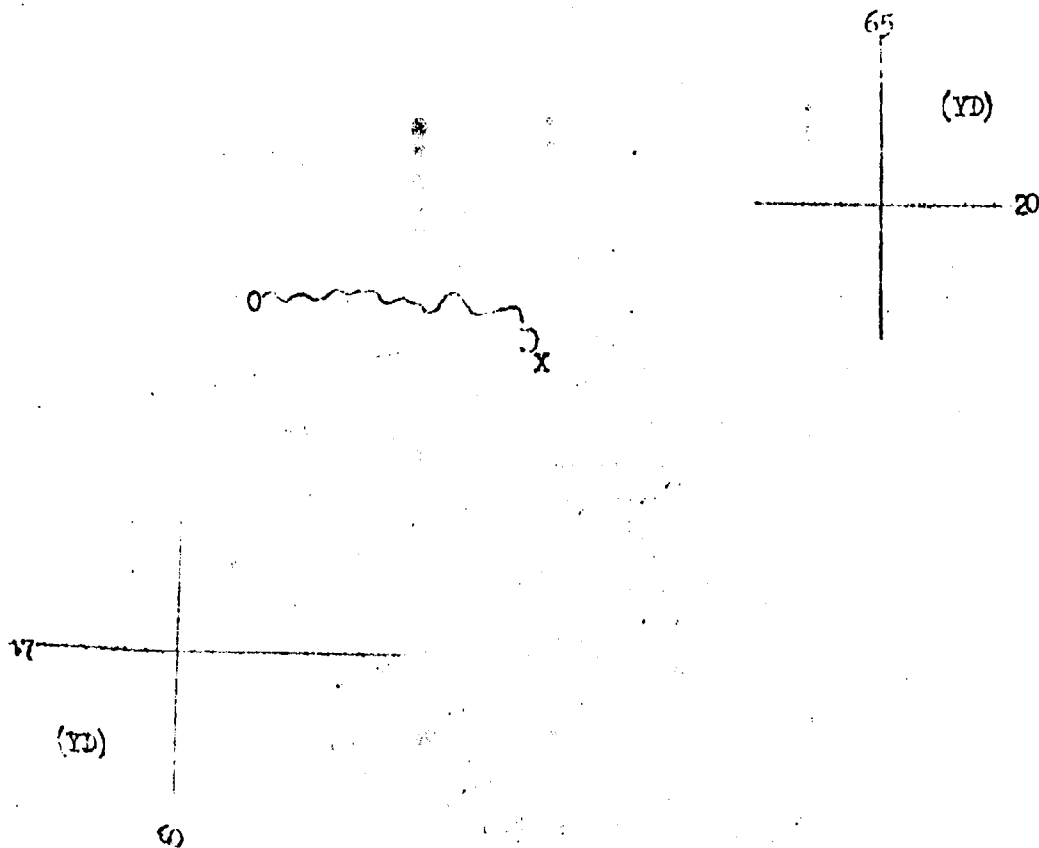
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(a) Division comments that patrol probably made contact with elements of the 880th MB BN. This unit Hqtrs was located in this general area.

(b) PATROL OPINION OF NATURE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY: Patrol believes that this new incomplete base camp probably is being build to be used as a transit area for VC going to the hills into the valley.

(c) OTHER: Because of the gray uniform seen, this VC could belong to a main force Vietcong Battalion.



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X = EXTRACTION  
— = PATROL ROUTE

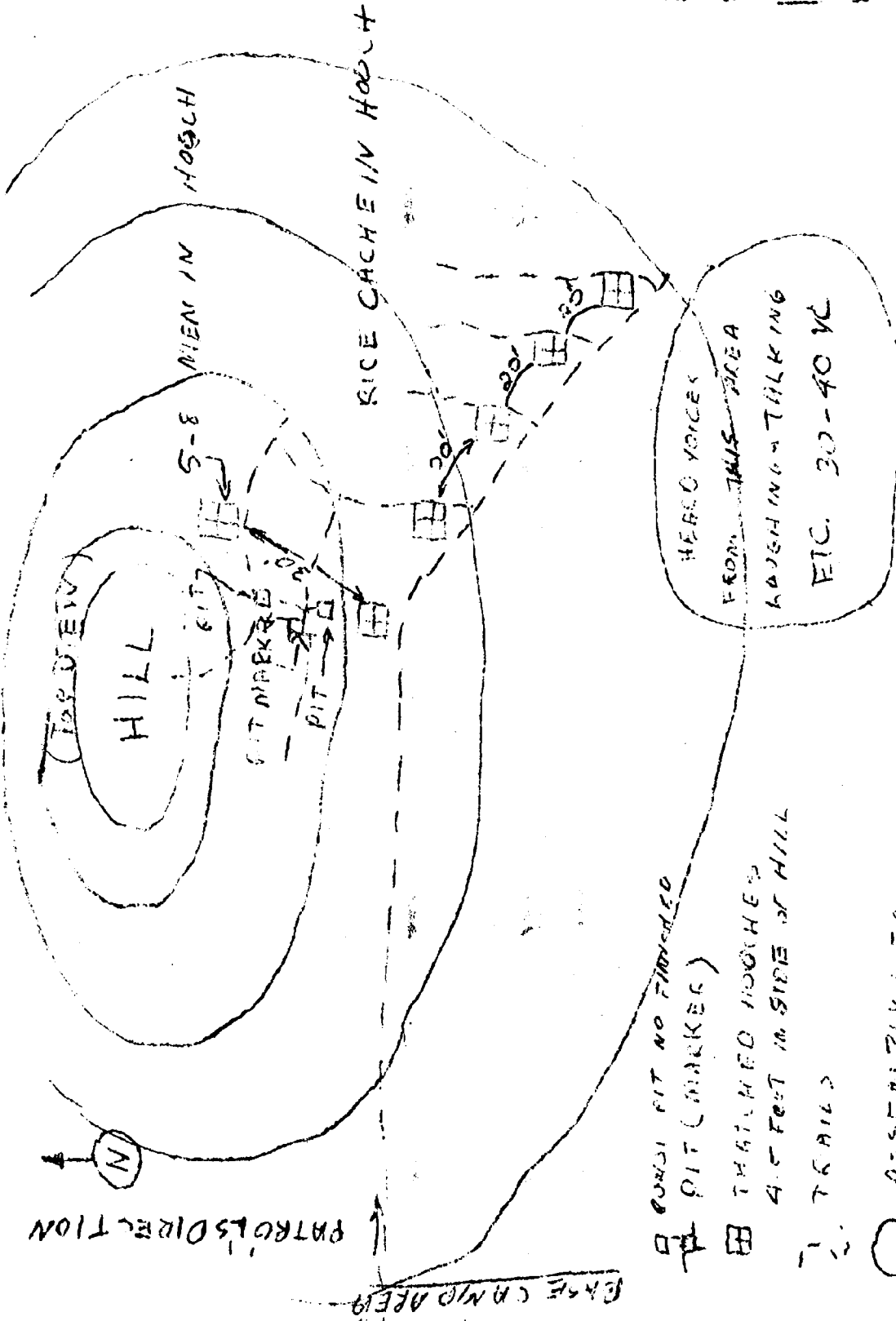
PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

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PATROL DIRECTION

BASE CAMP AREA

PIT NO FINDER  
PIT (MARKER)

THAT HED HOUGHES  
45 FEET INSIDE OF HILL

TRAIL

ASSEMBLY AREA

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HERO VOICES

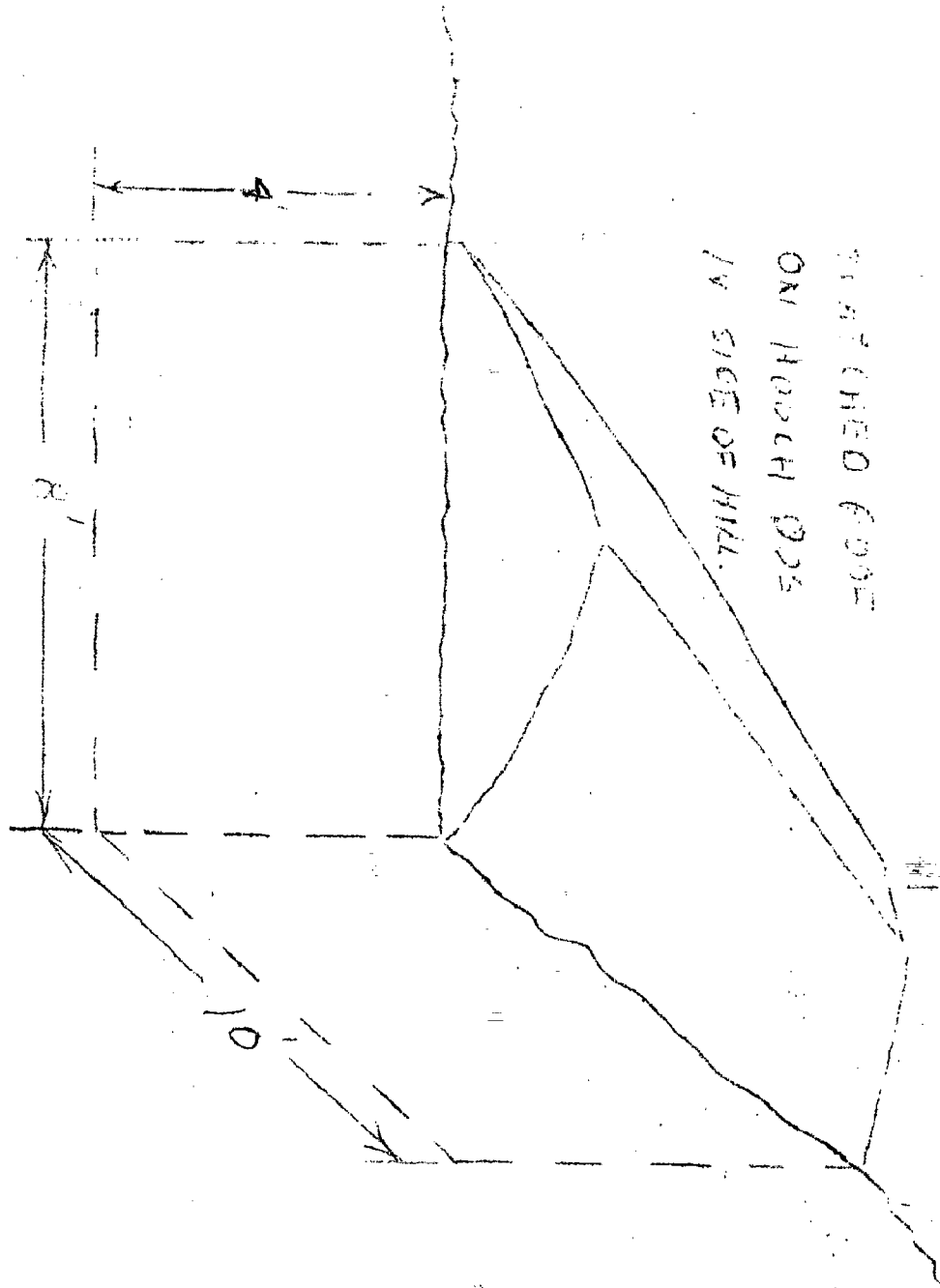
FROM THIS AREA

LAUGHING TALKING

ETC. 30-40 VC

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550 RLS  
30 KIA (C)  
20 KIA (P)  
25 WIA (C)

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ZEN/TWELFTH MARINES

FIRST MARINES

ZEN/THIRD BN THIRD MARINES

SECOND BN FIRST MARINES

ZEN/SECOND BN NINTY FOURTH ARTILLERY

ZEN/EIGHTH BN FOURTIETH ARTILLERY

ZEN/FIRST BN FOURTIETH ARTILLERY

THIRD RECON BN

TWENTY SIX MARINES

ZEN/MAG SIXTEEN FWD

ZEN/FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINES

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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 101, THIRD RECON BN, "C" COMPANY FOLLOWS:

OPERATIONAL ORDER NUMBER: 543-67 (SGT. CHANEY)

A. MAP SHEET: 1:50,000, AMS SERIES L-7014, SHEET 6342 I

(1) DEBRIEFER: LT. . . F. RHODES, DATE: 31 OCTOBER 1967

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (8) ENLISTED

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE

C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25'S

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) 7X50, (1) STARLITE SCOPE

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CLAYMORE MINES, (6) WP RIFLE GRENADES, (4)

WP HAND GRENADES, (8) GAS MASKS, (6) CS GRENADES

F. SPECIAL SEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 65 ROUNDS, (2) 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. PATROL WILL NOT BE EXTRACTED UNTIL RZ IS COVERED.

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TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 040000Z/01-4415H (0 018593)

WEL HELD IN AND OUT.

ROUTE: INSERT PT WEST TO EXTRACT PT.

DESCRIPTION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

REMARKS: 43 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE RESULTED IN  
 WITH APPROXIMATELY 100 ENEMY. A TOTAL OF 550 ROUNDS OF  
 FIRE FIRED WITH 34 KIA (C) AND 120 KIA (P) AND 25 MIA (C).

EVENTS:

020045H (YC 041585) PATROL OBSERVED 8-10 LIGHTS MOVING

WEST, CALLED ARTILLERY MISSION OF 32 ROUNDS. LIGHTS WENT OUT.

020730H (YC 030535) PATROL HEARD 20 ROUNDS OF

FIRE. COULD NOT PINPOINT. NO ACTION TAKEN.

021045H (YC 052647) PATROL OBSERVED THREE ENEMY SITTING IN TREE  
 WITH AN OBJECT WRAPPED IN PONCHO. UNABLE TO IDENTIFY OBJECT.

031440H (YC 035555) PATROL OBSERVED H&amp;I'S IN TRAILLINE, AS

FIRE STOPPED PATROL HEARD SAF. CALLED IN FIRE MISSION OF  
 ROUNDS WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.031600H (YC 038411) OBSERVED ONE MAN IN BLACK P.'S. PULLING  
 SOMETHING THROUGH ELEPHANT GRASS.031845H (YC 021598) PATROL HEARD VOICES OF PEOPLE MOVING  
 TOWARD TOP OF MOUNTAIN. BEGAN ADJUSTING FROM ON CALLS.

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OBSERVED ABOUT 15 PEOPLE APPROX. 30 METERS FROM POSITION. FIRED ON CALL

THROUGH STANLITE SCOPE, 25 DEAD AND NUMEROUS

OTHERS CARRYING DEAD, AND WOUNDED, BACK DOWN. AS FIRE MISSIONS

FIRED, HEARD MOANING AND SCREAMING AND 12 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.

OBSERVED THREE MEN STANDING, KILLED SAME WITH M-79.

ENEMY BEGAN PROBING POSITION, WITH ROCKS AND CANS TALKING, AND

FLASHING LITES. KEPT ON CALLS IN FIRE FOR EFFECT. BOTH ON CALLS VERY

EFFECTIVE. DUE TO FOG COULDN'T SEE SPOTLIGHT FROM CAMP

ROLL. SPOOKY CAME IN BUT COULDN'T SPOT PATROLS POSITION.

FIRE BEGAN TO LIFT. ON CALLS STILL BEING FIRED.

PATROL RECEIVED SAF FROM 350 DEGREES AROUND THEIR POSITION.

FIRE SHIP AND SPOOKY, GUN SHIPS AND FIXED WING CALLED IN AGAIN.

SPOTLIGHTS WERE ADJUSTED AND GAVE EXCELLENT COVERAGE. SPOOKY FIRED 350 DEGREE

AROUND PATROLS POSITION. LITES CAME ON FROM

ENEMY POSITION. NO ROUNDS RECEIVED FROM WEST SIDE.

GUNSHIPS PLUS 34'S CALLED IN AND EXTRACTED PATROL.

TERRAIN: STEEP MOUNTAINOUS AREA. EXTREMELY TORN

UP FROM AIRSTRIKES. AT BASE OF MOUNTAIN NUMEROUS STREAMS

FLOWING HIGH UP. COMM FAIR TO GOOD. RATE OF MOVEMENT

100-150 METERS PER HOUR.

OTHER INFORMATION:

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291330 H / 301400 H October. A patrol operating in the vicinity of XD 805460 conducted 24 1/2 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in contact with 20-25 NVA. SAF was initiated by the patrol resulting ~~with~~<sup>in</sup> 4 Enemy KIA (C) and 5 Enemy KIA (P). Contact was broken and team continued movement to south. Team then noted movement to their East, West, and North at which time they set up a defense within a bomb crater. Fire fight ensued with estimated 45-50 Enemy. SAF and grenades were exchanged. Artillery and AIR STRIKE requested. When Air Arrived enemy broke contact. Enemy wore Khaki's and helmets and appeared well disciplined. Team extracted.

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 THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST BN TWENTY SIXTH MARINES  
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A. MAP SHEET 6342 III, SERIES L-7014, 1:50,000

(1) DEBRIEFER: LOPL W.A. MALLARD

(2) REVIEWED BY: LT. J.P. SCOTT

(3) DEBRIEF OF RECON TEAM 4 B1, B CO, THIRD RECON, 301400H OCT 67.

1. TEAM WAS INSERTED FROM HILL 861 (XD 803443) ON 291330H OCT.

2. TEAM MOVED TO XD 807446 AT 291430H WHERE PATROL MEMBER  
 TURNED HIS ANKLE. MAN WAS MED-EVAC AT 291530H OCT. TEAM THEN  
 MOVED TO XD 805460 WHERE TEAM HEARD VOICES TO THEIR NORTH (291715H).  
 TWO PATROL MEMBERS MOVED AHEAD TO CHECK AREA AND OBS 20-25 NVA  
 15 METERS IN FRONT OF PATROL MOVING SOUTH. TEAM INITIATED SAF  
 RESULTING IN 4 ENEMY KIA (C) AND 5 ENEMY KIA (P). ENEMY RETURNED

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SAF. TEAM MOVED SOUTH AND ESTD A 60 DEGREE PERIMETER IN A BOMB  
 WATER. MOVEMENT WAS THEN HEARD TO THE EAST, WEST AND NORTH  
 MOVING TOWARDS TEAM. TEAM THREW CS, M-26'S AND FIRED SAF. TEAM  
 CONTINUED TO RECEIVE SAF AND RECEIVED 2 GRENADES. TEAM THEN

Directed Artillery Fire and requested Air strikes.

WHEN AIR ARRIVED ON POSITION THE ENEMY BEGAN MOVING NORTH AND  
 FLYING CEASED. CONTACT WAS MADE WITH AN ESTIMATE 45-50 ENEMY.  
 THE MAJORITY OF THE ENEMY WORE CAMOUFLAGE UTILITIES, BUSH HATS AND  
 CARRIED AK-47'S. A SMALL PORTION OF THE ENEMY WORE KHAKIES AND  
 HELMETS. ENEMY WEARING KHAKIES WERE DISPERSED AMONG THE GROUP OBS.  
 NONE WERE CLOSE TOGETHER. NO PACKS WERE OBS ON ANY OF THE ENEMY.  
 ENEMY'S UNIFORMS WERE CLEAN AND APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION,  
 AND THEIR BATTLE COORDINATION WAS ORGANIZED.

3. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

(A) FRIENDLY: NO CASUALTIES.

(B) ENEMY:

(1) FIXED WING RESULTED IN 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.

(2) AH-1E STRIKES RESULTED IN 3 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.

(3) REACTION FORCE FIRED M-79 RESULTING IN 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION.

(4) TEAM FIRED M-79 RESULTING IN 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION.

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(5) UPON INITIAL CONTACT TEAM INFLICTED 4 ENEMY KIA (C) AND 5 ENEMY  
 KIA (P) WITH SAF.

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 20 KIA(P)  
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 291420H SEPT 1967

Operation Order: 399 490-67

Ref: (a) Maps: VIET NAM, 1:50,000 Map Sheet 6441 I  
 (b) Operation Order: 3-67

Task Organization: 2ndSqd 3rdPlt Co C (CPL WINSTEL 8 MEN)

1. SITUATION: See Ref (b)

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and also check area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner. CP from HILL 359. Note craters from TPQ STRIKES.

3. EXECUTION:a. Concept of Operation: See Operation Overlayb. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Insertion: 300800H at YD 578205 (FLIP FLOP)

(2) Extraction: 040900H at YD 570217

(3) Thrust Lines: GTL 5723 HTL 5920

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See Ref (b)5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: See Ref (b)a. SHACKLE: CODE (3)

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b. COMMUNICATIONS:(1) Call Sign:Primary Freq:Alternate Freq:

ANIMAL TRADER

47.2 (GREEN)

46.8 (WHITE)

SECONDARY

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ARTY (CHERRY JAM)

47.2 (GREEN)

PARSEVRE (MARINE AO)

41.30

BALL BEARING (2/26)

37.20

MFD BVAC COMM FREQ

45.7 (VERMILLION ALPHA)

DEAD AIM (4th MARINES)

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TRAIL (AF AO)

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MEEK JANE (1/4)

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CAT KILLER (ARMY AO)

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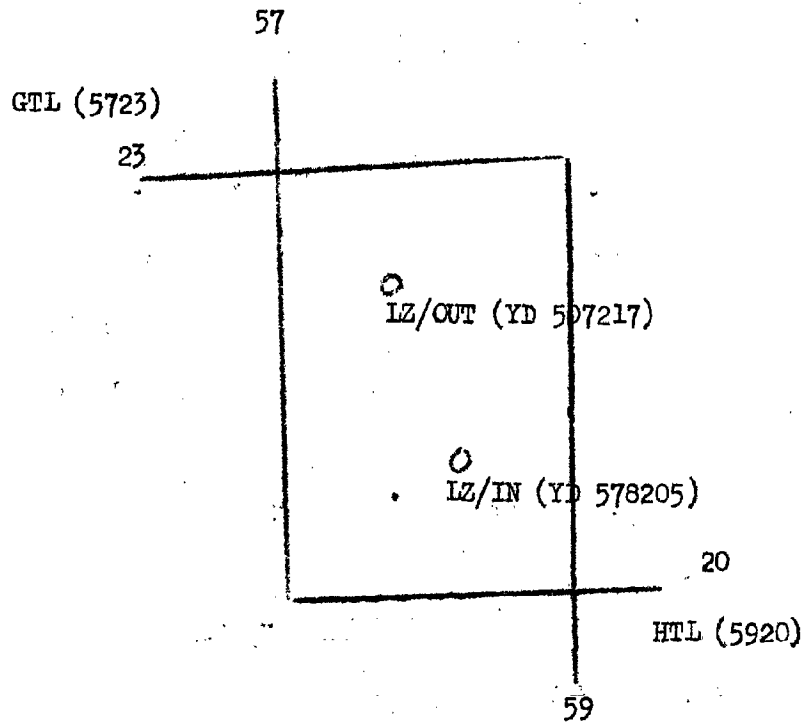
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 042000H Oct 1967

PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

3d Recon Bn S/C No. 5 1 5 9 - 67

- a. COMPOSITION: (8) Enlisted, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (None)
- c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) 7x50's
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) Claymore Mines, (2) CS Grenades, (9) Gas Masks, (9) WP Grenades.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) Shot Gun, (1) M-14

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by NVA/VC and also check area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner by ambush.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 300915H Sept 67/04515H Oct 67

4. ROUTE AND TRAILS OBSERVED: See patrol route overlay

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 103 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in one sighting of a sampan and 22 VC in the Song Bo River Vic (YD584197). No contacts were made. Approx 200 rounds of artillery resulted in one sampan damaged and 20 VC KIA(P).

## b. ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:

(1) 010745H Oct 67. Patrol at vic (YD 578205) observed two VC moving north in a large sampan in the Song Bo River. VC wore black clothing. Arty fire resulted in one damaged sampan and 20 VC KIA(P). Later two VC were observed pulling half a sampan on the river bank. Artillery fired approx 200 rounds with good coverage.

c. TERRAIN: High hills and shrub brush with a canopy of about 10ft. Rate of movement is about 400 meters per hour.

- (1) COMMUNICATIONS: Poor in wet weather.
- (2) NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Plentiful
- (3) TRAILS: None

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(4) HLZ's: None

d. OTHER INFORMATION: None

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 20 KIA(P) By Arty

7. CONDITIONS OF PATROL: Physical: Good/moral: fair

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS: Keep surveillance of this area.

CONCLUSIONS: Area covered by patrol reveals some enemy activity.

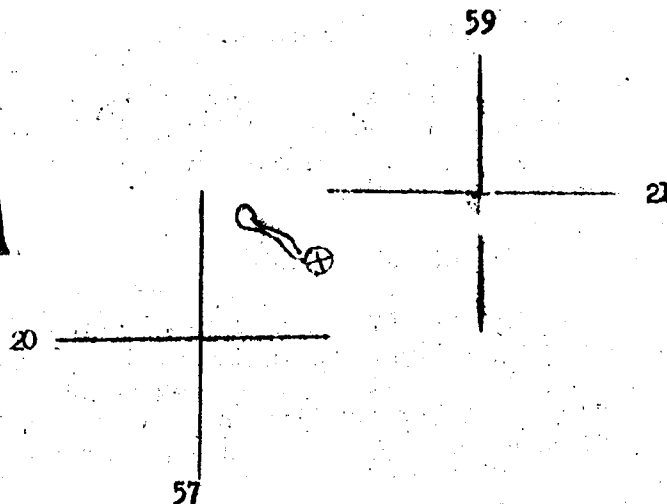
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with Patrol Leader.

PATROL OPINION OF NATURE AND ENEMY ACTIVITY: Patrol feels that the river is being used as shuddle route for the VC and this point is the geathering site.

OTHER: 301730H Patrol reported that an AO had spotted 2 VC in a Sampan Vio (YD 573185) moving north. Artillery fired with unknown results. Patrol heard the AO taking fire from the same direction.

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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

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Operation Order: 418-67

Ref: (a) Maps: VIET NAM, 1:50,000 Map Sheet 6541 I  
(b) Operation Order: 3-67

Task Organization: 2nd Sqd 1st Plt Co A (GPL DIDONNA 8 MEN)

1. SITUATION: See Ref (b)

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and also check area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner.

3. EXECUTION:a. Concept of Operation: See Operation Overlayb. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Insertion: 100800H at (VIC CAC HOTEL 2 TRUCK/FOOT)

(2) Extraction: 150900H at (YD 955012)

(3) Thrust Lines: ATL(9302) BTL(9600)

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See Ref (b)5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: See Ref (b)a. SIACILE: CODE (g)

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b. COMMUNICATIONS:(1) Call Sign:Primary Freq:Alternate Freq:

MIDNIGHT SHIFT

46.8 (WHITE)

47.2 (GREEN)

SECONDARY

50.0

ARTY (PEA FOWL)

46.8 (WHITE)

PERSEVERE (MARINE AO)

41.30

BALL BEARING (2/26)

37.20

MOD EVAC COMM FREQ

45.7 (VERMILLION ALPHA)

TRAIL (AF AO)

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MEER JANE (1/4)

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CAT KILLER (ARMY) (AO)

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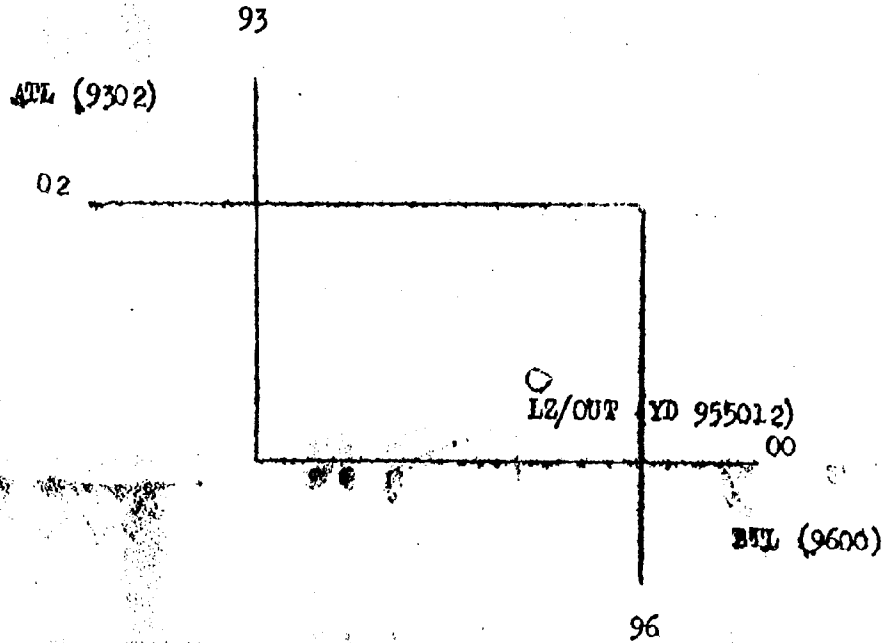
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101400 H - 111000 H October. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD 958042 conducted reconnaissance and surveillance totaling 20 hrs. Patrol during this short period encountered many sightings of moderate/heavy movement of both armed enemy and possible conscript civilians.

As many as 25 enemy were encountered at one time; enemy included women who were armed and carried other military equipment. Just prior to extraction patrol felt it was being surrounded by a force of 100 enemy. Fire was directed at patrol which was subsequently extracted.

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Operation Order: 418-67  
 Patrol: (2) Sgt. (1) Plt. (A) Co.  
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 120130H Oct 1967

PATROL REPORT

Schedule En. S/C No.

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

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- a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enlisted, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (1) KIT CARSON SCOUT
- c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7X50's
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) Claymore Mines, (9) CS Grenades, (9) Gas Masks, (2) WP Hand Grenades, (2) Cameras
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) M-60,

2. Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and also check area for use as VC base area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as forward observers for artillery on targets of opportunity. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 101400H/ 111000H Oct 1967

4. ROUTE AND TRAILS OBSERVED: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: See 5.b. 1, 2, 3

b. ENEMY SIGHTING AND CONTACTS:

1. 111600H (YD 958042) About 12 water buffalo were seen by patrol at this location. 1 Vietnamese boy about 15 years old was driving the buffalo south toward patrols position. Boy and buffalo approached to within 50 meters of patrol. When he saw a patrol member he turned about and drove the animals back north. Patrol leader and Kit Carson Scout recognized the boy as one of the VC suspects captured in this area several weeks ago by a recon patrol. Observation previously was that the boy and buffalo were sentinels for the VC.

2. 111800H (YD 953027) One woodcutter with 2 wood bundles and two other men carrying rifles were seen 500 meters west of patrols position. Enemy was dressed in black pants and white shirts. Enemy were moving northeast on a trail down a ridge. Enemy seemed unsuspecting, as though they traveled this route many times. Behind this group came 15-20 more enemy wearing mixed clothing and mixed covers.

The enemy carried only carbines and no other equipment. This group followed the first by 50 meters and they walked in random fashion, some in column, some side by side. Enemy was casually chatting. The enemy followed main trail in the valley and disappeared from view. 111830H At this time the patrol noted a second group of enemy approaching 100 meters to the southwest and moving northeast toward patrol location. A 3 man point, in a wedge formation, moved cautiously with AK-47's in a ready position. They were moderately loaded with light packs, linked ammo, cartridge belts. 30 meters behind this group was a group of 25 moving in random fashion only several meters apart or side by side. These enemy were very heavily loaded with haversacks, linked ammo, cartridge belts, canteens, 3 LMG's (Browning), 5-60MM mortars, 3 M-79's, possible demolitions, ponchos, AK 47's and a possible Bangalore torpedo. The enemy wore mixed uniforms, mostly camouflage types, and only several covers which appeared to be grey NVA helmets. This group was talking and noisy. 5 VN women accompanied this group were intermingled with the men. They wore black PJ's and camouflaged scarves. They were carrying the same equipment as the men. The Kit Carson Scout overheard the conversation and said the enemy talked of going into the village THON NAM PHO CAN (YD 957043) every evening near dusk and returning at 2 AM but this evening they were to return at 4 AM. They went to the village for food. The enemy were large in stature and appeared to be well fed. This group disappeared from view to the north. This group all passed within 3 meters of the nearest patrol member and it was described by the Kit Carson Scout as being NVA.

3. 111930H (YD 953027) Patrol heard movement in the brush 50 meters north of their location. The movement approached southward and fanned out to a U-shape. At the same time movement was heard 80 meters south of their position. Patrol estimates 100 people approached their location. 5 M-79 rounds walked toward patrol location. Rounds were fired from the north. Movement continued to close in on patrol. Spooky arrived on station but did not fire. AO arrived on station. Fixed wing arrived but dropped no ordnance. Extract helos arrived and under illumination made approach to patrol HLZ. Helos took light SAF and M-79 rounds on extract. SAF came from (YD 928022) and ZD 007016)

c. TERRAIN: SONG TRUOI VALLEY has gentle slopes and vegetation in general is low grass or scrub growth offering little concealment.

1. COMMUNICATION: Patrol had difficulty transmitting to SANTA ANA Relay on 46.8 MHz during morning and after noon of 11 Oct. When the fixed wing arrived on station the patrol experienced difficulty in communication. Transmissions were being "keyed out". At one point the fixed wing called Midnight Shift, patrol's call sign, and a woman's voice speaking in good English but a sight didn't answered. "This is Midnight Shift, over" This also occurred on 46.8 MHz.

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2. NATURAL WATER SOURCE: The SONG TRUOI flow strongly and cannot be crossed easily at this time.

3. TRAILS: Trail shown on the overlay is about 2 feet wide and has been recently and heavily used. This trail runs north-east-southwest. Trail was heavily used in both directions. Prints in the mud were boot prints (ARVN type), sandals, and bare foot.

4. HLZ'S: This entire valley is a large HLZ.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: (None)

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: (None)

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Physical: good/morale: good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) Targets for Air/Artillery.

a. (YD 966032) Location for a harbor site or ambush location.

b. (YD 929013) Patrol feels this is an excellent OP and possible radio location.

c. (YD 959003) This is the area from which the enemy appeared to come from.

d. (YD 933035) Good ambush site and location of possible Harbor/base area.

(2) There seems to be a significant map error in this map.

CONCLUSIONS:

(1) Area covered by patrol reveals: nightly usage of the area by NVA moving into villages from the mountains for food and supplies.

(2) General Conclusions:

1. There is at least a company of VC/NVA operating in the SONG TRUOI VALLEY.

2. The enemy in this area are well equipped but may be suffering food shortages in their base area.

3. The enemy has radio jamming capability and English speaking personnel in use.

4. The enemy was reluctant to engage the helicopters or the patrol even though he was heavily armed and equipped.

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5. Patrol leader that the enemy may have mistaken them for NVA until they found US boot prints on the trail after passing the patrol.

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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: (Concur with Patrol Leader)

a. BACKGROUND OR CHANGES IN THIS AREA: the quality of enemy equipment in this area has increased.

b. PATROL OPINION OF NATURE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

1. The enemy is well trained and equipped.
2. He seemed confident and secure in this valley.
3. As has been noticed before, the enemy employs 15-20 persons to precede the main body which is the experienced and well equipped.
4. The patrol noted no rear point.

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LEGEND

O = INSERTION  
X = EXTRACTION  
—— = PATROL ROUTE  
--- = TRAIL

PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

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