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3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3D)
Via: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF, (Attn: ACoFS, ...)
Commanding General, 3d Marine Amphibious Force
Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 February 1960 to 29 February 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMF PACO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.1A

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

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

3d Reconnaissance Battalion

COMMANDERLt. Col. W. D. KENT
10 Nov 67-29 Feb 68SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

Capt. D. E. SEVERANCE 12 Sep 67-12 Feb 68
Capt. R. L. KLEIN 12 Feb 68-28 Feb 68
1st Lt. L. E. WALKER 28 Feb 68-29 Feb 68

Company A

Capt. C. R. ARIOLA 12 Sept 67-25 Feb 68
1st Lt. J. R. PETTY 25 Feb 68-29 Feb 68

Company B

Capt. P. F. REYNOLDS 14 Oct. 67-29 Feb 68

Company C

Capt. S. M. HARTNETT 26 Aug 67-29 Feb 68

Company D

Capt J. F. RHODES 3 Nov 67-19 Feb 68

Company E

1st Lt. W. G. McBRIDE JR. 19 Feb 68-29 Feb 68
Capt J. W. RAYMOND 17 Dec 67-29 Feb 68ATTACHED UNITS3d Force Reconnaissance Co. Major J. E. ANDERSON 29 Nov 67-29 Feb 68
(26 April 67-29 Feb 68)2. LOCATION

1-29 Feb QUANG TRI, RVN

H&S Company, Company A, Company B (-)

1-29 Feb DONG HA, RVN

Company C, 3d Force Recon Company

1-29 Feb KHE SANH, RVN

Company B (Rein)

1-29 Feb OKINAWA

20-29 Feb QUANG TRI, RVN

Company E

3. STAFF

Executive Officer

Major E. F. BAULCH 3 Jul 67-27 Feb 68
Major H. L. BOHR JR. 27 Feb 68-29 Feb 68

Operation Officer, S-3

Major R. R. GREGA 1 Aug 67-27 Feb 68
Capt. C. R. ARIOLA 27 Feb 68-29 Feb 68

S-2 Officer

1st Lt. J. L. ZELLERS 20 May 67-5 Feb 68
1st Lt. R. G. WALLS 5 Feb 68-29 Feb 68

Adjutant

1st Lt. K. W. CZAPOR 31 Dec 67-29 Feb 68

S-4 Officer

Capt. R. L. KLEIN 12 Dec 67-29 Feb 68

AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH (Includes 3d Reconnaissance Company)USMC
Officer
47ENLISTED
835USN
Officer 0
Enlisted 63

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Co. A During the reporting period Company A completed 25 patrols averaging 3.12 days with an average of 8.9 men per patrol. The patrols made 18 sightings for a total of 120 enemy, which resulted in 14 contacts and 18 fire missions totalling 1,263 rounds. There was a total of 7 enemy killed (C). In addition the company captured 1 POW. The company suffered 2 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIA, and 1 USN DOW.

Co. B During the reporting period Company B was assigned an additional mission of supporting the defense of the Khe Sanh Combat Base. The company operated as a reactionary force in the overall defense of the base perimeter. The company also contributed a vital support to the logistical operations of the KSCB by furnishing assistance in helping evacuate casualties, construction of bunkers and defensive positions, and handling of supplies and material. The company suffered 4 USMC WIA.

Co. C During the reporting period Company C completed 18 patrols averaging 3.3 days with an average of 8.1 men per patrol. The patrols made 13 sightings for a total of 329 enemy, which resulted in 7 contacts and 6 fire missions of 107 artillery rounds. There was a total of 7 enemy killed (C). The company suffered 10 USMC WIA and 1 USN WIA.

Co. D During the reporting period the Company conducted 34 patrols averaging 3.04 days with an average of 8 men per patrol. The patrols made 13 sightings and 2 contacts for a total of 109 enemy. The majority of these patrols were conducted in and around the Quang Tri Vital Defense Area as part of the perimeter security.

Co. E During the reporting period, 20-29 Feb 68, the company conducted 5 patrols averaging 3 days with an average of 19.3 men per patrol. Due to the movement of the company from Okinawa to Quang Tri, the company was involved with logistical tasks in getting relocated. In addition, the company helped provide security for the Quang Tri Vital Defense Area.

3d Force Recon Co. During the reporting period the company conducted 21 patrols for an average of 3.22 days with an average of 7.9 men per patrol. The patrols made 9 sightings for a total of 295 enemy. There were 5 contacts, and 6 fire missions totalling 199 rounds. 1 (one) fixed wing air strike was utilized. Enemy losses totaled 11 KIA (C). Friendly losses totaled 4 USMC KIA, 5 USMC WIA, and 1 USMC DOW. A patrol captured 1 AK-47.

H&S Co. During the reporting period the Scuba Section conducted 8 scuba missions in support of 3d Marine Division. The company also conducted two patrols in support of the Quang Tri Vital Defense Area.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- a. Combat Missions Assigned. 3d Reconnaissance Battalion and attached 3d Force Reconnaissance Company conducted reconnaissance operations, STINGRAY operations, and other operations, as directed, within the Division Area of Responsibility. (3d MarDiv LOI # 1-67)
- b. Significant Operations Conducted. Units of this Battalion have participated in Operation LANCASTER II, OSCEOLA II, KENTUCKY, SCOTLAND, NAPOLEON, and CHECKERS during the reporting period.
- c. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy. There has been 25 VC/NVA KIA (Conf), and 1 VC/NVA POW inflicted upon the enemy during this reporting period. In addition a total of 1 individual weapon was captured.
- d. Casualties Sustained. There has been 6 USMC KIA, 1 USMC DOW, 20 USMC WIA, and 0 USN KIA, 1 USN DOW and 1 USN WIA.
- e. New Techniques Employed. Scout Snipers of the 3d Marines were employed with patrols of company A in open terrain which contained numerous bunkers. Reconnaissance Patrols were constantly harrassed by small numbers of enemy troops that would fire at patrols from long range and then hide in bunkers. After air or arty was called in, usually with negative results, the enemy would come out from the bunkers and point and shout at the patrols. To counteract this and permit patrols to pass through open areas, snipers were employed with outstanding success. It is felt that snipers can be effectively employed with reconnaissance patrols when the terrain is open and lightly vegetated.
- f. Command Relations. A special intelligence study of the National Forest Reserve was prepared by the S-2 section for the Long Range Patrols of the 1st Air Cav Div. A hydrographic survey of the Song Thach Han river adjacent to the Quang Tri Defense Area was made by scuba divers of this Battalion for Quang Tri base defense.
- g. Equipment. Nothing significant to report.
- h. Logistics. Nothing significant to report.

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- i. Civic Action. All personnel joining the Battalion from CONUS are given a class in the Personal Response Program. In addition, the Division G-5 Personal Response Contact Team held a special class for members of this Battalion.
- j. Administration FMFPAC inspection team conducted a personnel administrative inspection on 18 Feb 1968. Results: satisfactory with minor discrepancies.

k. Personnel.

5 February 1968 1st Lt. R.G. WALLS assigned as Battalion S-2 vice Lt. J.L. ZELLERS (Rotated CONUS)

12 February 1968 Capt. R.L. KLEIN assigned as Commanding Officer of A-S Company vice Capt. D.E. SEVERANCE (med-evac CONUS)

19 February 1968 1st Lt. W.G. McBRIDE JR. assigned as Commanding Officer of Company D vice Capt J.F. RHODES

25 February 1968 1st Lt. J.R. PETTY assigned as Commanding Officer of Company A vice Capt. C.R. ARIOLA

27 February 1968 Maj. H.L. BOHR JR. assigned as Battalion Executive Officer vice Maj. E.F. BAULCH

27 February 1968 Capt. C.R. ARIOLA assigned as Battalion S-3 vice Maj. R.R. CRIGG

28 February 1968 1st Lt. L.E. WALKER assigned as Commanding Officer M&S Company vice Capt. R.L. KLEIN.

l. Weather. During the month of February the weather was misty and overcast with some rain which made helo insertions and extractions difficult. As a result, foot and/or vehicle methods were substituted. Fog, wet and cold weather hampered the teams reconnaissance efforts because of the limited visibility offered. Temperatures averaged around the high 60's during the day and dropped to the 50's during the evenings.

m. Fire Support. The Battalion directed 30 artillery fire missions totalling 1569 rounds.

n. Air Support. The Battalion utilized 1 fixed wing air strike on targets of opportunity. This does not include the fixed wing strikes employed for initial insertions in an unsecure zone. Helo gunships were utilized on several occasions.

o. Activation/Deactivation/Redesignations.

- (1) Company E was chopped back to 3d Recon Battalion from 9th MAB on 20 Feb 68, upon completion of six weeks training in Okinawa.
- (2) One platoon from Company D remained attached to company B (Khe Sanh) to continue the reinforcement of that unit.

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p. Training. Training is conducted on a continuous basis. Newly joined personnel are instructed via the Battalion Training and Familiarization School in all aspects peculiar to reconnaissance, weapons, demolitions, artillery, etc. An information/orientation class on Vietnam is conducted by the Division G-5. The M-16 Rifle is fam-fired and zeroed during this period.

Company Training is conducted along these same lines but on a more detailed level pursuant with the experience gained in combat.

A pre-scuba school was conducted for three days for thirteen personnel from the Battalion. Ten personnel graduated from the U.S. Navy Scuba School in the Phillipines during the reporting period.

In addition the following schools were conducted in-country: see el. here with the number given in attendance.

<u>School</u>	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Place</u>
Registered Publications School	1	Da Nang
Comm Sec/Crypto	1	Japan
Embarkation	1	Okinawa
VN Language School, (Advanced)	1	Okinawa
VN Language School, (Basic)	1	Da Nang
Admin School	4	Phu Bai
Organic Supply School	2	Da Nang

Special lectures were given by personnel from the 3d and 4th Bn.'s 12th Marines for patrol leaders and assistant patrol leaders on the use of the "Firecracker" munitions.

q. Communications. The following site was deactivated on 19 Feb 68 due to a change in AO.

NAME DESIGNATOR
Oscar Relay

GRID
YD 311548

The following sites are presently being utilized as relay sites and/or COC Rep. positions.

<u>NAME DESIGNATOR</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>UNIT/AREA</u>
1. Sierra	YD 984540	"Rock Pile"
2. Papa	YD 068548	Camp Carrol C.B.
3. Victor	YD 138650	C-2
4. Air-minded	YD 2459	Dong Ha
5. Alpha	XD 8445	Khe Sanh
6. Uniform	YD 0046	Ca Lu
7. Air-minded Rear	YD 3154	Ai Tu

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r. Intelligence Summary

Enemy activity increased greatly during the month of February as the enemy launched his Winter-Spring Campaign. During this new campaign the enemy has increased artillery attacks upon allied installations and has introduced a limited number of amphibious tanks and supporting arms for his operations. Numerous Vietnamese cities were subject to enemy raids and attacks during the Tet Holiday period, the most significant being in the city of Hue. The enemy appears to have sustained large personnel losses as a result of encounters with allied forces during the month.

The largest concentration of enemy activity continues to be in the Khe Sanh Area. Due to extensive enemy activity in the area, no reconnaissance patrols were conducted during the month in the Khe Sanh area. Enemy activity in the Camp Carroll-Thon Son Lam area appears to be small unit probing of friendly positions. To the north of Route Nine, the enemy appears to be concentrated on the Dong Ha-Dong Ma ridgeline. Enemy activity to the west of Ca Lu and west of the Route Nine between Ca Lu and the Thon Son Lam appears to be increasing. Very heavy enemy movement has been noted to the south of Cam Lo and to the east of D-5 throughout the entire month. The enemy continues to infiltrate across the DMZ in the area of Con Thien, A-3, and Gio Linh. Heavy movement has been observed all along the coast; especially to the north and south of the Cua Viet River. The enemy appears to be very intent in his attempts to interdict the river. Quang Tri city remains a primary target for the enemy attacks.

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8. SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

291500H/011100H Feb. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD1165 conducted 68 hours of reconnaissance resulting in 6 sightings totalling approximately 50 enemy of which 3 were contacts. The patrol called an artillery mission when they were discovered in their harbor-site by the enemy. Results were undetermined. Patrol had one minor WIA.

311600H/020930H Feb. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD 1656 conducted 43 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance. The patrol observed an estimated 100-125 VC/NVA moving on a trail. The enemy appeared heavily armed and carried heavy packs. The patrol called an artillery mission with good coverage. Results were unknown. The patrol continued mission.

301700H Jan./021030H Feb. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD2753 conducted 65 1/2 hours of reconnaissance resulting in 13 sightings totalling 75 enemy of which there were 7 contacts resulting in 1 NVA POW. The patrol also discovered 2 bunker complexes. No friendly casualties were sustained.

291230H/021130H Feb. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD9646 conducted 95 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance. The patrol observed two enemy CP's and two small groups of enemy. Artillery was called with good coverage. Results were unknown. In addition the patrol discovered a number of well used trails in the area. No friendly casualties were sustained.

021100H/022030H Feb. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD1656 conducted 9 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance. The patrol observed 100-125 VC/NVA moving on a trail. The patrol called an artillery mission of 94 rounds and directed gunships in the area with unknown results. The patrol became surrounded by the enemy and was extracted out by CH-46's. No friendly casualties were sustained.

031530H/070920H Feb. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD1556 conducted 89 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulting in 7 sightings totalling an estimated 200 VC/NVA on a trail which appeared to be a heavy infiltration route. Artillery mission was called resulting in 2 VC/NVA KIA. No friendly casualties were sustained.

071530H/091100H Feb. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD1576 conducted 43 1/2 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance. The patrol observed an estimated 10-12 NVA approaching their position. The patrol opened fire resulting in 1 NVA KIA. NVA broke contact. Patrol was extracted early.

071000H/101025H Feb. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD9653 conducted 72 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in sighting and contact with 15-20 NVA. The patrol opened fire which resulted in 5 NVA KIA (c). Patrol broke contact and moved out of area. One USMC WIA (minor) was sustained.

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091630H/131100H Feb. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD 2752 conducted 88 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance. The patrol made contact with an estimated 10 NVA which resulted in 4 NVA KIA (C) and one NVA WIA. Artillery and gunships were called in to fire on a large bunker with no estimate of damage. No friendly casualties were sustained.

141100H/161300H Feb. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD 1555 conducted 50 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance. The patrol made two enemy contacts with a total of 3 NVA. An artillery fire mission was called with unknown results. In addition the patrol discovered the body of one NVA and found an ARVN type pack with 3 AK-47 magazines and some ric

151145H/161730H Feb. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD 1576 conducted 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance. The patrol made contact with an estimated 50-60 NVA. The patrol killed 10 NVA (C). During emergency med-evac one of the choppers, (gunships), was shot down after take off with three members of the patrol aboard, one member survived. Five members of the team had been med-evac'd by the first chopper. The team suffered casualties of 5 KIA and 3 WIA.

151200H/161400H Feb. A patrol operating in the vicinity of XD 9747 conducted 26 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance. As patrol moved to top of hill a large explosion detonated approximately 20 meters from the position resulting in 2 USMC KIA, 2 USMC WIA, and 1 USMC WIA (minor). Med-Evac chopper received SA/ARF during extraction of team. An artillery fire mission was called in area after extraction.

220900H/251430H Feb. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD 0453 conducted 70 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance. Patrol was surrounded in harbor site and received SA/ARF and grenades by estimated 10-15 NVA. Team returned fire and a fire mission was called which resulted in two secondary explosions. Evidence of enemy casualties were discovered in the area next morning. No friendly casualties were sustained.

221030H/271500H Feb. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD 1352 conducted 125 hours of reconnaissance resulting in two contacts totalling 16 NVA resulting in 2 NVA KIA (Q) and three enemy sightings totalling approximately 125 enemy. Five NVA rocket launchers and 15 mortar tubes were sighted. In addition team discovered a bunker complex of approximately 21 bunkers. No friendly casualties were sustained.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓(1) Patrol Report 72-68 of 020900Z Feb 68 (Co. A)
- ✓(2) Patrol Report 75-68 of 021130Z Feb 68 (Co. A)
- ✓(3) Patrol Report 88-68 of 031510Z Feb 68 (Co. A)
- ✓(4) Patrol Report 67-68 of 031514Z Feb 68 (Co. C)
- ✓(5) Patrol Report 70-68 of 031730Z Feb 68 (Force)
- ✓(6) Patrol Report 88-68 of 100303Z Feb 68 (Co. A)
- ✓(7) Patrol Report 96-68 of 100308Z Feb 68 (Force)
- ✓(8) Patrol Report 87-68 of 120103Z Feb 68 (Co. C)
- ✓(9) Patrol Report 108-68 of 140935Z Feb 68 (Co.)
- ✓(10) Patrol Report 117-68 of 181400Z Feb 68 (Force)
- ✓(11) Patrol Report 115-68 of 181401Z Feb 68 (Co. A)
- ✓(12) Patrol Report 122-68 of 181410Z Feb 68 (Force)
- ✓(13) Patrol Report 134-68 of 270105Z Feb 68 (Co. A)
- ✓(14) Patrol Report 143-68 of 282350Z Feb 68 (Co. C)

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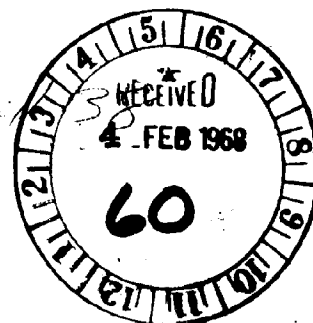
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FM: THIRD RECON BN
TO: CG THIRD ARDIV

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PROVINCE ADVISOR QUANG TRI
TAG-36 ALPHA
THIRD RECON BN
THIRD FORCE RECON CO.

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ATTN: AG OF 3 G-2

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SUBJECT: RECON REPORT: 24/ THIRD RECON BN, "A" COMPANY FOLLOWS:

OPERATION ORIGIN: 72-68 (SGT BRIGLEY)

A. REF SHEET: 1:50,000, SERIES L-7014, SHEETS 6342 1 & 6442 IV

(1) OPERATOR: SGT J.M.I. LOPEZ

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (9) UNLISTED

B. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS: NONE

C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AM/PRC 25's

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) 7x50

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

(9) CS GRENADES, (9) PROTECTIVE MASKS, (1) INCENDIARY GRENADE.

F. AMMUNITION: (1) M-79, (72) HE, (8) CANISTER ROUNDS,

(1) M-60 WITH (1200) ROUNDS, AND (4) LAM'S.

2. MISSION: DETERMINE THE NATURE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE VICINITY

OF THE VICINITY SECTION OF THE QUANG TRI WITAN DEFENSE AREA. BE

ESPECIALLY ATTENTIVE TO NEW FORTIFICATIONS, ENFORCEMENTS AND

SOIL CONSTRUCTIONS WHICH WOULD INDICATE MILITARY OPERATIONS. ENGAGE

BY SUPPORT FIRE IF POSSIBLE BY ENEMY MOVEMENT IN THE AREA OF OPERATIONS.

3. DISSEMINATION: 291500H JAN 68 COORD (YD 135646) HOW: AIR/FOOT

4. DISSEMINATION: 011700H FEB 68 COORD (YD 135646) HOW: FOOT/ARMS

5. ROUTE: FROM REPORT PT TO (YD 131655) RPT (YD 131655) TO (YD 120650)

(YD 120650) TO (YD 113656) RPT (YD 113656) TO (YD 114652) RPT

(YD 114652) TO (YD 107643) RPT (YD 107643) TO (YD 119651) RPT

(YD 119651) TO (YD 132653) RPT (YD 132653) TO EXTRACT PT.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

RESULTS: (68) HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE RESULTED IN SIX SIGHTINGS

INCLUDING APPROXIMATELY (50) ENEMY AND (3) CONTACTS. RECONNAISSANCE

REVEALED ENEMY ACTIVITY WITH POSSIBLE BASE CAMP IN THE AREA.

B. ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:

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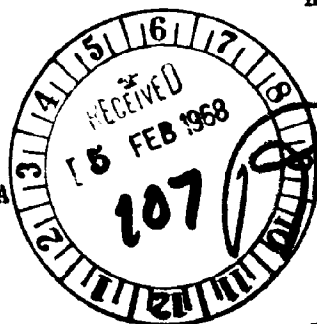
4. REMARKS: MORTAR ROUNDS CAN BE USED AS AN ILLUM.
5. OTHER INFORMATION: 020810H (YD 108644) PATROL FOUND A CHICOM (60)MM MORTAR ROUND LAYING IN THE RICE PADDY AS IF SOME ONE HAD DROPPED IT. ALSO FOUND A LARGE SPOON MADE OF ALUMINUM.
7. WEATHER WAS HOT AND CLEAR WITH ^{GOOD} VISIBILITY DURING THE DAY AND OVERCAST AND FOGGY WITH POOR VISIBILITY DURING THE NIGHT.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTER WITH THE ENEMY:
- A. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT AND DOCUMENTS: ONE (60)MM MORTAR ROUND CHICOM AND A LARGE ALUMINUM SPOON.
9. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:
- A. RECOMMENDATIONS: BE CAREFUL WHEN CROSSING STREAMS BECAUSE OF MUDHOLE STEPS AND ENEMY RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS.
- B. CONCLUSIONS: LARGE ENEMY ACTIVITY WITH A POSSIBLE BASE CAMP NEARBY.
10. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL: GOOD MORALE: GOOD
11. DESKTOP COMMENTS:
- A. OPINION OF ENEMY: ENEMY HAS GOOD DISCIPLINE, THEIR TACTICS SEEMED GOOD BUT HAVE NO CAMOUFLAGE CONCEPT. REACTION TO MORTAR FIRE WAS FAST AND THEIR REORGANIZATION AFTER THE BARRAGES IS EXCELLENT. NO VOICE COMMANDS WERE HEARD. GOOD AGGRESSIVENESS. SEEM TO BE NVA.
- B. CONTACT EARLY EXTRACTION GRID: 1060
GP-4 OPO 72-68
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ROUTINE (INFO)

DTG: 021130H FEB 68

FM: THIRD RECON BN
TO: CG THIRD MAR DIV

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FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
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TWENTY SIXTH MARINES
PROVINCE ADVISOR QUANG TRI
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ATTN: AG OF S G-2

DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 3A2, THIRD RECON BN, "A" COMPANY FOLLOWS:
OPERATION ORDER: 75-68

A. MAP SHEET: 1750,000, SERIES L-7014, SHEETS 6442 III & IV

(1) DEBRIEFER: SSGT J.M.I. LOPEZ

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (10) ENLISTED (1) USN

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE

C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AM/PRG 2's

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7x50's

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CLAYMORE MINES, (10) MP HAND GRENADES,

(3) MP RIFLE GRENADES, (10) CS GRENADES, (11) PROTECTIVE MASKS,

AND (2) INCENDIARY GRENADES.

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH (60) HE, (10) CANISTER ROUNDS, AND

(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 BEING USED BY THE ENEMY AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE. PATROL WILL NOT BE EXTRACTED UNTIL RZ IS SUFFICIENTLY COVERED.

3. DTG INSERTED: 301700H JAN 68 COORD: (YD 306545) HOW: FOOT

4. DTG EXTRACTED: 021030H FEB 68 COORD: (YD 306545) HOW: FOOT

5. ROUTE: FROM INSERT PT TO (YD 299547) RPT (YD 299547) TO (YD 284541)

RPT (YD 284541) TO (YD 280538) RPT (YD 280538) TO (YD 277538) RPT

(YD 277538) TO (YD 272531) RPT (YD 272531) TO (YD 270537) RPT (YD 270537)

TO (YD 272531) RPT (YD 272531) TO (YD 278543) RPT (YD 278543) TO

(YD 284541) RPT (YD 282541) TO (YD 297546) RPT (YD 297546) TO EXTRACT PT.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: (65) HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE RESULTED IN (13) SIGHTINGS

TOTALLING (75) ENEMY (INCLUDING 4 WOMEN). OUT OF THE (13) SIGHTINGS

(7) WERE CONTACTS. TEAM FIRED APPROXIMATELY (45) ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY

AND DISCOVERED (2) BUNKER COMPLEXES. AREA COVERED BY TEAM REVEALS

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B. ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:

1. 301930H (YD 278536) TEAM OBSERVED (2) LIGHTS STATIONARY GOING ON AND OFF VICINITY (YD 278541). ARTILLERY FIRED (9) ROUNDS WITH EXCELLENT COVERAGE. LIGHTS WENT OUT. PATROL CONTINUED SURVEILLANCE.

2. 310930H (YD 274535) TEAM MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL OBSERVED ONE ENEMY APPROXIMATELY (50) METERS TO THE SOUTH. COULD NOT SEE ANYTHING BUT HIS HEAD. HE WORE NO COVER. ENEMY OBSERVED TEAM AT THE SAME TIME AND DROOK DOWN. TEAM SET A 360° AND APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES LATER THE TEAM RECEIVED (6) CARTRIDGE ROUNDS APPROXIMATELY (50) METERS FROM THE WEST. TEAM CALLED ARTILLERY AND MOVED EAST TO VICINITY (YD 275535). ARTILLERY FIRED (7) ROUNDS ON TARGET. TEAM CONTINUED MISSION.

3. 311200H (YD 274534) TEAM MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL. DISCOVERED (2) BUNKERS WHICH HAD BEEN RECENTLY USED. TEAM CHECKED FOR BOOBY TRAPS AND DESTROYED BOTH BUNKERS WITH THEIR HANDS BECAUSE GRENADES DID NOT DO ANY GOOD. BUNKERS WERE CONSTRUCTED OF A "U" SHAPED FOR HOLE (4) FEET DEEP AND 2 FEET WIDE WITH BAMBOO POLES FOR A ROOF AND SUPPORT, APPROXIMATELY (2-3) FEET LAYERS OF DIRT ON TOP PACKED REAL GOOD. BUNKERS WERE WELL CAMOUFLAGED WITH SHRUBBERY. TEAM FEELS THAT THE ENEMY USED THIS BUNKERS FOR SHELTER DURING THE ARTILLERY MISSIONS.

4. 311435H (YD 267534) TEAM OBSERVED (4) NVA MOVING AROUND (2) BAMBOO AND GRASS HOOGHES VICINITY (YD 266534). THEY WERE HANGING CLOTHING, TALKING AND MILLING AROUND. ENEMY WAS WEARING BLUE SHIRTS AND GREEN TROUSERS. TWO WERE WEARING BUSH HATS AND ALL WERE ARMED WITH CARBINES. TEAM KEPT SURVEILLANCE FOR (10) MINUTES AND MOVED TOWARDS ENEMY POSITION AND SET UP AN AMBUSH. TEAM MOVED WITHIN (15-20) METERS FROM THE HOOGHES AND TEAM OBSERVED (2) WOMEN AND (3) MEN (15-20) METERS TO THE WEST WALKING NORTH ON TRAIL TOWARD THE HOOGHES. MEN WERE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES AND BUSH HATS, (2) WERE CARRYING CARBINES. ONE WAS POINT THE OTHER REAR SECURITY. THE WOMEN WERE CARRYING SUPPLIES ON STICKS, ONE HAD ROASTED CHICKENS. THEY WERE WEARING BLACK PJ'S WITH WHITE TOPS. THEY WENT INTO THE HOOGH AND STAYED THERE.

5. 311511H (YD 266538) TEAM OBSERVED IN GROUPS OF (5) AND (10'S) APPROXIMATELY (40) NVA WALKING ON TRAIL FROM THE SOUTH TO THE NORTH BY THE HOOGHES. ALL WERE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, BROWN PITH HELMETS AND CARRYING ARVN TYPE PACKS AND NEW TYPE PLASTIC SAND BAGS USED FOR PACKS AND ARMED WITH CARBINES, AK-47'S AND MORTARS. FIVE UNKNOWN TYPE MORTARS WERE SEEN BUT THERE COULD HAVE BEEN MORE. TEAM COULD NOT SEE ALL BECAUSE THE ENEMY WAS TOO CLOSE. SOME OF THE NVA WOULD WAVE AT THE PEOPLE IN THE HOOGHES AND SOME WOULD GO INTO THEM. TEAM MOVED (50) METERS TO THE EAST INTO AN OLD ABANDONED GUEST CONSTRUCTED HOUSE. THIS HOUSE HAD FIGHTING HOLES AND BUNKER BUILD AROUND IT. TEAM CALLED FOR GUNSHIPS. WHEN THE TWO GUNSHIPS CAME ON STATION, THE TEAM MARKED THE TARGET WITH ONE WP RIFLE GRENADE AND THE GUNSHIPS ROCKETS AND STRATED THE AREA WITH GOOD COVER. TEAM OBSERVED (10-15) NVA MOVING (50) METERS TO THE NORTH.

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WENT TO THEIR POSITION WITH (2) M-79 ROUNDS FOR THE BOMBING. TEAM OBSERVED GUNSHIPS TO WHERE THE TARGETS WAS AND THEN HARRIED IT WITH ALL GUNS AND STRAFED THE AREA WITH GOOD COVER. TEAM MOVED BACK TO VICINITY (YD 267534).

6. 1600H (YD 267534) TEAM OBSERVED ONE NVA VIA AND SAW (10-15) NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL VICINITY (YD 272545). NVA WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND FISH BASKETS BELIEVED TO BE PART OF THE NVA SEEN AT 1515H. ALL WERE ARMED WITH RIFLES AND CARBINES. NVA WERE CARRYING (2) WOUNDED NVA. TEAM CALLED (18) ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY WITH EXCELLENT COVERAGE. NVA MOVED NORTH AND TEAM ADJUSTED FIRE FOR EFFECT RIGHT ON TARGET.

7. 311630H (YD 267534) TEAM OBSERVED (2) WOMEN AND (4) MEN MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL TOWARD THE HOCHES. WOMEN WORE WHITE TOPS AND BLACK PJ BOTTOMS. THEY WERE CARRYING WOOD. THE MEN WORE GREEN UTILITIES, SOME HAD BUSH HATS AND TWO WERE ARMED WITH CARBINES. THE PEOPLE SAW TEAM AND STARTED YELLING AND POINTING AT TEAM AND THE TEAM STARTED TO RECEIVE SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM THE WEST APPROXIMATELY (100) METERS. THE PEOPLE SEEN BY TEAM STARTED RUNNING BACK FROM WHERE THEY CAME. TEAM FIRED (8) ROUNDS OF M-79 AT THE PEOPLE RUNNING BUT PEOPLE RAN INTO A TRILLING. TEAM FIRED (9) M-79 ROUNDS AT A HOCH (100) METERS TO THE WEST FROM WHERE FIRE WAS COMING FROM. TEAM CALLED GUNSHIPS AND THEY ROCKETS THE AREA AND STRAFED THE HOCH WITH EXCELLENT COVER. TEAM THEN CALLED A FIRE MISSION AT THE TWO HOCHES SEEN AT 1435H WITH GOOD COVER RESULTING IN ONE DAMAGED AND ONE COMPLETELY DESTROYED. TEAM MOVED TO (YD 273554) AND SET UP A HARBOR SITE.

8. 311900H (YD 273534) TEAM RECEIVED (4-5) SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM APPROXIMATELY (100) METERS TO THE WEST. TEAM REPORTED AND KEPT SURVEILLANCE.

9. 312000H (YD 273534) TEAM RECEIVED (5) MORTAR ROUNDS APPROXIMATELY (20) METERS TO THE WEST AND MORE ROUNDS HIT THE TEAM'S LAST OP WITH EXCELLENT COVER. TEAM KEPT SURVEILLANCE.

10. 011430H (YD 275544) TEAM RECEIVED ONE SMALL ARMS FIRE AND AN AUTOMATIC WEAPONS BURST FROM THE WEST APPROXIMATELY (150) METERS. TEAM WAS CROSSING A RICE PADDY AND HAD A COVER FORCE. TEAM GROUPED UP AND SET UP A 360 AND CALLED A FIRE MISSION. ARTILLERY FIRED (2) ROUNDS. ONE ON TARGET AND THE OTHER HIT (30) METERS TO THE EAST OF TEAM'S POSITION. TEAM FIRED ONE MORE ROUND ON TARGET. ABOUT THIS TIME TEAM OBSERVED ONE VC WEARING BLACK PJ BOTTOMS, PEOPLE SHIRT WITH A GREEN SHIRT OVER IT, NO CHI BUNG SANDALS AND A PACK MADE OF SAND BAG AND ARMED WITH A GRENADE. VC WAS APPROXIMATELY (50) METERS IN A HEDGE ROW TO THE SOUTHWEST. A TEAM MEMBER FIRED (3) SHOTS RESULTING IN ONE VC KIA. THREE TEAM MEMBERS UNDER COVER MOVED TO VC POSITION AND CAPTURED HIM. GAVE HIM MEDICAL ATTENTION AND CARRIED HIM BACK TO THE TEAM'S POSITION. TEAM CALLED FOR EMERGENCY MED-EVAC. WHILE TEAM WAS WAITING FOR MED-EVAC, THEY RECEIVED (3) ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM 150 METERS TO THE SOUTHEAST. TEAM KEPT SURVEILLANCE AND WAITED FOR MED-EVAC.

11. 011600H (YD 275544) WHILE WAITING FOR MED-EVAC TEAM OBSERVED (2) VC WEARING GREEN TROUSERS, KHAKI SHIRTS, STRAW HATS, AND PAGES VICINITY (YD 273545). VC HAD THICK STRAW ON THEIR PAKS FOR CAMOUFLAGE. VC WERE MOVING NORTHEAST. TEAM FIRED (2) M-79 ROUNDS ON TARGET AND KEPT SURVEILLANCE.

12. 011620H (YD 275544) TEAM OBSERVED (2) VC VICINITY (YD 277542) MOVING NORTHEAST AND WERE ON THE TRAIL.

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13. 011700H (YD 275540) VIA POW WAS RECEIVED. BELIEVED DID NOT RECEIVE ANY FIRE AND WAS UP WITH THE THIRD BATTAL.
- C. TERRAIN: LOW ROLLING HILLS WITH BUSH ABOUT (4-5) FEET HIGH, DRIED UP AND FILLED RICE PADDIES. COVER AND CONCEALMENT WAS POOR. LAND IS SO FLAT CAN SEE ALL OVER THE AREA. RATE OF MOVEMENT IS (600-1000) METERS PER HOUR.
1. COMMUNICATIONS WAS POOR, HAD TO USE A WIRE ANTENNA.
2. WATER SOURCES ARE AS SHOWN ON MAP.
3. TRAILS ARE ALL OVER THE AREA RUNNING IN ALL DIRECTIONS.
4. HILLS: WHOLE AREA CAN BE USED AS AN HILL.
- D. OTHER INFORMATION: 011300H FEB 68 (YD 275540) TEAM MOVING NORTH AND DISCOVERED (2) BUNKERS ON TRAIL. BUNKERS WERE MADE OF "L" SHAPED HOLE (3) FEET DEEP AND (2) FEET WIDE AND ABOUT (6) FEET LONG. BOTH BUNKERS HAD A BAMBOO BACK WITH BAMBOO BRACES AND BAMBOO ROOF WITH PACKED DIRT AND DRIED STRAW ON TOP. ONE HAD A FRAME FOR ANOTHER BUNKER. TEAM CHECKED FOR BOOBY TRAPS, TOOK STRAW, THREW IT INSIDE AND BURNED THEM. TEAM CONTINUED MISSION.
7. WEATHER WAS SUNNY, CLEAR IN DAYLIGHT HOURS AND FOGGY, CLOUDY IN THE EARLY MORNING WITH GOOD VISIBILITY.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTER WITH THE ENEMY: (1) POW KIA
- A. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT AND DOCUMENTS: ONE PACK WITH CLOTHES IN IT, RICE, POT AND ONE M-26 HAND GRENADE.
9. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:
- A. RECOMMENDATIONS: TAKE A STARLIGHT SCOPE, M-60 AND SCOUT DOG IF AVAILABLE. LAND IS VERY FLAT AND COVER IS VERY HARD TO FIND.
- B. CONCLUSIONS: HEAVY ENEMY ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THIS AREA.
10. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL: GOOD MORALE: GOOD
11. DERRISER COMMENTS:
- A. PATROL OPINION OF THE ENEMY: ENEMY WAS VERY WELL DISCIPLINED GOOD CAMOUFLAGE, AND HAD HIGH MORALE. ENEMY WAS NOT VERY AGGRESSIVE IN SMALLER GROUPS.
- B. CONTACT EARLY EXTRACTION

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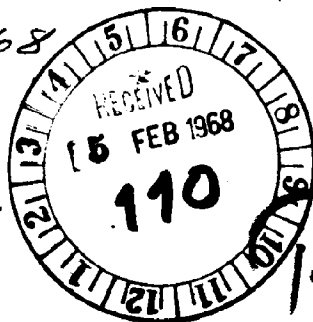
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FOLLOWS:

OPERATION ORDER: 88-68 (CPL HALBERT)

A. DEBRIEFER: LTC R.G. WALLS

(1) MAP: VIETNAM: 1:50,000, NIS SERIES: L-7014, SHEET: 6412 IV

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: (2) AN/VS-17'S

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) CLAYMORE MINES, (10) WP HAND GRENADES, (10) GAS MASKS, (10) CS GRENADES

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 50 HE, (1) CS, 5 CANISTERS, (2) M-14'S

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE WITH ASSIGNED ZONE TO DETERMINE THE 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 SUFFICIENTLY COVERED.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 021100H (YD 175388) WALK/022030H (YD 161568) HELO.

4. ROUTE: INSERT PT. SOUTHWEST TO EXTRACT PT.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: 9 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE RESULTED IN ONE LARGE SIGHTING AND CONTACT. PATROL OBSERVED 100-125 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL AT (YD 161568). PATROL CALLED ARTILLERY MISSION OF 94 BOUNDS AND DIRECTED GUNSHIPS IN THE AREA WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. THIS AREA REVEALS HEAVY ENEMY MOVEMENT AT THE PRESENT TIME.

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(1) 021805H (YD 161568) PATROL IN OP SITE AT (YD 161568) WHEN THEY OBSERVED (2) VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL AT (YD 161565). ENEMY WORE GREY JACKETS, KHAKI TROUSERS, NO COVERS, AND CARRIED HEAVY ARVN TYPE PACKS AND THOMPSON SUB MACHINE GUN. SEVEN MORE VC/NVA FOLLOWED FROM 20-30 METERS BEHIND FIRST TWO SIGHTED. ONE OF THE SEVEN WAS A WOMAN ENEMY WORE WESTERN CIVILIAN TYPE CLOTHING, AND CARRIED HEAVY PACKS, (2) LMG AND ASSORTED RIFLES. THESE NINE ENEMY MOVED TO TOP OF RIDGE-LINE AT (YD 159568) AND HALTED. ENEMY APPEARED TO BE OPING THE AREA. PATROL CALLED ARTILLERY MISSION OF TWO ROUNDS. VC/NVA MOVED BACK DOWN RIDGELINE AND AFTER ROUND IMPACTED THE ENEMY MOVED BACK UP ON RIDGELINE. AT THIS TIME PATROL OBSERVED AN ESTIMATED 100-125 VC/NVA SITTING ALONG SIDE OF THE TRAIL FROM (YD 161568) SOUTHEAST TO (YD 164558). ENEMY WORE ASSORTED CLOTHING. APPROXIMATELY 20 WORE KHAKIS WITH HEAVY PACKS, CARTRIDGE BELTS AND FOUR OR FIVE OF THESE ENEMY WORE US TYPE STEEL HELMETS. PATROL OBSERVED AK-47'S, CARBINES RPG'S, AND TWO UNKNOWN TYPE MORTAR TUBE WITH BASE PLATE (APPEARED TO BE 82MM MORTAR), AND ASSORTED RIFLES. MOST OF ENEMY DID NOT WEAR COVERS. REMAINING ENEMY WORE MIXED CIVILIAN CLOTHING, GREEN UTILITIES, AND RAIN JACKETS. PATROL OBSERVED THREE MEN WALKING WITH CRUTCHES IN THE MAIN GROUP. AFTER PATROL FIRED FIRE TWO ARTILLERY ROUNDS ENEMY SETTING ON THE TRAIL BEGAN TO SUR-ROUND TEAM'S POSITION, BUT DID NOT APPEAR TO KNOW EXACT LOCATION OF TEAM. ENEMY DID NOT INITIATE SAV AT THIS TIME. PATROL CALLED ARTILLERY MISSION OF 92 ROUNDS WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGET WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS AND ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION IN VICINITY (YD 159567). GUNSHIPS CAME ON STATION AND STRAFED THE AREA. WHEN GUNSHIPS WOULD MOVE AWAY FROM TEAM'S POSITION ENEMY WOULD MOVE TOWARD TEAM. PATROL THREW GRENADES ON ALL SIDES OF THEIR POSITION RESULTING IN NUMEROUS SCREAMS AND MOANS. THROUGHOUT THE ENEMY ACTIVITY THERE APPEARED TO BE ONE MAN WHO WAS GIVING DISTINCT ORDERS. ON STRAFING RUNS GUNSHIPS RECEIVED A HEAVY VOLUME OF AWP FROM VICINITY (YD 159568). GUNSHIPS MADE ROCKET RUN ON THIS TARGET WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGET. GUNSHIPS CONTINUED TO STRAFE AREA UNTIL FLARESHIPS AND CH-46'S CAME ON STATION. THROUGHOUT STRAFING RUNS, ENEMY APPEARED TO TRY TO HIDE FROM GUNSHIPS RATHER THAN MOVE OUT OF THE AREA. UPON A PROACHING HLZ, CH-46'S RECEIVED A HEAVY VOLUME OF SAF AND .50 CAL MACHINE GUN FIRE FROM APPROXIMATELY 100 METERS TO THE WEST OF THE TRAIL. CH-46 AND TEAM RETURNED FIR AS HELO LIFTED OUT OF ZONE. PATROL WAS NOT ABLE TO OBSERVE RESULTS OF ARTILLERY MISSION AND GUNSHIPS FIRE DUE TO DARKNESS.

C. TERRAIN: LOW ROLLING HILLS WITH LOW BRUSH TWO TO FOUR FEET HIGH. THERE ARE SEVERAL WELL USED TRAILS MARKED ON MAP AND NUMEROUS SMALL TRAILS THROUGHOUT AREA. COMMUNICATION GOOD WITH TAPE ANTENNA. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: PLENTIFUL IN THE AREA. RATE OF MOVEMENT AT PATROL LEADERS DISCRETION.

D. OTHER INFORMATION: NONE

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD, MORALE GOOD

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS: AMBUSH SHOULD BE SET UP ALONG TRAIL IN THE VICINITY (YD 163562). THERE HAS BEEN HEAVY MOVEMENT IN THIS AREA IN RECENT NIGHTS

CONCLUSIONS:

(1) AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS HEAVY MOVEMENT ON TRAILS LEADING TO THE NORTH TOWARD CAM LO.

(2) ENEMY APPEARS TO BE MARCHING AND IS MOVING THROUGH THE AREA TO THE NORTH. ENEMY APPEARS TO BE WELL ARMED AND WELL DISCIPLINED.

9. HLZ'S: PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN PAST PATROL DEBRIEFS.

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10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: CONCUR WITH PATROL LEADER'S RECOMMENDATIONS
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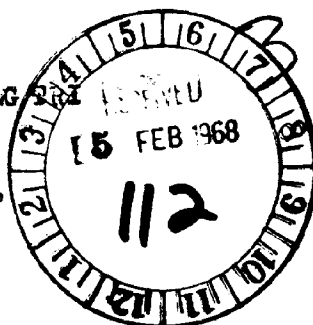
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DESCRIPTION OF RECON PARCEL: 105, THIRD RECON BN, 10TH COMPANY FOLLOWS:
OPERATION ORDER: 67-68 (SGT. ABELSON)

A. MAP SHEET: 1:50,000, GAS SERIES L-7014, SHEET: 6442 IV
B. DRAWING: LT. R. C. GALLS DATE: 02 FEBRUARY 1968

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND ELEMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (8) LISTED

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE

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

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7X50

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) TANK
E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) CLAYMORE MINES, (4) WP RIFLE GRENADES

#4) OF FOLD GRANDES, (3) GAS MASKS, (8) CS GRANADES,

14) 10 POUND GRENADS, (8) GAS MISSILES, (8) CS GRENADES,
P. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 75 LB. 3 CS, AND 20 CANISTER
ROUNDS.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED ZONE TO DETERMINE ENEMY ACTIVITY. ENGAGE THE ENEMY WHEN SUPPORTING THIS. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER. PLOT HLTZ'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 EXTENDED UNTIL RZ IS SUFFICIENTLY COVERED.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 311600H (YD 145589) WALK/020930H (YD 159506) WALK

4. ROUTE: INSIDE PT SOUTH TO (YD 145559) EAST TO (YD 145559),
 FRONT TO EXTRACT PT.

5. OBSERVATION OF WEATHER AND TERR. IN:

5. OBSERVATION OF MILITARY AND TERRAIN.
A. SYNOPSIS: 43 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE RESULTED IN ONE MILITARY SIGHTING AND NO CONTACTS. PATROL OBSERVED 100-125 VC/INVA MOVING TOWARD CENTRAL (XD 164566). MILITARY WERE HEAVILY ARMED AND SEVERAL CARRIED HEAVY SACKS AND PACKS. PATROL CALLED ARTILLERY FISSION OF 35 ROUNDS WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. THERE APPEARS TO BE HEAVY MILITARY ACTIVITY IN THE AREA AT THE PRESENT TIME.

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B. SUMMARY:

(1) 011730H (YD 165566) PATROL OBSERVED ENEMY MOVING IN SMALL GROUPS TO THE NORTH OF TRAIL AT (YD 164566). MAJORITY OF ENEMY WERE GRUNT, W/LEADS, PIEN HELMETS, AND CARRIED WEAPONS AT THE READY POSITION. OTHER ENEMY WERE MIXED PJ'S AND KRAKIS AND CARRIED WEAPONS. SEVERAL OF THE ENEMY CARRIED HEAVY PACKS AND WERE CAUTIOUS TO AVOID DETECTION FROM THE AIR. PATROL CALLED ARTILLERY MISSION OF APPROXIMATELY 35 ROUNDS WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. PATROL ADJUSTED ARTILLERY FIRE 30-40 METERS OF THEIR POSITION. ENEMY DID NOT OBSERVE PATROL AND PATROL CONTINUED MISSION.

C. TERRAIN: LOW ROLLING HILLS WITH LOW THICK BRUSH 2 TO 3 FEET TALL, SOME LOW SCATTERED PATCHES OF CANOPY 8-10 FEET HIGH. ALL MAJOR RIVERS ARE BARRED ON MAP, IN ADDITION THERE ARE NUMEROUS WATER BUBBLE THINGS. THERE IS A GOOD CP AT (YD 157557). COMBINATION OF HIGH GROUND WITH PAPER AMBUSHES, GOOD ENEMY WEAPONS. NATURAL WATER SOURCES ARE IDEAL FOR SMALL GROUPS OF PERSONS. RATE OF MOVEMENT 500-600 METERS PER HOUR.

D. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 020900H (YD 163505) PATROL OBSERVED SIX MEN DRESSED IN MIXED PJ'S, WANDERING BETWEEN HUTCHES IN THE VILLAGES. WHEN THESE MEN SAW PATROL THEY RAN TO THE WEST THROUGH THE VILLAGES. PATROL LOST SIGHT OF THEM IN THE VILLAGES. PATROL CONTINUED MISSION.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH ENEMY: UNKNOWN

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD, MORALE GOOD.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL FEELS THERE ARE SEVERAL GOOD AMBUSH SITES ALONG THE TRAIL ON WHICH THE SIGHTING WAS MADE. PATROL FEELS A PATROL SHOULD BE SENT INTO AREA AROUND HILL 108 AT (YD 178536) AS THIS MAY BE THE AREA OF ENEMY ACTIVITY SINCE IT IS THE ONLY HIGH CANOPY REGION IN THE AREA.

CONCLUSIONS:

(1) AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS ENEMY APPEARS TO BE MOVING FROM SOUTH TO NORTH IN LARGE GROUPS ALONG THE TRAIL RUNNING FROM (YD 164560) TO (YD 158560). ENEMY APPEARS TO BE MOVING TROOPS FROM AREA OF SOLO WITH PHUOC RIVER TOWARDS CAN LO.

9. REMARKS: PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN PAST PATROL DEBRIEFS:

10. DEBRIEF COMMENTS:

(1) THIS SIGHTING WAS THE PATROL LEADERS FIRST LARGE SIGHTING OF VC/LVA. SINCE THE PATROL LEADER HAS NOT HAD A GREAT DEAL OF EXPERIENCE IN ADJUSTING ARTILLERY, HE WAS SOMEWHAT HESITANT IN CALLING ARTILLERY SO CLOSE TO HIS OWN POSITION (30-40 METERS) AS A RESULT, FULL ADVANTAGE WAS NOT TAKEN OF SUPPORTING ARTILLERY AVAILABLE.

(2) PATROL CLOUDY SKY HAD ACTUALLY MADE THIS SIGHTING BUT DUST LIGHT WAS DISTRACTED BECAUSE OF TWO NONCOMBATANT CASUALTIES AND CLOUDY SKY WAS INSERTED UNDER THE SAME OPERATION ORDER AND CALL SIGNS.

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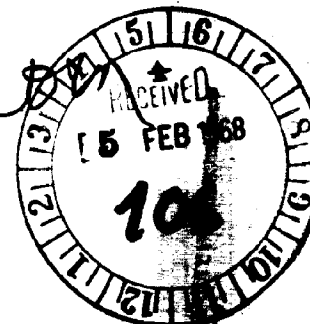
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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 1ST TB. 1ST PLT. (1C1) THIRD FORCE RECON CO., THIRD RECON BN FOLLOWS:

OPERATIC ORDER: 70-68 (SGT GREG)

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

B. DEBRIEFER: LT. R.G. WALLS

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (8) ENLISTED

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (NONE)

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

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7X50

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CLAYMORE MINES, (4) WP RIFLE GRENADES, (4) WP HAND GRENADES, (8) GAS MASKS, (6) CS GRENADES

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 65 HE, 3 CS, 10 CANISTER,

2. MISSION: CONDUCT A RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED ZONE TO DETERMINE ENEMY ACTIVITY. ENGAGE THE ENEMY WITH SUPPORTING ARMS. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER. PLOT HLT'S FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS. PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO TRAILS AND THE FREQUENCY OF USE IN YOUR RZ. ASCERTAIN IF THE AREA IS BEING USED BY AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE. PATROL WILL NOT BE EXTRACTED UNTIL RZ IS SUFFICIENTLY COVERED.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURNE: 291230H (XD 973473) HELD/021130H (AD 998450) WALK.

4. ROUTE: FM INSERT PT WEST TO (XD 968408) SOUTH TO (AD 968388) SOUTHEAST TO (XD 980385) SOUTH TO [REDACTED] EXTRACT PT.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: 95 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE PATROLING RESULTED IN 3 ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND NO ENEMY CONTACTS. PATROL OBSERVED SEVERAL ENEMY OP'S IN THE AREA AND HEARD SEVERAL GROUPS OF 8-10 ENEMY. PATROL CALLED ARTILLERY MISSION TOTALLING APPROXIMATELY 175 ROUNDS WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGETS AND UNKNOWN RESULTS. ENEMY APPEARS TO BE CPTG CA LU FROM HIGH GROUND TO THE WEST. ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA APPEARS TO BE MODERATE TO HEAVY.

B. ENEMY:

(1) 291415H (AD 968469) PATROL OBSERVED 15-20 VC/NVA ON HILLTOP VICINITY (AD 970479). ENEMY APPEARED TO BE CPTG THE AREA. ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITY TIES AND WERE WELL CONCEALED. EQUIPMENT COULD NOT BE OBSERVED.

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PATROL CALLED ARTILLERY MISSION APPROXIMATELY 30 ROUNDS WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGETS. COMMUNICATIONS COULD NOT BE OBSERVED. APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES LATER PATROL OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA MOVE UP ON TO SAME HILLTOP. ENEMY WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT COULD NOT BE OBSERVED. PATROL AGAIN CALLED ARTILLERY MISSION ON HILLTOP WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGET. RESULTS COULD NOT BE OBSERVED BUT TEAM CONTINUED TO WATCH HILLTOP FOR 15 MINUTES AND OBSERVED NO MOVEMENT.

310900H (XD 967464) PATROL OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA OPTIC FROM HILL (XD 959499) UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT COULD NOT BE OBSERVED. NO ACTION TAKEN, PATROL CONTINUED MISSION.

010840H (AD 969455) PATROL HEARD ESTIMATED 2 VOICES FROM 300 METERS TO SOUTHWEST. PATROL CALLED IN ARTILLERY MISSION OF 3 ROUNDS WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGETS. VOICES CEASED. PATROL CONTINUED MISSION.

011210H (AD 965449) PATROL HEARD 8-10 VOICES AND CLANGING OF CANNONS VICINITY (AD 965449). PATROL CALLED ARTILLERY MISSION OF APPROXIMATELY 100 ROUNDS WITH GOOD COVERAGE. PATROL MOVED OUT OF AREA TO THE SOUTH APPROXIMATELY 400 METERS. TEAM OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA WITHIN 10 FEET OF PATROL POSITION. PATROL HEARD MOVEMENT OF ESTIMATED 20-25 VC/NVA AROUND THEIR POSITION. PATROL CALLED ARTILLERY MISSION OF APPROXIMATELY 30 ROUNDS WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGET. TEAM ADJUSTED ARTILLERY AND THREE GRENADES TO COVER THEIR WITHDRAWAL. PATROL LOST PAIR OF 7.50'S DURING WITHDRAWAL.

011630H (AD 976444) PATROL HEARD VOICES OF 8-10 PEOPLE APPROXIMATELY 200 METERS TO THE SOUTH WEST. PATROL HAD LOST COMM AT THIS TIME SO PATROL MOVED OUT TO THE EAST. PATROL CONTINUED MISSION.

C. TERRAIN: VERY STEEP MOUNTAINS WITH 10-12 FEET HIGH ELEPHANT GRASS ON MOUNTAIN TOPS. LOW GROUND HAD CANOPY 40-60 FEET HIGH WITH MODERATE UNDERGROWTH. MANY GOOD VIEWS ALONG RIDGELINE: (AD 966469), (AD 965467), (AD 969461). THERE ARE MANY TRAILS IN THE AREA. 2 FEET WIDE TRAIL RUNNING EAST TO WEST ALONG A TOP OF RIDGELINE, VICINITY (AD 968464), RECENTLY USED. ANOTHER 2 FEET WIDE TRAILS RUNNING EAST TO WEST VICINITY (XD 971463). THERE ARE TRAILS RUNNING ALONG BOTH SIDES OF STREAM VICINITY (AD 969461). TRAILS ARE APPROXIMATELY (1) METER WIDE AND RUNNING EAST TO WEST.

1. COMMUNICATION: GOOD WITH TAPES AND TAPE NORTH OF 46 EAST-WEST GRID LINE; SOUTH OF 46 GRIDLINE COMM IS VERY POOR.

2. WATER SOURCES: WATER PLENTIFUL IN LOW GROUND, SCARCE IN HIGH GROUND.

3. RATE OF MOVEMENT: 100-200 METER PER HOUR.

D. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 291720H (XD 967469) PATROL FOUND APPROXIMATELY 15 COVERED FIGHTING HOLES, 5X10X3 FEET. HOLES APPEARED TO BE ONE-TO TWO MONTHS OLD AND HAD NOT BEEN RECENTLY USED. TEAM FOUND USMC M-49 TELESCOPE AND REMAINTS OF FLAK JACKET IN ONE HOLE. POSITION APPEARED TO BE FRIENDLY INFANTRY POSITION, PATROL CONTINUED MISSION.

(2) 301400H (AD 969654) PATROL FOUND LARGE PIT 15X20X24 FEET ON SLOPE OF RIDGELINE. THERE WERE NO TRAILS AROUND THE PIT AND IT APPEARED AS THOUGH PIT HAD NOT BEEN USED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

010915H (AD 969453) PATROL HEARD CHOPPING APPROXIMATELY 500 METERS TO SOUTH WEST OF THEIR POSITION. NO ACTION TAKEN, PATROL CONTINUED MISSION.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTER WITH THE ENEMY: (NONE) UNABLE TO OBSERVE.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL: FAIR/MORALE: GOOD

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8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

A. RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL RE IS MAIN CONCENTRATION, APPEARS TO BE TO SOUTH OF THEIR RECON ZONE, VICINITY (AD 9645). POSSIBLY A GOOD AREA FOR TPQ'S. COM IS VERY POOR IN THIS AREA, THERE IS NEED FOR A RADIO RELAY. WIF RELAY CAN NOT BE INSTALLED, PATROL SHOULD CARRY COM WIRE FOR JUNGLE AREA.

B. CONCLUSIONS:

(1) AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS ENEMY APPEARS TO BE OPERATING FROM THIS AREA. ENEMY COULD BE BUILDING FORTIFIC TION IN THE AREA.

(2) GENERAL CONCLUSIONS: ENEMY APPEARS TO BE OBSERVED CALU FROM THE WEST WITH POSSIBILITY OF INITIATED OFFENSIVE OR CALU FROM THE WEST.

9. REZ'S:

(1) (AD 968962) SITE WILL ACCOMMODATE (3) CH-46's. SITE IS ON RIDGELINE WITH VEGETATION OF 4-5 FEET ELEPHANT GRASS. BEST APPROACH EAST-WEST.

(2) (AD 969458) SITE WILL ACCOMMODATE (2) CH-46's. SITE IS ON RIDGELINE. 4-5 FEET ELEPHANT GRASS. BEST APPROACH EAST-WEST.

(3) (AD 973473) SITE WILL ACCOMMODATE (2) CH-46's, ON TOP OF HILL. ELEPHANT GRASS 4-5 FEET HIGH. NO OBSTACLES. EAST-WEST IS BEST APPROACH.

10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: (CONCUR WITH PATROL LEADS.)

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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 1ST TM 2D PTF, THIRD RECON, "C" COMPANY
OPERATIONS ORDER: 87-68 (CPL GARZA)

A. MAP: VIETNAM: 1:50,000, AMS SERIES: L-7014, SHEET: 6442 I & II

B. DEBRIEFER: CAPT. G.W. O'DELL

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

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

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (NON)

C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PAC 25's

D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CLAYMORE MINES, (4) WP RIFLE GRENADE

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

E. SPECIAL ATTACHMENT: (1) TXO

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 92 HE, 3 CS, 20 CANISTER,

(1) M-14, (2) LAWS

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3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 071000H (YD 980544) WALK/101015H (YD 980544) WALK

4. ROUTE: FM INSERT WEST TO (YD 951537) WEST TO EXTRACT

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: 72 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE RESULTED IN ONE CONTACT WITH 15-20 NVA RESULTING IN 5 NVA KIA AND 1 USMC KIA MINOR. ENEMY SEEMS TO BE USING AREA FOR TRANSIT MOVEMENT.

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B. ENEMY:

1. 071100H (YD 964538) PATROL WAS MOVING UP A HILL WHEN POINT HEARD MOVEMENT, AND SAW 15-20 NVA APPROXIMATELY 50 FEET AWAY. NVA WORE KHAKIS, CAMOUFLAGE UTILITIES AND BLACK PE'S, ALL HAD ON STEEL HELMETS. ARMED WITH AK-47'S AND ONE AUTOMATIC WEAPON WITH TRIPODES. PATROL OPENED FIRE AND BEGAN RECEIVING SAF, GRE NADES AND 3 ROUNDS 60MM MORTARS. PATROL BROKE CONTACT, 5 NVA KIA AND 1 USMC WIA (MINOR), AND MOVED OUT OF AREA.

2. 081715H (YD 955537) PATROL HEARD VOICES OF 3-4 PEOPLE 150 METERS TO THE REAR OF PATROL, PATROL MOVED OUT OF AREA.

3. 091100H (YD 951537) PATROL WAS IN BROAVO WHEN THEY HEARD MOVEMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 8-10 PEOPLE 50 METERS AWAY. SHORTLY AFTER FIRST GROUP WENT BY A SECOND LARGE GROUP PASSED BY PATROL. NO ACTION TAKEN BY PATROL.

C. TERRAIN: LOW ROLLING HILLS WITH ELEPHANT GRASS. COMMUNICATION WAS EXCELLENT, PLENTIFUL OF WATER. RATE OF MOVEMENT IS AT PATROL LEADER DISCRETION.

D. OTHER INFORMATION:

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

A. ENEMY: 5 KIA NVA

B. FRIENDLY: 1 USMC WIA (MINOR)

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

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

A. RECOMMENDATIONS: STAY ON SIDE OF HILLS, AVOID LOW GROUND.

B. CONCLUSIONS: AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS ENEMY USING AREA FOR TRANSIT MOVEMENT SOUTHEAST-NORTHWEST. ENEMY MAY HAVE LARGE UNIT WORKING THIS AREA WITH BASE CAMP IN HIGH GROUND.

9. HLZ'S:

1. (YD 957541) SITE WILL ACCOMMODATE 2 CH-46'S, ON TOP OF HILL, ELEPHANT GRASS, AND BEST APPROACH FROM THE WEST.

2. (YD 955544) BEST APPROACH FROM THE WEST, ON SLOPE OF HILL, ACCOMMODATE 2 CH-46'S, ELEPHANT GRASS, AND NO OBSTACLES

10. DESERIFIER COMMENTS: (NONE)

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D. OTHER INFORMATION:

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

A. ENEMY: 3 KIA NVA

B. FRIENDLY: 1 USMC WIA (MINOR)

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

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

A. RECOMMENDATIONS: STAY ON SIDE OF HILLS, AVOID LOW GROUND.

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10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: (NONE)

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DEBRIEF OF RECON PA TROL: 1ST SQD 3D PLT, THIRD RECON BN, "A" COMPA
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OPERATION ORDER: 88-68 (CPL D'LUGACZ)

A. MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000, AMS SERIES: L-7014, SHEET 6442 IV

B. DEBRIEFER: LCPL A. VANRAVENSWAY

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) 7X50

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CLAYMORE MINES, (3) WP HAND GRENADES

(9) GAS MASKS, (9) CS GRENADES

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 90 HE, 1 CS, 9 CANISTER
(1) M-60 WITH 1000 ROUNDS

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED
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3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 031530H (YD 176587) WALK/07099H
(YD 163586) TRUCK/WALK

4. ROUTE: FM INSERT PT TO (YD 163568) WEST TO (YD 147565)
SOUTH TO (YD 140550) EAST TO (YD 154550) NORTH TO (YD 155568)
EAST TO (YD 160570) NORTH TO EXTRACT PT.

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A. SYNOPSIS: 89 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE RESULTED IN 7 HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDING APPROXIMATELY 200 VC/NVA, AND NO CONTACTS. PATROL OBSERVED TRAIL WHICH APPEARED TO BE A HEAVY INFILTRATION ROUTE. AREA COVERED REVEALED HEAVY RECON AND INFILTRATION.

B. DETAILED:

(1) 031730H (YD 157567) PATROL OBSERVED 5 PEOPLE MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL AT (YD 162564). THEY WERE WEARING BLACK AND WHITE PJ'S NO WEAPONS OR OTHER EQUIPMENT OBSERVED. NO ACTION DUE TO THE PEOPLE MOVED OUT OF SIGHT.

(2) 031845H (YD 157567) OBSERVED 4 NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL AT (YD 162564). WEARING KHAKI UNIFORMS, HELMETS, PACKS WITH BRUSH ATTACHED, AND CARRYING VARIOUS TYPES WEAPONS. NVA MOVED OUT OF VIEW, PATROL CONTINUED OBSERVATION.

(3) 041125H PATROL AT (YD 149565) OBSERVED 4 NVA MOVING SOUTHWEST AT (YD 151155). NO WEAPONS OR EQUIPMENT OBSERVED. THEY MOVED INTO THICK BRUSH. PATROL CONTINUED TO OBSERVE AND NO CHILD 30 METERS TO THE SOUTHWEST. ONLY WERE WEARING KHAKI UNIFORMS. THE MAN AND CHILD APPEARED TO BE OBSERVING THE AREA.

(4) 041540H OBSERVED 1 NVA MOVING SOUTH AT (YD 155554). THEY WERE WEARING A PADDLED CAMOUFLAGE OR KHAKI UNIFORM, HELMETS, AND CARRYING AK-47. ALSO A RIG BRUSH ATTACHED BACK FOR CAMOUFLAGE. NVA MOVED OUT OF SIGHT AND NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

(5) 041805H - 1835H PATROL OBSERVED 5 - 100 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL AT (YD 156554). WEARING MIXED BLACK AND GRAY UNIFORMS, PACKS WITH BRUSH, CARRYING RIFLES, AND POS. HELMETS. VC/NVA WERE MOVING IN A PULSAR 3-5 METER INTERVAL. CALLED FIRE MISSION AT APPROXIMATELY 900 METERS RESULTING IN 2 VC/NVA KIA. PATROL CONTINUED TO OBSERVE UNTIL DARKNESS.

(6) 051700H (YD 155567) OBSERVED 7 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL AT (YD 156554). THE FIRST 5 VC/NVA WEARING BLACK PJ'S, COULD HEAR PACKS WITH BRUSH, AND UNKNOWN WEAPONS. THE VC/NVA MOVED OUT OF SIGHT AND PATROL DID NOT OBSERVE ANY MORE MOVEMENT.

(7) 052100H PATROL IN POSITION (YD 155567) HAD 10 VC/NVA MOVE PAST THEIR POSITION 7 METERS AWAY. WEARING DARK UNIFORMS, SEEING HELMETS, AND CARRYING VARIOUS WEAPONS AT THE READY POSITION. VC/NVA MOVED TOWARD HILL 52. PATROL OPENED FIRE WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

C. TERRAIN: SMALL ROLLING HILLS, ABOUT 3-4 METERS HIGH. OP'S IN ANSA PU. WITH NO COVER OR CONCEALMENT. TEAM OBSERVED ONE MAIN TRAIL. (ON MAP).

1. COMMUNICATION: GOOD WITH TAPES ANTENNA.
2. AVAILABLE WATER SOURCES: PLentiful DURING MONSOONS.
3. RATE OF MOVEMENT: 1000 METERS PER HOUR.

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D. OTHER INFORMATION

(1) 05-06 FEB 1966 PAROL OBSERVED CIVILIANS GRID 8 VAR (YD 1656). THESE PEOPLE WERE WORKING NEAR BUFFALO. AT 1830H JUST BEFORE DARK THE PEOPLE STOPPED WORKING. PAROL DID NOT OBSERVE LIGHT OR OTHER SIGNS OF REMAINS GOING TO AND FROM VILLAGES.

6. RESULTS OF SIGHTINGS WITHIN AREA.

A. MILITARY: 2 VC/AVA (BY AIRCRAFT)

7. CONDITION OF PAROL: PHYSICAL: GOOD/IDEAL: GOOD

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

A. RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) TAKE SEA RILKE SCOUT AS SOON PERMITTING.

(2) TAKE AT LEAST 2 7X30'S

(3) CONTINUE TO PUT HIGHER PAROL WITHIN AREA AND AT HILL 92 TO OBSERVE THE PAROL (YD 151155).

(4) CONTINUE TO PUT HIGHER I/C IN THIS AREA.

B. CONCLUSIONS: AREA COVERED AND OBSERVED REVEALED ARMY RECONNAISSANCE AND A HEAVY DEFENSIVE POSITION.

9. HILLS: MANY HILLS THROUGHOUT AREA BECAUSE OF THE TO BRUSH AND GRASS.

10. REMARKS: COMMENTS:

(1) POSSIBLE GOOD ABUSE SITE AT (YD 163560). HILL 52.

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DEBRIEF OF RECON PA TROL: 1ST SQD 3D PIOT, THIRD RECON BN, "A" COMP
NY FOLLOWS:

OPERATION ORDER: 88-68 (CPL D'LOGACZ)

A. MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000, AMS SERIES: L-7014, SHEET 6442 IV

B. DEBRIEFER: LCPL A. VANRAVENSWAY

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION, (8) ENLISTED (1) USN

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (NONE)

C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PAC 25's

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7X50

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CLAYMORE MINES, (3) WP HAND GRENADES

(9) GAS MASKS, (9) CS GRENADES

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 90 HE, 1 CS, 9 CANISTER

(1) M-60 WITH 1000 ROUNDS

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED
ZONE TO DETERMINE ENEMY ACTIVITY. ENGAGE THE ENEMY WITH SUPPORTING
AMS. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER. PIOT HLZ'S FOR
FUTURE OPERATIONS. PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO TRAILS AND THEIR
FREQUENCY OF USE IN YOUR RZ. ASCERTAIN IF THE ARSA IS BEING USED
BY AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE. PATROL WILL NOT BE EXTRACTED UNTIL RZ IS
SUFFICIENTLY COVERED.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 031530H (YD 176587) WALK/07099H
(YD 163586) TRUCK/WALK4. ROUTE: FM INSERT PT TO (YD 163568) WEST TO (YD 147565)
SOUTH TO (YD 140550) EAST TO (YD 154550) NORTH TO (YD 155568)
EAST TO (YD 160570) NORTH TO EXTRACT PT.

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A. SYNOPSIS: 09 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE RESULTED IN 7 SIGHTINGS INCLUDING APPROXIMATELY 200 VC/NVA, AND NO CONTACTS. PATROL OBSERVED TRAIL WHICH APPEARED TO BE A HEAVY INFILTRATION ROUTE. AREA COVERED REVEALED HEAVY RECON AND INFILTRATION.

B. DETAILS:

(1) 031730H (YD 157567) PATROL OBSERVED 5 PEOPLE MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL AT (YD 162564). THEY WERE WEARING BLACK AND WHITE PJ'S NO WEAPONS OR OTHER EQUIPMENT OBSERVED. NO ACTION DUE TO THE PEOPLE MOVED OUT OF SIGHT.

(2) 031845H (YD 157567) OBSERVED 4 NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL AT (YD 162564). WEARING KHAKI UNIFORMS, HELMETS, PACKS WITH BRUSH ATTACHED, AND CARRYING UNKNOWN TYPE WEAPONS. NVA MOVED OUT OF VIEW, PATROL CONTINUED OBSERVATION.

(3) 041125H PATROL AT (YD 149565) OBSERVED 4 NVA MOVING SOUTHWEST AT (YD 151155). NO WEAPONS OR EQUIPMENT OBSERVED. THEY MOVED INTO THICK BRUSH. PATROL CONTINUED TO OBSERVE AND NO CHILD 30 METERS TO THE SOUTHWEST. THEY WERE WEARING KHAKI UNIFORMS. THE MAN AND CHILD APPEARED TO BE OBSERVING THE AREA.

(4) 041540H OBSERVED 1 NVA MOVING SOUTH AT (YD 155554). THEY WERE WEARING A PADDLED CAMOUFLAGE OF KHAKI UNIFORM, HELMETS, AND CARRY AK-47. ALSO CARRY BRUSH ATTACHED BACK FOR CAMOUFLAGE. NVA MOVED OUT OF SIGHT AND NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

(5) 041805H - 1835H PATROL OBSERVED 5 - 100 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL AT (YD 156554). WEARING MIXED BLACK AND GRAY UNIFORMS, PACKS WITH BRUSH, CARRYING RIFLES, AND POSSIBLE HEAVY WEAPONS. VC/NVA WERE MOVING IN A FILE AT A 3-5 MINUTE INTERVAL. CALLED FIRE MISSION AT APPROXIMATELY 1800 HOURS RESULTING IN 2 VC/NVA KIA. PATROL CONTINUED TO OBSERVE UNTIL DARKNESS.

(6) 051700H (YD 155567) OBSERVED 7 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL AT (YD 156554). THE FIRST 5 VC/NVA WEARING BLACK PJ'S, COULD HEAR PACKS WITH BRUSH, AND UNKNOWN WEAPONS. THE VC/NVA MOVED OUT OF SIGHT AND PATROL DID NOT OBSERVE ANY MORE MOVEMENT.

(7) 05210 H PATROL IN POSITION 52 (YD 155557) HAD 10 VC/NVA MOVE PAST THEIR POSITION 7 HOURS AWAY. WEARING DARK UNIFORMS, SEE I HELMETS, AND CARRY UNKNOWN TYPE WEAPON AT THE READY POSITION. VC/NVA MOVED TOWARD HILL 52. PATROL CONTINUED FIRE FIGHT WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

C. TERRAIN: SMALL ROLLING HILLS, BRUSH 3-4 FEET HIGH. OP'S IN AREA FLAT WITH NO COVER OR CONCEALMENT. TEAM OBSERVED ONE MAIN TRAIL. (ON MAP).

1. COMMUNICATION: GOOD WITH TAPS AND SIGNALS.
2. HAZARD: WATER SOURCES: PLentiful DURING DRY SEASONS.
3. RATE OF MOVEMENT: 1000 METERS PER HOUR.

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D. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 05-06 FEB 1966 PAROL OBSERVED CIVILIANS GRID S MAR (YD 1654). THESE PEOPLE WERE WORKING NEAR BUFFALO. AT 1830H JUST BEFORE DARK THE PEOPLE STOPPED WORKING. PAROL DID NOT OBSERVE LIGHT OR OTHER SIGNS OF ILLEGAL GOING TO AND FROM VILLAGES.

6. RESULTS OF SIGHTINGS WITH THE EYE.

A. AMT: 2 VC/LVA (BY ARTILLERY)

7. CONDITION OF PAROL: PHYSICAL: GOOD/MORALE: GOOD

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

A. RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) TAKE SEA RIFLE SCOUTS AS SOON PERMITTING.

(2) TAKE AT LEAST 2 7X30'S

(3) CONTINUE TO PERFORM PAROL IN THIS AREA AND AT HILL 92 TO OBSERVE THE ROAD (YD 151155).

(4) CONTINUE TO PERFORM I/C IN THIS AREA.

B. CONCLUSIONS: AREA COVERED AND OBSERVED REVEALED ARMY RECONNAISSANCE AND A NAVY RECONNAISSANCE HOUSE.

9. HILZ'S: HILZ'S THROUGHOUT AREA BECAUSE OF THE THICK BRUSH AND GRASS.

10. DETERMINED CONCLUSIONS:

(1) POSSIBLE GOOD ABUSE SITE AT (YD 163566). HILL 52.

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FM: THIRD RECON BN
TO: CG FIRE MARDIV

INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA
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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 1ST PM 1ST PLT, THIRD RECON BN, THIRD
FORCE RECON CO. FOLLOWS:

OPERATION ORDER: 96-68 (SGT DEUBACH)

A. MAP: VIETNAM: 1:50,000, AIS SERIES: L-7014, SHEET: 6342 I
6442 IN

B. DEBRIEFER: LCPL A. VANBVENSWAAY

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (6) ENLISTED, (1) USN

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (NONE)

C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (1) AM/PRC 25's

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) T450's

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) CLAYMORE MINES, (2) WP RIFLE GRENADES
(7) GAS MASKS, (7) CS GRENADES

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 75 HE, 4 CS, 6 C-MISTER
(1) M-60 WITH 700 ROUNDS, (2) M-14's

2. MISSIONS: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED
ZONE TO DETERMINE ENEMY ACTIVITY. ENGAGE THE ENEMY WITH SUPPORTING
ING ARMS. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER. PLOT HLT'S
FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS. PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO TRAILS AND THEIR
FREQUENCY OF USE IN YOUR NZ. ASCERTAIN IF THE AREA IS BEING USED
BY THE ENEMY AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE. PATROL WILL NOT BE ATTRACTED
UNTIL NZ IS SUFFICIENTLY COVERED.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 071530H (YD 178586) TRUCK/WALK
091100H (YD 147587) WALK/TRUCK

4. ROUTE: FM INSERT PT SOUTHEAST TO (YD 155767) NORTHEAST TO EATR.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

(1) 090930H (YD 155767) TEAM OBSERVED 10-12 NVA APPROACH 30 METERS
FROM THEIR POSITION. NVA WERE MOVING SOUTHEAST. WEARING KHAKI
UNIFORMS, WITH HELMETS WITH BRUSH, LIGHT P-CKS WITH BRUSH, AND CARRYING
AK-47's. THE NVA WERE MOVING AWAY FROM THE FRIENDLY
UNIT THAT WERE MAKING A SWEEP IN THIS AREA. THE NVA DID NOT KNOW
THE TEAM WAS THERE UNTIL MEMBER STOOD UP AND OPENED FIRE. RESULTING
IN 1 NVA KIA. NVA BROKE CONTACT MOVING NORTHEAST.

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C. TERRAIN: ROLLING HILLS WITH 3-6 FEET BRUSH. GOOD CP'S IN AREA WITH GOOD COVER AND CONCEALMENT. MANY WELL USED TRAIL THROUGHOUT THE AREA.

1. COMMUNICATIONS: GOOD WITH WHIP ANTENNA
2. NATURAL WATER SOURCE: (NONE)
3. RATE OF MOVEMENT: 500-800 METERS PER HOUR
- D. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 090800H (YD 155567) PATROL HEARD A POSSIBLE RECOILESS RIFLE FROM THE NORTH IN A VALLEY (YD 156574).

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: (

A. ENEMY: 1 EVA KIA

B. FRIENDLY: (NONE)

CAP CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: 1 AK-47, PACK, POUNCHO, HAMMOCK, CLOTH POUCH, 1 BATTLE DRESSING

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

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

A. RECOMMENDATIONS: CONTINUE TO CP TRAILS IN THIS AREA. PATROL DID NOT OBSERVED ANY SIGNS OF MOVEMENT EXCEPT FOR THE TRAILS, AND WHEN THEY MADE CONTACT, HUNG FRIENDLY UNIT WAS MAKING A SWEEP.

B. CONCLUSIONS: ARE COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS ENEMY INFILTRATION THROUGHOUT THIS AREA. THE TRAILS ARE WELL USED AND RECENTLY USED.

9. HLZ'S: WHOLE AREA CAN BE USE FOR NUMEROUS LZ BECAUSE OF THE TER.

10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: (NONE)

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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 1ST PM 1ST PLT, THIRD RECON BN, THIRD
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OPERATION ORDER: 96-68 (JGT INUBACH)

A. MAP: VIETNAM: 1:50,000, AIS SERIES: L-7014, SHEET: 6342 I
6442 IN

B. DEBRIEFER: LCPL A. VANBUNHWAAY

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (6) ENLISTED, (1) USN

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (NONE)

C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25's

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7X50's

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) CLAYMORE MINES, (2) WP RIFLE GRENADES
(7) GAS MASKS, (7) CS GRENADES

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-75 WITH 75 HE, 4 CS, 6 CANISTER
(1) M-40 WITH 700 ROUNDS, (2) M-14's

2. MISSIONS: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED
ZONE TO DETERMINE ENEMY ACTIVITY, ENGAGE THE ENEMY WITH SUPPORTING
INF. ARMS. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER. POST HLT'S
FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS. PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO TRAILS AND THEIR
FREQUENCY OF USE IN YOUR ZONE. ASCERTAIN IF THE AREA IS BEING USED
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UNTIL ZONE IS SUFFICIENTLY COVERED.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 071530H (YD 178566) TRUCK/WALK
091100H (YD 147587) WALK/TRUCK.

4. ROUTE: PM INSERT PT SOUTHEAST TO (YD 155767) NORTHEAST TO EATH.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

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6. TERRAIN: ROLLING HILLS WITH 3-6 FEET BRUSH. GOOD CP'S IN AREA WITH GOOD COVER AND CONCEALMENT. MANY WELL USED TRAIL THROUGHOUT THE AREA.

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2. NATURAL WATER SOURCE: (NONE)
3. RATE OF MOVEMENT: 500-800 METERS PER HOUR
4. OTHER INFORMATION:

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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: (

A. ENEMY: 1 EVA KIA

B. FRIENDLY: (NONE)

CAP CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: 1 AK-47, PACK, POUCH, HAMMOCK, CLOTH POUCH, 1 BATTLE DRESSING

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

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

A. RECOMMENDATIONS: CONTINUE TO CP TRAILS IN THIS AREA. PATROL DID NOT OBSERVE ANY SIGNS OF MOVEMENT EXCEPT FOR THE TRAILS, AND WHEN THEY MADE CONTACT, HUNG FRIENDLY UNIT WAS MAKING A SWEEP.

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10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: (NONE)

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TO: CG THIRD MAR DIV

INFO: FIRST AID DIV US1
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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 2d, THIRD RECON BN, "A" COMPANY FOLLOWS:

OPERATION ORDER: 108-68 (SGT WRIGLEY)

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

(1) DEBRIEFER: SSGT J.H.L. LOPEZ

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (7) ENLISTED (1) USN

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (2) SNIPERS

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

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (3) 7x50'S

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CLAYMORE MINES, (4) WP HAND GRENADES, (10) CS GRENADES, (10) PROTECTIVE MASKS, (1) INCENDIARY GRENADE.

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 (68) HE, (1) CS, (8) CANISTER ROUNDS, (2) SNIPER RIFLES, AND (1) M-60 WITH 900 ROUNDS.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT A RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED ZONE TO DETERMINE ENEMY ACTIVITY. ENGAGE THE ENEMY WITH SUPPORTING ARMS. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER. PHOTO HILZ'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 SUFFICIENTLY COVERED.

3. DTG INSERTED: 091630H FEB 68 COORD (YD 289521) HOW: TRUCK

4. DTG EXTRACTED: 131700H FEB 68 COORD (YD 305555) HOW: FOOT

5. ROUTE: FROM INSERT PT TO (YD 270520) RPT (YD 270520) TO INSERT PT TO (YD 285533) RPT (YD 285533) TO (YD 25528) RPT (YD 25528) TO (YD 254432) RPT (YD 254532) TO (YD 263535) RPT (YD 263535) TO (YD 268541) RPT (YD 268541) TO (YD 276540) RPT (YD 276540) TO EXTRACT PT.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: (88) HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE RESULTED IN ONE CONTACT WITH APPROXIMATELY 10 NVA WHICH RESULTED IN (4) NVA KIA AND ONE NVA MIA. TWO GUNFIGHTS FIRED APPROXIMATELY (30) ROUNDS. A WELL DUL...

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B. ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND COMBAT:

(1) 101400H (YD 270520) : PATROL OBSERVED ONE NVA IN A BUNKER VICINITY (YD 263516). THE NVA WAS WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, NO COVER AND WAS ARMED WITH AN M-47. THE NVA SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN ON GUARD. AT ONE TIME HE WENT TO A STREAM APPROXIMATELY 30 METERS WEST OF THE BUNKER AND STAYED THERE FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES. THE TEAM SET A COVERING FORCE AT THEIR POSITION AND THE REST MOVED APPROXIMATELY 300 METERS WEST AND 150 METERS FROM THE BUNKER. THEN THEY OBSERVED TWO NVA THAT CAME FROM THE STREAM TO THE BUNKER. THEY WERE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES AND ONE WAS ARMED WITH SOVIET 7.62MM LMG RPD-46, CHICOM TYPE 58. THE TEAM THEN OBSERVED FIVE MORE NVA MOVING FROM THE STREAM TOWARDS THE BUNKER. BY THIS TIME, THE SNIPER WITH THE COVERING FORCE FIRED AND KILLED ONE NVA STANDING BY THE BUNKER. TEAM IMMEDIATELY FIRED WITH ANF KILLING ANOTHER NVA BY THE BUNKER. THE OTHER FIVE NVA MOVED BACK TO THE STREAM AND DISAPPEARED. TEAM CALLED FOR GUNSHIPS. THE SNIPER FROM THE COVERING FORCE FIRED AGAIN AND KILLED THE LAST NVA IN THE BUNKER. BY THIS TIME THE COVERING FORCE OBSERVED ANOTHER NVA PUTTING ON A LARGE PACK AND THE SNIPER FIRED AT THE NVA AND HIS PACK, WHICH RESULTED IN A LARGE EXPLOSION. TEAM THEN HEARD YELLING OF SEVERE PAIN FROM SOMEONE ELSE IN THE BUNKER. AT THIS TIME TWO GUNSHIPS CAME ON STATION AND FIRED APPROXIMATELY (30) ROCKETS AT THE BUNKER RESULTING IN NO APPARENT DAMAGE. GUNSHIPS THEN STRAFED THE AREA AND COVERED THE TEAM WHILE MOVING BACK TO THE COVERING FORCE. GUNSHIPS LEFT AND TEAM CALLED FIVE ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY BUT COULD NOT GET ON TARGET. TEAM MOVED TO THE INSERT POINT FOR RESUPPLY.

C. TERRAIN: CHARACTERIZED BY LOW ROLLING HILLS WITH THICK SHRUB BRUSH APPROXIMATELY THREE TO SIX FEET HIGH. THERE IS GOOD COVER AND CONCEALMENT, HOWEVER THE TERRAIN DOES NOT OFFER ANY GOOD OP SITES. RATE OF MOVEMENT IS APPROXIMATELY 300-600 METERS PER HOUR.

(1) COMMUNICATION WAS FAIR, HAD TO USE THE WHIP ANTENNA AND MOST OF THE TIME THE TRANSMISSION WERE WEAK.

(2) WATER: AS SHOWN ON MAP. STREAMS ARE VERY DEEP AND DIFFICULT TO CROSS.

(3) TRAILS: AS SHOWN ON MAP

(4) HLZ'S: THIS WHOLE AREA CAN BE USED AS HLZ. NO OBSTACLES WERE OBSERVED.

D. OTHER INFORMATION: NONE

7. WEATHER WAS COLD, MISTY AND DRIZZLEY WITH FAIR VISIBILITY.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTER WITH THE ENEMY:

A. ENEMY: (4) KIA (1) MIA

9. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

A. RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) DUE TO THE BUNKERS IN THIS AREA, PATROL SHOULD TAKE LAWS WITH THEM.

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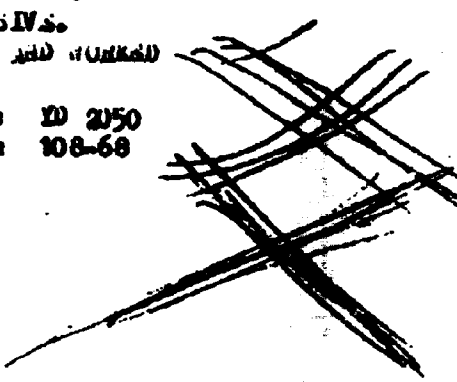
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- (2) PATROLS SHOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE US WITH THEM.
(3) CONTINUE TO TAKE SNIPERS OUT WITH PATROLS.
B. CONCLUSIONS: 1. REVEALS HEAVY ENEMY BUNKER BUILD-UP.
POSSIBLY SOME TYPE OF BASE OR TRANSIT AREA.
10. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL: GOOD FOR THE: EXCELLENT
11. DEBRIEF COMMENTS:
A. OPINION: THE ENEMY SEEMED TO HAVE POOR DISCIPLINE, AND LAA
AND NOT TO ALERT. THE ENEMY DID NOT MAKE ANY EFFORT TO
CAMOUFLAGE. HAD POOR REACTION AND WERE NOT AGGRESSIVE.
B. SNIPERS COMMENTS: SNIPERS WERE WELL EMPLOYED AND WORKED
EXCELLENT WITH MOON PATROLS.

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FM: THIRD RECON BN
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV

INFO: FIRST AIRC V DIV USA
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
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ATTN: AC OF S G-2

DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 241, THIRD RECON BN, "A" COMPANY FOLLOWS:

OPERATION ORDER: 108-68 (SGT WHITLEY)

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

(1) DEBRIEFER: SSGT J.M.L. LOPEZ

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (7) ENLISTED (1) USM

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (2) SNIPERS

C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AM/PRG 25'S

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (3) 7x50'S

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CLAYMORE MINES, (4) WP HAND GRENADES,
(10) CS GRENADES, (10) PROTECTIVE MASKS, (1) INCENDIARY GRENADE.

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 (68) HE, (1) CS, (8) CANISTER ROUNDS,
(2) SNIPER RIFLES, AND (1) M-60 WITH 900 ROUNDS.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN
AREA TO DETERMINE RECON PATROL. MANAGE THE SAFETY
OF SUPPORTING ARMS. TAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER
OF WAR AND FUTURE OPERATIONS. PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION

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B. ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:

(1) 101400H (YD 270520) PATROL OBSERVED ONE NVA IN A BUNKER VICINITY (YD 263516). THE NVA WAS WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, NO COVER AND WAS ARMED WITH AN M-47. THIS NVA SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN ON GUARD. AT ONE TIME HE WENT TO A STREAM APPROXIMATELY 30 METERS WEST OF THE BUNKER AND STAYED THERE FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES. THE TEAM SET A COVERING FORCE AT THEIR POSITION AND THE HOST MOVED APPROXIMATELY 300 METERS WEST AND 150 METERS FROM THE BUNKER. TEAM THEN OBSERVED TWO NVA THAT CAME FROM THE STREAM TO THE BUNKER. THEY WERE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES AND ONE WAS ARMED WITH SOVIET 7.62 MM LUG RPD-46, CHICOM TYPE 58. THE TEAM THEN OBSERVED FIVE MORE NVA MOVING FROM THE STREAM TOWARDS THE BUNKER. BY THIS TIME, THE SNIPER WITH THE COVERING FORCE FIRED AND KILLED ONE NVA STANDING BY THE BUNKER. TEAM IMMEDIATELY FIRED WITH A-F KILLING ANOTHER NVA BY THE BUNKER. THE OTHER FIVE NVA MOVED BACK TO THE STREAM AND DISAPPEARED. TEAM CALLED FOR GUNSHIPS. THE SNIPER FROM THE COVERING FORCE FIRED AGAIN AND KILLED THE LAST NVA IN THE BUNKER. BY THIS TIME THE COVERING FORCE OBSERVED ANOTHER NVA PUTTING ON A LARGE PACK AND THE SNIPER FIRED AT THE NVA AND HIS PACK, WHICH RESULTED IN A LARGE EXPLOSION. TEAM THEN HEARD YELLING OF SEVERE PAIN FROM SOMEONE ELSE IN THE BUNKER. AT THIS TIME TWO GUNSHIPS CAME ON STATION AND FIRED APPROXIMATELY (30) ROCKETS AT THE BUNKER RESULTING IN NO APPARENT DAMAGE. GUNSHIPS THEN STRAFED THE AREA AND COVERED THE TEAM WHILE MOVING BACK TO THE COVERING FORCE. GUNSHIPS LEFT AND TEAM CALLED FIVE ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY BUT COULD NOT GET ON TARGET. TEAM MOVED TO THE INSERT POINT FOR RESUPPLY.

C. TERRAIN: CHARACTERIZED BY LOW ROLLING HILLS WITH THICK SHRUB BRUSH APPROXIMATELY THREE TO SIX FEET HIGH. THERE IS GOOD COVER AND CONCEALMENT, HOWEVER THE TERRAIN DOES NOT OFFER ANY GOOD UP SITES. RATE OF MOVEMENT IS APPROXIMATELY 300-600 METERS PER HOUR.

(1) COMMUNICATION WAS FAIR, HAD TO USE THE WHIP ANTENNA AND MOST OF THE TIME THE TRANSMISSION WERE WEAK.

(2) WATER: AS SHOWN ON MAP. STREAMS ARE VERY DEEP AND DIFFICULT TO CROSS.

(3) TRAILS: AS SHOWN ON MAP

(4) HLZ'S: THIS WHOLE AREA CAN BE USED AS HLZ. NO OBSTACLES WERE OBSERVED.

D. OTHER INFORMATION: NONE

7. WEATHER WAS COLD, MISTY AND DRIZZLEY WITH FAIR VISIBILITY.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTER WITH THE ENEMY:

A. ENEMY: (4) KIA (1) MIA

9. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

A. RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) DUE TO THE BUNKERS IN THIS AREA, PATROL SHOULD TAKE LAWS WITH THEM.

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- (2) PATROLS SHOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE US WITH THEM.
(3) CONTINUE TO TAKE SNIPERS OUT WITH PATROLS.
B. CONCLUSIONS: LAA REVEALS HEAVY BUNKER BUILD-UP.
POSSIBLY SOME FWD OF BASE OR TRANSFER AREA.
10. COMBINATION OF PATROLS PHYSICAL: GOOD FOR LAA: EXCELLENT
11. DEBRIEF COMMENTS:
A. OPINION: THE BUNKER SEEMED TO HAVE POOR DISCIPLINE, LAA LAA
AND NOT TO ALERT. THE BUNKER DID NOT MAKE ANY EFFORT TO
CAMOUFLAGE. HAD POOR REACTION AND WERE NOT AGGRESSIVE.
B. SNIPERS COMMENTS: SNIPERS WERE WELL EMPLOYED AND WORKED
EXCELLENT WITH RECON PATROLS.

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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 1-1, THIRD RECON BN, THIRD FORCE RECON
CO. FOLLOWS:

OPERATION ORDER: 117-68 (SGT HEUBECK)

A. MAP: VIETNAM: 1:50,000, AMS SERIES-7014, SHEET 6442 IV, 6342 I

B. DEBRIEFER: 1E R.G. HALLS

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (7) ENLISTED

B. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS: (NONE)

C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) INTERCOM 25's

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) 7X50's

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) CLAYMORE MINES, (2) WP RIFLE GRENADES
(7) GAS MASKS, (4) CS GRENADES

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 50 HE, 4 CS, 9 CALIBER.
(2) M-14's

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED
ZONE TO DETERMINE ENEMY ACTIVITY. ENGAGE THE ENEMY WITH SUPPORT-
ING ARMS. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER. PRIORITY
FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS. PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO TRAILS AND
THEIR FREQUENCY OF USE IN YOUR ZONE. PATROL WILL NOT BE EXTENDED
UNTIL NZ IS COMPLETELY COVERED.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 141100H (YD 150587) TRUCK/16:300H
(YD 158586) WALK/BRUCK

4. ROUTE: FM INSERT PT SOUTHWEST TO (YD 160576) SOUTH TO (YD 160-
565) SOUTHWEST TO (YD 172549) NORTH TO (YD 167560) EAST TO
(YD 158558) SOUTH TO (YD 160554) NORTH TO (YD 160565) NORTH TO
EXTRACT PT.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

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A. SYNOPSIS: 50 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE PATROLLING RESUMED IN TWO ENEMY CONTACTS. THE ENEMY APPEARS TO BE MOVING THROUGH THIS AREA IN SMALL GROUPS AT THE PRESENT TIME. MOST MOVEMENT IN THE AREA APPEARS TO BE NORTH-SOUTH ALONG MAJOR TRAILS.

B. ENEMY:

1. 161030H (YD 159554) PATROL OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA APPROXIMATELY 15 METERS FROM THEIR POSITION VICINITY (YD 159554). ENEMY WERE MORE BUILT HATS, UNIFORMS AND WEAPONS COULD NOT BE OBSERVED. ONE VC/NVA WAS VERY HEAVILY COLLECTED AND HAD SEVERAL WOUNDS. HE WORE A FEATHER IN HIS BUILT COVER. ENEMY INITIATED SAF WITH HIS SOUND LIKE CARBINES. THE PATROL RETURNED FIRE AND BROKE CONTACT WITH M-79 GAS ROUND. (ONE M-79 GAS ROUND WAS A DUD) PATROL MOVED NORTH TO (YD 157558) AND SET UP DEFENSIVE PERIMETER. PATROL OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA, INCLUDING 1 WITH THE FEATHER IN HIS COVER, TRYING TO ENVELOPE PATROL'S POSITION FROM THE WEST. ENEMY INITIATED SAF FROM APPROXIMATELY 300 METERS TO THE WEST. PATROL RETURNED SAF AND M-79 FIRE. TEAM CALLED ARTILLERY MISSION OF 6 ROUNDS WITH GOOD COVERAGE ON TARGET AND UNKNOWN RESULTS. PATROL MOVED OUT TO THE NORTH AND COMPLETED MISSION. COMBAT AT THIS TIME WAS VERY POOR. GROUND WAS HEAVILY TRAVELED. MANY GOOD QP'S IN THE AREA. COMMUNICATIONS WERE POOR DUE TO HIGH HILL ALLEGEDLY. NATURAL WATER SOURCES WERE POOR ON HIGH GROUND, INSUFFICIENTLY OBSERVED IN THE LOW GROUND. RATE OF MOVEMENT WAS 800 METERS PER HOUR.

D. OTHER INFORMATION:

1. 160545H (YD 157558) PATROL EXPERIENCED INTERFERENCE ON PRIMARY RADIO FREQUENCY. INTERFERENCE WAS A LOW TALK VOICE WHICH SOUNDED AS THOUGH MESSAGES OF 20-25 WORDS WERE BEING SENT. INTERFERENCE LASTED APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES.

2. 161200H (YD 159575) PATROL FOUND ARVN TYPE PACK ABOUT 50 METERS TO THE EAST OF TRAIL VICINITY (YD 159578). PACK CONTAINED 3 AK-37 MAGAZINES, A CIGAR, A HATCHET, A PORCINO, AND ABOUT 30 LBS OF RICE.

3. 161215H (YD 159578) PATROL FOUND THE BODY OF BOY APPROXIMATELY 16-18 YEARS OLD. BOY HAD GREEN SCARF AROUND HIS NECK, REMAINS OF PJ'S AND A LITTLE HOLE IN HIS CHEST (APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN HIT BY AN M-79 ROUND) THERE WERE NO DRUG MARKS AROUND THE BODY AND THE BODY APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN SEARCHED AS THERE WERE PERSONAL BELONGINGS INCLUDING AN ENEMY CIGARETTE PACK AND A BOX OF SOAP, LAYING NEAR THE BODY. THE BOY APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN DEAD FOR 3-6 HOURS.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTER WITH THE ENEMY:

A. ENEMY: UNABLE TO OBSERVE

B. PRISONERS (IF ANY):

C. CAPTURED/LOOTED: 1 ARVN TYPE PACK, 3 AK-47 MAGAZINES, CIGAR, HATCHET, PORCINO, OTHER FOR AK-47, AND APPROXIMATELY 30 POUNDS OF RICE.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: MORALE: GOOD/NOBLE: GOOD

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS:

A. RECOMMENDATIONS: A SCOUT DOG WOULD PROBABLY WORK WELL IN THE AREA.

B. CONCLUSIONS:

1. AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS: LIGHT ENEMY ACTIVITY AT THE PRESENT TIME. ENEMY TENDS TO BE MOVING IN SMALL GROUPS THROUGH THE AREA.

2. GENERAL COMMENTS:

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THIS AREA CONTINUES TO REVEAL ENEMY ACTIVITY. MOST ENEMY MOVEMENT IN THE AREA APPEARS TO BE NORTH-SOUTH.

9. REZ'S: REZ'S THROUGHOUT THE AREA.

10. DEBREBER CORRIDOR:

THIS AREA CONTINUES TO REVEAL ENEMY ACTIVITY. MOVEMENT APPEARS TO BE NORTH-SOUTH THROUGHOUT THE AREA ALONG TRAIL RUNNING FROM (YD 150587) SOUTH TO (YD 163561). THE ENEMY APPEARS TO BE UTILIZING THE VILLAGE VICINITY (YD 154584) AS A SOURCE OF RESUPPLY. ON THE MORNING OF 16 FEBRUARY THERE WAS A NOTICEABLE LACK OF CIVILIAN ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE AREA, AND IN THE VILLAGE.

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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 1-1, THIRD RECON BN, THIRD FORCE RECON
CO. FOLLOWS:

OPERATION ORDER: 117-63 (SGT DEUBECK)

B. DEBRILEER: LE RAG. JALLS

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (7) ENLARGED

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (NONE)

C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) **AMERC 2518**

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) 7X50'S

(7) GAS MASKS, (4) CS GRENADES

(2) R-14's

2. MISSIONS CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED ZONE TO DETERMINE ENEMY ACTIVITY. ENGAGE THE ENEMY WITH SUPPORTING ARMS. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER. REPORT HZ'S FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS. PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO TRAILS AND THEIR FREQUENCY OF USE IN YLR RZ. PATROL WILL NO LONGER EXTEND UNTIL RZ IS FULLY AND SUFFICIENTLY COVERED.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 141100H (YD 150587) TRUCK/16'300H
(YD 158506) DATE/DOCK

4. ROUTE: FM LINE 111 SOUTHWEST TO (YD 160576) SOUTH TO (YD 160-
565) SOUTHWEST TO (YD 172549) NORTH TO (YD 167560) EAST TO
(YD 158558) SOUTH TO (YD 160554) NORTH TO (YD 160565) NORTH TO
EXPLOSIVE 111.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENERGY AND TERRAIN.

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A. SYNOPSIS: 50 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE PATROLLING RESUMED IN TWO ENEMY CAMPAIGNS. ALL ENEMY APPEARS TO BE MOVING THROUGH THIS AREA IN SMALL GROUPS AT THE PRESENT TIME. MOST MOVEMENT IN THIS AREA APPEARS TO BE NORTH-SOUTH ALONG MAJOR TRAILS.

B. ENEMY:

1. 161030H (YD 158554) PATROL OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA APPROXIMATELY 15 METERS FROM THEIR POSITION VICINITY (YD 158554). ENEMY WEAPONS: BULLETS, MORTARS AND MORTARS COULD NOT BE OBSERVED. ONE VC/NVA WAS VERY HEAVILY COLLECTED AND HAD WEATHER FEATURES. HE HAD A LEATHER BUSH COVER. ENEMY INITIATED SAF WITH THAT SOUND LIKE CARBINES. THE PATROL RETURNED FIRE AND BROKE CONTACT WITH 16-79 GAS ROUNDED. (ONE 16-79 GAS ROUNDED WAS A DUD) PATROL MOVED NORTH TO (YD 157558) AND SET UP DEFENSIVE PERIMETER. PATROL OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA, INCLUDING THE ONE WITH THE LEATHER IN HIS COVER, TRYING TO ENVELOPE PATROL'S POSITION FROM THE WEST. ENEMY INITIATED SAF FROM APPROXIMATELY 300 METERS TO THE WEST. PATROL RETURNED SAF AND 16-79 FIRE. ENEMY CALLED ARTILLERY MISSION OF 6 ROUNDS WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGET AND UNKNOWN RESULTS. PATROL MOVED OUT TO THE NORTH AND CONTINUED MISSION. COMBAT THIS TIME WAS VERY POOR. 2. TERRAIN: FLATROLLING HILL-WITH BUSH 3-6 FEET HIGH. SCATTERED AREA OF CANOPY 10-15 MET IN THE LOW GROUND. TRAIL IN THE AREA IS HEAVILY TRAVELED. MANY GOOD QP'S IN THE AREA. COMMUNICATIONS ARE POOR DUE TO THE HILL AND ANTENNA. NATURAL WATER SOURCES WAS POOR ON HIGH GROUND, UNDERSTANDING AREA. OBSERVE IN THE LOW GROUND. RATE OF MOVEMENT WAS 800 METERS PER HOUR.

D. OTHER INFORMATION:

1. 160545H (YD 157559) PATROL EXPERIENCED INTERFERENCE ON PRIMARY RADIO EQUIPMENT. INTERFERENCE WAS A LOUD MALL VOICE WHICH SOUNDED AS THOUGH MESSAGES OF 20-25 WORDS WERE BEING SENT. INTERFERENCE LAST APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES.

2. 161200H (YD 159575) PATROL FOUND ARVN TYPE PACK ABOUT 50 METERS TO THE WEST OF TRAIL VICINITY (YD 159578). PACK CONTAINED 3 AK-37 MAGAZINES, A GUNNY HATBOX, A MORTAR, AND ABOUT 30 LBS OF RICE.

3. 161215H (YD 159578) PATROL FOUND THE BODY OF BOY APPROXIMATELY 16-18 YEARS OLD. BODY HAD GUNNY SCARF AROUND THE NECK, REMAINS OF PJ'S AND A LEATHER BUSH COVER. (APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN HIT BY A 16-79 ROUNDED) THERE WERE NO DRUG MARKS AROUND THE BODY AND THE BODY APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN SEARCHED AS THERE WERE MORTAR MARKS. ACCORDING TO ENEMY CLEARANCE PACK AND A BAR OF SOAP, LAYING NEAR THE BODY. THE BODY APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN DEAD FOR 3-6 HOURS.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTER WITH THE ENEMY:

A. ENEMY: UNABLE TO OBSERVE

B. FRIENDLY (16-79)

C. CAPTURED/LOST ITEMS: 1 ARVN TYPE PACK, 3 AK-47 MAGAZINES, GUNNY HATBOX, MORTAR, GUNNY FOR AK-47, AND APPROXIMATELY 30 POUNDS OF RICE.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: ALL IN L: GOOD/NORMAL: GOOD

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS:

A. RECOMMENDATIONS: A SCOUT DOG WOULD PROBABLY WORK WELL IN THIS AREA.

B. CONCLUSIONS:

1. AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS: HIGH ENEMY ACTIVITY AT THE PRESENT TIME. ALL ENEMY APPEARS TO BE MOVING IN SMALL GROUPS THROUGH THE AREA.

2. CURRENT SITUATION:

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THIS AREA CONTINUES TO REVEAL ENEMY ACTIVITY. MOST ENEMY MOVEMENT IN THE AREA TENDS TO BE NORTH-SOUTH.

9. REMARKS: ENEMY ACTIVITY IS THROUGHOUT THE AREA.

10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:

THIS AREA CONTINUES TO REVEAL ENEMY ACTIVITY. ENEMY APPEARS TO BE MOVING SOUTH THROUGHOUT THE AREA ALONG TRAIN RUNNING FROM (YD 158587) SOUTH TO (YD 163561). THE ENEMY APPEARS TO BE UTILIZING THE VILLAGE VICINITY (YD 154584) AS A SOURCE OF RESUPPLY. ON THE MORNING OF 16 MARCH 1967 THERE WAS A NOTICEABLE LACK OF CIVILIAN ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE AREA, AND IN THE VILLAGE.

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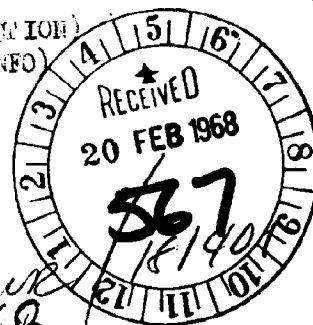
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DETACH OF RECON PATROL: 3A1, THIRD RECON BN, "A" COMPANY FOLLOWS:

OPERATION ORDER: 115-68 (CPL DELUGACZ)

A. MAP: VEHICLE: 1:50,000, AFS SERIES: L-7014, SHEET:

B. DETERMINER: DE. R.G. WALLS

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (8) MILITARY (1) USN

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (RECON) (1) USMC SCOUT DOG AND HANDLER

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

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) 7X50's

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CLAYMORE MINES, (4) WP HAND GRENADES
(10) GAS MASKS, (10) CS GRENADES, (1) BLOCK C-4F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 70 ROUNDS HE, 1 CS, 8 CARTRIDGE
(1) M-60 WITH 1000 ROUNDS2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED
ZONE TO DETERMINE ENEMY ACTIVITY. ENGAGE THE ENEMY WITH SUPPORT-
ING ARMS. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER. PLOT HLZ'S
FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS. PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO BRAILS AND
THEIR FREQUENCY OF USE IN YOUR RZ. PATROL WILL NOT BE EXTRACTED
UNTIL RZ IS SUFFICIENTLY COVERED.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 151200H (XD 969471) HELO/ 161400H
(XD 970478) HELO

4. ROUTE: FM INSERT PT TO DETRACK PT.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: 26 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE AND PATROLLING RESULTED IN
NO ENEMY SIGHTING AND ONE CONTACT. 161400H (XD 970478) PATROL
DETACHED TO UNKNO. FIRE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE RESULTING IN (2) USMC
KIA, (2) USMC MIA, (2) USMC MIA (HILTON). THE HELO-VAC WAS HELO
RECEIVED SA/AF DURING EXTRACTION. THIS AREA REVEALS MODERATE
ENEMY ACTIVITY AND MODERATE FIRE. ENEMY ACTIVITY APPEARED TO
BE MOVING WESTWARD IN SMALL UNITS USING WATER BUFFALO TO CARRY
WEAPONS.

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161400H (XD 970478) PATROL WAS MOVING TO TOP OF HILL VICINITY (XD 970478) WHEN LARGE EXPLOSION DETONATED APPROXIMATELY 20 METERS TO THE NORTHWEST OF PATROL'S POSITION RESULTING IN (2) USMC KIA, (2) USMC KIA'S AND (1) USMC KIA (MINOR). PATROL HAD NOT OBSERVED ANY TYPE OF FIRE-ARMS AND FELT THE EXPLOSION COULD HAVE BEEN A BOOMERANG 155MM ARTILLERY DTD ROUND. PATROL CALLED FOR EMERGENCY EXTRACTION. AT THIS TIME SCOUT DOG ALERTED TO THE WEST. PATROL CALLED ARTILLERY MISSION OF (2) ROUNDS, THREE GRENADES, AND FIRED 1-79 ROUNDS INTO THE VALLEY TO THE WEST OF THEIR POSITION. PATROL COULD NOT OBSERVE ANY RESULTS. MED-EVAC C-46 RECEIVED SA/AF WHEN IT SET DOWN IN THE ZONE. MED-EVAC CHOPPER RETURNED FIRE AND COMPLETED EXTRACT ORION. ARTILLERY FIRE HAD NOT CALLED IN AREA AFTER EXTRACTION COMPLETED.

C. TERRAIN: SLEPP HILLS WITH 10-15 FEET HIGH EDGEHILL GRASS. ON HILLSIDES. 30-40 FEET CANOPY AND EXTREMELY THICK UNDERGROWTH ON HILL SIDE AND IN VALLEYS. MANY RECENTLY HEED WATER BUFFALO TRAIL THROUGHOUT THE AREA. GOOD QP AT (XD 970478). COMMUNICATIONS WAS GOOD WITH TAPES AVAILABLE ON HIGH GROUND. NO NATURAL WATER SOURCE IN THE HIGH GROUND, MINERAL WATER IN LOW GROUND. RATE OF MOVEMENT 200 METERS PER HOUR.

D. OTHER INFORMATION:

1. 151215H (XD 969472) PATROL FOUND 4 ONE MAN HARBOR SITES WHICH HAD BEEN USED WITHIN THE LAST 3 DAYS.
2. 151400H (XD 969474) PATROL MOVING NORTH WHEN THEY CROSSED HARBOR BUFFALO TRAIL APPROXIMATELY 24 HOURS OLD. TRAIL WAS RUNNING EAST-WEST. TRACKS WERE 4-5 INCH DEEP AND IT APPEARED AS THOUGH THE WATER BUFFALO HAD BEEN HEAVILY LOADED WHEN CROSSING. THE PUNJI PIT WAS 18x18 INCHES AND 12 INCHES DEEP. PUNJI STICKS WERE 8 INCHES LONG. THE CAMOUFLAGED OVER THE PIT HAD FALLEN INTO THE PIT.
3. 151600H PATROL FOUND PUNJI TRAP APPROXIMATELY 6-8 HOURS OLD.
4. 160900H (XD 970485) PATROL IN THEIR HARBOR SITE WHEN THEY HEARD MOVEMENT APPROXIMATELY 30 METERS TO NORTHWEST OF PATROL'S POSITION. PATROL ESTIMATED 2 SQUAD SIZE UNITS MOVING THROUGH THE AREA. (10 MEN) APPROXIMATELY 50 METERS APART. NO ACTION TAKEN, PATROL COMPLETED MISSION.
5. 161100H ~~XXXXXX~~ (XD 971476) PATROL MOVING NORTH WHEN THEY FOUND WATER BUFFALO TRAIL RUNNING FROM EAST-WEST. TRAIL FORGONE VICINITY (XD 971476) WHEN ON TRAIL MOVING TO NORTHWEST AND THE OTHER RUNNING TO WEST. PATROL OBSERVED ONE SET OF WATER BUFFALO TRACKS MOVING TO WEST. TRACKS WERE 6-8 INCHES DEEP. PATROL ALSO FOUND ONE SET OF BOOMERANGS MOVING ALONG WITH BUFFALO TRACKS. TRACKS APPEARED TO BE 4-6 HOURS OLD.
6. 161300H (XD 970476) PATROL FOUND BOB CRATER WHICH HAD BEEN USED AS A ONE MAN HARBOR SITE. TEAM ALSO OBSERVED ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ FREASH BOOPRINT AND BUFFALO TRACKS IN THE AREA. PATROL ESTIMATED THE AREA HAD BEEN USED WITHIN PAST 12-18 HOURS.

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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

A. ENEMY: UNABLE TO OBSERVE

B. FRIENDLY: 2 KIA, 2 MIA, 1 MIA (MINOR)

C. LOS EQUIPMENT: M-60 MACHINE GUN AND SEVERAL M-26 GRENADES

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL: FAIR/TO ALE: FAIR

8. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

A. RECOMMENDATIONS: AIR STRIKES AND ARTILLERY SHOULD BE USED IN THE VALLEY (XD 961500) SOUTH TO (XD 970472).

B. CONCLUSIONS:

1. AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS SMALL GROUPS OF VC/NVA ARE OPERATING IN THE AREA AND APPEAR TO BE USING PANS, BUFFALO TO TRANSPORT THEIR GEAR.

2. GENERAL CONCLUSIONS: MODERATE TO HEAVY ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE AREA. ALL MOVEMENT IN THE AREA APPEAR TO BE EAST-WEST. ENEMY APPEARS TO BE OPERATING IN SMALL GROUPS (APPROXIMATE 10 MEN) AND APPEARS TO BE CONCENTRATED IN VALLEY VICINITY (XD 961500)-(XD 970478)

9. HILZ'S:

1. (XD 969471) SLE WILL ACCOMMODATE (2) CH-46's. SLE ON RIDGE LINE WITH 7-8 FEET HIGH STEPPED GRASS. BEST APPROACH SOUTH OR EAST.

2. (XD 969472) SLE WILL ACCOMMODATE (2) CH-46's. SLE ON RIDGE LINE WITH 7-8 FEET STEPPED GRASS. BEST APPROACH EAST-WEST.

10. DETRIEFER GUIDELINES: (CONCUR WITH PATROL)

THIS IS THE SECOND SUCH INCIDENT IN THIS AREA. 021840H NOV 1967

(XD 972468) A PATROL WAS MOVING SOUTH TOWARD A NIGHT POSITION.

WHILE MOVING HEARD THREE HARBOR SILE AT THESE COORDINATES PATROL

DETECTED AN UNKNOWN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE, ~~RES-IP-EG-IN-(4)-HSG-MIA~~

~~VER)-(3)-SE-(SECH)~~. PATROL WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE ORIGIN

OF EXPLOSION BUT DID HEAR (2) SEPARATE EXPLOSIONS.

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RELEASED BY: CAPT. S. L. STEBIL/ST

IMMEDIATE (ACTION)
PRIORITY (INFO)

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FM: THIRD RECON BN
TO: CG THIRD ARDIV

INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA
THIRD INFANTRY
FOURTH INFANTRY
NINTH INFANTRY
TWELFTH INFANTRY
TWENTY SEVEN INFANTRY
MAC-36 ALPHA
PROVINCE ADVISOR QUANG TRI
THIRD RECON BN
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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 3A1, THIRD RECON BN, "A" COMPANY FOLLOWS:
OPERATION ORDER: 115-68 (CPI DELUGACZ)

A. MAP: VIETNAM: 1:50,000, AIS SERIES: L-7014, SHEET:

B. DEBRIEFER: LT. R.C. WALKS

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (8) INFANTRY (1) USN

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (RECON) (1) USMC SCOUT DOG AND HANDLER

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

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) 7X50's

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

(10) GAS MASKS, (10) CS GRENADES, (1) BLOCK C-4

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 70 ROUNDS HE, 1 CS, 8 CARTRIDGE
(1) M-60 WITH 1000 ROUNDS

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED
ZONE TO DETERMINE ENEMY ACTIVITY. ENGAGE THE ENEMY WITH SUPPORT-
ING ARMS. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER. PLOT HLT'S
FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS. PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO BRAILS AND
THEIR FREQUENCY OF USE IN YOUR RZ. PATROL WILL NOT BE EXTRACTED
UNTIL RZ IS SUFFICIENTLY COVERED.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 151200H (XD 969471) HELD/ 161400H
(XD 970478) HELD

4. ROUTE: FM DISSENT PT TO BETRACH PT.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: 26 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE PATROLLING RESULTED IN
NO ENEMY SIGHTING AND ONE CONTACT. 161400H (XD 970478) PATROL
DETACHED UNKNOWN TYPE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE RESULTING IN (2) USMC
KIA, (2) USMC WIA, (2) USMC WIA (MINOR). THE HELLEVAC WAS HELD
RECEIVED SA/AN DURING EXTRACTON. THIS AREA REVEALS MODERATE
ENEMY ACTIVITY AND THE PRISONER TIE. ENEMY ACTIVELY APPEARED TO
BE MOVEMENT CARRIED BY SMALL UNITS USING WATER BUFFALOES

IN THE AREA.

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B. ACTION:

161400H (XD 970478) PATROL WAS MOVING TO TOP OF HILL VICINITY (XD 970478) WHEN LARGE EXPLOSION DETONATED APPROXIMATELY 20 METERS TO THE NORTHWEST OF PATROL'S POSITION RESULTING IN (2) USMC KIA, (2) USMC WIA'S AND (1) USMC MIA (MINOR). PATROL HAD NOT OBSERVED ANY TYPE OF FIRE-FIELD AND FELT THE EXPLOSION COULD HAVE BEEN A BOOM TRAP'S 155MM ARTILLERY DUD ROUND. PATROL CALLED FOR EXERCISE EXTRACTION. AT THIS TIME SCOUT DOG ALERTED TO THE WEST. PATROL CALLED ARTILLERY MISSION OF (2) ROUNDS, THREE GRENADES AND FIRED 1279 ROUNDS INTO THE VALLEY TO THE WEST OF THEIR POSITION. PATROL COULD NOT OBSERVE ANY RESULTS. MED-EVAC C-46 RECEIVED SA/AFW WHEN IT SET DOWN IN THE ZONE. MED-EVAC CHOPPER RETURNED FIRE AND COMPLETED EXTRACTION. ARTILLERY FIRE MISJOL CALLED IN AREA AFTER EXTRACTION COMPLETED.

C. TERRAIN: ROLLING HILLS WITH 10-15 FEET HIGH EUCALYPTUS GRASS ON HILLSIDES. 30-40 FEET CANOPY AND EXTREMELY THICK UNDERGROWTH ON HILL SIDE AND IN VALLEYS. MANY RECENTLY FRESH WATER BUFFALO TRAIL THROUGHOUT THE AREA. GOOD QP AT (XD 970478). COMMUNICATIONS WAS GOOD WITH TAPE RECORDER ON HIGH GROUND. NO NATURAL WATER SOURCE IN THE HIGH GROUND, NATURAL WATER IN LOW GROUND. RATE OF MOVEMENT 200 METERS PER HOUR.

D. OTHER INFORMATION:

1. 151215H (XD 969472) PATROL FOUND 4 ONE MAN HARBOR SITES WHICH HAD BEEN USED WITHIN THE LAST 3 DAYS.
2. 151400H (XD 969474) PATROL MOVING NORTH WHEN THEY CROSSED WATER BUFFALO TRAIL APPROXIMATELY 24 HOURS OLD. TRAIL WAS RUNNING EAST-WEST. TRACKS WERE 4-5 INCH DEEP AND IT APPEARED AS THOUGH THE WATER BUFFALO HAD BEEN HEAVILY LOADED WITH GEAR.
3. 151600H PATROL FOUND PUNJI TRAP APPROXIMATELY 6-8 WEEKS OLD. THE PUNJI PIE WAS 18X18 INCHES AND 12 INCHES DEEP. PUNJI STICKS WERE 8 INCHES LONG. THE CAMOUFLAGED OVER THE PIE HAD FALLEN INTO THE PIE.
4. 160900H (XD 970405) PATROL IN THEIR HARBOR SITE WHEN THEY HEARD MOVEMENT APPROXIMATELY 30 METERS TO NORTHWEST OF PATROL'S POSITION. PATROL ESTIMATED 2 SQUAD SIZE UNITS MOVING THROUGH THE AREA. (10 MEN) APPROXIMATELY 50 METERS APART. NO ACTION TAKEN, PATROL COMPLETED MISSION.
5. 161100H (XD 971476) PATROL MOVING NORTH WHEN THEY FOUND WATER BUFFALO TRAIL RUNNING FROM EAST-WEST. TRAIL FORKED VICINITY (XD 971476) WITH ONE TRAIL MOVING TO NORTHWEST AND THE OTHER RUNNING TO WEST. PATROL OBSERVED ONE SET OF WATER BUFFALO TRACKS MOVING TO WEST. TRACKS WERE 6-8 INCHES DEEP. PATROL ALSO FOUND ONE SET OF BOOTS TRACKS MOVING ALONG WITH BUFFALO TRACKS. TRACKS APPEARED TO BE 4-5 HOURS OLD.
6. 161300H (XD 970476) PATROL FOUND BOB CRABER WHICH HAD BEEN USED AS A ONE MAN HARBOR SITE. TEAM ALSO OBSERVED EUCALYPTUS EREAST BOOTS AND BUFFALO TRACKS IN THE AREA. PATROL ESTIMATED THE AREA HAD BEEN USED WITHIN PAST 12-18 HOURS.

6. RESULTS OF ENGAGEMENTS WITH THE ENEMY:

A. ENEMY: UNABLE TO OBSERVE

B. FRIENDLY: 2 KIA, 2 MIA, 1 MIA (MIA)

C. LOS EQUIPMENT: 1400 MACHINE GUN AND SEVERAL M-26 GRENADES

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL: FAIR/NO ALE: FAIR

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

A. RECOMMENDATIONS: AIR STRIKES AND ARTILLERY SHOULD BE USED IN THE VALLEY (XD 961500) SOUTH NO (XD 970472).

B. CONCLUSIONS:

1. AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS SMALL GROUPS OF VC/NVA ARE OPERATING IN THE AREA AND APPEAR TO BE USING PARS. BUFFALO TO TRANSPORT THEIR GEAR.

2. GENERAL CONCLUSIONS: MODERATE TO HEAVY ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE AREA. ALL MOVEMENT IN THE AREA APPEAR TO BE EAST-WEST. ENEMY APPEARS TO BE OPERATING IN SMALL GROUPS (APPROXIMATE 10 MEN) AND APPEARS TO BE CONCENTRATED IN VALLEY VICINITY (XD 961500)-(XD 970478)

9. HILLS:

1. (XD 969471) SILE WILL ACCOMMODATE (2) CH-46's. SILE ON RIDGE LINE WITH 7-8 FEET HIGH STEEP GRASS. BEST APPROACH SOUTH OR EAST.

2. (XD 969472) SILE WILL ACCOMMODATE (2) CH-46's. SILE ON RIDGE LINE WITH 7-8 FEET HIGH GRASS. BEST APPROACH EAST-WEST.

10. DEBRIEF COMMENTS: (CONCUR WITH PATROL)

THIS IS THE SECOND SUCH INCIDENT IN THIS AREA. 021840H NOV 1967

(XD 972468) A PATROL WAS MOVING SOUTH TOWARD A NIGHT POSITION.

WHILE MOVING INTO A HILLS HARBOR SILE AT THESE COORDINATES PATROL DETONATED AN UNKNOWN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE, ~~HEARD THE IN (4) HILLS~~~~HEARD (2) HILLS~~. PATROL WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE ORIGIN OF EXPLOSION NO. ~~HEARD~~ HEARD (2) SEPARATE EXPLOSIONS.

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RELEASED BY: *Shelley* CAPT. J. J. SHELL, IVDATED DATE (ACTION)
PRIORITY (INFO)

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FM: THIRD RECON BN
TO: CG THIRD MARDIVFOR/COAR/181410
317INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
NINTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
TWENTY SIXTH MARINES
PROVIDE ADVISOR JANG TRI
TAG-36 ALPHA
THIRD RECON BN
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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 2-1, THIRD RECON BN, THIRD FORCE RECON
CO. FOLLOWS:

OPERATION ORDER: 122-60 (LT GRAVES)

A. MAP: VIETNAM: 1:50,000 SERIES: L-7014, SHEET: 642 IV

B. DEBRIEFER: CAPT. G. L. O'DELL

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (1) OFFICER, (6) ENLISTED, (1) USMC

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (NONE)

C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AM/PRC 25's

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (NONE)

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) CLAYMORE MINES, (2) RP RIFLE GRENADES,
(8) GAS MASKS, (8) US GRENADESF. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 40 MM, 9 CS, 10 C. RIFLES,
(1) M-142. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED
ZONE TO DETERMINE ENEMY ACTIVITY. ENGAGE THE ENEMY WITH SUPPORT-
ING ARMS. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER. PLOT HLT'S
FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS. PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO TRAILS AND
THEIR FREQUENCY OF USE IN YOUR RZ. PATROL WILL NOT BE EXTRACTED
UNTIL RZ IS SUFFICIENTLY COVERED.3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 151145H (YD 135645) WALK/161730H
(YD 159665) HELICO4. ROUTE: EN ROUTE NORTH TO (YD 158677) SOUTHEAST TO (YD 133670)
EAST TO (YD 140670) SOUTHEAST TO (YD 132660) SOUTH TO EXTRACT PT.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: 30 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE REQUIRED
IF ON ENEMY CONTACT WITH ESTIMATED 50-60 MVA RESULTING IN 10 MVA
KIA, 1 USMC KIA, 4 USMC MIA, AND 3 MIA.

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B. SUMMARY:

1. 161000H (YD 162670) PATROL FOUND SCATTERED NVA CASUALTIES ALONG ROAD TO THE NORTH OF THE TRAIL.
2. 161300H (YD 162670) PATROL FOUND SMALL HANGING SIGN, ABOUT ONE WEEK OLD.
3. 161430H (YD 162675) PATROL WAS MOVING ACROSS BOYED/OUT AREA WHEN THEY HEARD VOICES OF TWO OR THREE PEOPLE. TEAM CROSSED RIVER AND MOVED ON TO AREA. TEAM MOVED UP ON A SMALL KNOLL AND OBSERVED 2 NVA 800-900 METERS AWAY. ONE NVA WAS DRESSED IN GREEN UTILITIES AND WAS DARK SKIN COLORED. ONE WAS CARRYING NVA APPROPRIATE TO BE A AK-47. TEAM MOVED UP OFF KNOLLY TRAIL IN PREPARATION FOR A ASSAULT. REAR SECURITY SAW 5 NVA APPROX 700 METERS AWAY AND IN GREEN UTILITIES. ALL HAD AK-47'S. THE NVA APPROACHED TEAM, TEAM SAW SEVEN INSTEAD OF 5, THE OTHER WAS WITHIN 5 METERS. PATROL OPENED FIRE. PATROL WAS PREPARING TO CROSS THE TRAIL WHEN ONE NVA STOOD UP AND RECEIVED SAF FROM THE OTHERS AND RECEIVING IN ONE NVA TRAIL. PATROL RETURNED FIRE WITH SA, M-79 AND GRENADES. COMBATANT GAVE AID TO AN AMERICAN CALLED FOR HELPING. PATROL WAS HEARING MOVEMENT AROUND THEM APPROXIMATELY 20-40 METERS AWAY, PATROL WAS GRABING THEO AREA, HEARD NOISES BUT NO MORE FIRE. PATROL WAS FILING AN AREA OF A SA AT THE TIME. PATROL WAS RECEIVING SPARSIC SNIPER FIRE FROM UNKNOWN DIRECTION. PATROL LEADER AND TWO MEN MOVED INTO ASSAULT AREA AND CONFIRMED 7 NVA KIA. UPON THEIR RETURN TEAM BEGAN TO DISCLOSE GUARDS WORKING AREA, TEAM WAS MOVING TO TOP OF KNOLL WHEN THEY BEGAN HEARING SCATTERED AND FROM NORTH-EAST. WHEN PATROL WAS HEARING A SNIPER FIRE. TEAM BEGAN TO RECEIVE HEAVY COMBATANT OF AMERICAN THIS TIME, THE TEAM MOVED TO TOP OF KNOLL, TEAM RETURNED FIRE AND GOT 3 NVA KIA. CLOSE AIR STRIKES WERE BEING RUN AT THIS TIME, COMBATANT DIED IN THE ZONE AND BEGAN RECEIVING HEAVY AT. TEAM LOADED 5 PEOPLE INTO CHOPPER AND WENT ON AN FOUL CHOPPER TO LEAVE ZONE. (TEAM LEADER TOLD CHOPPER TO LEAVE ZONE AT THIS TIME. CHOPPER RECEIVED AMERICAN EXPLOSIVE RESULTING IN ONE TEAM MEMBER DIED. TEAM MOVED TO BURGER COMPLEX (YD 165667) TEAM ALSO RECEIVED A CHOPPER ROUTED FROM THIS DIRECTION.

C. TERRAIN: LOW ROLLING HILLS WITH THICK BRUSH 4-6 FEET HIGH. VEGETATION WAS GOOD, NATURAL WATER SOURCE WAS GOOD. RATE OF MOVEMENT IS AT PAINFUL SLOW DISCUSSION.

D. OTHER INFORMATION:

151400H (YD 162665) PATROL WAS MOVING DOWN TRAIL BUT THEY FOUND CUT STRIPES (APPROXIMATELY 1 WEEK OLD) IN FORM OF "P" THE CENTER OF TRAIL, WHEN APPROXIMATELY 50 METERS FURTHER ON, PATROL FOUND CUT STRIPES IN THE FORM OF AN ARROW ABOUT 1 FEET FROM TRAIL.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH ENEMY:

- A. SUMMARY: 10 NVA KIA
- B. PRISONERS: 1 KIA, 4 KIA, 3 KIA
- C. CAPTURE/EQUIPMENT: (NONE)

7. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

A. RECOMMENDATIONS: TEAM TAKE M-60, PLINY OF FRAGS, AND STAY AWAY FROM TRAILS.

B. CONCLUSIONS:

1. AREA COVERED REVEALED EXTENSIVE GROUND IN THE AREA.
2. GENERAL CONCLUSIONS: PATROL MADE CONTACT WITH 50-60 NVA AND WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS.

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10. DEBRIEF COMBATS; AFTER FIRST CHOPPER HAD LEFT ZONE
HITLER AND OFF OTHER DETACHMENT BIRD. A HEAVY GUNSHIP LANDED
IN ZONE AND PICKED UP REMAINING THREE MEN BUT WAS BROUGHT DOWN
BY ANF WHILE ATTEMPTING TO LEAVE ZONE. 3 BSIC KIA

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CAPT. J. S. SHELTON

IMMEDIATE ACTION
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FM: THIRD RECON BN
TO: CG THIRD MNDIV

for/COIR/181410
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INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
NINTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 2-1, THIRD RECON BN, THIRD FORCE RECON
CO. FOLLOWS:

OPERATION ORDER: 122-60 (10 GRAVES)

A. MAP: VIETNAM: 1-701000 SERIES: L-7014, SHEET: 642 IV

B. DEBRIEFER: CAPT. G. S. O'DELL

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (1) OFFICER, (6) ENLISTED, (1) USMC

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (NONE)

C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PNC 25's

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (NONE)

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) CLAYMORE MINES, (2) 40 MM RIFLE GRENADES,

(8) GAS MASKS, (0) US GRENADES

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 120 MM HE, 9 CS, 10 CARBIS TER,

(1) K-14

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED
ZONE TO DETERMINE ENEMY ACTIVITY. ENGAGE THE ENEMY WITH SUPPORT-
ING ARMS. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER. PLOT ENEMY'S
FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS. PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO TRAILS AND
THEIR FREQUENCY OF USE IN YOUR RZ. PATROL WILL NOT BE EXTRACTED
UNTIL RZ IS SUFFICIENTLY COVERED.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 151145H (YD 135645) 161730H
(YD 159665) 1610

4. ROUTE: EN ROUTE NORTH TO (YD 158677) SOUTHEAST TO (YD 135670)
EAST TO (YD 140670) SOUTHEAST TO (YD 132660) SOUTH TO EXTRACT PT.

5. OBSERVATION OF SKY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: 30 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE REQUIRED
IN ONE BATTY CONTACT WITH ESTIMATED 50-60 NVA RESULTING IN 10 NVA
KIA, 1 USMC KIA, 4 USMC MIA, AND 3 MIA.

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B. SUMMARY:

1. 161000H (YD 162670) PATROL FOUND SCATTERED NVA CASUALTIES
CROSSING RIVER TO 97 MILES OLD.

2. 161300H (YD 162670) PATROL FOUND SMALL NVA SITES, ABOUT ONE WEEK
OLD.

3. 161430H (YD 162675) PATROL WAS MOVING ACROSS BOOMED/OUT AREA
WHEN THEY HEARD VOICES OF TWO OR THREE PEOPLE. TEAM CROSSED RIVER
AND MOVED OUT OF AREA. TEAM MOVED UP ON A SMALL KNOLL AND OBSERVED
2 NVA 800-900 METERS AWAY. ONE TEAM WAS CROSSED IN GREEN UTILITIES
ONE TEAM DROVE ON SIDEWALK. ONE WAS CARRYING A MIA APPARENT TO
BE A AK-47. TEAM MOVED UP OFF ROADBY KNOLL IN PREPARATION FOR A ASSAULT.
TEAM SECURELY SAW 5 NVA APPROX 700 METERS AWAY ALL IN GREEN UTILITIES.
ALL HAD AK-47'S. THE NVA APPROX 700 METERS AWAY, TEAM SAW SEVEN INSTEAD
OF 5, BUT EITHER WAS UNDER 5 METERS. PATROL OPENED FIRE. PATROL
WAS PREPARING TO CROSS OVER TRAIL WHEN ON THE HILL UP AND RECEIVED
SAF FROM THE MOUNTAIN. TEAM RESCUING IN ONE NVA MIA. PATROL
RETURNED FIRE WITH SA, M-79 AND GRENDES. COMBAT GAVE AID TO A
MIA TEAM CALLED FOR IDENTIFYING. PATROL WAS HEARING MOVEMENT AROUND
TEAM APPROXIMATELY 20-40 METERS AWAY, PATROL SAW GREEN UTILITIES
AREA, HEARD TONS OF NOISE FIRE. PATROL WAS FLYING AND HEARD
IN A SA AT HILL. PATROL WAS RECEIVING SPARADIC SHOTTER FIRE
FROM UNKNOWN DIRECTION. PATROL LEADER AND TWO MEN MOVED INTO A BUSH
AREA AND CONFIRMED 7 NVA KIA. UPON THEIR RETURN TEAM BEGAN TO
DISCLOSE GUNFIRE TOWARD AREA, TEAM WAS MOVING TO TOP OF KNOLL WHEN
THEY BEGAN HEARING SCATTERED AND FROM NORTHWEST. THREE PT OF 1912
BOMBERS WERE HEARD. TEAM BEGAN TO RECEIVE HEAVY COMBINATION
TION OF ANF AT THIS TIME, BUT DAMAGED TO MOVE TO TOP OF KNOLL, TEAM
RETURNED FIRE AND GOT 3 NVA KIA. CROSS ALL STRIKES WITH B. DEGR
AT THIS TIME, GUNFIRE TOWARD IN THE ZONE AND BEGAN RECEIVING HEAVY
ATF. TEAM LOADING 5 PEOPLE INTO CHOPPER AND WERE AN F. C. CHOP
PER TO LEAVE ZONE. (CHOPPER LEADER TOLD CHOPPER TO LEAVE ZONE AT THIS
TIME. CHOPPER RECEIVED ANF BUT HE EXTREMELY ASSURED IN ONE TEAM
NEITHER HAD A. TEAM HAD NO DIRECTION COMPLEX (YD 165667) TEAM
ALSO RECEIVED 3 CHOPPER ROUNDS FROM THIS DIRECTION.

C. TERRAIN: LOW ROLLING HILLS WITH THICK BRUSH 4-6 FEET HIGH.
VEGETATION WAS GOOD, NATURAL WATER SOURCE WAS GOOD. RATE OF
MOVEMENT IS AT PAST 10 METERS DISCUSSION.

D. OTHER INFORMATION

151400H (YD 162665) PATROL WAS MOVING DOWN TRAIL WHEN THEY FOUND
CUT SHELTERS (APPROXIMATELY 1 WEEK OLD) IN FRONT OF THE CENTER
OF TRAIL, WHEN APPROXIMATELY 50 METERS FURTHER ON, PATROL FOUND
CUT TICS IN THE TRAIL OF AN AB. OF ABOUT 1 FEET FROM TRAIL.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH ENEMY:

- A. SUMMARY: 10 NVA KIA
- B. FREELY: 1 KIA, 4 MIA, 3 MIA
- C. CAPTURE/RECOVERED: (NONE)

7. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

- A. RECOMMENDATIONS: TEAM TAKE M-60, PLENTY OF FRAGS, AND STAY
AWAY FROM TRAILS.
- B. CONCLUSIONS:

- 1. AREA COVERED REVEALED EXTENSIVE GUNFIRE IN THE AREA.
- 2. GENERAL CONCLUSIONS: PATROL MADE CONTACT WITH 50-60 NVA AND
WAS AUTOMATIC REPOS.

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WIZ'S: (NAME)

10. DETROITERS COMMENTS: AFTER FIRST CHOPPER HAD LEFT ZONE
HITLER AND OFF OTHER STRATEGIC BIRD. A HEST GUNSHIP LANDED
IN ZONE AND FIRED UP REMAINING THREE TEN BUT WAS BROUGHT DOWN
BY APT AND ATTEMPTING TO LEAVE ZONE. 3 USMC KIA

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FM: THIRD REGIMENT
TB: CO THIRD BATTAL

INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
NINTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
TWENTY SEETH MARINES
PROVINCIAL ADVISOR GUANG TRI
MAA-36 ALPHA
THIRD RECON BN
THIRD FORCE RECON CO.



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SUMMARY OF RECON PATROL: 2-1, THIRD RECON BN, THIRD FORCE
RECON CO. FOLLOWS:

OPERATION OLDER: 122-68

A. MAP: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AFS SERIES: L-7014, SHEET: 644 IV
B. DEBRISER: CATE: G.V. O'DELL

FOLLOWING IS A DEBRIEF OF BOX SCORE 2-1 IN F.C. GRAVES. THIRD
 FORCE RECON. IT'S COMPRISED OF TWO SEPARATE DEBRIEFS, ONE OF
 CPL D.M. SLOUGH, ASSISTANT TEAM LEADER, PRIOR TO HIS AIR EVAC TO
 CAM RUC BAY AND THAT OF MSG S.R. THOMPSON AND PFC MICHAEL P.
 NATION OTHER SURVIVING MEMBERS OF THE TEAM.

THE ACTION INVOLVING THIS BEAR TOOK PLACE 16 FEBRUARY 1968 AT (YD 166669), NORTHWEST OF C-2. THE PATROL WAS MOVING ACROSS A BORED OUT AREA WHEN THEY HEARD VOICES OF TWO PEOPLE. THE BEAR MOVED OUT OF HIS AREA, AND UPON A SMALL KNOLL HE WAS ABLE TO OBSERVE THE SURROUNDING AREA. THEY OBSERVED THE TWO MEN ABOUT 800 METERS AWAY AND WENT DOWN TO A LEADY TRAIL TO SET IN AMBUSH. THE BEAR SECURITY SAW 5-7 IVA APPROACHING FROM THE OTHER DIRECTION.

AND NOTIFIED THE TEAM LEADER. WHEN THE NVA WERE APPROXIMATELY 5-10 METERS AWAY THE TEAM OPENED FIRE WITH SA, M-79 AND GRENADES. WHEN THE SEARCH TEAM WAS PREPARED TO MOVE INTO THE KILLING ZONE THE TEAM RECEIVED SEVERAL ROUNDS OF SAF RESULTING IN 1 USMC CASUALTY, KIA, (MINOR). THE TEAM RETURNED FIRE WITH SA, M-79 AND GRENADES STRIKING THE ENEMY'S HERE. SEARCH TEAM MOVED INTO THE ZONE AND CONFIRMED 7 NVA KIA. THE TEAM CALLED FOR A MED-EVAC AND MOVED TO THE TOP OF THE HILL TO A SAFE EXTRACTOR. THE TEAM WAS ACTIVELY SCATTERED AND SAF AT THIS TIME. THE TEAM IS ASSESSING THE AMBUSH AND AIR STRIKES. DURING THIS TIME THE TEAM RECEIVED 2 ADDITIONAL ROUNDS AS WELL AS SA AND AWP. THE FIRST EXTRACTED GROUP SEEMED TO LAND BUT SAF WAS TOO CLOSE BY.

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THREE MORE MEMBERS OF THE TEAM WERE HIT AT THIS TIME (1) VIA KIOSH
 IN GRAVESCOME CHITRICKS, LCPM LETHROCMADBY THOMPSON. THE
 EXTRACT CHOPPER LANDED IN THE ZONE AND THE TWO MOST SERIOUS WIA
 WERE PLACED ABOARD ALONG WITH THE CORPSES AND ONE OTHER MEMBER OF
 THE TEAM. AS THE PILOT WAS GETTING ABOARD HE WAS SERIOUSLY
 WOUNDED BY AWF. THE CHOPPER WAS RECEIVING INTENSE SA AND AWF AT
 ALL TIMES. PFC HONEYCUTT AND H13 THOMPSON BOTH STATED THAT AT THIS
 TIME IN GRAVES WANTED FOR THE PILOT TO TAKE OFF. THE PLANE WAS
 ABLE TO REACH DETERMINED BUT DUE TO DAMAGE IT WAS UNABLE TO FLY
 ANY FURTHER. OF THE THREE WOUNDED ALL DIED, ONE WAS DEAD UPON
 ARRIVAL, THE OTHER LATER ON THE 16TH FEBRUARY AND ONE DIED ON THE
 18TH FEBRUARY. AS THE PILOT THE CHOPPER LEFT, IN GRAVES, CPL SLOCUM
 AND PFC HONEYCUTT WERE STILL ON THE GROUND. CPL SLOCUM AND IN GRAVES
 BOTH HAD LEG WOUNDS, PFC HONEYCUTT WAS NOT WOUNDED. A HUEY COMBAT
 CAME IN DESPITE THE HEAVY GROUND FIRE AND ALL THREE WERE HELI-LIFTED
 ABOARD. THE PILOT, WHO HAD BEEN BY FIRE ALMOST ON TAKEOFF, CPL
 SLOCUM STATED THAT A GREAT DEAL OF FIRE WAS COMING FROM THE REAR
 OF THE PLANE AND THAT HE THINKS IN GRAVES WAS SHOT AGAIN AT THIS TIME.
 HE SAID THE COPILOT SLIPPED OVER JUST BEFORE THE PLANE CRASHED.
 (1 USIC KIA). AFTER THE PLANE CRASHED AND TURNED OVER ON ITS SIDE
 CPL SLOCUM WAS ABLE TO CLIMB OUT OF THE PLANE. HE SAID HE DIDN'T
 KNOW WHETHER ANY ONE WAS ALIVE IN THE REAR OF THE PLANE AT
 THIS TIME. ONE OF THE PILOTS HAD BEEN THROUGH THE REAR AND WAS LAYING
 IN FRONT OF THE CHOPPER. CPL SLOCUM ASKED HIM IF HE HAD A PISTOL
 (SLOCUM HAD NO PISTOL), THE PILOT SAID HE HAD A CALIBER IN THE REAR
 OF THE PLANE. CPL SLOCUM WAS UNABLE TO FIND THE WEAPON IN THE PLANE.
 HE SAW SIXTY SOLDIERS IN MORNING AND HE STARTED TO CLIMB UP TO THE
 12-60 ON THE SIDE OF THE PLANE. HOWEVER, SIXTY FIRE FORCED HIM AWAY
 FROM THE PLANE, HE WAS APPROXIMATELY 10 METERS FROM THE PLANE BY THE
 SIDE OF A ROCKY POND. THE SIXTY FIRED 2 PRAG GRENADES WHICH LANDED
 ON EACH SIDE OF HIM AND APPARENTLY LEFT HIM FOR DEAD. HE HEARD THE
 NVA MOVING AROUND THE PLANE FIRING ONE AND TWO SHOTS AT A TIME.
 HE RAN OUT OF THE AREA AND HID FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY AND
 NIGHT. DURING THE EVENING OF THE 16TH FEBRUARY, B 1/4 DISPATCHED
 A REACTION FORCE OF 1 HELICOPTER TO RESCUE ANY SURVIVORS OF THE CRASH.
 THE PLATOON MADE CONTACT AND WAS FORCED TO WITHDRAW. IT HAD 1 FRIENDLY
 KIA AND 4 WIA'S. THE FOLLOWING MORNING THE REMAINDERS OF THE COMPANY
 WAS LIFTED IN AND RECOVERED THE BODIES OF 3 OF THE AIRCRAFT CREW
 IN GRAVES AND PFC HONEYCUTT. ONE GUNNER WAS ALIVE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.
 IN THE MORNING CPL SLOCUM HAD RECOVERED THE REMAINDER OF THE 40 AND
 FRIENDLY UNITS PICKED HIM UP AND RE-EVACUATED HIM. THE THREE SURVIVORS
 WERE WITH AT LEAST 2 COMPANIES OF NVA IN THE AREA.

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DTG 210258Z FEB 68

FM: THIRD RECON BN
TO: CG THIRD MARDIVINFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
NINTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
TWENTY SEVENTH MARINES
PROVINCE ADVISOR QUANG TRI
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SUMMARY OF RECON PATROL: 2-1, THIRD RECON BN, THIRD FORCE
RECON CO. FOLLOWS:

OPERATION ORDER: 122-60

A. MAP: VICTUAL 1:50,000, AMS SERIES: L-7014, SHEET: 6492 IV
B. DEBRIEFER: CAPT. G.V. O'DELLFOLLOWING IS A DEBRIEF OF BOX SCORE 2-1 IF. P.C. GRAVES, THIRD
FORCE RECON. IT'S COMPRSED OF TWO SEPARATE DEBRIEFS, ONE OF
CPL D.M. SLOUGH, ASSISTANT TEAM LEADER, PRIOR TO HIS AIR EVAC TO
CAM RUC DAY AND THAT OF MSG S.R. THOMPSON AND PFC MICHAEL P.
NATION OTHER SURVIVING MEMBERS OF THE TEAM.

THE ACTION INVOLVING THIS TEAM TOOK PLACE 16 FEBRUARY 1968 AT
(YD 166669), NORTHEAST OF C-2. THE PATROL WAS MOVING ACROSS A
BOMBED OUT AREA WHEN THEY HEARD VOICES OF TWO PEOPLE. THE TEAM
MOVED OUT OF THE AREA, AND UPON A SMALL KNOLL HEARD THEY COULD
OBSERVE THE SURROUNDING AREA. THEY OBSERVED THE TWO MEN ABOUT
800 METERS AWAY AND MOVED DOWN TO A LUSHY TRAIL TO SET IN AMBUSH.
THE REAR SECURITY SAW 5-7 NVA APPROACHING FROM THE OTHER DIRECTION.
AND NOTIFIED THE TEAM LEADER. WHEN THE NVA WERE APPROXIMATELY
5-10 METERS AWAY THE TEAM OPENED FIRE WITH SA, M-79 AND GRENADES.
WHEN THE SEARCH TEAM PREPARED TO MOVE INTO THE KILLING ZONE THE
TEAM RECEIVED SEVERAL ROUNDS OF SAF RESULTING IN 1 USMC, CPL BLOOM
WIA, (KIA). THE TEAM RETURNED FIRE WITH SA, M-79 AND GRENADES
SUSTAINING THE ENEMY'S FIRE. SEARCH TEAM MOVED INTO THE ZONE AND
CONFIRMED 7 NVA KIA. THE TEAM CALLED FOR A MED-EVAC AND MOVED TO
THE TOP OF THE KNOLL TO A SAFE EXTRACTOR. THE TEAM WAS RECENTLY
SCATTERED AT AND SAF AT THIS TIME. THE TEAM WAS ASKED AS RECENTLY
ARTILLERY AND AIR SERIES. DURING THIS TIME THE TEAM RECEIVED 2 BOMBAR
ROUNDS AS WELL AS SA AND AP. THE FIRST EXTRACTOR CLOUTED ATTEMPTED
TO LAND BUT SAF WAS TOO HEAVY.

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THREE MORE MEMBERS OF THE TEAM WERE HIT AT THIS TIME (1) VIA KNOCK
 IT GRAVES, 2 VIA SERIOUS, LCPL STRICKY CPL R.D. THOMPSON. THE
 EXTRACT CHOPPER LANDED IN THE ZONE & THE TWO MOST SERIOUS WIA
 WERE PLACED ABOARD ALONG WITH THE CORPSE AND ONE OTHER MEMBER OF
 THE TEAM. AS THE FIFTH TEAM WAS GETTING ABOARD HE WAS SERIOUSLY
 WOUNDED BY AWF. THE CHOPPER WAS RECEIVING INTENSE SA AND AWF AT
 ALL TIMES. PFC HENSON AND H13 THOMPSON BOTH STATED THAT AT THIS
 TIME IF GRAVES YELDED FOR THE PILOT TO TAKE OFF. THE PLANE WAS
 ABLE TO REACH DEPARTURE BUT DUE TO DAMAGE IT WAS UNABLE TO FLY
 ANY FURTHER. OF THE THREE WOUNDED ALL DIED, ONE WAS DEAD UPON
 ARRIVAL, THE OTHER LATER ON THE 16TH FEBRUARY AND ONE DIED ON THE
 18TH FEBRUARY. AT THE TIME THE CHOPPER LEFT, IF GRAVES, CPL SLOCUM
 AND PFC HONEYCUTT WERE STILL ON THE GROUND. CPT SLOCUM AND IF GRAVES
 BOTH HAD LEG WOUNDS, PFC HONEYCUTT WAS NOT WOUNDED. A HUEY GUNSHIP
 CAME IN DESPITE THE HEAVY GROUND FIRE AND ALL THREE WERE RESCUED
 ABOARD. THE PLANE WAS SLOWLY BURNING BY FIRE ALMOST ON TAKEOFF. CPL
 SLOCUM STATED THAT A GREAT DEAL OF FIRE WAS COMING FROM THE REAR
 OF THE PLANE AND THAT HE THINKS IF GRAVES WAS HIT AGAIN AT THIS TIME.
 HE SAID THE CO PILOT SLIP OVER JUST BEFORE THE PLANE CRASHED.
 (1 USMC KIA). AFTER THE PLANE CRASHED AND TURNED OVER ON ITS SIDE
 CPL SLOCUM WAS ABLE TO CLIMB OUT OF THE PLANE. HE SAID HE DIDN'T
 KNOW WHETHER ANY ONE WAS ALIVE IN THE REAR OF THE PLANE AT
 THIS TIME. ONE OF THE PILOTS HAD BEEN THROWN OUT AND WAS LYING
 IN FRONT OF THE CHOPPER. CPL SLOCUM ASKED HIM IF HE HAD A PIECE
 (SLOCUM HAD NO BATTERY), HE SAID HE HAD A CANDLE IN THE REAR
 OF THE PLANE. CPL SLOCUM WAS UNABLE TO FIND THE WEAPONS IN THE PLANE.
 HE SAW SIXTY SOLDIERS IN MORNING AND AT STATED TO CLIMB UP TO HIS
 F-60 ON THE SIDE OF THE PLANE. HOWEVER, SIXTY FIRE PLACED HIM AWAY
 FROM THE PLANE, HE WAS APPROXIMATELY 10 METERS FROM THE PLANE BY THE
 SIDE OF A ROCKY POND. THE SIXTY FIRED 2 FRAG GRENADES WHICH LANDED
 ON EACH SIDE OF HIM AND APPARENTLY LEFT HIM FOR DEAD. HE HEARD THE
 HVA MOVING AROUND THE PLANE FIRING ONE AND TWO SHOTS AT A TIME,
 HE MOVED OUT OF THE AREA AND HED FOR THE REMINDER OF THE DAY AND
 NIGHT. DURING THE EVENING OF THE 16TH FEBRUARY, B 1/4 DISPATCHED
 A REACTION FORCE OF 1 HELICOPTER TO RESCUE ANY SURVIVORS OF THE CRASH.
 THE PLATOON MADE CONTACT AND WAS FORCED TO WITHDRAW. WITH 1 PARADISE
 KIA AND 4 WIA(S). THE FOLLOWING MORNING THE REMAINDER OF THE COMPANY
 WAS LIFTED IN AND RECOVERED THE BODIES OF 3 OF THE AIRCREW AND
 IF GRAVES AND PFC HONEYCUTT. ONE GUNNER WAS ALIVE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.
 IN THE MORNING CPL SLOCUM HAD RECOVERED THE REMAINDER OF AN F-60 AND
 PREVIOUSLY UNITS PICKED HIM UP AND RESCUED HIM. THE THREE SURVIVORS
 AGREED THAT AT LEAST 2 COMPANIES OF HVA WERE IN THE AREA.

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THREE MORE MEMBERS OF THE TEAM WERE HIT AT THIS TIME (1) VIA MINOR
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EXTRACT CHOPPER LANDED IN THE ZONE AND THE TWO MOST SERIOUS WIA
WERE PLACED ABOARD ALONG WITH THE CORPSE. AND ONE OTHER MEMBER OF
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WOUNDED BY AWF. THE CHOPPER WAS RECEIVING DEENSE SA AND AWF AT
ALL TIMES. PFC HALLION AND H13 THOMPSON BOTH STATED THAT AT THIS
TIME IN GRAVES WANTED FOR THE PILOT TO TAKE OFF. THE PLANE WAS
ABLE TO REACH DESTROY-BUT DUE TO DAMAGE IT WAS UNABLE TO FLY
ANY FURTHER. OF THE THREE WOUNDED ALL DIED, ONE WAS DEAD UPON
ARRIVAL, THE SECOND LATER ON THE 16TH FEBRUARY AND ONE DIED ON THE
18TH FEBRUARY. AS THE PILOT THE CHOPPER LEFT, IN GRAVES, CPL SLOCUM
AND PFC HONEYCUTT WERE STILL ON THE GROUND. CPL SLOCUM AND IN GRAVES
BOTH HAD LEG WOUNDS, PFC HONEYCUTT WAS NOT WOUNDED. A HUEY GUNSHIP
CAME IN DESPITE THE HEAVY GROUND FIRE AND ALL THREE WERE BRUTALLY
ABOARD. THE PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN BY FIRE ALMOST ON TAKEOFF. CPL
SLOCUM STATED THAT A GREAT DEAL OF FIRE WAS COMING INTO THE REAR
OF THE PLANE AND THAT HE THINGS IN GRAVES WAS HIT AGAIN AT THIS TIME.
HE SAID THE CO PILOT SLIPPED OVER JUST BEFORE THE PLANE CRASHED.
(1 USIC KIA). AFTER THE PLANE CRASHED AND TURNED OVER ON ITS SIDE
CPL SLOCUM WAS ABLE TO CLIMB OUT OF THE PLANE. HE SAID HE DIDN'T
KNOW WHETHER ANYONE WAS ALIVE IN THE REAR OF THE PLANE AT
THIS TIME. ONE OF THE PILOTS HAD BEEN THROUGH THE PLANE AND WAS LAYING
IN FRONT OF THE CRASH. CPL SLOCUM ASKED HIM IF HE HAD A PISTOL
(SLOCUM HAD NO PISTOL), THE PILOT SAID HE HAD A CARTRIDGE IN THE REAR
OF THE PLANE. CPL SLOCUM WAS UNABLE TO FIND THE WEAPON IN THE PLANE.
HE SAW SEVERAL SOLDIERS IN MORNING AND AT ATTEMPTED TO CLIMB UP TO THE
SIDE OF THE PLANE. HOWEVER, HEAVY FIRE FORCED HIM AWAY
FROM THE PLANE, HE WAS APPROXIMATELY 10 METERS FROM THE PLANE BY THE
SIDE OF A ROCKY POND. THE ENEMY THREW 2 FRAG GRENADERS WHICH LANDED
ON BOTH SIDES OF HIM AND APPARENTLY LEFT HIM FOR DEAD. HE HEARD THE
NVA MOVING AROUND THE PLANE FIRING ONE AND TWO SHOTS AT A TIME,
HE MOVED OUT OF THE AREA AND HID FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY AND
NIGHT. DURING THE EVENING OF THE 16TH FEBRUARY, B 1/4 DISPATCHED
A REACTION FORCE OF 1 TEAM TO RESCUE ANY SURVIVORS OF THE CRASH.
THE PLATOON MADE CONTACT AND WAS FORCED TO WITHDRAW WITH 1 PRESIDENTLY
WIA AND 4 MIAS. THE FOLLOWING MORNING THE REMAINDER OF THE COMPANY
WAS LIFTED IN AND RECOVERED THE BODIES OF 3 OF THE AIRCRAFT AND
IN GRAVES AND PFC HONEYCUTT, ONE GUNNER WAS ALIVE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.
IN THE MORNING CPL SLOCUM HAD ARRANGED THE REMOVAL OF AN AC AND
PRESIDENTLY UNITS PICKED HIM UP AND RE-EVACUATED HIM. THE THREE SURVIVORS
ARRIVED AT 10 PM 2 COMPANY OF NVA BASE IN THE AREA.

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ROUTINE (INFO)

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FM: THIRD RECON BN
TO: CG THIRD MCDIV

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INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
FIFTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
TWENTY SEVENTH MARINES
PROVINCE ADVISOR QUANG TRI
BAG-36 ALPHA
THIRD FORCE RECON CO.
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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 2A2, THIRD RECON BN

OPERATION RDER: 134-60 (OPL KENYON)

A. MAP: VIETNAM: 1:50,000, SERIES L-7014, SHEET 6442 IV

(1) DEBRIEFER: CAPT G.W. O'DELL

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (7) UNARMED, (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, (4) M16 RIFLE GRENADES,
(8) M16 HAND GRENADES, (8) CS GRENADES, (8) PROTECTIVE MASKS.

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M79, 60 MM, 1 CS, 10 CANISTER ROUNDS.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN YOUR RA
TO DETECT BIEH MOVEMENT TOWARDS CAMP CARROLL AND EVIDENCE OF
BIEH BUILD UP IN THAT AREA. REPORT ALL INDICATIONS OF BIEH
ACTIVITY AND UNITS SUPPORTING ARMED FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF
BIEH FORCES. REPORT ANY UNUSUAL ACTIVITY BY THE CIVILIAN
POPULATION. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER.

3. DTG INSERTED: 220000H FEB 68 (YD 065544) HQ: FOOT

4. DTG EXTRACTED: 251430H FEB 68 (YD 064543) HQ: FOOT

5. ROUTE: FROM DUELE PT (YD 040540) SPT (YD 040540) TO
(YD 047556) RPT (YD 047556) TO EXTRACT PT.

6. OBSERVATION OF BIEH AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: 70 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE

REQUIRE IN ONE CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED 10-15 BIA. PATROL

WAS SURROUNDED PART OF NIGHT BUT TOOK 10 BIA'S. PATROL BELIEVES

THAT BIEH MAY BE IN AREA BUT IT'S TRICKLE UNIT. NO SIGNS OF
PERSON AT POSITIONS.

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B. ENEMY SIGHTING/CONTACTS: 232015H (YD 00001) PATROL IN HARBOR SITE HEARD NOISES APPROXIMATELY 20 METERS AWAY. MOVEMENT BEG IN NORTHWEST, ALSO 20-30 METERS AWAY, NORTH TO NORTHWEST OF TEAM. TEAM THREW THREE GRENADES, HEARD NOISES FROM LAST AREA AND SET OFF A FIRE MISSION. TEAM CONTINUED TO HEAR MOVEMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 10-15 PEOPLE, THEN TEAM HEARD MOVEMENT THEY WOULD THROW GRENADE, THEN MOVEMENT WOULD CEASE FOR A TIME AND BEGIN AGAIN. AT 2100H TEAM SAW THREE LIGHTS AT (YD 046537) MOVING TOWARDS TEAM. FIRE MISSION WAS CALLED FOR RESULTING IN TWO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS ONE OF WHICH WAS UP IN HARBOR. APPROXIMATELY 2230H TEAM TOOK SEVERAL SNIPER ROUNDS FROM (YD 038543). TEAM ADJUSTED FIRE MISSION ON THIS AREA, SMALL AREA FIRE CEASED. 2315H TEAM HEARD MOVEMENT OF ONE PERSON COMING TOWARDS HARBOR SITE, ONE GRENADE WAS THROWN RESULTING IN A LOT OF NOISES. 2330H TEAM TOOK THREE HITTING GRENADES BUT THEY HIT 10-15 METERS FROM TEAM AND NO ONE WAS INJURED. 2345H (YD 039541) TEAM TOOK BURST OF 5-10 ROUNDS OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM THESE COORDINATES. TEAM ADJUSTED FIRE ON THIS AREA AND FIRE CEASED. ALL MOVEMENT AROUND TEAM CEASED AT 0015H, TEAM HEARD NO MORE MOVEMENT INSTANTLY OF NOISE. TEAM SEARCHED AREA NEXT MORNING AND FOUND FOUR DRAG MARKS WHERE BODIES HAD BEEN DRUG OFF.

C. TERRAIN: GENTLE ROLLING HILLS WITH STAPHAN GRASS GRADUALLY MOVING INTO SAND HILLS WITH 15-30 FEET HIGH CANOPY AND THICK UNDERGROWTH.

- (1) COMMUNICATION WAS GOOD THROUGHOUT THE PATROL.
- (2) NATURAL WATER SOURCES: PLentiful: AS SHOWN ON MAP.
- (3) TRAILS: AS SHOWN ON MAP.
- (4) HILLS: (YD 045525) AND (YD 039541) BOTH HILLS ARE ON HILL TOPS, CAN HOLD ONE CL-46, WITH NO OBSTACLES AND BEST APPROACH FROM THE WEST. TERRAIN HAS KILL HIGH ELEPHANT GRASS.

D. OTHER INFORMATION: 240700H (YD 037552) TEAM FOUND TRAIL THREE FEET WIDE WITH SOLES CUT INTO GROUND. A LARGE ROCK WAS PLACED AGAINST A TREE TO THE SIDE OF TRAIL, THE ROCK HAD A LARGE CROSS PAINTED ON IT. TRAIL DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN USED FOR PAST TWO WEEKS.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

- A. RECOMMENDATIONS: TAKE A CHARLIE IF WEATHER PERMITS, TWO PAIR 7x50'S BECAUSE OF OPT'S. THIS IS GOOD AREA FOR DOG, AND A SNIPER. SHOULD ALSO TAKE AN I-60.
- B. CONCLUSIONS: SOME LIGHT MOVEMENT IN AREA BUT NO PERMANENT POSITIONS. ENEMIES TOOK ENEMY IN AREA WAS WEST AND NORTHWEST OF THEIR JUNE.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL: GOOD MORALE: GOOD
10. WEATHER CONDITIONS: FINE

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DTG: 270105Z FEB 68

FM: THIRD RECON BN
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV

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INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
FIFTH MARINES
EIGHTH MARINES
TWENTY SIXTH MARINES
PROVINCE ADVISOR QUANG TRI
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ATTN: AC OF S G-2

DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 2A2, THIRD RECON BN

OPERATION RDR: 134-68 (CPL KENYON)

A. MAP: VIETNAM: 1:50,000, SERIES L-7014, SHEET 6442 IV

(1) DEBRIEFER: CPT G. W. O'DELL

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (7) MILITARY, (1) USN

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE

C. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 26'S

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7x50'S

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CLAYMORE MINES, (4) P RIFLE GRENADES,
(8) P HAND GRENADES, (8) CS GRENADES, (8) PROTECTIVE MASKS.

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, 60 ILS, 1 CS, 10 CANISTER ROUNDS.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN YOUR RA
TO DETECT ENEMY TROOPS TO LOCATE CAMP CARROLL AND EVIDENCE OF
ENEMY BUILD UP IN THAT AREA. REPORT ALL INDICATIONS OF ENEMY
ACTIVITY AND UTILIZE SUPPORTING ARMS FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF
ENEMY FORCES. REPORT ANY UNUSUAL ACTIVITY BY THE CIVILIAN
POPULATION. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER.

3. DTG INSERTED: 220000H FEB 68 (YD 065544) HQ: FOOT

4. DTG EXTRACTED: 251430H FEB 68 (YD 064543) HQ: FOOT

5. ROUTE: FROM INSIDE PT (YD 040540) RPT (YD 040540) TO
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6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: 70 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE
RESULTED IN ONE CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED 10-15 IVA. PATROL

WAS SURROUNDED BY ONE OF THEM BUT TOOK 10 IVA'S. PATROL WELLS
THAT ENEMY MAY BE IN AREA BUT IT'S TRASHY UNIT. NO SIGNS OF
PERSONAL POSITIONS.

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C. TERRAIN: GENTLE ROLLING HILLS WITH ELEPHANT GRASS GRADUALLY MOVING INTO SHARP HILLS WITH 15-30 FEET HIGH CANOPY AND THICK UNDERGROWTH.

- (1) COMMUNICATION WAS GOOD THROUGHOUT THE PATROL.
 - (2) NATURAL WEATHER SOURCES: PLANTIFUL: AS SHOWN ON MAP.
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- D. OTHER INFORMATION: 240700H (YD 037552) TEAM FOUND TRAIL THREE FEET WIDE WITH SOLES CUT INTO GROUND. A LARGE ROCK WAS PLACED AGAINST A TREE TO THE SIDE OF TRAIL, THE ROCK HAD A LARGE CROSS PAINTED ON IT. TRAIL DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN USED FOR PAST TWO WEEKS.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

- A. RECOMMENDATIONS: BRING A SEARCHLIGHT IF WEATHER PERMITS, TWO PAIR 7x50'S BECAUSE OF GP'S. THIS IS GOOD AREA FOR DOG, AND A SNIPER. SHOULD ALSO TAKE AN I-60.
- B. CONCLUSIONS: MORE SILENT MOVEMENT IN AREA BUT NO PERMANENT POSITIONS. ENEMY WOULD BE IN AREA AND WEST AND NORTHEAST OF THEIR JUNG.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL: GOOD MORALE: GOOD
10. DEBRIS/REMARKS: NONE

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TO: CG THIRD MARDIV

INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA
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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 201, THIRD RECON BN

OPERATION ORDER: 143-68 (1CPT SHEHAN)

1. MAP: VIETNAM: 1:50,000, SERIES 1-7014, SHEET 6442 III

(1) DEBRIEFER: SSGT JIMMIE L. LOPEZ

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:-

A. COMPOSITION: (9) ENLISTED, (1) OFFICER, (1) USN

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE

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

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7x50'S

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CLAYMORE MINES, (4) VP RIFLE GRENADES,
(8) CS GRENADES, (8) PROTECTIVE MASKS.

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, 100 HE, 3 CS, 15 CANISTER ROUNDS,
(1) M-14, AND (4) LAWS.

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TO DETECT ENEMY INFILTRATION THROUGH THAT AREA. BE ESPECIALLY
WATCHFUL OF NORTH-SOUTH TRAILS. UTILIZE SUPPORTING ARMS FOR
DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES. DO NOT FIRE SUPPORTING ARMS AT
LESS THAN OWN PERSONNEL WITHOUT PERMISSION. MAKE EVERY EFFORT
TO CAPTURE A PRISONER.

3. DTG INSERTED: 221030H FEB 68 (YD 142587) HOV: FOOT

4. DTG EXTRACTED: 271500H FEB (YD 142587) HOV: FOOT

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(YD 134546) TO (YD 137520) TO (YD 144533) TO (YD 135547) TO
(YD 132555) TO (YD 142587) TO (YD 128553) TO (YD 132528) TO
(YD 124510) TO (YD 125494) TO (YD 124527) TO (YD 129553) TO
TO EXTRACT PT.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SENSES: 125 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE RESULTED IN TWO
CONTACTS TOTALING 16 NVA AND THREE ENEMY SIGHTINGS TOTALING
APPROXIMATELY 125 ENEMY. ABOUT FIVE ROCKET LAUNCHERS (POSSIBLY
3.50) AND APPROXIMATELY 15 UNKNOWN TYPE MORTAR TUBES WERE SPOTTED.

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B. ENEMY SIGHTING/CONTACT:

(1) 221700H (YD 137527) PATROL BREAKING BRUSH MOVING SOUTH HEARD TWO VOICES APPROXIMATELY 15 METERS TO THE SOUTH. PATROL WENT TO CHECK THE VOICES AND POINT MAN SMELLED AN ODOR LIKE BOOD COOKING AND SAW FOUR NVA SITTING ON TOP OF A BUNKER TALKING APPROXIMATELY FIVE METERS TO THE SOUTH. NVA WERE GREEN UNIFORMS, NO COVERS AND HAD THEIR UNKNOWN TYPE WEAPONS BY THE BUNKER. POINT MAN ALERTED THE TEAM AND THE NVA SAW THE TEAM AND STARTED TO FIRE. THE TEAM CHECKED FIRE AND MOVED SOUTHEAST APPROXIMATELY TEN METERS AND CAME UPON A LARGE TRAIL. POINT MAN SAW FOUR NVA APPROXIMATELY 15 METERS TO THE WEST AND 8 NVA APPROXIMATELY SIX METERS TO THE EAST. NVA WERE FIRING AND THE SECOND RADIO MAN'S RADIO WAS SHOT. TEAM RETURNED FIRE RESULTING IN TWO NVA KIA. TEAM CALLED ARTILLERY WHICH FIRED SIX ROUNDS WITH GOOD COVER. TEAM CONTINUED SOUTHEAST AND BROKE CONTACT AT APPROXIMATELY 1815H. TEAM MOVED TO (YD 141529). NVA WERE FIRING SA AND AM AK-47 FIRE.

(2) 231030H (YD 134523) TEAM MOVING FOR RESUPPLY OBSERVED A COLUMN OF 32 NVA APPROXIMATELY 70-100 METERS TO THE WEST MOVING WEST. ONE NVA WAS LEFT BEHIND APPROXIMATELY 200 METERS TO THE SOUTH. NVA WERE WEARING, GREEN UNIFORMS, STEEL HELMETS, PICH HELMETS, CARTRIDGE BELTS, HEAVY LARGE BACKS. THE NVA WERE MOSTLY ARMED WITH WHAT SEEMED LIKE AK-47'S. APPROXIMATELY 15 POSSIBLE MORTAR TUBES WERE OBSERVED AND FIVE UNKNOWN TYPE ROCKETS WERE SEEN (LOOKED LIKE 3.5 ROCKET LAUNCHER). NVA COLUMN CONTINUED WEST AND DISAPPEARED. TEAM CALLED ARTILLERY ROUND ON THE ONE NVA BUT THE ROUND HIT APPROXIMATELY 50 METERS FROM THE PATROL AND TEAM CALLED A CEASE FIRE. AT THIS TIME THE PATROL OBSERVED 85 NVA IN A COLUMN APPROXIMATELY FIVE METERS APART. NVA WERE DRESSED IN GREEN UNIFORMS, STEEL HELMETS, PICH HELMETS, ARMED WITH WHAT LOOKED AK-47'S. NO TUBES WERE OBSERVED. SOME OF THE NVA HAD ON PONCHOES. TEAM REPORTED AND CONTINUED MISSION TO RESUPPLY.

(3) 240900H (YD 141513) TEAM OBSERVED 10-15 NVA FOLLOWING THEM ON THE FLANK APPROXIMATELY 500 METERS TO THE EAST. THE ENEMY WAS WEARING GREEN UNIFORMS, BRUSH COVERS, NO BACKS AND ARMED WITH AK-47'S. TEAM STOPPED AND THE NVA STOPPED AND SET DOWN TO CONTINUE TO WATCH THE TEAM UNDER OBSERVATION. TEAM FIRED ONE ROUND OF ARTILLERY WHICH LANDED APPROXIMATELY 150 METERS FROM THE NVA. THE NVA DID NOT DO ANYTHING BUT CONTINUED OBSERVING WHERE THE TEAM HAD STOPPED. TEAM THEN CALLED AND ADJUSTED AND FIRED FOR EFFECT WITH OUTSTANDING FIRE ON TARGET. SEVERAL SCREAMS WERE HEARD AND SOME OF THE NVA RAN. APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES LATER TWO NVA WERE SEEN MOVING TO CHECK THE AREA. TEAM CALLED FOR A REPEAT FIRE RIGHT ON TARGET AND NO MORE MORE MOVEMENT WAS SEEN. A TOTAL OF 22 ROUNDS WERE FIRED BY THE ARTILLERY. TEAM KEPT SURVEILLANCE AND THEN CONTINUED MISSION TO RESUPPLY.

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(1) COMMUNICATIONS WAS POOR. THE ONLY GOOD COMM WAS AT CR HILL VICINITY (YD 129493).

(2) WATER SOURCE: THERE IS A STREAM APPROXIMATELY 1-2 METERS WIDE FLOWING WEST TO EAST AT (YD 135497) AND (YD 122503).

(3) TRAILS: NUMEROUS TRAILS THROUGHOUT THE AREA. THERE IS A WEST TO EAST TRAIL NETWORK IN GRID (YD 1252).

(4) HZ'S: THE WHOLE AREA CAN BE USED AS AN HZ. LOW BRUSH AND NO OBSTACLES WERE OBSERVED.

D. OTHER INFORMATION: 224700H (YD 137527) TEAM DISCOVERED A BUNKER COMPLEX OF APPROXIMATELY 24 BUNKERS. THESE BUNKERS ARE ABOUT SIX FEET BY SIX FEET WITH A 2x2 FOOT HOLE ON THE SIDE. THEY ARE DUG IN THE GROUND WITH WOOD AND DIRT TOP. THESE BUNKERS ARE BEING USED BY AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY.

7. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

4. ENEMY: (2) NV1 KIA

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

A. RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

B. CONCLUSIONS: THERE SEEMS TO BE HEAVY ENEMY MOVEMENT AND BUILD UP. THIS AREA IS POSSIBLY BEING USED AS A STRONG BASE POINT AND INFILTRATION ROUTE.

9. CONDITION OF PERSONNEL: PHYSICAL: GOOD MORALE: EXCELLENT

10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:

A. OPINION: THE ENEMY DID NOT SEEM TO HAVE ANY GUARDS, THEIR REACTION WAS SLOW, NO EFFORT TO CAMOUFLAGED WAS OBSERVED AND THEIR AGGRESSIVENESS WAS POOR.

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DTG: 282350

FM: THIRD RECON BN
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV

INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
NINTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
TWENTY SIXTH MARINES
PROVINCE ADVISOR QUANG TRI
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