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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3D)
Via: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF, (attn: AGofS, G-3)
Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 March 1968 to 31 March 1968

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(b) FMF PACO 5750.8
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Encl: ✓(1) 3d Reconnaissance Battalion Command Chronology

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 March to 31 March 1968

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

3d Reconnaissance Battalion

COMMANDER

LTCOL W.D. KENT

10 Nov 67 - 31 Mar 68

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company	1STLT L.E. WALKER	28 Feb 68 - 31 Mar 68
Company A	1STLT J.R. PETTY	25 Feb 68 - 31 Mar 68
Company B	CAPT P.F. REYNOLDS	14 Oct 67 - 31 Mar 68
Company C	CAPT S.M. HARTWELL	26 Aug 67 - 31 Mar 68
Company D	1STLT W.G. MCBRIDE	19 Feb 68 - 31 Mar 68
Company E	CAPT J.W. RAYMOND	17 Dec 67 - 31 Mar 68

ATTACHED UNITS

3d Force Reconnaissance Co. MAJOR J.E. ANDERSON 29 Nov 67 - 31 Mar 68
(26 April 67 - 31 March 68)

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 Mar 68	Quang Tri, RVN	H&S Company, Company A, Company E, Company D.
1 - 31 Mar 68	Dong Ha, RVN	Company C, 3d Force Reconnaissance Company.
1 - 31 Mar 68	Khe Sanh, RVN	Company B, (Rein).

Executive Officer	MAJOR H.L. BOHR JR.	27 Feb 68 - 31 Mar 68
Operations Officer, S-3	CAPT C.H. ARIOLA	27 Feb 68 - 31 Mar 68
S-2 Officer	1STLT R.G. WALLS	5 Feb 68 - 31 Mar 68
Adjutant	1STLT K.W. SZAFOR	31 Dec 67 - 31 Mar 68
S-4 Officer	CAPT R.L. KLEIN	12 Dec 67 - 16 Mar 68
	1STLT C.J. SCHLACK	9 Mar 68 - 31 Mar 68

AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH (Includes 3d Force Reconnaissance Company)

USMC		USN	
<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
40	815	0	63

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Co. A During the reporting period Company A completed 18 patrols averaging 3.01 days with an average of 10.4 men per patrol. The patrols made nine sightings for a total of 319 enemy, which resulted in five contacts and six fire missions, totalling 560 rounds. There was a total of 32 enemy killed (C). In addition the company conducted patrols around the Quang Tri Vital Defense Area. The company suffered 0 USMC KIA, seven USMC WIA, 0 USN KIA, 0 USN WIA.

Co. B During the reporting period Company B continued their role of helping support the defense of the Khe Sanh Combat Base. The company continued to operate as a reactionary force in the defense of the base perimeter. They also provided much needed assistance to the logistical sections in the base. The company suffered 0 USMC KIA, eight USMC WIA, 0 USN KIA, one USN WIA.

Co. C During the reporting period Company C completed 22 patrols averaging 3.11 days with an average of 8.3 men per patrol. The patrols made 25 sightings for a total of 153 enemy, which resulted in eight contacts and six fire missions of 110 artillery rounds. There was a total of four enemy killed (C). The company suffered 0 USMC KIA, six USMC WIA, 0 USN KIA, 0 USN WIA. In addition several maps and documents were captured.

Co. D During the reporting period the company conducted 11 patrols averaging 2.99 days with an average of 8.6 men per patrol. The patrols made eight sightings for a total of 41 enemy, which resulted in four contacts and 10 fire missions of 158 artillery rounds. There was a total of 0 enemy killed (C). In addition the company conducted patrols in the Quang Tri Defense Area. The company suffered one USMC KIA, three USMC WIA, 0 USN KIA, one USN WIA.

Co. E During the reporting period Company E completed 30 patrols averaging 3.81 days with an average of 10.2 men per patrol. The patrols made 29 sightings for a total 499 enemy, which resulted in 17 contacts and 15 fire missions of 179 artillery rounds. The company also provided patrols for the perimeter defense. There was a total of 13 enemy killed (C). The company suffered 0 USMC KIA, three USMC WIA, 0 USN KIA, 0 USN WIA. In addition the company captured six individual weapons, three pair binoculars, and two ChiCom grenades.

3d Force Recon Co. During the reporting period the company conducted 27 patrols for an average of 2.89 days with an average of 7.98 men per patrol. The patrol made 11 sightings for a total of 95 enemy. There were six contacts, and nine fire missions totalling 302 rounds. Enemy losses totalled 10 KIA (C). Friendly losses totalled one USMC KIA, eight USMC WIA, 0 USN KIA, 0 USN WIA.

H&S Co During the reporting period the SCUBA Section conducted 10 SCUBA missions in support of the 3d Marine Division.

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- 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, KENTUCKY, SCOTLAND, NAPOLEON/SALINE during the reporting period.
- c. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy. There has been 59 VC/NVA KIA (0), and four VC/NVA POW inflicted upon the enemy during this reporting period. In addition a total of six individual weapons were captured.
- d. Casualties Sustained. There has been two USMC KIA, 0 USMC DOW, 38 USMC WIA, 0 USN KIA, 0 USN DOW, two USN WIA.
- e. New Techniques Employed. Nothing significant to report.
- f. Command Relations. Battalion SCUBA divers continued to check the bridge at Quang Tri for possible underwater demolitions at the request of the Quang Tri Province Advisor.
Three teams of the battalion supported the 7th Counter Intelligence Team in a check of indigenous personnel in the Quang Tri Vital Defense Area on 27 March 1968.
The battalion gave special instruction in rubber boat operations to the Marines of CAC R3-2 March 1968 at the Song Thach Han River.
A hydrographic survey of the Song Vinh Phuoc Bridge crossing on Highway One was made by the battalion SCUBA divers for MOB-10.
- g. Equipment. Nothing significant to report.
- h. Logistics. During the month of March the S-4 section compiled data for the Monsoon Report which was submitted to 3d Marine Division.
During the rocket attack on Quang Tri Combat Base of 15 March one MRC-87 vehicle was completely destroyed and one 2 1/2 ton 6X6 vehicle was damaged. In addition several tents and numerous items of equipment were destroyed during the attack.

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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 special classes for members of this Battalion.

j. Administration. On 22 March 1968 a special class in Marine Corps Personnel Administration was given by Division Personnel for all Company Commanders, Company First Sgt's and Administration Chiefs in the Battalion.

k. Personnel. 9 March 1968 1STLT G.J. SCHLACK assigned as Battalion S-4 vice CAPT R.L. KLEIN.

22 March 1968 1STLT FRANK W. COWDREY JR. assigned as Bn Supply Officer vice 1STLT CLYDE H. BLACK.

l. Weather. During the first part of March it was cloudy to partly cloudy with visibility from one to three miles during the night and unrestricted visibility during the day. Helo inserts and extracts were hampered some in the late evenings, during the night, and early morning hours. Temperatures varied from a low of 63 degrees to a high of 75 degrees. During the second half of March the sky conditions were generally cloudy during the night hours with visibility from one-half to three miles with fog, haze, and occasional light rain. Ceiling was up from 2000-3000 ft. during the afternoons with four to six miles visibility. Temperatures ranged from the middle 70's to the middle 80's. There were occasional lightning and thunder storms during the latter part of the month.

m. Fire Support. The Battalion directed 46 fire missions totalling 1309 rounds.

n. Air Support. The Battalion utilized eight fixed wing air strikes 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/Redesignation. 3d Platoon, Company D, transferred to Company B (Khe Sanh on 22 March 1968).

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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 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 twenty-one personnel from the Battalion. Eight 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 or elsewhere with the number given in attendance.

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Comm Sec/Crypto	1	Japan
VN Language School (Advance)	1	Okinawa
VN Language School (Basic)	1	Da Nang
RECONDO School	6	Nha Trang
KY 28/38 Maintenance Training School	1	Da Nang
SCUBA School	8	Subic Bay
Motor Transport Maintenance Assistance Course	2	Dong Ha

On 8 Mar 1968, seven Kit Carson Scouts joined the Battalion and attended a five day Recon Orientation Course, after which they were assigned to individual companies in the Battalion.

q. Communications. The following site was deactivated on 19 Mar 1968:

<u>NAME DESIGNATOR</u>	<u>GRID</u>
VICTOR RELAY	YD 138650

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	Thom Son Lan
2. Papa	YD 068548	Camp Carrell
3. Air-minded	YD 2459	Dong Ha
4. Alpha	XD 8445	Khe Sanh
5. Uniform	YD 0046	Ca Lu
6. Air-minded Rear	YD 3154	Al Tu
7. Oscar Relay	YD 311548	Qua Viet

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Enemy activity continues to remain heavy throughout the Northern I Corps area. Due to the extremely large concentrations of enemy forces situated near Khe Sanh Combat Base, no reconnaissance patrols were conducted in the area by the Battalion. There has been a build up of enemy forces in the high ground to the west of Route Nine. The interdiction of Route Nine appears to be the continued objective of the enemy in this area. There has been increased activity to the west of Thon Son Lam, as rockets were fired at friendly positions from this region. The enemy continued to operate in the region to the west of Ca Lu. The high ground to the east of Ca Lu has displayed a marked increase in indications of enemy operations. Reconnaissance patrols have made several significant enemy contacts in the foothills to the south of Camp Carroll. Enemy infiltration to the east through the Ba Long Valley appears to be continuing. The region to the south of Cam Lo continues to reveal heavy enemy activity. The enemy not only appears to be infiltrating through this area in large number but there also appears to be a substantial number of enemy based in the area. Patrols have observed several large units moving through the area as well as discovering several bunker complexes. The enemy appears to remain heavily concentrated in the Dong Ha - Dong Ma mountain vicinity to the north of Route Nine. North Vietnamese Army troops continue to infiltrate across the DMZ in the Con Thien - Gio Linh area. In addition, there has been heavy infiltration from the north along the coast toward the Qua Viet River. Enemy activity remains heavy to the south of the Qua Viet River and to the east of Quang Tri City. Cam Lo District Headquarters, Dong Ha, and Quang Tri City appear to remain primary targets for attack in the enemy's second phase of his Winter - Spring Campaign.

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271200H Feb/011745H Mar. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD1554 conducted 78 hours of reconnaissance resulting in four enemy contacts and seven sightings totalling approximately 26 enemy. The patrol received approximately 16 60mm mortar rounds during the contact. An artillery mission was called and air strikes were conducted with good coverage and unknown results.

27100H Feb/021600H Mar. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD1553 conducted 125 hours of reconnaissance resulting in five contacts and four sightings totalling approximately 30 enemy. The team received a total of eight 60mm mortar rounds during the contact. The team directed an artillery mission with outstanding coverage and undetermined results.

040730H /051600H Mar. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD1969 conducted 32 1/2 hours of reconnaissance resulting in one sighting of five enemy and the detection of an ambush site of five more enemy. The team moved out of the area and called an AO which shocked the area and received 50 cal. machine gun fire. Fixed wing conducted an air strike with good target coverage. The patrol also found a three to four week old tracked vehicle trail running east and west parallel with a stream.

051200H /071400H Mar. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD0052 conducted 50 hours of reconnaissance resulting in one contact with 20-25 enemy which resulted in four enemy KIA (C). No friendly casualties were sustained.

080630H /081900H Mar. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD9749 conducted 12 1/2 hours of reconnaissance resulting in the discovery of a bunker complex covering the entire top of the hill, and a contact with approximately 15-20 enemy which resulted in five enemy KIA (C) and one USMC WIA.

100800H /121200H Mar. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD0354 conducted 52 hours of reconnaissance resulting in one contact with approximately 15 NVA which resulted in an undetermined number of enemy KIA and one USMC WIA. A mortar mission was fired and gunships conducted a strafing run with good area coverage.

121230H /131700H Mar. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD1754 conducted 28 hours of reconnaissance resulting in seven sightings totalling 53 enemy. The patrol fired an artillery mission of 34 rounds on 28 enemy with outstanding targets coverage. The team made contact with three enemy resulting in two enemy KIA (C) and one enemy POW. The team captured one AK-47 Assault Rifle, one ChiCom sub-machine gun type 53, one sub-machine gun PPS-43, one pair of binoculars, and assorted gear and documents along with a large amount of NVA money.

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171645H/191745 Mar. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD0650, conducted 25 1/2 hours of reconnaissance resulting in one contact with approximately 17 enemy which resulted in six enemy KIA (C). An artillery mission was called resulting in three secondary explosions and one enemy KIA (C). No friendly casualties were sustained.

161430H/190830H Mar. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD1155 conducted 66 hours of reconnaissance resulting in one sighting of 30-50 enemy. An artillery mission of 20 rounds was conducted with outstanding target coverage and unknown results. The patrol continued the mission.

191345H/19160H Mar. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD1047 conducted two hours of reconnaissance resulting in two enemy contacts with approximately 20-30 NVA which resulted in two enemy KIA (C). Artillery was fired and air strikes were run with good coverage while team was extracted. No friendly casualties were sustained.

210800H/211130H Mar. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD0752 conducted three and one-half hours of reconnaissance resulting in one contact with approximately 10 enemy which resulted in two enemy KIA (C) and one USMC WIA. Gunships strafed the area with outstanding area coverage while team returned to friendly lines.

210900H/250800H Mar. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD1054 conducted 93 hours of reconnaissance resulting in one sighting of over 200 NVA moving down the road carrying weapons and large packs. The patrol called an artillery mission (firecracker rounds) with unknown results. The patrol continued the mission.

221700H/242330H Mar 62. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD1153 conducted 40 hours of reconnaissance resulting in three sightings totalling approximately 35 VC/NVA and one contact with an estimated 50-75 NVA/VC resulting in five VC/NVA KIA (C) by SAF and four KIA (C) by an air strike. The patrol sustained one USMC WIA.

231630H/261100 14 Mar 69. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD1554 conducted 66 1/2 hours of reconnaissance resulting in two enemy sightings totalling approximately 17 VC/NVA. The patrol called a fire mission with undetermined results. The patrol found a recently occupied battalion size base camp or C.P. of 20-30 bunkers. Several maps and documents were also found.

241015H/252215H Mar 68. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD2590 conducted 36 hours of reconnaissance resulting in three enemy sightings totalling approximately 285 NVA. The patrol fired two artillery missions totalling 400 rounds resulting in 25 NVA KIA (C). The patrol also found tank tracks and heard what sounded like a tank on another occasion.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓(1) Patrol Report 158-68 of 060740Z Mar 68 (Co. E)
- ✓(2) Patrol Report 157-68 of 060833Z Mar 68 (Co. E)
- ✓(3) Patrol Report 173-68 of 070730Z Mar 68 (Co. E)
- ✓(4) Patrol Report 185-68 of 100328Z Mar 68 (Co. C)
- ✓(5) Patrol Report 193-68 of 100330Z Mar 68 (Force)
- ✓(6) Patrol Report 207-68 of 160149Z Mar 68 (Co. E)
- ✓(7) Patrol Report 213-68 of 181207Z Mar 68 (Co. A)
- ✓(8) Patrol Report 199-68 of 191515Z Mar 68 (Co. A)
- ✓(9) Patrol Report 265-68 of 231531Z Mar 68 (Force)
- ✓(10) Patrol Report 231068 of 250519Z Mar 68 (Co. E)
- ✓(11) Patrol Report 239-68 of 250523Z Mar 68 (Force)
- ✓(12) Patrol Report 226-68 of 250507Z Mar 68 (Co. A)
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- ✓(14) Patrol Report 259-68 of 280103Z Mar 68 (Co. A)
- ✓(15) Patrol Report 261-68 of 292348Z Mar 68 (Co. C)
- ✓(16) Patrol Report 249-68 of 292352Z Mar 68 (Co. E)

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 CAPT G. W. O'DELL/RSR

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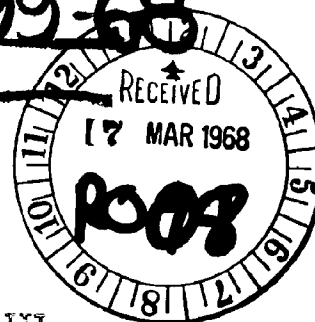
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DIRECTOR OF WAGON CONTROL, 23d, THIRD RECON BN

OPERATION ORDER, 158-68 (LT DUSSEY)

1. MAP, VICTORY, 1:50,000, SERIES, 1-7014, SHEET 42 III

2. DUTY, CAPT, G. W. O'DELL

3. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (1) OFFICER, (2) ENLISTED, (1) IN

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE

C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25-9

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

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) CLAMOR MINES, (10) GRENADES, (1) PROTECTIVE MASKS.

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, 70 HE, 2 CARTRIDGE ROUNDS.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN YOUR RE TO DETECT ENEMY INFILTRATION THROUGH THE AR, BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL FOR NORTH-SOUTH TRAILS. UTILIZE ALL TYPES OF WEAPONS FOR DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY POSITIONS AND INSTALLATIONS. DO NOT FIRE SUPPORTING WEAPONS AT ENEMY POSITIONS WITHOUT APPROVAL. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER.

3. DUE INSERTED: 211000Z MAR 68 (YD 150537) HOW: FOOT

4. DUE EXTRACTED: 021600Z MAR 68 (YD 150546) HOW: FOOT

5. ROUTE: FROM INSERT PT TO (YD 147563) TO (YD 145546) TO (YD 145540) TO (YD 157540) TO (YD 146523) TO (YD 155552) TO (YD 155546) TO (YD 157540) TO (YD 152553) TO (YD 155578) TO EXTRACT PT.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: 123 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE PROVIDED IN YOUR DISTRICT AND HAVE CONTACTS, THE AREA HAS SIGNS OF ENEMY ACTIVITY AND ENEMY HAS RAN INTO SEVERAL ENEMY OPS. THIS MAY BE A SCREEN FOR ACTIVITY IN AREA TO THE SOUTH OF THE R2.

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8. ENEMY SIGHTINGS/CONTACTS: (1) 271715 (YD 139546) PATROL WAS CROSSING STREAM WHEN THEY RECEIVED SEVERAL ROUNDS SA FROM 400 METERS SOUTH. PATROL SIGHTED THREE VC/NVA IN BLACK PJ'S ON RIDGE-LINE, CALLED FIRE MISSION OF EIGHT ROUNDS WITH GOOD TARGET COVERAGE. TEAM CONTINUED MISSION.

(2) 280945H (YD 147556) PATROL SIGHTED SIX VC/NVA, FOUR IN KHAKIS, TWO IN PJ'S, BUSH HATS, BUCKS WITH BUCKERS, COULD NOT OBSERVE THE WEAPONS. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO NEGATIVE COMMUNICATION, PATROL MOVED OUT OF AREA AND CONTINUED MISSION.

(3) 281030H (YD 151546) TWO MEMBERS OF PATROL MOVED UP ON SMALL HILL TO OBSERVE AREA, RECEIVED SEVERAL ROUNDS FROM WOODED GULLY APPROXIMATELY 40 METERS AWAY. TEAM RETURNED FIRE WITH SA AND GRENADES THEN MOVED OUT OF THE AREA.

(4) 281000H (YD 144341) REAR SECURITY SAW TWO VC/NVA 200-300 METERS AWAY, ONE IN BLACK PJ'S, ONE HAD WHITE SHIRT ON, ONE APPEARED TO HAVE RIFLE. MEN MOVED BEHIND RIDGELINE AND WERE LOST TO SIGHT.

(5) 281430H (YD 154534) REAR SECURITY SAW TWO VC/NVA, GREEN UTILITIES BUSH HATS, NATURAL CAMOUFLAGE, NO WEAPONS OBSERVED, 400 METERS AWAY. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO NEGATIVE COMMUNICATION AT THIS TIME.

(6) 281445H (YD 145540) REAR SECURITY SAW FOUR VC/NVA, BUSH HATS GREEN UTILITIES AND NATURAL CAMOUFLAGE, 400 METERS AWAY. PATROL MOVED OUT OF AREA, STILL HAD NEGATIVE COMMUNICATIONS. AS THEY WERE MOVING PATROL RECEIVED 10-12 ROUNDS AWE FROM SOUTH, TEAM RETURNED FIRE AND MOVED TO DEFENSIVE POSITION. NO MORE FIRE RECEIVED, TEAM CONTINUED MISSION.

(7) 281900H (YD 155545) TEAM IN HARBOR SITE RECEIVED FOUR ROUNDS 60MM MORTAR, TEAM OBSERVED MORTAR SITE 700 METERS AWAY. THEN TEAM RECEIVED FOUR ADDITIONAL ROUNDS. TEAM RETURNED FIRE WITH SA AND CALLED FIRE MISSION OF 16 ROUNDS WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGET. RECEIVED NO MORE FIRE FROM AREA. TEAM BEGAN MOVING TO ALLEGED HARBOR SITE WHEN OBSERVED 2-3 VC/NVA APPROXIMATELY 30-50 METERS AWAY, COULD NOT OBSERVE ARMS/EQUIPMENT DUE TO DARKNESS TEAM TOOK THEM UNDER FIRE. TEAM RECEIVED NO RETURN FIRE, MOVED INTO HARBOR SITE.

(8) 281600 (YD 129540) TEAM SAW EIGHT PEOPLE, SEVEN IN WHITE, ONE IN BLACK PJ'S, MOVING ON RIDGELINE. NO WEAPONS/EQUIPMENT OBSERVED. THIS GROUP MET SIX MORE PEOPLE, ALL IN BLACK, MOVED BACK TO SOUTH. APPEARED TO BE IN SOME TYPE FORMATION. NO ACTION TAKEN, GROUP WAS OUT OF TEAM'S RZ.

(9) 290930H (YD 158530) PATROL HAD CROSSED STREAM WHEN FOUND SIGN ABOUT TEN METERS FROM BANK ON LEFT HAD SIDE OF TRAIL. SIGN WAS CIRCLE WITH TWO ARROWS INSIDE POINTING SOUTH.

(10) 010845H (YD 138534) PATROL MOVING UP RIDGELINE WHEN THEY TOOK 5-6 ROUNDS RIFLE FIRE FROM KNOLL 300 METERS AWAY. TEAM RETURNED FIRE, SAW TWO MEN RUN INTO TRAIL, ONE IN BLACK PJ'S, ONE IN WHITE SHIRT. ONE MAN CARRYING EITHER TUBE OR RIFLE ON BACK. TEAM MOVED OUT OF AREA, THEN CALLED FIRE MISSION TWO ROUNDS ON KNOLL WHERE THEY WERE.

011500H (YD 145525) TEAM CROSSING RIVER WHEN FOUND TRACKS OF SEVERAL PEOPLE, NVA FOOT PRINTS. TRACKS APPEARED TO BE HOURS OLD, TEAM CONTINUED MISSION.

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- C. TERRAIN: CHARACTERIZED BY LOW ROLLING HILLS, SCRUBS BRUSH, SOME CANOPY 20-30 FEET HIGH, WITH HEAVY SECONDARY UNDERGROWTH. RATE OF MOVEMENT IS AT PATROL LEADERS DISCRESSION.
- (1) COMMUNICATION WAS GOOD WITH WHIP ANTENNA.
- (2) NATURAL WATER SOURCES: INSUFFICIENT, AS SHOWN ON MAP.
- (3) HILLS: (YD 149524) SITE IS ON HILLTOP WITH ELEVANT GRASS FOUR FEET HIGH, CAN HOLD TWO CM-34'S. BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE SOUTH WITH NO OBSTACLES OBSERVED. (YD 141527) SITE IS ON HILLTOP CAN HOLD TWO CM-34'S. HAS ELEVANT GRASS FOUR FEET HIGH, OBSTACLES IS FROM THE WOODLINE ON SOUTH, AND BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE WEST.
- D. OTHER INFORMATION: NONE
7. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. NONE
8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS:
1. RECOMMENDATIONS: COULD USE DMC IN THIS AREA. TEAMS SHOULD BE PUT INTO THIS AREA TO CHECK POSSIBLE INFILTRATION ROUTES. COULD MOVE AT NIGHT WITH USE OF STARLIGHT SCOPES.
2. CONCLUSIONS: AREA DISCLOSES QUITE A BIT OF TRAFFIC THROUGH THE AREA. MOST TRAFFIC SEEMS TO BE IN A NORTH-SOUTH DIRECTION. POSSIBLE STRING OF OBSERVATION POSTS IN AREA. AREA AS A POSSIBLE SCREENING FORCE.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL: EXCELLENT MORALE: EXCELLENT
10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: CONCUR WITH PATROL.

GRID: YD 1050

OpO : 157-68

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RELEASSED BY: CAPT. G. W. O'DELL/SGT IMMEDIATE (ACTION)
PRIORITY (INFO)

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FM: THIRD RECON BN
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV

INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
NINTH MARINES
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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 2E2, THIRD RECON BN "E" COMPANY

OPERATION ORDER: 157-68 (SSGT. DONNER)

A. MAP SHEET: VIETNAM: 1:50,000, AMS SERIES L-7014m SHEET: 64
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(1) DEBRIEFER: SGT COLEMAN III, R.

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

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

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE

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

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: NONE

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

(10) GAS MASKS, (1) INCENDIARY GRENADE

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 70 HE AND TWO CANISTER ROUNDS

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN YOUR
RA TO DETECT ENEMY MOVEMENT TOWARDS 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: INSERTION: 271200H FEB 68 (YD 160505) FOOT

4. EXTRACTION: DTG: 011745H MAR 68 (YD 164522) HELO

5. ROUTE: INSERT PT TO (YD 158578) TO (YD 148565) TO (YD 151

539) TO (YD 156543) TO (YD 150551) TO (YD 156547) TO (YD 155

5180) TO (YD 154506) TO (YD 160508) TO (YD 167513) TO EXTRACT PT.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: 78 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE
RESULTED IN FOUR ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND SEVEN CONTACTS. PATROL
CALLED SIX ARTILLERY MISSIONS WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGET AND
UNKNOWN RESULTS. PATROL RECEIVED INCOMING 60MM MORTAR SOUNDS
ON TWO OCCASIONS. THIS AREA REVEALS HEAVY ENEMY ACTIVITY AT THE
PRESENT TIME.

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ENEMY SIGHTINGS/CONTACTS:

- (1) 271700H (YD 149542) PATROL OBSERVED 3-4 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL VICINITY (YD 149542). ENEMY STOPPED AND POINTED AT PATROL. PATROL EXCHANGED SA/AMF WITH ENEMY. PATROL CALLED ARTY WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGET AND UNKNOWN RESULTS. ENEMY BROKE CONTACT AND TEAM CONTINUED MISSION.
- (2) 280845H (YD 139549) PATROL OBSERVED FIVE VC/NVA MOVING EAST, DRESS IN UNIFORMS, ARMS AND EQUIPMENT WHICH COULD NOT BE OBSERVED. PATROL COULD OBSERVE USE OF NATURAL CAMOUFLAGE ON PACKS. PATROL LOST SIGHT OF ENEMY AND CONTINUED MISSION.
- (3) 281000H (YD 150551) PATROL WAS MOVING NORTH WHEN IT RECEIVED TWO ROUNDS OFSAF FROM APPROXIMATELY 30 METERS TO THE NORTH. PATROL THREW TWO GRENADES, AND RETURNED SAF. PATROL CHECKED OUT AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. PATROL CONTINUED MISSION.
- (4) 281730H (YD 155544) PATROL RECEIVED AMF AND 6-8 ROUNDS OF 60MM MORTARS FROM VICINITY (YD 151545). PATROL CALLED AN ARTY MISSION WITH GOOD COVERAGE AND UNKNOWN RESULTS. PATROL CHECKED OUT AREA AT FIRST LIGHT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS AND CONTINUED MISSION.
- (5) 010730H (YD 155507) PATROL OBSERVED SEVEN VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHEAST OF TRAIL. ENEMY WORE KIAKIS, PITH HELMETS, CARTRIDGE BELTS AND RIFLES. THEY WALKED AS THOUGH THEY WERE TIRED AND CARRIED THEIR WEAPONS AT SLING ARMS. PATROL CALLED ARTILLERY WITH GOOD COVERAGE AND PATROL CONTINUED MISSION.
- (6) 010930H (YD 171513) PATROL OBSERVED 4-5 VC/NVA WHO APPEARED TO BE CAMOUFLAGING DIGGING HOLES. ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES WITH BUSH COVERS. NO INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS WERE OBSERVED. PATROL CALLED ARTY WITH GOOD COVERAGE AND UNKNOWN RESULTS.
- (7) 010935H (YD 150503) PATROL OBSERVED THREE VC/NVA MOVING EAST TO WEST. ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, BUSH COVERS, AND CAMOUFLAGED PACKS. NO INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS WERE OBSERVED. PATROL CALLED ARTY WITH GOOD COVERAGE AND UNKNOWN RESULTS.
- (8) 011230H (YD 157505) PATROL OBSERVED TWO VC/NVA WHO APPEARED TO BE OPING THE PATROL FROM 50-75 METERS TO THE WEST. PATROL EXCHANGED SAF WITH ENEMY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. PATROL CONTINUED MISSION.
- (9) 011430H (YD 162511) PATROL RECEIVED AMF FROM APPROXIMATELY 25 METERS TO THEIR NORTH. TEAM RETURNED SAF AND ADVANCED BY FIRE AND MANUEVER TOWARD ENEMY POSITION. ENEMY BROKE CONTACT. PATROL CHECKED OUT THE AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS AND CONTINUED MISSION.
- (10) 011435H (YD 170516) PATROL RECEIVED SAF FROM UNKNOWN SIZE FORCE. PATROL RETURNED SAF AND FIRED M-79. PATROL BEGAN TO RECEIVE SAF FROM APPROXIMATELY 100 METERS TO THE SOUTH. PATROL MOVED OUT OF THE AREA.
- (11) 011450H (YD 165510) PATROL RECEIVED SAF FROM 25 METERS TO THE SOUTH AND EAST OF THEIR POSITION. PATROL RETURNED FIRE SAF AND M-79 WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. PATROL THEN OBSERVED FIRE VC/NVA APPROXIMATELY 200 METERS TO THE WEST ON TOP OF A HILL VICINITY (YD 159515). THE ENEMY APPEARED TO BE OBSERVING THE PATROL. PATROL RECEIVED SAF AND TEN ROUNDS OF 60MM MORTAR FIRE NEAR THEIR POSITION. GUNSHIPS CAME ON STATION AND MADE STRAFFING AND ROCKET PASSES. PATROL MOVED TOWARD HILL AND WAS EXTRACTED.

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C. TERRAIN: CHARACTERIZED BY ROLLING HILLS WITH 4-5 FEET HIGH ELEPHANT GRASS, AND IN DRAWS AND REVERIES THE CANOPY WAS 15-20 FEET HIGH. GOOD OP SITE AT (YD 152509).

(1) COMMUNICATION WAS GOOD THROUGHOUT THE PATROL.

(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCES: PLENTIFUL, THREE STREAMS NOT INDICATED ON MAP WERE AT (YD 152518) RUNNING NORTH, (YD 161518) RUNNING WEST, AND AT (YD 155545) RUNNING SOUTH.

(3) TRAILS: NUMEROUS TRAILS THROUGHOUT THE AREA.

(4) HLZ'S: ALL HILLTOPS CAN BE USED AS HLZ'S:

D. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 271730H (YD 148545) PATROL RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM THEIR EAST. NO ACTION TAKEN. PATROL CONTINUED MISSION.

(2) 281120H (YD 151540) PATROL RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM APPROXIMATELY 50 METERS TO THEIR SOUTH. PATROL MOVED OUT OF THE AREA AS THERE WAS NO COVER AND CONCEALMENT AND CONTINUED MISSION.

(3) 010345H (YD PATROL WAS IN HARBOR SITE WHEN IT HEARD MOVEMENT 25 METERS TO THE SOUTH. PATROL ADJUSTED "ON CALL" ARTILLERY CONCENTRATION AND MOVEMENT STOPPED. PATROL CHECKED OUT THE AREA AT FIRST LIGHT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. HARBOR SITE WAS AT (YD 152509).

(4) 011315H (YD 161510) PATROL RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM THE SOUTH. PATROL MOVED OUT OF AREA AND CONTINUED MISSION.

(5) 152509) PATROL FOUND FOUR STOOLS IN WHAT APPEARED TO BE AN ENEMY OP SITE. SITE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE RECENTLY USED.

7. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: UNKNOWN

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

A. RECOMMENDATIONS: TAKE AN M-60 AND A STARLIGHT SCOPE. TEAM SHOULD ALSO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE MANY OP SITES IN THE AREA.

B. CONCLUSIONS: HEAVY ENEMY ACTIVITY AND AREA POSSIBLY BEING USED AS A BASE AREA AND INFILTRATION ROUTE.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL: OUTSTANDING MORALE: GOOD

10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: SINCE 11 FEB 68 RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS HAVE MADE 21 SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS IN THIS GENERAL AREA.

A. PATROL OPINION OF THE ENEMY: PATROL LEADER FEELS THAT THE ENEMY IN THIS AREA WAS WELL DISCIPLINED, USED GOOD CAMOUFLAGE TECHNIQUES AND WELL COORDINATED. ENEMY WAS QUICK TO REACT AS INDICATED BY THEIR USE OF MORTARS AND SURROUNDING FIRE.

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DTG: 070730 Z MAR. 68

FM: THIRD RECON BN
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV

INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA
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FOURTH MARINES
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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 2E2, THIRD RECON BN,
OPERATION ORDER: 173-69 (SSGT BILODEAU)

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

(1) DEBRIEFER: LT. R.G. WALLS

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

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

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE

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

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

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) CLAYMORE MINES, (2) WP RIFLE GRENADES,
(3) CS GRENADES, (11) PROTECTIVE MASKS.

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, 70 HE, 3 CS, 2 CANISTER ROUNDS.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN YOUR RE
TO DETECT AND DETERMINE NATURE AND EXTENT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. BE
ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL OF ENEMY ACTIVITY THAT COULD POSE A THREAT TOCALU AND ROUTE NINE FROM THE WEST AND NORTH. UTILIZE SUPPORTING
ARMS FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS.

MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER.

3. DTG INSERTED: 040730H MAR 68 (YD 174722) HOW: FOOT

4. DTG EXTRACTED: 051600H MAR 68 (YD 175722) HOW: FOOT

5. ROUTE: FROM PT OF INSERT TO (YD 172715) TO (YD 175714) TO
(YD 176707) TO (YD 179703) TO (YD 177698) TO (YD 187698) TO
(YD 181702) TO (YD 182714) TO EXTRACT PT.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: 30+ HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE PATROLLING RESULTED
IN TWO ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND NO ENEMY CONTACTS. THE PATROL DETECTED
AN ENEMY AMBUSH WITHDREW FROM THE AREA AND CALLED IN AN AIR STRIKE
ON THE ENEMY POSITION. THE PATROL DISCOVERED A VERY RECENTLY USED
BUNKER AND OBSERVED SIGNS OF TRACKED VEHICLE IN THE AREA. THE
AREA REVEALS MODERATE TO HEAVY ENEMY ACTIVITY AT THE PRESENT TIME.

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B. ENEMY SIGHTINGS/CONTACTS: 040830H (YD 177708) PATROL OBSERVED FIVE VC/NVA VICINITY (YD 172715). ENEMY WAS MOVING NORTH TOWARD A-3 PERIMETER WIRE. ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, TWO WORE WHITE COVERS AND ALL CARRIED UNDERGROUND TYPE WEAPONS. NO PACKS WERE OBSERVED. PATROL NOTIFIED FRIENDLIES AND CONTINUED MISSION.

(2) 041315H (YD 186698) PATROL WAS MOVING SOUTHEAST WHEN IT OBSERVED A TRAIL RUNNING NORTH-SOUTH OFF OF THE MAJOR EAST-WEST TRAIL INDICATED ON THE MAP. THIS TRAIL WAS WELL CAMOUFLAGED AND HAD SEVERAL TWO MAN FIGHTING HOLES ALONG THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE TRAIL. THE HOLES APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN RECENTLY MADE AND WERE WELL CAMOUFLAGED. AT THIS TIME THE POINT OBSERVED A SCARECROW DRESSED IN BLACK PJ'S ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE NORTH-SOUTH TRAIL. NEARBY HE DETECTED FIVE VC/NVA SET IN AN AMBUSH ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF THE TRAIL VICINITY (YD 186698). ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, NO COVERS OR TACKS, AND ONE AK-47 W'S OBSERVED. PATROL OBSERVED THREE OF THE ENEMY MOVE TOWARD THE PATROLS RIGHT FLANK. AT THE SAME TIME THE REAR SECURITY HEARD MOVEMENT OF AN ESTIMATED TEN ENEMY MOVING TOWARD THE REAR OF THE PATROL. THE PATROL WITHDREW TO TIEHILL VICINITY (YD 182703) AND SET UP A DEFENSIVE POSITION. PATROL CALLED FOR AN AO AND FIXED WING SUPPORT. THE AO DIRECTED AIR STRIKES ON THE AREA IN WHICH THE VC/NVA HAD BEEN HEARD AND OBSERVED. THE AO MADE A PASS TO CHECK OUT THE AREA AND RECEIVED HEAVY AMF (.50 CAL). PATROL MOVED OUT OF THE AREA AND CONTINUED MISSION.

C. TERRAIN: ROLLING HILLS WITH ELEPHANT GRASS AND SCRUB BRUSH FROM 3-8 FEET. THICK UNDERGROWN IN MOST OF RECON ZONE. THE AREA SURROUNDING THE ZONE IS OPEN RICE PADDIES. RATE OF MOVEMENT MOVING FROM A-3 TO RECON ZONE IS PATROL LEADERS DISCUSSION, IN RECON ZONE IT IS 100-200 METERS PER HOUR.

(1) COMMUNICATION WAS POOR WITH TAPE ANTENNA, FAIR WITH WIRE ANTENNA.

(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCES: PLENTYFUL

(3) TRAILS: NUMEROUS TRAILS THROUGHOUT THE AREA. MAJOR TRAILS IN THE AREA ARE INDICATED ON THE MAP. THERE ARE NUMEROUS SMALLER TRAILS BRANCHING OFF OF THE MAJOR TRAILS. A MAIN INFILTRATION ROUTE APPEARS TO BE ALONG THE TRAIL INDICATED ON THE MAP FROM (YD 167700) EAST TO (YD 198698).

(4) HLZ'S: SITE AT (YD 186698) CAN HOLD THREE UH-34'S, IS OPEN FIELD WITH GRASS 2-4 FEET HIGH. BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE EAST TO WEST. BRUSH 5-9 FEET AROUND THE SITE AND TWO 40-FOOT TREES APPROXIMATELY 25 METERS TO NORTHWEST OF SITE CAN BE OBSTACLES.

D. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 041115H (YD 181711) PATROL FOUND A TRAIL MADE BY A TRACKED VEHICLE VICINITY (YD 181711). THE TRAIL LEAD TO THE EAST AND THEN SOUTHEAST ALONG THE ENTIREWAY INDICATED ON THE MAP. THE TRACKS APPEARED TO BE 3-4 WEEKS OLD.

(2) 041130H (YD 181699) PATROL FOUND A BUNKER COMPLEX OF APPROXIMATELY EIGHT ONE TO TWO MAN BUNKERS. THE BUNKERS HAD BAMBOO MATTING ON THE FLOOR AND APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN RECENTLY OCCUPIED.

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THE PATROL ALSO OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY SIX ONE MAN FIGHTING HOLES AND SEVERAL SPIDER HOLES IN THE AREA. THE ENTIRE AREA WAS VERY WELL CAMOUFLAGED. NEAR THE NORTHEAST PORTION OF THE COMPLEX THE PATROL OBSERVED A TRIPLE STRAND BARBED WIRE FENCE. THE PATROL OBSERVED AN EIGHT FOOT BAMBOO POLE SET IN THE GROUND AT AN INCLINE. THE TIP OF THE POLE WAS POINTING SOUTH AND THERE WAS A WIRE RING APPROXIMATELY FOUR INCHES IN DIAMETER HANGING FROM THE TIP. NEAR THE BUNKER COMPLEX THE PATROL FOUND A SMALL BAMBOO AND MUD HOOCH. THE HOOCH WAS 4'x5' AND 7 FEET HIGH. THE HOOCH WAS ABOUT THREE INCHES OFF THE DECK AND HAD A 12 INCH BY 18 INCH WINDOW IN ONE SIDE. THERE WAS NO DOOR. THE HOOCH COULD HAVE BEEN A CHICKEN COOP AS CHICKEN DROPPINGS WERE FOUND ON THE DECK. WHILE IN THE BUNKER COMPLEX THE PATROL HEARD WHAT SOUNDED LIKE FINGER SNAPPING FROM SEVERAL LOCATIONS. THE PATROL FELT THIS COULD HAVE BEEN SIGNALS BETWEEN ENEMY HIDDEN NEAR THE COMPLEX. PATROL CONTINUED MISSION.

7. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: COULD NOT OBSERVE RESULTS OF AIR STRIKES IN THE AREA.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

A. RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL SHOULD MOVE OUT OF FRIENDLY POSITIONS WITH INFANTRY UNITS OPERATING IN THE AREA SURROUNDING THE RECON ZONE BECAUSE THE AREA IS VERY OPEN.

B. CONCLUSIONS: THE ENEMY APPEARS TO BE USING THE AREA AS A BASE FOR HIS OPERATIONS IN THE AREA. THESE OPERATIONS COULD CONSIST OF PROBING FRIENDLY POSITIONS IN THE AREA AS WELL AS MAINTAINING A TRANSIT AREA FOR ENEMY TROOPS MOVING DOWN FROM THE NORTH. THERE IS MODERATE TO HEAVY ACTIVITY AT THE PRESENT TIME.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL: OUTSTANDING MORALE: OUTSTANDING

10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: THE ENEMY APPEARS TO BE QUITE ACTIVE IN THIS AREA AT THE PRESENT TIME. FRIENDLY TRACKED VEHICLES ARE NOT BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN OPERATING IN THE AREA IN WHICH THE TRACKS WERE FOUND. THE AO OPERATING IN THE AREA INFORMED THE TEAM THAT HE HAD SEEN A LARGE CONCENTRATION OF ENEMY TROOPS SEVERAL THOUSAND METERS TO THE SOUTH OF WHERE THE TEAM HAD MADE CONTACT.

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ROUTINE (INFO)

DTG: 100308Z MAR 68

FM: THIRD RECON BN
TO: CG THIRD MARDIVINFO: FIRST AIR CAV EDV USA
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
NINTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
SEVENTY SIXTH MARINES
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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 2C1, THIRD RECON BN.,
OPERATION ORDER: 185-68 (CPL DAVERETTE)A. MAP: VIETNAM: 1:50,000, SERIES L-7014, SHEET 6342 I & II
(1) DEBRIEFER: SGT R.D. COLEMAN

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

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

B. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: NONE

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

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

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CLAYMORE MINES, (4) WP RIFLE GRENADES,
(8) CS GRENADES, (8) PROTECTIVE MASKS.F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, 100 MM, 3 CS, 8 CANISTER ROUNDS,
(1) M-14 AND (1) LAW.2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN YOUR AREA
TO DETECT ENEMY MOVEMENT TOWARDS CAMP ACROLL 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: 051200H MAR 68 (XD 982543) HQM: FOOT

4. DTG EXTRACTED: 071400H MAR 68 (XD 982533) HQM: FOOT

5. ROUTE: FROM PT OF INSERT TO (XD 991534) TO (XD 995537) TO
(XD 009527) TO (XD 993521) TO (XD 981524) TO EXTRACT PT.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: 50 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE RESULTED
IN ONE ENEMY SIG TING AND ONE CONTACT. AREA REVEALS ENEMY ACTIVITY
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3. ENEMY SIGHTING/CONTACTS: 071150H (XD 007525) TEAM IN AN OP WHEN THEY HEARD MOVEMENT APPROXIMATELY TEN METERS SOUTH OF THEIR POSITION. PATROL OBSERVED 20-25 VC/NVA. PATROL THREW GRENADES AND EXCHANGED FIRE WITH THE ENEMY RESULTING IN FOUR VC/NVA KIA(C). TEAM CALLED IN ARTILLERY WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGET. DURING THE FIRE FIGHT ONE MEMBER OF THE TEAM WAS SEPARATED FROM THE REST OF THE TEAM. AN AO DIRECTED THE TEAM TO THE SEPARATED MAN WHO WAS USING A SIGNAL MIRROR TO MARK HIS POSITION. THE ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, BUSH COVERS AND HELMETS, CARTRIDGE BELTS, PACKS, AND CARRIED AK-47'S.
- C. TERRAIN: STEEP HIGH HILLS WITH THICK UNDERGROWTH AND CANOPY 20-30 FEET HIGH. THERE IS A WELL USED TRAIL RUNNING NORTH TO SOUTH AT (YD 004526). RATE OF MOVEMENT IS 200 METERS PER HOUR.
- (1) COMMUNICATION WAS GOOD ON HIGH GROUND, BUT POOR IN RAVINES.
- (2) NATURAL WATER SOURCES: WATER COULD BE SCARCE IN SUMMER.
- (3) HLZ'S: (YD 008528) SITE IS ON A SMALL HILL TOP WITH 4-5 FEET ELEPHANT GRASS. CAN HOLD ONE CH-46, HAS NO APPROACH OBSTACLES AND BEST APPROACH IS FROM EAST TO WEST. (XD 998523) SITE IS ON SLOPING HILL TOP WITH 4-5 FEET ELEPHANT GRASS. CAN HOLD THREE CH-46'S. CAN BE APPROACHED FROM ANY DIRECTION AND HAS NO APPROACH OBSTACLES.
- D. OTHER INFORMATION: 071430H (YD 003537) TEAM HEARD MOVEMENT IN THE BRUSH APPROXIMATELY 50 METERS TO THE TEAM'S POSITION. TEAM TOOK NO ACTION AS COMMUNICATIONS WAS TOO POOR. ENEMY PASSED AND TEAM MOVED TO THEIR POINT OF EXTRACTION.
7. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
- A. ENEMY: (4) KIA (C)
- B. FRIENDLY: NONE
8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:
- A. RECOMMENDATIONS: TEAM LEADER FEELS THAT THE AREA VICINITY (YD 011512) IS AN ENEMY TRANSIENT AREA AS THE NOTED ACTIVITY WAS FROM THAT VICINITY.
- B. CONCLUSIONS: ENEMY SEEMS TO BE MOVING THROUGH THE AREA.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL: GOOD MORALE: GOOD
10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: NONE

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IMMEDIATE (ACTION)
ROUTINE (INFO)

DTG: 100330Z MAR 68

FM: THIRD RECON BN
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV

INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 4-1, THIRD FORCE RECON CO.,
OPERATION ORDER: 193-68 (LT. KOMBIG)

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

(1) DEBRIEFER: LT. R. G. WALLS

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (1)OFFICER, (5)ENLISTED, (1)USN

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

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

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

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3)CLAYMORE MINES, (2)VP RIFLE GRENADES,
(8)CS GRENADES, (8)PROTECTIVE MASKS.

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1)M-79, 60 ITC, 3 CS, 10 CANISTER ROUNDS,
(1)M-14, AND (1)M-60 WITH 800 ROUNDS.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED
AREA TO DETECT AND DETERMINE NATURE AND EXTENT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY;
BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL FOR ENEMY ACTIVITY WHICH COULD POSE A THREAT
TO CALU, ROCK PILE, AND ROUTE NINE FROM THE WEST. UTILIZE
SUPPORTING ARMS FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS.
MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER.

3. DTG INSERTED: 080630H MAR 68 (YD 009455) HOW: FOOT

4. DTG EXTRACTED: 081900H MAR 68 (XD 979496) HOW: HELICO

5. ROUTE: FROM INSERT PT TO (YD 001431) TO (XD 990498) TO
EXTRACT PT.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: 12 1/2 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE PATROLLING RESULTED IN
ONE ENEMY CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED 15-20 VC/NVA RESULTING IN FIVE
NVA KIA(C) AND (1) USMC KIA. PATROL CALLED A 4.2" MORTAR

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OF 10 ROUNDS AND DIRECTED GUNSHIPS STRAFING AND ROCKETS PASSES WITH EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF TARGET AND UNKNOWN RESULTS. THIS AREA SHOWS INCREASED ENEMY ACTIVITY AT THE PRESENT TIME. THE ENEMY APPEAR TO BE ATTEMPTING TO POSITION HIS TROOPS IN THE HIGH GROUND TO THE WEST OF ROUTE NINE IN ORDER TO INTERDICT THE ROAD.

B. ENEMY SIGHTINGS/CONTACTS: 081815H (XD 979497) PATROL HAD MOVED TOWARD THE TOP OF A HILL VICINITY (XD 979497) WHEN THEY OBSERVED BUNKERS ON THE HILLTOP. THE PATROL MOVED UP THE HILL AND CHECKED EACH BUNKER USING A SCOUT DOG. THE BUNKERS COVERED THE ENTIRE TOP OF THE HILL. MANY OF THE BUNKERS HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY AIR STRIKES PREVIOUSLY CALLED ON THIS AREA. THE PATROL FOUND AT LEAST SIX BUNKERS WHICH WERE STILL USABLE. THE BUNKERS WERE "U" SHAPED WITH 2-3 FOOT OF BAMBOO AND DIRT OVERHEAD PROTECTION. BUNKERS DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN RECENTLY USED. PATROL ESTABLISHED AN OP SITE AND OBSERVED ROUTE NINE. PATROL HEARD TALKING AND THEN SAW TWO VC/NVA MOVING UP THE HILL TOWARD THEIR POSITION. ENEMY WORE KHAKIS AND BUSH COVERS, ARMS AND EQUIPMENT, COULD NOT BE OBSERVED. PATROL INITIATED A/F RESULTING IN TWO VC/NVA KIA(C). ENEMY RETURNED SAF RESULTING IN ONE USMC KIA. PATROL CONTINUED TO RECEIVE SPORADIC SAF WHILE DELIVERING A SUSTAINED VOLUME OF SAF. PATROL CALLED A 4.2" MORTAR MISSION OF 10 ROUNDS WITH EXCELLENT COVERAGE AND UNKNOWN RESULTS. AT THIS TIME PATROL OBSERVED MOVEMENT TO THEIR LEFT FLANK. PATROL FIRED M-79, SA/AV FIRE, AND THREW GRENADES TOWARD THE MOVEMENT. SHORTLY AFTERWARD, PATROL OBSERVED MOVEMENT TO THEIR RIGHT FLANK. PATROL DETONATED A CLAYMORE MINE ON THE FLANK AND FIRED A M-79 CS ROUND (DUD) AND THEN TWO CS GRENADES TOWARD MOVEMENT. MOVEMENT ON THE FLANKS APPROACHED TO WITHIN 30 METERS OF THE PATROL'S POSITION. AS A RESULT OF THE CS, (1) VC/NVA RAN OUT OF THE AREA RESULTING IN ONE VC/NVA KIA(C). PATROL CONTINUED ENGAGING THE ENEMY WITH SAF AND RECEIVED SPORADIC SAF/A/F. AT THIS TIME, APPROXIMATELY 1845H, VIA DIED. GUNSHIPS ARRIVED ON STATION AND MADE STRAFING AND ROCKET RUNS WITH EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF TARGET AND UNKNOWN RESULTS. EXTRACTION HELLO'S LANDED IN THE ZONE AND TEAM CARRIED BODY OF KIA TOWARD THE HELO. ONE MEMBER OF PATROL WHO WAS HELPING TO MOVE THE BODY TOWARD THE HELO FIRED AT TWO VC/NVA IN GREEN UTILITIES RESULTING IN TWO VC/NVA KIA(C). EXTRACTION WAS COMPLETED. PATROL COULD NOT DETERMINE IF EXTRACTION HELO RECEIVED FIRE DUE TO THE HIGH VOLUME OF FRIENDLY FIRE. ARTILLERY AND TFC'S SCHEDULED FOR THE AREA UPON COMPLETION OF EXTRACTION.

C. TERRAIN: STEEP HILLS WITH 10-12 FEET CANOPY ON THE HILL SIDES AND LOW ELEPHANT GRASS ON THE HILL TOPS. LOW GROUND HAS CANOPY TO 15 FEET WITH THICK UNDERGROWTH. SCATTERED LOW BRUSH THROUGHOUT THE ELEPHANT GRASS. RATE OF MOVEMENT IS 50-100 METERS PER HOUR.

(1) COMMUNICATIONS POOR IN LOW GROUND WITH TAPE, GOOD IN THE HIGH GROUND WITH A TAPE ANTENNA.

(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCES: PLentiful IN THE LOW GROUND, SCARC IN THE HIGH GROUND.

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- (3) TRAILS: (XD 983495) A TRAIL ONE METER WIDE WHICH RUNS EAST TO WEST UP THE HILL. TRAIL APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN VERY RECENTLY USED. OTHER MAJOR TRAILS IN THE AREA ARE INDICATED ON THE MAP. (XD 0968501) - (XD 970999) TRAIL IS TWO METERS WIDE RUNNING SOUTHEAST TO NORTHWEST. THE TRAIL RUNS INTO THE TOP OF A BOMB CRATER AND THEN RUNS ON UP TO THE TOP OF THE HILL. THE TRAIL APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN HEAVILY USED WITHIN THE PAST 24 HOURS. THE GRASS APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN BROKEN DOWN AS THOUGH MOVEMENT HAD BEEN UP HILL (N?). (XD 967500) TRAIL IS TWO FEET WIDE RUNNING EAST TO WEST. TRAIL DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN USED WITHIN PAST SEVERAL DAYS.
- (4) ILLZ'S: (XD 967500) SITE IS ON HILLTOP WITH ELEPHANT GRASS AND BOMB CRATERS. CAN HOLD THREE CH-46'S. BEST APPROACH IS FROM NORTH TO SOUTH WITH NO OBSTACLES. (XD 979496) SITE IS ON RIDGELINE WITH LOW ELEPHANT GRASS AND DIRT. CAN HOLD FIVE CH-46'S. BEST APPROACH IS FROM NORTH TO SOUTH WITH NO OBSTACLES.
- D. OTHER INFORMATION: 081135H (XD 988498) PATROL HAD JUST MOVED AWAY FROM FRIENDLY INFANTRY UNIT AND HAD BEGUN TO MOVE NORTHWEST WHEN SCOUT DOG ALERTED. PATROL MOVED FURTHER TO THE NORTHWEST AND THE DOG ALERTED AGAIN. AT THIS TIME THE INFANTRY UNIT WITH WHICH THE RECON TEAM HAD MOVED OUT WITH WAS HIT BY WHAT APPEARED TO BE SOME TYPE OF COMMAND DETONATED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE, VICINITY (XD 9904980). THE PATROL REMAINED IN PLACE TO PROTECT THE FRIENDLES FLANK UNTIL MED-EVACS WERE COMPLETED AND CONTINUED MISSION.
7. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
- A. ENEMY: (5) VC/NVA KIA (C)
- B. FRIENDLY: (1) USMC KIA
8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:
- A. RECOMMENDATIONS: BEST WAY TO MOVE INTO THE RECON ZONE IS TO MOVE OUT WITH FRIENDLY INFANTRY UNIT AND THEN MOVE WEST OF ROUTE 9.
- B. CONCLUSION: IT APPEARS AS THOUGH THE ENEMY IS OPERATING IN THE AREA WITH THE INTENTION OF POSITIONING TROOPS ON THE HIGH GROUND OVERLOOKING ROUTE 9 WITH THE PURPOSE OF INTERDICTING THE ROAD. INCREASING ENEMY ACTIVITY AT THE PRESENT TIME.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL: GOOD MORALE: GOOD
10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: NONE

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CONFIDENTIALDEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 4TH (NORTH TIDE) THIRD RECON BN "E" CO
OPERATION ORDER: 207-68 (SGT JOHNSON)

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

(1) DEBRIEFER: MR. R. G. WALLS DATE 13 MARCH 1968

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

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

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE

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

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7X50

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) CLAYMORE MINES, (2) WP HAND GRENADES

(5) CS GRENADES, (10) GAS MASKS

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 35 HE, 2 CANISTER AND 23

FORECRACKER ROUNDS. (1) M-60 WITH 900 ROUNDS.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED
AREA TO DETERMINE NATURE AND EXTENT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. BE ESPECIALLY
WATCHFUL FOR NORTH-SOUTH TRAILS IN YOUR AREA. UTILIZE
SUPPORTING ARMS FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS

DO NOT FIRE SUPPORTING ARMS AT LESS THAN (10) TEN PERSONNEL

WITHOUT APPROVAL. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER.

3. DTG: INSERTED: 121230H (YD 186565) WALK

4. DTG: EXTRACTED: 131700H (YD 153547) HELO

5. ROUTE: INSERT PT SOUTHWEST TO (YD 170540) NORTHWEST TO
EXTRACTION PT.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: 28 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE
RESULTED IN SEVEN ENEMY SIGHTING AND TWO ENEMY CONTACTS. THE
PATROL FIRED TWO ARTILLERY MISSIONS TOTALLING 34 ROUNDS WITH
EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF THE TARGET AND UNKNOWN RESULTS. THE PATROL
SIGHTED A TOTAL OF 53 VC/NVA. THE PATROL FOUND NUMEROUS DRAG
MARKS AND BLOOD STAINS AS A RESULT OF A FIRE MISSION CALLED ON
28 VC/NVA AND THE AMBUSH CONDUCTED BY THE TEAM RESULTED IN (2)
VC/NVA KIA AND (2) VC/NVA POW'S. ONE POW LATER DIED OF WOUNDS.
THIS AREA CONTINUED TO REVEAL HEAVY ENEMY ACTIVITY.**CONFIDENTIAL**

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B. ENEMY:

(1) 121520H (YD 162540) PATROL OBSERVED FOUR VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL AT (YD 155537). TWO ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S AND THE OTHER TWO WORE KHAKIS. ALL WORE BUSH COVERS, HEAVY PACKS AND CARRIED RIFLES OF UNKNOWN TYPE. ALL WERE HEAVILY CAMOUFLAGED. ENEMY MOVED OUT OF SIGHT. PATROL KEPT THE AREA UNDER OBSERVATION AND CONTINUED MISSION.

(2) 121540H (YD 162540) PATROL OBSERVED TWELVE VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL AT (YD 155537). ALL ENEMY WORE KHAKIS, BUSH COVERS, HEAVY PACKS, RIFLES OF UNKNOWN TYPE AND WERE HEAVILY CAMOUFLAGED WITH BRUSH. PATROL CALLED AN ARTILLERY MISSION OF 10 ROUNDS WITH EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF TARGET AND UNKNOWN RESULTS. THE ENEMY MOVED OUT TO THE NORTH. PATROL CONTINUED ITS MISSION.

(3) 121630H (YD 162540) PATROL OBSERVED THREE VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL AT (YD 155537). ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, TWO CARRIED LIGHT PACKS, ONE CARRIED A WEAPON, AND ALL WERE HEAVILY CAMOUFLAGED WITH BRUSH. ENEMY MOVED OUT OF SIGHT. PATROL CONTINUED MISSION.

(4) 121640H (YD 162540) PATROL OBSERVED FOUR VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL AT (YD 155537) ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, HEAVY PACKS, RIFLES OF UNKNOWN TYPE AND ALL WORE HEAVY NATURAL CAMO. ENEMY WENT INTO THE BRUSH AND REAPPEARED ABOUT 30 SECONDS LATER. ENEMY WORE LIGHT SHIRTS AND DARK TROUSERS AND RAN UP THE TRAIL TO THE NORTH. IT APPEARED AS THOUGH THE ENEMY HAD HIDDEN THE GEAR THEY HAD BEEN WEARING. THE PATROL CONTINUED MISSION. PATROL CHECKED OUT THE AREA AT 130845H WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(5) 121715H (YD 162540) PATROL OBSERVED 26 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON A TRAIL IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 155537). THE ENEMY WORE KHAKIS, BUSH COVERS, HEAVY PACKS, AND CARRIED RIFLES OF UNKNOWN TYPE AND ALL WORE NATURAL CAMOUFLAGE. PATROL CALLED AN ARTILLERY MISSION OF 24 ROUNDS WITH EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF TARGET AND UNKNOWN RESULTS. PATROL FIRED V.T. WITH OUTSTANDING COVERAGE OF AREA. PATROL COULD NOT OBSERVE ANY MOVEMENT AFTER FOURTH FIRE FOR EFFECT. PATROL KEPT AREA UNDER SURVEILLANCE.

(6) 121915H (YD 162540) PATROL OBSERVED (7) VC/NVA RUNNING SOUTH BACK DOWN THE TRAIL FROM THE IMPACT AREA. THE PATROL COULD NOT OBSERVE UNIFORMS, WEAPONS, OR EQUIPMENT BECAUSE OF DARKNESS. ALL ENEMY WORE HEAVY NATURAL CAMOUFLAGE. THE PATROL KEPT THE AREA UNDER SURVEILLANCE. THE PATROL HEARD MOANS FROM THE ARTILLERY IMPACT AREA DURING THE NIGHT. THE PATROL CHECKED OUT THE AREA AT 130845H AND FOUND A BLOODY CHICOM GRENADE POOCH, A PIECE OF BLOODY ROPE, ONE CARRYING POLE, WRAPPINGS FROM BANDAGES, AND BLOODY WALKING STICKS AND NATURAL CAMOUFLAGE. THE AREA IN THE IMPACT AREA WAS MATTED DOWN AND BLOODY. THE PATROL FOUND SEVERAL DRAG MARKS.

(7) 130915H (YD 153547) PATROL ESTABLISHED AMBUSH ALONG THE TRAIL

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(8) 131020H (YD 153547) PATROL OBSERVED SIX CIVILIANS, THREE CHILDREN, TWO WOMEN AND ONE MAN, MOVING SOUTH AT (YD 159547). CIVILIANS REACHED A TRAIL JUNCTION AT (YD 155544), OBSERVED THE AREA WHERE THE ARTILLERY HAD BEEN FIRED AND MOVED BACK TO THE NORTH UP THE TRAIL. PATROL LOST SIGHT OF THE CIVILIANS. PATROL CONTINUED MISSION.

(9) 131610H (YD 153547) PATROL OBSERVED THREE VC MOVING NORTH UP A TRAIL AT (YD 155535). ENEMY WORE CIVILIAN CLOTHING AND ONE WORE BLACK PJ'S AND ONE WORE KHAKI SHIRT. ONE ENEMY CARRIED A WEAPON. ENEMY MOVED TOWARD THE AMBUSH KILLING ZONE WHEN THE PATROL OBSERVED ONE MORE VC IN BLACK PJ'S AND NATURAL CAMOUFLAGE APPROXIMATELY 50 METERS BEHIND THE OTHER THREE ENEMY. PATROL COULD NOT OBSERVE IF LAST MAN WAS ARMED. PATROL INITIATED SAF/AS ENEMY MOVED INTO KILLING ZONE. ENEMY RETURNED SAF, ALL ENEMY CARRIED WEAPONS, (THREE OF THE ENEMY HAD THEIR RIFLES HIDDEN IN THE CAMOUFLAGE WHICH THEY WORE). THE ENEMY WAS APPROXIMATELY 50 FEET FROM THE PATROL WHEN THE AMBUSH WAS INITIATED. TWO OF THE ENEMY TRIED TO RUN BACK DOWN THE TRAIL OUT OF THE KILLING ZONE. PATROL CONTINUED SAF RESULTING IN ONE VC KIA AND ONE VC WIA (POW). THE KIA APPEARED TO BE APPROXIMATELY 15 YEARS OLD. THE REAR POINT TRIED TO RUN INTO TREELINE AND WAS TAKEN UNDER SAF AND M-79 FIRE. ELEMENTS OF THE PATROL MOVED UP TO CHECK OUT THE AREA. PATROL SAW MOVEMENT IN A BUSH AND THREW A GRENADE RESULTING IN ONE VC KIA. THE ENEMY POINT FELL TO THE DECK AND ACTED AS IF HE HAD BEEN HIT. THE PATROL SENT OUT A SEARCH TEAM TO CHECK OUT THE KILLING ZONE. THE ENEMY POINT RAISED UP AND ATTEMPTED TO FIRE HIS WEAPON AT THE SECURITY TEAM. THE PATROL RETURNED SAF RESULTING IN ONE VC WIA (POW). THE PATROL CALLED FOR AN IMMEDIATE EXTRACTION AND THE CORPSEMAN ADMINISTERED FIRST AID TO THE POW'S. EXTRACTION COMPLETED AT 131700H. ONE VC/NVA POW LATER DIED OF WOUNDS.

C. TERRAIN: LOW ROLLING HILLS WITH SCRUB BRUSH TWO TO FOUR FEET AND SCATTERED AREA OF CANOPY TO 30 FEET HIGH IN THE VALLEY. GOOD OP AT (YD 162540) AND (YD 160544). NUMEROUS TRAILS THROUGH OUT THE AREA WHICH APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN RECENTLY USED. COMMUNICATION FAIR WITH TAPES AND WHIP ANTENNAS. NATURAL WATER SOURCES GOOD, SHOWN ON MAP. RATE OF MOVEMENT AT PATROL LEADERS DESCRIPTION.

D. OTHER INFORMATION: NONE

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

A. ENEMY: (2) VC KIA, 2 POW, ONE OF WHICH LATER DIED OF WOUNDS

B. FRIENDLY: NONE

C. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: (1) AK-47 WITH THREE MAGAZINES, (1) NVA SUB MACHINE GUN TYPE 50 WITH TWO MAGAZINES, ONE PAIR OF BINOCULAR WITH CASE ASSORTED CLOTHING TAKEN FROM THE BODIES. ASSORTED LETTERS AND NORTH VIETNAMESE MONEY, TWO BUSH HATS, (1) PPS-43 WITH MAG.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD, MORALE OUTSTANDING

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS: TEAMS IN THE AREA SHOULD CARRY STARLIGHT SCORER. TEAMS SHOULD WALK INTO THE AREA AND OP THE AREA. POSSIBLY A BASE AREA AT (YD 160530)

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CONCLUSIONS:

(1) HEAVY ENEMY ACTIVITY AT THE PRESENT TIME. THE TRAIL INDICATE ON MAP RUNNING FROM (YD 160530) NORTH TO (YD 150550) APPEARS TO BE A MAJOR INFILTRATION ROUTE. THERE COULD BE A BASE CAMP IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 160530)

9. HLE'S: PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN PAST PATROL REPORTS.

10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: THIS AREA CONTINUES TO REVEAL HEAVY ENEMY ACTIVITY FROM 11 FEB TO 01 MARCH 68. RECON PATROLS MADE 21 SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS IN THE GENERAL AREA. INCLUDING THE SIGHTING OF A COMPANY SIZE BASE CAMP, TWO BUNKER COMPLEXES, AND ONE GROUP OF 86 VC/NVA. THIS AREA APPEARS TO BE A MAIN INFILTRATION ROUTE AND POSSIBLY A TRANSIT AREA FOR ENEMY OPERATING IN THE CAM LO AREA.

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TO: CG THIRD MARDIV

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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 3A3, THIRD RECON BN,
OPERATION ORDER: 243-68 (SGT COLLELURE)

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

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

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (9) ENLISTED,

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE

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

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

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CLAYMORE MINES, (9) WP HAND GRENADES,
(9) CS GRENADES, (9) PROTECTIVE MASKS.

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, 110 HE, 3 CS, 9 CANISTER ROUNDS.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED
AREA TO DETERMINE NATURE AND EXTENT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. BE ESPEC-
IALLY WATCHFUL FOR ENEMY ACTIVITY THAT MAY BE A THREAT TO THE ROCK
PILE AND ROUTE NINE UTILIZE SUPPORTING ARMS FOR THE DESTRUCTION
OF ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE
A PRISONER.

3. DTG INSERTED: 40915H MAR 68 (YD 014453) HOW: FOOT

4. DTG EXTRACTED: 41245H MAR 68 (YD 016443) HOW: HELO

5. ROUTE: FROM TRUENT PT TO (YD 016449) TO (YD 016443) TO
(YD 017445) TO BARNETT PT.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: 3 1/2 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE PATROLLING RESULTED IN
TWO ENEMY CONTACTS AND THE DETONATION OF AN UNKNOWN TYPE EXPLOSIVE
DEVICE. AS A RESULT OF ENEMY CONTACTS THE PATROL SUSTAINED TWO
USMC KIA. THIS AREA COULD BE USED AS AN ENEMY OP TO OBSERVE THE
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B. **ENEMY SIGHTINGS/CONTACTS:** 121200H (YD 015441) PATROL WAS APPROXIMATELY 25 METERS FROM THE TOP OF HILL 186 (YD 015441) WHEN THE POINT MAN HEARD A NOISE AND SAW MOVEMENT AS IF SOMEONE HAD PULLED A WIRE THROUGH THE BUSH DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF HIM. THE POINT HIT THE DECK AND IMMEDIATELY AN EXPLOSIVE OCCURRED APPROXIMATELY 30 FEET BEHIND THE POINT RESULTING IN THE PATROL LEADER BEING SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARD THE PATROL RECEIVED AN INCOMING GRENADE FROM THE EAST RESULTING IN ONE USMC KIA. THE POINT HEARD MOVEMENT TO THE EAST WHICH SOUNDED AS THOUGH IT WAS MOVING AWAY FROM THE PATROL'S POSITION. THE POINT GLANCED UP AND OBSERVED MOVEMENT ON THE TRAIL IN FRONT OF HIM. AT THIS TIME AS A RESULT OF SHRAPNEL FROM THE GRENADE, A DAY-NIGHT FLARE WAS IGNITED. THE BURNING FLARE CAUSED A GRASS FIRE FROM WHICH TWO MEMBERS OF THE PATROL WERE BURNED WHILE EXTINGUISHING THE FIRE. THE PATROL DETECTED MOVEMENT TO THE EAST AND WEST OF THEIR POSITION AND CALLED IN AN 81MM MORTAR MISSION WITH EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF TARGET AND UNKNOWN RESULTS. AT THIS TIME GUNSHIPS AND TRANSPORT HELO'S CAME ON STATION AND EXTRACTION WAS COMPLETED AT 1245H.

C. **TERRAIN:** STEEP HILLS WITH ELEPHANT GRASS 4-6 FEET HIGH. THICK VEGETATION NEAR THE RIVER AND SCATTERED CANOPY THROUGHOUT THE ZONE. GOOD COVER AND CONCEALMENT IN THE HIGH GROUND. RATE OF MOVEMENT IS 200-300 METERS PER HOUR.

- (1) **COMMUNICATION:** WAS EXCELLENT.
- (2) **NATURAL WATER SOURCES:** AS INDICATED ON MAP.
- (3) **TRAILS:** NO PROMINENT TRAILS WERE OBSERVED IN THIS AREA.
- (4) **HILLZ'S:** RIDGELINE ON HILL 186 (YD 015441) CAN BE USED AS AN HILL. CAN HOLD TWO CH-46'S. HAS A 360 DEGREE APPROACH AND HAS 20-30 FEET TREES AROUND THE ZONE AS AN OBSTACLE.

D. **OTHER INFORMATION:** 141100H (YD 016445) PATROL FOUND THAT THEY SEEMED TO BE AN ENEMY OF SITE. THIS OP OFFERS EXCELLENT OBSERVATION OF CALU AND SURROUNDING AREA.

7. **WEATHER:** SUNNY, CLEAR WITH SOME SCATTERED CLOUDS, HOT AND OFFERED GOOD VISIBILITY.

8. **RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:**

A. **RECOMMENDATIONS:** NONE

B. **CONCLUSIONS:** AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS NO ENEMY BUILD UP OR EXTENSIVE ACTIVITY, HOWEVER THIS AREA COULD POSSIBLY BE USED BY THE ENEMY FOR OBSERVATION OF FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES AND POSITIONS.

9. **CONDITION OF PATROL:** PHYSICAL: GOOD MORALE: GOOD

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

A. **ENEMY:** UNKNOWN

B. **FRIENDLY:** (4) USMC KIA

11. **DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:**

A. **OPINION OF ENEMY:** THE ENEMY SEEMED TO BE WELL CAMOUFLAGED AND DID NOT STAY IN THE AREA AFTER THE EXPLOSION.

B. **OTHER COMMENTS:** THE BOOBY TRAP COULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN A CHI-COM GRENADE BECAUSE OF THE CONCUSSION AND LACK OF SHRAPNEL. ENEMY COULD POSSIBLY BE ELEMENTS OF A VC TEAM OPERATING IN THIS AREA.

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DISTRIBUTION OF RECON PATROL: 3A2, 3D RECON BN

OPERATION ORIGIN: 199-6 (CPL MFCOLM)

A. INFO: VEHICLE: 1:50,000, SERIES 1-7044, STREET 6342 IX

(1) IDENTIFIED: MR. R.G. LAVIS

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (7) UNLISTED

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (1) USING SCOUT DOG WITH HANDLER

C. COMBINATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AM/PRO 2548

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7350CS

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) CLAYMORE MINES, (8) WP HAND GRENADES, (2) INCENDIARY GRENADES, (1) PROTECTIVE MASK.

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, 56 LB, 1 CS, 9 CANISTER ROUNDS, (1) M-4, (1) M-16 AND (1) M-14 WITH 1000 ROUNDS.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN YOUR AREA TO DETERMINE HOSTILE ACTIVITY. BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL FOR HOSTILE ACTIVITY WHICH COULD POSE A THREAT TO CAMP CARROLL. REPORT ANY CHANGES IN THE CIVILIAN POPULATION. UTILIZE SUPPORTING ARMS FOR THE DISRUPTION OF ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER.

3. DTG INSERTED: 100800Z MAR 68 (YD 039558) HOW: FOOT

4. DTG RECAPTURED: 121200Z MAR 68 (YD 059525) HOW: FOOT

5. NOTES: FROM INSERT F TO (YD 050525) TO EXTRACT PT.

6. OBSERVATION OF RECON AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: 52 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE RESULTED IN NO HOSTILE ACTIVITY AND ONE CONTACT. PATROL WAS PROBED WHILE IN CONTACT WITH ENEMY. PATROL RECAPTURED GRENADES WITH EVIDENCE TO 45 YD/150 METERING IN ONE USED VIA AND UNKNOWN ENEMY CASUALTIES. PATROL BROKE CONTACT WITH SAFL. THIS AREA REVEALS LIGHT TO MODERATE HOSTILE ACTIVITY AT THE PRESENT TIME.

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B. EARLY SIGNS/CONTACTS: 1420ZON (YD 038541) PATROL WAS IN HARBOR SIDE WHEN THE SCOUT BOAT ALTERED TO THE EAST. AT THIS TIME THE PATROL RECEIVED ONE INCOMING GRENADE RESULTING IN ONE USMC KIA. THE PATROL THREW GRENADES TO THE EAST OF THEIR POSITION RESULTING IN DEATHS AND MOVEMENT IN THE AREA. DURING THE NEXT TWO HOURS THE TEAM EXCHANGED GRENADES WITH THE ENEMY RECEIVING APPROXIMATELY 10-20 INCOMING GRENADES. THE PATROL CALLED AN 80MM MORTAR MISSION OF 40 ROUNDS WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGET AND UNKNOWN RESULTS AND DETONATED ONE CLAYMORE MINE TO THEIR EAST. AT APPROXIMATELY 2450H SUBS AND SPOOKY CAME ON STATION. THE PATROL ATTEMPTED TO MARK THEIR POSITION WITH PENCIL FLARES, DAY-NIGHT FLARES, A STROBE LIGHT AND TRACER ROUNDS FROM AN M-60. AIR SUPPORT WAS UNABLE TO FIRE BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT LOCATE THE TEAM. SPOOKY DROPPED SEVERAL FLARES IN THE AREA. THE PATROL ESTIMATED THAT THERE HAD BEEN APPROXIMATELY 15 VC/WVA AROUND THEIR POSITION AND THAT INCOMING GRENADES HAD BEEN M-26 FRAG GRENADES. PATROL CONTINUED MISSION. PATROL CAME OUT THE AREA AT FIRST LIGHT AND LEAVE FOUR DRAG MARKS TO THEIR EAST.

C. TERRAIN: NORTHERN PORTION OF RZ CHARACTERIZED BY STEEP HILLS WITH CLIFFS 25-30 FEET HIGH AND THICK UNDERGROWTH. SOUTHERN PORTION OF RZ CHARACTERIZED BY STEEP HILLS WITH ELEPHANT GRASS THREE TO SIX FEET HIGH ON THE SIDES AND TOP OF THE HILLS. GOOD OP AT (YD 038541). NUMEROUS TRAILS NEAR THE VILLAGES. RATE OF MOVEMENT IS 100-150 METERS PER HOUR IN THE NORTHERN PORTION AND PATROL LEADERS DISCRETION IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION.

(1) COMMUNICATION WAS GOOD WITH TALK ANTENNA.

(2) HAS DRAG WARD SOURCES: PRESENTING.

(3) NOTES: (YD 038541) STATE WILL ACCOMMODATE (1) CH-46, IS ON RIDGE- LINE WITH LOW AIRCRAFT OF SS. BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE EAST WITH NO APPARENT OBSTACLES.

D. OTHER INFORMATION: 1 1030H (YD 038541) PATROL LINKED UP WITH A REAR FORCE FROM CAMP GARROLE AND MOVED BACK TO THE FRIENDLY POSITION.

7. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

A. ENEMY: UNKNOWN

B. FRIENDLY: (1) USMC WVA

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

A. RECOMMENDATIONS: THE ENEMY IN THE AREA SHOULD ESTABLISH AN OP ON HILL AT (YD 038541). THE HILL IS EASILY DEFENDED AND PROVIDES A GOOD VIEW OF THE AREA.

B. CONCLUSIONS: LIGHT TO MODERATE ENEMY ACTIVITY AT THE PRESENT TIME. ENEMY COULD BE MOVING PATROLS IN THE AREA FROM SOMEWHERE TO THE SOUTHWEST.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL: GOOD MORALE: GOOD

10. RECENTER COMMENTS: THIS IS THE SECOND CONTACT OF THIS NATURE HERE IN THIS AREA IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS. THERE HAD BEEN INCREASED ACTIVITY TO THE SOUTHWEST OF THIS AREA.

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ROUTINE (INFO)

DTG: 23/531 Z MAR 68

FM: THIRD RECON BN
TO: CG PCV

INFO: CG III MAF
CG PCV
FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
NINTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
TWENTY SIXTH MARINES
VIAG-36 ALPHA
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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 1-1, AMANDA, THIRD FORCE CO.
(SGT. HUBACK)

OPERATION ORDER: 256-68

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

DEBRIEFER: CAPT. G.M. O'DELL DATE: 22 MARCH 1968

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (7) ENLISTED,

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE

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

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7x50,

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) GAYLOR'S HINTS, (2) TP RIFLE GRENADES,

(7) PROTECTIVE MASKS, (5) CS GRENADES,

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 50 HE, (4) CS, (9) CANISTER,

(3) M-14

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED AREA TO DETERMINE NUMBER AND EXTENT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL OF ENEMY ACTIVITY WHICH MAY POSE A THREAT TO D-5 FROM THE SOUTH ALONG ROUTE 550. DETECT AND REPORTING ARMS FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS. REPORT ANY CHANGE IN THE CIVILIAN POPULATION. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CATCH A PRISONER WITHOUT ENDANGERING PATROL OR PATROLS MISSION.

3. DTG DEBRIEFED: 21 MARCH 1968 (Y 063542) HONAI MAI

4. DTG EXTRACTED: 21 MARCH 1968 (Y 063542) HONAI MAI

5. REPORT FROM (YD 06547) ROUTE TO (YD 010535) BOON TO (YD 072528)

ROUTE TO (YD 06547)

6. DTG DEBRIEFED: 21 MARCH 1968 (Y 063542) HONAI MAI

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9. ENEMY SIGHTINGS/CONTACTS:

(1) 210950H MARCH 1968 (YD 072528) TEAM WAS MOVING WHEN THEY OBSERVED LARGE GROUP (75-100) CIVILIANS MOVING EAST AND WEST IN VICINITY OF OLD FRENCH ROAD. TEAM HATED TO OBSERVE THE CIVILIANS, CIVILIANS SAW TEAM AND APPEARED TO BE CONFUSED AS TO WHAT TO DO. POINT AID SECOND POINT STARTED TO MOVE OUT WHEN THEY RECEIVED TWO ROUNDS OF SA FROM 75-100 METERS SOUTH WEST RESULTING IN 1 USMC KIA. TEAM RETURNED FIRE WITH SA AND M-79'S RESULTING IN 2 VC KIA (C). VC IN BLACK P.J.'S, COOLIE HATS WITH CANNIFES. TEAM MOVED INTO 360 DEGREE AND CALLED FOR GUNSHIPS. GUNSHIPS CAME ON STATION AND OBSERVED 10 NVA MEN BUSIES TIED ON THEM TO SE OF TEAM AND MOVING TOWARD TEAM'S POSITION, GUNSHIPS WORKED AREA WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. HED EVAC HELICOPTER ARRIVED AND VIA WAS DEEVACED, CHOPPER DIDN'T RECEIVE GROUND FIRE ON APPROACH OR LIFTOUT. REMAINDER OF TEAM MOVED OUT OF AREA. AS TEAM WAS RETURNING TO CAMP CARROLL A SCOUT-SHIPPER TEAM KILLED ONE NVA ON RIDGELINE TO EAST OF TEAM. A INFANTRY UNIT WAS WORKING IN THE AREA AFTER THE TEAM MOVED OUT.

C. TERRAIN: FLAT LAND WITH NEIGHBORS, OLD RICE PADDIES, SCATTERED CANOPIES.

- (1) COMMUNICATION: GOOD
- (2) NATURAL WATER SOURCES: PLentiful
- (3) RATE OF MOVEMENT: 300-400 METERS PER HOUR

D. OTHER INFORMATION: NONE

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 1 KIA USMC, 2 VC/NVA KIA (C).

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

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

A. RECOMMENDATION: (1) DOG WOULD BE GOOD. STARLIGHT SCOPE

B. CONCLUSIONS:

(1) AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS: ENEMY FORCES IN AREA, MOVING TOWARD EAST. VC POSSIBLY ACTING AS GUIDES FOR NVA ELEMENTS.

(2) GENERAL CONCLUSIONS: AREA IS BEING USED BY ENEMY TO INFILTRATE TOWARD EAST WEST.

9. HLZ'S

A. (YD 072528) SITE WILL ACCOMMODATE (4) CH-46'S, SITE IS LOCATED ON FLAT AREA AND IS DARE.

B. (YD 065527) SITE WILL ACCOMMODATE (10) CH-46'S, SITE IS LOCATED IN OPEN FIELD AND DARE.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. WHEN MOVING IN AREA TEAM MUST MAKE CONTACT WITH A SQUAD OF NVA ELEMENTS AND FROM THERE A GROUP OF VC AS GUIDES. THIS COULD BE A TROUBLE SOURCE FOR A TROOP BOAT MOVING THROUGH AREA.

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TYPED LINES (ACTION)
POSITION (INFO)

DTG: 25/05/68 1400Z

TO: JAGM, C.A. 137001/AMM

NO: CG 111111

INFO: CG 111111

CG 111111

FIRST AID KIT 111111

CHILD NUTRITION

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND COMPOSITION

A. COMPOSITION: (1) OFFICER, (7) UNTESTED, (1) USN

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (1) BOG HANDLER

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

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) BINOCULARS (8x50's)

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

PROTECTIVE MASKS, (10) CS GRENADES, (10) WP HAND GRENADES, (10)

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) 12-79 70 RT, (2) GUNFIRE, (1) LAW, (1) S&W GUN

100 ROUNDS.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED AREA

TO DETERMINE WHETHER ARE EXISTENCE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL

FOR ENEMY ACTIVITY THAT MAY POST. THE AT TO CAMP ORRILL AND ROUTE 1111

FROM THE NORTH. UTILIZE SUPPORTING ARMS FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY

FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS. REPORT ANY CHANGE IN THE CIVILIAN POPULATION.

TAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER. WITHOUT ENDANGERING PATROL OR

PATROLS MISSION.

3. DTG: INSERTED: 161430H MARCH 1968 (YD 116535) HOW: WALK

4. DTG EXTRACTED: 160830H MARCH 1968 (YD 117535) HOW: WALK

5. ROUTE: FROM (YD 120560) SOUTH WEST (YD 112558) SOUTH EAST TO (YD 120340)

NORTH EAST TO (YD 120560).

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: 66 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE PATROLLING RESULTED IN ONE ENEMY

SIGHTING OF 30-50 VC/AVN. THE PATROL ADJUSTED AN ARTILLERY MISSION OF

20 ROUNDS WITH EXCELLENT COVERAGE ON TARGET AND UNKNOWN RESULTS. THERE

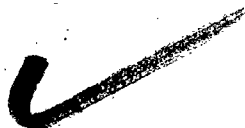
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THE PATROL CONTINUED MISSION. THE ROUNDS WOULD HAVE BEEN 60 OR 82MM MORTAR
PRIMARY FREQUENCY (47.00) FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES. TRANSMISSIONS
IN VIETNAMESE SEEMED TO OVER-RIDE THE PATROL'S TRANSMISSION. THE PATROL
ALSO HAD SOME OF THEIR TRANSMISSIONS KEYED-OUT DURING THE NIGHT.

- 6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
 - A. ENEMY: UNABLE TO OBSERVE
 - B. FRIENDLY: NONE
 - C. CAPTURE/EQUIPMENT: TWO DOCUMENTS.

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- 7. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL: GOOD / MORALE: GOOD
- 8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:
 - A. RECOMMENDATIONS: THE REFUGEE VILLAGE AT CAN LO SHOULD BE CHECKED OUT FOR POSSIBLE VC/NVA INFILTRATION. PATROLS IN THE AREA SHOULD CARRY A STARLIGHT SCOPE.
 - B. CONCLUSIONS:
 - (1) AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS: POSSIBLE ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THE REFUGEE VILLAGE AT CAN LO. THE ENEMY APPEARS TO BE USING ROUTE 558 AT NIGHT AS AN INFILTRATION ROUTE INTO THE VILLAGE.
 - 9. HLT:
 - A. MANY THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE AREA.
 - 10. D'BERJEFFERS COMMENTS: CONCUR WITH PATROL.

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DTG: 250523 Z MAR 68

FM: THIRD RECON BN
TO: CG THIRD MAR DIV

INFO: CG III MAP
CG PCV
FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
FIFTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
TWENTY SIXTH MARINES
MAG-36 ALFA
PROVINCE A DIVISION QUANG TRI
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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 1-1, (AMANDA) THIRD RECON BN
OPERATION ORDER: 239-68 (SGT. HUBACK)

A. MAP: VIETNAM: 1:50,000, SERIES: L-7014, SHEET: 6342 II
DEBRIEFER: CAPT. G.V. O'DELL DATE: 25 MARCH 1968

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (7) RELISTED,

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENT: NONE

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

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7x50

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) CLAYMORE MINES, (2) VP RIFLE GRENADES, (7) PROTECTIVE MASKS, (5) CS GRENADES,

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 50 LB, (3) CS, (9) CANISTER, (3) M-14

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED AREA TO DETERMINE NATURE AND EXTENT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL FOR ENEMY ACTIVITY THAT MAY POSE A THREAT TO CALU FROM THE BA LONG VALLEY.

UTILIZE SUPPORTING ARMS FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER WITHOUT ENDANGERING PATROL OR PATROLS MISSION.

3. DTG: INSERTED: 191345H (YD 106460) MAR 68

HOW: HELO

4. DTG: EXTRACTED: 191600H (YD 108474) MAR 68

HOW: HELO

5. ROUTE: FROM (YD 108470) SOUTH TO (YD 108469) NORTH TO (YD 109475).

6. OBSERVATION OF GROUND AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: 2 HOUR 15 MIN. OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN 2 CONTACTS WITH 18-30 NVA. TEAM CONFIRMED 2 NVA KIA WITH SMALL ARMS, CALLED AIR AND ARTILLERY ON ENEMY. TEAM EXTRACTED UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS. ENEMY IS IN AREA AND ROAD APPEARS TO BE INFILTRATING ROUTE.

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(1) 191400H (YD 106470) PATROL WAS MOVING SOUTH AWAY FROM LANDING ZONE. WHEN POINT SAW 6-10 NVA 75 METERS AWAY. NVA HAD ON GREEN UTILITIES, WITH HELMETS, AK-47'S. ENEMY OPENED FIRE AND POINT RETURNED FIRE, SAW 2 NV. FALL, 2 KIA (C). PATROL BROKE CONTACT AND MOVED TO (YD 108474) WHERE THEY SET UP A 360 DEGREE DEFENSE. PATROL OBSERVED 5 NVA AT (YD 103469) COULDN'T OBSERVE WEAPONS OR UNIFORMS. PATROL CALLED FIRE MISSION OF 30 ROUNDS WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGET. PATROL OBSERVED 3 NVA APPROXIMATELY 200 METERS AWAY (YD 110474), ENEMY OPENED FIRE WITH AK-47'S, PATROL RETURNED FIRE WITH SA AND DIRECTED GUNSHIPS INTO THAT AREA. FIXED WING CAME ON STATION BUT COULDN'T DROP ORDNANCE DUE TO CLOSENESS OF TEAM TO ENEMY. EXTRACTION HELICOPTER CAME IN AND EXTRACTED TEAM, DIDN'T RECEIVE GROUND FIRE.

C. TERRAIN: LOW ROLLING HILLS WITH 6-10 FEET ELEPHANT GRASS AND SCATTERED CANOEY.

1. COMMUNICATION: GOOD

2. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: PLENTIFUL, AS SHOWN ON MAP.

3. RATE OF MOVEMENT: 300 METERS PER HOUR.

D. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 191430 (YD 108473) WHILE MOVING TO LANDING ZONE TEAM NOTICED THAT ROAD APPEARS TO BE HEAVILY TRAVELED, ALSO, A STREAM RUNS CLOSE TO ROAD OFFERING GOOD WATER SUPPLY.

7. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

A. 2 KIA (C)

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

9. CONCLUSIONS:

A. AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS: ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA. PATROL MADE CONTACT WITH EAST 20-30 NVA. TEAM FEELS ENEMY MAY HAVE BEEN MOVING THROUGH AREA. TEAM FEELS ALSO ROAD IS BEING USED FOR INFILTRATION ROUTE AND PERHAPS ENEMY MOVED OFF ROAD WHEN HELO'S CAME IN FOR INSERT AND THEIR MADE CONTACT WITH TEAM.

10. HLZ'S:

A. (YD 108474) SITE WILL ACCOMMODATE (2) CH-46'S. SITE IS LOCATED ON HILLTOP. THE TERRAIN FEATURES ARE LOW ELEPHANT GRASS. THE BEST APPROACH IN 360 DEGREE DIRECTION. NO OBSTACLES IN APPROACH.

11. DIBRIEFERS COMMENTS: NONE

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DTG: 250522 Z MAR 68

FM: THIRD RECON BN
TO: CG THIRD
FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
FIFTH MARINES
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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 2A2, (FANCY DAN) THIRD RECON BN.
OPERATION ORDER: 226-68 (CPL. MUSCALSKI)A. MAP: VIETNAM: 1:50,000, SERIES: L-7014, SHEET: 6542 XI
DEBRIEFER: CPT/SGT. L.H.J. LOPEZ DATE: 20 MARCH 1968

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

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

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE

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

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7x50

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CLAYMORE MINES, (8) WP RIFLE GRENADES,
(8) PROTECTIVE MASK, (8) CS GRENADES, (2) BLOCKS OF C-4F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (65) M1, (1) CS, (9) CANNISTER, (1) M-60
1000 ROUNDS, (2) M-14,2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED AREA
TO DETERMINE ENEMY ACTIVITY. BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL FOR ENEMY ACTIVITY
THAT MAY POSE A THREAT TO THE ROCK PILE AND ROUTE NIN1. UTILIZE SUPPORTING
ARMS FOR DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS. MAKE EVERY
EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER. WITHOUT ENDANGERING PATROL OR PATROLS MISSION.

3. DTG INSERTED: 171615H (YD 065550) MARCH 1968 NOV: FOOT

4. DTG EXTRACTED: 191745H MARCH 1968 (YD 066501) NOV: HELO

5. ROUTE: FROM CAMP CARROLL SOUTH TO (YD 0565535) SOUTH TO (YD 051525)
SOUTH TO (YD 065516) SOUTH (YD 065502).

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

A. SYNOPSIS: 25¹ HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE PATROLLING RESULTED IN ONE
ENEMY SIGHTING AND ONE ENEMY CONTACT. THE ENEMY CONTACT RESULTED IN 6
VC/NVA KIA (C) BY SA/AMF AND THE PATROL CALLED AN ARTILLERY MISSION OF
40 ROUNDS RESULTING IN 1 VC/NVA KIA (C). THE PATROL ADJUSTED AN ART
ARTILLERY MISSION OF 10 ROUNDS RESULTING IN 3 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.
THIS AREA REVEALS INCREASED ENEMY ACTIVITY AT THE PRESENT TIME.

B. ENEMY SIGHTINGS/CONTACTS:

(1) 181100H (YD 062515) PATROL OBSERVED 5 VC/NVA MOVING S.E. ON THE
HIGH GROUND VIC (YD 061503). ENEMY WORE DARK CLOTHING AND CARRIED UNKNOWN
TYPE WEAPONS. PATROL CALLED SHOT MORTAR MISSION OF 10 ROUNDS WITH UNKNOWN
RESULTS. PATROL CONTINUED SURVEILLANCE FOR ABOUT AN HOUR.**CONFIDENTIAL**

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RESULTS. PATROL CONTINUED MISSION.

(2) 1914H (YD 065501) PATROL MOVING WEST THROUGH ELEPHANT GRASS WHEN IT OBSERVED 4 VC/NVA APPROXIMATELY 50 METERS TO THEIR FRONT. ENEMY WORE GREEN CLOTHING, CARTRIDGE BELTS, AND ARMED WITH UNKNOWN TYPE WEAPON. PATROL INITIATED SAF RESULTING IN 1 KIA (C). THE TEAM HIT THE DECK AND THE ENEMY RETURNED A HEAVY VOLUME OF SA/AMF. PATROL OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA TO THE S.W. OF THEIR POSITION. ENEMY WORE GREEN CLOTHING, CARTRIDGE BELTS, AND FIRED AN UNKNOWN TYPE OF AMF. THE TEAM RETURNED AMF RESULTING IN 2 VC/NVA KIA (C). TEAM THEN OBSERVED 3 MORE ENEMY APPROXIMATELY 30 METERS TO THE S.W. ENEMY WORE GREEN CLOTHING, CARTRIDGE BELTS, ONE HAD ON A PITH HELMET, AND THEY WERE ARMED WITH AK-47'S. PATROL EXCHANGED SA/AMF WITH THE ENEMY RESULTING IN 3 VC/NVA KIA (C). PATROL DELIVERED A HEAVY VOLUME OF SA/AMF. THE PATROL THEN FIRED A CS M-79 ROUND WITH NO APPARENT EFFECT UPON THE ENEMY. THE PATROL CONTINUED TO EXCHANGE SA/AMF WITH THE ENEMY AND TO THROW GRENADES AT THE ENEMY. THE PATROL PULLED BACK TO THE EAST AND ADJUSTED AN ARTILLERY MISSION (53 ROUNDS) WITH OUTSTANDING COVERAGE OF TARGET AND 1 KIA (C). TEAM CONTINUED TO RECEIVE SPORADIC SAF FROM THE WEST. PATROL CONTINUED TO FIRE ARTILLERY UNTIL GUNSHIPS, TRANSPORT HELICOPTERS, AND FIXED WING AIRCRAFT CAME ON STATION. PATROL MARKED TARGETS FOR AIR SUPPORT AND EXTRACTION WAS COMPLETED AT 19175H. AFTER THE EXTRACTION WAS COMPLETED, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT RAN AIR STRIKES ON ENEMY POSITIONS.

C. TERRAIN: CHARACTERIZED BY FLAT AREAS WITH EXTREMELY THICK UNDERGROWTH, ELEPHANT GRASS, AND CANOPY 15 TO 20 FEET. THE AREA OFFERS OUTSTANDING COVER AND CONCEALMENT. THERE IS AN OUTSTANDING OP AT (YD 067501) WHICH OFFERS GOOD OBSERVATION OF THE CAMP CARROLL.

- (1) COMMUNICATION: GOOD
- (2) NATURAL WATER SOURCES: PLentiful, AS INDICATED ON THE MAP.
- (3) RATE OF MOVEMENT: 200 METERS PER HOUR
- (4) TRAILS: (YD 06511) A 4 FOOT WIDE TRAIL RUNNING N. TO S. TRAIL APPEARS TO BE WELL USED AND HAD BEEN USED WITHIN PAST 3 DAYS. WELL CONCEALED FROM OBSERVATION FROM THE AIR.

D. OTHER INFORMATION: 182000H (YD 068502) PATROL OBSERVED FRIENDLY M&I ARTILLERY FIRE RESULTED IN A SECONDARY EXPLOSION VIC (YD 061503). THE EXPLOSION COULD HAVE BEEN AN 82MM MORTAR ROUND. THE PATROL ADJUSTED THE ARTILLERY AND 10 ROUNDS WERE FIRED RESULTING IN ONE SIMILAR SECONDARY EXPLOSION AND A WP TYPE SECONDARY EXPLOSION. THE PATROL CONTINUED MISSION.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- A. ENEMY: 7 VC/NVA KIA (C).
- B. FRIENDLY: NONE
- C. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: NONE
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL: GOOD / MORAL: EXCELLENT
8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

A. RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROLS IN THE AREA SHOULD CARRY M-60 ICS BECAUSE OF THE OUTSTANDING FIELDS OF FIRE OFFERED IN SOME AREAS OF THE RECON ZONE. PATROLS SHOULD CARRY (2) SETS OF 7x50'S FOR OPS ON THE RIDGELINES TO THE SOUTH. PATROLS SHOULD CARRY PLENTY OF WATER AS THERE IS LITTLE WATER ON THE RIDGELINE.

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(1) AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS: INCREASING ENEMY ACTIVITY AT THE PRESENT TIME.

(2) GENERAL CONCLUSIONS: IT APPEARS AS THOUGH THE ENEMY IS MOVING WELL ARMED UNITS FROM THE HIGH GROUND TO THE FT OF CALU DOWN INTO THE FOOT HILLS TO THE SOUTH OF THE CAMP CARROLL (D-5) AREA.

9. ILLZ'S:

A. (YD 066501) SITE WILL ACCOMMODATE (1) CH-46, THE SITE IS LOCATED ON RIDGELINE AND TERRAIN FEATURES, ELEPHANT GRASS 4 FEET HIGH. BEST APPROACH IS FROM ANY DIRECTION WITH NO APPROACH OBSTACLES.

10. DEBRIEFERS COMMENTS:

A. THE ENEMY APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN WELL DISCIPLINED, AGGRESSIVE, AND WELL TRAINED AS THEY REACTED WELL DURING THE CONTACT. THEY PURSUED THE TEAM UNTIL THE ARTILLERY MISSION WAS FIRED. THIS AREA REVEALS GREATLY INCREASED ENEMY ACTIVITY AS ANOTHER TEAM MADE CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED 15-25 VC/NVA A SHORT DISTANCE TO THE EAST AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME.

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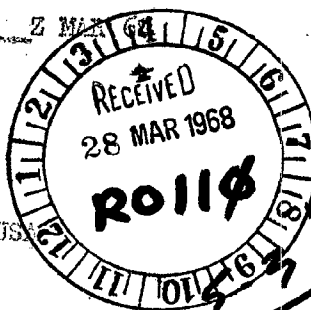
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ROUTINE (INFO)

DTG: 27/06

FM: THIRD RECON BN
TO: CG THIRD MAJ DIV

INFO: CG III MAJ
CG PCV
FIRST AIR CAV DIV US
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
NINTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
TWENTY SEVEN MARINES
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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 2E2, (OAK TREE) THIRD RECON BN
OPERATION ORDER: 248-68 (SGT. HANISH)A. MAP: VIETNAM: 1:50,000, SERIES: L-7014, SHEET: 6342 I
DEBRIEFER: CAPT. G.W. O'DELL DATE: 26 MARCH 1968

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

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

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE

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

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: NONE

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CLAYMORE MINES, (2) WP RIFLE GRENADES, (10) PROTECTIVE MASKS, (6) CS GRENADES

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-60 WITH 800 ROUNDS, (1) M-14

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED AREA TO DETERMINE NATURE AND EXTENT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL OF NORTH AND SOUTH TRAILS AND ENEMY ACTIVITY WHICH MAY POSE A THREAT TO CAMP CARROLL FROM THE EAST AND SOUTHEAST, AND ROUTE NINE FROM THE SOUTH. UTILIZE SUPPORTING ARMS FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER WITHOUT ENDANGERING PATROL OR PATROLS MISSION.

3. DTG INSERTED: 210900H MAR 68 (YD 116580) HOW: FOOT

4. DTG EXTRACTED: 250800H MAR 68 (YD 116581) HOW: FOOT

5. ROUTE: FROM (YD 116580) SOUTH TO (YD 100548) NORTHWEST TO (YD 092555) NORTH TO (YD 096516).

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: 93 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE RESULTED IN ONE SIGHTING OF OVER 200 NVA. TEAM FIRED ARTILLERY WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. AREA DOESN'T APPEAR TO HAVE ENEMY LIVING IN AREA BUT HAS HEAVY INFILTRATION THROUGH IT.

B. ENEMY: 230815H MAR 68 (YD 107547) PATROL OBSERVED OVER 200 NVA 500 METERS TO EAST MOVING ON ROAD. NVA HAD ON GREEN UTILITIES, LARGE PACKS AND UNKNOWN WEAPONS. NVA WERE MOVING IN GROUPS OF 15-20 WITH POINT AND FLANK SECURITY, HEADING TO SOUTHEAST. TEAM CALLED IN FIRECRACKER MISSION WITH GOOD COVERAGE. AS ADJUSTING ROUNDS WERE BEING FIRED NVA MOVED ALONG AND RETURNED TO ROAD DRESSED AS CIVILIANS AND CARRYING WHAT APPEARED TO BE BUNDLES OF WOOD. NO MORE THAN 50 RETURNED TO THE ROAD. MAJORITY

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SEEMED TO STAY IN WOODLINE, OR MOVED OUT THROUGH WOODLINE. TEAM CONTINUED TO OBSERVE AREA WITHOUT SEEING ANY MORE ENEMY.

C. LOW ROLLING HILLS WITH 4-6 FEET OF SCRUB BRUSH IN MAJORITY OF RE.

- (1) COMMUNICATION: GOOD
- (2) NATURAL WATER SOURCES: GOOD
- (3) RATE OF MOVEMENT: UNLIMITED

D. OTHER INFORMATION: NONE

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

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

A. RECOMMENDATIONS: REDUCE LENGTH OF TIME TEAM IS IN THIS AREA: CAN BE COVERED IN LESS THAN 4 DAYS. TAKE STARLIGHT SCOPE.

B. CONCLUSIONS:

(1) AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS: HEAVY MOVEMENT BY ENEMY TROOPS THROUGH AREA. NO PERMANENT POSITIONS SEEM TO BE IN AREA. AREA IS BEING USED BY ENEMY TO INFILTRATING LARGE GROUPS TO SOUTHEAST.

9. SITES:

A. (YD 098550) SITE WILL ACCOMMODATE (2) CH-46's. SITE IS LOCATED ON HILLTOP WITH LOW SCRUB BRUSH. NO APPROACH OBSTACLES, BEST APPROACH IS FROM EAST TO WEST.

B. (YD 108549) SITE WILL ACCOMMODATE (2) CH-46's. SITE IS LOCATED ON HILLTOP WITH NO APPROACH OBSTACLES, BEST APPROACH IS 360 DEGREES.

10. DEBRIEFERS COMMENTS: THIS IS THE LARGEST GROUP SIGHTED BY A TEAM IN SEVERAL MONTHS. IT'S UNUSUAL TO SEE A ENEMY FORCE THIS SIZE MOVING IN DAYLIGHT AND THE ONLY APPARENT EXPLANATION IN THIS CASE IS THAT THE NVA WERE ATTEMPTING TO MOVE INTO A AREA OFFERING MORE COVER AND CONCEALMENT. ENEMY APPEARED TO BE A WELL EQUIPPED, PROFESSIONAL UNIT MOVING WITH EXCELLENT FLANK SECURITY. TEAM THOUGHT THAT UNIT COULD BE FRIENDLIES WHEN THEY FIRST SIGHTED THEM AND DELAYED FIRE MISSION UNTIL THEY WERE SURE AREA WAS CLEAR OF ALL FRIENDLY FORCES.

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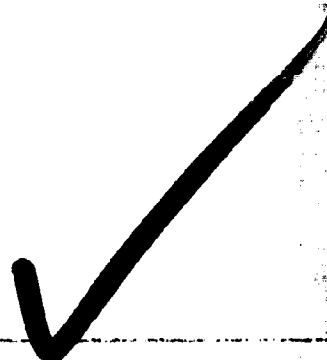
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ROUTINE (INFO)

DTG: 292302Z MAR 68

FM: THIRD RECON BN
TO: CG THIRD MAR DIV

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INFO: CG III MAF
CG PCV
FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
NINTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
TWENTY SIXTH MARINES
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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 1B2 (HARBOR QUEEN) THIRD RECON BN
OPERATION ORDER: 249-68 (SGT TOOTSIE)A. MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000 A18 SERIES 17014 SHEET 6002 III
DEBRIEFER: GYSOT LOPEZ DATE: 26 MAR 68

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (9) ENLISTED, (1) USF

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE

C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AF/PRC 25

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7x50, (1) STARLITE SCOPE

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CLAYMORE MINES, (10) PROTECTIVE MASKS, (3) GS OPERATORS.

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 65 HS RDS AND 15 FIRECRACKER RDS.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED AREA TO DETERMINE ENEMY ACTIVITY. BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL FOR ENEMY ACTIVITY ALONG ROUTE 598 AND TOWARD D-5. UTILIZE SUPPORTING ARMS FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCE AND INSTALLATIONS. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER WITHOUT ENDANGERING THE PATROL OR ITS MISSION.

3. DTG INSERTED: 220700H (YD 070565) METHOD: FOOT

4. DTG EXTRACTED: 242330H (YD 150525) METHOD: HELO

5. ROUTE: FROM CAMP CARROLL SOUTHEAST TO (YD 100540), SOUTHEAST TO (YD 120529), SOUTHEAST TO (YD 151526) THEN TO EXTRACTION POINT.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: 40 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE RESULTED IN THREE SHOOTINGS TOTALING APPROXIMATELY (35) VC/NVA AND ONE CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED 50-75 NVA/VC RESULTING IN (5) VC/NVA KIA (C) BY SAFF AND (4) KIA (C) BY AIR, AND (1) USMC KIA.

B. ENEMY INFORMATION:

221730H (YD 113538) PATROL OBSERVED 12-15 VC/NVA 500-700 METERS TO THE NORTHWEST ON THE SIDE OF A TRAIL. THE ENEMY WAS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT AN ORCHARD AND APPEARED TO BE COOKING CHOW. THE ENEMY WORE KAKI'S, PITH HELMETS AND TWO WORE BUSH COVERS. THE ENEMY HAD PACKS, SEVERAL AK-47'S AND SEVERAL UNKNOWN TYPE OF WEAPONS. PATROL CALLED AN ARTILLERY MISSION WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGET. WHEN INITIAL RDS HIT THE ENEMY, THEY HIT THE DECK AND THEN MOVED OUT OF THE AREA HEADING NORTHWEST. PATROL LOST SIGHT OF THE ENEMY, BUT CONTINUED TO OBSERVE THE AREA. THE PATROL SIGHTED SEVERAL WOODCUTTERS MOVING INTO AREA BUT NO OTHER ENEMY. PATROL CONTINUED MISSION.

230700H (YD 113538) PATROL OBSERVED 12-15 VC/NVA MOVING NORTH ON ROAD TOWARDS CAMP LO (YD 105540). ENEMY WORE PACKS AND WERE

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AN UNKNOWN TYPE RIFLE. PATROL LOST SIGHT OF ENEMY AND CONTINUED MISSION.
 231239H (YD 119520) PATROL WAS MOVING EAST WHEN IT OBSERVED 8 VC/NVA
 APPROXIMATELY 15-20 METERS TO THE NORTH. ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES
 KAKI'S, AND WERE ARMED WITH AK-47'S AND SK'S. MOST OF THE ENEMY WERE
 LAYING DOWN OR SITTING DOWN, EXCEPT FOR (2) WHO APPEARED TO BE OBSERVING
 THE AREA TO THE NORTH. THE ENEMY HAD A PAIR OF BINOCULARS AND APPEARED
 TO BE OBSERVING THE HELOS THAT PASSED OVER OR NEAR THEIR POSITION.
 THE TEAM ATTEMPTED TO CALL AN ARTILLERY MISSION, BUT COULD NOT
 ESTABLISH COMM. PATROL MOVED TO AN AREA WHERE COMM COULD BE ESTABLISHED
 BUT COULD NO LONGER OBSERVE THE ENEMY. PATROL CONTINUED MISSION.
 241630H (YD 150505) PATROL WAS MOVING NORTH WHEN THEY HEARD CHOPPING
 AND POUNDING OF METAL AGAINST METAL. PATROL OBSERVED (1) ENEMY MOVING
 SOUTH UP A KNOLL 150 METERS SOUTHEAST OF THE PATROL. THE MAN WORE
 GREEN TROUSERS, BLACK SHIRT, AND CARRIED A BASKET. PATROL THEN OBSERVED
 ANOTHER VC/NVA 500 METERS TO THEIR SOUTH, MOVING NORTH. MAN WORE KAKI'S,
 CARRIED A PACK AND AN UNKNOWN TYPE WEAPON. AT THIS TIME THE REAR POINT
 OBSERVED (2) VC/NVA 150 METERS TO THE SOUTH. ENEMY WORE KAKI'S AND
 UTILITIES AND APPEARED TO BE SNEAKING TOWARDS THE PATROL'S POSITION.
 ONE WORE A UTILITY COVER AND THE OTHER WORE A COOLIE HAT; BOTH CARRIED
 THEIR WEAPONS AT HIGH PORT. ONE ENEMY APPEARED TO BE 15 YEARS OLD.
 THE PATROL STARTED TO MOVE NORTH WHEN THEY HEARD VOICES 50 METERS TO
 THE NORTH AND NORTHWEST OF PATROL'S POSITION. PATROL HALTED AND STARTED
 TO CALL GUNSHIPS WHEN (2) VC/NVA PASSED WITHIN TWO METERS OF PATROL.
 PATROL INITIATED CONTACT WITH SAF RESULTING IN (2) VC/NVA KIA AND THE
 RECOVERY OF (1) SKS. AT ABOUT 1700H PATROL HEARD MOVEMENT 10-15 METERS
 TO THEIR NORTH AND FIRED M-79 RDS INTO AREA. PATROL HEARD MOVEMENT

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COMPLETELY AROUND THEIR POSITION AND OPENED FIRE WITH SAF, GRENADES AND M-79 FIRE RESULTING IN (2) VC/NVA KIA (C). PATROL THEN RECEIVED (2) INCOMING GRENADES. PATROL RETURNED FIRE INTO AREA AND ALL MOVEMENT STOPPED. GUNSHIPS AND FIXED WING ARRIVED ON STATION AND MADE BOMB AND STRAFFING RUNS RESULTING IN (1) USMC WIA. AT 1800H A CH-46 ATTEMPTED TO EXTRACT THE PATROL, BUT RECEIVED A HEAVY VOLUME OF SAF AND WAS FORCED TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY LANDING IN VICINITY (YD 191599). PATROL CONTINUED TO MOVE SOUTH WHEN THEY OBSERVED (1) VC/NVA MOVING THROUGH THE TREES 10-15 METERS NORTH OF PATROL. PATROL OPENED FIRE WITH SAF RESULTING IN (1) VC/NVA KIA AND THE RECOVERY OF (1) SKS. PATROL MOVED SOUTH AND SET UP IN A DEFENSIVE POSITION. PATROL CONTINUED TO RECEIVE SPORADIC SAF AND HEARD MOVEMENT AROUND THEIR POSITION. AO ON STATION CALLED ARTILLERY AND RAN FIXED WING INTO AREA RESULTING IN YELLING AND SCREAMING COMING FROM THE IMPACT AREA. AO REPORTED (4) BODIES NEAR A BOMB CREATOR. AS PATROL WAS BEING EXTRACTED THE TRANSPORT HELO REPORTED TAKING SAF FROM THE SOUTHWEST.

C. TERRAIN: LOW ROLLING HILLS WITH ELEPHANT GRASS, 3-8 FT ON HILLTOPS AND ELEPHANT GRASS AND BRUSH UP TO 15 FT IN LOW AREAS. GOOD CP SITE AT (YD 152523).

- (1) COMMUNICATION IS POOR IN THIS AREA.
- (2) NATURAL WATER SOURCE ARE PLENTIFUL IN THIS AREA.
- (3) RATE OF MOVEMENT IN 500 METERS PER HOUR.
- (4) TRAILS ARE NUMEROUS AND SHOW SIGNS OF RECENT USE THROUGHOUT AREA.

D. OTHER INFORMATION: NONE

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- A. ENEMY: (5) VC/NVA KIA (C) WITH SAF, (4) VC/NVA KIA (C) BY AIR.
 - B. FRIENDLY: (1) USMC WIA
 - C. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: (2) SKS, (1) SET 6x30 AND ONE CARTRIDGE BELT.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD MORALE: GOOD
8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

A. RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROLS SHOULD BE INSERTED IN RECON ZONES BY HELO IF POSSIBLE BECAUSE HEAT RESTRICTS THE MOVEMENT OF THE PATROL.

B. CONCLUSIONS: AREA COVERED BY THE PATROL REVEALS HEAVY ENEMY MOVEMENT AND BUILD UP IN AREA. ENEMY COULD BE INFILTRATING THROUGH AREA.

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9. HLZ'S: NONE

10. BERTLEFFER COMMENTS: THE ENEMY DID NOT APPEAR TO BE WELL DISCIPLINED. HIS TACTICS AND CAMOUFLAGE WERE POOR. HE DID NOT REACT WELL TO ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PATROL ALTHOUGH HE DID CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE PATROL. SOME OF THE ENEMY APPEARED TO BE 13-16 YEARS OLD. THE ENEMY APPEARED TO FEEL SECURE IN THE AREA BECAUSE THEY CARRIED THEIR WEAPONS AT SLING ARMS AND CAMOUFLAGE WAS ALMOST NIL. THE PATROL RECEIVED OUTSTANDING SUPPORT FROM SUPPORTING ARMS. THE A.O. OF STATION PROVED TO BE A GREAT MORALE FACTOR TO THE TEAM AS HE ACCURATELY DIRECTED SUPPORTING ARMS ON ENEMY POSITIONS WHICH ENABLED THE TEAM TO BE SUCCESSFULLY EXTRACTED.

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