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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)
Via: 1. Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF, (Attn:
AC of S, G-3)
2. Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
3. Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific

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

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

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

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

2. Unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 July to 31 July 1968

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATADESIGNATION

3d Reconnaissance Battalion

COMMANDERLTCOL D. R. BERG
12 July 68 - 31 July 68SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company	1STLT L.E. WALKER	28Feb 68 - 31 Jul 68
Company A	1STLT J.R. PETTY	25Feb 68 - 31 Jul 68
Company B	1STLT J.P. BUSENBURY	20Apr 68 - 19 Jul 68
	1STLT A.W. NOSAL	19Jul 68 - 31 Jul 68
Company C	1STLT E.V. OSBORNE	16Mar 68 - 31 Jul 68
Company D	1STLT W.G. McBRIDE	19Feb 68 - 14 Jul 68
	1STLT J.H. NOE	14Jul 68 - 31 Jul 68
Company E	1STLT N.C. YOUNGSTROM	12Apr 68 - 28 Jul 68
	1STLT C.W. MYLLYMAKI	28Jul 68 - 31 Jul 68

ATTACHED UNITS

3d Force Reconnaissance Co. CAPT. W. F. SNYDER 10May 68 - 31 Jul 68

LOCATION

1 - 31 Jul 68 Quang Tri, RVN	H&S Company, Company B, Company C, Company D, Company E
1 - 31 Jul 68 Dong Ha, RVN	3d Force Reconnaissance Company
1 - 31 Jul 68 CamLo, RVN	Company A

Executive Officer	MAJOR F.L. GOULD	20 Jul 68 - 31 Jul 68
Operation Officer, S-3	CAPT. C.R. ARIOLA	27 Feb 68 - 31 Jul 68
S-2 Officer	1STLT R.G. WALLS	5 Feb 68 - 31 Jul 68
S-4 Officer	CAPT. C.J. SCHLACK	9 May 68 - 1 Jul 68
	1STLT C.J. SWANSON	1 Jul 68 - 31 Jul 68
Adjutant	WO H.E. ENOS	29 Jun 68 - 31 Jul 68

AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH (Includes 3d Force Reconnaissance Company)

USMC		USN	
<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
34	785	0	55

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Co. A. During the reporting period, Company "A" was OPCON to Task Force Mike as a security and reactionary force at Cam Lo.

Co. B. During the reporting period Company "B" conducted 29 patrols averaging 2.00 days with an average of 6.93 men per patrol. The Company made 7 sightings of 122 enemy and 7 contacts with 80 enemy. The enemy suffered 13 KIA(C) and there were 4 USMC WIA and one USN WIA. The Company conducted one artillery mission of 15 rounds. A cache was discovered which had several documents, a large amount of North and South Vietnamese money and numerous other gear.

Co. C. During the reporting period, Company "C" conducted 13 patrols averaging 2.06 days and an average of 6.54 men per patrol. The company made 8 sightings totalling 25 enemy and 5 contacts with 37 enemy. There were one enemy KIA(C) and 2 USMC WIA. One artillery mission of 12 rounds was conducted.

Co. D. During the reporting period, Company "D" conducted 31 reconnaissance patrols and one special SCUBA mission, averaging 2.22 days and averaging 6.34 men per patrol. The company made 15 sightings of 62 enemy and 7 contacts with 41 enemy resulting in 2 enemy KIA(C), 3 USMC KIA, 11 USMC WIA, and 1 USN WIA. The company discovered one booby trap and detonated another booby trap resulting in one USMC WIA. The company conducted 7 artillery missions of 354 rounds, and discovered a cache with 500 lbs of rice, 2 weapons, several documents and numerous other gear.

Co. E. During the reporting period company "E" conducted 39 patrols averaging 1.88 days and an average of 6.64 men per patrol. The company made 14 sightings totalling 50 enemy and 8 contacts with 58 enemy resulting in 3 enemy KIA(C) and one KGS KIA. The company conducted 5 fire missions of 41 rounds and discovered 2 caches of large amount of documents, photos, explosives, rice, uniforms, medical supplies, and instruments and numerous other gear.

3d Force Recon Co. During the reporting period, 3d Force Recon Co conducted 29 patrols averaging 2.50 days and 4.00 men per patrol. The company made 3 sightings of 29 enemy and made contact with at least 9 enemy resulting in 3 enemy KIA(C). The company suffered one USMC WIA. One fire mission of 6 rounds was conducted with good coverage.

H&S Co. During the reporting period the SCUBA section conducted 2 SCUBA missions in support of the 3d Marine Division, plus one SCUBA mission in support of the First Air Cav. Division. For the third continuous month this section cleared and help defend Quang Tri River Bridge which required five divers per day, three times each week.

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- a. Combat Mission Assigned. The 3d Reconnaissance Battalion and the attached 3d Force Reconnaissance Company conducted reconnaissance operations, STINGRAY operations, and other operations, as directed, within the Division Area of Responsibility (3d MarDiv 1 - 67).
- b. Significant Operations Conducted. Units of this battalion have participated in operations LANCASTER II, KENTUCKY, SCOTLAND II, and NAPOLEON/SALINE during the reporting period.
- c. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy. There have been 22 VC/NVA casualties KIA(C) inflicted. The Battalion uncovered 3 caches which included over 500 lbs of rice, 2 weapons, explosives, grenades, uniforms, Medical supplies, Medical instruments, and a large amount of SVN and NVN money and Numerous documents and photographs.
- d. Casualties Sustained. The Battalion has suffered 3 USMC KIA, 22 USMC WIA, 4 USN WIA, and 1 Kit Carson Scout KIA.
- e. New techniques employed. During this reporting period the Reconnaissance Battalion employed the Fuel Air Explosive (FAE) system to clear and defoliate hasty landing zones with excellent results.
- f. Command Relations. The 3d Force Reconnaissance Company continued to operate under OPCON of Task Force Hotel. Administrative control was retained by 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Company A (Rein) operated during the period under OPCON to Task Force Mike as security element at Cam Lo (C-3) area. The 3d Reconnaissance Battalion maintained administrative control.
- g. Equipment. Nothing Significant to report.
- h. Logistics. Nothing Significant to report.
- i. Civic Action. All personnel joining the Battalion from CONUS were given a class in the Personal Response Program by the Battalion Sergeant Major.

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j. Administration. Nothing Significant to report.

k. Personnel. 12 July 1968 LTCOL D. R. BERG, USMC, assigned duty as 3d Reconnaissance Battalion Commanding Officer vice LTCOL W. D. KENT, USMC.

20 July 1968 MAJOR F.L. GOULD, USMC, assigned duty as 3d Reconnaissance Battalion Executive Officer vice MAJOR E. L. BOHR JR. USMC.

19 July 1968 1STLT A.W. NOSAL, USMC, assigned duty as Company B, Commanding Officer, vice 1STLT J.P. DUSENBURY.

14 July 1968 1STLT J.H. NOE, USMC, assigned duty as Company D, Commanding Officer, vice 1STLT W.G. TOLAN, USMC.

28 July 1968 1STLT G.W. MYLLEMAKI, USMC, assigned duty as Company E, Commanding Officer, vice 1STLT N.C. YOUNGSTROM, USMC.

16 July 1968 1STLT C.J. LATIMER, USMC, assigned duty as Assistant S-2 Officer.

1 July 1968 1STLT C.J. SWANSON, USMC, assigned duty as S-4 Officer, vice CAPT. C.J. SCHLACK, USMC.

1 July 1968 CAPT. SCHLACK, USMC, assigned duty as Assistant S-3 Officer.

l. Weather. During the month of July the weather was for the most part fair with increased temperatures and occasional scattered showers during the latter part of the month. Wind velocity continued to rise during the reporting period. Temperatures averaged from 98° High to 81° low. Helicopter inserts and extracts were hampered by the weather during the typhoon warning period. Occasional foggy mornings hampered the helicopter inserts West of the Khe Sanh area. Due to increased temperatures, patrols in the field had to restrict their movement in order to prevent heat casualties.

m. Fire Support. The Battalion's Reconnaissance Teams directed 18 fire missions for a total of 428 rounds.

n. Air Support. The Battalion's Reconnaissance Teams utilized 5 Air Strikes on targets of opportunity. (This does not include the Fixed Wing strikes employed for initial insertions in an unsecure Zone.)

o. Activation/Deactivation/Redesignations. 1st Plt Company A, 5th Reconnaissance Battalion reactivated and assigned to Company B (Rein).

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p. Training. Training was 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 Battalion Sergeant Major. The M-16 rifle is fam-fired and zeroed during the period.

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

Twelve personnel graduated from U.S. Navy SCUBA School in the Phillipines.

Six Personnel graduated from the U.S. Army RECONDO School, class R-21-68, in Nha Trang, Vietnam, during the reporting period. Schools were conducted at the location given:

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
VN Language School (Basic)	1	Da Nang
SCUBA School	12	Sibio Bay
Embarkation School	1	Okinawa
RECONDO School	6	Nha Trang

A special lecture on Marijuana Control was held for the Battalion on 30 July 1968.

q. Communication. The following radio relay site was deactivated during the reporting period.

<u>NAME DESIGNATOR</u>	<u>GRID</u>
Whiskey (Hill 819)	YD 097378
(Activated 19 July 1968 - Deactivated 23 July 1968)	

The following sites are presently being utilized as radio relay sites.

<u>NAME DESIGNATOR</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>AREA</u>
Andrew	YD 304533	A1 Tu
Forxtrot	YD 001484	L. Z. STUD
Golf	YD 009455	Oa In
Page	YD 060547	Camp Carroll
Romeo (vice Bravo)	XD 844455	Khe Sanh
Sierra	XD 978559	Thon Son Lam
Tango	YD 247597	Dong Ha
Victor	YD 135646	C-2
Whiskey	YD 034386	Hill 796

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r. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Enemy activity remained high in the Northern I Corps area during the month of July. Reconnaissance Patrols made several significant sightings and contacts in the Leatherneck Square area, and the enemy appears to be continuing his infiltration across the DMZ into the Gio Linh-Con Thien area. Enemy activity in the Mutters Ridge-Helicopter Valley region appears to have decreased since last month. The multi-regiment operation north of the Rock Pile encountered sporadic resistance and apparently forced the enemy back into the DMZ. Reconnaissance sightings and contacts in this area during the latter part of the month showed an increase in enemy activity. Enemy activity in the Gua Viet and coastal region increased during this month as the enemy continues to utilize this area as a major North-South infiltration route. There appears to be a marked decrease of enemy activity in the Camp Carroll area. There were no significant Reconnaissance sightings or contacts in the Ba Long Valley, but it appears that the enemy is continuing to use this region as a major East-West infiltration route. Enemy operations in the Thon Son Lam area are increasing as the enemy infiltrates toward the Ba Long Valley. Reconnaissance Patrols made several significant sightings and contacts in the region west of Thon Son Lam. The enemy continued his attempted interdiction of Route Nine between Calu and Khe Sanh. During the early part of the month, allied forces moved out of Khe Sanh. Reconnaissance patrols made several sightings and contacts in this area, and it appears that the enemy is moving into some of the former Allied positions. The enemy continues his activity along the Laotian Border to the West of Khe Sanh.

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**PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS**

OpO 25D-68 (1B1) 120630H - 121230H July 68 (150250Z). A patrol operating in the vicinity of (XD9736) conducted 6 hours of reconnaissance resulting in 2 sightings of 3 enemy and one contact with 6 enemy. The enemy suffered 1 VC/NVA KIA(C). There were no friendly casualties. Patrol was extracted under cover of gunships and returned to friendly position.

OpO 741-68 (1B2) 151900H - 190900H July 68 (190547Z). A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD2656) conducted 86 hours of reconnaissance resulting in no contacts and 2 sightings totalling 110 enemy. The team fired a fire mission of 15 rounds with good cover but unknown results.

OpO 91F-68 (4-1) 170730H - 181030H July 68 (190547Z). A patrol operating in the vicinity of (XD9151) conducted 27 hours of reconnaissance resulting in one sighting of 5 enemy and no contacts. Team also thought they were being followed and heard one voice yelling. An extraction was called for and completed without further incidents.

OpO 27E-68 (2M) 170730H - 182100H July 68 (190035Z). A patrol operating in the vicinity of (XD8751) conducted 37½ hours of reconnaissance resulting in one contact with 8 enemy. The enemy suffered 2 KIA(C).

OpO 34D-68 (1B3) 170959H - 171142H July 68 (171220Z). A patrol operating in the vicinity of (XD0364) conducted one hour and 42 minutes of reconnaissance resulting in one sighting of 4 enemy and one contact with 25-30 NVA. The enemy suffered 10 KIA(C) by S/A fire and 10 KIA by air. There were 3 USMC WIA and one USN WIA.

OpO 748-68 (2B1) 171700H - 181900H July 68 (181900H). A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD2455) conducted 26 hours of reconnaissance resulting in one contact with 9 enemy. The patrol conducted one fire mission of 20 rounds and discovered numerous documents, SVN and NVN money and several other types of gear. Gear was turned over to G-2.

OpO 756-68 (2B2) 201500H - 201900H July 68 (20145Z). A patrol operating in the vicinity of (XD9250) conducted 4 hours of reconnaissance resulting in one sighting of 3 enemy and one contact with 2 enemy. Contact resulted in 2 enemy KIA(C).

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Op0 765-68 (1M, 2M, 2D3, 2G1) 220940H - 251400H July 68 (251400H).
 A SCUBA Mission consisting of one SCUBA team and 4 recon patrols was conducted in the vicinity of (YD2455) resulting in one enemy KIA(0). The patrols suffered 12 USMC WIA, 3 USMC KIA, 2 USN WIA, 1KOS KIA. The teams discovered numerous documents and other type of gear. Several Air Strikes were conducted. No further enemy casualties could be estimated, as the enemy was well dug in and also well camouflaged.

Op0 775-68 (3E4) 261030H to 271630H July 68 (010551Z). A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD1666) conducted 30 hours of reconnaissance resulting in no enemy sightings or contacts. The patrol found a large bunker complex and discovered a large amount of documents, photographs, explosives with detonator, Chi Com grenades, web gear, rice, uniforms and various other type of gear. Patrol returned to friendly position and the gear was turned over to G-2.

Op0 56D-68 (2C2) 271015H to 271900H July 68 (280030Z). A patrol operating in the vicinity of (XD9937) conducted 8 hours and 45 minutes of reconnaissance resulting in one contact with an unknown size enemy force. Team heard several screams but could not determine the enemy casualties.

Op0 52D-68 (2B1) & 53D-68 (2B3) 291000H to 291200H July 68 (290536Z). Five patrols operating in the vicinity of (YD0064) conducted 2 hours of reconnaissance resulting in one contact with an unknown size enemy force and was extracted.

Op0 63D-68 (3D3) 301030H to 301031H July 68 (301550Z). A patrol to operate in the vicinity of (YD8613) was aborted because of enemy activity in the reconnaissance zone. Team observed 3 NVA and a large crew served weapon.

Op0 771-68 (1D2) 301100H to 301515H July 68 (310030Z). A patrol operating in the vicinity of (XD8234) conducted 4 hours of reconnaissance resulting in one sighting of 4 enemy and movement all around the team. Team was extracted early.

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PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓(1)	PATROL REPORT	25-D-68	OF	150250Z	JULY 68 (Co. B)
✓(2)	PATROL REPORT	741-68	OF	190547Z	JULY 68 (Co. B)
✓(3)	PATROL REPORT	91F-68	OF	180395Z	JULY 68 (FORGE)
✓(4)	PATROL REPORT	27-D-68	OF	190035Z	JULY 68 (Co. D)
✓(5)	PATROL REPORT	34-D-68	OF	171220Z	JULY 68 (Co. B)
✓(6)	PATROL REPORT	748-68	OF	181900H	JULY 68 (Co. B) *
✓(7)	PATROL REPORT	756-68	OF	210145Z	JULY 68 (Co. B)
✓(8)	PATROL REPORT	765-68	OF	251400H	JULY 68 (Co. D) *
✓(9)	PATROL REPORT	775-68	OF	010551Z	JULY 68 (Co. B)
✓(10)	PATROL REPORT	56-D-68	OF	280030Z	JULY 68 (Co. C)
✓(11)	PATROL REPORT	52-D-68	OF	290536Z	JULY 68 (Co. B)
✓(12)	PATROL REPORT	63-D-68	OF	301550Z	JULY 68 (Co. D)
✓(13)	PATROL REPORT	771-68	OF	310030Z	JULY 68 (Co. D)

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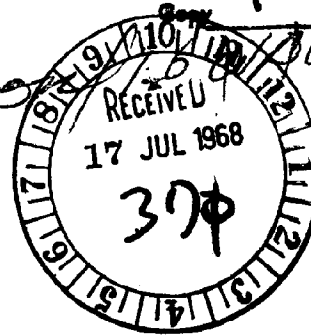
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 PP RUMHMB RUMUGRU
 DE RUMHVP 340 1970250
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 FM CG TASK FORCE HOTEL
 TO ZEN/CG THIRD MARDIV
 INFO ZEN/THIRD FORCE RECON CO
 ZEN/THIRD RECON BN
 ZEN/FOURTH MARINES
 ZEN/THIRD MARINES
 ZEN/NINTH MARINES
 RUMHMB/CG PCV
 RUMUGRU/CG III MAF
 BT

Ref: Recon Bn S/C No. 3840-68



C O N F I D E N T I A L
 DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL
 INCLUSIVE DATES: 120630H TO 121230H JUL 68
 OPERATION ORDER: 25D-68
 TEAM: COLORADO
 TEAM LEADER: HM3 HERIFORD
 MAP SHEET: 6342 II

PAGE TWO RUMHVP 340 C O N F I D E N T I A L

UL 9537 LR 9835

DEBRIEFER: LCPL WHITMORE

I. VISUAL RECON

A. 6 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE RESULTED IN 3 ENEMY
 SIGHTINGS AND 1 ENEMY CONTACT.

(1) XD 971368- TM SPOTTED INVA/VC OBSERVING
 THE TM. TM MEMBER STOOD UP AND NVA MOVED OUT OF
 THE AREA. ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND COVERS.
 TYPE OF WEAPONS WAS NOT OBSERVED

(2) TM SPOTTED 2 VC/NVA IN VIC XD 971368.
 ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND COVERS.

(3) XD 969367 TM MADE CONTACT WITH 4-6
 VC/NVA. TM MEMBER OPENED FIRE RESULTED IN 1 ENEMY
 KIA(C). ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND CARRIED
 A SKS WEB BELT AND GEAR WITH WEAPON CRADLED
 IN ARM.

B. PRIMARY HLZ: XD 364975 SITE IS FINGER WITH
 ELEPHANT GRASS 4'-6' HIGH BEST APPROACH FROM
 N-S. NO OBSTACLES.

2 ORGANIZATION: (5) NLISTED (1) USN (1) KIT CARSON SCOUT

502 5 2300

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GAS MMASKS (7)

1. SPECIAL WEAPONS (1) M-79 W/44 HF CANISTER
 6 FIRECRACKERS
 3D MARINE DIVISION

8. SIGNALS

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| (1) FM RADIO (2) | (7) PEN FLARES (1) |
| (2) UHF RADIO (0) | (8) COMPASSES (3) |
| (3) SMOKE (6) | (9) FLASHLIGHTS (1) |
| (4) PANELS (2) | (10) BINOCULARS (1) |
| (5) SIGNAL MIRRORS (2) | (11) CAMERA (0) |
| (6) STROBE LIGHT (2) | (12) OTHER (0) |

4. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OF ASSIGNED AREA TO DETERMINE EXTENT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL FOR AND ENEMY MOVEMENT ALONG TRAILS AND WATERWAYS. UTILIZE SUPPORTING ARMS ON ACTIVE ENEMY TARGETS. PLOT ALL HLZ'S TRAILS,

PAGE FOUR RUMHVP 340 C O N F I D E N T I A L
 AND WATER SOURCES.°\$

5. TERRAIN: STEEP COMBINATION

ROLLING HILLS.

MAP IS 200-300 METERS OFF. RATE OF MOVEMENT IS 200-300 METERS PER HOUR.

B. VEGETATION: THICK ELEPHANT GRASS AND THICK UNDERGROWTH. TREES 40-50 FEET HIGH WITH SECONDARY GROWTH. TREES ARE 18" IN DIAMETER. 6'-14" FROM FIRST LIMBS TO GROUND.

C. TM HEARD CHICKENS AND DOGS WHEN INSERTED INTO THE HLZ. TM OBSERVED NUMEROUS SMALL BIRDS.

D. SOIL: SOIL SOFT AND GAVE WAY UNDER FOOT AND IS EASY TO DIG IN.

WEATHER:

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. VISIBILITY: GOOD | E. WINDS: 2-4 KNOTS |
| B. CLOUD COVER: NONE | F. TEMP: 85/95 DEGREES |
| C. RAIN FALL: NONE | G. NATURAL ILLUM: NONE |

D. GROUND FOG: HEAVY H. NO EFFECTS ON PERSONNEL

7. COMMUNICATIONS: GOOD COMM WITH TAPE. GOOD COMM WITH RELAYS AND HELO'S.

3. NARRATIVE:

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A. INSERTION: XD 972363 120630H JUL68

B. FM INSERT MOVED NW 500 METERS SW 700 METERS TO EXTRACT POINT XD 955365.

C. TM OBSERVED SMALL BIRDS AND HEARD CHICKENS DOGS AND DUCKS XD 955364.

9. NO MINES ENCOUNTERED

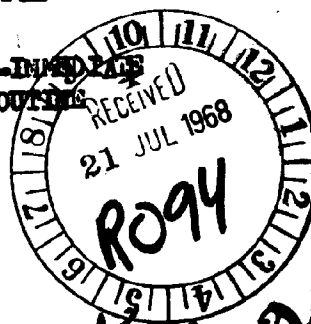
10. OTHER INFO: XD 978353 VALLEY TM OBSERVED A WELL CULTAVATED AREA IN THE SURFACE OF THE GROUND WAS DRAGGED SMOOTH.

11. RECOMMENDATION: NONE

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RELEASED BY: CAPT. C. R. ARIOLA

ACTION-IMMEDIATE
INFO-ROUTINEDTG: 190547 Z JULY 1968
3D MARINE DIVISIONFM: THIRD RECON BN
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV (ATTN: AC OF S G-2)
CG PCVINFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA
NINTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
MAG-THREE NINE
PROVINCE ADVISOR QUANG TRI
THIRD FORCE RECON CO.

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RECON DEBRIEFING REPORT

1. RECON TEAM: B2 (DEER FERN) OpO 741-68
2. DATE INSERTED/EXTRACTED: 151900H/100900H
3. ROUTE: FM (YS 240600) TO (YD 25570) TO (YD 25568) TO (YD 25562) TO (YD 263573) TO (YD 273578) TO (YD 240600)
4. TERRAIN: LOW ROLLING HILLS, KNEE HIGH BRUSH. UNLIMITED MOVEMENT. POOR COVER AND CONCEALMENT. OP AT (YD 25562) GO D OBSERVATION OF RIVER, RICE PADDIES, ETC. NORTHEAST TO SOUTHWEST TRAIL MARKED ON MAP IS WELL USED. CIVILIANS DRIVE TRUCKS ON IT, 6-8 FEET WIDE, AND WELL PACKED. NUMEROUS OTHER TRAILS HEAVILY USED BY CIVILIANS.
5. HLZ'S: ENTIRE GRID SQUARE (YD 2557)
6. ENEMY:
 - (1) 162100H (YD 260569) PATROL OBSERVED 45-55 ENEMY MOVING VICINITY (YD 266569) NORTHEAST-EAST TOWARD VILLAGE. ENEMY WORE HELMETS, AND WERE ARMED WITH UNKNOWN TYPE RIFLES. THEY MOVED IN TWO GROUPS OF 25 AND WERE APPROXIMATELY 50-100 METERS APART.
 - (2) 170400H (YD 260569) PATROL OBSERVED 45-55 ENEMY VICINITY (YD 266569) MOVING SOUTHWEST AWAY FROM VILLAGE. ENEMY WORE HELMETS, WERE HEAVILY LOADED WITH PACKS AND OTHER GEAR, AND WERE ARMED WITH UNKNOWN TYPE WEAPONS. THEY MOVED IN TWO GROUPS OF 25 AND WERE APPROXIMATELY 50-100 METERS APART. ONE ROUND (POSSIBLY H & I) LANDED APPROXIMATELY 150 METERS FROM ENEMY. THEY HALTED FOR A COUPLE MINUTES AND THEN SPREAD OUT AND RAN FROM THE AREA. THE TEAM FIRED A FIRE MISSION OF 15 ROUNDS AT (YD 264560) WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.
7. MISCELLANEOUS: ENEMY MOVING IN AND OUT OF VILLAGE AT (YD 272570) AT FREE WILL.

190547Z Jul

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P R 180305Z JUL 68

FM TASK FORCE HOTEL

TO CG THIRD MARDIV

INFO RUMUGRU/CG III MAF

+RUMHMB/CG PVC

ZEN/THIRD MARINES

ZEN/FOURTH MARINES

ZEN/NINTH MARINES

ZEN/THIRD RECON BN

ZEN/FOB NR 3

ZEN/THIRD FORCE RECON CO

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

DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL

INCLUSIVE DATES: 170730H TO 181030H JULY 68

OPERATION ORDER: 91F-68

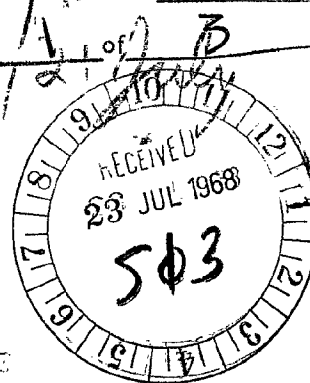
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DEBRIEFER: C LCPL WHITMORE

1. VISUAL RECON

A. 27 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE RESULTED IN 2 ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND NO ENEMY CONTACTS.

1. 171315H (XD 929519) TM SPOTTED 4 TO 5 VC/NVA MOVING WEST, WEARING GREEN UTILITIES WITH BUSH COVERS, AND CARRYING UNKNOWN TYPES OF WEAPONS. TM CONTINUED MISSION.

2. 170830H TEAM HEARD MOVEMENT TO THEIR NORTH IN VIC (XD 918521). TM MOVED OUT TO CHECK MOVEMENT, AND HEARD HAMMERING AND VOICES. HAMMERING SOUNDED LIKE METAL HITTING MET

L. HAMMERING AND VOICES WERE APPROX 50-100 METERS FROM TEAM.

3. 181030H (XD 918506) TM THOUGHT THEY WERE BEING FOLLOWED. TEAM HEARD ONE VOICE YELLING. TEAM MOVED OUT OF THE AREA AND CALLED FOR EXTRACTION. EXTRACTION WAS MADE WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT.

3. INDICATIONS OF ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE AREA:

1. TRAIL : (XD 923522)-(XD 925515) AND XD 925515)-(XD 919517). TRAIL ARE OL

WITH FALLEN TREES ACROSS

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 THEM. ALL TRAILS ARE OVERGROWN. ALONG THE TRAILS THERE
 ARE FIGHTING HOLES 2-3 FEET WIDE AND 2-3 FEET DEEP.
 FIGHTING HOLES HAVE LEAVES ON THE BOTTOM.
 C. PRIMARY HLZ: INSERTION, (XD 918519), SITE IS HILL
 WITH A GENTLE SLOPE WITH ELEPHANT GRASS 6-8 FEET HIGH.
 BEST

APPROACH FROM THE WEST. SITE WILL ACCOMMODATE
 UNLIMITED CH-46'S.

2. ORGANIZATION: 4 USMC
3. EQUIPMENT
4. WEAPONS AND PROTECTION
 1. M-16 4
 2. MINES 0
 3. CS GRENADES (4)
 - RM GAS MASKS 4
 5. SPECIAL WEAPONS 0
 6. SIGNALS
 1. FM RADIO 1
 2. JHF RADIO 1
 3. SMOKE 4
 4. PANELS 2

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5. SIGNAL MIRRORS 2
6. STROBE LIGHTS 1
7. PEN FLARES (1)
- (8) COMPASSES 2
9. FLASHLIGHT (1)
- (10) BINOCULARS 1
11. CAMERA 0
12. OTHER 0

4. MISSION: DETERMINE IF ENEMY IS UTILIZING WATERWAYS
 AS INFILTRATION ROUTES AND STREAMS JUNCTIONS AS
 ASSEMBLY AREAS AND BASE CAMPS IN THE AREA. BEWARE OF
 ARVN ACTIVITY TO YOUR NORTH AND NORTH EAST. PLOT ALL
 TRAILS, HLZ'S AND WATER SOURCES.

5. TERRAIN: ROUGH TERRAIN WITH VDRY VEGETATION THROUGHTOUT
 THE AREA.

6. SOIL: SOIL IS BROWNISH IN COLOR WITH DEAD VEGETATION.
 SOIL IS EASY TO DIG.

6. WEATHER

A. VISIBILITY GOOD

C. CLOUD COVER SCATTERED

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C. RAINFALL HEAVY

D. GROUND FOG NONE

E. WINDS NONE

F. TEMPERATURE 95-100 DEGREES

G. NATURAL ILLUM SLIGHT

H. NO EFFECTS ON PERSONNEL

I. COMMUNICATIONS: GOOD COMM WITH WHIP AND TAPE ANTENNA'S
WITH THE RELAY AND HELO'S.

J. NARRATIVE

K. INSERT: (XD 918518) AT 170730H JULY 68

L. FM INSERT, SE 400 METERS, NORTH 200 METERS, NORTH
200 METERS, WEST 200 METERS TO EXTRACT POINT (XD 918518).

M. NO MINES OF ANY KIND WERE ENCOUNTERED.

N. OTHER INFO: GRID SQUARE (XD 9152)). ENTIRE GRID
COULD BE USED AS AN HLZ. BEST APPROACH FROM THE WEST.

O. RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

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ZEN THIRD FORCE RECON CO
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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL
INCLUSIVE DATES 170030H TO 182100H
OPERATION ORDER 210-68
TEAM SELBY
TEAM LEADER CPL HODGES
MAP SHEET 6342 I, II, III, IV
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1. VISUAL RECON

A. 37 HOURS AND 30 MINUTES OF RECONNAISSANCE RESULTED
IN 1 ENEMY FIGHTING AND 1 ENEMY CONTACT.

1. 181900H (XD 877519) TM SPOTTED 3 VC/NVA MOVING
SOUTHEAST. TM WAS REFILLING CANTEENS IN A STREAM WHEN
ENEMY OPEN FIRE ON TEAM. TEAM RETURNED FIRE WITH SMALL
ARMS AND M-79. TM CONFIRMED 2 NVA KIA. TM MOVED BACK
TO (XD 877517 FOR EXTRACTION AT 2000H TM HEARD MOVEMENT
TO THEIR SOUTH. TM CALLED FIRE MISSION ON ENEMY AT VIC
(XD 877523) RESULTING IN GOOD TARGET COVERAGE RESULTS
WERE UNKNOWN. TM WAITED FOR EXTRACTION HELO 'S WHILE
FLARE SHIPS CAME ON STATION. TM WAS EXTRACTED WITHOUT
FURTHER INCIDENT.

B. INDICATIONS OF ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE AREA:

1. TRAILS: (XD 879519-XD 889519) TRAIL RUNS
PARALLEL TO A STREAM WITH FIGHTING HOLES ALONG THE
SIDE. TRAIL IS 4-6 FEET WIDE AND WELL USED WITHIN
THE LAST WEEK. TRAIL IS IN A WOODLINE AND CAN NOT BE
SEEN FROM THE AIR.

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BRUSH IS EXTREMELY THICK. SPORADIC ELEPHANT GRASS
4-5 FEET HIGH. TRAIL IS NOT SHOWN ON MAP.
C. PRIMARY HLZ: (XD 887519) SITE IS A BURNT AWAY
AREA; BEST APPROACH FROM THE EAST TO WEST.
ON THE EAST, SOUTH AND WEST THERE ARE
STEEP CHIFFS WHICH COULD BE OBSTACLES.

2. ORGANIZATION 3 USMC 1 USN

3. EQUIPMENT

A. WEAPONS AND PROTECTION

(1) M-16 5

2. CLAYMORE MINES 2

3. CS GRENADES 3

4. GAS MASKS 4

5. SPECIAL WEAPONS 1 ; 6-79 W/45 HE, 6 CANISTERS,

6 FIRECRACKERS.

B. SIGNALS

1. FM RADIO 1

2. UHF RADIO 1

3. SMOKE 3

4. PANELS 2

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5. SIGNAL MIRRORS (2)

YM STROBE LIGHTS 1

7. PEN FLARES 1

8. COMPASSES 2

9. FLASHLIGHTS 2

10. BINOCULARS 1

11. CAMERA 2

12. OTHER ASSIGNMENT AND RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE
OF ASSIGNED AREA AND DETERMINED EXTENT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.
BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL OF AVENUES ON APPROACH IN THIS
AREA THAT MIGHT SERVE AS INFILTRATION ROUTES FOR THE
ENEMY AND POSE A THREAT TO THE ROCKPILE. PLOT ALL
TRAIL, HLZ'S AND WATER SOURCES.

1. TERRAIN SIDES OF CANYON WALLS ARE EXTREMELY STEEP.
RATE OF MOVEMENT: PATROLS LEADERS DISCRETION.

B. VEGETATION: TREES 15-20 FEET HIGH, ELEPHANT
GRASS 4-5 FEET HIGH. TREES VARIED FROM 2 INCHES
TO 12 INCHES IN DIAMETER.

2. RIVERS AND STREAMS: STREAM IS 20 METERS WIDE.

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 AND APPROX 1-3 FEET DEEP. STREAM BED IS MOSTLY MADE
 UP OF ROCKS VARIABLE IN SIZE.
 D. OIL: RED CLAY ON SIDES OF HILLS AND ON LOWER
 GROUND. SOIL IS FIRMLY PACKED. SOIL IS NOT TOO EASY TO
 DIG. SOIL DOES NOT GIVE WAY UNDER FOOT.

6. WEATHER

A. VISIBILITY UNLIMITED

B. CLOUD COVER OVERCAST

C. RAINFALL HEAVY

D. GROUND FOG HEAVY

E. WINDS 5-15 KNOTS

F. TEMPERATURE H-100, VL-60

G. NATURAL ILLUM SLIGHT

H. EFFECT ON PERSONNEL NONE

7. COMMUNICATIONS: ON HIGH GROUND COMM WAS FAIR AND ON THE
 LOW GROUND COMM WAS FAIR LITH WHIP ANTENNA. RELAY
 COMMUNICATIONS WERE FAIR.

8. NARRATIVE

A. DIG: INSERTION (XD 867509) 170730H JULY 68

B. FM INSERT, EAST TO WEST APPROX 1500 METERS TO

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 POINT OF EXTRACT (XD 877518).

C. SMALL BIRDS WERE OBSERVED IN THE AREA. UPON
 INSERTION IM SPOTTED DEER IN THE AREA.

9. NO MIZOS ENCOUNTERED

10. OTHER INFO: IM FEELS THAT THE BOX CANYON IS
 POSSIBLY BEING USED AS A ASSEMBLY AND/OR RESUPPLY AREA.
 IM ALSO FEELS THAT THERE MIGHT BE CAVES IN THE CANYON.

11. RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

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INCLUSIVE DATES 170959H TO 171142H
OPERATION ORDER 34D-68
TEAM ALEXANDER
TEAM LEADER SGT. SKINNER
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 DEERIEFER - LCPL WHITMORE 1. VISUAL RECON

A. 1 HOUR AND 42 MINUTES OF RECONNAISSANCE RESULTED
 IN 3 ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND 1 ENEMY CONTACT.

1. TM SPOTTED 4 NVA MOVING SW IN A RIVER VIC YD 035640 TEAM
 OBSERVED AND CONTINUED MISSION. ENEMY WORE GREEN
 UTILITIES WITH NATURAL CAMOUFLAGED HELMETS. NVA WERE
 CARRYING SKS'S AND UNKNOWN TYPES OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS.
 SPOT REPORT WAS CALLED IN.

2. AO SPOTTED 6 NVA MOVING NE APPROX 150
 METERS FROM TEAMS POSITION VIC YD 035640.
 NVA

STARTED MOVING TOWARDS TEAMS POSITION. TM MEMBER
 SPOTTED NVA AND THREW A GRENADE RESULTING IN 2 NVA KIA (C).
 3. TM HEARD MOVEMENT FROM THEIR SOUTH. .

TM MEMBER

SPOTTED 1 NVA. TEAM MEMBER FIRED UPON THE NVA RESULTING
 IN 1 NVA KIA (C).

4. TM STARTED RECEIVING CHICOM GRENADES. TM FIRED
 M-79 AND THREW GRENADES IN THE DIRECTION FROM WHICH
 THE CHICOM GRENADES CAME FROM. FIXED WING AND GUNSHIPS
 CAME ON STATION. FIXED WING DROPPED NAPALM AND GUNSHIPS

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 MADE STRAFING RUNS OVER THE AREA. AO CONFIRMED 10
 ENEMY KIA (C) FROM TEAMS SMALL ARMS/GRENADE FIRE.
 FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE 4 WIA. EXTRACTION HELOS
 CAME ON STATION AND TEAM WAS SUCCESSFULLY EXTRACTED,
 HOWEVER, EXTRACTION HELO RECEIVED 4 ROUNDS

B. INDICATION OF ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE AREA:

1. SUSPECTED ENEMY BUNKER COMPLEX IN VICINITY
 (YD 034647) APPROXIMATE POSITION.

C. PRIMARY HLZ: SITE IS A BURNT AWAY AREA ACCOMMODATING
 (3-4) CH-46'S. VEGETATION AROUND THE AREA IS 4-6 FEET
 OF HIGH BRUSH AND ELEPHANT GRASS. TREES IN THE AREA
 ARE BURNT AWAY.

2. ORGANIZATION GUSMC IUSN

3. EQUIPMENT

A. WEAPONS AND PROTECTION

1. M-16 7

2. MINES 0

3. CS GRENADES 2

4. GAS MASKS 7

5. SPECIAL WEAPONS 1

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B. SIGNALS

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| 1. FM RADIO 2 | 7 PEN FLARES 1 |
| 2. UHF RADIO 0 | 8. COMPASSES 3 |
| 3. SMOKE 14 | 9. FLASHLIGHTS 0 |
| 4. PANELS 5 | 10 BINOCULARS 9 |
| 5. SIGNAL MIRRORS 3 | 11 CAMERA 0 |
| 6. STROBE LIGHTS 2 | 12. OTHER 0 |

4. MISSION : CONDUCT TERMINAL GUIDANCE FOR FRIENDLIES AT COORD YD 035640. MARK LZ FOR ELEMENTS OF 2/3 (M-271). PROVIDE LZSECURITY FOR THEIR INSERTION UPON COMPLETION OF INSERTION MOVE WITH FRIENDLIES TO SOUTH UNTIL GIVEN WORD FOR EXTRACTION. BE AWARE OF FRIENDLIES TO YOUR EAST AND NORTH EAST UPON YOUR INSERTION. 2/3 WILL BE INSERTED APPROX. 171300H.

5. TERRAIN: STEEP HILLS WITH VEGETATION BURNT AWAY AROUND THE AREA.

B. RIVERS AND STREAMS: RIVER IN VIC (YD 035639) 10 TO 15 FEET WIDE AND 2-3 FEET DEEP WITH MOVEMENT APPROX 5 KNOTS. BANKS ARE ROCKY WITH SAND. RIVER BOTTOM IS ROCKY.

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C. SOIL: SOIL IS LIGHT BROWN IN COLOR WITH A SHELL SURFACE. SOIL IS HARD TO DIG.

6. WEATHER

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| A VISIBILITY UNLIMITED | E WINDS 2-5 KNOTS |
| B CLOUD COVER SCATTERED | F TEMPERATURE 100-105 DEGREES |
| C RAINFALL NONE | G NATURAL ILLUM NONE |
| D GROUND FOG NONE | H EFFECTS ON PERSONNEL NONE |
7. COMMUNICATIONS: TEAM HAD GOOD COMM WITH AO AND RELAY WITH WHIP ANTENNA.

8. NARRATIVE

- A. INSERTION 170950H (YD 035640) JULY 68
- B. ANIMALS: SMALL BIRDS WERE HEARD, FISH IN THE RIVER APPROX 2-3 INCHES LONG.
9. NO MINES WERE ENCOUNTERED.
- 10 OTHER INFO: ENEMY CARRIED A LARGE AMOUNT OF AMMUNITION.

11. RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 1ST TM, 2ND PLT, "B" CO. (EARLY FLOWER)
OPERATION ORDER: P748-68 (LGPL SCHOMER)

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

DEBRIEFER: LT. R. G. WALLS DATE: 10 JULY 68

1. COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: (8) ENLISTED (1) USN
 - B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
 - C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
 - D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7X50
 - E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (5) CLAYMORE MINES (1) WP HAND GRENADES (9) PROTECTIVE MASKS (2) CS GRENADES (2) INCINDIARY GRENADES
 - F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 30 HE, 6 CANISTER, 1 M-60 MACHINE GUN, 1000 ROUNDS
2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN YOUR ASSIGNED AREA TO DETERMINE THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL FOR ENEMY ACTIVITY WHICH MAY POSE A THREAT TO NEARBY FRIENDLY FORCES AND INSTALLATION.

3. TIME OF INSERT/EXTRACT: 171700H (YD234584) WALK/181900H (YD238551) HELICO

4. ROUTE: FM INSERT PT TO (YD225565) TO (YD243554) TO (YD238547) TO EXTRACT PT.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: 26 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE RESULTED IN NO ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND ONE CONTACT WITH 9 ENEMY. PATROL CONDUCTED ONE FIRE MISSION OF 20 ROUNDS WITH GOOD COVERAGE AND UNKNOWN RESULTS. PATROL DISCOVERED A BUNKER COMPLEX AND FOUND NUMEROUS DOCUMENTS, A LARGE AMOUNT OF NVN AND SVN MONEY AND ASSORTED OTHER TYPE OF GEAR WHICH WAS TURNED OVER TO G-2. THE AREA REVEALS HEAVY ENEMY ACTIVITY AT THE PRESENT TIME. POSSIBLE EXTENSIVE ENEMY BUILD-UP.

B. ENEMY: 181535H (YD239554) PATROL OBSERVED 3VC/NVA MOVING WEST TO EAST ALONG THE RIVER VICINITY (YD241553). TWO ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITY SHIRTS AND BLACK P.J. TROUSERS ROLLED UP PAST THE KNEE. THE OTHER ENEMY WORE A BLUE SHIRT AND ROLLED UP BLACK P.J. TROUSERS. ONE ENEMY WORE A BLACK BARET. ALL ENEMY

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CARRIED AK-47'S. ENEMY CARRIED A SMALL GREEN BAG. ENEMY STOPPED AND PUT ON PONCHOS WHEN IT BEGAN TO RAIN. MEN MOVED IN TO THE BRUSH OUT OF SIGHT. PATROL CONTINUED TO OBSERVE THE AREA. PATROL OBSERVED 2 WOMEN MOVING FROM WEST TO EAST IN THE SAME LOCATION WHERE THE PATROL HAD PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED THE MEN. THE WOMEN MOVED TO THE AREA WHERE THE MEN HAD DISAPPEARED INTO THE BRUSH. PATROL HEARD THE WOMEN TALKING TO THE MEN AND WOULD CATCH A GLIMPSE OF THE MEN OCCASIONALLY. WOMEN WORE GREEN SHIRTS AND BLACK P.J.'S, TROUSERS ROLLED UP. ONE WOMAN CARRIED AN AK-47. 181600H PATROL OBSERVED 2 MORE VC/NVA MOVING WEST TO EAST ALONG THE RIVER IN THE SAME AREA. ONE ENEMY WORE A GREEN UTILITY SHIRT AND THE OTHER WORE A BLUE SHIRT. BOTH ENEMY WORE ROLLED UP BLACK P.J. TROUSERS AND CARRIED AK-47'S. ENEMY CARRIED PONCHOS AND SMALL GREEN BAGS. ENEMY JOINED THE OTHER ENEMY. PATROL CONTINUED TO HEAR THE ENEMY TALKING. APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES LATER PATROL OBSERVED ANOTHER ENEMY. PATROL CONTINUED TO HEAR THE ENEMY TALKING. APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES LATER PATROL OBSERVED ANOTHER VC/NVA MOVING WEST TO EAST ALONG THE SAME ROUTE FOLLOWED BY THE OTHER ENEMY. VC/NVA WORE A GREEN UTILITY SHIRT AND ROLLED UP BLACK P.J. TROUSERS. ENEMY CARRIED A SMALL GREEN BAG AND WAS ARMED WITH AN UNKNOWN TYPE PISTOL. ENEMY MOVED INTO THE BRUSH WITH THE OTHER MEN. PATROL CONTINUED TO OBSERVE THE WOMEN. 181630H PATROL OBSERVED THE VC/NVA MEN MOVE OUT OF THE BRUSH. ENEMY WORE ONLY BLACK P.J. TROUSERS. NO SHIRTS OR WEAPONS COULD BE OBSERVED. THE MEN TALKED TO THE WOMEN AND THEN THE WOMEN MOVED OUT TO THE EAST. PATROL CALLED AN ARTILLERY MISSION OF APPROXIMATELY 20 ROUNDS WITH EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF TARGET AND UNKNOWN RESULTS. PATROL INITIATED SMALL ARMS FIRE AS THE INITIAL ARTY ROUNDS IMPACTED. PATROL MOVED UP TO CHECK OUT THE AREA AND FOUND 3 TRENCHES WHICH WERE 2-3 FT WIDE, 4 FEET DEEP, AND 25-30 FEET LONG. THE TRENCHES WERE 10-15 FEET APART AND CONVERGED INTO A DRAW WHICH LED TO THE RIVER. TRENCHES APPEARED TO BE AT LEAST 3 MONTHS OLD AND HAD BEEN RECENTLY USED. PATROL FOUND VARIOUS GEAR INCLUDING ONE SET OF UTILITIES, ONE PAIR OF BLACK TROUSERS, ONE BLACK SHIRT, \$2220 SVN, \$1500 NVN, VARIOUS DOCUMENTS AND WHAT APPEARED TO BE NVN CHECKS OR SCRIPT, 2 WRIST WATCHES, A SONY TRANSISTOR RADIO, AND ONE BLOODY CARTRIDGE BELT WITH 2 AK-47 MAGAZINES. ALL OF THE GEAR WAS IN A WATER PROOF BAG. PATROL ALSO OBSERVED SEVERAL HOLES IN THE RIVER BANK WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN AIR HOLES. PATROL CHECKED THE AREA BUT FOUND NO TRACE OF THE ENEMY. GUNSHIPS ARRIVED ON STATION AND CONDUCTED ROCKET AND STRAFING RUNS IN THE AREA WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. PATROL WAS EXTRACTED BY TRANSPORT HELICOPTER.

C. TERRAIN: LOW ROLLING HILLS WITH 2-4 FT SCRUB BRUSH AND SCATTERED AREAS OF CANOPY 10-15 FT HIGH WITH MODERATE UNDERGROWTH NEAR THE RIVER. POOR COVER AND CONCEALMENT IN THE AREA. ANY HILL IN THIS AREA AFFORDS GOOD OBSERVATION.

- (1) COMMUNICATION: GOOD WITH TAPE ANTENNA
- (2) NATURAL WATER SOURCES: AS INDICATED ON THE MAP
- (4) TRAILS: MAJOR TRAILS ARE INDICATED ON THE MAP. TRAILS APPEAR TO BE HEAVILY USED BY CIVILIANS IN THE AREA. MOVEMENT APPEARS TO BE GENERALLY WEST TO EAST THROUGH THE AREA.

(5) HLZ'S: (YD2356)-(YD2456)-(YD2355)-(YD2455) UNLIMITED NUMBER OF CH-46'S LOW ROLLING HILLS WITH LOW SCRUB BRUSH.

(6) WEATHER: SUNNY, CLEAR, HOT, VISIBILITY EXCELLENT, LIGHT RAIN IN THE LATE AFTERNOON.

(7) CAPTURED EQUIPMENT AND DOCUMENTS: 181700H (YD241553) 2 AK-47 MAG., 2 PAIR HO CHI MINH SANDALS, 2 HAMMOCKS, 1 SET UTILITIES, 1 PAIR BLACK TROUSERS, 1 WP BAG, 1 CARTRIDGE BELT W/2 AMMO POUCHES, 5 PRINTED AND HANDWRITTEN DOCUMENTS, \$2220 SVN, \$1500 NVN MONEY.

(8) RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS: THAT PATROLS CONTINUE TO OPERATE IN THIS AREA.

(9) CONCLUSIONS: ENEMY APPEAR TO BE MOVING WEST TO EAST ALONG THE RIVER TOWARD THE VILLAGES BETWEEN DONG HA & QUANG TRI. THERE COULD BE TUNNELS IN

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THE RIVER BANK IN THE AREA OF THE CONTACT.

(10) DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: (NONE)

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 BRIEF OF RECON PATROL
 INCLUSIVE DATES: 201300H TO 221900H
 OPERATION ORDER: 756
 TEAM: FOOTBALL TAG
 TEAM LEADER: PFC FALICE
 MAP SHEET: 6342 III & IV
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 RECONFER: LOSS WHITMORE
 1. UNUSUAL RECON
 2. LOSS OF RECONNAISSANCE RESOURCES
 3. SIGHTS AND 1 ENEMY CONTACT
 4. 1615H (XD 923501) TEAM M

NO ENEMY RESULTING IN TWO (2) DEATHS KIA (2) DEATHS LOST
 1. GREEN UTILITIES WITH STRAS COVERS.
 2. 1715; (XD 923501), TEAM SPOTTED 3 ENEMY
 MOVING DOWN A SLOPE OF A HILL INTO A TRENCHLINE. ONE
 OF THE ENEMY MOVED BACK AND FORTH 3 TIMES IN THE TRENCHLINE
 FOR APPROX. 15 MINUTES. A.O. CAME ON STATION AND SPOTTED
 ENEMY IN A TRENCHLINE. A.O. MADE STRAFES AND
 SHOT AND MACHINEGUNS. RESULTS WERE UNUSUAL
 ENEMY MORTAR FIRE APPROX 200 METERS FROM ENEMY POSITION
 ENEMY CAME ON STATION AND DROPPED MORTAR ON ENEMY
 POSITION. RESULT FROM FIXED FIRE THERE
 EXTRACTION HELICOPTER

IT WAS BELIEVED THAT HELICOPTERS
 DID NOT TAKE ANY FIRE.

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SIDE AND GET AWAY. TRAIL RUNS FROM E TO W. TRAIL
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TRAIL IS WELL USED.

2) (XD 12301) TEAM FOUND 100 YD N OF
SIDE AND 3-4 FEET DEEP. TRAIL RUNS FROM E TO W.

THE EASTERN SIDE OF A SLOPE. TRAIL RUNS FROM E TO W.

3) (XD 12302) TEAM FOUND 100 YD N OF
TRAIL. BUNKERS VARI 100 YD N OF TRAIL.

THE GROUND APPROX 5-6 FEET. TRAIL RUNS FROM E TO W.

4) (XD 12303) TEAM FOUND 100 YD N OF
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AND FIGHTING HOLES. TRAIL RUNS FROM E TO W.

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- 1. WEATHER:
- 2. VISIBILITY: GOOD
- 3. CLOUD COVER: NONE
- 4. RAINFALL: NONE
- 5. GROUND MOG: NONE
- 6. COMMUNICATION: COMM IS GOOD WITH T

ID TROUBLE CONTACTING RELAY OR RELAY S.

7. NARRATIVE:

8. INSERTION: 201500H (XD 923503) JULY 68
 9. FM S 302METERS, N 400 METER TO EXTRA...
 (XD 923504).

10. ANIMAL: NONE OBSERVED.

11. NO MINES ENCOUNTERED.

12. OTHER INFO: NONE

13. RECOMMENDATIONS: TAKE PRECAUTIONS. WATER...
 THIS AREA AFFORDS NO NATURAL WATER SOURCE.

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2. CONCLUSIONS: SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS INDICATE
 RECENT REPORTS OF INCREASED ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA.
 NATURE OF ACTIVITY MIGHT BE IN FORM OF ASSEMBLY AREAS/
 MORTAR POSITIONS.

WHILE REPEATING CONTACTS ON 21 JULY TEAM MEMBER...
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1. RECON TEAM: BARRISTER 1M, SELBY 2M, SHOWCASE 2D3, ISTHMUS 2C1, AND A SCUBA TEAM. OPO 765-68
2. DATE INSERTED/EXTRACTED: 220940H/251400H (7 1/2 HOURS)
3. ROUTE: INSERTED AT (YD200543). MOVED EAST ALONG RIVER. EXTRACTED AT (YD275577).
4. TERRAIN: LOW ROLLING HILLS WITH LOW GRASS AND BRUSH. NUMEROUS RICE PADDIES AND HEDGEROWS. MODERATE TO THICK UNDERGROWTH ALONG THE RIVER.
5. HLZ'S - NONE ENCOUNTERED
6. ENEMY- 231750H - ISTHMUS SIGHTED 4 OR MORE ENEMY (YD243557) ON SOUTH SIDE OF RIVER. PATROL INITIATED SMALL ARMS FIRE WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. 5 MINUTES LATER TEAM RECEIVED HEAVY VOLUME OF AMF FROM EAST AND NORTH. TEAM CONFIRMED 1 ENEMY KIA. 231930H REACTIONARY FORCE LANDED AT (YD243558) TO PROVIDE MORE SECURITY 241500H (YD248557) CONTACT WITH RPD MACHINE GUN IN A SPIDER HOLE AND A SNIPER WITH AN AK-47. CONTINUOUS CONTACTS WERE MADE UNTIL EXTRACTION. SEVERAL FLIGHTS OF GUNSHIPS AND FIXED WING WERE CALLED IN. RESULTS OF CONTACTS WERE (3) USMC KIA (1) KIT CARSON SCOUT KIA, (12) USMC WIA, (2) USN WIA
7. MISCELLANEOUS: DURING THE OPERATION, THE TEAMS UNCOVERED SEVERAL CACHES OF FOOD AND CLOTHING, DESTROYED APPROXIMATELY 500 LBS OF RICE, CAPTURED 2 WEAPONS, SEVERAL DOCUMENTS, AND ASSORTED GEAR. FROM (YD242557) MOVING EAST ON THE RIVER, THE TEAMS FOUND NUMEROUS CAVES AND SPIDER HOLES MAINLY ON THE NORTH BANK. EACH HOLE WOULD ACCOMMODATE 1 OR 2 MEN COMFORTABLY AND MEASURED 2FT BY 2FT, AND COULD ONLY BE SEEN FROM THE RIVER. (YD247556) THERE IS A CONCRETE BUILDING WHICH IS POSSIBLY USED AS A MEETING PLACE. IT IS CONNECTED TO AN INTRICATE COMPLEX OF REINFORCED BUNKERS. THE TEAMS RECOMMENDED AIR STRIKES FOR THIS AREA. (YD250555) A TRAIL RUNS SOUTH TO THE RIVER AND FOLLOWS THE RIVER EAST. THERE ARE FIGHTING HOLES EVERY 10 FT. ON BOTH SIDES OF THE TRAIL.

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1. RECON TEAM: DOCKLEY 3E4 (7 MEN) 90 775-68
2. DATE INSERTED/EXTRACTED: 261030H/271630H (30 HRS.)
3. ROUTE: FM (YD 133646) TO (YD 155666) TO (YD 165664).
4. TERRAIN: HARP ROLLING HILLS WITH THICK UNDERGROWTH AND DEAD VEGETATION. RATE OF MOVEMENT IS ABOUT 200-300 METERS PER HOUR.
5. HIDE'S: (YD 165664) SITE WILL ACCOMMODATE (1) GROUP. SITE IS A HILLTOP. BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE SE. THERE ARE 10-15 FT TREES AROUND THE ZONE.
6. ENEMY: NONE
7. MISCELLANEOUS:

- (1) 262030H - 270900H (YD 160667) PATROL HEARD MOVEMENT ALL AROUND THEIR POSITION. PATROL CHECKED THE AREA AT FIRST LIGHT AND DISCOVERED THE WIRES OFF THE CLAYMORE MINE TO THE WEST. PATROL MOVED EAST TO (YD 161668).
- (2) 270630H (YD 161668) PATROL DISCOVERED A TUNNEL ENTRANCE ABOUT 6X7 FT AND TAPERED OFF TO 3X3 FT. IT LEVELED OFF TO ABOUT 25 FT AND LEVELED OFF TO AN UNDERGROUND RANGE. PATROL THREW A CS GRENADE AND CHECKED THE TUNNEL WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. PATROL CONTINUED MISSION.
- (3) 270730H (YD 163664) PATROL DISCOVERED A BUNKER COMPLEX OF APPROX. 25 BUNKERS. BUILDINGS WERE ABOUT 2-3 MONTHS OLD. THEY WERE IN A POOR STATE OF REPAIR AND NO SIGNS OF ENEMY ACTIVITY WERE ENCOUNTERED.
- (4) 270845H (YD 165664) PATROL DISCOVERED A BUNKER COMPLEX OF ABOUT 25 BUNKERS. BUNKERS WERE 2-3 MONTHS OLD, WELL KEPT AND WELL USED WITH NEW HOLES. ARCHLIGHT CONDUCTED RIPPED THROUGH THE COMPLEX BUT ONLY ONE HALF WAS DESTROYED WHILE THE OTHER HALF REMAINED INTACT. PATROL CHECKED THE AREA AND FOUND LARGE AMOUNT OF DOCUMENTS, PHOTOS, EXPLOSIVES WITH DETONATORS, GRENADES, WEB GEAR, RICE ETC.

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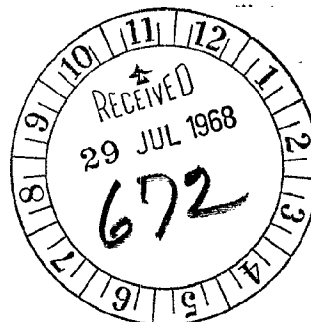
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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL
INCLUSIVE DATES: 271015H TO 271920H JUL 68
OPERATION ORDER: 56D-68
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TEAM LEADER: LCPL DE LAUGHTER
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DEBRIEFER: LCPL WHITMORE

1. VISUAL RECON
A. 2 HOURS AND 45 MINUTES OF RECONNAISSANCE RESULTED IN NO ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND 1 ENEMY CONTACT.
(1) XD 986384 TEAM HEARD VOICES IN VICINITY OF A RIVER THOUGHT TO BE VOICES OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN. TEAM CONTINUED MISSION.
(2) XD 995376 TEAM HEARD VOICES OF APPROX 2 MEN WALKING DOWN A TRAIL. TEAM ALSO HEARD WHAT SOUNDED LIKE PEOPLE CONSTRUCTING SOMETHING. TEAM COULD NOT OBSERVE FROM THEIR POSITION.
(3) XD 995376 TEAM MEMBER HEARD A NOISE AND MOVED DOWN TOWARD A TRAIL TO CHECK OUT WHEN TEAM STARTED RECEIVING AMF AND GREEN TRACER FIRE. TEAM RETURNED FIRE AND TEAM LEADER THREW A GRENADE RESULTING IN YELLING AND SCREAMING. TEAM COULD NOT OBSERVE RESULTS. TEAM MOVED 25-30 METERS DOWN THE SIDE OF A HILL FROM THE CONTACT SITE. TEAM WAS SEPARATED FROM THEIR GEAR FOR APPROX 5-10 MINUTES AND SAT IN TO SECURE A AREA AFTER WHICH DID NOT RECEIVE ANY FIRE. FOUR OF THE

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 TEAM MEMBERS MOVED BACK DOWN TO THE CONTACT SITE TO PICK
 UP THEIR GEAR AND THREW TWO MORE GRENADES FOR SECURITY
 THEN MOVED OUT OF THE AREA FOR EXTRACTION POINT XD 993351.
 TEAM DID NOT RECEIVE ANY FIRE UPON EXTRACTION.

2. INDICATIONS OF ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE AREA:

(1) XD 987392 TEAM FOUND HUT CONSTRUCTED OF BAMBOO
 AND ELEPHANT GRASS. HUT IS 4 FEET BY 6 FEET AND APPROX
 9 FEET HIGH. TEAM ESTIMATES THE HUT TO BE 4-5 MONTHS OLD.

(2) XD 996332 TEAM FOUND A HUT CONSTRUCTED OF BAMBOO
 AND ELEPHANT GRASS 4' BY 4' BUILT OVER A MOUND.
 HUT IS ESTIMATED TO BE 4-5 MONTHS OLD.

(3) XD 9,0378 TEAM FOUND 3 HUTS 3-4 MONTHS OLD BUILT
 ON BUNKER COMPLEX. HUTS ARE 6' BY 6' MADE OF
 BAMBOO AND ELEPHANT GRASS.

(4) TEAM OBSERVED A CULTIVATED FIELD CONSISTING OF SOY BEANS,
 CORN AND PEPPERS. FIELDS WERE FENCED IN. FIELD FOUND IN VIC
 XD 989382.

(5) XD 991388 TEAM FOLLOWED A TRAIL APPROX 1 FOOT
 WIDE RUNNING NW TO SE. TRAIL RAN UP TO A POSSIBLE BUNKER
 COMPLEX XD 997376.

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(6) XD 993378 TEAM FOUND AN OLD RUSTED RIFLE BOLT
 ACTION. TEAM THINKS THE RIFLE IS A RUSSIAN MODEL. TEAM
 LEFT THIS RIFLE AT THE CONTACT SITE.

C. PRIMARY HLZ: XD 989381 SITE IS A FLAT AREA WITH
 ELEPHANT GRASS 2' HIGH AND SMALL ROCKS. SENE WILL ACCOMMODATE
 2 CH-46'S. BEST APPROACH FROM THE SOUTH. NO OBSTACLES.

2. ORGANIZATION: 5 USMC 1 USN 1 SCOUT DOG WITH
 HANDLER.

3. EQUIPMENT

A. WEAPONS AND PROTECTION

- (1) M-16(6)
- (2) CLAYMORE MINE (4)
- (3) CS GRENADES (7)
- (4) GAS MASKS (7)
- (5) SPECIAL WEAPONS 1 M-79 4/70 HE 10 CANISTER RDS.

B. SIGNAL

- (1) FM RADIO (1)
- (2) UHF RADIO (1)
- (7) PEN FLARES (1)
- (8) COMPASSES (5)

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- (3) SIGNAL MIRRORS (2) (11) CAMERA (1)
- (6) STROBE LIGHTS (1) (12) OTHER (7) DAY-NIGHT FLARES
- 4. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED ZONE. BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL FOR L.Z.'S AND LOCATIONS WHERE L.Z.'S COULD BE DEVELOPED. PROVIDE TERRAIN ANALYSIS TO INCLUDE WEATHER CONDITIONS AT VARIOUS TIMES DURING THE DAY. NOTE VISIBILITY FROM P.P.'S IN EVERY DIRECTION AND LOCATIONS FOR POSSIBLE FIRE BASES. WATCH FOR ENEMY ACTIVITY ALONG THE QUANG TRI RIVER. PLOT ALL TRAILS AND WATER SOURCES.
- 5. TERRAIN: STEEP HILLS. RATE OF MOVEMENT: 200-300 METERS PER HOUR.
- B. VEGETATION: CANOPY IS APPROX 35-50 FEET HIGH WITH THICK UNDERGROWTH.
- C. RIVERS AND STREAMS: XD 989381 SMALL STREAMS 10-12 FEET WIDE AND 6-INCHES DEEP. STREAM BED IS ROCKY. VEGETATION ALONG THE STREAM IS ELEPHANT GRASS 6-10 FEET HIGH.
- D. SOIL: DARK BROWN IN COLOR SOIL DID NOT GIVE WAY WHEN TRAVERSING INCLINES. SOIL IS EASY TO DIG AND PROVIDES GOOD NOURISHMENT FOR PLANTS.

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- 6. WEATHER:
 - A. VISIBILITY: GOOD
 - B. CLOUD COVER: SCATTERED
 - C. RAINFALL: NONE
 - D. GROUND FOG: NONE
 - E. WINDS: NONE
 - F. TEMPS: 85H DEGREES
 - G. NATURAL ILLUM: NONE
 - H. EFFECTS ON PERSONNEL: NONE
 - 7. COMMUNICATIONS: COMM IN THIS AREA IS GOOD WITH TAPE ANTENNA. NO TROUBLE ESTABLISHING COMM WITH RELAY OR HELICO'S.
 - 8. NARRATIVE:
 - A. INSERTION JC 271215H JUL 68 AT XD 989381
 - B. FM INSERT: SW TO XD 986384 SW TO XD 992370 SW TO XD 995376 N TO EXTRACT POINT XD 993381.
 - C. NO MINES OF ANY KIND ENCOUNTERED.
 - D. OTHER INFO: NONE
 - 11. RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE
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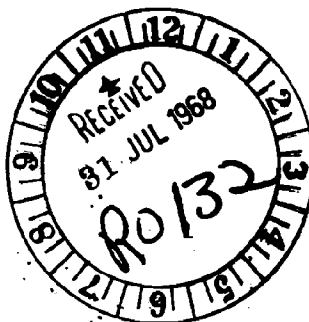
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1. RECON TEAM: EARLY FLOWER, PISTON RD PERSONNEL: 10

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2. DATE INSERTED: 291000H. DATE EXTRACTED: 291200H JULY 68

TWO HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE.

3. ROUTE: FROM XD 991648 TM MOVED 300-500 MINNE AND THEN MOVED BACK 300-500 SW TO THEIR LZ.

4. TERRAIN: TM WAS DOWN IN VALLEY SURROUNDED BY STEEP HILLS.

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AREA WAS NOT HARD TO MOVE IN. RATE OF MOVEMENT 600 M PER HOUR.

5. HLZ 3: LOCATED AT XD 91648. COULD ACCOMMODATE ONLY ONE

CH-46. LOCATED ON FINGER OF A HILL AND HAD ONLY HAD SHORT ELEPHANT GRASS.

6. ENEMY TM DID NOT OBSERVE ENEMY BUT DID RECIEVE HEAVY SMALL

ARMS FIRE AND 6-10 MORTAR ROUNDS. TM MOVED 300-500 MINE AND

TOOK SAF FROM A RIDGE LINE. THE TM PULLED BACK TO THEIR LZ

AND TOOK ONE ROUND 60MM MORTAR (WP) THEN THE FIRE CEASED.

TM WAITED FOR THE BIRDS AND WHEN BIRDS APPEARED SAF STARTED AGAIN.

THE TM SAW 6-8 WP 60MM ROUNDS HIT IN A VALLEY 200 M SE. TM

CALLED A FIRE MISSION ON XD 965654. THE SUSPECTED MORTAR POSIT.

GUNSHIPS OPENED FIRE ON THE AREA AND TEAM WAS EXTRACTED WITH NEG-

ATIVE CASUALTIES. RESULTS OF THE FIRE MISSION ARE UNKNOWN.

FIXED WING WAS CALLED INTO THE AREA AND THE RESULTS ARE UNKNOWN

AT THIS TIME.

7. REMARKS: NONE

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1. RECON TEAM: PEA SOUP PERSONNEL: (6) ENLISTED

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2. DATE INSERTED: 301030H TO 301031H JULY 1968

3. ROUTE: TM DID NOT LEAVE CHOPPER.

4. TERRAIN: TM COULD NOT OBSERVE THE TERRAIN.

5. HLZ'S: LOCATED AT XD 86.008. HLZ IS A CLEARING BELOW A HILLTOP WITH HIGH ELEPHANT GRASS. WILL ACCOMMODATE ONE

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6. ENEMY: TM OBSERVED TREE NVAEARS IN GREEN UTILITIES AND HELMETS 50-60 M FROM THE HLZ. 30-40 M FROM THE HLZ THE TEAM OBSERVED A LARGE CREW SERVED WEAPON WITH A BARREL 5-6 FEET LONG, ENDIUM BORE AND A LARGE CRANK ON THE BREECH END. COULD NOT BE OBSERVED IF THIS WEAPON WAS ON A TRIPOD. COULD POSSIBLY

BE A RECOILLESS RIFLE. TEAM DID NOT LEAVE THE CHOPPER AND THE MISSION WAS ABORTED.

7. REMARKS: THIS AREA SHOULD BE OBSERVED AGAIN USING A DIFFERENT INSERT HLZ AND THE TEAM LEADER SUGGESTS THAT THE NEXT TEAM SHOULD CARRY A M-60 MACHING IN AND M-33 GRENADES BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE AREA OBSERVED.

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 RECON DEBRIEF REPORT

1. TEM: COSMIC WAVE PERSONNEL: 4 USMC OPO: 771
2. DATE INSERTED: 301100H XD 82733 DATE EXTRACTED: 301015H
- AT COORD XD 827343.
3. ROUTE: FM INSERT XD 827343 975 300 METERS NORTH 300 METERS TO EXTRACT POINT XD 827343.
4. TERRAIN: TEEP HILLS WITH 6-10 FEET OF ELEPHANT GRASS. SPCRADIC TREES APPROX 30 FEET HIG. RATE OF MOVEMENT: 100 METERS

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5. HLZ'S: XD 827342 SITE IS A HILLTOP WITH ELEPHANT GRASS 6 INCHES HIGH. BEST APPROACH FROM WEST TO EAYA AND WILL ACCOMMODATE 2 CH-46'S NO APPROACH OBSTACLES.
6. ENEMY: XD 827342 TEAM SPOTTED 4 VC/NVA HEADING SE ON A TRAIL WEARING GREEN UTILITIES BUSH COVERS AND CARRYING UNKNOWN TYPES OF WEAPONS TEAMCONTIUED MISSION. TEAM HEARD MOVEMENT TO THEIR SOUTH IN VIC XD 828340. X 827343 BUNKER 3 FEET WIDE 6 FEET DIAMETER WITH DIRT AND ROCKS OVER THE LOGS.
7. REMARKS: NONE

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