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3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 August to 31 August 1968

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATADESIGNATION

3d Reconnaissance Battalion

COMMANDER

LTCOL D.R. BING

12 July 68 - 31 August 68

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company	1STLT L.E. WALKER	28 Feb 68 - 19 Aug 68
	1STLT R.M. HARDEN	19 Aug 68 - 31 Aug 68
Company A	1STLT J.R. PETTY	25 Feb 68 - 24 Aug 68
	1STLT C.W. KING	24 Aug 68 - 31 Aug 68
Company B	1STLT A.W. ROSAL	19 Jul 68 - 31 Aug 68
Company C	1STLT E.V. OSBORNE	16 Mar 68 - 31 Aug 68
Company D	1STLT J.H. NOE	14 Jul 68 - 31 Aug 68
Company E	1STLT C.W. MYLLYMAKI	28 Jul 68 - 31 Aug 68

ATTACHED UNITS

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

LOCATION

1-31 Aug 68	Quang Tri, RVN	H&S Company, Company A, Company B, Company C, Company D, Company E
1-12 Aug 68	Dong Ha, RVN	3d Force Reconnaissance Co.
12-31 Aug 68	Quang Tri, RVN	3d Force Reconnaissance Co.

Executive Officer	MAJOR F. L. GOULD	20 Jul 68 - 31 Aug 68
Operation Officer, S-3	CAPT. G. R. AMICLA	27 Feb 68 - 31 Aug 68
S-2 Officer	1STLT R.G. WALLS	5 Feb 68 - 7 Aug 68
	1STLT R.S. LATIMER	7 Aug 68 - 31 Aug 68
S-4 Officer	1STLT G.J. SWANSON	1 Jul 68 - 19 Aug 68
	CAPT. V.F. MAHER	19 Aug 68 - 31 Aug 68
Adjutant	WO H.E. LEWIS	29 Jun 68 - 31 Aug 68

AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH (Includes 3d Force Reconnaissance Co)

<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Co. A During the reporting period, Company A conducted 30 patrols averaging 2.60 days with an average of 7.08 men per patrol. The company made 10 sightings of 73 men and 7 contacts with 39 enemy resulting in 14 enemy KIA(C). There was 1 USMC KIA and 3 USMC WIA. One booby trap was detonated. The company called for 8 artillery missions of 603 rounds. Numerous grenades and web gear was discovered and 2 SKS's were captured.

Co. B During the reporting period, Company B conducted 16 patrols averaging 2.44 days with an average of 6.93 men per patrol. The Company made 8 sightings totalling 87 enemy and 7 contacts with unknown enemy casualties. There were no friendly casualties. 104 rounds were fired by 4 artillery missions and 11 air strikes were conducted.

Co. C During the reporting period, Company C conducted 29 patrols averaging 2.28 days, with an average of 7.79 men per patrol. The company made 15 sightings of 181 enemy and 14 contacts with 45 enemy resulting in 12 enemy KIA(C). There were no friendly casualties. 7 artillery missions of 410 rounds and 3 air strikes were conducted and 1 AK-47 was captured.

Co. D During the reporting period, Company D conducted 17 patrols averaging 2.23 days with an average of 6.64 men per patrol. The company made 2 sightings of 36 enemy and 7 contacts with 58 enemy resulting in 9 enemy KIA(C). 3 artillery missions of 18 rounds were conducted. The company found numerous munitions and other gear, 2 PPS-43 Sub-machine Guns were captured.

Co. E During the reporting period, Company E conducted 19 patrols averaging 2.93 days with an average of 6.00 men per patrol. The company made 10 sightings of 157 enemy and 5 contacts with 17 enemy resulting in 2 enemy KIA(C). There were no friendly casualties. There were 8 artillery missions of 68 rounds.

3d Force Recon Co. During the reporting period, Force Company conducted 31 patrols averaging 2.20 days with an average of 5.25 men per patrol. company made 9 sightings totalling 244 enemy and 12 contacts with 88 enemy resulting in 26 enemy KIA(C) and 2 USMC WIA. The company conducted 4 artillery missions of 377 rounds and 1 air strike.

H&S Co. During the reporting period the Scuba section conducted 4 Scuba missions in support of the 3d Marine Division, plus 1 Scuba mission in support of the First Air Cav. Division. For the fourth continuous month this section cleared and helped 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, and Scotland II during this reporting period.
- c. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy. There has been 63 VC/NVA casualties KIA(C). The Battalion captured numerous documents, munitions and other type of gear. The Battalion also captured 2 SKS's, 2 PPS-43's, and 1 AK-47.
- d. Casualties Sustained. The Battalion suffered 1 USMC KIA, and 5 USMC WIA.
- e. New Techniques Employed. Nothing significant to report.
- f. Command Relations. During this reporting period, the 3d Force Reconnaissance Company became OPCON to the 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. 1st Platoon, Company A, 5th Reconnaissance Battalion became OPCON to 2nd Battalion 26th Marines.
- g. Equipment. Nothing significant to report.
- h. Logistics. During the Reporting period there were 16 hardbacks constructed to be utilized as Battalion Aid Station, Company offices and as Supply.
- i. Civic Action. All personnel joining the Battalion were given a class in the Personal Response Program by the Battalion Sergeant Major.
- j. Administration. Nothing significant to report.
- k. Personnel. 7 August 1968, 1STLT R.E. LATIMER, USMC, assigned duty as S-2 Officer, vice 1STLT R. G. WALLS, USMC.
 9 August 1968, LTCDR D. B. FOUNTAIN, USN, assigned duty as 3d Reconnaissance Battalion Chaplain, vice LT. K. L. ANDERSON, USN.
 19 August 1968, CAPT. V. F. MAHER, USMC, assigned duty as S-4 Officer, vice, 1STLT C. J. SWANSON, USMC.
 19 August 1968, 1STLT R. M. HARDEN, USMC, assigned duty as H&S Company Commander, vice, 1STLT L.E. WALKER, USMC.
 24 August 1968, 1STLT C. W. KING, USMC, assigned duty as Company A, Commanding Officer, vice, 1STLT J. R. PETTY, USMC.

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l. Weather. During the month of August the weather for the most part was fair with a small decrease in temperature and scattered showers. Wind velocity was up to 30 knots per hour and the temperature ranged from 99 degrees high, to 76 degrees low. Helicopter inserts and extractions were hampered some by rain and low overcast.

m. Fire Support. The Battalion's Reconnaissance teams directed 28 fire missions for a total of 1203 rounds.

n. Air support. The Battalion's Reconnaissance teams utilized 14 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 Platoon, Company E (Rein) 5th Reconnaissance Battalion, redesignated to SLF 2/26.

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 served during the period. 6 men from the 1st Brigade 5th Mechanized Division attended the Reconnaissance school.

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 Philippines.

Seven personnel graduated from the U.S. Army Recondo school in Nha Trang, Vietnam, during the reporting period. Schools were conducted at the location given:

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
SCUBA SCHOOL	12	SUBIC BAY
RECONDO SCHOOL	7	NHA TRANG
CRYPTO SCHOOL	1	JAPAN
EMBARKATION SCHOOL	1	OKINAWA
CAREER ADVISOR SCHOOL	1	OKINAWA
NCO LEADERSHIP SCHOOL	3	OKINAWA

q. Communication. The following sites are presently being utilized as radio relay sites:

<u>NAME DESIGNATOR</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
LEAGUE LEADER (vice Andrew)	YD304533	Al Ta
FOXTROT	YD001484	Vandergift Combat Base
GOLF	YD009455	Ca In
PAPA	YD068547	Camp Carroll

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<u>NAME DESIGNATOR</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>AREA</u>
RUMBO	XD844455	Khe Sanh
SIGMA	XD978559	Thua Son Lam
TANGO	YD247597	Dong Ha
VICTOR	YD135646	C-2
WHISKY	YD034386	Hill 796

r. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Enemy activity increased substantially in the Northern I Corps area during the month of August. Reconnaissance patrols continued to make significant sightings and 2 large contacts in the Leatherneck Square area as infiltration across the DMZ continues. It appears also that the enemy is concurrently staging a large build-up in this area. Enemy activity increased significantly in the Helicopter Valley region, and several sightings and contacts by Reconnaissance patrols indicate heavy enemy infiltration and possible base camps in this area. Enemy activity North and Northwest of the Rock Pile continues to increase, and a document captured by a Reconnaissance patrol indentified the 52nd Regiment of the 320th NVA Division. The decrease in enemy activity in the Camp Carroll region continued throughout the month. Enemy operation West of the Thon Son Lam-Ca Lu region maintained a high level. The enemy appears to be increasing his activity in the Khe Sanh area, and infiltration from Laos continues with Route 926 as a major infiltration route. There was no Reconnaissance sightings or contacts in the Ba Long Valley, but other intelligence sources indicate steady infiltration in this area. Reconnaissance sightings and contacts West of Quang Tri Combat Base indicate an increase in enemy activity in this region.

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PART III
 SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF
 SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

OpC 820-68 (3A) 120000 - 121300 Aug 68 (130539Z). A patrol operating in the vicinity of XD9559 conducted 3 1/2 hours of reconnaissance resulting in one sighting of 20 enemy and one contact with 2 enemy resulting in 2 enemy KIA(C), and one USMC WIA. Patrol captured the enemy's gear, 2 SKS's, and retrieved the bodies which were turned over to G-2 collections. Documents captured were of extreme importance.

OpC 834-68 (2E4) 131300H - 141730H Aug 68 (150935Z). A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD0763 conducted 2 1/2 hours of reconnaissance resulting in 2 sightings of 5 enemy and one contact with 2 enemy resulting in one enemy KIA(C). There were no friendly casualties.

OpC 813-68 (1-3) 141100H - 141330H Aug 68 (150245Z). A patrol operating in the vicinity of XD8958 conducted 2 1/2 hours of reconnaissance resulting in one contact with 30-40 enemy resulting in one USMC WIA and 3 enemy KIA(C). 125 rounds of artillery were fired and one air strike conducted.

OpC 837-68 (3C1) 151030H - 151630H Aug 68 (160203Z). A patrol operating in the vicinity of XD9759 conducted 6 hours of reconnaissance resulting in 4 enemy sightings of 22 enemy and one contact with 7 enemy. Patrol called an artillery mission of 6 rounds and one air strike resulting in one enemy KIA(C). There were no friendly casualties.

OpC 119D-68 (1D2) 181115H - 201715H Aug 68 (210557Z). A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD1246 conducted 5 1/2 hours of reconnaissance resulting in one sighting of 3 enemy and 3 contacts with 29 enemy resulting in 4 enemy KIA(C). Patrol fired one artillery mission of 10 rounds with good coverage. There were no friendly casualties.

OpC 857-68 (1C1) 181515H - 181830H Aug 68 (181622Z). A patrol operating in the vicinity of XD9360 conducted 3 hours of reconnaissance resulting in one contact with 3 enemy resulting in 3 enemy KIA(C) and one AK-47 captured. There was one USMC WIA, (mine),

OpC 115D-68 (2-1) 200045H - 201100H Aug 68 (210539Z). A patrol operating in the vicinity of XD8422 conducted 1 1/2 hours of reconnaissance resulting in one enemy sighting of 4 enemy and 2 contacts with 5 enemy resulting in 4 enemy KIA(C). There were no friendly casualties.

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Cpl 891-68 (1-2) 220715H - 220930H Aug 68 (231305Z). A patrol operating in the vicinity of XD9253 conducted 15 minutes of reconnaissance resulting in one contact with 15 enemy resulting in 2 enemy KIA(C). Team was extracted. No friendly casualties were sustained.

Cpl 886-68 (3A2) 241100H - 250800H Aug 68 (260543Z). A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD1868 conducted 21 hours of reconnaissance resulting in 4 enemy sightings of 40 enemy and 3 contacts with 20 enemy resulting in 12 enemy KIA(C). Approximately 500 rounds of artillery were fired with good target coverage. There were no friendly casualties.

Cpl 900-68 (3D2) 241630H - 281630H Aug 68 (290939Z). A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD2454 conducted 96 hours of reconnaissance resulting in 3 sightings of 15 enemy and one contact with 7 enemy resulting in 5 enemy KIA(C). There were no friendly casualties.

Cpl 926-68 (1C2) 281730H - 301000H Aug 68 (010235Z). A patrol operating in the vicinity of XD9657 conducted 42 1/2 hours of reconnaissance resulting in 8 contacts with 8 enemy resulting in 8 enemy KIA(C). There were no friendly casualties. Patrol conducted several fire missions totalling 326 rounds resulting in numerous caves and tunnels destroyed and 4 enemy KIA(C). Air strikes conducted resulted in numerous caves and tunnels destroyed and 12 enemy KIA(C). There were no friendly casualties.

Cpl 76A-68 (3E) 310800H - 101500H Aug 68 (110545Z). A radio relay operating in the vicinity of YD0338 conducted 247 hours of relay resulting in the observation of 250-350 secondary explosions which were the results of artillery fire directed by the team on a suspected enemy vehicle convoy.

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PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓(1)	PATROL REPORT	820-68	CF	130539Z	AUGUST 68	(Co. A)
✓(2)	PATROL REPORT	834-68	CF	150935Z	AUGUST 68	(Co. B)
✓(3)	PATROL REPORT	813-68	CF	150245Z	AUGUST 68	(F.B.C.E)
✓(4)	PATROL REPORT	837-68	CF	160203Z	AUGUST 68	(Co. C)
✓(5)	PATROL REPORT	119D-68	CF	210537Z	AUGUST 68	(Co. D)
✓(6)	PATROL REPORT	857-68	CF	181622Z	AUGUST 68	(Co. D)
✓(7)	PATROL REPORT	115D-68	CF	210539Z	AUGUST 68	(F.B.C.E)
✓(8)	PATROL REPORT	891-68	CF	231806Z	AUGUST 68	(F.B.C.E)
✓(9)	PATROL REPORT	880-68	CF	260543Z	AUGUST 68	(Co. A)
✓(10)	PATROL REPORT	900-68	CF	290939Z	AUGUST 68	(Co. D)
✓(11)	PATROL REPORT	926-68	CF	010235Z	SEPTEMBER 68	(Co. C)
✓(12)	PATROL REPORT	76A-68	CF	110545Z	AUGUST 68	(Co. B)

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CG PCV

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PROVINCE ADVISOR QUANG TRI
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1. R CON TEAM: JAW BREAKER 341 (6 MEN)
SPOT REPORT IN LIEU OF PATROL REPORT

OP 820-68

120930H THE TEAM WAS INSERTED AT (XD953610). THE TEAM MOVED 100 METERS TO THE NORTH. TEAM OBSERVED 20 NVA/VC IN THE VALLEY VIC. (XD953597) MOVING SOUTHEAST. ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND LARGE PACKS. TEAM COULDN'T OBSERVE WEAPONS OR OTHER GEAR. ENEMY CROSSED THE RIVER AND MOVED INTO A TREELINE AT (XD954597), POSSIBLE BASE CAMP. TEAM CALLED A FIRE MISSION OF 20-30 ROUNDS. TEAM OBSERVED NO MOVEMENT.

121230H (XD940610) AFTER THE TEAM COMPLETED THE FIRE MISSION, TWO ENEMY MOVING FROM THE NORTH ST WALKED INTO THE TEAM'S POSITION. TEAM INITIATED CONTACT WHICH RESULTED IN 2 NVA KIA (C) AND (1) FRIENDLY WIA (E). THE ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, GREEN PITH HELMETS, HEAVY PACKS, AND WERE ARMED WITH 2 SKS'S. THE ENEMY ALSO WORE HO CHI MINH SANDALS, AND BROWN LEATHER BELTS WITH SILVER BUCKLES.

121300H THE TEAM WAS EXTRACTED AT (XD940610). ENEMY BODIES AND GEAR AND FRIENDLY WIA WERE TAKEN TO D MED.

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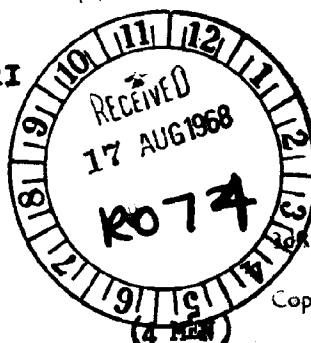
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CG PCV

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1. RECON TEAM: ROCK HAVEN 284
2. DATE INSERTED/EXTRACTED: 131300H/141730H (28 1/2 HOURS)
3. ROUTE: FM (YD132645) TO (YD119638) TO (YD114655) TO (YD105634) TO (YD049639) TO (YD087634) TO (YD083639) TO (YD078638).
4. TERRAIN: ROLLING HILLS WITH KNEE HIGH GRASS ON HIGHER GROUND AND THICK UNDERGROWTH ON THE LOW GROUND. POOR COVER AND CONCEALMENT. UNLIMITED RATE OF MOVEMENT. EVERY HILLTOP IS A GOOD QP SITE. THERE ARE NUMEROUS TRAILS IN THE RZ, MANY CONVERGING ON A POSSIBLE BASE CAMP VIC. (YD075640).
5. HILZ'S: (YD0763) SITE WILL ACCOMMODATE (10) CH-46'S. 360 DEGREE APPROACH WITH NO OBSTACLES.
6. ENEMY: 141500H (YD078638) THE TEAM OBSERVED 2 NV/VC MOVING SOUTH-EAST DOWN A TRAIL TOWARD THE TEAM. THE ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, BUSH COVERS, PACKS, AK-47'S, WEB GEAR, AND SNEAKER TYPE BOOTS. TEAM HAD EARLIER FOUND FOOTPRINTS ON THIS TRAIL AND WAS SETTING UP AN AMBUSH. WHEN THE ENEMY CAME WITHIN 25 METERS OF THE TEAM THEY STOPPED AND STARTED RUNNING TO THE NORTHWEST. THE TEAM STAYED IN POSITION AND AT 1630H THE TEAM OBSERVED 3 ENEMY MOVING NORTHWEST VIC (YD083638). ENEMY WAS SPREAD OUT. ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, GREEN SKIVY SHIRTS, GREEN BUSH COVERS, AND WERE ARMED WITH AK-47'S. THE FIRST ENEMY HAD WEB GEAR, THE SECOND HAD A PACK AND THE THIRD ENEMY ALSO HAD WEB GEAR. TEAM INITIATED CONTACT RESULTING IN ONE ENEMY KIA (C), AND ONE ENEMY WIA. THE WIA AND THE OTHER ENEMY FLED TO THE SOUTHEAST. TEAM CALLED FOR AN AO. WHEN THE AO CAME ON STATION HE OBSERVED SEVERAL ENEMY BUILDING BUNKERS AT (YD075640). GUNSHIPS CAME ON STATION AND RAN STRIKES ON THE AREA AND THE TEAM WAS EXTRACTED.

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7. MISCELLANEOUS: 131700H (YD087624) THE TEAM FOUND A 2-4 MAN
HARBOR SITE WITH A HOOCH APPROX ONE WEEK OLD. TEAM ALSO FOUND TWO
CHICOM GRENADES AT THIS POSITION.
THE TEAM ALSO OBSERVED SEVERAL SETS OF FOOTPRINTS. ALL THE FOOTPRINTS
WERE GOING TOWARD POSSIBLE BASE CAMP AT (YD075640).

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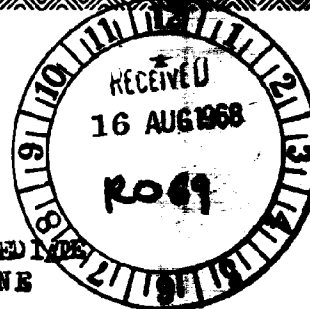
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RECON DEBRIEFING REPORT

1. RECON TEAM: FAIRLAME 1-3 3D FORCE RECON CO. (4 MEN) QO 813-68
2. DATE INSERTED/EXTRACTED: 141100H/141330H (2 1/2 HOURS)
SPOT REPORT IN LIEU OF PATROL REPORT

141145H (X0893587) THE TEAM FOUND TWO TREE STUMPS, 2 1/2 FT HIGH, WITH SANDBAGS ON TOP. THE STUMPS WERE ABOUT 20 METERS APART. TEAM REMOVED THE SANDBAGS AND FOUND CLAYMORES ABOUT 9" IN DIAMETER. THEY WERE SHAPED LIKE PLATES WITH THE BLASTING CAP IN THE BACK. EACH ONE HAD A WIRE LEADING FROM THE BLASTING CAP. THE MINES WERE COMAND DETONATED. THE TEAM DISARMED THE CLAYMORES AND AT THIS TIME A TEAM MEMBER WAS SHOT BY A BURST OF FIRE FROM AN AK-47. THE INITIAL FIRE CAME FROM THE EAST, THEN FROM ALL DIRECTIONS. THE TEAM CALLED A FIRE MISSION OF 125 MM UNTIL THE GUNSHIPS ARRIVED. THE TEAM CONTINUED TO RECEIVE FIRE EVEN WHILE THE GUNSHIPS WERE MAKING RUNS. FIXED WING CAME ON STATION AND DROPPED THEIR ORDNANCE WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGET. THE TEAM DID NOT RECEIVE ANY FIRE AFTER THE F/W STRIKE. DURING THE EXTRACTION THE TEAM OBSERVED ONE BODY. THE HELO TOOK NO FIRE DURING THE EXTRACTION. THE TEAM ESTIMATED 30-40 ENEMY WERE INVOLVED IN THE CONTACT, AND THAT THE AREA IS POSSIBLY BOOBY-TRAPPED.

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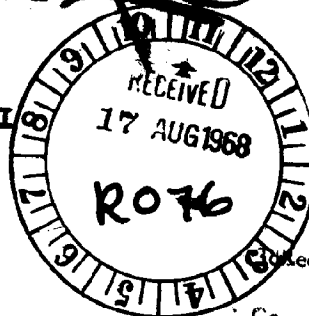
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1. RECON TEAM: BADMINTON 301 (5 MEN)
2. DATE INSERTED/EXTRACTED: 151030H/151630H
3. SPOT REPORT IN LIEU OF PATROL REPORT.

QO 857-68
(7 HOURS)

151130H (XD975595) TEAM OBSERVED 8-10 ENEMY AT (XD973592) MOVING EAST TOWARD THE TEAM. ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, BUSH COVERS, UNKNOWN TYPE WEAPONS, CARTRIDGE BELTS, AND AT LEAST FOUR ENEMY WORE HEAVY PICKLS. TEAM CONDUCTED AN ARTILLERY MISSION OF SIX ROUNDS ON THE ENEMY.

GUNSHIPS HAD OBSERVED SIX ENEMY AT (XD969587) AND WERE FIRING ON THEM. THE TEAM CALLED THE GUNSHIPS AND THE GUNSHIPS MADE RUNS ON THE ENEMY SPOTTED BY THE TEAM. THE TEAM OBSERVED TWO ENEMY MOVING WEST AFTER THE GUNSHIPS FIRED ON THE ENEMY.

151230H THE TEAM CALLED FOR AN AO AND THE AO OBSERVED 3 ENEMY AT (XD973596) MOVING TOWARD THE TEAM. THE GUNSHIPS MADE SEVERAL RUNS ON THE ENEMY RESULTING IN (1) KIA. THE AO CALLED A FIRE MISSION ON THE ENEMY WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

151400H THE TEAM OBSERVED 2-5 ENEMY AT (XD968595) MOVING EAST. UNKNOWN WEAPONS, UNIFORMS, ETC. TEAM CONTINUED MISSION. TEAM WAS UNABLE TO CALL FIRE MISSION BECAUSE OF FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA.

151500H ANOTHER AO CAME ON STATION AND OBSERVED 10 ENEMY AT (XD976602). ENEMY WAS MOVING SOUTH. GUNSHIPS CAME ON STATION AND FIRED ON THE ENEMY.

151530H THE GUNSHIPS OBSERVED 5 ENEMY (XD971590) AND FIRED ON THE ENEMY. THE AO OBSERVED MUZZLE FLASHES VIC OF (XD965595) AND THOUGHT THE ENEMY WAS SHOOTING AT THE TEAM.

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151545H FIXED WING CAME ON STATION AND MADE SEVERAL RUNS TO PREP THE AREA FOR THE TEAM'S EXTRACTION. EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF TARGET. 151630H THE TEAM WAS EXTRACTED AT (XD978595). THE HELO RECEIVED SEVERAL SNIPER ROUNDS WITH NO HITS. DURING THE EXTRACTION THE TEAM OBSERVED APPROX 5 BILTY AT (XD977592). GUNSHIPS WORKED OUT IN THIS AREA.

MISCELLANEOUS: THERE IS A TRAIL AT (XD976606) WHICH RUNS NORTH TO SOUTH. THE TRAIL IS WELL USED, 2 FT WIDE, AND HAS BEEN RECENTLY USED.

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TO: CG THIRD ARMY
CG TWENTY FOURTH CORPS

INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA
FIRST BDE FIFTH MECH INF USA
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1. RECON TEAM: ANDREW 2D2 (5 MEN)
2. DATE INSERTED/EXTRACTED: 18115H/201715H (54 HOURS)
3. ROUTE: FM (YD124459) TO (YD126459) TO (YD132466) TO (YD134463) TO (YD134468) TO (YD125468) TO (YD125465) TO (YD134467).
4. TERRAIN: LOW ROLLING HILLS WITH 4-5 FT ELEPHANT GRASS AND SCATTERED AREAS OF 10-15 FT HIGH CANOPY. RATE OF MOVEMENT IS UNLIMITED. AT SITE AT (YD129469) OFFERS GOOD 360 DEGREE OBSERVATION.
THERE ARE NUMEROUS WELSH TRAILS IN THE RZ. THEY ARE ALL ONE OF TWO WEEKS OLD AND WELL USED. THEY GENERALLY RUN NORTH TO SOUTH.
5. HILLS: (YD123479) SITE WILL ACCOMMODATE (2) CH-46'S. HILLSIDE WITH LOW GRASS. 360 DEGREE APPROACH WITH NO OBSTACLES.
(YD134454) SITE WILL ACCOMMODATE (5) CH-46'S. VALLEY FLOOR WITH LOW GRASS. BEST APPROACH FROM EAST TO WEST WITH NO OBSTACLES.
6. ENEMY: 181300H (YD126459) THE TEAM SPOTTED 5 LARGE CHINESE RATION CANS AND THEN OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA AT (YD132458). THE TEAM THEN OBSERVED TWO MORE ENEMY AT (YD134455) MOVING TOWARD THE FIRST ENEMY SPOTTED. THE TEAM CALLED A FIRE MISSION OF NINE ROUNDS WITH POOR COVERAGE OF TARGET. 191400H (YD136484) TEAM WAS MOVING WEST AND MADE CONTACT WITH ONE ENEMY. ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, SANDALS, CARTRIDGE BELT, LIGHT PACK, AND CARRIED A M-1 CARBINE. TEAM INITIATED SAF RESULTING IN ONE VC/NVA KIA (C). THE TEAM THEN OBSERVED TWO MORE ENEMY RUNNING EAST. TEAM INITIATED SAF RESULTING IN 2 NVA/VC KIA (C). ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, CARTRIDGE BELTS, LIGHT PACKS, AND WEAPONS WERE UNOBSERVED.
201645H (YD124468) THE TEAM HEARD MOVEMENT 15 METERS TO THEIR NORTH. TEAM SET UP AN ambush AND INITIATED SAF ON ONE ENEMY. ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S, SANDALS, CARTRIDGE BELT, LIGHT PACK, AND M-1 CARBINE. THE ambush RESULTED IN ONE VC/NVA KIA (C). WHILE ATTEMPTING TO SEARCH THE BODY AND CAPTURE THE WEAPON THE TEAM RECEIVED AN INCOMING GRENADE 20 METERS TO THEIR NORTH. TEN OR FIFTEEN ENEMY INITIATED SAF

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AND THE TEAM RETURNED FIRE. ENEMY FIRE WAS ALL SEMI-AUTOMATIC. TEAM
 BROKE CONTACT AND MOVED 100 METERS WEST WHEN THEY BEGAN RECEIVING
 FIRE FROM (YD124465). 8-10 ENEMY WERE INVOLVED IN THE CONTACT AND
 ALL FIRE WAS SEMI-AUTOMATIC. TEAM MOVED TO (YD131465). AN AO CAME
 IN STATION AND HE OBSERVED NUMEROUS FIGHTING HOLES, BUNKERS, TRENCHES,
 AND MOVEMENT IN THE AREA. AO OBSERVED DEFINITE MOVEMENT AT (YD129469)
 AND MADE TWO ROCKET AND SERAPING RUNS ON THE ENEMY.
 THE TEAM WAS EXTRACTED AT (YD132467) 20173G.
 MISCELLANEOUS: 131600H (YD127462) TEAM HEARD MOVEMENT 25 METERS TO
 THEIR EAST. THEY CHECKED THE AREA AND DISCOVERED A V SHAPED TRENCH
 RUNNING NORTH. 132200H (YD136464) TEAM OBSERVED A LIGHT 75 METERS TO
 THEIR EAST. THE LIGHT REMAINED ON AND STATIONARY ALL NIGHT.
 191300H (YD136484) TEAM HEARD NOISE, SUCH AS THE BUILDING OF BUNKERS
 AT (YD136464). 191700H (YD129469) THE TEAM OBSERVED A COMPANY SIZE
 BASE CAMP AT (YD124468). BASE CAMP CONTAINS NUMEROUS FRESH TRENCHES,
 AND FIGHTING HOLES. THERE IS A CAVE ENTRANCE ABOUT 4 FT HIGH AND 2 FT
 WIDE RUNNING INTO THE RIVER BANK. THE BASE CAMP WAS WELL CAMOUFLAGED
 FROM THE AIR. 200100H (YD129469) THE TEAM HEARD MOVEMENT IN THE WATER
 AT (YD124468). 200800H (YD129469) THE TEAM HEARD VOICES COMING FROM
 (YD124468).
 201600H (YD125463) THE TEAM DISCOVERED A CEMENT BRIDGE NOT SHOWN ON
 THE MAP. THE BRIDGE IS 20 FT LONG AND 10 FT WIDE. THE BRIDGE IS OLD
 BUT IS STILL IN GOOD SHAPE. IT CAN ACCOMMODATE VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.
 201615H (YD124465) THE TEAM ENCOUNTERED NUMEROUS FRESH PUNJIPITS,
 AND GRAVEL MINES. THERE WERE ALSO SCATTERED FIGHTING HOLES. THE
 TEAM THEN HEARD MOVEMENT ABOUT 200 METERS TO THEIR WEST.

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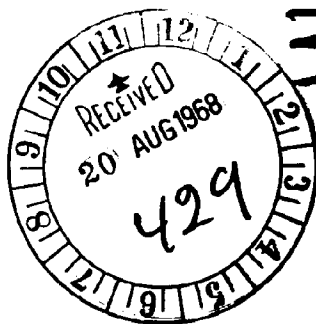
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1. TEAM FAIRLAINE PERSONNEL WERE SIGHTED 100M
2. DATE INSERTED 181510Z AUGUST 68 AT (ND 931608)
3. DATE EXTRACTED 181830Z AUGUST 68 AT (ND 931608)
4. ROUTE FM INSERT LOC 59 DEGREES WEST 59 METERS TO EXTRACT POINT
5. TERRAIN ELEPHANT GRASS APPROX 19 FEET HIGH RATE OF MOVEMENT
6. PATROL LEADER'S DESCRIPTION.
7. ELZ'S CND 081603 081604 IS SADDLE OF A FINGER WITH 10 FEET OF
8. ELEPHANT GRASS SITE WITH ACCOMMODATE 412 CH-46 BEST APPROX

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PAGE TWO RUMOR 422 O N F I D E N T I A L FROM THE EAST WITH NO OBSTACLE
 6. INDICATIONS OF ENEMY ACTIVITY INTERCEPTING SOUNDS
 WHICH BELIEVED ENEMY WERE BUILDING IN THE AREA. 181620H TM FAIRLAINE
 RECEIVED AMF FIRE IN (ND 02965). TM RETURNED WITH SAF FIRE
 RESULTING IN TWO (2) ENEMY KILLED. TM HEARD MOVEMENT AROUND THEIR
 POSITION. TM CAPTURED (1) M1600 WITH (1) ONE AK-47, AND A (1)
 WITTEN IN ENGLISH ALONG PICTURES OR PHOTOS'S EXTRACT HELLO'S AD
 TWO GUNSHOTS CAME ON STATION TM HEARD MOVEMENT TO THEIR SOUTH
 AND RECEIVED FIRE FROM THE WEST. HELLO'S LEFT THE SITE TO GUIDED
 TRANSPORT HELLO'S IN WH CH-46 TOOK FIRE. AFTER INES WERE ME WAI UNKNOWN
 RESULTS. TRANSPORT HELLO'S MOVED IN AD TOOK FIRE IN THE FUEL TANK
 WHILE ANOTHER HELLO EXTRACTED THE TEAM. RESULT SOME CREW MEMBER ERIOUSLY
 WOUNDED, SOME TEAM MEMBER WIA (MENOR).

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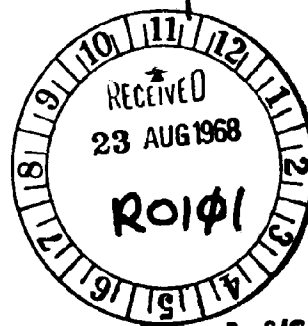
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1. RECON TEAM: HAIRIDE 2-1 3D FORCE RECON CO (4 MEN)
 2. DATE INSERTED/EXTRACTED: 200945H/201100H
 SPOT REPORT IN lieu of PATROL REPORT.

200945H THE TEAM WAS INSERTED AT (XD847223). THE TEAM HAD POOR COMM WITH THE RELAY. TEAM MOVED 50 METERS EAST AND HEARD MOVEMENT 100 METERS SOUTH OF THEIR POSITION. THE MOVEMENT MOVED EAST APPROX 75 METERS FROM THE TEAM. 201030H THE TEAM MOVED WEST TO (XD847224) AND OBSERVED ENEMY AT (XD845221). THE ENEMY WORE GREEN UNIFORMS, BUSH COVERS, AND CARRIED AK-47'S. AT LEAST ONE ENEMY HAD A SMALL PACK. ENEMY SEEMED TO BE MOVING TO THE TEAM'S INSERTION HLZ. THE TEAM RECEIVED ONE BOMBING AND GRENADE WHICH LANDED ABOUT 20 METERS SHORT OF THE TEAM. 201030H 2 ENEMY MOVED 15 METERS WEST OF THE TEAM. THE ENEMY WORE GREEN UNIFORMS, CARTRIDGE BELTS, NA GAZINE POUCHES, BUT HAD NO WEAPONS. EACH ENEMY HAD A GRENADE IN EACH HAND. THE TEAM INITIATED SAF RESULTING IN 2 NVA KIA (C). THE TEAM MOVED AND OBSERVED 3 ENEMY APPROX 50 METERS SOUTHWEST OF THE TEAM. TEAM INITIATED SAF RESULTING IN 2 NVA KIA (C). GUNSHIPS CAME ON STATION AT 201100H AND TEAM CONTINUED TO FIRE AND THROW GRENADES. GUNSHIPS MADE RUNS 50 METERS WEST AND SOUTHWEST OF THE TEAM. THE TRANSPORT HELOS EXTRACTED THE TEAM AND THE TEAM HEARD AK-47 FIRE BUT THE HELO WAS NOT HIT.
 DISCREPANCY: UPON INSERT THE TEAM SAW ROAD APPROX 15-20 METERS WIDE, WELL PACKED HARD CLAY. TEAM OBSERVED TRACKED VEHICLE TRACKS ON THE ROAD. MUCH OF THE ROAD CAN BE SEEN FROM THE AIR. THERE ARE ALSO SEVERAL 3-4 FT WIDE TRAILS, WELL USED, RUNNING EAST TO WEST FROM LAO. AFTER BEING INSERTED TEAM HEARD SHOTS TO NORTH, SOUTH, EAST AND WEST FOR 20 MINUTES. TEAM BELIEVES SHOTS WERE USED FOR SIGNALLING. TEAM HEARD AN IN GRID SQUARE (XD8425).

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1. RECON TEAM: AIR POLICE 1-2 3D FORCE RECON CO (9 MEN) QPO 891-68
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220915H THE TEAM WAS INSERTED AT (XD924533). AFTER DEPLANING THE INSER-
TION HELICOPTER THE TEAM OBSERVED 15 ENEMY APPROX 30 METERS WEST OF THE TEAM.
THE ENEMY WORE MIXED GREEN AND BROWN UTILITIES, CARTRIDGE BELTS, BUSH
COVERS, AND CARRIED SIG'S AND AK-47'S. THE TEAM INITIATED SAF RESULTING
IN 2 NVA KIA (C). GUNSHIPS MADE 2 ROCKET AND STRAFING RUNS ON THE
ENEMY WITH EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF TARGET. THE TEAM WAS EXTRACTED
AT 220930H (XD924533).

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1. RECON TEAM: TENDER RANCHO 3A2 (8 MEN)
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241145H (YD182678) THE TEAM FOUND A DUD CHL COM GRENADE AND MOVED NORTH APPROX 50 METERS AND OBSERVED 3 ENEMY RUNNING NORTH VIC. (YD185685). THE ENEMY WORE BLACK AND WHITE PJ'S. ONE WORE A GREEN SOFT COVER AND THE OTHER TWO WORE COOLIE HATS. THE ENEMY WAS CARRYING LARGE BAGS, TWO OF WHICH LOOKED LIKE THEY CONTAINED WEAPONS. THE TEAM CALLED A FIRE MISSION WITH EXCELLENT TARGET COVERAGE AND UNKNOWN RESULTS. WHILE THE TEAM WAS FIRING THE ARTILLERY MISSION, WOODCUTTERS IN THE AREA STAYED INSTEAD OF LEAVING. 241700H (YD 180687) THE TEAM WAS MOVING NORTH WHEN THE POINT MAN OBSERVED 15 ENEMY COOKING AND TALKING. THE TEAM INITIATED SAF RESULTING IN 3 ENEMY KIA (C). THE ENEMY WAS WEARING KHAKI'S, WEB GEAR, AND WERE ARMED WITH AK-47'S. THEIR PACKS WERE LYING ON THE GROUND AND DID NOT APPEAR TO BE FULLY PACKED. THE TEAM CONTINUED TO EXCHANGE SAF WITH THE ENEMY RESULTING IN 3 MORE ENEMY KIA (C).

241705H (YD180687) THE TEAM STARTED TO RECEIVE APPROX 140 ROUNDS OF 82MM MORTARS FROM THE VIC OF (YD194687) AND (YD184696).

241810H THE TEAM STARTED TO ESTABLISH 360 DEGREE SECURITY WHILE THEY WERE STILL RECEIVING MORTAR FIRE AND SAF. EXCHANGE OF FIRE WITH THE ENEMY RESULTED IN 1 USMC KIA MINOR, AND 5 ENEMY KIA (C).

241830H THE TEAM ESTABLISHED 360 DEGREE SECURITY AND CALLED IN ANOTHER FIRE MISSION. GUNSHIPS CAME ON STATION AND INFORMED THE TEAM THAT THE ENEMY WAS ALL AROUND THE TEAM. THE TEAM OBSERVED 30-40 ENEMY TO THE EAST, NORTH AND WEST GET UP AND RUN AWAY FROM THE TEAM.

241915H FIXED WING RAN AN AIR STRIKE ON THE ENEMY AND SOME OF THE ENEMY SAF CEASED. THE FIXED WING RECEIVED 50 CAL FIRE DURING THE RUNS.

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241930H HELO CONTAINING A REACTIONARY FORCE TRIED TO LAND BUT WAS DRIVEN OUT OF THE ZONE BY 50 CAL AND ANF AND MORTAR FIRE. THE HELO LANDED ON THE SECOND ATTEMPT AND RECEIVED HEAVY FIRE.

241900H THE TEAM AND REACTIONARY FORCE RECEIVED A FIRE FOR EFFECT OF 60 (82)MM MORTAR ROUNDS. THE MORTAR FIRE RESULTED IN 3 FRIENDLY KIA'S AND 8 WIA'S.

241950H TWO ENEMY NORTH OF THE TEAM'S POSITION STARTED MOVING TOWARD THE TEAM. TEAM INITIATED SAF RESULTING IN 1 ENEMY KIA (C). EXCHANGE OF FIRE BETWEEN ENEMY AND THE TEAM RESULTED IN 1 USMC KIA. TEAM CALLED AN ARTILLERY MISSION.

242030H THE TEAM MOVED BACK TO (YD182687). THE TEAM WAS STILL RECEIVING MORTAR FIRE AND SNIPER FIRE AT THIS TIME.

242300H SPOCKY CAME ON STATION AND WORKED OUT IN THE AREA.

242315H MED-EVAC HELOS RECEIVED SAF, ANF AND MORTAR FIRE WHILE PICKING UP CASUALTIES. THE REST OF THE REACTIONARY FORCE WAS INSERTED AT THIS TIME.

THE TEAM AND REACTIONARY FORCE CONTINUED TO FIRE ARTILLERY FOR THE REST OF THE NIGHT.

250600H THE REACTIONARY FORCE MOVED NORTH AND WAS HIT BY ANF AND SAF FROM THE WEST.

250630H THE TEAM OBSERVED 2 ENEMY APPROX 100 METERS WEST OF THEIR POSITION, MOVING TOWARD THEM. ONE ENEMY WORE A STEEL HELMET, THE TEAM WAS UNABLE TO OBSERVE MORE CLOSELY DUE TO HIGH GRASS. THE TEAM FIRED AN M-79 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

250800H WHILE THE TEAM WAS BEING EXTRACTED THEY OBSERVED 1 ENEMY 150 METERS SOUTHEAST OF THEIR POSITION, AND 5 ENEMY 100 METERS FROM THE TEAM. THE HELO RECEIVED FIRE DURING THE EXTRACTION.

OTHER INFORMATION: 241700H THE TEAM CROSSED A TRAIL AT (YD182684). TRAIL RUNS FROM EAST TO WEST. THERE WERE BUFFALO TRACKS 4-6 INCHES DEEP IN THE GROUND. THE TRACKS TURNED NORTH VIC (YD182687) AND DISAPPEARED.

THE TEAM CALLED IN APPROX 500 ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY DURING THE PATROL. THE TEAM ALSO BELIEVES THERE IS A BASE CAMP IN THIS AREA.

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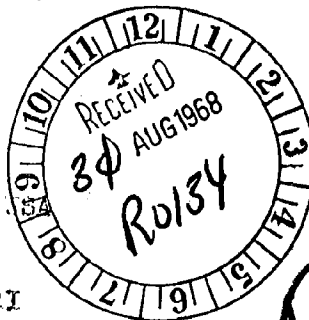
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1. RECON TEAM: SALINAS 302 (8 MEN) 000. 900.68
2. DATE INSERTED/EXTD CTED: 241630H/281630H (95 HOURS)
3. ROUTE: FM (YD281513) TO (YD249529) TO (YD248547) TO (YD241547) TO (YD242543) TO (YD265548) TO (YD284573).
4. TERRAIN: LOW ROLLING HILLS WITH LOW BRUSH. RATE OF MOVEMENT IS THE PATROL LEADER'S DISCRETION. OF SITE AT (YD242548) OFFERS GOOD 360 DEGREE OBSERVATION. THERE ARE NUMEROUS TRAILS IN THE AREA GENERALLY RUNNING EAST TO WEST.
5. HLT'S: (YD2354)
6. ENEMY: 2519001 (YD254555) THE TEAM OBSERVED ONE ENEMY WEARING BLACK PJ'S, APPROX 100 METERS NE OF THE TEAM. TEAM THEN OBSERVED ONE ENEMY WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, CARTRIDGE BELT, LIGHT PACK, BUSH COVER, AND ARMED WITH AN UNKNOWN TYPE WEAPON. ENEMY SPOTTED THE TEAM AND MOVED NE. 2616001 (YD248549) TEAM OBSERVED MOVEMENT VIC (YD252551). TEAM THEN OBSERVED ONE ENEMY WEARING GREEN UTILITIES. 2619301 (YD262548). TEAM OBSERVED 12 ENEMY APPROX 60 METERS SOUTH OF THE TEAM'S POSITION. ENEMY WORE LIGHT UNIFORMS, CARTRIDGE BELTS, AND WERE ARMED WITH AK-47'S. TWO ENEMY WERE CARRYING A GREP SERVED WEAPON. ONE OF THE ENEMY APPEARED TO BE WOUNDED. 271730H (YD242548) TEAM SET UP AN AMBUSH AND SEVEN ENEMY WALKED INTO IT. ENEMY WORE BLACK PJ'S AND KHAKI'S. THEY WERE ARMED WITH AK-47'S, AND RPS'S. TEAM INITIATED S&P RESULTING IN 5 NVA KIA (G). TEAM WENT BACK ON R. LEAVING S&P FROM THE SOUTHEAST. TEAM CALLED A FIRE MISSION WITH NO ACTIVE RESULTS.

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GUNSHIPS CAME ON STATION AND MADE RUNS ON THE AREA WITH GOOD
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260730H THE TEAM RECOVERED AN ENEMY BODY, MISCELLANEOUS 782 GEAR
AND 2 PPS43.

7. OTHER INFORMATION : 272100H (YD 242548) TEAM HEARD ONE SHOT SE OF
THEIR POSITION.

272030H THE TEAM RECEIVED TWO INCOMING ROUNDS OF UNKNOWN CALIBER
APPROX 500 METERS SOUTH OF THEIR POSITION.

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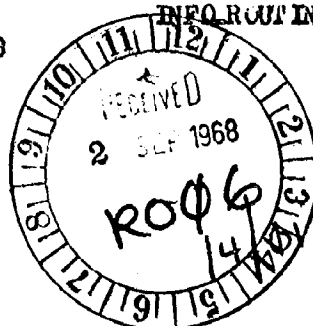
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1. RECON TEAM: CPL PETE 102 (6 MEN) QO: 926-68
2. DATE INSERTED/EXTRACTED: 281730H/301000H (42 1/2 HOURS)
3. ROUTE: PATROL REMAINED AT (XD 961579)
4. TERRAIN: STEEP HILLS AND CLIFFS. NO VEGETATION IS LEFT ON THE RIDGELINE. ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF (XD 961579) THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME SORT OF A TRAIL BY STEPPING STONES AND LEDGES.
5. HILLS: (XD 961579) SITE WILL ACCOMMODATE (1) CH-46. RIDGELINE WITH STEEP CLIFFS. BEST APPROACH FROM THE NORTH WITH NO OBSTACLES.
6. ENEMY: 282130H (XD 961579) TEAM IN HARBOR SITE HEARD A NOISE AND OBSERVED ONE ENEMY 20 METERS TO THEIR NORTHEAST. TEAM INITIATED SAF RESULTING IN ONE ENEMY KIA (O). TEAM THEN HEARD NOISES 40-50 METERS TO THEIR SOUTHWEST AND THREW GRENADES WHICH RESULTED IN A LOUD SCREAM. THE TEAM THEN OBSERVED ANOTHER ENEMY 10-15 METERS TO THE NORTHEAST. TEAM INITIATED SAF RESULTING IN ONE ENEMY KIA (C). APPROX 15 MINUTES LATER THE TEAM SAW A BUSH MOVE AND THE MUZZLE OF AN AK-47 SHOT OUT. THE TEAM INITIATED SAF AND THE ENEMY RETURNED FIRE WITH A BURST OF AW FIRE. THE CONTACT RESULTED IN ONE ENEMY KIA (C). TEAM THEN HEARD MOVEMENT 25 METERS TO THEIR WEST. 5 MINUTES LATER ANOTHER BUSH MOVED AND TEAM INITIATED CONTACT WITH A GRENADE, RESULTING IN ONE ENEMY KIA (C). THE TEAM THEN HEARD WHAT SOUNDED LIKE A RIFLE FALLING DOWN THE CLIFF. APPROX 60 METERS TO THE SOUTHWEST. THE TEAM CONTINUED TO HEAR MOVEMENT FROM THIS DIRECTION AND THE TEAM LEADER POSTED TWO MEN AT THIS POSITION TO KEEP SURVEILLANCE. TEAM INITIATED CONTACT AND REQUESTED FLARESHIP.

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THE TEAM THEN OBSERVED AN ENEMY MOVING ON THE DECK NEAR A LEDGE. TEAM FIRED A M-79 ROUND RESULTING IN ONE ENEMY KIA (C). THE TEAM THEN HEARD MORE MOVEMENT FROM THIS DIRECTION AND TEAM MADE CONTACT WITH A BURST OF AW FIRE. THE TEAM HEARD A MOAN AND CONTINUED CONTACT WITH GRENADES RESULTING IN ONE ENEMY KIA (C). THE BODY FELL OFF THE CLIFF AND THE TEAM HEARD THE BODY STRIKE THE ROCKS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CLIFF. TEAM THEN OBSERVED ONE ENEMY 15 METERS TO THE NORTHEAST AND INITIATED CONTACT WITH HIM, AND THE ENEMY RAN TOWARD A BUSH BUT HE MISSED THE BUSH AND FELL OFF THE LEDGE. THE ENEMY FELL 40 FT AND THE TEAM CONTINUED FIRING AT HIM RESULTING IN ONE ENEMY KIA (C). THE TEAM HEARD MORE MOVEMENT 15-20 METERS TO THE NORTHEAST AND THE TEAM CALLED ARTILLERY. TEAM OBSERVED ONE ENEMY MOVING BETWEEN THE ROCKS AND THE TEAM INITIATED CONTACT AND THE ENEMY FELL. IMMEDIATELY AN ARTILLERY ROUND EXPLODED ON HIM RESULTING IN ONE ENEMY KIA (C). MOVEMENT WAS HEARD THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT AND THE TEAM CONTINUED TO FIRE H&I'S.

AT THIS TIME SIERRA RELAY REPORTED LIGHTS OR FIRES APPROX 200 METERS SW AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL. THERE WERE ALSO LIGHTS TO THE NE. THE TEAM CHECKED THE AREA WITH A SPOTLIGHT SCOPE AND CONFIRMED THE LIGHTS. THERE WERE 3-4 LIGHTS AT ONE TIME. THE LIGHTS WOULD COME ON AND OFF IN DIFFERENT PLACES FROM THOSE DIRECTIONS. TEAM CONDUCTED A FIRE MISSION OF 144 ROUNDS WHICH RESULTED IN 2 LOW MUFFLED EXPLOSIONS AND TWO OF THE LIGHTS WENT OUT. ARTILLERY HAD GOOD TARGET COVERAGE. ARTILLERY CONTINUED FIRING THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.

290230H THE TEAM RECEIVED ROUNDS FROM WEST SOUNDED LIKE A LIGHT MACHINEGUN 400 METERS EAST OF THE TEAM. THERE WERE TWO BURSTS APPROX 5 MINUTES APART. THE SECOND TIME THE TEAM FIXED THE MACHINEGUN'S POSITION AND ADJUSTED ARTILLERY ON THE WEAPON. ARTILLERY HAD GOOD TARGET COVERAGE AND THE WEAPON WAS SILENCED. NO MORE FIRE WAS RECEIVED FROM THIS POSITION.

290330H WHILE FLARE SHOTS WERE DROPPING FLARES THE TEAM OBSERVED 10-12 ENEMY MOVING INTO A CAVE VIC (XD963575). THE TEAM CONDUCTED A FIRE MISSION OF 8 ROUNDS WITH GOOD TARGET COVERAGE AND UNKNOWN RESULTS. ARTILLERY COULD NOT DO ANY APPARENT DAMAGE TO THE CAVE SO THE TEAM FIRED M-79 ROUNDS INTO THE MOUTH OF THE CAVE. M-79 ROUNDS HAD UNKNOWN RESULTS.

290730H THE TEAM DIRECTED AN AO TO THE CAVE AND THE AO CONDUCTED AN AIRSTRIKE ON THE CAVE VIC (XD963575) AND OTHER CAVES IN THE AREA. THE TEAM MOVED TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIDGE WHILE THE AIRSTRIKES WERE BEING CONDUCTED. WHEN TEAM RETURNED TO CHECK THE DAMAGE THEY FOUND THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT OF THE CAVES. CAVES WERE IN THE VIC OF (XD963575).



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290900H TEAM RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM 200 METERS TO THE NORTHEAST. THE TEAM DIRECTED AIRSTRIKES VIC (XD961582) WITH OUTSTANDING COVERAGE OF TARGET. ONE CAVE WAS DESTROYED AND 2 OTHERS WERE DAMAGED.

291020H GUNSHIP CHECKING THE AREA REPORTED ENEMY MOVING FROM EAST TO WEST APPROX 1200 METERS TO THE SOUTHEAST. THE TEAM CONDUCTED A FIRE MISSION OF 75 ROUNDS WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGET. ALL TREES IN THE TARGET AND SURROUNDING AREA WERE DESTROYED. NO OTHER MOVEMENT WAS OBSERVED FROM THIS AREA.

291630H WHILE THE TEAM LEADER WAS TRYING TO HOOK UP THE RESUPPLY FOR EXTRACTION, THE RADIO MAN REPORTED TO HELO'S THAT THEY WERE RECEIVING FIRE. THE TEAM LEADER WHO WAS ON A ROCK LOOKING AT THE CRAW CHIEF, LOOKED TO THE SOUTHEAST AND OBSERVED 50 CAL TRACERS FROM (XD965576) AND MACHINE GUN FIRE FROM (XD966576). THE TEAM LEADER WAVED THE HELO OFF BUT THE HELO DID NOT MOVE UNTIL THE TEAM LEADER WAS OFF THE ROCK. TEAM CONDUCTED A FIRE MISSION RESULTING IN ONE 50 CAL POSITION DESTROYED. THE ROUNDS HITTING NEAR THE BUNKER STARTED A SMALL FIRE AND A DIRECT HIT RESULTED IN ANOTHER SMALL FIRE AND CAUSED NUMEROUS MUFFLED EXPLOSIONS. THIS POSITION KEPT BURNING AND EXPLODING THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.

WHILE THE TEAM WAS ADJUSTING ARTILLERY FIRE THEY OBSERVED A HOCH WHICH WAS DESTROYED BY THE ARTILLERY ROUNDS VIC (XD963575).

292100H SIERRA RELAY REPORTED LIGHTS VIC (XD964573). THE TEAM CHECKED THE LIGHTS WITH A SPANLIGHT SCOPE AND CONDUCTED AN ARTILLERY MISSION ON THEM. DUSTERS ALSO FIRED ON THE LIGHTS. THE MISSION RESULTED IN THREE LIGHTS GOING OUT. THE TEAM CONDUCTED ARTILLERY MISSIONS THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT AT LIGHTS TO THE SW AND NE.

292315H WHILE ARTILLERY WAS ON A CHECK FIRE THE TEAM RECEIVED WHAT THEY BELIEVE TO HAVE BEEN 3 ROCKET ROUNDS APPROX 50 METERS SW OF THEIR POSITION. THEY ALSO DETECTED WHAT THEY BELIEVE TO HAVE BEEN 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS TO THE NORTHEAST APPROX 75 METERS OVER THE RIDGELINE. 300100H THE TEAM OBSERVED WHAT LOOKED LIKE AA FIRE DELIVERED AT SPOOKY FROM AN UNDETERMINED COORD NORTH OF MUTTER'S RIDGE. SPOOKY ALSO TOOK FIRE FROM VIC (XD966576). SPOOKY WORKED THIS AREA OVER WITH OUTSTANDING COVERAGE OF TARGET. NO MORE FIRE WAS OBSERVED FROM THIS POSITION.

301000H WHILE THE TEAM WAS BEING EXTRACTED THE HELO RECEIVED SA/AV FIRE FROM 250 METERS TO THE NORTHEAST. THE HELOS RETURNED FIRE AND WAITED FOR 3 TEAM MEMBERS TO GET ON THE HELO. THE TEAM WAS EXTRACTED WITH NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION: THE TEAM OBSERVED A CAVE ON TOP OF HILL VIC (XD961579). THE CAVE WAS 3 FT WIDE AT THE TOP AND 5 FT DEEP. AT THE BOTTOM IT BRANCHES OFF TO THE SOUTH AND TO THE NORTHEAST. ARTILLERY DOES NOT DO MUCH DAMAGE TO THE CAVES BUT FIXED WING DOES NOT LEAVE ANYTHING INTACT. THE TEAM WAS UNABLE TO CHECK ANY OF THE CAVES IN THE AREA. SOME OF THE CAVES SEEM TO BE ABLE TO HOLD A TANK INSIDE.

COMMENTS: PREVIOUS PATROLS IN THIS AREA STATE THAT THERE ARE NUMEROUS NETWORKS OF TUNNELS, ALL INTERLOCKING, DEEP AND LARGE. THE ENEMY SEEMS TO KNOW THE AREA WELL. THEIR WEAPONS ARE WELL EMPLACED. THE NIGHT ACTIVITY OF THE ENEMY SEEMS TO BEGIN BETWEEN 2100H-2130H.

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1. RECON TEAM: CHESTER BROOK 361 (10 MEN) QO 76 A 68
2. DAT INSERTED/EXTRACTED: 310830H JULY/101500H AUGUST (247 HOURS)
3. ROUTE: TEAM INSERTED (YD035386) TO ACT AS RADIO RELAY.
 SPOT REPORT IN LIEU OF PATROL REPORT.

310830H JULY TEAM WAS INSERTED ON HILL 796 (YD035386) TO ACT AS A RADIO RELAY. ON 022300H AUGUST, THE PATROL OBSERVED SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS FROM A FIRE MISSION BEING CONDUCTED BY FRIENDLIES. THE FRIENDLIES INFORMED THE TEAM THAT THE TARGET WAS A SUSPECTED ENEMY CONVOY. THE TEAM WAS IN A POSITION TO OBSERVE SO THEY DIRECTED THE FIRE MISSION. THE PATROL OBSERVED 250-350 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. 070800H THE TEAM OBSERVED ONE ENEMY VIC. (YD033403). THE ENEMY MOVED INTO A TREELINE AND THE TEAM LOST SIGHT OF HIM. THE PATROL WAS EXTRACTED 101500H (YD035386).

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