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(b) FMFPacO 5750.8

Encl: (1) December 1969 Command Chronology
(2) Operation Orders, Patrol Briefs and Patrol Debriefs
(3) Company Training Schedules
(4) Situation Reports

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted.

2. The contents of this document and its enclosures are classified SECRET. It is categorized GROUP 4, to be downgraded at three (3) year intervals; declassified after twelve (12) years.


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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION.

COMMANDER

3d Force Reconnaissance Company
III Marine Amphibious Force, FMF

Major Alex LEE, USMC

SUBORDINATE UNITS

None

ATTACHED UNITS

Detachment, Fifth Communications Battalion

2. LOCATION.

01-31 December 1969; PHUBAI COMBAT BASE, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS.

Executive Officer

Capt. N. R. HISLER
01Dec69 to 31Dec69

Personnel Officer (S-1)

2dLt. W. V. MORRIS
01Dec69 to 31Dec69

Intelligence Officer (S-2)

1stLt. P. A. ROBERTSON
01Dec69 to 31Dec69

Operations Officer (S-3)

1stLt. C. C. COFFMAN
01Dec69 to 31Dec69

Assistant Operations Officer (S-3A)

1stLt. W. H. STUBBLEFIELD
01Dec69 to 31Dec69

Supply Officer (S-4)

1stLt. D. BROWN
01Dec69 to 31Dec69

Communications Officer

2dLt. J. P. MURPHY
01Dec69 to 31Dec69

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1st. Platoon Commander	1stLt. W. R. BLACK 01Dec69 to 31Dec69
2nd. Platoon Commander	1stLt. D. C. HARRISON 01Dec69 to 31Dec69
3rd. Platoon Commander	1stLt. W. H. STUBBLEFIELD 01Dec69 to 31Dec69
4th. Platoon Commander	2dLt. W. V. MORRIS 01Dec69 to 31Dec69
III MAF SRC Liaison Officer	1stLt. L. C. IVERSON 01Dec69 to 31Dec69

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH.

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. GENERAL OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES. During the month of December, the Third Force Reconnaissance Company continued its assigned mission of reconnaissance and surveillance of those areas directed by the Commanding General of the Third Marine Amphibious Force. December activity began slowly but rose sharply when the Company was assigned the ASHAU VALLEY as its operational area for reconnaissance and surveillance. Since the ASHAU VALLEY is located within the 101st. Airborne Division's area of operations under the control of XXIV Corps at PHUBAI, there was a considerable amount of liaison and coordination worked out between units. The 2nd. Squadron of the 17th. Cavalry was assigned as helicopter gunship support, emergency extractions, and general aerial reconnaissance in conjunction with Third Force Reconnaissance Company's operations in the ASHAU VALLEY.

2. COMMAND RELATIONS. Relations between the Company and outside units were a major function of the Commanding Officer and the S-3. Liaison meetings and discussions were held with the various Marine and Army working elements including XXIV Corps, 101st. Airborne Division, 2nd. Sqdn./17th. Cav., 85th. Medical Evacuation Hospital and MACV Advisory Team #5. A pair of officers or senior NCO's were dispatched each twenty-four hours to the Tactical Operations Center, 2nd/17th Cav as liaison.

3. MISSIONS ASSIGNED. There were a variety of missions given to the Company during the month of December. These included a major effort in the ASHAU VALLEY, diving missions for bodies of drowned U.S. personnel, reaction force assignments and target acquisition. Several battle damage assessments were also included.

4. INTELLIGENCE. The raw data and information that was gotten by patrolling was turned in to the SRC at III MAF.

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5. OPERATIONS. Field operations conducted during the month of December were mainly in the ASHAU VALLEY. The first penetration being on 13 December 1969. There were a total of fifteen patrols run during the month, the majority of which were after the 13th.

6. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS. Operational patrolling during the month of December totalled fifteen (15) patrols which sighted a total of one hundred fifty two (152) enemy. There was one fire mission by artillery which fired eight (8) rounds of 175mm HE ammunition. Each patrol averaged a total of six (6) men. There was one (1) contact during the month which resulted in six (6) men being wounded in a helicopter crash when an insertion aircraft was shot down by a 12.7 machinegun. There were two other non-battle medical evacuations during the month. There were no confirmed enemy kills during the month and none were captured. There were six (6) probable enemy kills and a total of fifty five (55) sorties were flown by 2nd/17th Cav aircraft in support of Third Force Reconnaissance Company's patrols in the latter half of the month.

7. SUPPORTING ARMS. There was one artillery mission fired. A total of eight (8) rounds of 175mm HE were expended and an accurate surveillance of the mission was difficult to obtain due to adverse weather conditions. Support in the form of ARA (Aerial Rocket Artillery) helicopters and helicopter gunships, both Cobras and "C" models, totalled some fifty five (55) sorties.

8. LOGISTICS. The Company's logistical support during the month of December was a constantly improving picture. There were more items of clothing and equipment available and the only items that approached the critical stage were handsets for the AN/PRC-25 radio and batteries for the PSID.

9. COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS. The internal communications and electronics equipment utilized by the patrols within the Company were adequate for normal patrolling but long ranges and atmospheric conditions accounted for a number of difficulties during the reporting period. The relay site on the fringe of the ASHAU VALLEY used one RC-292 antenna, two (2) AN/PRC-25's, one (1) AN/PRC-47 and two (2) AN/PRC-93's.

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10. EQUIPMENT. Items of equipment utilized by the Third Force Reconnaissance Company have proven to be adequate for the majority of missions assigned.

11. CIVIC ACTION. The Company does not participate in the Civic Action Program. The primary mission precludes close contact with Vietnamese nationals.

12. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION. Personnel assignments within the Company are made by the Commanding Officer and the S-1. Normal company level administration is accomplished by the section under the Administrative Officer.

13. TRAINING. Training for personnel in the Company consists of three (3) categories; (ie) training conducted within the Company itself, training accomplished by Company personnel attending a school within III MAF, and personnel attending a school outside of I Corps or outside of Vietnam. During the December reporting period, three (3) enlisted Marines completed the SCUBA course in the Phillipines and two (2) enlisted Marines completed the MACV RECONDO School in NHA TRANG, one (1) achieving Class Honor Man. The regular cycle of training maintained within the Company is included in the Company Training Schedules within this Chronology.

14. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST OR HISTORICAL VALUE. The Third Force Reconnaissance Company qualified one (1) officer and twenty-six (26) enlisted men for the Vietnamese parachutists' badge during December. During the same reporting period, the Company had five (5) officers and nineteen (19) enlisted men on rolls who were SCUBA qualified, three (3) officers and fifty-one (51) enlisted parachutists and one (1) parachute riggor. There were a total of two (2) officers and two (2) Staff NCO's who were on rolls as jumpmasters.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. PATROLLING OPERATIONS FOR DECEMBER.

- 021400H - "KENNEL" (4-1) 6 men; Team inserted by helicopter at vic AT859934 with negative sightings or contacts throughout the patrol. Team was extracted at vic AT838936 on 071500H.
- 021420H - "HAZY" (4-3) 7 men; Team inserted by helicopter at vic AT812981 with negative sightings or contacts throughout the patrol. Team was extracted at vic AT811983 on 071530H.
- 021415H - "OXSHOE" (3-1) 6 men; Team inserted by helicopter at vic AU840010 for purposes of conducting radio relay site for "HAZY" (4-3) and "KENNEL" (4-1) for the duration of the teams' patrolling effort. The relay had negative sightings or contacts during the period and was extracted at their insertion point on 071539H.
- 051300H - "GHOSTLY" (3-2) 6 men; Team listed as OpOrder 13-69 and OpOrder 14-69 had patrols cancelled.
- 051300H - "REFUND" (1-1) 6 men; Team listed as OpOrder 15-69 had patrol cancelled.
- 051300H - "WELDER" (1-2) 6 men; Team listed as OpOrder 16-69 had patrol cancelled.
- 131125H - "TIMMY" (1-1) and "SAVVY" (2-3) Two (2) teams totalling twelve (12) men attempted insertion on "ZULU" relay, vic YC449955 and lead UH-1H was shot down by 12.7 fire, crashed and burned. Team aboard aircraft sustained six (6) WIA. Team and crew were extracted by chase aircraft belonging to 2nd/17th Cavalry.
- 201200H - "BOXHILL" (2-1) 6 men; Team inserted vic YC415986 and experienced considerable communications difficulty from "BATCAT" aircraft. On 220930H, team sighted ten (10) NVA vic YC396963. Cav Cobras attacked target in edge of treeline with undetermined results. 232000H,

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team made contact with twenty (20) to twenty-five (25) enemy at ten (10) meters. Team completed ambush and moved to vic YC416986, directing supporting air from that position. Team moved out of area and led Army reaction platoon through area next morning. Team extracted vic YC413977 on 241625H.

201215H - "ATLAS" (3-1) 6 men; Team inserted by UH-1H at vic YC380945. On 221415H, team observed one (1) enemy vic YC396959. Team was extracted 261157H from vic YC385958.

211508H - "TIMMY" (1-1) and "SAVVY" (2-3) two (2) six (6) man teams inserted as a radio relay vic YC449955 due to need for positive communications with teams in the ASHAU VALLEY. The combined teams had negative sightings or contacts and were extracted on 261220H.

211604H - "GARLIC" (1-3) 6 men; Team inserted vic YD336055, and on 220915H sighted ninety (90) NVA vic YD331057. Enemy carried small arms, packs and one (1) 82mm mortar. 2nd/17th Cav Cobras came on station and located 100 bunkers vic YD341077. Army LOH was shot down by 12.7 MG and continuous gunship attacks were made on area until dark. On 260945H, team observed eighteen (18) NVA vic YD341058 with negative action taken due to inclement weather. Team was extracted 270950H.

251600H - "SNAKY" (3-3) 6 men; Team inserted vic YD375030 and had negative sightings or contacts throughout their entire patrol. Team extracted vic YD383015, 301225H.

251555H - "ROACH" (3-2) 6 men; Team inserted by helicopter vic YD369045 and had negative sightings or contacts throughout their patrol. Team was extracted vic of YD361039 on 301230H.

261118H - "SPINNER" (4-2) 7 men; Team inserted by helicopter vic YD344010 and on 241900H, team located enemy rest area for approximately 200 to 300 personnel at vic YD340004. On 262115H, team heard three (3) enemy at vic YD340014, and on 270805H, team observed three (3) enemy vic YD339004. Three (3) more enemy were seen vic YD338013 on 271705H. On 280945H, team heard three (3) to five (5) enemy vic YD337006 and at 1235H on the same day located a rest area for approximately 100 enemy personnel vic YD337008. On 291315H, team

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three (3) signal shots spaced approximately one (1) minute apart. Throughout the afternoon of 30 Dec. the team heard spaced signal shots and at 1845H the sounds of digging, hammering and loud voices were heard from vic YD331005. Five (5) main trails were found in the immediate area, all over one (1) meter in width and very heavily traveled. At vic YD321009, communications wire was discovered and cut in several places before the team moved out of the area. Team extracted on 310907H.

261135H - "PONY" (1-2) 6 men; Team was inserted by helicopter vic YC470928 and had no sightings or contacts during their entire patrol. A small base camp area possibly three (3) months old was found vic YC473-922 for approximately ten (10) men. The team was extracted on 310931H from vic YC474923.

271100H - "BITTER" (4-1) and "COFFEE" (4-3), two (2) teams of six (6) men each were inserted vic YC449955 on "ZUIU" Relay for five days to act as a relay point in the ASHAU VALLEY. There were neither sightings nor contacts during the time the relay was inserted and the teams were extracted on 311220H.

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PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. OPERATION ORDERS, INTELLIGENCE BRIEF AND PATROL DEBRIEFS.

a. The Supporting Documents contains each patrol's Operation Order, the Intelligence Brief covering the time and the area to be operated in, and a Patrol Debrief for each of those patrols that were run during the reporting period. There are several cases where a "Spot Report In Lieu of Debrief" may be inserted instead of a regular debrief. This is due to contact shortly after insert and not enough time having expired to warrant a regular debrief. The items of documentation are entitled ENCLOSURE (2).

2. COMPANY TRAINING SCHEDULES.

a. The Training Schedules contained herein are inclusive of the reporting period only.

- (1) Training Schedule 01DEC69 to 07DEC69
- (2) Training Schedule 08DEC69 to 14DEC69
- (3) Training Schedule 15DEC69 to 21DEC69
- (4) Training Schedule 29DEC69 to 31DEC69

b. Training Schedules are entitled ENCLOSURE (3).

3. SITUATION REPORTS ("SITREP").

a. The Situation Reports (SITREPS) contain activities by twenty-four (24) hour increments and cover the reported operations of the Company.

b. The enclosed Situation Reports are entitled as ENCLOSURE (4).

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INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING 6-69

REF: (A) H-PE, AMB SERIES L7014 SUBJECT L-IV
(B) CG LIX MAP MESSAGE

TIME ZONE: H

1. BRIEF SITUATION

9TH NVA REGT HQ AKA 22ND REGT, AD 25, DOAN 5, 5 WORKSITES, HUE CITY ARAMMENT (UNK). LOC VIC GRID YB7282. DATE LAST REPORTED 7 SEP AND 12 OCT 69. EST STRENGTH 550 MEN.

B. K 10 NVA BN AKA 810 BN, 3 RD BN, D 4. ARAMMENT 3 81 MM MORTAR AND 3 RL. LOC VIC GRID YD4503. EST STRENGTH 250 MEN.

C. 6TH NVA REG HQ AKA CONG THOUNG 6, 6TH WORKSITES, HAN THI, AD 26 DOAN 6. ARAMMENT (UNK). LOC VIC GRID YD0309. DATE LAST REPORTED 1 OCT 69. EST STRENGTH 365 MEN.

D. 800TH NVA BN AKA K-1, 1ST BN 1.1. ARAMMENT 9 82 MM MORTAR, 8 60 MM MORTAR, 8 LMG, 3 57 MM RR, 8 5.5 RL, 9 D-40S, 4 75 MM RR. LOC VIC GRID YD1812. DATE LAST REPORTED 1 OCT 69. EST STRENGTH 400 MEN.

E. 802 NVA BN AKA K-2, 1ST BN, 9TH REGT. ARAMMENT 4 82 MM MORTAR, 2 57 MM RR, 3 HMG, UNK LMG, AND UNK D-40. LOC VIC YD0309. DATE LAST REPORTED 1 OCT 69. EST STRENGTH 400 MEN.

F. 29TH NVA REGT WITH THE 7TH, 8TH AND 9TH BNS LOCATED IN THE EASTERN PORTION OF BASE AREA 611. ARAMMENT 2 D-40S, 2 41S, 16 82 MM MORTAR, 8 60 MM MORTAR, 8 HMG. DATE LAST CONTACTED 20 JULY 69. EST STRENGTH IS 1,900.

G. 803RD NVA REG WITH THE 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD BNS IS LOCATED IN THE EASTERN PORTION OF BASE AREA 611. ARAMMENT (UNK). DATE LAST LOCATED 25 AUG 69. EST STRENGTH 2,500 MEN.

H. 673RD NVA ARTY REGT LOCATED IN THE EASTERN PORTION OF BASE AREA 611. AKA EBT (UNK). DATE LAST CONTACTED 3 AUG 69.

I. AGENT REPORTS YD920089, 300 PERSONNEL OF THE 806TH BN 6TH REGT.

J. URS YD99094, 314095, 279049, 290051, 321068, 252078, 296981, 303980, 299955, 337969, 339080, 366048, 402013, 403026, 410037, 418023, 446943. YD3396 UNIT 5 DEC, YD2704 UNIT REGT 5 DEC.

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2. ENEMY SITUATION

- A. BUNKERS YC337942, 408999, 412990.
- B. FORTRESS YC351950, 362952, 363948, 413981, 417982, 422971, 423974, 426977, 419938, 433922, 433921, 456922, 459930, 449930, 470930, 478931,
- C. TUNNEL YC410999
- D. AA/AM YC459913, 454908
- E. HUTS YC558945
- F. SIGHTINGS YC462904 (7), 422953 (2), YD2903 (33-4TKLA)
- G. CASH YC463933

3. TERRAIN

HIGH RIDGES AND NARROW VALLEYS WITH A DOUBLE TO TRIPLE CANOPY WITH THICK UNDERGROWTH. THE ANHAI VALLEY IS GENERALLY FLAT FLOODING THE RAO LAC AND RAO HAI RIVERS.

4. WEATHER

HIGH 65 TO 70 LOW 50 TO 55. LIGHT RAIN/RAIN SHOWERS. 72 HOUR OUTLOOK IS GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT IS EXPECTED.

5. MISSIONS

- A. DETERMINE IF PRESENTS OF ENEMY UNITS IN THE AREA, IF SO, WHERE AND IN WHAT STRENGTH.
- B. DETERMINE THE PRESENTS OF ENEMY BASE CAMPS IN THE AREA, IF SO SIZE AND RECENT USE.
- C. DETERMINE IF THERE ARE ANY LANDLINE COMMUNICATIONS IN THE AREA IF SO TYPE AND DIRECTION.

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(3). 29TH NVA Regt. AKA Ken Giang; Ba Na; 3D Regt; Son glo Regt; Doan 8; AD 68. Located in the Eastern portion of Base Area 611. Est strength 1,900 men. HQ support units are a Recon Co, 14TH Air Defense Co, 16TH Arty Co armed with 82mm mortars, 17TH Arty Co armed with 57mm and 75mm RR, 18TH Signal Co, 19TH Medical Co, 29TH Engineer Co, 21ST Engineer Co, and the 25TH Motor Trans Co. The 29TH Regt has the 7TH, 8TH, 9TH BNS. Marginally combat effective and morale is at a low level. The AKA for the 7TH BN is K-7, 1ST, D-1, and D-7; for the 8TH the AKA is K-8, 2ND, D-2, and D-8; Duc Lap BN; for the 9TH the AKA is K-9, 3D, D-3, and B-9.

(4). 675B NVA Arty Regt. AKA E675B. Located in the Eastern portion of Base Area 611. Est strength is 1,500 men. The 675B Arty Regt has 3 BNS. Each is authorized 10 arty pieces, but this Regt has an excess of 30 pieces. Also, they have 9 ATS-59's one ATK-55 prime mover.

- b. Due to the location and accessibility of the A Shan and A Loui Valleys, there is numerous maneuver elements, as well as rear service elements. Also since these valleys are known logistical and infiltration routes it is possible to encounter an unknown number of enemy troops infiltrating and rear service personnel.

2. Enemy Activity

See current situation map.

3. Terrain

- a. High ridges and narrow valleys with a double to triple canopy with intense undergrowth. The A Shan Valley is generally flat following the Rao Lao and the Rao Nai rivers.

4. Weather

- a. High will average between 65 to 70 and lows from 50 to 55. Light rain/rain showers.

5. REI'S

- a. Determine the presents of enemy units in the area, if so where and in what strength.
- b. Determine the presents of enemy units base camps in the area if so size and recent use.
- c. Determine if there any land line communications in the area if so type and direction.

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Ref: (a) Maps, AMS Series L7014, Sheets I,II,III,IV

TIME ZONE: H.

1. Enemy Situation

- a. Due to the location and accessibility of the A Chau and A Loui Valleys, there is numerous maneuver elements, as well as rear service support elements. Also since these valleys are known logistical and infiltration routes it is possible to encounter an unknown number of infiltration troops and rear services personnel.

(1). 6th NVA Regt. AKA Cong Troung 6; 6th Worksite; Ham Tu; AD.26; Dean 6. Located in the Eastern portion of Base Area 611. Est strength 1,950 men. Hq support units are the 15th Air Defense Co armed with 12.7mm HMG,s, 16th Inf/Arty Co armed with 75mm RR, 18th Tran Co armed with 12.7mm HMG,s and the 19th Medical Co. The 6th Regt has the 800th, 802d, and 806th Inf Bn,s. Each Bn,s basically has four infantry companies, a signal platoon, a reconnaissance squad and a motor transportation squad. The 12th Sapper BN has four companies. The 35th Artillery Bn has four companies, a signal platoon and a reconnaissance platoon. Elements of the regiment have received sapper training, believed to be presently combat effective. Morale is believed to be good. The AKA for the 806th Bn is 2d Infiltration Bn; K-6; Le Loi; D.10; 3d; 80.T Bn. The AKA for the 800th Bn is K.1; 1st Bn; Bn. Regt. AKA for the 802d Bn is K.2; 1st Bn; 9th Regt;

(2). 803d NVA Regt. AKA Gum Long; 1st Regt; Cong Troung 21; Song Huong; Qua Tung; Tam Dao; Cong Troung 1/5; 41st Regt; K-14B Regt; Phan Thiet Regt; Dean 1. Located in the Eastern portion of Base Area 611. Est strength 2,300 men. Hq support units are the 14th Air Defense Co, 12th Arty Co armed with 57mm RR, 13th Arty Co armed with 82mm mortars, 15th Engr Co, 16th Signal Co, 17th Recon Co, 18th Arty Co, 19th Medical Co and the 20th Replacement Co. The 803d Regt has the 1st, 2d, and 3rd Bn,s. The 1st Bn has three inf co, one wpn co, one engr co, one arty co, and one recon sqd, one inf plt, one liaison co. The 2d Bn has three inf co,s. two recon plts, arty plt, wpn plt, and a signal plt. The 3d Bn has three inf co,s and one wpn co. The 803d Regt is considered combat effective and morale is high. The 1st Bn AKA is T-1 Bn; K-1 Bn; Tam Dao 1; Song Lam; Song Huong; C-1. The 2d Bn AKA is T-2 Bn; K-2 Bn; Thu Ben; Song Huong 2; Tam Dao 2; C-2. The 3d Bn AKA is T-3 Bn; K-3 Bn; Tam Dao 3; Song Cuong 3; C-3.

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and 6641 IV.

- (b) III MAF LOI 01-69, ser. 0023169 dtd 04NOV69
(c) CG, III MAF msg 0270437Z (C)

Unit/Call sign: ~~4-1 KENNEL~~ Patrol Leader ~~SP8~~**4-1 KENNEL SGT FREEMAN****1. Situation:**

a. ~~Enemy~~. See current INTSUM and PERINTREP. See Company S-2 for a detailed brief of your area. Agent report indicates that 140 personnel including 30 guerrillas, 24 Montagnards and 8 females were located via AT 873944, all members of the 1st Armed CO (NFI) 80 men of the C-1 CO were deployed via AT906913, a Sapper and Provincial Main Force Suicide CO. were deployed via AT 8396 (HOI MIT), personnel of an administrative section of PHU LOC DISTRICT COMMITTEE and 3 U-1 RANGER COs were located via AT 815983, BU/1B with approx 270 men were deployed via AT 855920, L-4B BN with 200 men were deployed via AT 810920. V.R. located large base camp between AT 855802 and AT 855909. A captured document revealed that the L-4B BN was moving through the Tuy Con Min area to hide at HO MIT (AT 8396) and HOI DUA (NFI). Units that traditionally operate in this area are the HAI VAN HENG. CO. at AT 8686, the T-87 SAPPER BN. at AT 8589, the C-31st CO. at AT 8990. III MAF COB holds the L-4B BN at ZC 1397 while a document says they are at AT 8396.

b. ~~Friendlies~~: Nearest friendly major units are located:

- (1) 2/26 Marines at Hoi Van Phan via AT 937015
- (2) B 1/13 Marines (105) and Prov/1/13 Marines (155) at Lon Banon via AT 838997
- (3) B/2/26 Marines via AT 807018
- (4) F/2/26 Marines via AT 884955
- (5) Plt F/2/26 Marines via AT 839990
- (6) Plt F/2/26 Marines via AT 837977
- (7) Regional Force Company via AT 843957
- (8) Regional Force Company via AT 865953
- (9) 1st Recon Bn team "HEAD GOLD" will be operating in zone UL AT 8894 LR AT 9091 during period 28 Nov-01 Dec 69.

c. ~~Artillery Support~~: Mission can be supported by artillery, consisting of full coverage from 105 and 155 batteries located at Lon Banon.

2. **MISSION**: You are to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations within your assigned BU UL AT 8394 LR AT 8692 to detect NVA/VC troop and logistic movement. Be prepared to call and adjust air and artillery on lucrative targets of opportunity, and if possible, capture a prisoner (stingray mission).

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of operations. The required Recon teams will be inserted and extracted from the assigned recon zone by helicopter. The team will carry out the mission over a (5) day period unless unforeseen circumstances require an earlier extraction.

1. Overflight scheduled 28 Nov 69 weather permitting with PL and ATL.

2. You are to depart Force Recon helopad with OH-46 in company with 4-3 "HAZY" for insertion in your RZ with (6) men on 29 Nov 69. Two (2) known LZ's are located at AT 812977 and AT 818992;

3. Report significant events to this headquarters via spot reports as they occur.

4. Be prepared for a STABO extraction should it prove necessary.

4. ADMIN/LOGISTICS: Completed Patrol ROSTER and INSPECTION SHEET will be turned into S-3 prior to your departure. Final inspection will be held on the helopad 290630H and airorew brief will take place in the COC at 290730H. PSID's and communications equipment will be inspected prior to departure and test-fire of small arms. Upper Left is ATL 8099. Lower Right is BTL 8297

5. ADML/ELECT:

Primary Frequency:	35.40	"ALPHA"
Secondary Frequency:	63.70	"BRAVO"
Alternate Frequency:	40.30	"CHARLIE"
AN/Prc 93 Frequency:	251.1	"DELTA"
ARTY (105) and (155)		
AU 834000 Frequency:	66.80	M-478 "HUNCH MEAT BRAVO"
AO (USMC) Primary:	4290	"COW POKE"
AO Alternate:	31.90	"COW POKE"

Unit CallSigns: PATRON---3RD FORCE RECON
ALABAMA RAIDER---SRC III MAF, DANANG
HAZY---RECON TEAM
OXSHOE---RELAY TEAM
KAL--54 and KAL--55 WHEEL CODE

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IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE _____ 2 DEC 69

FM: CG THIRD FORCE RECON CO
 TO: CG III MAP (SRG)

INFO: CG FIRST MARDIV, ING
 CG FIRST MAW, ING
 MAG-16, ING
 FIRST RECON BN, ING
 FIRST FORCE RECON CO

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RECON DEBRIEFING REPORT (C)

1. TEAM CALL SIGN: KENNEL (4-1) (6 MEN) GPO 10-69
2. DTG INSERTED/EXTRACTED: 021400H/071300H DEC 69 (121 HOURS)
3. ROUTE: FM ATB59934 TO ATB59938 TO AT 895935 TO ATB59936 TO ATB59937 TO ATB48935 TO ATB41938 TO ATB59936.
4. TERRAIN: SINGLE TO TRIPLE CANOPY 75 TO 90 FEET. THICK UNDER BRUSH 6 TO 8 FEET (VINES AND BRUSH ARE TANGLED). ROCKY SLOPES. MOVING FROM EAST TO WEST CANOPY CHANGES FROM SINGLE TO TRIPLE.
5. RATE OF MOVEMENT: 75 TO 100 METERS PER HOUR. COVER AND CONCEALMENT IS FAIR TO GOOD.
6. HLZ, S: ATB59935, TWO CH-46s, APPROACH IS FROM EAST TO WEST ON HILL TOP.
7. HOST ENEMY.
8. OTHER INFO: UNSUITABLE FOR RECON DUE TO MOVEMENT OVER ROCKS.

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021300H DEC 69

INTELLIGENCE NCE ESTIMATE TO OPERATION ORDER 10-69, 11-69

REF: (A) MAPS, AMS SERIES 17014 SHEETS 6641III, 6641IV
(B) CG III MAP RECON ORDER 10-69, 11-69

TIME ZONE: H

1. ENEMY SITUATION

A. HAI VAN NVA ENGR BN AKA 1ST ENGR AND CUU LONG BN. EST STRENGTH 325 MEN. ARMAMENT 1 82MM MORTAR, 2 60 MM MORTAR, 6 340S, 1 341 AND 3 RPD. LOC VIC GRID AT8686. LAST CONTACT WAS 25 FEB 69 VIC GRID AT9192.

1. MORALE OF THIS UNIT IS CONSIDERED HIGH DUE TO THE LAST CONTACT WITH FREE WORLD FORCES.

B. T87 MF SAPPER BN A15A TROUNG SON BN 2D SAPPER BN AND H.H. (HOA HIEU). EST STRENGTH 350. ARMAMENT 3 82 MM MORTAR, 3 B-40S AND B-41 SD. LOC VIC AT8589.

1. PW REPORTED ON 12 SEP 69 HIS UNIT WAS 105 MEN. THIS UNIT HAS BEEN REPORTED TO HAVE CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE HAI VAN NVA ENGR BN.

C. C-31ST NVA IND CO AKA DOC LAP AND Q55 CO. ARMAMENT 2 82 MM MORTARS, 2 60 MM MORTAR, AND 3 30 CAL MGS. EST STRENGTH 90 MEN. LOC VIC GRID AT8990.

D. K-4B NVA BN AKA 804TH BN, V074 CAO VAN GROUP, SUNG LO AND Q3. ARMAMENT 1 82 MM MORTAR, 6 60 MM MORTAR, 1 30 CAL MG, 20 RPD, 6 B-40S AND 10 B-41S. EST STRENGTH 270 MEN. LOC VIC GRID ZC1597.

1. AN AGENT REPORT DATED 17 OCT 69 STATED THAT THE K-4B BN WITH 200 MEN WAS LOCATED VIC GRID AT81920.

2. A CAPTURED DOCUMENT ON 25 OCT 69 STATED THAT THE K-4B BN WAS LOC VIC GRID AT8396 FROM THE CHA MINT (LOCAL VC NAME) TO THE HOA ONG MNT AND HOI OUA.

E. 1ST ARMED CO LOC VIC GRID AT873944 1 CHICOM RADIO (NO FURTHER INFO)

1. AN AGENT REPORTED ON 25 OCT 69 STATED THAT THIS CO HAD 140 PERSONS (GUERRILLAS, MONTAGARDS AND FEMALES.) GREEN AND BLACK UNIFORMS. LIVING IN TWO 5X10 METER BARRACKS.

F. U/I SAPPER/SUICIDE CO (NO FURTHER INFO) LOC VIC GRID AT8396

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1. ENEMY SITUATION (CONT.)

G. ADMIN SEC PHU LOC DIST (NO FURTHER INFO) EST STRENGTH 120 PERSONNEL. ARMAMENT AUTOMATIC RIFLES AND SUB-MACHINEGUNS. WEAR GREY UNIFORMS. TENTS AS LIVING QUARTERS.

1. THIS IS AN AGENT REPORT DATED B-3 DATED 23 OCT 69.

H. C-4 CO (NO FURTHER INFO) EST STRENGTH 80 MEN. THIS COMPANY BELONGS TO THE PHU LOC ARMED BN AND IS LOCATED IN VIC GRID AT906953.

1. AN AGENT REPORT DATED 10 NOV 69

2. III MAP OOB CARRIES EST STRENGTH AT 30 MEN.

I. U/I BN EST STRENGTH 270 MEN. LOC VIC GRID AT895920.

1. AN AGENT REPORT DATED 24 OCT 69.

J. 4TH NVA REGT. AKA AD-14 AND DOAN 4. EST STRENGTH 880 MEN LOC UNK.

K. C-14 ENG CO

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY

A. BETWEEN 12 AND 16 NOV A PATROL MADE CONTACT WITH UNK ENEMY SIZE FORCE VIC GRID AT802968. ENEMY USED SA, A/W, AND 50 CAL.

B. VIC GRID AT817988 TWO OLD HUTS AND THREE FIGHTING HOLES 2X2X3 FEET.

C. BASE AREAS AND HARBOR SITES

A. AT879944 TWO 5X10 METER BARRACKS

B. AT819985 TENTS/LIVING QUARTERS WITH BUNKERS.

C. AT832932 SIX HUTS BUILT UNDER BOULDERS APPROX. ONE YEAR OLD NOT RECENTLY USED.

D. TRAILS

TRAILS ARE GENERALLY ALONG THE RIDGE LINES AND DOWN BESIDE THE STREAM BEDS. TRAILS ARE NOT HEAVILY USED BUT SHOW SIGNS OF RECENT USE, AS RECENT AS 12 NOV 69.

3. TERRAIN

A. SINGLE AND DOUBLE CANOPY 40 TO 100 FEET WITH SECONDARY GROWTH 8-12 FEET (VINES, THORNS AND SCRUB) SOIL COMPOSITION IS SANDY WITH SCATTERED ROCKS AND BOULDERS. MOVEMENT IS MODERATE 100-300 METERS PER HOUR. GOOD COVER AND

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3. TERRAIN (CONT.)

CONCEALMENT WITH PLENTIFUL WATER.

B. OP SITE AT AT812982 OFFERS GOOD OBSERVATION IN ALL DIRECTIONS,
EASY TO DEFEND.

4. WEATHER

HIGH 85
LOW 70

WINDS VAIRABLE NE/SW 8-10 KNOTS
SUNRISE 0642 SUNSET 1850

5. REI'S

1. DETERMINE IF THERE ARE ANY ENEMY UNITS IN THIS AREA IF SO WHERE AND IN
WHAT STRENGTH.

2. DETERMINE IF THERE ARE ANY ENEMY BASE CAMPS IN THE AREA, IF SO TYPE
LOCATION AND SIZE.

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27 JANUARY 1969

PHU BAI, VIETNAM

310 AKA. COMPANY (LTC) COMPANY
OPERATION ORDER # 11-69Ref: (a) Map, Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014, Sheet 6641 III
and 6641 IV.

(b) III MAP 01-49, sec. 00223169 dtd 0480V69

(c) CG, III MAP map 0270437E (C)

Unit/Call sign: ~~4-3 HAZY~~ Patrol Leader ~~CPL HAUN~~**1. Situation:**

a. Summary: See current LITREP and PERINTREP. See Company 2-2 for a detailed brief of your area. Agent report indicates that 140 personnel including 30 guerrillas, 24 Montagnards and 8 females were located via AT 873944, all members of the 1st Armed CO (HFI) 50 men of the C-1 CO were deployed via AT906933, a Capper and Provincial Main Force Suicide CO. were deployed via AT 8396 (HAI MIT), personnel of an administrative section of PHU LOC DISTRICT COMMITTEE and 3 U-1 HAIHAI COs were located via AT 815985, HAI/1B with approx 270 men were deployed via AT 835920, E-4B BN with 200 men were deployed via AT 810920. V.R. located large base camp between AT 855902 and AT 857909. A captured document revealed that the E-4B BN was moving through the Tay Can Bin area to hide at 80 MIT (AT 8396) and HAI HAI (HAI). Units that traditionally operate in this area are the HAI VAN SECH. CO. at AT 8486, the 2-87 CAPPER BN, at AT 8589, the C-11st CO. at AT 8990. III MAP CGS holds the E-4B BN at 80 1577 while a document says they are at AT 8396.

b. Friendly: Nearest friendly major units are located:

- (1) 2/26 Marines at Hai Van Pass via AT 937015
- (2) 8 1/13 Marines (105) and Prov/1/13 Marines (155) at Los Banos via AT 830997
- (3) H/2/26 Marines via AT 807011
- (4) F/2/26 Marines via AT 824955
- (5) 1st F/2/26 Marines via AT 815990
- (6) 1st F/2/26 Marines via AT 837977
- (7) Regional Force Company via AT 845957
- (8) Regional Force Company via AT 865950
- (9) 1st Recon Bn team "HAIHAI" will be operating in zone UI AT 8894 LR AT 9091 during period 28 Nov-01 Dec 69.

c. Artillery Support: Division can be supported by artillery, consisting of full coverage from 105 and 155 batteries located at Los Banos.

2. AL-105: You are to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations within your assigned AL UI AT 8099 LR AT 8297 to detect NVA/VC troop and logistic movement. Be prepared to call and adjust air/artillery on lucrative targets of opportunity, and if possible, capture a prisoner (Stingray Mission).

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of operations. The required Recon team will be inserted and extracted from the assigned recon zone by helicopter. The team will carry out the mission over a (5) day period unless unforeseen circumstances require an earlier extraction.

1. Overflight scheduled 28Nov69 weather permitting with PL and APL.

2. You are to depart Force Recon heloped with CH-46 in company with 4-1 "KENNEL" for insertion in your RZ with seven (7) men on 29Nov69. Three (3) known LZ's are in your RZ: AT 831945, AT 826926, AT 848938.

3. Report significant events to this headquarters via spot reports as they occur.

4. Be prepared to extract by STABO should it prove necessary.

4. ADMIN/LOGISTICS: Completed patrol roster and inspection sheet will be turned into S-3 prior to your departure. Final inspection will be held on the heloped 290630H and aircrew brief will take place in the COC at 290730H. R-SID's and communications equipment will be inspected prior to departure and test-fire of small arms will be conducted.

5. COMM/ELECT:

Primary Frequency:	35.40	"ALPHA"
Secondary Frequency:	63.70	"BRAVO"
Alternate Frequency:	40.30	"CHARLIE"
AN/Pro 93 Frequency:	249.1	"DELTA"
ARTY (105 & 155) via		
AU 834000 Frequency:	66.80	M-478 "LUNCH MEAT BRAVO"
AO (USMC) Primary:	42.90	"COW POKE"
AO (USMC) Alternate:	31.90	"COW POKE"

Unit Call Signs: PATRON.....3RD FORCE RECON CO.
ALABAMA RAIDER.....SRC III MAF DANANG
KENNEL.....RECON TEAM
OXSHOE.....RELAY TEAM

KAL-54 and KAL-55 WHEEL CODE

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FM: CO THIRD FORCE RECON CO
TO: CG III MAF (SRC)

NFO: CG FIRST MANDIV, DMU
CG FIRST MAW, INC
FIRST FORON DECOMMO, DMU
FIRST RECON BN, HG
MAC-16, INC

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RECON: RECON REPORT (C)

1. AT CALL SIGN: HAZY (4-3) (7 MINS) 00 11-69

2. TO: IN: RTED/TRACTED: 021420H/071530H DEC 69 (120 HOURS)

3. ROUTE: FM AT 812 981 TO AT 813 982 TO AT 813 981 TO AT 813 980 TO AT 812 980 TO AT 813 981 TO AT 813 982 TO AT 813 983 TO AT 812 983 TO AT 813 984 TO AT 813 985 TO AT 813 984 TO AT 812 984 TO AT 812 983 TO AT 813 983 TO AT 811 983.

4. TERRAIN: DOUBLE TOTEMPLE CANOPY 40 FEET HIGH, THICK UNDER BRUSH (SCRUB BRUSH AND VINES). SOIL WAS CLAY WITH LARGE ROCKS. WATER IS PLENTYFUL.

5. RATE OF MOVEMENT: 100 TO 200 METERS PER HOUR. COVER AND CONCEALMENT WAS GOOD TO EXCELLENT.

6. HILZ, S: AT 812 981. ONE CH-46, BARREN BRIDGE TOP. BEST APPROACH SOUTHEAST TO WEST. TREE STUMPS 1 TO 3 FEET HIGH TO THE NORTH.

7. NEXT ENEMY.

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Phu Bai, Vietnam3D FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY
OPERATION ORDER # 12-69Ref: (a) Maps, Vietnam 1:50,000 Sheets 6641 III, 6641 IV
Unit/Call Sign: "OXSHOE" 3-1 Patrol Leader: Sgt Chapman1. Situation :

a. Enemy- see current INTSUM AND PERINTREP. See company S-2 for a detailed brief of your area. Agent report indicates that 140 personnel including 30 guerrillas, 24 Montangaris and 8 females were located at vic AT 873944, all members of the 1st Armed Co (NFI) 80 men of the C-1 CO were deployed at vic AT 906933, a sapper and provincial Main force suicide Co. were deployed at vic AT 8396 (HOI MIT), personnel of an administrative section of Phu Lo district Committee and 3 U-1 Ranger CO's were located at vic AT 815985, NU/1B with approximately 270 men were deployed at vic AT 855920, K-4B Bn with 200 men were deployed at vic AT 810920. U.R. located large base camp between AT 855802 and AT 855909. A captured document revealed that the K-4B Bn was moving through the Tuey Com Mtn area to hide at Ho Mit (AT 8396) and Hoi Dua (NFI). Units that traditionally operate in this area are the Hai Van Engr. Co. at AT 8686, the T-87 Sapper Bn. at AT 8589, the C-31st Co. at AT 8990. III MAF OOB holds the K-4B Bn. at ZC 1597 while a document states they are located at AT 8396.

b. Friendly - Nearest friendly units are located at:

- (1) 2/26 Marines at Hai Van Pass vic AT 937015
- (2) B 1/13 Marines (105) and Prov/1/13 Marines (155) at Los Banos vic AT 830977
- (3) H/2/26 Marines vic AT 807018
- (4) F/2/26 Marines vic AT 884955
- (5) Plt. F 2/26 Marines vic AT 835990
- (6) Plt. F 2/26 Marines vic AT 837977
- (7) Regional Force Company vic AT 845957
- (8) Regional Force Company vic AT 865950
- (9) 1st Recon Bn. team "Head Cold" will be operating in zone UL 8894 LR 9091 during period 28 Nov-01 Dec 69

c. Artillery Support: Mission will be supported by artillery, consisting of full coverage from 105 and 155 batteries located at Los Banos, vic AU 834000

2. MISSION: To conduct a relay site for teams "HAZY" 4-3 and "KENNEL" 4-1. The relay position will be located vic AU 840010. All transmissions are to be relayed to 3rd Force Recon's home station at Phu Bai (Call sign "PATRON"). All messages are to be written verbatim and acknowledged. Radio watches are to be continuous during each 24 hour period and all radio traffic is to be kept to a minimum.

Due to the location of the relay site and the tactical situation Recon team "OXSHOE" 3-1 will provide 24 hour security for the relay site.

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3. EXECUTION: Overflight 28 November 1969. APL--PL
 Depart from 3rd Force Recon helopad at 290800H Nov. 69 by CH 46 fully
 prepared to function as a radio relay and security element via AU 840010.
 In addition to the prescribed patrol equipment you will take two (2)
 AN/Pro 25's with three (3) handsets, both whip and tape antennas, one (1)
 RC 292 antenna (with component parts), two (2) spare batteries, ink
 pens, log books, flashlights and sufficient food and water for eight (8)
 days. All radio equipment will be checked prior to departure. A mini-
 mum of six (6) claymores and one (1) M-60 Machine gun will be carried
 for defensive purposes.

4. ADMIN/LOGISTICS: Completed patrol roster and inspection sheet will
 be turned in to S-3 prior to your departure. Final inspection will be
 held on the helopad at 290630H followed by airorew brief at 290730H
 in the COG.

5. COMM/ELECT:

Primary Frequency: 35.40 "ALPHA"
 Secondary Frequency: 63.70 "BRAVO"
 Alternate Frequency: 40.30 "CHARLIE"
 AN/Pro 93 Frequency: 250.1 "DELTA"
 Artillery Frequency: 66.80 M-478 "LUNCH MEAT "B"
 (105/155 via AU 834000)

AO (USMC) Primary: 42.90 "COW POKE"
 Alternate: 31.90

UNIT CALL SIGNS: PARON****3RD FORCE RECON
 ALABAMA RAIDER****SRC III MAF DANANG
 HAZY****RECON TEAM
 KENNEL****RECON TEAM
 OKSHOE****RECON TEAM RELAY

KAL-54 and KAL-55 WHEEL CODE

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PHU BAI, VIETNAM3RD FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY
OPERATION ORDER # 13-69

Ref: (a) Map, Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS series L7014, Sheet 6641 III
 (b) III MAF LOI 01-69, ser.00123169 DTD 4 Nov. 69
 (c) CG, III MAF msg 0 290023Z (C)

Unit/Call sign: 3-2 "Ghostly" Patrol Leader Cpl. Janovich

1. Situation:

a. Enemy. See current INTSUM and PERINTREP. See Company S-2 for a detailed brief of your area. Agent report indicates that 140 personnel including 30 guerrillas, 24 Montagnards and 8 females were located vic AT 873944, all members of the 1st Armed Co. (NFI), 80 men of the C-1 Co. were deployed vic AT 906933, a Sapper and Provincial Main Force Suicide Co. were deployed vic AT 8396 (HOI MIT), personnel of an administrative section of PHU LOC DISTRICT COMMITTEE and 3 U-1 RANGER Co. were located vic AT 815985, NU/1B with approx. 270 men were deployed vic AT 855920, K-4B BN with 200 men were deployed vic AT 810920. V.R. located a large base camp between AT 855802 and AT 859909. A captured document revealed that the K-4B Bn. was moving through the Tuey Com mtn. area to hide at HO MIT (AT 8396) and HOI DUA (NFI). Units that traditionally operate in this area are the HAM VAN ENGR. CO. at AT 8686, the T-87 SAPPER BN. at AT 8589, the G-31st Co. at AT 8990. III MAF OOB holds the K-4B Bn. at ZC 1597 while a document says they are at AT 8396.

b. Friendly: Nearest friendly major units are located:

- (1) 2/26 Marines at Hai Van Pass vic AT 937915
- (2) B/1/13 Marines (105) and Prov/1/13 (155) at Los Banos vic AT '30977
- (3) H/2/26 Marines vic AT 807018
- (4) A-72/26 Marines vic AT 884955
- (5) Plt F/2/26 Marines vic AT 835990
- (6) Plt F/2/26 Marines vic AT 837977
- (7) Regional Force Company vic AT 845957
- (8) Regional Force Company vic AT 865950

c. Artillery Support: Mission can be supported by artillery, consisting of full coverage from 105 and 155 batteries located at Los Banos.

2. MISSION: You are to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations within your assigned RZ UL AT 8694 LR AT 8841 to detect NVA/VC troop and logistic movement. Be prepared to call and adjust air/artillery on lucrative targets of opportunity, and if possible, capture a prisoner (Stingray Mission).

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of operations. The required recon teams will be inserted and extracted from the assigned recon zone by helicopter or other means. The team will carry out the mission over a five (5) day period unless unforeseen circumstances require an earlier extraction.

1. Overflight scheduled 01 Dec. 1969 weather permitting with PL and APL
2. You are to depart Force Recon helopad with CH-46 in company with 3-2

"Ghostly" for insertion in your RZ with six(6) men on 02 Dec 1969. Two (2) known LZ's are located at AT 864916 and AT 864920.

3. Report significant events to this headquarters via spot reports as they occur.

4. Be prepared for a STABO extraction should it prove necessary.

5. Your thrust point will be BEERS at AT 8793.

4. ADMIN/LOGISTICS: Completed Patrol Roster and Inspection Sheet will be turned in to S-3 prior to your departure. Final inspection will be held on the helopad 020630H and aircrew brief will take place in the COC at 020730H. PSID's and communications equipment will be inspected prior to departure and tests-fire of small arms.

5. <u>COMM/ELECT</u> :	Primary Frequency:	35.40	"ALPHA"
	Secondary Frequency:	63.70	"BRAVO"
	Alternate Frequency:	40.30	"CHARLIE"
	AN/Pro 93 Frequency:		"DELTA"
	ARTY (105) and (155)		
	AU 834000 Frequency:	66.80	M-478 "LUNCH MEAT BRAVO"
	AO (UEMC) PRIMARY:	42.90	" COW POKE"
	AO Alternate:	3190	"COW POKE"

Unit Call Signs: PATRON—3rd FORCE RECON
ALABAMA RAIDER— SRC, III MAF, DNG
GHOSTLY— ~~RECON~~ TEAM
OXSHOE— RELAY TEAM

KAL-54 and KAL-55 WHEEL CODE

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IN THE FIELD, PHU BAI, RVN
040950H DECEMBER 1969

OPERATION ORDER 14-69

REF: (A) MAPS, AMS SERIES L7014 SHEET 6541 II
(B) CG, III MAF RECON ORDER 10-69
(C) III MAF LOI 1-69, SER. 00123169 DTD 04 NOV 1969

TIME ZONE: H

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES. REFER TO THIRD FORCE RECON INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING DOCUMENT 14-69.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. THIRD FORCE RECON COMPANY AS A PART OF A LARGER FORCE CONDUCTS RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS IN I CORPS, RVN AS DIRECTED BY CG, III MAF.

(1) NEAREST FRIENDLY UNITS TO ASSIGNED OPERATING AREA ARE:

(A) 1/501 FSB PISTOL VIC YC 9190

(B) 1/54 ARVN VIC YC 9999

(2) SUPPORTING ARTILLERY IS:

(A) SUPPORTING ARTILLERY IS NOT AVAILABLE.

(3) SUPPORTING AIR WILL BE PROVIDED FROM 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING AS REQUIRED.

2. MISSION

TEAM (3-2) "GHOSTLY" CONDUCTS AN AREA RECONNAISSANCE OF THE TERRAIN IN RECONNAISSANCE ZONE UPPER LEFT YC 9880, LOWER RIGHT ZC 0077 COMMENCING AT 0900H ON 05 DECEMBER 1969, AND CONTINUING FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY FIVE (5) DAYS.

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION. TEAM "GHOSTLY" INSERTS INTO ASSIGNED RECONNAISSANCE ZONE BY HELICOPTER ON 05 DECEMBER AND COMMENCES A DETAILED RECONNAISSANCE OF THE TERRAIN FOR SIGNS OF RECENT ENEMY OCCUPATION OR USE. EXTRACTION UPON COMPLETION OF THE OPERATION IS SCHEDULED FOR 10 DECEMBER UNLESS THE WEATHER OR ENEMY ACTION DETERMINE OTHERWISE.

B. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION,

- (1) ARE THERE ANY ENEMY ISSUE AND STORAGE POINTS IN THE AREA?
- (2) WHAT ARE THE QUANTITY AND TYPE OF MUNITIONS USED?
- (3) ARE THERE ANY ENEMY BASE CAMPS OR LOGISTICAL MOVEMENTS IN THE AREA?

C. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

- (1) OVERFLIGHT FOR VR OF ZONE 041300H DEC
- (2) ISSUANCE OF OPERATION ORDER 041830H DEC
- (3) ISSUANCE OF INTELLIGENCE BRIEF 041930H DEC
- (4) FINAL INSPECTION OF TEAM 050700H DEC
- (5) BRIEF OF TEAM LEADER AND PILOTS 050800H DEC
- (6) TAKEOFF 050900H DEC
- (7) ON INSERTION ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS WITH RELAY "REFUND" AND REPORT EXACT TIME AND LOCATION OF INSERTION.
- (8) MAKE "SPOT" AND SALUTE REPORTS AS REQUIRED.
- (9) DO NOT REMAIN IN ONE POSITION MORE THAN 24 HOURS.
- (10) DO NOT ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITION PRIOR TO 1900.
- (11) MAKE SITUATION REPORT TO THIS HQ EVERY HOUR.
- (12) USE EXTREME CAUTION WHEN OPERATING IN VIC OF SUSPECTED ENEMY DOMINATED AREAS IN NORTHERN PORTION OF RZ.
- (13) ASSIGNED RECON ZONE IS A FREE FIRE ZONE FOR THIRD FORCE RECON CO AND A NO FIRE ZONE FOR ALL OTHER UNITS.
- (14) BE PREPARED TO MAKE STABO EXTRACTION IF NECESSARY.
- (15) PREPARE DETAILED ZONE BRIEF PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF EXTRACTION AIRCRAFT.
- (16) THRUST POINT IS: "BEEES" - TC 9979

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT. EACH MAN WILL CARRY NORMAL, INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT TO INCLUDE NO LESS THAN 2-40 CALIBERS AND WET WEATHER GEAR.

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B. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT. THE TEAM WILL CARRY AS A MINIMUM: 2 STEER LIGHTS, ONE PENLIGHT, 2 DAY-NIGHT FLARES, 2 AIR PANELS, 2 MIRRORS, 2 PEN FLARES, ONE PSID (COMPLETE) WITH BATTERIES, ONE STABO RIG PER MAN, THE PRO-93.

C. RATIONS. TEAM WILL CARRY A MINIMUM OF 6 DAYS RATIONS.

D. ORDNANCE. THE TEAM WILL CARRY 21 MAGAZINES/RIFLEMAN, 2 YELLOW SMOKE GRENADES, 2 RED SMOKE GRENADES, 40 HE RDS, 10 CS RDS, 10 PARSCHETTE RDS FOR M-79, 4 CLAYMORES, 4 W.P. GREM/TEAM, 1 CS GRENADE AND 6 FRAG GRENADES/MAN, 1 K-BAR OR KNIFE/MAN.

E. MEDICAL. THE TEAM WILL CARRY ONE BUSH MEDICAL KIT, 6 MORPHINE SYNTETES, MALARIA TABLETS AND HALIZONE TABLETS.

5. COMMAND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

A. TACTICAL NET: TO "PATRON" (COC) VIA RELAYS "REFUND".

- (1) PRIMARY FREQ - 52.60 (M-240) CODE
- (2) SECONDARY FREQ - 57.45 (M-43) CODE
- (3) ALTERNATE FREQ- 35.40 (M-127) CODE

B. AIR SUPPORT COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) SUPPORTING GUNSHIPS - "SCARFACE" ON TEAM FREQ.
- (2) TRANSPORT HELOS - "CHATTERBOX" ON TEAM FREQ.
- (3) AERIAL OBSERVER - "COWPOKE" (OV-10) ON TEAM FREQ OR ON PRIMARY OF 42.90 OR SECONDARY OF 31.90.
- (4) AIRBORNE RELAY - "BATCAT" 37.90 (M-291)

C. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS. PRO-93 CODE A 247.2

D. TEAM WILL USE KAL 54/55 WHEEL CODE FOR SHACKLE, WITH LIMITED BREVITY CODE FOR VOICE TRANSMISSION.

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IN THE FIELD, PHU BAI, RVN
041500H DECEMBER 1969

OPERATION ORDER 15-69

REF: (A) MAPS, AMS SERIES 17014 SHEET 6541 II

(B) CG, III MAF RECON ORDER 10-69

(C) III MAF LOI 1-69, SER. 00123169 DTD 04 NOV 1969

TIME ZONE: H

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES. REFER TO THIRD FORCE RECON INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING DOCUMENT 14-69.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. THIRD FORCE RECON COMPANY AS A PART OF A LARGER FORCE CONDUCTS RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS IN I CORPS, RVN AS DIRECTED BY CG, III MAF.

(1) NEAREST FRIENDLY UNITS TO ASSIGNED OPERATING AREA ARE:
(A) 1/501 FSB PISTOL VIC YC9190

(B) 1/54 ARVN VIC YC9999

(2) SUPPORTING ARTILLERY IS:

(A) SUPPORTING ARTILLERY IS NOT AVAILABLE.

(3) SUPPORTING AIR WILL BE PROVIDED FROM MARINE AIRCRAFT WING AS REQUIRED.

2. MISSION

TEAM (1-1) "REFUND" CONDUCTS A RELAY FOR TEAM (3-2) "GHOSTLY VIC YC 973780.

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPTS OF OPERATION. TEAM "REFUND" INSERTS INTO ASSIGNED RELAY SITE BY HELICOPTER ON 05 DECEMBER AND COMMENCES RELAY FOR TEAM "GHOSTLY". EXTRACTION UPON COMPLETION OF THE OPERATION IS SCHEDULED FOR 10 DECEMBER UNLESS THE WEATHER OR ENEMY ACTION DETERMINE OTHERWISE.

C. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

(1) OVERFLIGHT FOR VR OF ZONE 041300H DEC

(2) ISSUANCE OF OPERATION ORDER 041830H DEC

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- (3) ISSUANCE OF INTELLIGENCE BRIEF 041930H DEC
- (4) FINAL INSPECTION OF TEAM 050700H DEC
- (5) BRIEF OF TEAM LEADER AND PILOTS 050800H DEC
- (6) TAKEOFF 050900H DEC
- (7) ON INSERTION ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS WITH TEAM "GHOSTLY" AND REPORT EXACT TIME AND LOCATION OF INSERTION.
- (8) RELAY "SPOT" AND "SALUTE" REPORTS AS REQUIRED.
- (9) RELAY SITUATION REPORT TO THIS HQ EVERY HOUR.
- (10) ALL MESSAGES ARE TO BE WRITTEN VERBATUM AND ACKNOWLEDGED.
- (11) RADIO WATCHES ARE TO BE CONTINUOUS DURING EACH 24 HOUR PERIOD AND ALL RADIO TRAFFIC IS TO BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM.
- (12) BE PREPARED TO MAKE STABO EXTRACTION IF NECESSARY.
- (13) PREPARE DETAILED ZONE BRIEF PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF EXTRACTION AIRCRAFT.
- (14) THRUST POINT IS: "BEERS" - YC 9979

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT. EACH MAN WILL CARRY NORMAL, INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT TO INCLUDE NO LESS THAN 2-2QT CANTEENS AND WET WEATHER GEAR.

B. SPECIAL GEAR. THE TEAM WILL CARRY AS A MINIMUM: 2 STROBE LIGHTS, ONE PENLIGHT, 2 DAY-NIGHT FLARES, 2 AIR PANELS, 2 MIRRORS, 2 PEN FLARES, ONE PSID (COMPLETE) WITH EXTRA BATTERIES, ONE STABO SIG PER MAN, THE PRC 93, TWO (2) AN/PRC-25'S, 3 HANDSETS, BOTH WHIP AND TAPE ANTENNA'S, 1 RC-292 ANTENNA (WITH COMPONENT PARTS), 2 SPARE BATTERIES.

C. RATIONS. TEAM WILL CARRY MINIMUM OF 6 DAYS RATIONS.

D. ORDNANCE. THE TEAM WILL CARRY 21 MAGAZINES/RIFLEMAN, 2 YELLOW SMOKE GRENADES, 2 RED SMOKE GRENADES, 40 HE RDS, 10 CS RDS, 10 FLECHETTE RDS FOR M-79, 4 CLAYMORES, 4 W.P. GREN/TEAM, 1 CS GRENADE AND 6 FRAG GRENADES/MAN, 1 K-BAR OR KNIFE/MAN.

E. MEDICAL. THE TEAM WILL CARRY ONE BUSH MEDICAL KIT, 6 MORPHINE SYRINGS, MALARIA TABLETS AND HALIZONE TABLETS.

5. COMMAND COMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRONICS

A. TACTICAL NET: TO PATRON (COC) VIA RELAY "WELDER".

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- (1) PRIMARY FR Q - 52.60 (M-240) CODE RED
- (2) SECONDARY FREQ - 57.45 (M-43) CODE WHITE
- (3) ALTERNATE FREQ - 35.40 (M-127) CODE BLUE

B. AIR SUPPORT COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) SUPPORTING GUNSHIPS - "SCARFACE" ON TEAM FREQ.
- (2) TRANSPORT HELOS - "CHATTERBOX" ON TEAM FREQ.
- (3) AERIAL OBSERVER - "COWPOKE" (OV-10) ON TEAM FREQ OR ON PRIMARY OF 42.90 OR SECONDARY OF 31.90.
- (4) AIRBORNE RELAY - "BATCAT" 37.90 (M-291)

C. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS. PRC-93 CODE "B" 247.9

D. TEAM WILL USE KAL 54/55 WHEEL CODE FOR SHACKLE, WITH LIMITED
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OPERATION ORDER 16-69

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(B) CG, III MAF RECON ORDER 10-69

(C) III MAF LAM 1-69, SER. 00123169 DTD 04 NOV 1969

TIME ZONE: H

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES. REFER TO THIRD FORCE RECON INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING DOCUMENT 14-69.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. THIRD FORCE RECON COMPANY AS A PART OF A LARGER FORCE CONDUCTS RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS IN I CORPS, RVN AS DIRECTED BY CG, III MAF.

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(A) 1/501 FCB PISTOL VIS YC 9190

(B) 1/54 ARVN VIC YC 9999

(2) SUPPORTING ARTILLERY IS:

(A) SUPPORTING ARTILLERY IS NOT AVAILABLE.

(3) SUPPORTING AIR WILL BE PROVIDED FROM MARINE AIRCRAFT WING AS REQUIRED.

2. MISSION

TEAM (1-2) "WELDER" CONDUCTS A RELAY FOR TEAM (1-1) "REFUND" VIC YC 926968.

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION. TEAM "WELDER" INSERTS INTO ASSIGNED RELAY SITE BY HELICOPTER ON 05 DECEMBER AND COMMENCES RELAY FOR TEAM GHOSTLY. EXTRACTION UPON COMPLETION OF THE OPERATION IS SCHEDULED FOR 10 DEC UNLESS THE WEATHER OR ENEMY ACTION DETERMINE OTHERWISE.

C. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) OVERFLIGHT FOR VR OF ZONE 041300H DEC

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- (2) ISSUANCE OF OPERATION ORDER 041830H DEC
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- (7) ON INSERTION ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS WITH "PATRON" AND REPORT EXACT TIME AND LOCATION OF INSERTION.
- (8) RELAY "SPOT" AND "SALUTE" REPORTS AS REQUIRED.
- (9) RELAY SITUATION REPORT TO THIS HQ EVERY HOUR.
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C. RATIONS. TEAM WILL CARRY MINIMUM OF 6 DAYS RATIONS,

D. ORDNANCE. THE TEAM WILL CARRY 21 MAGAZINES/RIFLEMAN, 2 YELLOW SMOKE GREEN, 2 RED SMOKE GREEN, 40 HE RDS, 10 CS RDS, 10 FLESCHETTE RDS FOR M-16, 4 CLAYMORES, 4 W.P. GREEN/TEAM, 1 CS GREEN AND 6 FRAG GREEN/MAN, 1 K-BAR OR KNIFE/MAN.

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5. COMMAND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

A. TACTICAL NET: TO "PATRON" (COC)

- (1) PRIMARY FREQ - 52.60 (M-240) CODE RED

(2) SECONDARY FREQ - 37.45 (M-43) CODE WHITE

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B. AIR SUPPORT COMMUNICATIONS

(1) SUPPORTING GUNSHIPS - "SCARFACE" ON TEAM FREQ.

(2) TRANSPORT HELOS - "CHATTERBOX" ON TEAM FREQ.

(3) AERIAL OBSERVER - "COWPOKE" (OV-10) ON TEAM FREQ. OR
ON PRIMARY OF 42.90 OR SECONDARY OF 31.90.

(4) AIRBORNE RELAY - "BATCAT" 37.90 (M-291)

D. TEAM WILL USE KAL 54/55 WHEEL CODE FOR SHACKLE, WITH LIMITED
BREVITY CODE FOR VOICE TRANSMISSION.

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Third Force Recon Company
In the Field, PHUBAI, RVN

OPERATION ORDER 17-69

- Ref: (a) Maps VIETNAM, 1:50,000 AMS Series 7014, Sheets No. 6441 I, 6441 II, 6441 III and 6441 IV.
(b) CG, III MAF Recon OpOrder 12-69
(c) III MAF LOI 1-69, Ser 00123169 dtd 04Nov69

Time Zone: "H"

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. Refer to Third Force Recon Intelligence Document 6-69. (Ser 5-4)

b. Friendly Forces. Third Force Reconnaissance Company, as a part of a larger force, conducts reconnaissance and surveillance in I Corps, RVN as directed by CG, III MAF.

(1) Nearest friendly unit to the operating areas is at FSB "BASTOGNE" in vic YD620094. 2/501st, 101st Abn.

(2) Supporting artillery is also located at FSB "BASTOGNE" and consists of 175mm guns. Call sign "~~ARTILLERY STEPS ECHO~~".
Desire Tango 36

(3) Supporting air will be provided by the First Marine Aircraft Wing and 2/17 Cav., 101st Abn.

c. Attachments. None

2. MISSION.

(1-1) TinnY
Teams ~~(2-2) "ARTILLERY"~~ and (2-3) "SAVVY", functioning jointly as "ZULU RELAY", a fixed radio relay position, will perform as a recon relay site for such teams as will be inserted within the designated AO for a period of five (5) days or until relieved.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. Relay will insert into the assigned RZ vic YC449956 and commence a fixed site radio relay. Measures for defense of the relay site will also commence upon arrival on site. Relay commander will ensure constant communications between teams operating within his area and this headquarters at all times.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Overflight for VR will be conducted as soon as weather permits the operation of rotary wing aircraft in the area.

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(2) Intelligence brief will take place immediately following the VR.

(3) Final inspection of relay team will take place prior to insertion by the Operations Officer and the Platoon Commander.

(4) Upon insertion, establish communications with "ANCIENT SCOUT" on designated frequency and report exact time of insertion and location.

(5) "SPOT" and "SALUTE" messages are to sent as required.

(6) "SITREP" to be sent to this headquarters each hour.

(7) Establish communications with supporting artillery on designated frequency.

(8) Have a detailed zone brief prepared for extraction aircraft prior to their arrival.

(9) Thrust Points are:

- (a) AIRBORNE * YC4497 *
- (b) SCUBA * YD3701 *
- (c) RANGER * YD3606 *
- (d) HALO * YC4095 *

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Individual Equipment: The normal patrolling equipment is to be carried by each individual patrol member. In addition, men will carry wet weather suits and poncho liners. A minimum of eight (8) quarts of water will be carried by each man in canteen form.

b. Special Equipment: In addition to the normal equipment, a pair (2) of M-60 machineguns with (2000) rnds per gun, one (1) PRC 47, one (1) RC-292 antenna, twelve (12) claymores, two (2) M79's, twenty (20) M16 magazines per rifle, two (2) extra handsets, two (2) empty sandbags per man, four (4) entrenching tools, one (1) machete, food for eight (8) days and some sort of waterproof material for covering radios, such as ponchos or plastic sheets.

c. Rations: A minimum of eight (8) days rations per man.

d. Ordnance: Individual load for riflemen will be four (4) M26 frags, two (2) WP, one (1) colored smoke, one (1) CS, twenty (20) magazines and one (1) hand-held illumination flare.

e. Medical: Two (2) bush medical kits and one (1) morphine syrette (per man) will be taken. Individual members will carry two (2) field bandages per man.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS.

a. Tactical Net: "ANCIENT SCOUT" (COC).

- (1) Primary Frequency: 45.70 (M-172) Code RED
- (2) Secondary 35.40 (M-135) Code WHITE
- (3) Alternate 36.40 (M-158) Code BLUE *46.65*

b. Fire Support: ~~"ARTFUL STEPS ECHO"~~ 1/83 Arty; BASTOGNE*"Desire Tango 36"*COF Primary Frequency: ~~53.60~~ 43.30

c. Air Support:

- (1) "SCARFACE" (USMC GUNSHIPS) Team Primary
- (2) "CHATTERBOX" (USMC CH-46s) Team Primary
- (3) "CYCLONE" (USA 2/17 CAV) Primary: 67.25
- (4) "PHUBAI DUST-OFF" (USA MEDEVAC) Primary: 47.40
Alternate: 46.90
- (5) "COWPOKE" (USMC AO) Primary: 42.90
Alternate: 31.90

d. Team Shackle: CODE 54

e. Reaction Force (Force Recon) "ANCIENT SCOUT REACT" on team's primary frequency.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR LEE

C. C. Coffman, Jr.
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1STLT, USMC
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Time Zone: "H"

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. Refer to Third Force Recon Intelligence Document 6-69. (See 2A)

b. Friendly Forces. Third Force Reconnaissance Company, as a part of a larger force, conducts reconnaissance and surveillance in I Corps, RVN as directed by CG, III MAF.

(1) Nearest friendly unit to the operating areas is at FSB "BASTOGNE" in vic YD620094. 2/501st, 101st Abn.

(2) Supporting artillery is also located at FSB "BASTOGNE" and consists of 175mm guns. Call sign ~~"ARTILLERY STEPS DOWN"~~ "Desire Tango 36"

(3) Supporting air will be provided by the First Marine Aircraft Wing and 2/17 Cav., 101st Abn.

c. Attachments. None

2. MISSION.

Team (2-1) "BOXHILL" will conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in their prescribed RZ, Upper Left YC4099; Lower Right YC4297. Detect enemy troop movement, logistics and communications within that area. Mission coverage is for a period of five (5) days or until extracted.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. Team will insert in their primary zone by helicopter and commence reconnaissance operations within assigned zone. Six (6) men will comprise the patrol.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Overflight for VR will be conducted as soon as weather permits the operation of rotary wing aircraft in the area.

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(2) Intelligence brief will take place immediately following the VR.

(3) Final inspection of recon team will take place prior to insertion by the Operations Officer and the Platoon Commander.

(4) Upon insertion, establish communications with "ZULU RELAY" on designated frequency and report exact time of insertion and location.

(5) "SPOT" and "SALUTE" messages are to be sent as required.

(6) "SITREP" to be sent to radio relay each hour.

(7) Establish communications with supporting air and army units as necessary on provided frequencies.

(8) Have a detailed zone brief prepared for extraction aircraft prior to their arrival.

(9) Thrust Points are:

- (a) AIRBORNE YC4497
- (b) SCUBA YD3701
- (c) RANGER YD3606
- (d) HALO YC4095

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Individual Equipment: The normal patrolling equipment is to be carried by each individual patrol member. In addition, men will carry wet weather suits and poncho liners. A minimum of six (6) quarts of water will be carried by each man in canteen form.

b. Special Equipment: None required other than that designated by the Patrol Leader.

c. Rations: A minimum of eight (8) days rations per man.

d. Ordnance: Individual load for riflemen will be four (4) M26 frags, two (2) WP, one (1) colored smoke, one (1) CS, twenty (20) magazines and one (1) hand-held illumination flare.

e. Medical: One (1) bush medical kit for the entire patrol and one (1) morphine syrette per patrol member will be taken. A pair of field battle dressings will be taken by each patrol member.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS.

a. Tactical Net: "ANCIENT SCOUT" (COC).

- (1) Primary Frequency: 45.70 (M-172) Code RED
- (2) Secondary 35.40 (M-135) Code WHITE
- (3) Alternate 36.40 (M-158) Code BLUE

b. Fire Support: ~~"ARTILLERY STEPS ECHO"~~ 1/83 Arty; BASTOGNE

"Desire Tango 36"
COF Primary Frequency: ~~53.60~~ 43.30

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- (1) "SCARFACE" (USMC GUNSHIPS) Team Primary
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d. Team Shackle: CODE 54

e. Reaction Force (Force Recon) "ANCIENT SCOUT REACT" on team's primary frequency.

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1. TEAM CALL SIGN: BOXHILL (3-1) (6 MIN) 100-1-69
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3. ROUTE: P YC413997 TO YC413981 TO YC413982 TO YC413979 TO YC413989 TO YC413983 TO YC413988 TO YC413982 TO YC413977.
4. TERRAIN. VALLEY FLOOR IS MARSHY WITH FIVE TO EIGHT FOOT BLENDED GRASS, WITH HEAVY BUSH AND VINES. STEEP HILLS WITH BUSH THREE TO FIVE FOOT HIGH, DISCONTINUOUS. TREES ARE DEAD OFFERING NO CANOPY. THERE IS ONE UNMARKED SEASONAL STREAM AT YC413979. TWO FOOT WIDE AND TWO FEET DEEP, FAST RUNNING WITH A ROCK BOTTOM. RUNNING NORTHEAST TO SOUTHEAST.
5. RATE OF MOVEMENT: 10 METERS PER HOUR. GOOD COVER AND CONCEALMENT.
6. ENEMY ACTIVITY: AT 220930H THE BOXHILL OBS THE NVA/VC AT YC396263. THE WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT DUE TO DISTANCE. THE CALLED IN TWO ROUNDS OF 175 MM HE AND 2ND/17TH CAV (101 ABN) STRAFED AREA WITH 7.62MM MG, WITH BEST RESULTS. AT 232000H THE BOXHILL MADE OBS ACT WITH AND EST TO 25 NVA/VC AT A DISTANCE OF TEN METERS. THE FIRED AUTO PMS AND FIRED THREE CLAYMORES. THE MOVED TO THE WEST DOWN A HILL AND SET UP A 360 DEGREE SECURITY AT YC416996, RECEIVING SMALL ARMS AND AUTO FIRE FROM THE N.E. AND S.E. RIDGELINE. THE SUPPRESSED FIRE WITH SMALL ARMS, GRENADE VOLUNTEERS AND ONE CLAYMORE. AT 232100H 2ND/17TH CAV (101 ABN) DELIVERED ROCKETS AND MG FIRE ON THE N.E. AND S.E. RIDGELINES. THE RECEIVED THREE ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM THE N.E. RIDGELINE AND TWO ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM THE S.E. RIDGELINE. 2ND/17TH CAV (101 ABN) MADE ADDITIONAL GUN RUNS ON THE N.E. RIDGELINE RECEIVING FOUR SEC EXP'S (NO 417983) AND TWO ADDITIONAL SEC EXP'S ON THE S.E. RIDGELINE, (EUCOX FIVE SEC AFTER THE LAST DETONATION OF THE 40MM MG.

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AT 234125H AN ADDITIONAL TWO COBRA GUN SHIPS, NAME AHA COBRA AND ONE FLAME SHIP ARRIVED ON STATION. GUN SHIPS AND AHA EXPENDED ALL ORDNANCE ON THE N.E. AND S.E. RIDGELINES. THE FLAME SHIP DROPTED A TOTAL OF 24 FLARES. SMALL ARMS FIRE CEASED. TM ESTIMATED SIX PROB VLA.S. AT 241410H A BLUE TEAM FROM THE 2ND/17TH CAV (101 ABN) INSERTED AND LINKED UP WITH BOXHILL FOR A SWEEP OF THE AREA OF CONTACT. TM RECOVERED PORNHO LIVERS WITH MANY SMALL ARMS HOLES IN THE LINERS. TM FOUND A BOX 100 AX-47, AND SIX .300 BRASS CASTING. TM ALSO FOUND FOOT PRINTS OF APPROX 20 TO 25 PERSONNEL.

7. OTHER INFO: 7 FOUND A TRAIL AT TC416988, TWO FOOT WIDE RUNNING EAST TO WEST. RECENT HEAVY ACTIVITY.

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OPERATION ORDER 19-69

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(b) CG, III MAF Recon OpOrder 12-69
(c) III MAF LOI 1-69, Ser 00123169 dtd 04Nov69

Time Zone "H"

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. Refer to Third Force Recon Intelligence Document 6-69. (Sec 2-A)

b. Friendly Forces. Third Force Reconnaissance Company, as a part of a larger force, conducts reconnaissance and surveillance in I Corps, RVN as directed by CG, III MAF.

(1) Nearest friendly unit to the operating areas is at FSB "BASTOGNE" in vic YD620094. 2/501st, 101st Abn.

(2) Supporting artillery is also located at FSB "BASTOGNE" and consists of 175mm guns. Call sign "DESIRE TANGO 36".

(3) Supporting Air will be provided by the First Marine Aircraft Wing and 2/17 Cav., 101st Abn.

c. Attachments. None

2. MISSION.

Team (3-1) "ATLAS" will conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in their prescribed RZ, Upper Left YC3596; Lower Right YC3894. Detect enemy troop movement, logistics and communications within that area. Mission coverage is for a period of five (5) days or until extracted.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. Team will insert in their primary zone by helicopter and commence reconnaissance operations within assigned zone. Six (6) men will comprise the patrol.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Overflight for VR will be conducted as soon as weather permits the operation of rotary wing aircraft in the area.

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(2) Intelligence brief will take place immediately following the VR.

(3) Final inspection of recon teams will take place prior to insertion by the Operations Officer and the Platoon Commander.

(4) Upon insertion, establish communications with "ZULU RELAY" on designated frequency and report exact time of insertion and location.

(5) "SPOT" and "SALUTE" messages are to be sent as required.

(6) "SITREP" to be sent to radio relay each hour.

(7) Establish communications with supporting air and arty units as necessary on provided frequencies.

(8) Have a detailed zone brief prepared for extraction aircraft prior to their arrival.

(9) Thrust Points are:

- (a) AIRBORNE YC4497
- (b) SCUBA YD3701
- (c) RANGER YD3606
- (d) HALO YC4095

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Individual Equipment: None required other than the normal patrolling equipment that is carried by each individual patrol member. Men will take rain suits and poncho liners, as well as minimum six (6) quarts of water in canteen form.

b. Special Equipment: None required other than that required by the Patrol Leader.

c. Rations: A minimum of eight (8) days rations per man.

d. Ordnance: Individual load for riflemen will be four (4) M26 frags, two (2) WP, one (1) colored smoke, one (1) CS, twenty (20) magazines and one (1) hand-held illumination flare.

e. Medical: One (1) bush medical kit for the entire patrol and one (1) morphine syrette per patrol member will be taken. A pair of battle dressings will be taken by each patrol member.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS.

a. Tactical Net: "ANCIENT SCOUT" (COC).

- (1) Primary Frequency: 45.70 (M-172) Code RED
- (2) Secondary 35.40 (M-135) Code WHITE
- (3) Alternate 36.40 (M-158) Code BLUE

b. Fire Support: "DESIRE TANGO 36" 1/83 Arty; BASTOGNE

COF Primary Frequency: 43.30

c. Air Support:

- (1) "SCARFACE" (USMC GUNSHIPS) Team Primary
- (2) "CHATTERBOX" (USMC CH-46s) Team Primary
- (3) "CYCLONE" (USA 2/17 CAV) Primary: 67.25
- (4) "PHUBAI DUST-OFF" (USA MEDEVAC) Primary: 47.40
Alternate: 46.90
- (5) "COWPOKE" (USMC AO) Primary: 42.90
Alternate: 31.90

d. Team Shackle: CODE 54

e. Reaction Force (Force Recon) "ANCIENT SCOUT REACT" on team's primary frequency.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR LEE



C. C. COFFMAN, JR.
1STLT., USMC
OPERATIONS OFFICER

Distribution: (1) 3dForReconCo (COC)
(1) Team Leader
(1) 3dForReconCo LnO (101 Abn)

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FM: CO THIRD FORCE RECON CO
TO: CG III MAF (SRC)

INFO: CG XXIV CORPS, PHB
CG FIRST MARDIV, DNG
CG FIRST MAW, DNG
MAC ONE SIX, DNG
ONE ZERO ONE AIRBORNE (G-2), PHB
2 SQDN/SEVENTEENTH CAV, ONE ZERO ONE AIRBORNE, PHB
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

RECON DEBRIEFING REPORT (U)

1. TEAM CALL SIGN: ATLAS (3-1) (6 MEN) OPO 19-69
2. DTG INSERTED/EXTRACTED: 201215H/261157H DEC 69 (144 HOURS)
3. ROUTE: FM YC380945 TO YC379947 TO YC370953 TO YC369958 TO YC364957 TO YC385958.
4. TERRAIN: ELEPHANT GRASS EIGHT FOOT HIGH WITH THICK BAMBOO, DEFOLIATED, THICK UNDERBUSH. THERE ARE NO NATURAL WATER RESOURCES.
5. RATE OF MOVEMENT: 50 TO 100 METERS PER HOUR.
6. HLZ,S: THERE WERE NO GOOD HLZ,S NOTED.
7. ENEMY ACTIVITY: AT 221415H TM ATLAS OBS ONE NVA/VC AT YC396959 WEARING GREEN UNIFORMS WITH PACKS, NO WPNS OBS. MOVING EAST TO WEST AT A RAPID PACE. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO DISTANCE.

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(c) III MAF LOI 1-69, Ser 00123169 dtd 04Nov69

Time Zone: "H"

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. Refer to Third Force Recon Intelligence Document 6-69. (See 2A)

b. Friendly Forces. Third Force Reconnaissance Company, as a part of a larger force, conducts reconnaissance and surveillance in I Corps, RVN as directed by CG, III MAF.

(1) Nearest friendly unit to the operating area is at FSB "BASTOGNE" in vic YD620094. 2/501st, 101st Abn.

(2) Supporting artillery is also located at FSB "BASTOGNE" and consists of 175mm guns. Call sign "DESIRE TANGO 36".

(3) Supporting air will be provided by the First Marine Aircraft Wing and 2/17 Cav., 101st Abn.

c. Attachments. None

2. MISSION.

Team (1-3) "GARLIC" will conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in their prescribed RZ, Upper Left YD3307; Lower Right YD3505. Detect enemy troop movement, logistics and communications within that area. Mission coverage is for a period of five (5) days or until extraction.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. Team will insert in their primary zone by helicopter and commence reconnaissance operations within assigned zone. Six (6) men will comprise the patrol.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Overflight for VR will be conducted as soon as weather permits the operation of rotary wing aircraft in the area.

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(2) Intelligence brief will take place immediately following the VR.

(3) Final inspection of recon team will take place prior to insertion by the Operations Officer and the Platoon Commander.

(4) Upon insertion, establish communications with "ZULU RELAY" on designated frequency and report exact time of insertion and location.

(5) "SPOT" and "SALUTE" messages are to be sent as required.

(6) "SITREP" to be sent to radio relay each hour.

(7) Establish communications with supporting air and arty units as necessary on provided frequencies.

(8) Have a detailed brief prepared for your extraction aircraft prior to their arrival in the zone.

(9) Thrust Points are:

- (a) AIRBORNE YC4497
- (b) SCUBA YD3701
- (c) RANGER YD3606
- (d) HALO YC4095

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Individual Equipment: The normal patrolling equipment is to be carried by each individual patrol member. In addition, men will carry wet weather suits and poncho liners. A minimum of six (6) quarts of water will be carried by each man in canteen form.

b. Special Equipment: None required other than that designated by the Patrol Leader.

c. Rations: A minimum of eight (8) days rations will be taken by each patrol member.

d. Ordnance: Individual riflemen will carry a load of four (4) M26's, two (2) WP, one (1) colored smoke, one (1) CS, twenty (20) magazines and one (1) hand-held illumination flare.

e. Medical: One (1) bush medical kit for the entire patrol and one (1) morphine syrette per patrol member will be taken. A pair of field battle dressings will be taken by each patrol member.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS.

a. Tactical Net: "ANCIENT SCOUT" (COC).

- (1) Primary Frequency: 45.70 (M-172) Code RED
- (2) Secondary 35.40 (M-135) Code WHITE
- (3) Alternate 36.40 (M-158) Code BLUE

b. Fire Support: "DESIRE TANGO 36"; 1/83 Arty; BASTOGNE

COF Primary Frequency: 43.30

c. Air Support:

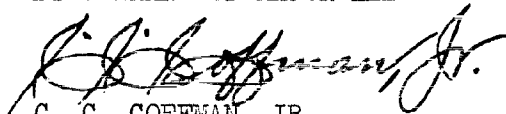
- (1) "SCARFACE" (USMC GUNSHIPS) Team Primary
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Alternate: 46.90
- (5) "COWPOKE" (USMC AO) Primary: 42.90
Alternate: 31.90

d. Team Shackle: CODE 54

e. Airborne radio relay (emergency) "HILLSBORO" (day) 63.95
"MOONBEAM" (Nite) 63.95

f. Reaction Force (Force Recon) "ANCIENT SCOUT REACT" on team's primary frequency.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR LEE



C. C. COFFMAN, JR.
1STLT., USMC
OPERATIONS OFFICER

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INFORM LATE 2 DEC 69

FM: 00 THIRD FORCE RECON CO
TO: 00 III MAF (SRC)

INFO: CG XXIV CORPS, PHB
CG FIRST MAR DIV, DMC
CG FIRST MAW, DMC
MAG ONE SIX, DMC
ONE ZERO ONE AIRBORNE (G-2), PHB
2 SQDN/SEVENTEENTH CAV, ONE ZERO ONE AIRBORNE, PHB
FIRST BN RECON, DMC
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RECON DEBRIEFING REPORT (U)

1. TEAM CALL SIGN: GARLIC (1-3) (6 MEN) OPO 20-69
 2. DTG INSERTED/EXTRACTED: 211604H/261130H DEC 69 (125ERS)
 3. ROUTE: FM YD336055 TO YD338058 TO YD339063 TO YD344067 TO YD346063 TO YD348060 TO YD341058.
 4. TERRAIN: HIGH STEEP HILLS, LOWER HALF OF RZ HAS 5' TO 7' ELEPHANT GRASS; UPPER HALF HAS 5' TO 5' HIGH UNDERGROWTH CONTAINING VINES INTERLACED WITH BAMBOO, AREA IS DEFOLIATED. GOOD COVER AND FAIR CONCEALMENT. WATER SOURCES ARE AS INDICATED ON THE MAP. RATE OF MOVEMENT WAS 100 METERS PER HOUR.
 5. HILLS: SITE AT YD336055 WILL ACCOMMODATE 1 CR-46. SITE IS A LITTLE HILL TOP. SITE AT YD338058 WILL ACCOMMODATE 1 CR-46. SITE IS A HILL FINGER. THE BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE N/S BECAUSE OF 100' TREES TO THE N/W.
 6. ENEMY: AT 220915H DEC 69 TM OBS 90 NVA MOVING E FM YD331057. EN WAS WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, HELMETS, PACKS AND APPROX 1 OF 10 WERE WEARING TAN CAM CAMOUFLAGED UTILITIES. EN WERE CARRYING RIFLES AND ONE APPEARED TO HAVE A MORTAR RESEMBLING US 60mm. TM CALLED IN HURT COBRAS, WHICH WORKED IN THE AREA OF YD341077. 1 US ARMY LCH WAS SHOT DOWN IN VIC GRID YD343067. MORE COBRAS APPEARED ON STATION AND STRAPPED AREA YD349068.
- ON 241240 H DEC 69 TM OBS 6 NVA AT YD347063. THE FIRST THREE EN WERE CARRYING LARGE KETTLES ATTACHED TO THEIR PACKS, AND APPEARED TO BE HEAVILY LOADED. THE FIRST EN WAS CARRYING AN AN-47 AND WAS THE ONLY ONE ARMED. EN WERE WEARING UTILITIES AND GREEN UTILITIES. POTS APPEARED TO BE THE GALLON SIZE. COBRAS ON STATION DELIVERED ORDERS AND SPOTTED A BUNKER COMPLEX OF APPROX 100 BUNKERS AND 25 HUTS. REPEATED HURT BY GUNFIRE RESULTING IN 2 KIA.

ON 26045H DEC 69 AT 300000Z IN AREA TAVAKA, WHILWILLS, ST. L. C. AIRPORT, 2.
PARTS AND RULE. BECAUSE ON 25 20 00 H. TAVAKA 100 00 YR341658 00

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ON 260945H DEC 69 TM SIGHTED 18 NVA AT GRID YD44058. EN WAS WEARING GREEN UTILITIES BOLIED TO THE KNEES, STEEL HELMETS, PACKS AND RIFLES AND ONE WAS CARRING WHAT APPEARED TO BE A MORTAR TUBE.

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Time Zone: "H"

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. Refer to Third Force Recon Intelligence Document 6-69. (A.. 2-A)

b. Friendly Forces. Third Force Reconnaissance Company, as a part of a larger force, conducts reconnaissance and surveillance in I Corps, RVN as directed by CG, III MAF.

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(2) Supporting artillery is also located at FSB "BASTOGNE" and consists of 175mm guns. Call sign "DESIRE TANGO 36".

(3) Supporting air will be provided by the First Marine Aircraft Wing and 2/17 Cav., 101 Abn.

c. Attachments. None

2. MISSION.

Team (3-3) "SNAKY" will conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in their assigned RZ, Upper Left YD3803; Lower Right YD4001, to detect enemy troop movement, logistics and communications within that area. Mission coverage is for a period of five (5) days or until extracted.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. Team will insert in their primary zone by helicopter and commence reconnaissance operations within that area. Six (6) men will comprise the patrol.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Overflight will be accomplished as weather permits.

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(2) Intelligence brief will take place as scheduled by S-2, following the VR.

(3) Final inspection of recon team will take place prior to insertion by the Operations Officer and the Platoon Commander.

(4) Upon insertion, establish communications with "ZULU RELAY" on designated frequency and report exact time of insertion and location.

(5) "SPOT" and "SALUTE" messages are to be sent as required.

(6) "SITREP" to be sent to radio relay each hour.

(7) Establish communications with supporting air and arty units as necessary on provided frequencies.

(8) Have a detailed zone brief prepared for extraction aircraft prior to their arrival.

(9) Thrust Points are:

- (a) AIRBORNE YC4497
- (b) SCUBA YD3701
- (c) RANGER YD3606
- (d) HALO YC4095

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Individual Equipment: The normal patrolling equipment is to be carried by each individual patrol member. In addition, men will carry wet weather suits and poncho liners. A minimum of six (6) quarts of water will be carried by each man in canteen form.

b. Special Equipment: None required other than that designated by the Patrol Leader. Weapons will be test fired in pit.

c. Rations: A minimum of eight (8) days rations per man.

d. Ordnance: Individual load for riflemen will be four (4) M26 frags, two (2) WP, one (1) colored smoke, one (1) CS, twenty (20) magazines and one (1) hand-held illumination flare.

e. Medical: One (1) bush medical kit for the entire patrol and one (1) morphine syrette per patrol member will be taken. A pair of battle dressings will be taken by each patrol member.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS.

a. Tactical Net: "ANCIENT SCOUT" (COC).

- 34.10 M-249 GREEN
- (1) Primary Frequency: ~~34.10 M-249 GREEN~~
 (2) Secondary 37.05 (M-232) Code BLACK
 (3) Alternate 46.65 (M-126) Code YELLOW

b. Fire Support: "DESIRE TANGO 36" 1/83 Arty; BASTOGNE

COF Primary Frequency: 43.30

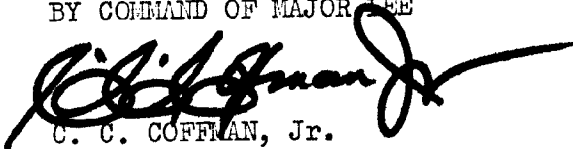
c. Air Support:

- (1) "SCARFACE" (USMC GUNSHIPS) Team Primary
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 (3) "CYCLONE" (USA 2/17 CAV) Primary: 67.25
 (4) "PHUBAI DUST-OFF" (USA MEDEVAC) Primary: 47.40
 Alternate: 46.90
 (5) "COMPOKE" (USMC AO) Primary: 42.90
 Alternate: 31.90

d. Team Shackle: CODE 54

e. Reaction Force (Force Recon) "ANCIENT SCOUT REACT" on team's primary frequency.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR LEE


 C. C. COFFMAN, Jr.
 1STLT, USMC
 OPERATIONS OFFICER

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CG FIRST MARDIV, DNG
CG FIRST MAW, DNG
MAG ONE SIX, DNG
ONE ZERO ONE AIRBORNE (G-2), PHB
2 SQND/SEVENTEENTH CAV, ONE ZERO ONE AIRBORNE, PHB
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RECON DEBRIEFING REPORT (U)

1. TEAM CALL SIGN: SNARY (3-3) (6 MEN) 0700 21-69
2. DTG INSERTED/EXTRACTED 251600H/301225H DEC 69 (117 1/2 HOURS)
3. ROUTE: FM YD375030 TO YD379027 TO YD382024 TO YD383027 TO YD384025 TO YD383016 TO YD383013.
4. TERRAIN: REEDS 10 TO 15 FEET HIGH WITH HEAVY UNDERBUSH. SOIL WAS RED CLAY. TREE STUMPS CUT JUST BELOW THE TOPS OF THE REEDS.
5. RATE OF MOVEMENT: 100 METERS PER HOUR. COVER AND CONCEALMENT IS GOOD. THERE ARE NO NATURAL WATER RESOURCES.
6. HLZ,S: THERE WERE NO GOOD HLZ,S NOTED.
7. ENEMY ACTIVITY: THERE WAS NO SIGHTINGS/CONTACT OF NVA/VN.

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Time Zone: "H"

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. Refer to Third Force Recon Intelligence Document 6-69. (See 2-a)

b. Friendly Forces. Third Force Reconnaissance Company, as a part of a larger force, conducts reconnaissance and surveillance in I Corps, RVN as directed by CG, III MAF.

(1) Nearest Friendly unit to the operating areas is at FSB "BASTOGNE" in vic YD620094. 2/501st, 101st Abn.

(2) Supporting artillery is also located at FSB "BASTOGNE" and consists of 175mm guns. Call sign "DESIRE TANGO 36".

(3) Supporting air will be provided by First Marine Aircraft Wing and 2/17 Cav., 101 Abn.

c. Attachment. None

2. MISSION.

Team (3-2) "ROACH" will conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in their assigned RZ, Upper Left YD3605; Lower Right YD3803, to detect enemy troop movement, logistics and communications within that area. Mission coverage is for a period of five (5) days or until extracted.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. Team will insert in their primary zone by helicopter and commence reconnaissance operations within that area. Six (6) men will comprise the patrol.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Overflight will be accomplished as weather permits.

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(2) Intelligence brief will take place as scheduled by S-2, following the VR.

(3) Final inspection of recon team will take place prior to insertion by the Operations Officer and the Platoon Commander.

(4) Upon insertion, establish communications with "ZULU RELAY" on designated frequency and report exact time of insertion and location.

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- (b) SCUBA YD3701
- (c) RANGER YD3606
- (d) HALO YC4095

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Individual Equipment: The normal patrolling equipment is to be carried by each individual patrol member. In addition, men will carry wet weather suits and poncho liners. A minimum of six (6) quarts of water will be carried by each man in canteen form.

b. Special Equipment: None required other than that designated by the Patrol Leader. Weapons will be test-fired in the pit.

c. Rations: A minimum of eight (8) days rations per man.

d. Ordnance: Individual load for riflemen will be four (4) M26 frags, two (2) WP, one (1) colored smoke, one (1) CS, twenty (20) magazines and one (1) hand-held illumination flare.

e. Medical: One (1) bush medical kit for the entire patrol and one (1) morphine syrette per patrol member will be taken. A pair of battle dressings will be taken by each patrol member.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS.

a. Tactical Net: "ANCIENT SCOUT" (COC).

(1)	Primary Frequency:	34.10 M-249	GREEN
(2)	Secondary	37.05 (M-232)	Code BLACK
(3)	Alternate	46.65 (M-126)	Code YELLOW

b. Fire Support: "DESIRE TANGO 36" 1/83 Arty; BASTOGNE

COF Primary Frequency: 43.30

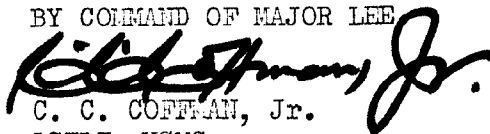
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(3)	"CYCLONE" (USA 2/17 CAV)	Primary: 67.25
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d. Team Shackle: CODE 54

e. Reaction Force (Force Recon) "ANCIENT SCOUT REACT" on team's primary frequency.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR LEE



C. C. COFFMAN, Jr.
1STLT, USMC
OPERATIONS OFFICER

Distribution: (1) 3dForce ReconCo (COC)
(2) Team Leader
(1) 3dForReconCo LNO (101 Abn)

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TO: CG III MAF (SRC)

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OG FIRST MAW, DNG
MAO ONE SIX, DNG
ONE ZERO ONE AIRBORNE (G-2), PHB
2 BND/SEVENTEENTH CAV, ONE ZERO ONE AIRBORNE, PHB
FIRST RECON BN, DNG
FIRST FORCE RECON CO, DNG

RECON DEBRIEFING REPORT (U)

1. TEAM CALL SIGN: ROACH (3-2) (6 MEN) OPO 22-69
2. DTG INSERTED/EXTRACTED 251555H/301830H DEC 69 (117 HOURS)
3. ROUTE: FM YD369045 TO YD366049 TO YD363042 TO YD362039 TO YD361038 TO YD361030 TO YD361039.
4. TERRAIN: REEDS 10 TO 15 FEET HIGH WITH HEAVY UNDERBRUSH. SOIL WAS RED CLAY. TREE STUMPS CUT JUST BELOW THE TOPS OF THE REEDS.
5. RATE OF MOVEMENT: 100 METERS PER HOUR. COVER AND CONCEALMENT IS GOOD. THERE IS ONE STREAM AT YD363041 FOR NATURAL WATER RESOURCES.
6. HILZ: THERE WERE NO GOOD HILZ NOTED.
7. ENEMY ACTIVITY: THERE WAS NO SIGHTINGS/CONTACT OF NVA/VC.

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OPERATION ORDER 23-69

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6441 I, 6441 II, 6441 III and 6441 IV.
(b) CG, III MAF Recon OpOrder 12-69
(c) III MAF LOI 1-69, Ser 00123169 dtd 04Nov69

Time Zone: "H"

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. Refer to Third Force Recon Intelligence Document 7-69. (See 2-C)

b. Friendly Forces. Third Force Reconnaissance Company, as a part of a larger force, conducts reconnaissance and surveillance in I Corps, RVN as directed by CG, III MAF.

(1) Nearest friendly unit to the operating areas is at FSB "BASTOGNE" in vic ~~YB~~620094. 2/501st, 101st Abn.

(2) Supporting artillery is also located at FSB "BASTOGNE" and consists of 175,, guns. Call sign "DESIRE TANGO 36".

(3) Supporting air will be provided by the First Marine Aircraft Wing and 2/17 Cav., 101 Abn.

c. Attached. None

2. MISSION.

Team (4-2) "SPINNER" will conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in their assigned RZ, Upper Left YD3102; Lower Right YD3400, to detect enemy troop movement, logistics and communications within that area. Mission coverage is for a period of five (5) days or until extracted.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. Team will insert in their primary zone by helicopter and commence reconnaissance operations within that area. Six (6) men will comprise the patrol.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Overflight will be accomplished as weather permits.

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(2) Intelligence brief will take place as scheduled by S-2, following the VR.

(3) Final inspection of recon team will take place prior to insertion by the Operations Officer and the Platoon Commander.

(4) Upon insertion, establish communications with "ZULU RELAY" on designated frequency and report exact time of insertion and location.

(5) "SPOT" and "SALUTE" messages are to be sent as required.

(6) "SITREP" to be sent to radio relay each hour.

(7) Establish communications with supporting air and arty units as necessary on provided frequencies.

(8) Have a detailed zone brief prepared for extraction aircraft prior to their arrival.

(9) Thrust Points are:

- (a) AIRBORNE YC4497
- (b) SCUBA YD3701
- (c) RANGER YD3606
- (d) HALO YC4095

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Individual Equipment: The normal patrolling equipment is to be carried by each individual patrol member. In addition, men will carry wet weather suits and poncho liners. A minimum of six (6) quarts of water will be carried by each man in canteen form.

b. Special Equipment: None required other than that designated by the patrol leader. Weapons will be test fired in the firing pit.

c. Rations: A minimum of eight (8) days rations per man.

d. Ordnance: Individual load for riflemen will be four (4) M26 frags, two (2) WP, one (1) colored smoke, one (1) CS, twenty (20) magazines and one (1) hand-held illumination flare.

e. Medical: One (1) bush medical kit for the entire patrol and one (1) morphine syrette per patrol member will be taken. A pair of battle dressings will be taken by each patrol member.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS.

a. Tactical Net: "ANCIENT SCOUT" (COC).

- (1) Primary Frequency: 34.10 (M-249) Code GREEN
- (2) Secondary 37.05 (M-232) Code BLACK
- (3) Alternate 46.65 (M-126) Code YELLOW

b. Fire Support: "DESIRE TANGO 36" 1/83 Arty; BASTOGNE

COF Primary Frequency: 43.30

c. Air Support:

- (1) "SCARFACE" (USMC GUNSHIPS) Team Primary
- (2) "CHATTERBOX" (USMC CH-46s) Team Primary
- (3) "CYCLONE" (USA 2/17 CAV) Primary: 67.25
- (4) "PHUBAI DUST-OFF" (USA MEDEVAC) Primary: 47.40
Alternate: 46.90
- (5) "COWPOKE" (USMC AO) Primary: 42.90
Alternate: 31.90

d. Team Shackle: CODE 54

e. Reaction Force (Force Recon) "ANCIENT SCOUT REACT" on teams primary frequency.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR LEE

C. C. Coffey, Jr.
C. C. COFFEY, Jr.
1STLT, USMC
OPERATIONS OFFICER

Distribution: (1) 3dForReconCo (COC)
(1) Team Leader
(1) 3dForReconCo LnO (101 Abn)

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FM: CG THIRD FORCE RECON CO
TO: CG III MAF (SRC)

INFO: CG XXIV CORPS, PHB
CG FIRST MARDIV, DNG
CG FIRST MAW, DNG
MAG ONE SIX, DNG
ONE ZERO ONE AIRBORNE (G-2), PHB
2 SQND/SEVENTEENTH CAV, ONE ZERO ONE AIRBORNE, PHB
FIRST RECON BN, DNG
FIRST FORCE RECON CO, DNG

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

RECON DEBRIEFING REPORT (U)

1. TEAM CALL SIGN: SPINNER (4-2) (7 MEN) OPO 23-69
 2. DTG INSERTED/EXTRACTED 261118H/310937H DEC 69 (118 HOURS)
 3. ROUTE: FM YD344010 TO YD343011 TO YD340004 TO YD336013 TO YD332010 TO YD310019 TO YD335002 TO YD331003.
 4. TERRAIN: STEEP HILLS WITH THICK UNDERBRUSH. CANOPY WAS DEFOLIATED. GREEN BAMBOO. NATURAL WATER RESOURCES ARE GOOD.
 5. RATE OF MOVEMENT: 50 TO 100 METERS PER HOUR. COVER AND CONCEALMENT IS GOOD. GOOD COMMUNICATIONS.
 6. HLZ, S: THERE ARE TWO HLZ, S. YD 338010 SIX FOOT ELEPHANT. ^{GRASS} WILL ACCOMMODATE ONE CH-46. BEST APPROACH IS WEST TO EAST. YD 331002 WITH THREE TO FOUR FOOT ELEPHANT GRASS. CAN APPROACH FROM ANY DIRECTION. WILL ACCOMMODATE SEVERAL CH-46, S.
 7. ENEMY ACTIVITY: AT 261900H LOCATED A REST AREA FOR APPROX 200 TO 300 PERSONNEL WITH SLEEPING HOLES AT YD340004. REST AREA WAS ON BOTH SIDES OF TRAIL WITH LARGEST PORTION ON THE NORTH SIDE. AREA WAS VERY CLEAN WITH NO TRASH NOTED.
- AT 262705H VIO YD 340014 HEARD APPROX TWO TO THREE PERSONNEL MOVING EAST.
- AT 270805H VIO YD339004 HEARD VOICES OF THREE TO FIVE PERSONNEL.
- AT 271705H VIO YD338013 HEARD THREE PERSONNEL MOVING NORTH.

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AT 280945H VIC YD337006 HEARD THREE TO FIVE PERSONNEL. DIRECTION UNK.

AT 281235H VIC YD330012 LOCATED A REST AREA FOR APPROX 100 PERSONNEL WITH SLEEPING HOLES. AREA WAS VERY CLEAN WITH NO TRASH NOTED.

AT 291315H VIC YD323014 HEARD THREE SIGNAL SHOTS FROM THE NORTHWEST.

AT 300955H VIC YD332012 HEARD ONE SIGNAL SHOT FROM THE NORTH NORTHWEST.

AT 301025H VIC YD321004 HEARD FIVE SIGNAL SHOTS FROM THE SOUTHEAST.

AT 301505H HEARD THREE SIGNAL SHOTS FROM THE SOUTH.

AT 301845H VIC YD345998 HEARD WHAT APPEARED TO BE BANGERING ON WOOD WITH LOUD VOICES.

8. TRAILS: TM SPINNER LOC FIVE TRAILS WITH IN THE RZ.

YD340004 RUNNING EAST TO WEST, OVER A METER WIDE. TRAIL WAS HEAVILY USED WITH TRACKS GOING WEST TO EAST. THERE WERE BOOT TRACKS NOTED. (NOT US TYPE).

YD336012 RUNNING NORTH TO SOUTH, LESS THAN A METER WIDE. TRAIL WAS HEAVILY USED.

YD330012 RUNNING NORTHEAST TO SOUTHWEST, LESS THAN A METER WIDE. TRAIL WAS LIGHTLEY USED.

YD322011 RUNNING NORTH TO SOUTH, APPROX A METER WIDE. TRAIL WAS LIGHTLEY USED WITH SOME BOOT PRINTS (NOT US TYPE).

YD316009 RUNNING NORTH TO SOUTH. NOT USED IN FOUR TO SIX MONTHS.

9. OTHER INFO: AT 291300H TM SPINNER LOCATED TWO STRINGS OF COPE WIRE AT YD321009 RUNNING EAST TO WEST. TM FOLLOWED THE WIRE TO YD320019 WHERE THE WIRE TURNED NORTH AND DOWN A HILL.

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OPERATION ORDER 24-69

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Time Zone: "H"

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. Refer to Third Force Recon Intelligence Document 7-69. (See 2C)

b. Friendly Forces. Third Force Reconnaissance Company, as a part of a larger force, conducts reconnaissance and surveillance in I Corps, RVN as directed by CG, III MAF.

(1) Nearest Friendly unit to the operating area is at FSB "BASTOGNE" in vic YD620094. 2/501st, 101st Abn.

(2) Supporting artillery is also located at FSB "BASTOGNE" and consists of 175mm guns. Call sign "DESIRE TANGO 36".

(3) Supporting air will be provided by First Marine Aircraft Wing and 2/17 Can., 101 Abn.

c. Attachments. None

2. MISSION.

Team (1-2) "PONY" will conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in their assigned RZ, Upper Left YC4693; Lower Right YC4891, to detect enemy troop movement, logistics and communications within that area. Mission coverage is for a period of five (5) days or until extracted.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. Team will insert in their primary zone by helicopter and commence reconnaissance operations within that area. Six (6) men will comprise the patrol.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Overflight will be accomplished as weather permits.

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(2) Intelligence brief will take place as scheduled by S-2, following the VR.

(3) Final inspection of recon team will take place prior to insertion by the Operations Officer and the Platoon Commander.

(4) Upon insertion, establish communications with "ZULU RELAY" on designated frequency and report exact time of insertion and location.

(5) "SPOT" and "SALUTE" messages are to be sent as required.

(6) "SITREP" to be sent to radio relay each hour.

(7) Establish communications with supporting air and arty units as necessary on provided frequencies.

(8) Have a detailed zone brief prepared for extraction aircraft prior to their arrival.

(9) Thrust Points are:

- (a) AIRBORNE YC4497
- (b) SCUBA YD3701
- (c) RANGER YD3606
- (d) HALO YC4095

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Individual Equipment: The normal patrolling equipment is to be carried by each individual patrol member. In addition, men will carry wet weather suits and poncho liners. A minimum of six (6) quarts of water will be carried by each man in canteen form.

b. Special Equipment: None required other than that designated by the Patrol Leader. Weapons will be test fired in the firing pit.

c. Rations: A minimum of eight (8) days rations per man.

d. Ordnance: Individual load for riflemen will be four (4) M26 frags, two (2) WP, one (1) colored smoke, one (1) CS, twenty (20) magazines and one (1) hand-held illumination flare.

e. Medical: One (1) bush medical kit for the entire patrol and one (1) morphine syrette per patrol member will be taken. A pair of battle dressings will be taken by each patrol member.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS.

a. Tactical Net: "ANCIENT SCOUT" (COC)

- (1) Primary Frequency: 34.10 (M-249) Code GREEN
- (2) Secondary 37.05 (M-232) Code BLACK
- (3) Alternate 46.65 (-126) Code YELLOW

b. Fire Support: "DESIRE TANGO 36" 1/83 Arty; BASTOGNE

COF Primary Frequency: 43.30

c. Air Support:

- (1) "SCARFACE" (USMC GUNSHIPS) Team Primary
- (2) "CHATTERBOX" (USMC CH-46s) Team Primary
- (3) "CYCLONE" (USA 2/17 CAV) Primary: 47.25
Alternate: ~~XXXX~~
- (4) "PHUBAI DUST-OFF" (USA MEDEVAC) Primary: 47.40
Alternate: 46.90
- (5) "CONPOKE" (USMC AO) Primary: 42.90
Alternate: 31.90

d. Team Shackle: CODE 54

e. Reaction Force (Force Recon) "ANCIENT SCOUT REACT" on team's primary frequency.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR LEE

C. C. Coffman, Jr.
C. C. COFFMAN, Jr.
1STLT, USMC
OPERATIONS OFFICER

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(1) Team Leader
(1) 3dForReconCo LnO (101 Abn)

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2 SQND/SEVENTEENTH CAV, ONE ZERO ONE AIRBORNE, PHB
1ST RECON BN, ING
FIRST FORCE RECON CO, ING

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

RECON DEBRIEFING REPORT (U)

1. TEAM CALL SIGN: PONY (1-2) (6 MEN) OPO 24-69
2. DTG INSERTED/EXTRACTED 261135Z/310930Z DEC 69 (118 HOURS)
3. ROUTE: FM YC456936 TO YC465737 TO YC465935 TO YC467934 TO YC471929 TO YC473924 TO YC474923.
4. TERRAIN: STEEP HILLS. DOUBLE TO TRIPLE CANOPY WITH THICK UNDERBRUSH. SOIL WAS A RED CLAY. NO NATURAL WATER RESOURCES.
5. RATE OF MOVEMENT: 100 METERS PER HOUR. COVER AND CONCEALMENT IS GOOD. GOOD COMMUNICATIONS.
6. HILZ,S: THERE WERE NO GOOD HILZ,S NOTED.
7. ENEMY ACTIVITY: THERE WERE NO SIGHTINGS/CONTACT OF NVA/VC. AT 1645H TM PONY LOCATED A POSSIBLE BASE CAMP IN A 20 FOOT CLEARED AREA AT YC473922 FOR 5 TO 10 MEN. FOUND ONE 26X3 INCH METAL SKILLET, THREE METAL RICE BOWELS, AND ONE 4X4 INCH METAL CONTAINER. BELIVED TO BE THREE MONTHS OLD.

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(b) CG, III MAF Recon OpOrder 12-69
(c) III MAF LOI 1-69, Ser 00123169 dtd 04Nov69

Time Zone: "H"

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. Refer to Third Force Recon Intelligence Document 7-69. (See 2-8)

b. Friendly Forces. Third Force Reconnaissance Company, as a part of a larger force, conducts reconnaissance and surveillance in I Corps, RVN as directed by CG, III MAF.

(1) Nearest friendly unit to the operating areas is at FSB "BASTOGNE" in vic YD620094. 2/501st, 101st Abn.

(2) Supporting artillery is also located at FSB "BASTOGNE" and consists of 175mm guns. Call sign "DESIRE TANGO 36".

(3) Supporting air will be provided by the First Marine Aircraft Wing and 2/17 Cav., 101 Abn.

c. Attachments: None

2. MISSION.

Teams (4-1) "BITTER" and (4-3) "COFFEE", functioning jointly as "ZULU RELAY", a fixed radio relay position, will perform as a relay site for such teams as will be inserted within the designated AO for a period of five (5) days or until relieved.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. Relay will insert into assigned RZ as a flip-flop vic YC449956 and take over site from presently operating teams. Relay commander will ensure that constant communications between teams operating within his area and this headquarters.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) An overflight is not necessary unless situation changes.

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(2) Intelligence brief will be given by the S-2 prior to your insert.

(3) Final inspection of relay team will take place prior to insertion by the Operations Officer and the Platoon Commander.

(4) Upon insertion, establish communications with "ANCIENT SCOUT" on designated frequency and report exact time of insertion.

(5) "SPOT" and "SALUTE" messages are to be sent as required.

(6) "SITREP" to be sent to this headquarters each hour.

(7) Establish communications with supporting artillery on designated frequency.

(8) Have a detailed zone brief prepared for extraction aircraft prior to their arrival.

(9) Thrust Points are:

- (a) AIRBORNE YC4497
- (b) SCUBA YD3701
- (c) RANGER YD3606
- (d) HALO YC4095

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Individual Equipment: The normal patrolling equipment is to be carried by each individual patrol member. In addition, men will carry wet weather suits and poncho liners. A minimum of eight (8) quarts of water will be carried by each man in canteen form.

b. Special Equipment: None is required except as designated by the relay commander. Equipment already on station with teams occupying relay will remain for the replacing relay teams.

c. Rations: A minimum of eight (8) days rations per man.

d. Ordinance: Individual load for riflemen will be four (4) M26 frags, two (2) WP, one (1) colored smoke, one (1) CS, twenty (20) magazines and one (1) hand-held illumination flare.

e. Medical: Two (2) bush medical kits and one (1) morphine syrette per man will be taken. Individual patrol members will carry two field bandages per man.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS.

a. Tactical Nets: "ANCIENT SCOUT" (COC).

(1)	Primary Frequency:	46.65 (M126)	Code YELLOW
(2)	Secondary	34.10 (M249)	Code GREEN
(3)	Alternate	37.05 (M232)	Code BLACK
(4)	Alternate	45.70 (M172)	Code RED
(5)	Alternate	35.40 (M135)	Code WHITE

b. Fire Support: Conduct of Fire Primary "DESIRE TANGO 36" is 43.30

c. Air Support:

(1)	"SCARFACE" (USMC GUNSHIPS)	Team Primary
(2)	"CHATTERBOX" (USMC CH-46s)	Team Primary
(3)	"CYCLONE" (USA 2/17 CAV)	Primary: 67.25
(4)	"PHUBAI DUST-OFF" (USA MEDEVAC)	Primary: 47.40
(5)	"COWPOKE" (USMC AO)	Primary: 42.90

d. Team Shackle: Code 54

e. Reaction Force (Force Recon) "ANCIENT SCOUT REACT" on the teams primary.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR LEE


1STLT C. C. COFFMAN, JR.
OPERATIONS OFFICER

Distribution: (1) 3dForReconCo (COC)
(1) Relay Commander
(1) 3dForReconCo LnO (101 Abn)

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**3RD FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY
FPO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. 96602**

COMPANY TRAINING SCHEDULE 1 DECEMBER THROUGH 7 DECEMBER

MONDAY 1 DEC

0800 to 1130 - WORKING PARTIES	CO GY SGT
1300 to 1500 - AMBUSHES, PRISONER SNATCHES	PLT CDRS
1500 to 1630 - P. T. TUG O' WAR	CO GY SGT

TUESDAY 2 DEC

0800 to 1000 - PSY OP'S - the other war	Lt STUBBLEFIELD
1000 to 1100 - WIRE TAPPING	Lt HENSLEY
1300 to 1500 - WEAPON'S TEST FIRE	CO OPNS O
1500 to 1600 - P. T.	CO GY SGT

WEDNESDAY DEC 3

0800 to 0900 - FIRST SERGEANT'S TIME	CO 1ST SGT
0900 to 1100 - SALUTE & SPOT REPORTS	Lt ROBERTSON
1300 to 1630 - ORGANIZED ATHLETICS	CO GY SGT

THURSDAY 4 DEC

0800 to 1000 - WORKING PARTIES	CO GY SGT
1000 to 1130 - IMMEDIATE ACTION DRILLS	PLT CDRS
1300 to 1700 - HELICOPTER RAPELLING	S-3

FRIDAY 5 DEC

0800 to 1130 - STABO EXTRACTIONS	S-3
1300 to 1500 - PLT CDRS TIME	PLT CDRS
1500 to 1600 - PLF PRACTICE	CO GY SGT

SATURDAY 6 DEC

0800 to 1100 - ORGANIZED ATHLETICS (FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL)	CO GY SGT
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HOLIDAY ROUTINE

SUNDAY 7 DEC

0800 to 1100 - PARACHUTE OPERATIONS	MAJ A. LEE
1100 till COMPLETE - RECOVERY OF EQUIPMENT	GY SGT HAMILTON

In the cases of all classes not normally held out of doors, classes will be held in the Staff NCO Club. The Company GY Sgt will be informed as to location of instruction. Staff and Officers will attend all scheduled instruction unless other wise directed.

**N.R. HISLER
By direction**

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3RD FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY
III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE, FMF
FPO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. 96602

COMPANY TRAINING SCHEDULE 8 DECEMBER THROUGH 14 DECEMBER

MONDAY 8 DEC

0800 to 1700 - COMPANY AREA BEAUTIFICATION CO GY SGT

TUESDAY 9 DEC

0800 to 1130 - WORKING PARTIES CO GY SGT
1300 to 1500 - PROPER UTILIZATION OF RAPELLING 1ST SGT
1500 to 1600 - P. T. CO GY SGT

WEDNESDAY 10 DEC

0800 to 0900 - FIRST SERGEANT'S TIME CO 1ST SGT
0900 to 1000 - WEAPONS INSPECTION PLT LEADERS
1000 to 1100 - PLT. C.O.'S TIME PLT LEADERS
1300 to 1630 - ORGANIZED ATHLETICS CO GY SGT

THURSDAY 11 DEC

0800 to 0900 - WORKING PARTIES CO GY SGT
0900 to 1000 - EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION LT MORRIS
1000 to 1100 - INSTRUCTION ON .45 CAL PISTOL SSGT TRAVER
1300 to 1700 - HELICOPTER RAPELLING S-3

FRIDAY 12 DEC

0800 to 0900 - IMMEDIATE ACTION DRILLS PLT LEADERS
0900 to 1100 - PSYOPS - the other war LT STUBBLEFIELD
1300 to 1400 - PLT PRACTICE CO GY SGT
1400 to 1700 - STABO EXTRACTIONS WITH FULL EQUIPMENT S-3

SATURDAY 13 DEC

0800 to 1100 - WORKING PARTIES CO GY SGT
1300 to 1600 - ORGANIZED ATHLETICS CO GY SGT

SUNDAY 14 DEC

0800 to 1100 - PARACHUTE OPERATIONS MAJ A. LEE
1100 til COMPLETE - RECOVERY OF EQUIPMENT GY SGT HAMILTON

In all cases of classes not normally held out of doors, classes will be held in the Staff NCO Club. The Co Gysgt will be informed as to location of instruction. Staff and Officers will attend all scheduled instruction unless otherwise directed.

N. R. Hisler
N. R. HISLER
By direction

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3RD FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY
FPO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. 96602

COMPANY TRAINING SCHEDULE 15 DECEMBER THROUGH 21 DECEMBER

MONDAY 15 DEC

0800 to 1130 - WORKING PARTIES	CO GY SGT
1300 to 1500 - AMBUSHES, PRISONER SNATCHES	PLT CDRS
1500 to 1630 - P. T. TUG O' WAR	CO GY SGT

TUESDAY 16 DEC

0800 to 1000 - PSY OP'S * the other war	Lt STUBBLEFIELD
1000 to 1100 - WIRE TAPPING	Sgt JENNINGS
1300 to 1500 - WEAPONS TEST FIRE	CO OPNS O
1500 to 1600 - P. T.	CO GY SGT

WEDNESDAY 17 DEC

0800 to 0900 - FIRST SERGEANT'S TIME	CO 1ST SGT
0900 to 1100 - SALUTE & SPOT REPORTS	Lt COFFMAN
1300 to 1630 - ORGANIZED ATHLETICS	CO GY SGT

THURSDAY 18 DEC

0800 to 1000 - WORKING PARTIES	CO GY SGT
1000 to 1130 - IMMEDIATE ACTION DRILLS	PLT CDRS
1300 to 1700 - HELICOPTER RAPELLING	S-3

FRIDAY 19 DEC

0800 to 1130 - STABO EXTRACTIONS	S-3
1300 to 1330 - SECURITY PRECAUTIONS	SSGT LYONS
1330 to 1500 - PLT CDRS TIME	PLT CDRS
1500 to 1600 - PLF PRACTICE	CO GY SGT

SATURDAY 20 DEC

0800 to 1100 - ORGANIZED ATHLETICS (FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL)	CO GY SGT
1300 to 1700 - HOLIDAY ROUTINE	

SUNDAY 21 DEC

0800 to 1100 - PARACHUTE OPERATIONS	MAJ A. LEE
1100 til COMPLETE * RECOVERY OF EQUIPMENT	GY SGT HAMILTON

In the cases of all classes not normally held out of doors, classes will be held in the Staff NCO Club. The Company Gy Sgt will be informed as to location of instruction. Staff and Officers will attend all scheduled instruction unless otherwise directed.

N. R. Hisler

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THIRD FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY
III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE, FMF
FPO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. 96602

COMPANY TRAINING SCHEDULE 29 DECEMBER THROUGH 31 DECEMBER 1969

MONDAY 29 DECEMBER


0800 to 1130 - WORKING PARTIES	CO GY SGT
1300 to 1500 - AMBUSHES, PRISONER SNATCHES	PLT CDRS
1500 to 1630 - P. T. TUG O' WAR	CO GY SGT

TUESDAY 30 DECEMBER

0800 to 0930 - IMMEDIATE ACTION DRILLS	PLT CDRS
0930 to 1100 - PLT COMMANDER'S TIME	PLT CDRS
1300 to 1500 - WEAPONS TEST FIRE	CO OPNS O
1500 to 1600 - P. T.	CO GY SGT

WEDNESDAY 31 DECEMBER

0800 to 0900 - FIRST SERGEANT'S TIME	CO 1ST SGT
0900 to 1000 - WEAPONS INSPECTION	PLT CDRS
1000 to 1100 - WORKING PARTIES	CO GY SGT
1300 to 1600 - ORGANIZED ATHLETICS	CO GY SGT


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DRAFTER: MAJOR LEE
OO THIRD FORCE RECON
01 DECEMBER 1969

FLASH

FM THIRD FORCE RECON
TO CG III MAF (DIR SRC)

INFO CG 1ST MAR DIV, DNG
CG 1ST MAW, DNG
1ST RECON BN, DNG
MAG SIXTEEN, DNG

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SITREP 010001H TO 012400H ^{Dec} NOV 1969

1. OF TWELVE AVAILABLE TEAMS THERE WERE NONE DEPLOYED IN THE FIELD AS OF 2400 THIS DATE.

2. TODAY'S INSERTIONS: NONE; TM FOR MISSION 6-69 DEPLOYED TO AN HOA AT 1235H, BUT WEATHER IN OBJECTIVE AREA PRECLUDED USE OF FW TO SUPPORT MISSION, AND TM WAS RETURNED TO PHU BAI AT 1555.

3. TODAY'S EXTRACTIONS: NONE

4. TOMORROW'S INSERTIONS:

- A. 0800 - TM 4-3 "HAZY" VIC AT812981
TM 4-1 "KENNEL" VIC AT859932
TM 3-2 "GHOSTLY" - INSERTION SCHEDULED, HOWEVER
CANCELED BY DEPUTY DIR SRC BY TELECON
TM 3-1 "OXSHOE" AS RR VIC AU843014
- B. 1230 - TM (SPOL) PERFECT, 20 MEN 3 TMS - MISSION 6-69
TM 1-1 "REFUND"
TM 1-2 "WEEDER"
TM 2-2 "NOTION"
TM (SPCL) "PATRON ZULU" DELETED FROM MISSION 6-69

5. TOMORROW'S EXTRACTIONS:
TM (SPOL) "PERFECT" VIC Y0988641

6. SCHEDULED TRAINING CONTINUED.

7. COMMUNICATIONS LINKS WITH SRC REMAINED OPERATIVE.

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RELEASED _____ FOR 020006H DEC 69

DRAFTER: MAJOR LEE
CO THIRD FORCE RECON
02 DECEMBER 1969

FLASH

FM THIRD FORCE RECON
TO CG III MAF (DIR SRC)

INFO CG 1ST MARDIV, DNG
CG 1ST MAW, DNG
1ST RECONBN, DNG
MAG SIXTEEN, DNG

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SITREP 020001H TO 022400H DEC 69.

1. OF TWELVE AVAILABLE TEAMS, THERE WERE THREE DEPLOYED IN THE FIELD AS OF 2400H THIS DATE.
2. DEPLOYED WERE:
 - A. TM (3-1) "OXSHOE" AS RR AT AU840010
 - B. TM (1-1) "KENNEL" IN HARBOR SITE AT AT856935
 - C. TM (1-3) "HAZY" IN HARBOR SITE AT AT813980
3. TODAY'S INSERTIONS:
 - A. TM "OXSHOE" INSERTED AT 021415H VIC AU840010
 - B. TM "KENNEL" INSERTED AT 021420H VIC AT 859934
 - C. TM "HAZY" INSERTED AT 021425H VIC AT812982
4. TODAY'S EXTRACTIONS: NONE
5. TO MORROW'S INSERTIONS:
 - A. TM (SPCL) "PERFECT" 20 MEN THREE TEAMS - MISSION 6-69
6. TOMORROW'S EXTRACTIONS: TM "PERFECT" VIC YC988641
7. HEAVY WEATHER PRECLUDED CONDUCT OF MISSION 6-69, WHICH REMAINS ON STANDBY FOR COMMITMENT AT EARLIEST FEASIBLE TIME.
8. VR AIRCRAFT FOR MISSION 10-69 REQUESTED FOR 04 DEC BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.
9. COMMUNICATIONS FREQUENCY DIFFICULTIES CONTINUE.
10. SCHEDULED TRAINING CONTINUES.

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RELEASER _____ TOR 022100H DEC 69

DRAFTER : MAJOR LEE
CO THIRD FORCE RECON
03 DECEMBER 69

FLASH

FM THIRD FORCE RECON
TO CG III MAF (DIR SRC)

INFO CG 1ST MARDIV, DNG
CG 1ST MAW, DNG
1ST RECON BN, DNG
MAG SIXTEEN, DNG

BT

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SITREP 030001H TO 032400H DEC 69.

1. OF TWELVE AVAILABLE TEAMS, THERE WERE THREE DEPLOYED IN THE FIELD AS OF 2400H THIS DATE.

2. DEPLOYED WERE:

- A. TM (3-1) "OXSHOE" AS RR AT AU840010
- B. TM (4-1) "KENNEL" IN HARBOR SITE AT AT 857939
- C. TM (4-3) "HAZY" IN HARBOR SITE AT AT812982

3. TODAYS INSERTIONS: NONE

4. TODAYS EXTRACTIONS: NONE

5. TOMORROWS INSERTIONS:

- A. TM (SPCL) "PERFECT" 20 MEN - MISSION 6-69

6. TOMORROWS EXTRACTIONS: TM "PERFECT" VIC YC988641

7. ADVERSE WEATHER PRECLUDED CONDUCT OF MISSION 6-69, AND RECOMMENDATION FOR CANCELATION OF THAT MISSION SUBMITTED BY SEPARATE MSG.

8. VR FOR MISSION 10-69 SCHEDULED FOR 040800H.

9. SCHEDULED TRAINING CONTINUES.

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RELEASER _____ TOR 032355H DEC 69

DRAFT ER: 1ST/LT. STUBBLE FIELD
S-3 ALPHA
04 DECEMBER 69

FLASH

FM THIRD FORCE RECON
TO CG III MAF (DIR SRC)

INFO CG 1ST MAR DIV, DNG
CG 1ST MAW, DNG
1ST RECON BN, DNG
MAG SIXTEEN, DNG

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SITREP 040001H TO 042100H DEC 69.

1. OF TWELVE AVAILABLE TEAMS, THERE WERE THREE DEPLOYED IN THE FIELD AS 2100H THIS DATE.

2. DEPLOYED WERE:

- A. TM (3-1) "OXSHOE" AS RR AT AU840010 853958
- B. T M (4-1) "KENNEL" IN HARBOR SITE AT AT843003
- C. TM (4-3) "HAZY" IN HARBOR SITE AT AT853958 813783

3. TODAY'S INSERTIONS: NONE

4. TODAY'S EXTRACTIONS: NONE

5. TOMORROW'S INSERTIONS:

- A. TM (SPCL) "PERFECT" 20 MEN - MISSION 6-69
- B. TM (SPCL) "PATRON 28" 2 MEN - "BATOAT" RADIO
TRANSMISSION CHECKOUT AT FSB BASTOGNE YD620095

6. TOMORROW'S EXTRACTIONS: TM "PERFECT" VIC YC988641
TM "PATRON 28" FSB BASTOGNE

7. ADVERSE WEATHER IN OBJECTIVE AREA PRECLUDED CONDUCT OF MISSION 6-69 AND VR FOR MISSION 10-69.

8. VR FOR MISSION 10-69 NOW SCHEDULED FOR 050930H

9. UNIT SUFFERED ONE INJURY DURING TRAINING AT 041425H WHEN RAPEL LINE USED FOR HELO RAPEL FAILED AT APPROXIMATELY 30 FEET. INJURED MARINE EVAC TO USA 85TH HOSPITAL FOR OBSERVATION. PROGNOSIS GOOD, NO FRACTURES.

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RELEASER

TOR 012322H DEC 69

DRAFTER: MAJOR LEE
THIRD FORCE RECON
05 DEC 1969

FLASH

FM THIRD FORCE RECON
TO CG, III MAF (DIR SRC)
1 NFO CG, 1ST MARDIV, DNG
CG, 1ST MAW, DNG
1ST RECON BN, DNG
MAG SIXTEEN, DNG

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SITREP 050001H TO 052400H DECEMBER 1969

1. OF TWELVE AVAILABLE TEAMS, THERE WERE THREE DEPLOYED IN THE FIELD AS OF 2400H THIS DATE.
2. DEPLOYED WERE:
 - A. TM (3-1) "OXSHOE" ASRR AT AU840010
 - B. TM (4-1) "KENNEL" IN HAROBR SITE - AT848936
 - C. TM (4-3) "HAZY" IN HAROBR SITE - AT813982
3. TODAYS INSERTIONS: NONE
4. TODAYS EXTRACTIONS: NONE
5. TOMORROWS INSERTIONS: NONE
6. TOMORROWS EXTRACTIONS:
 - A. TM "HAZY" FM LZ TO BE DETERMINED PRIOR TO 1430H
 - B. TM "KENNEL" FM LZ TO BE DETERMINED PRIOR TO 1430H
 - C. TM "OXSHOE" FM VIC AU840010
7. ADVERSE WEATHER IN OBJECTIVE AREAS PRECLUDED CONDUCT OF MISSION 6-69, VR FOR MISSION 10-69 AND INSERTION OF "BATCAT" COMMUNICATIONS TEAM AT FSB BASTOGNE. "BATCAT" COMM TM NOT SCHEDULED FOR 06 AS ARMY HAS TMS IN AREA FOR CHECKOUT OF COMM.
8. CANCELLATION OF MISSION 6-69 ACCOMPLISHED BY CG IIIMAF MSG 050715Z DEC.
9. VR FOR MISSION 10-69 TO BE SCHEDULED 06 DEC AT A TIME DEPENDENT UPON THE WEATHER IN THE OBJECTIVE AREA. AIRCRAFT ARE AVAILABLE FROM ALREADY ASSIGNED ASSETS.
10. UNIT TRAINING CONTINUES. TRAINING INCLUDED STABO LIFT OF 84 INDIVIDUALS IN GROUPS OF SIX. ALL NEW MEMBERS OF THE COMMAND WERE STABO LIFTED AS PART OF INDOCTRINATION.

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RELEASER _____ TOR 052200H DECEMBER 1969

FLASH

DRAFTER: MAJOR LEE
OO THIRD FORCE RECON
06 DEC 1969FM THIRD FORCE RECON
TO CG III MAF (DIR SRC)INFO CG, 1ST MARDIV, DNG
CG, 1ST MAW, DNG
1ST RECON BN, DNG
MAG SIXTEEN, DNG

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SITREP 060001H TO 0621000H DEC 69

1. OF TWELVE AVAILABLE TEAMS, THERE WERE THREE DEPLOYED TO THE FIELD AS OF 2100 THIS DATE.
2. DEPLOYED WERE:
 - A. TM (3-1) "OXSHOE" AS RR AT AUB 0010
 - B. TM (4-1) "KENNEL" IN N HARBOR SITE - ~~AT836936~~ AT836936
 - C. TM (4-3) "HAZY" IN HARBOR SITE - AT813982
3. TOD AYS INSERTIONS: NONE
4. TODAYS EXTRACTIONS: NONE - SCHEDULED EXTRACTIONS CANCELLED BY G-2, III MAF BY VERBAL ORDER.
5. TOMORROWS INSERTIONS: NONE
6. TOMORROWS EXTRACTIONS:
 - A. TM "OXSHOE" FM AUB 0010
 - B. TM "HAZY" FROM AN LZ TO BE DETERMINED PRIOR TO 1400H
 - C. TM "KENNEL" FROM AN LZ TO BE DETERMINED PRIOR TO 1400H
7. VR OF AREA FOR MISSION 10-69 WAS OVERFLOWN TODAY. ENTIRE ASSIGNED RECONNAISSANCE ZONE WAS COVERED BY LOW HANGING CLOUDS AND FOG. NO LZS OBSERVED IN OBJECTIVE AREA. NECESSARY RADIO RE LAY SITES COVERED BY DO BLE OR TRIPLE CANOPY. INSERTION OF TEAMS IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL LZS IN RZ ARE DISCOVERED AND REALY SYSTEM TO BE USED FOR SUPPORT OF TM IS CLARIFIED.
8. XXIV CORPS REP AND 101ST DIV REPS VISITED THIS UNIT TO DISCUSS SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATIONS IN THE ASHAU AREA. NO MISSIONS OR WARNING ORDERS HELD, THEREFORE ALL DISCUSSIONS WERE OF A VERY GENERAL NATURE.
9. ORDER RECEIVED TO CONDUCT VR OF AREA VIC YD4896.

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RELEASER _____ TOR 062145H DEC

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DRAFTER: 1STLT C G COFFMAN
3D FORCE RECON CO
07 DECEMBER 1969

FLASH

FM THIRD FORCE RECON CO
TO CG III MAF (ATTN DIR SRC)

INFO CG FIRST MARDIV DNG
CG FIRST MAW DNG
FIRST RECON BN DNG
MAC SIXTEEN DNG

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SITREP 070001H TO 072400H DEC 69

1. OF TWELVE AVAILABLE TEAMS THERE WERE NONE DEPLOYED TO THE FIELD AS OF 2400H THIS DATE.
2. TODAYS INSERTIONS: NONE
3. TODAYS EXTRACTIONS:
 - A. TM (4-1) "KENNEL" 071524H VIC AT845932
 - B. TM (4-3) "HAZY" 071533H VIC AT813982
 - C. TM (3-1) "OKSHOE" 071539H VIC AU840010
4. TOMORROWS INSERTIONS: NONE
5. TOMORROWS EXTRACTIONS: NONE
6. VR OF ASHAN AREA TENTATIVELY SLATED FOR RECONNAISSANCE WAS ATTEMPTED TODAY. ENTIRE AREA COVERED WITH CLOUDS.
7. VR OF AREA SLATED FOR MISSION 10-69 TO BE ATTEMPTED AGAIN TOMORROW.

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RELEASED _____ TOR _____ DEC 69.

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DRAFTER: 1STLT C G COFFMAN
3D FORCE RECON CO
08 DECEMBER 1969

FLASH

FM THIRD FORCE RECON CO
TO CG III MAF (ATTN DIR SRC)

INFO CG FIRST MARDIV DNG
CG FIRST MAW DNG
FIRST RECON BN DNG
MAG SIXTEEN DNG

BT

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SITREP 080001H TO 082400H DEC 69

1. OF TWELVE AVAILABLE TEAMS THERE WERE NONE DEPLOYED TO THE FIELD AS OF 2400H THIS DATE.
2. TODAY'S INSERTIONS: NONE
3. TODAY'S EXTRACTATIONS: NONE
4. TOMORROW'S INSERTIONS: NONE
5. TOMORROW'S EXTRACTATIONS: NONE
6. WEATHER PRECLUDED VR FLIGHTS FOR THE AREAS OF INTEREST IN THE ASHAU VALLEY. ENTIRE AREA WAS COVERED WITH CLOUDS, RAIN WAS CONSTANT.
7. VR SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW FOR ASHAU AREA DISCUSSED WITH DIR, SRC AND G-2, 101 ABN DIV. VERBAL WARNING ORDER FOR OPERATION ORDER DIRECTING RECON OF ASHAU RECEIVED FROM DIR, SRC TODAY.
8. AT 072250H HHC, XXIV CORPS REQUESTED SCUBA TEAM FOR RECOVERY OF A JEEP DRIVER'S BODY IN FIFTEEN FT OF WATER VIC YC838175. TM "PERFECT" WITH EIGHT MEN DEPARTED AT 072350H, RECOVERED BODY AT 080132H, RETURNED TO BASE AT 080205H.

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RELEASED _____ TOR _____ DEC 69.

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DRAFTER: 1STLT G C COFFMAN
3RD FORCE RECON CO
09 DECEMBER 1969

FLASH

FM THIRD FORCE RECON CO
TO CG III MAF (ATTN DIR SRC)

INFO CG FIRST MARDIV DNG
CG FIRST MAW DNG
FIRST RECON BN DNG
MAG SIXTEEN DNG

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SECRET

SITREP 090001H TO 092400H DEC 69

1. OF TWELVE AVAILABLE TEAMS THERE WERE NONE IN THE FIELD AS OF 2400H THIS DATE.
2. TODAY'S INSERTIONS: NONE
3. TODAY'S EXTRACTIONS: NONE
4. TOMORROW'S INSERTIONS:
 - A. ZULU RELAY, COMBINATION OF TM (2-2) "ARTIC" AND TM (2-3) "HAVVY". TOTAL TWELVE MEN VIC. YG449956
 - B. TM (2-1) "BOXHILL" SIX MEN VIC. YG410980
5. TOMORROW'S EXTRACTIONS: NONE
6. WEATHER PRECLUDED VR FLIGHTS FOR AREAS OF INTEREST IN THE ASHAU VALLEY.
7. VR SCHEDULED TOMORROW MORNING AND IF SUCCESSFUL, INSERT OF ZULU RELAY AND BOXHILL WILL BE ATTEMPTED IN THE AFTERNOON.
8. PERSONAL VISIT FROM S-2 AND S-3 OF 2/17TH CAV, 101ST ABN MADE TODAY FOR LIAISON AND BRIEFINGS.
9. TEAM CALL SIGNS CHANGED TODAY:

THIRD FORCE RECON CO IS "ANCIENT SCOUT"
TM (1-1) IS "TINNY"
TM (1-2) IS "PONY"
TM (1-3) IS "GARLIC"

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TM (2-1) IS "BOXHILL"
 TM (2-2) IS "ARFIC"
 TM (2-3) IS "SAVVY"
 TM (3-1) IS "ATLAS"
 TM (3-2) IS "ARTFUL"
 TM (3-3) IS "SNARKY"
 TM (4-1) IS "BITTER"
 TM (4-2) IS "SPINNER"
 TM (4-3) IS "COFFEE"
 SENSOR, SCUBA OR SPCL TM IS "DEEP LANES"

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RELEASES _____ TOR _____ DEC 69

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DRAFTER: 1STLT C C COFFMAN
3D FORCE RECON CO
10 DECEMBER 1969

FLASH

FM THIRD FORCE RECON CO
TO CG, III MAF (ATTN DIR SRC)

INFO CG FIRST MARDIV DNG
CG FIRST MAW DNG
FIRST RECON BN DNG
MAG SIXTEEN DNG

BT

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SITREP 100001H TO 102400H DEC 69

1. OF TWELVE AVAILABLE TEAMS THERE WERE NONE DEPLOYED TO THE FIELD AS OF 2400H THIS DATE.
2. TODAY'S INSERTS: NONE DUE TO WEATHER
3. TODAY'S EXTRACTS: NONE
4. TOMORROW'S INSERTS:
 - A. ZULU RELAY COMBINATION OF TM (2-2) "ARTIC" AND TM (2-3) "HAVVY". TWELVE MEN VIC. YC449956.
 - B. TM (2-1) "BOXHILL" SIX MEN VIC. YC410980.
5. TOMORROW'S EXTRACTS: NONE
6. WEATHER PRECLUDED VR FLIGHTS FOR AREAS OF INTEREST IN THE ASHAU VALLEY. FOUR ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO PENETRATE THE AREA.
7. VR AND INSERTION FLIGHTS ARE PLANNED FOR TOMORROW.
8. CHANGE TM (3-2) "ARTFUL" TO "ROACH". CHANGE DUE TO HEAR DUPLICATION WITH U. S. ARMY 175MM GUNS CALL SIGN.

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DRAFTER: 1STLT C G COFFMAN
3D FORCE RECON CO
11 DECEMBER 1969

FLASH

FM THIRD FORCE RECON CO
TO CG III MAF (ATTN DIR SRC)

INFO CG FIRST MARDIV DNG
CG FIRST MAW DNG
FIRST RECON BN DNG
MAG ONE SIX DNG

BT

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SITREP 110001H TO 112400H DEC 69

1. OF TWELVE AVAILABLE TEAMS THERE WERE NONE DEPLOYED TO THE FIELD AS OF 2400H THIS DATE.
2. TODAYS INSERTS: NONE DUE TO WEATHER
3. TODAYS EXTRACTS: NONE
4. TOMORROWS INSERTS:
 - A. ZULU RELAY. COMBINATION OF TM (2-2) "ARTIC" AND TM (2-3) "HAVVY". TWELVE MEN VIC ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ YC449956.
 - B. TM (2-1) "BOXHILL". SIX MEN VIC YC410980.
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
 - C. TM (3-1) "ATLAS". SIX MEN VIC YC372956.
5. TOMORROWS EXTRACTS: NONE
6. WEATHER PRECLUDED VR AND INSERTIONS TODAY.

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RELEASED _____ TOR _____ DEC 69

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DRAFTER: 1STLT C C COFFMAN
3D FORCE RECON CO
12 DECEMBER 1969

FLASH

FM THIRD FORCE RECON CO
TO CG III MAF (ATTN DIR SRC)

INFO CG FIRST MARDIV DNG
CG FIRST MAW DNG
FIRST RECON BN DNG
MAG ONE SIX DNG

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SECRET

SITREP 120001H TO 122400H DEC 69

1. OF TWELVE AVAILABLE TEAMS THERE WERE NONE DEPLOYED TO THE FIELD AS OF 2400H THIS DATE.
2. TODAYS INSERTS: NONE DUE TO WEATHER
3. TODAYS EXTRACTS: NONE
4. TOMORROWS INSERTS;
 - A. ZULU RELAY. COMBINATION OF TM (2-2) "ARTIC" AND TM (2-3) "SAVVY". TWELVE MEN VIC YC449956.
 - B. TM (2-1) "BOXHILL". SIX MEN VIC YC410980.
 - C. TM (3-1) "ATLAS". SIX MEN VIC YC372956.
5. TOMORROWS EXTRACTS: NONE
6. WEATHER PRECLUDED VR'S AND INSERTIONS TODAY. THREE ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO PENETRATE THE AREA.

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RELEASER _____ TOR _____ DEC 69

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DRAFTER: 1STLT C C COFFMAN
3D FORCE RECON CO
13 DECEMBER 1969

FLASH

FM THIRD FORCE RECON CO
TO CG III MAF (ATTN DIR SRC)

INFO CG FIRST MARDIV DNG
CG FIRST MAW DNG
FIRST RECON BN DNG
FIRST FORCE RECON CO DNG
MAG ONE SIX DNG

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SITREP 130001H TO 132400H DEC 69

1. OF TWELVE AVAILABLE TEAMS THERE WERE NONE IN THE FIELD AS OF 2400H THIS DATE.
2. TODAY'S INSERTS: NONE DUE TO GROUND FIRE AND LOSS OF HELO
3. TODAY'S EXTRACTS: NONE
4. TOMORROW'S INSERTS:
 - A. ZULU RELAY. COMBINATION OF TM (1-1) "TINNY" AND TM (2-3) "SAVY". TWELVE MEN VIC YC449956.
 - B. TM (2-1) "BOXHILL". SIX MEN VIC YC410980.
 - C. TM (3-1) "ATLAS". SIX MEN VIC YC372956.
5. TOMORROW'S EXTRACTS: NONE
6. UPON ATTEMPTED INSERTION OF "ZULU RELAY", LEAD HELO DREW FIRE FROM NNW APPROX 1700 METERS. TWO (2) RND 12.7 HIT UH-1H A/C WHICH CRASHED FROM APPROX TEN (10) FT., ROLLED OVER AND BURNED. OF THE SIX (6) FORCE RECON MARINES AND FOUR (4) U. S. ARMY CREW ABOARD, FIVE (5) USMC AND ONE (1) USA WERE KIA, ALL MEDEVAC NOT SERIOUS. TM AND CREW EXTRACTED BY CHASE A/C AND COMMAND A/C. A /C PACKAGE WAS FROM 2ND/17TH CAV, 101 ABN.

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RELEASED _____ TOP _____ DEC 69

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DRAFTER: 1STLT C G COFFMAN
3D FORCE RECON CO
14 DECEMBER 1969

FLASH

FM THIRD FORCE RECON CO
TO CG III MAF (ATTN DIR SRC)

INFO CG FIRST MAR DIV
CG FIRST MAW
FIRST RECON BN
FIRST FORCE RECON CO
MAC ONE SIX

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SITREP 140001H TO 142400H DEC 69

1. OF TWELVE AVAILABLE TEAMS THERE WERE NONE IN THE FIELD AS OF 2400H THIS DATE.
2. TODAYS INSERTS: NONE
3. TODAYS EXTRACTS: NONE
4. TOMORROWS INSERTS:
 - A. ZULU RELAY. COMBINATION OF TM (1-1) "PINNY" AND TM (2-3) "SAVVY". TWELVE MEN VIC YC449956.
 - B. TM (2-1) "BOXHILL". SIX MEN VIC YC410980.
 - C. TM (3-1) "ATLAS". SIX MEN VIC YC372956.
5. TOMORROWS EXTRACTS: NONE
6. TODAYS INSERTS WERE NOT EFFECTED DUE TO WEATHER AND THE UTILIZATION OF INSERT PACKAGE FOR PRIORITY MISSION FOR ANOTHER UNIT.
7. VISIT TO THIS LOCATION BY THE G-2 DESIGNATE OF III MAF.

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RELEASED _____ FOR _____ DEC 69

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DRAFTER: 1STLT G C COFFMAN
3D FORCE RECON CO
15 DECEMBER 1969

FLASH

FM THIRD FORCE RECON CO
TO CG III MAF (ATTN DIR SRC)

INFO CG FIRST MAR DIV
CG FIRST MAW
FIRST RECON BN
FIRST FORCE RECON CO
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SITREP 150001H TO 152400H DEC 69

1. OF TWELVE AVAILABLE TEAMS THERE WERE NONE DEPLOYED TO THE FIELD AS OF 2400H THIS DATE.
2. TODAY'S INSERTS: NONE
3. TODAY'S EXTRACTS: NONE
4. TOMORROW'S INSERTS:
 - A. ZULU RELAY. COMBINATION OF TM (1-1) "TINNY" AND TM (2-3) "HAVVY". TWELVE MEN VIC YG449936.
 - B. TM (2-1) "BOXHILL". SIX MEN VIC YG410980.
 - C. TM (3-1) "ATLAS". SIX MEN VIC YG372936.
5. TOMORROW'S EXTRACTS: NONE
6. TODAY'S INSERTS WERE NOT ACCOMPLISHED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.
7. CONTACT TEAM FROM ARPA/STAF VISITED THIS LOCATION TODAY.

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RELEASED _____ FOR _____ DEC 69

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DRAFTER: 1STLT C C COFFMAN
3d FORCE RECON CO
16 DECEMBER 1969

FLASH

FM THIRD FORCE RECON CO
TO CG III MAF (ATTN DIR SRC)

INFO CG FIRST MAR DIV
CG FIRST MAW
FIRST RECON BN
FIRST FORCE RECON CO
MAG ONE SIX

BT

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SITREP 160001H TO 162400H DEC 69

1. OF TWELVE AVAILABLE TEAMS THERE WERE NONE DEPLOYED TO THE FIELD AS OF 2400H THIS DATE.
2. TODAY'S INSERTS: NONE
3. TODAY'S EXTRACTS: NONE
4. TOMORROW'S INSERTS:
 - A. TM (2-1) "BOXHILL". SIX MEN VIC YC410980.
5. TM "BOXHILL" WILL BE AN ATTEMPTED INSERT WITHOUT RADIO RELAY COMMUNICATIONS. AIRBORNE RADIO RELAY VIA "BATCAT" WILL BE TRIED AND IF SUCCESSFUL, OTHER PROGRAMMED INSERTS WILL FOLLOW. IF THE "BOXHILL" INSERT WORKS, TM "ATLAS" (3-1) WILL FOLLOW IN THE AFTERNOON, WITH SIX MEN VIC YC372956.
6. TOMORROW'S EXTRACTS: NONE
7. TODAY'S INSERTS NOT ACCOMPLISHED DUE TO HEAVY RAINS AND FOG AT PHUBAI AND IN THE PROPOSED OPERATIONAL AREA.

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RELEASES: _____ TOR _____ DEC 69

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DRAFTER: 1STLT C C COFFMAN
3RD FORCE RECON CO
17 DECEMBER 1969

FLASH

FM THIRD FORCE RECON CO
TO CG III MAF (ATTN DIR SRC)

INFO CG FIRST MAR DIV
CG FIRST MAW
FIRST RECON BN
FIRST FORCE RECON CO
MAG ONE SIX

BT

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SITREP 170001H TO 172400H DEC 69

1. OF TWELVE AVAILABLE TEAMS THERE WERE NONE DEPLOYED TO THE FIELD AS OF 2400H THIS DATE.
2. TOMORROWS INSERTS: NONE
3. TODAYS EXTRACTS: NONE
4. TOMORROWS INSERTS:
 - A. TM (2-1) "BOXHILL". SIX MEN VIC Y0410980.
 - B. TM (3-1) "ATLAS". SIX MEN VIC YC372956.
5. TOMORROWS EXTRACTS: NONE
6. TODAYS INSERTS NOT ACCOMPLISHED DUE TO ZERO VISIBILITY OVER 100 FT ALT, LESS THAN ONE/FOURTH MILE FORWARD VISIBILITY. THE ASHAU WAS COMPLETELY SOOKED IN AND FOUR ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO EFFECT PENETRATION.
7. COMMUNICATIONS WITH "BATCAT" PROVED TO BE APPROXIMATELY 90 PERCENT RELIABLE AND INSERTS WILL BE ATTEMPTED AGAIN TOMORROW.

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DRAFTER: 1STLT.C.C.COFFMAN
3D FORCE RECON CO
18 DECEMBER 1969

FLASH

FM THIRD FORCE RECON CO
TO CG III MAF (ATTN DIR SRC)

INFO CG FIRST MAR DIV
CG FIRST MAW
FIRST RECON BN
FIRST FORCE RECON CO
MAG ONE SIX

BT

SECRET

SITREP 180001H TO 182400H DEC 69

1. OF TWELVE AVAILABLE TEAMS THERE WERE NONE DEPLOYED TO THE FIELD AS OF 2400H THIS DATE.
2. TODAY'S INSERTS: NONE
3. TODAY'S EXTRACTS: NONE
4. TOMORROW'S INSERTS:
 - A. TM(2-1) "BOXHILL". SIX MEN VIC YC 410980.
 - B. TM(3-1) "ATLAS". SIX MEN VIC YC ~~372916~~.
5. TOMORROW'S EXTRACTS: NONE
6. TODAY'S INSERTS NOT ACCOMPLISHED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.
7. FURTHER SUPPORT FROM 2ND/17TH CAV., 101ST ABN WILL BE ONLY IN FORM OF EMERGENCY EXTRACTS UNTIL SOME CLARIFICATION IS MADE BETWEEN III MAF AND XXIV CORPS AS TO WHEN THIRD FORCE RECON CO MAY UTILIZE ARMY AIRCRAFT.

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DRAFTER: 1STLT C C COFFMAN
3D FORCE RECON CO
19 DECEMBER 1969

FLASH

FM THIRD FORCE RECON CO
TO CG III MAF (ATTN DIR SRC)

INFO CG FIRST MAR DIV
CG FIRST MAW
FIRST RECON BN
FIRST FORCE RECON CO
MAG ONE SIX

BT

S E C R E T
SITREP 190001 H TO 192400 H DEC 69

1. OF TWELVE AVAILABLE TEAMS NONE WERE DEPLOYED TO THE FIELD AS OF 2400H THIS DATE.
2. TODAYS INSERTS: NONE DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.
3. TODAYS EXTRACTS: NONE
4. TOMORROWS INSERTS:
A. TM (2-1) "BOXHILL". SIX MEN VIC YC410980.
B. TM (3-1) "ATLAS". SIX MEN VIC YC372956.
5. TOMORROWS EXTRACTS: NONE
6. TODAYS INSERTS WERE NOT ACCOMPLISHED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.
7. THIRTY (30) MEN IN FIVE (5) TMS ASSIGNED AS TEST UNITS FOR ARPA/STAF PROJECT. SIX SHEETS DELIVERED TO III MAF TODAY.

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DRAFTER: 1STLT C C COFFMAN
3D FORCE RECON CO
20 DECEMBER 1969

FLASH

FM THIRD FORCE RECON CO
TO CG III MAF (ATTN DIR SRC)

INFO CG FIRST MAR DIV
CG FIRST MAW
FIRST RECON BN
FIRST FORCE RECON CO
MAG ONE SIX

BT

S E C R E T

SITREP 200001H TO 202400H DEC 69

1. OF TWELVE AVAILABLE TEAMS THERE WERE TWO DEPLOYED TO THE FIELD AS OF 2400H THIS DATE.
2. TODAY'S INSERTS:
 - A. TM (2-1) "BOXHILL", SIX MEN INSERTED VIC YC415986 AT 201200H.
 - B. TM (3-1) "ATLAS", SIX MEN INSERTED VIC YC380945 AT 201215H.
3. TODAY'S EXTRACTS: NONE
4. TOMORROW'S INSERTS:
 - A. "ZULU RELAY", TWELVE MEN, COMBINATION OF TWO TEAMS; (1-1) "TINNY" AND (2-3) "SAVVY" VIC YC449956.
 - B. TM (1-3) "GARLIC", SIX MEN VIC YD335055.
5. TOMORROW'S EXTRACTS: NONE
6. TODAY'S INSERTS WERE ACCOMPLISHED BY "A"/2ND/17TH CAV, 101 ABN. COMMUNICATIONS WITH "BATCAT" WERE APPROX 50 PERCENT RELIABLE AND CONTINUED SO THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND NIGHT. DIFFICULTIES WERE ENCOUNTERED FOR PERIODS OF FOUR (4) HOURS AND MORE WITH MAINTAINING POSITIVE CONTACT WITH THE TEAMS. GROUND RELAY IS A NECESSITY FOR POSITIVE COMMUNICATIONS IN THE ASHAU AREA.

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DRAFTER: 1STLT C C COFFMAN
1D FORCE RECON CO
21 DECEMBER 1969

FLASH

FM THIRD FORCE RECON CO
TO CG III MAF (ATTN DIR SRC)

INFO CG XXIV CORPS (ATTN G-2)
CG FIRST MAR DIV
CG 101 ABN DIV (AMBL)(ATTN G-2)
CG FIRST MAW
FIRST RECON BN
FIRST FORCE RECON CO
MAG ONE SIX

BT

SECRET/NOFORN
SITREP 210001H TO 212400H DEC 69

1. OF TWELVE (12) AVAILABLE TEAMS THERE WERE FIVE (5) DEPLOYED IN THE FIELDS AS OF 2400H THIS DATE.

2. TODAY'S INSERTS:

- A. TM (1-1) "TINNY". SIX (6) MEN
- B. TM (2-3) "SAVVY". SIX (6) MEN; BOTH TEAMS COMBINED AS "ZULU RELAY", INSERTED AT 211500H IN VIC Y0449956.
- C. TM (1-3) "GARLIC". SIX (6) MEN, INSERTED AT 211524H IN VIC YD341055.

3. TODAY'S EXTRACTS: NONE

4. TOMORROW'S INSERTS: NONE

5. TOMORROW'S EXTRACTS: NONE

6. TEAM LOCATIONS AS OF 212400H:

- A. TM (1-1) "TINNY" VIC Y0449956 ("ZULU RELAY")
- B. TM (2-3) "SAVVY" VIC Y0449956 ("ZULU RELAY")
- C. TM (2-1) "BOXHILL" VIC Y0416982.
- D. TM (3-1) "ATLAS" VIC Y0371948.
- E. TM (1-3) "GARLIC" VIC YD339056.

7. VR OVERFLIGHT AIRCRAFT REQUESTED FOR TOMORROW FOR IMPENDING INSERTS AND REQUESTED HZ'S.

8. TODAY'S INSERTS WERE ACCOMPLISHED BY H004-262, MAG ONE SIX.

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DRAFTER: 1STLT C C COFFMAN
3D FORCE RECON CO
22 DECEMBER 1969

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TO CG, III MAF (ATTENTION: DIR, SRC)

INFO CG XXIV CORPS (ATTN G-2)
CG FIRST MAR DIV
CG 101 ABN DIV (ATTN G-2)
CG FIRST MAW
FIRST RECON BN
FIRST FORCE RECON CO
MAG ONE SIX

BT

SECRET / NOFORN
SITREP 220001H TO 222400H DEC 69

1. OF TWELVE AVAILABLE TEAMS THERE WERE FIVE (5) DEPLOYED IN THE FIELD AS OF 2400H THIS DATE.
2. TODAY'S INSERTS: NONE
3. TODAY'S EXTRACTS: NONE
4. TOMORROW'S INSERTS: NONE
5. TOMORROW'S EXTRACTS: NONE
6. TEAM LOCATIONS AS OF 222400H DEC 69:
 - A. TM (1-1) "TINNY" SIX MEN ON "ZULU RELAY" VIC YC449956
 - B. TM (2-3) "SAVVY" SIX MEN ON "ZULU RELAY" VIC YC449956
 - C. TM (2-1) "BOXHILL" SIX MEN AT VIC YC414989
 - D. TM (3-1) "ATLAS" SIX MEN AT VIC YC367743
 - E. TM (1-3) "GARLIC" SIX MEN AT VIC YD345064
7. SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:
 - A. 220853H - "BOXHILL" SIGHTED TEN (10) NVA/VC IN A TREE LINE AT VIC YC396936. COBRAS FROM 2ND/17TH CAV AND 175MM FROM "BASTOGNE" TOOK TARGET UNDER ATTACK WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS DUE TO FOLIAGE.
 - B. 220945H - "GARLIC" SIGHTED NINETY (90) TO ONE HUNDRED (100) NVA/VC MOVING EASTWARD AT HIGH SPEED WITH INTERVAL OF TEN (10) TO FIFTEEN (15) METERS BETWEEN MEN AT VIC YD331057. COBRA GUNSHIPS FROM 2ND/17TH CAV ON STATION BEGAN BURNING ROCKETS AND MG ON AREA WHICH IS HEAVY BRUSH, ELEPHANT GRASS AND NUMEROUS SMALL GULLIES. TEAM CALLED FOR USMC FIXED-WING TO BE DIRECTED

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BY OV-10 AT 221205H. AT 221240H, 2ND/17TH CAV COBRA AND LOH TEAM HAD LOH HELO SHOT DOWN BY 12.7 OVER "GARLIC". CREW RECOVERED WITH NEG CASUALTIES. AT 221325H, USAF PAC ON STATION REQUESTING TO RUN JETS ON TARGET FOR "GARLIC". AT 221400H, USMC OV-10 CHECKED IN ON NET FOR LOCATION OF TARGET AREA. CLOUD COVER BEGINNING TO OBSCURE TARGET AREA KEPT USAF JETS ORBITING, AND AT 221402 FIRST RUNS WERE NOT ABLE TO DELIVER ORDNANCE. AT 221420H, WHEN USMC OV-10 ARRIVED OVER TARGET, HE INFORMED COO HE WAS RTB DUE TO USAF PAC BEING IN CONTROL OVER TARGET AREA. CLOUD COVER BECAME TOO THICK FOR FIXED-WING ATTACK AND COBRAS AGAIN BEGAN RUNS IN AREA ON BUNKER COMPLEX, AREA OF 12.7 FIRE AND APPROX TWENTY (20) STRUCTURES.

C. 221440H - "ATLAS" SIGHTED ONE (1) NVA/VC WALKING WEST ACROSS A BOEM CRATER VIC YC396959.

8. CONFIRMED BATTLE DAMAGE:

- A. TWO (2) CONFIRMED ENEMY KIA (2ND/17TH CAV)
- B. TEN (10) BUNKERS DESTROYED
- C. FIFTEEN (15) STRUCTURES DESTROYED
- D. REALISTIC ESTIMATES AS TO ANY OTHER LOSSES BY ENEMY NOT OBTAINABLE.

9. FRIENDLY LOSSES:

- A. NEGATIVE PERSONNEL CASUALTIES
- B. ONE (1) LOH HELO DOWNED BY FIVE (5) RND 12.7

10. EXPENDITURES:

- A. FORTY-FOUR (44) SORTIES BY 2ND/17TH CAV
- B. 21,000 RND 7.62
- C. 750 40MM
- D. 238 TEN POUND ROCKETS

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23 DECEMBER 1969

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TO CG, III MAF (ATTN DIR SRG)

INFO CG XXIV CORPS (ATTN G-2)
CG FIRST MAR DIV
CG 101 ABN DIV (ATTN G-2)
CG FIRST MAW
FIRST RECON BN
FIRST FORCE RECON CO
MAG ONE SIX

BT

SECRET / NOFORN
SITREP 230001H TO 232400H DEC 69

1. OF TWELVE AVAILABLE TEAMS THERE WERE FIVE (5) DEPLOYED IN THE FIELD AS OF 2400H THIS DATE.
2. TODAYS INSERTS: NONE
3. TODAYS EXTRACTS: NONE
4. TOMORROWS INSERTS:
 - A. TM (3-2) "ROACH". SIX MEN VIC YD369045.
 - B. TM (3-3) "SNAKY". SIX MEN VIC YD378029.
5. TOMORROWS EXTRACTS:
 - A. TM (2-1) "BOXHILL". SIX MEN AT UNKNOWN LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED BY TACTICAL SITUATION.
6. TEAM LOCATIONS AS OF 232400H DEC 69:
 - A. TM (1-1) "TINNY" SIX MEN ON "ZULU RELAY" VIC YG449956
 - B. TM (2-3) "SAVVY" SIX MEN ON "ZULU RELAY" VIC YG449956
 - C. TM (2-1) "BOXHILL" SIX MEN AT VIC YG416982
 - D. TM (3-1) "ATLAS" SIX MEN AT VIC YG369954
 - E. TM (1-3) "GARLIC" SIX MEN AT VIC YD345063
7. SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:
 - A. 231905H - "BOXHILL" DETECTED MOVEMENT IN DUSK OF APPROX TWELVE (12) TO FIFTEEN (15) ENEMY MOVING EAST VIC ~~XXXX~~ YG413987 WITHIN 25 METERS OF THEIR POSITION. NEGATIVE ACTION TAKEN. AT 231955H, "BOXHILL" DETECTED MOVEMENT SEEMINGLY RETURNING WITH THE SAME NUMBER OF ENEMY. ENEMY MOVED TO WITHIN 10 METERS WHEN CONTACT WAS MADE. PATROL MOVED IMMEDIATELY TO A MORE DEFENSIBLE POSITION AND UTILIZED UH-1H COMMAND HELO TO COORDINATE GUNRA GUNSHIPS, SUPPORTED BY USAF PLANE DROPS, GUNRAID AND GUNSHIPS

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PROVIDING SUPPORT FROM "A" TEP/2ND/17TH CAV., 101 ABN. TOC AT 2ND/17TH CAV DISPATCHED TWO ARA HELOS WHICH ALSO RAN STRIKES DIRECTED BY "BOXHILL". ARA'S FROM "DRAGON 35 BRAVO". AT 232208H, AIRCRAFT SUPPORT DEPARTED AND AT 232209H TEAM WAS MOVING OUT OF IMMEDIATE AREA INTO A HARBOR SITE. AT 232232H, "BOXHILL" REPORTED A LL SECURE IN NEW POSITION.

8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A. "BOXHILL" ESTIMATES FIVE (5) PROB ENEMY KIA IN THE CONTACT.

B. 2ND/17TH CAV INTENDS TO INSERT A PLATOON AT FIRST LIGHT 24 DEC, LINK UP WITH "BOXHILL" AND ATTEMPT TO EXPLOIT TEAM'S CONTACT AND ASSESS ANY ENEMY LOSSES.

C. WHEN THE CAV PLATOON TERMINATES BDA, "BOXHILL" WILL EXTRACT WITH THEIR UNIT AND RETURN TO BASE.

D. FIVE (5) SORTIES WERE RUN IN CLOSE SUPPORT OF THE TEAM, EXPENDING 3500 RND 7.62, 450 RND 40MM AND 110 ROCKETS.

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RELEASES: _____ TOR _____ DEC 69

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DRAFTER: 1STLT G C COFFMAN
3D FORCE RECON CO
24 DECEMBER 1969

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FM THIRD FORCE RECON CO
TO CG III MAF (ATTN DIR SRC)

INFO CG XXIV CORPS (ATTN G-2)
CG FIRST MAR DIV (ATTN G-2)
CG ONE ZERO ONE ABN DIV (ATTN G-2)
CG FIRST MAW
FIRST RECON BN
FIRST FORCE RECON CO
MAQ ONE SIX

BT

SECRET / NOFORN
SITREP 240001H TO 242400H DEC 69

1. OF TWELVE AVAILABLE TEAMS THERE WERE FOUR (4) DEPLOYED TO THE FIELD AS OF 2400H THIS DATE.
2. TODAY'S INSERTS: NONE FROM FORCE RECON, ONE (1) "BLUE TEAM" INSERTED BY 2ND/17TH CAW, 101ST ABN IN "BOXHILL" RZ.
3. TODAY'S EXTRACTS:
 - A. TM (2-1) "BOXHILL" FROM VIC YC413977 AT 241625H DEC 69
4. TOMORROW'S INSERTS:
 - A. TM (3-2) "ROACH" SIX MEN VIC YD369045
 - B. TM (3-3) "SHAKY" SIX MEN VIC YD378029
5. TOMORROW'S EXTRACTS:
 - A. TM (3-1) "ATLAS" SIX MEN FROM AN UNDETERMINED LOCATION
6. TEAM LOCATIONS AS OF 242400H DEC 69:
 - A. TM (1-1) "TINNY" SIX MEN ON ZULU RELAY VIC YC449956
 - B. TM (2-3) "HAWVY" SIX MEN ON ZULU RELAY VIC YC449956
 - C. TM (3-1) "ATLAS" SIX MEN AT VIC YC362954
 - D. TM (1-3) "GARLIC" SIX MEN AT VIC YD346063
7. SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:
 - A. 240730H - TM "GARLIC" DETECTED COUGHING, TALKING AND MOVEMENT IN AREA OF BUNKER COMPLEX VIC YD347063 AND REQUESTED AIR STRIKES. USING AIR UNABLE TO TAKE OFF FROM DANANG DUE

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TO WEATHER. TM CONTINUED TO OBSERVE.

B. 241320H - TM "GARLIC" OBSERVED SIX (6) ENEMY IN GREEN UNIFORM MOVING EAST AT VIC YD347063 WEARING HEAVY PACKS, AK-47, TROUSERS ROLLED TO KNEES, AND THREE (3) LARGE KETTLES STRAPPED TO PACKS. AREA STILL SOCKED IN AND AIRCRAFT UNABLE TO GET IN TO THE ASHAU.

C. 241325H - 2ND/17TH CAV "BLUE TEAM" DEPARTED EAGLE AND AT 241410H TOUCHED DOWN TO LINK UP WITH "BOXHILL" FOR SWEEP OF CONTACT AREA OF THE NIGHT BEFORE.

D. 241528H - TM "GARLIC" DIRECTED 2ND/17TH CAV ARA COBRAS ON BUNKER COMPLEX CONTAINING 100 BUNKERS AND 20 "A-FRAME" HOLES, EXPENDING ALL ORDNANCE AND RECEIVING TWO (2) MORE ARA COBRAS ON STATION TO CONTINUE ATTACK. STRIKE HAD EXCELLENT COVERAGE.

E. 241640H - "BOXHILL" AND 2ND/17TH CAV "BLUE TEAM" LIFTED OFF FOR RETURN TO BASE.

8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A. STRIKES BY ARA COBRAS IN FIVE (5) SORTIES EXPENDED 6300 RNDs 7.62, 12 WP GRENADES, 24 M-26 HANDGRENADES, 2 CS HANDGRENADES, 328 TEN POUND ROCKETS, 500 40MM AND 200 5.56 IN SUPPORT OF TEAM "GARLIC".

B. RESULTS OF STRIKE WERE ONE (1) NVA KIA CONFIRMED AND TWO (2) 15FT BY 25FT BUNKERS DESTROYED.

C. SWEEP BY "BOXHILL" AND "BLUE TEAM" FOUND APPROX 100 RNDs EXPENDED AK-47 AMMO, RECOVERED THEIR SHOT-UP PONCHOS AND LINERS FROM THE CONTACT OF THE NIGHT BEFORE AND FOUND TRACKS AND FOOT PRINTS OF APPROX TWENTY (20) TO TWENTY FIVE (25) ENEMY.

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DRAFTER: 1STLT C C COFFMAN
3D FORCE RECON CO
23 DECEMBER 1969

FLASH

FM THIRD FORCE RECON CO
TO CG III MAF (ATTN DIR SRC)

INFO CG XXIV CORPS (ATTN G-2)
CG FIRST MAR DIV (ATTN G-2)
CG ONE ZERO ONE ABN DIV (ATTN G-2)
CG FIRST MAW
FIRST RECON BN
FIRST FORCE RECON CO
MAG ONE SIX

BT

SECRET / NOFORN
HITREP 250001H TO 252400H DEC 69

1. OF TWELVE AVAILABLE TEAMS THERE WERE SIX (6) DEPLOYED IN THE FIELD AS OF 2400H THIS DATE.
2. TODAY'S INSERTS:
 - A. TM (3-2) "ROACH" SIX MEN INSERTED VIC YD369045 AT 1500H.
 - B. TM (3-3) "SHARKY" SIX MEN INSERTED VIC YD375030 AT 1600H.
3. TODAY'S EXTRACTS: NONE
4. TOMORROW'S INSERTS:
 - A. TM (4-1) "BITTER" SIX MEN FLIR-FLOP ONTO "ZULU" RELAY AT VIC YG449956.
 - B. TM (4-3) "GOFFER" SIX MEN FLIR-FLOP ONTO "ZULU" RELAY AT VIC YG449956.
 - C. TM (4-2) "SPINNER" SIX MEN VIC YD339009.
 - D. TM (1-2) "PONY" SIX MEN VIC YG463927.
5. TOMORROW'S EXTRACTS:
 - A. TM (1-1) "TINNY" SIX MEN FROM "ZULU RELAY" AT VIC YG449956.
 - B. TM (2-3) "SAVVY" SIX MEN FROM "ZULU RELAY" AT VIC YG449956.
 - C. TM (1-3) "GARLIC" SIX MEN FROM AN UNKNOWN LOCATION.
 - D. TM (3-1) "ATLAS" FIVE MEN FROM AN UNKNOWN LOCATION.
6. TEAM LOCATIONS AS OF 252400H DEC 69:
 - A. TM (1-1) "TINNY" SIX MEN ON "ZULU RELAY".
 - B. TM (2-3) "SAVVY" SIX MEN ON "ZULU RELAY".
 - C. TM (3-1) "ATLAS" FIVE MEN VIC YG362954.
 - D. TM (1-3) "GARLIC" SIX MEN VIC YD341060.
 - E. TM (3-2) "ROACH" SIX MEN VIC YD366046.
 - F. TM (3-3) "SHARKY" SIX MEN VIC YD379027.
7. SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:
 - A. 250600H THROUGH 251000H -- TM "GARLIC" DETECTED VOICES, SOUNDS OF DIGGING, CHIRPING AND COUGHING FROM VIC YD376063. UNKNOWN TEAM BA-11-7H-1 EN-3C IS REP-ING BUNKERS HIT BY

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2/17TH CAV GUNSHIPS AND ARA COBRAS YESTERDAY AND THE DAY BEFORE. ACTIVITY HAS BEEN CONSTANT IN THIS LOCATION FOR THE LAST FOUR (4) DAYS. ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) BUNKERS HAVE BEEN LOCATED IN THIS AREA AND WEATHER HAS PRECLUDED THE USE OF FIXED-WING DELIVERY OF HEAVY ORDNANCE ON THE BUNKER SYSTEM.

8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A. INSERTS WERE ACCOMPLISHED BY 2ND/17TH CAV WITH MINIMAL WEATHER CONDITIONS.

B. "ATLAS" WAS NOT EXTRACTED AS SCHEDULED DUE TO LACK OF A SUITABLE LZ.

C. "PHUBAI DUSTOFF" PRIORITY MEDEVAC OF "ATLAS" TEAM MEMBER WITH INJURED EYE WAS ACCOMPLISHED WITH THOROUGH PROFESSIONALISM UNDER ARDUOUS FLIGHT CONDITIONS. 2ND/17TH CAV "PINK TEAM" FLEW COVER FOR MISSION.

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RELEASEER _____ TOR _____ DEC 69

DRAFTER: 1STLT C C COFFMAN
3D FORCE RECON CO
26 DECEMBER 1969

FM THIRD FORME RECON CO
TO CG III MAF (ATTN DIR SRC)

BT

SECRET / NOFORN
SITREP 260001H TO 262400H DEC 69

1. OF TWELVE AVAILABLE TEAMS THERE WERE SIX (6) DEPLOYED IN THE FIELD AS OF 2400H THIS DATE.
2. TODAY'S INSERTS:
 - A. TM (4-2) "SPINNER" SEVEN MEN VIC YD344010 AT 261112H.
 - B. TM (1-2) "PONY" SIX MEN VIC YC463928 AT 261147H.
 - C. TM (4-1) "BITTER" SIX MEN VIC YC449956.
 - D. TM (4-3) "COFFEE" SIX MEN VIC YC449956.
3. TODAY'S EXTRACTS:
 - A. TM (1-1) "TINNY" SIX MEN VIC YC449956.
 - B. TM (2-3) "SAVVY" SIX MEN VIC YC449956.
 - C. TM (1-3) "GARLIC" SIX MEN VIC YD341058.
 - D. TM (3-1) "ATLAS" SIX MEN VIC YC371954.
4. TOMORROW'S INSERTS: NONE
5. TOMORROW'S EXTRACTS: NONE
6. TEAM LOCATIONS AS OF 262400H DEC 69.
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 - A. TM (1-3) "PONY" SIX MEN VIC YC468929.
 - B. TM (4-2) "SPINNER" SEVEN MEN YD340004.
 - C. TM (4-1) "BITTER" SIX MEN VIC YC449956.
 - D. TM (4-3) "COFFEE" SIX MEN VIC YC449956.
7. SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:
 - A. 260945H - TM "GARLIC" SIGHTED 18 NVA IN GREEN UNIFORM, AK-47's, HELMETS AND PACKS VIC YD341058. ONE MORTAR TUBE WAS SEEN. DUE TO FOG, NEG ACTION TAKEN.

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8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A. MEDEVAC OF TEAM MEMBER WITH "SNAKY" COMPLETED AT 261420H. MAN SEVERELY SPRAINED ANKLE, WAS UNABLE TO WALK. "PHUBAI DUSTOFF" SLING HOISTED MAN AND RETURNED TO PHUBAI HOSP (85TH MED).

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RELEASEER: _____ TOR _____ DEC 69

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DRAFTER: 1STLT C C COFFMAN
3D FORCE RECON CO
27 DECEMBER 1969

FLASH

FROM THIRD FORCE RECON CO
TO CG III MAF (ATTN DIR SRC)

INFO CG XXIV CORPS
CG FIRST MAR DIV
CG ONE ZERO ONE ABN DIV
CG FIRST MAW
FIRST RECON BN
FIRST FORCE RECON CO
MAG ONE SIX

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SECRET / NOFORN
SITREP 270001H TO 272400H DEC 69

1. OF TWELVE (12) AVAILABLE TEAMS THERE WERE SIX (6) DEPLOYED IN THE FIELD AS OF 2400H THIS DATE.
2. TODAY'S INSERTS: NONE DUE
3. TODAY'S EXTRACTS: NONE DUE
4. TOMORROW'S INSERTS: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
 - A. TM (2-2) "ARTIC" SIX MEN TO INSERT VIC YD309087.
5. TOMORROW'S EXTRACTS: NONE DUE
6. TEAM LOCATIONS AS OF 2400H THIS DATE:
 - A. TM (2-2) "ROACH" SIX MEN VIC YD362039.
 - B. TM (3-3) "SNAKY" SIX MEN VIC YD383027.
 - C. TM (1-2) "PONY" SIX MEN VIC YC462926.
 - D. TM (4-1) "BITTER" SIX MEN VIC YC449956.
 - E. TM (4-3) "COFFEE" SIX MEN VIC YC449956.
 - F. TM (4-2) "SPINNER" SEVEN MEN VIC YD339013.
7. SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:
 - A. 272040H - "ZUIU RELAY", TMS 4-1 AND 4-3, HAD TWO (2) NVA/VC WALK UP NORTHEASTERN FINGER TO THEIR HILL WITHIN FIFTEEN METERS OF THE POSITION. PSID ACTIVATION WARNED OF APPROACH, TM FIRED M 79, BOTH ENEMY BELIEVED TO BE KIA BUT HEAVY CLOUD COVER LIMITS VISION TO TEN (10) TO FIFTEEN (15) METERS. MOVEMENT CEASED ENTIRELY.
8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
 - A. OVERFLIGHT INTO ASHAU TURNED BACK WHEN CEILING DROPPED TO 2000 FT AGL. (USMC A/C). OVERFLIGHT PARTY RETURNED TO ASHAU WITH 2ND/17TH CAV A/C, TOOK BDA PHOTOS AND MADE OVERFLIGHT WITH 200FT AGL.

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3D FORCE RECON CO
28 DECEMBER 1969

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TO CG III MAF (ATTN DIR SRC)

INFO CG XXIV CORPS
CG FIRST MAR DIV
CG ONE ZERO ONE ABN DIV
CG FIRST MAW
FIRST RECON BN
FIRST FORCE RECON CO
MAG ONE SIX

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STREP 280001H TO 282400H DEC 69

1. OF TWELVE (12) AVAILABLE TEAMS THERE WERE SIX (6) DEPLOYED IN THE FIELD AS OF 2400H THIS DATE.
2. TODAY'S INSERTS, NONE DUE TO ~~UNDESIRABLE CONDITIONS~~ ZERO/ZERO VISIBILITY. FIVE (5) ATTEMPTS WERE MADE BY 2ND/17TH CAV.
3. TODAY'S EXTRACTS, NONE DUE.
4. TOMORROW'S INSERTS:
 - A. TM (2-2) "ARTIC" SIX MEN TO INSERT VIC YD309087.
 - B. TM (3-1) "ATLAS" SIX MEN TO INSERT VIC YC440920.
 - C. TM (2-1) "BOXHILL" SIX MEN TO INSERT VIC YC440920.
5. TOMORROW'S EXTRACTS: NONE DUE.
6. TEAM LOCATIONS AS OF 2400H THIS DATE:
 - A. TM (3-2) "ROACH" SIX MEN VIC YD361038.
 - B. TM (3-3) "SNAKY" SIX MEN VIC YD384025.
 - C. TM (1-2) "PONT" SIX MEN VIC YC472929.
 - D. TM (4-1) "BITTER" SIX MEN VIC YC449954.
 - E. TM (4-3) "COFFEE" SIX MEN VIC YC449954.
 - F. TM (4-2) "SPINNER" SEVEN MEN VIC YD333009.
7. SIGHTINGS AND ~~COMMENTS~~ COMMENTS:
 - A. 281000H - TM (4-2) "SPINNER" REPORTED HEARING VOICES MOVING SOUTH OF TM VIC YD337007. VOICES CEASED.
8. VR OVERFLIGHT AND INSERT AIRCRAFT REQUESTED FOR TOMORROW FOR IMPENDING INSERTS AND REQUESTED RZ'S.

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SITREP 290001H TO 292400H DEC 69

1. OF TWELVE (12) AVAILABLE TEAMS THERE WERE SIX (6) DEPLOYED IN THE FIELD AS OF 2400H THIS DATE.
2. TODAY'S INSERTS: NONE DUE TO THE RESTRICTIONS ~~ON~~ IMPOSED ON MARINE AIRCRAFT.
3. TODAY'S EXTRACTS: NONE SCHEDULED.
4. TOMORROW'S INSERTS:
 - A. TM (2-2) "ARTIC" SIX MEN TO INSERT VIC YD309087.
 - B. TM (3-1) "ATLAS" SIX MEN TO INSERT VIC YC440920.
 - C. TM (2-1) "BOXHILL" SIX MEN TO INSERT VIC YC440920.
5. TOMORROW'S EXTRACTS:
 - A. TM (3-2) "ROACH" SIX MEN FROM AN UNKNOWN LOCATION.
 - B. TM (3-3) "SNARKY" SIX MEN FROM AN UNKNOWN LOCATION.
6. TEAM LOCATIONS AS OF 2400H THIS DATE:
 - A. TM (3-2) "ROACH" SIX MEN VIC YD361040.
 - B. TM (3-3) "SNARKY" SIX MEN VIC YD383016.
 - C. TM (1-2) "PONY" SIX MEN VIC YC471929.
 - D. TM (4-1) "BITTER" SIX MEN VIC YC449954.
 - E. TM (4-3) "COFFEE" SIX MEN VIC YC449954.
 - F. TM (4-2) "SPINNER" SEVEN MEN VIC YD316010.
7. SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:
 - A. 291602H - TM (4-2) "SPINNER" LOCATED TWO (2) SETS OF COMM WIRES AT VIC YD330010, RUNNING EAST/WEST. ONE WAS PLASTIC COATED, THREE-STRAND COPPER, THE OTHER WAS BLACK AND GREEN, THREE-STRAND STEEL. TM CUT WIRES IN SEVERAL PLACES AND WILL BRING IN A SAMPLE.

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THE TM IS NOT CARRYING A 4-114 WIRETAP DEVICE DUE TO THIS UNIT HAVING ONLY THREE (3) FUNCTIONAL SETS.

B. 292125H - "ZUUU RELAY" DETECTED MOVEMENT ON THEIR PSID BUT HAD NEGATIVE VISUAL SIGHTINGS DUE TO BEING SOCKED IN BY A LOW CLOUD LAYER. NEGATIVE ACTION TAKEN.

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3D FORCE RECON CO
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SITREP 300001H TO 302400H DEC 69

1. OF TWELVE AVAILABLE TEAMS THERE WERE SEVEN DEPLOYED IN THE FIELD AS OF 2400H THIS DATE.
2. TODAY'S INSERTS:
 - A. TM (2-1) "BOXHILL" SIX MEN AT VIC YC440920.
 - B. TM (3-1) "ATLAS" SIX MEN AT VIC YC440921.
 - C. TM (2-2) "ARTIC" SIX MEN AT VIC YC353998.
3. TODAY'S EXTRACTS:
 - A. TM (3-2) "ROACH" SIX MEN FROM VIC YC367033.
 - B. TM (3-3) "SNAKY" FIVE MEN FROM VIC YC385014.
4. TOMORROW'S INSERTS:
 - A. TM (1-3) "GARLIC" SIX MEN AT VIC YC449956.
 - B. TM (2-3) "SAVVY" SIX MEN AT VIC YC449956.
5. TOMORROW'S EXTRACTS:
 - A. TM (4-2) "SPINNER" SEVEN MEN FROM AN UNKNOWN LOCATION.
 - B. TM (1-2) "PONY" SIX MEN FROM AN UNKNOWN LOCATION.
 - C. TM (4-1) "BITTER" SIX MEN FROM VIC YC449956.
 - D. TM (4-3) "COFFEE" SIX MEN FROM VIC YC449956.
6. TEAM LOCATIONS OS OF 2400H THIS DATE:
 - A. TM (4-2) "SPINNER" SEVEN MEN VIC YD332003.
 - B. TM (3-1) "ATLAS" SIX MEN VIC YC436922.
 - C. TM (4-1) "BITTER" SIX MEN VIC YC449956.
 - D. TM (4-3) "COFFEE" SIX MEN VIC YC449956.
 - E. TM (2-1) "BOXHILL" SIX MEN VIC YC439921.
 - F. TM (1-2) "PONY" SIX MEN VIC YC473922.
 - G. TM (1-3) "ARTIC" SIX MEN VIC YC352996.
7. SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:
 - A. TM (4-2) "SPINNER" HEARD TWO RIFLE SHOTS FROM SW AT 1425H, ANOTHER AT 1428H, AND AT 1905H HEARD HAMMERING AND SHOUTS VIC YC345998.

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- B. TM (1-2) "POHY" LOCATED ONE METAL SKILLET, THREE CERAMIC RICE BOWLS AND TIN FOOD CONTAINER AT VIC YC473924. FOUND IN TWENTY FOOT CLEARED AREA BELIEVED TO BE A BASE CAMP, APPROX THREE MONTHS OLD.

8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A. INSERTS AND EXTRACTS TODAY WERE PERFORMED BY FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING ELEMENTS IN MARGINAL WEATHER. CLOUD COVER ON FIRST ASHAU PENETRATION WAS 400 FT AGL, VIS ONE MILE, SOMETIMES LESS. SECOND PENETRATION WAS FLOWN AT HIGH LEVEL, DROPPED DOWN THROUGH HOLE IN CLOUD COVER OVER ASHAU AND FLIP-FLOP OF TWO PERSONNEL ON "ZULU" RELAY WAS ACCOMPLISHED WITH APPROX TEN FEET OF OVERHEAD CEILING.

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SITREP 310001H ~~TO~~ 312400H DECEMBER 1969

1. OF TWELVE AVAILABLE TEAMS THERE WERE FIVE DEPLOYED IN THE FIELD AS OF 2400H THIS DATE.
2. TODAY'S INSERTIONS:
- A. TM "GARLIC" - SIX MEN YC449956
- B. TM "SAVVY" - SIX MEN YC449956
3. TODAY'S EXTRACTIONS
- A. TM (4-2) "SPINNER" - SEVEN MEN FM YD131003
- B. TM (1-2) "PONY" - SIX MEN FM YC 474923
- C. TM (4-1) "BITTER" - SIX MEN FM ~~YD449956~~ YD 449956
- D. TM (4-3) "COFFEE" - SIX MEN FM ~~YD449956~~ YD 449956
4. TOMORROW'S INSERTIONS: NONE
5. TOMORROW'S EXTRACTIONS: NONE
6. TEAM LOCATIONS AS OF 2400H THIS DATE:
- A. TM (1-3) "GARLIC" - YC449956
- B. TM ~~XXXXXX~~ (2-3) "SAVVY" - YC 449956
- C. TM (3-1) "ATLAS" - SIX MEN ~~YC~~ YC 428922
- D. TM (2-1) "BOXHILL" - SIX MEN YC 432916
- E. TM (1-3) "ARTIC" - SIX MEN YC353993
7. SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:
- A. TM (1-3) "ARTIC" LOCATED TWO BUNKERS VIC ~~XXXXXX~~ YC354994 ON TRAIL RUNNING EAST TO WEST. BUNKERS COVER TRAIL WITH GOOD FIELD OF FIRE, BUT APPEAR TO BE UNUSED FOR PERIOD OF 3-4 MONTHS.
8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: INSERTIONS AND EXTRACTIONS TODAY WERE PERFORMED BY ELEMENTS OF 2/17 CAV, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION.
9. UNIT STRENGTH AT END OF MONTH:
- OFFICERS: 11, ENLISTED MARINES: 142, NAVY ENLISTED: 7, ATTACHED MARINE ENLISTED: 10

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