From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), (G-3)
Via: Commanding Officer, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein) (S-3)


Ref: (a) MCO P5750.2
     (b) FWFPacO 5750.8A
     (c) DivO 5750.2C

Encl: (1) First Force Reconnaissance Company Command Chronology

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

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1ST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco, Calif 96602

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

0100H June 1969 TO 3024H June 1969

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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1st Force Reconnaissance Company

COMMANDER

Major R. E. SIMONS

2. LOCATION

01-30 June 1969, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company: Da Nang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Capt R. D. WILLIAMS 01-30 June 69

S-2

Sgt H. KOBELIC 01-30 June 69

S-3

Capt J. R. Mullen 01-30 June 69

Supply Officer

1st Lt J. J. PICKEtt 01-30 June 69

Communications Officer

1st Lt J. L. WILKINSON 01-30 June 69

Motor Transport Officer

Capt R. D. WILLIAMS 01-30 June 69

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The First Force Reconnaissance Company conducted training during the period 01-12 June. On 15 June First Force Reconnaissance Company was tasked for a deep reconnaissance operation by III MAF. Deep reconnaissance operations were conducted during the period 17-20 June. On 21 June First Force Reconnaissance Company reverted to 1st Marine Division for tasking and resumed long-range patrolling operations in the 1st Marine Division TAOR during the period 24-30 June.

PART III

01 June 69 During the period 01-12 June 1969 the company conducted a training program.

12 June 69 Training program was completed and the company returned to operational status.

15 June 69 Tasked for a deep reconnaissance operation by III MAF.

17 June 69 Began deep reconnaissance operations.

20 June 69 Completed deep reconnaissance operations.

21 June 69 First Force Reconnaissance Company was reverted to 1st Marine Division for tasking.

24 June 69 During the period 24-30 June 1969 First Force Reconnaissance Company conducted long-range patrolling operations in the 1st Marine Division TAOR.
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(d) 1st Air Div P31330.2A (Rules of Engagement)
(e) CoFrog #214-69

Unit/Call Sign: 2d Platoon/Hanover 54

1. **Situation**
   (a) See current INTSUM’s
   (b) See current OPSUM’s and PIR’s
   (c) See Area Study
   (d) Attachments: None

2. **Mission**
   Conduct a detailed reconnaissance of a suspected high speed trail located from YC840264 to YC846254. Monitor traffic on this trail for at least one day. Be prepared, after receiving permission, to capture a prisoner. The following EET’s should also be noted:
   (1) Determine nature and extent of enemy lines of communications;
   (2) Determine locations and the extent of enemy sensor positions;
   (3) Report all map corrections noted;
   (4) Report locations of base camps as they are encountered;
   (5) Report evidence of enemy road construction.

3. **Execution**
   (a) Concept of Operation: Utilize references (a) through (c) to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HLV 469 at 0600 on 17 OCT 69, insert in operating area at location THA and extract at 340430 via THA.
   (b) Coordinating Instructions: Patrol leader will conduct a visual reconnaissance of the operating area with the pilot of the insert heli-copter on D-1. Primary and alternate insert and extract zones will be selected at this time.

4. **Aim/Logistics**
   Reference (d) and verbal.

5. **Communications**
   (a) The patrol will carry the following communications equipment:
   (1) 2 AN/PRC-25’s with extra handsets
   (2) 1 AN/PRC-93
   (b) Communications will be via an airborne radio relay which will be on station from 0600 to 2200. The aerial relay will also be on station at 0000, 0200, and 0400 for sitrep’s.
   (c) The team will monitor the radio net at all times. Team will check in every 4 hours at 15 minutes after the hour from 0415 to 0715 and report routine traffic at this time. The team will call in sitrep’s at 0000, 0200, and 0400. Priority and emergency traffic may be sent at any time.
5. Comm/Electronics
   (a) Primary Frequency 6330
   Alternate Frequency 4430

DISTRIBUTION:

- G-2 III MAF (1)
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- G-3 lstMAW (1)

HANOVER SUB'S NO FIRE/FREE FIRE ZONE

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OPERATION ORDER #214-69
PATROL: HANOVER SUE (F-21)
DEBRIEFER: SOT M. KOZAKIEWICH JR.
MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS 170464
SHEET 6540 III

1ST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY
DA NANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
191610H JUNE 1969

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. Composition: 1 Off. 6 Enl.
   b. Attachments: None
   c. Comm and Observation Equip: 2 AN/PRC-25's, 1 AN/PRC-93
   d. Special Equip: 1 M-14, 1 M-79, 4 Claymores, 1 .22 cal pistol w/silencer

2. MISSION: Conduct a detailed reconnaissance of the suspected high speed trail located from YC860264 to YC846254. Monitor traffic on this trail for at least one day. Be prepared, after obtaining permission, to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 170630H/191415H JUNE 1969

4. ROUTE: See Overlay

5. SYNOPSIS: The patrol covered a period of 56 hours with no sightings or contacts. 5 flights of fixed wing were used to cover extraction attempts. Results: Unknown.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. ENEMY: 191000H, VIC YC865269-YC866270, patrol heard voices after they directed an air strike in that vicinity. One scream was also heard. Results: Unknown
      191030H, VIC YC866280, patrol heard au fire directed at extraction helo. Patrol called four flights of fixed wing aircraft on the area. Results: Unknown.
   b. TERRAIN WAS STEEP WITH A CANOPY OF 20 FEET. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 8-9 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF VINES AND BAMBOO. MOVEMENT WAS DIFFICULT AT THE RATE OF 30-50 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS PLENTIFUL IN THE AREA.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:
   a. INSERT LZ: YC865269, GOOD 60 FOOT LADDER ZONE, SLOPE
   b. EXTRACT LZ: YC867267, GOOD STABO SYSTEM ZONE
   c. TRAILS: See Overlay, 6 FEET WIDE WELL USED
   d. OP'S: None used
   e. COMM: Good with airborne relay
   f. OBSTACLES: None encountered
   g. MISC: 2 NBC (E) on insert

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: Unknown

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: Fair

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: Fixed wing aircraft outstanding.

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11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL MUST BE INSERTED ON HIGH GROUND DUE TO TERRAIN. PATROLS' EQUIPMENT MUST BE LIGHTENED DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF TERRAIN.

12. CONTACTS BY THE DESTROYER: N/A

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1. Situation
   (a) See current DTSUN'S and captured map.
   (b) See OSUN'S and FIR'S (S-2/S-3)
   (c) See Area Study
   (d) Attachments: None

2. Mission
   Locate and conduct a through reconnaissance of the suspected river crossing at YC9720 and high-speed trail system running east and west from this river crossing. Monitor traffic on the high-speed trail at least one full day. Be prepared, upon obtaining permission, to capture a prisoner. The following ESH's should also be noted:
   (1) Determine the nature and extent of enemy lines of communications.
   (2) Determine enemy strength, location, composition, disposition, and identification.
   (3) Determine the locations and extent of enemy AAA weapons.
   (4) Report map corrections as noted.
   (5) Report evidence of enemy road construction.
   (6) Report the location of enemy base camps as noted.

3. Execution
   (a) Concept of Operation: Utilize references (a) through (e) to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HZ 469 at 0545G:3H/70540 and insert in the operating area at a location TBA and extract at 19063H via TBA.
   (b) Coordinating Instructions: The patrol leader will conduct a visual reconnaissance of the operating area with the pilot of the insert helicopter on D-1. Primary and alternate insert and extract zones will be selected at this time.

4. Admin/Logistics
   Reference (b) and verbal.

5. Com/Electronics
   (a) Patrol will carry the following communications equipment:
      (1) 2 AN/PRC-25's
      (2) 4 AN/ERQ-93
   (b) Communications will be via airborne radio relay which will be on station from 0600 to 2200. The aerial relay will also...
5. Conn/Electronics: (con't)

(b) be on station at 0030, 0200, and 0400 for sitreps.

(c) The team will monitor the radio net at all times. They will check in every 4 hours at 15 minutes after the hour from 0615 to 2015 and report all routine traffic at this time. The team will call in sitreps at 0030, 0200, and 0400. Priority and emergency traffic may be sent at any time.

(d) Primary Frequency: 63.30
Alternate Frequency: 44.30

G. R. WILLSON
By direction

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DISTRIBUTION: 

G-2 III MAF (1)
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G-2 1stMarDiv (1)
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S-2 1stForReconCo (1)
S-3 1stForReconCo (5)
G-3 1stMAW (1)
OPERATION ORDER #215-69
LIST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE
PATROL: RECLINE (F-11)
DEBRIEFER: SOT M. KOZAKIEWICH JR.
192300H, JUNE 1969
1ST FORCE RECON COMPANY
DA NANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF. 5 ENL. 1 USN. 1 ECS
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 AN/PRC-25'S, 1 AN/PRC-93, 1 7.5018
   d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 1 M-14, 1 M-79, 1 M-158, 3 CLAYMORGES, 1 .22 CAL PISTOL

2. MISSION: CONDUCT A THOROUGH RECONNAISSANCE OF THE SUSPECTED RIVER CROSSING AT YC897220 AND THE HIGH SPEED TRAIL SYSTEM RUNNING EAST AND WEST FROM THIS RIVER CROSSING. MONITOR TRAFFIC ON THE HIGH SPEED TRAIL AT LEAST ONE DAY. BE PREPARED, AFTER OBTAINING PERMISSION, TO CAPTURE A PRISONER.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 170810H/191630H JUNE 1969

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 36 HOURS WITH 1 SIGHTING OF 3 VC/NVA AND 1 CONTACT. RESULTS: 2 VC/NVA KIA. PATROL UTILIZED 6 FLIGHTS OF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT. RESULTS: UNKNOWN. PATROL WAS EXTRACTED UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. ENEMY: 170830H, VIC YC908195, YC907195, PATROL FOUND 2 CLEARED AREAS THAT OVERLOOKED THE VALLEY. AREAS WERE UNOBSERVABLE FROM THE AIR. THEY WERE 10 METERS IN DIAMETER AND NOT USED IN APPROXIMATELY 2 MONTHS.
   171200H, VIC YC905195, PATROL FOUND 2 LARGE 50 FT DIAMETER OPEN AREAS CAMOUFLAGED FROM THE AIR BY VINES INTERWOVEN INTO THE TREE BRANCHES. THE VINES FORMED A THICK NET-LIKE APPEARANCE. TWO AREAS WERE 50 METERS APART. 1 AREA HAD A 6 FOOT HIGH HUT, MADE OF SAPLINGS AND VINES IN THE CENTER. THE AREAS WERE WELL POLICED AND HAD NOT BEEN USED FOR APPROXIMATELY 2 MONTHS.
   182000H, VIC YC903202, PATROL OBSERVED 5-6 LIGHTS BLINKING TO THEIR SOUTH-WEST. PATROL WAS UNABLE TO JUDGE THE DISTANCE.
   191030H, VIC YC899205, PATROL OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA MOVING ON A TRAIL. ENEMY WORE BLUE UNIFORMS WITH GREEN BUSH COVERS. THEY CARRIED LARGE SQUARED-OFF PACKS, WEB GEAR, AND AK-47'S AT SLING ARMS. PATROL INITIATED CONTACT WITH SA.
   RESULTS: 2 VC/NVA KIA. IMMEDIATELY 4-5 VC/NVA ALSO IN BLUE UNIFORMS, MOVED THE BODIES BACK DOWN THE TRAIL. 1 B-40 ROCKET WAS LEFT BEHIND BUT THE PATROL COULD NOT RECOVER IT DUE TO THE PROXIMITY OF THE ENEMY. PATROL MOVED AWAY FROM THE TRAIL AND THE ENEMY BEGAN TO SEARCH THE BRUSH FOR THEM.
   191100H, VIC YC898205, COMPASS (AO) UTILIZED 6 FLIGHTS OF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT AROUND THE PATROL'S POSITION. THE PATROL COULD HEAR SCREAMS OF PAIN FROM THE VIC OF THE ENEMY. RESULTS: UNKNOWN.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:
   a. INSERT LZ: YC908195, POOR UH-1H ZONE, HELO HOVERED, 5' HIGH BUSHES.
   b. EXTRACT LZ: YC901026, POOR ZONE, STABO SYSTEM USED, 120' HOVER REQUIRED.
   c. OP1'S: YC903202, SOUTH-WEST OBSERVAT
   d. COMP: POOR WITH AIRBORNE RELAY, FORCED TO PASS INFO THROUGH ANOTHER PATROL.
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7. OTHER INFORMATION: (cont)

   c. TRAILS: YC904199, 2' WIDE, WELL USED.
   YC899205, 3' WIDE, VERY WELL USED.
   d. OBSTACLES: NONE ENCOUNTERED
   g. MISC: N/A

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 2 VC/NVA XIA

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: AC EXCELLENT, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT EXCELLENCE

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: AIRBORNE RELAY SHOULD BE ON STATION AT ALL TIMES

12. COMMENTS BY THE REFEREE: NONE

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| S-3, 1ST PARA     |   |
| FILE             |   |
OPERATION ORDER # 216-69

FIRST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY
DANANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
151700H June 1969

Ref (a) Map VIETNAM, Sheet 6540 III
(b) lstReconBn0 P3000.4
(c) lstMarDiv0 P3800.1G Ch 1 & 2 (Intelligence SOP)
(d) lstMarDiv0 P003330.2A (Rules of Engagement)
(e) CoFragO # 216-69

Unit/CallSign 5th Platoon/PEARL CHEST

1. Situation
   (a) See current INTSUM's
   (b) See current OPSUM's and FIR's (S-2/S-3)
   (c) See Area Study
   (d) Attachments, NONE

2. Mission
   Conduct a detailed reconnaissance in your assigned operating area and locate enemy base camps, headquarters, and supply areas. Identify enemy units in your area. Locate 37 MM AA positions in your operating area. Be prepared to capture a prisoner after receiving permission to do so.

   The following EST's should also be noted:
   1. Determine the nature and extent of enemy lines of communications.
   2. Report all map corrections as noted.

3. Execution
   (a) Concept of Operation: Utilize reference (a) through (b) to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HLT 469 at 171715H, insert in the operating area at location TBA, and extract at 211900H via TBA.

   (b) Coordinating Instructions: The patrol leader will conduct a visual reconnaissance of the operating area with the pilot of the insert helicopter on D-1. Primary and alternate insert and extract zones will be selected at this time.

4. Admin/Logistics
   Reference (b) and verbal.

5. Comm/Electronics
   (a) The patrol will carry the following communications equipment:
      (1) 2 AN/PRC-25's
      (2) 1 AN/PRC-93
   (b) Communications will be via an airborne radio relay which will be on station from 0600 to 2200. The aerial relay will also be on station at 0030, 0200, and 0400 for sitreps.
   (c) The team will monitor the radio net at all times. They will check in every 4 hours at 30 minutes after the hour from 0630 to 2030 and report all routine traffic at this time. The team will call in sitreps at 0030, 0200 and 0400 for sitreps. Priority and emergency traffic may be sent any time.
   (d) Primary Frequency: 63.30
      Alternate Frequency: HLT 30

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DISTRIBUTION:

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- G-3 1stMarDiv (1)
- CO CombinedDiv (1)
- S-3 1stReconBn (1)
- S-3 MAG 16 (1)
- S-2 1stForReconCo (1)
- S-3 1stForReconCo (5)

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[Diagram of a map with coordinates 88, 19, 16, 92]
1ST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY
DA NANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
201900H JUNE 1969

PATROL REPORT

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CIVILIAN ORDER #216-69
PATROL: PEARL CHEST (F-51)
DEBRIEFER: SGT M. KOZAKOWICZ JR.
MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS I7014
SHEET 6940 LIII

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF. 5 ENL. 1 USN.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: N/E
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 AN/PRC-251'S, 1 AN/PRC-43, 1 7x35'S
   d. SPECIAL EQUIP: 2 M-14'S, 1 M-79, 2 CLAYMORES, 1 .22 CAL PISTOL W/SILENCER

2. MISSION: CONDUCT A DETAILED RECONNAISSANCE OF THE ASSIGNED OPERATING AREA
   AND LOCATE ENEMY BASE CAMPS, HEADQUARTERS, AND SUPPLY AREAS. IDENTIFY ENEMY UNITS
   IN YOUR AREA. LOCATE 37 MM AA POSITIONS IN YOUR AREA. BE PREPARED, AFTER OBTAINING
   PERMISSION, TO CAPTURE A PRISONER.


4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 69 HOURS WITH NO SIGHTINGS OR CONTACTS.
   6 FIGHTS OF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT WERE UTILIZED, RESULTS: ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION.
   EXTRACTION WAS COMPLETED UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. ENEMY: 191230H, VIC YC999183, PATROL FOUND 1 POSSIBLE MACHINE GUN EMPLACEMENT
      CAMOUFLAGED WITH VEGETATION. THE EMPLACEMENT HAD BEEN OCCUPIED WITHIN THE LAST
      24 HOURS.
      191300H, VIC YC899281, PATROL HEARD VOICES 75 METERS AWAY TO THE SOUTH. 3-4
      PEOPLE WERE TALKING AND MOVING.
      191830H, VIC YC882181, PATROL CROSSED A TWO FOOT WIDE TRAIL THAT HAD BEEN
      USED THAT DAY.
      192200H, VIC YC889219-YC899181, PATROL HEARD CHICKENS, DOGS, AND PEOPLE
      TALKING. IN THE EARLY MORNING THEY HEARD ROOSTERS WIT.
      192300H-200000H, VIC YC899219-YC892182, PATROL HEARD ROCKS BEING THROWN
      AND PEOPLE WALKING ALONG THE ROUTELINE.
      200015H, VIC YC892181, PATROL CROSSED THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED TRAIL AND FOUND
      A BLUE GOM VUNG SIMILAR TO DOUBLE STRAND US TYPE. THE WIRE RAN FROM YC899179-
      YC892182 THAT THE PATROL COULD SEE. THE WIRE CONTINUED IN BOTH DIRECTIONS FROM
      THE ABOVE COORDINATES. THE PATROL BEGAN TO HEAR SIGNALS DISguISED AS REND CALLS,
      EACH REND CALL SIGNAL WAS REPEATED 7 TIMES. THE PATROL WAS SURROUNDED WITH THE
      ENEMIES APPROXIMATELY 75 METERS AWAY.
      201315H, VIC YC892180, PATROL MOVED TO EXTRACT POINT AND UTILIZED 6 FIGHTS
      OF FIXED WING. THE AIRCRAFT RECEIVED 54 FIRE FROM THE SW ON EACH PASS. THERE WAS
      ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION IN THE VICINITY OF YC999181.

   b. TERRAIN WAS STEEP WITH A CANOPY OF 60-100 METERS. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS
      10-15 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF VINE, BRUSH, AND BAMBOO. MOVEMENT WAS DIFFICULT
      AT THE RATE OF 200 METERS PER HOUR FOR A REGULAR PATROL. WATER WAS PLENTIFUL IN THE
      AREA.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ: YC921174, POOR ZONE, PATROL JUMPED 15 FEET.

b. EXTRACT LZ: YC892179, POOR LADDER ZONE, 30 FOOT DIAMETER, 120' HOVER.

c. TRAILS: GENERALLY 18-24 INCHES SOME NOT USED RECENTLY, SOME WELL-USED.

d. OPs: YC892184, GOOD OBSERVATION TO EAST AND SOUTH.

e. COMM: POOR WITH AIRBORNE RELAY.

f. OBSTACLES: NONE ENCOUNTERED

g. MISC: NONE

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: N/A

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OUTSTANDING, EXTRACTION HELICOPTERS EXCELLENT.

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: BASE AREA LOCATED IN THE VALLEY AT YC893189 (CENTER MASS) AND EAST OF HILL 434.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

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Ref (a) MAP, VIETNAM Sheet 5540 III
(b) 1st Recce Bn 20-3000.4
(c) 1st InfDiv 13500.1G Ch 162 (Intelligence) Scm
(d) 1st InfDiv 100330.2A (Rules of Engagement)
(e) COFRAGO 20-217-69

Unit/Call Sign 3d Platoon, 2d Squad/KILDBROOK

1. Situation
(a) See current INTSUMS
(b) See current OPSUMS and FIRS
(c) See Area Study
(d) Attachments: None

2. Mission
Conduct a thorough reconnaissance in your assigned operating area and locate enemy base camps, headquarters, and supply areas. Identify enemy units in the area. Locate 27 MK Anti-Aircraft positions in your operating area. Be prepared, after obtaining permission, to capture a prisoner.

The following INFs should also be noted:

(1) Determine the nature and extent of enemy lines of communications. Special attention should be given to trails and high-speed routes.

(2) Report all map corrections as noted.

(3) Report all evidence of enemy road construction.

3. Execution
(a) Concept of operation: Utilize references (a) through (e) to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HLT 169 at 0300 and insert in the operating area at a location THI and extract at 1400 via THI.

(b) Coordinating Instructions: The patrol leader will conduct visual reconnaissance of the operating area with the pilot of the insert helicopter on D-1. Primary and alternate insert and extract zones will be selected at this time.

4. Admin/Logistics
Reference (b) and verbal.

5. Corp/Electronics
(a) The patrol will carry the following communications equipment:
(1) 2 AN/PRC-25's
(2) 1 AN/PRC-93

(b) Communications will be via an airborne radio relay which will be on station from 0600 to 2200. The aerial relay will be on station at 0030, 0200, and 0400 for sitrep's.

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(c) The team will monitor the radio net at all times. They will check in every four hours at 15 minutes after the hour from 06:15 to 2045 and report all routine traffic at this time. The team will call in sitreps at 0030, 0200 and 0400. Priority and emergency traffic may be sent any time.

(d) Primary Frequency: 63.30
Alternate Frequency: 14.30

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DA NANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
172000H, JUNE 1969

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 5 FNL, 1 USN.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
   c. COMBAT AND GENERATION EQUIP: 2 AN/PRC-25s, 1 AN/PRC-93
   d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-11, 1 M-19, 2 C1014, 1 22 CAL PISTOL W/SILENCER.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT A DETAILED RECONNAISSANCE OF THE OPERATING AREA AND LOCATE
   ENEMY BASE CAMPS, HEADQUARTERS, AND SUPPLY AREAS. IDENTIFY ENEMY UNITS IN THE
   AREA. LOCATE 37 M4 ANTI-AIRCRAFT POSITIONS IN THE OPERATING AREA. BE PREPARED,
   AFTER OBTAINING PERMISSION, TO CAPTURE A PRISONER.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 171827H/181515H JUNE 1969

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 21 HOURS WITH 1 SIGHTING OF 24-30
   VC/NVA AND 1 CONTACT. RESULTS OF THE CONTACT: 1 USMC KIA, 2 USMC WIA(S),
   1 VC/NVA POW (WIA), 5 VC/NVA KIA. PATROL USED 3 FLIGHTS OF FIXED WING. RESULTS
   UNKNOWN. EXTRACTION WAS COMPLETED UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. ENEMY: 180615H, VIC YC805216, PATROL'S REAR SECURITY OBSERVED 2 VC/NVA
      MOVING TOWARD THE PATROL ON A TRAIL. THE REAR SECURITY INITIATED CONTACT. RESULTS
      1 VC/NVA KIA. EN WERE WEARING BLACK PJ'S AND PACKS. PATROL THEN OBSERVED
      3 ENEMY ATTEMPTING TO MOVE AROUND THE PATROL'S POSITION. PATROL INITIATED CONTACT
      WITH SA. RESULTS: 1 VC/NVA KIA. PATROL COULD NOT OBSERVE THE EQUIPMENT DUE TO
      HEAVY UNDERGROWTH.
   180710H, VIC YC805216, PATROL OBSERVED 2 EN MOVING ON THE TRAIL TOWARD THE
   PATROL'S POSITION. THE ENEMY WERE WEARING BLACK PJ'S AND CARRIED HEAVY PACKS.
   PATROL INITIATED CONTACT. RESULTS: 1 VC/NVA POW (WIA), 1 VC/NVA KIA. 1 PACK
   WAS CAPTURED CONTAINING RICE AND ASSORTED PERSONNEL BELONGINGS. NO DOCUMENTS.
   EN THEN BEGAN LAYING DOWN A HEAVY VOLUME OF FIRE. RESULT: 1 USMC WIA (E)
   181000H, VIC YC805216, PATROL OBSERVED 20-30 EN MOVING ON LINE TOWARD THE
   PATROL'S POSITION. EN CAME FROM THE NORTH, EAST, AND SOUTH. PATROL INITIATED
   CONTACT AND CALLED IN FLIGHTS OF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT. RESULTS: 1 USMC KIA,
   1 USMC WIA (E), 3 VC/NVA KIA. EN WORE KHAKI UNIFORMS, NVA HELMETS, AND NO
   PACKS.
   181200H, VIC YC805216, EXTRACTION HELO WAS APPROACHING THE EXTRACT ZONE WHEN
   IT RECEIVED A HEAVY VOLUME OF SA FIRE FROM THE VIC YC805216 AND LIGHT FIRE FROM
   AROUND THE PATROL. EXTRACT WAS ABORTED.
   181330H, VIC YC805216, PATROL CALLED 3 FLIGHTS OF FIXED WING AND THE ENEMY
   STIFFENED THEIR VOLUME OF FIRE. EN COULD BE SEEN MOVING AROUND THE PATROL'S
   POSITION BUT DID NOT INITIATE CONTACT.
   181515H, VIC YC805216, PATROL WAS EXTRACTED BY MODIFIED STABO STKEL. EXTRACT
   HELO RECEIVED SA FIRE FROM THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE VALLEY AT YC805213 (CENTER MA

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6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN: (cont)

b. TERRAIN WAS STEEP WITH A CANOPY OF 20-30 FEET HIGH. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 4-5 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF VINES AND BRUSH. MOVEMENT WAS DIFFICULT AT THE RATE OF 150 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS PLENTIFUL.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

a. INSERT LZ: YC843219, FAIR 60 FT.
RANSFER ZONE

b. EXTRACT LZ: YC845216, FAIR STABO
SYSTEM ZONE.

c. TRAILS: AS SHOWN ON THE OVERLAY
NOT WELL USED, 2 FT WIDE.

d. OP'S: NONE USED

e. COMM: FAIR WITH AIRBORNE RELAY

f. OBSTACLES: NONE ENCOUNTERED

g. MISC:

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 1 USMC KIA, 2 USMC WIA (5), 1 VC/NVA
POW (WIA), 5 VC/NVA KIA.

9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: THE AIR SUPPORT WAS OUTSTANDING.

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THE PATROL LEADER RECOMMENDS ANOTHER PATROL
IN THE AREA.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: NO E

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OPERATION ORDER #218-69

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Ref (a) Map, VIETNAM, Sheet 6640 I11
(b) 1stReconBn P3000.4
(c) 1stMarDiv P3800.1G Ch 1&2 (Intelligence)
(d) 1stMarDiv P003330.2A (Rules of Engagement)
(e) CoFragO #218-69

Unit/Call Sign 4th Platoon/RECLINE

1. Situation
(a) See current INTSUM'S
(b) See current OPSUM'S and PIR'S (S-2/S-3)
(c) See Area Study
(d) Attachments, NONE

2. Mission Conduct a detailed reconnaissance of the suspected high speed trail from AT955390 to AT957400 and of grid square AT9639 to locate possible base camps. Monitor traffic on the trail. Be prepared to capture a prisoner.

3. Execution
(a) Concept of Operation: Utilize references (a) through (b) to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HLZ 469 at 240545H, insert in the operating area at location TBA and extract at 260900H via TBA.
(b) Coordinating Instructions: The patrol leader will conduct a visual reconnaissance of the operating area with the pilot of the insert helicopter on D-2. Primary and alternate insert points will be selected at this time.

4. Admin/Logistics Reference (b) and verbal.

5. Comm/Electronics: Primary Freq: 63.30 Alternate 74.30
Artillery: PONT BOY 72.90
Radio Relay: BLUE SPRUCE "A"

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF. 5 ENL. 1 KOS.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 AN/FRC-25/S, 1 6030'S
   d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79, 3 CLAYMORES, 5 M-24 MINES

2. MISSION: CONDUCT A DETAILED RECONNAISSANCE OF THE SUSPECTED HIGH SPEED TRAIL FROM AT955389 TO AT957100 AND OF GRID SQUARE AT9639 TO LOCATE POSSIBLE BASE CAMPS. MONITOR TRAFFIC ON THE TRAIL. BE PREPARED TO CAPTURE A PRISONER.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 251120H/291000H JUNE 1969

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 95 HOURS WITH 1 SIGHTING OF 2 VC/NVA AND 1 CONTACT UPON INSERTION (INSERTION ABORTED). RESULTS: 2 VC/NVA KIA. 1 FLIGHT OF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT WAS UTILIZED. RESULTS: 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. THE ZONE WAS PREPARED BY 1 FLIGHT OF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT ON THE SECOND INSERTION.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. ENEMY: 24100H, VIC AT955388, INSERT HELO RECEIVED SA FIRE FROM THE EAST. PATROL RETURNED FIRE WITH SA. RESULTS: 2 VC/NVA KIA. ENEMY WAS WEARING KHAKI UNIFORMS AND CARRIED AK-47'S. INSERT WAS ABORTED.
   251430H, VIC AT945408, PATROL HEARD 1 ENEMY CUTTING WOOD. ENEMY MOVED AWAY FROM THE AREA.
   251435H, VIC AT945405, PATROL FOUND 2-3 M/79 NATURAL CAVES. THE CAVES HAD NOT BEEN USED IN 1-2 MONTHS.
   261000H, VIC AT947103, TRAIL FOUND POSSIBLE BASE AREA. AREA WAS 50 METERS ACROSS AND CLEARED. TWO NATURAL CAVES WERE ALSO FOUND. THE AREA HAD NOT BEEN USED IN 1 MONTH.
   281515H, VIC AT955106, PATROL HEARD VOICES AND SAW SMOKE FROM THE ABOVE GRID. PATROL CALLED 1 FLIGHT OF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT ON THE ENEMY LOCATION. AND RECEIVED EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF THE TARGET AREA. RESULTS: 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.
   b. TERRAIN WAS GENERALLY ROLLING HILLS WITH NO CANYON. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 7-8 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF GRASS. MOVEMENT WAS EASY AT THE RATE OF 400 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS SCARCE.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:
   a. INSERT LZ: AT954509, POOR CH-46
   b. ZONE, ROCKY
   c. EXTRACT LZ: AT955408, GOOD CH-46 ZONE, GRASS 1' HIGH.
   d. TRAILS: 3' WIDE, NOT WELL USED
   e. COMM: GOOD
   f. OBSTACLES: NONE ENCOUNTERED
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTER: N/E
9. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD
10. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARTILDERY: EXCELLENT
11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: 5-DAY PATROLS DECREASE THE PATROL
LENGTHS EFFICIENCY. THE PATROL LEADER SUGGESTS CLOSER LIAISON WITH ARTILLERY
DUE TO THE FACT THE H & I FIRE WAS FALLING NEAR THE PATROL'S POSITION.
12. COMMENTS BY THE DEREEFER: NO
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Ref (a) Map, VIETNAM, Sheet 6640 III
(b) lstReconBnO 3-00044
(c) lstMarDivO P3800.1G Ch 1 & 2 (Intelligence SOP)
(d) lstMarDivO P003330.2A (Rules of Engagement)
(e) CoFrago #219-69

Unit/Call Sign 6th Platoon/LAUNDRY MAN 0-620-69

1. Situation
   (a) See current INTSUM'S
   (b) See current OPSUM'S and PIR'S (S-2/39)
   (c) See Area Study
   (d) Attachments, NONE

2. Mission
   Conduct a detailed reconnaissance of the suspected high speed trail from AT8423236 to AT860339. Monitor traffic on the trail. Be prepared to capture a prisoner.

3. Execution
   (a) Concept of Operation: Utilize references (c) through (b) to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HZ 69 at 240SH, insert in the operating area at location TBA and extract at 280930H vic TBA.
   (b) Coordinating Instructions: The patrol leader will conduct a visual reconnaissance of the operating area with the pilot of the insert helicopter on D-1. Primary and alternate insert and extract zones will be selected at this time.

4. Admin/Logistics
   Reference (b) and verbal.

5. Comm/Electronics:
   Primary Freq: 63.30 Alternate: 44.30
   Artillery: PONY BOY 72.90
   Radio Relay: BLUE SPRUCE "A"

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OPERATION ORDER # 219
PATROL: LAUNDRY MAN (P-61)
DEPLOYED: S/Sgt M Kozakewich Jr.
MAPS: VIETNAM 1/50,000 AMS L7014
SHEET 6640 III

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 6 ENL.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMM AND OBSERVATION EQUIP: 2 AN/FRC-25's
   d. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79, 3 CLAYMORES, 6 M-14 MINES

2. MISSION: CONDUCT A DETAILED RECONNAISSANCE OF THE SUSPECTED HIGH SPEED TRAIL FROM AT842336 TO AT860339. MONITOR TRAFFIC ON THE TRAIL. BE PREPARED TO CAPTURE A PRISONER.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 240955H/281135H JUNE 1969

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPTES: PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 98 HOURS WITH NO SIGHTINGS OR CONTACTS. NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE UTILIZED. INSERT HLT WAS NOT PREPARED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. ENEMY: 261800H, VIC AT858347, PATROL HEARD MOVEMENT AND SAW AN UNIDENTIFIED HUMAN SIZED FIGURE MOVING THROUGH THE BRUSH. THE PATROL HEARD MOVEMENT THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. THE MOVEMENT WAS VERY NEAR THE PATROL'S HARBOUR SITE.
      271605H, VIC AT849348-AT850341, PATROL HEARD SOMEONE CHOPPING WOOD. PATROL FOUND TREES SLASHED FOR THE COLLECTION OF SAP. THE PATROL HEARD MOVEMENT AT NIGHT AT THE SAME LOCATION.
   b. TERRAIN WAS STEEP AND ROCKY WITH A CANOPY OF 25-30 FEET. SECONDARY GROWTH WAS 15 FEET HIGH CONSISTING OF DRY LEAVES, AND ELEPHANT GRASS. MOVEMENT WAS MODERATE AT THE RATE OF 75 METERS PER HOUR FOR A RECON PATROL. WATER WAS LOCATED ON THE LOW GROUND.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:
   a. INSERT LZ: AT872357, GOOD MULTI HELO ZONE, CLEARED.
   b. EXTRACT LZ: AT648347, EXCELLENT MULTI-CH4/6 ZONE, VERY OPEN.
   c. TRAILS: MANY SMALL TRAILS, TRAILS ON OVERLAY 3 FEET WIDE AND WELL USED AT ONE TIME, BUT NOT IN THE LAST MONTH.
   d. OP18: AT862347, GOOD OBSERVATION TO THE NORTH-EAST.
      AT857344, GOOD OBSERVATION TO THE NORTH-WEST AND SOUTH-WEST.
      AT853346, GOOD OBSERVATION TO THE WEST AND SOUTH-WEST.
   e. COMM: GOOD
   f. OBSTACLES: NONE ENCOUNTERED
7. OTHER INFORMATION (cont)

g. MISC: AT 861347, PATROL FOUND ONE LARGE 19 ROCKET TYPE POD. NO WIRING WAS VISIBLE.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: N/A

9. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

10. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: GOOD

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THIS AREA HASN'T BEEN INHABITED IN AT LEAST 1½ MONTHS.

12. COMMENTS BY THE DEBRIEFER: RECOMMEND PATROLS TO THE EAST OF THIS PATROL.

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

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- S-2, 1stMarDiv (1)
- S-2, 5thMar (1)
- S-2, 11thMar (1)
- CO, MAG 16 (1)
- S-2, 1stReconBn (1)
- S-3, 1stForReconCo (5)
- S-2, 1stForReconCo (5)
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DANANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
231230H June 1969

Ref (a) Map, VIETNAM, Sheet 6640 III
(b) lstReconBnO P3800.4
(c) lstMarDivO P3800.1G Ch 1 & 2 (Intelligence SOP)
(d) lstMarDivO P003330.2A (Rules of Engagement)
(e) CoFragO #220-69

Unit/Call Sign 2nd Platoon/HANOVER SUE

1. Situation
   (a) See current INTSUM's
   (b) See current OPSUM'S and PIR'S (S-2/S-3)
   (c) See area Study
   (d) Attachments, NONE

2. Mission
   Conduct a detailed reconnaissance of the assigned operating area to locate base camps, supply areas. Be prepared after permission to capture a prisoner.

3. Execution
   (a) Concept of Operation: Utilize references (a) through (b) to assist in completing the patrol. Depart HLT 469 at 2140H, insert in the operating area at location TBA and extract at 281000H vic TBA.
   (b) Coordinating Instructions: The patrol leader will conduct a visual reconnaissance of the operating area with the pilot of the insert helicopter on D-1. Primary and alternate insert and extract zones will be selected at this time.

4. Admin/Logistics
   Reference (b) and verbal.

5. Comm/Electronics:
   Primary Freq: 63.30 Alternate: 64.30
   Artillery: PONY BOY 72.90
   Radio Relay: BLUE SPRUCE "A"

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C-3, lstMarDiv. (1)
C-2, lstMarDiv (1)
5th Mar. (1)
12th Mar. (1)
CQ, MAG 16 (1)
S-3, lstReconBn (1)
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FIRST FOR RECON SIT REP #163 17063H TO 17240H JUNE 69 (U)

A. INSERTIONS AND EXTRACTIONS (1 MARINE CH-46B, 2 MARINE AH-1J’S, 3 ARMY UH-1H’S UTILIZED)

1. INSERT HANOVER SUE (F-21) 7 MEN AT 170630H VIC YC865274
2. INSERT ROOLINE (F-41) 8 MEN AT 170700H VIC YC909192
3. INSERT MILLBOOKE (F-32) 6 MEN AT 171802H VIC YC851212
4. INSERT PEARL CHEST (F-51) 7 MEN AT 171810H VIC YC909178

B. SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

1. HANOVER SUE (F-21) 7 MEN AT 170630H VIC YC865274, PLT HAD
   (1) USMC NCO (E) ON INSERTION. PLT MEMBER FELL APPROX. (15) FT
   FROM LADDER.

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C. PATROL LOCATIONS

1. HAVER BOAT (F-21) 6 MEN VIC YC6326
2. RECLEINE (F-41) 8 MEN VIC YC9020
3. HILLBROOK (F-32) 6 MEN VIC YC3421
4. PEARL CHEST (F-51) 7 MEN VIC YC9017

D. PLANNED INSECTIONS

NONE

E. PLANNED EXTRACTIONS

NONE

STING RAY REPORT

NONE

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TERMINATE 0

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2. ACTIVITIES 1ST FOR RECON CO 17000H TO 172400H JUNE 69

NONE

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1. (6) of (7) C131 recon was there and (3) U-2 over at (3) LOC within the 1000' box.

A. OPERATIONS & EXTRACCTIONS (2 HALIDE C-46's, 2 HALIDE M-13's utilized)
   (1) EXTRACT MILLER (F-32) 6 HUN AND (1) LON AT 181515H VIE 09146216

B. SHELTER & CONTACTS
   (1) MILLER (F-32) 6 HUN AT 180500H VIE 0946216. PTL WAS IN CONTACT. HCF ARMS
   (15-20) VC/INVA. PTL REQUESTED HELS. AT 180943H PTL REPORTED (1) VC/INVA HUN, (1) VC/INVA KIA, AND (1) VC/INVA VIA. AT 181131H PTL REPORTED
   (1) VC/INVA HUN, AT 181130H PTL REPORTED (2) MORE VC/INVA VIA'S. AT 181229
   AS RECAING THAT PTL REPORTED (1) VC/INVA KIA, AND (2) VC/INVA VIA AND THAT
   HCF TR ACTIVITY WAS SLOW OUT OF EXTRACITION VIA. AT 181515H PTL WAS DEPLOYED
   BY "SHADOW" TECHNIQUE (FIRST TIME UNDER PTL). RECAING: (1) VC/INVA KIA

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FIRST FOR RECON SIT REP #170 19000H TO 192400H JUNE 69 (U)

1. (S) OF (7) OPER RECON PTL'S THERE IS (1) PTL OPER AT (1) LOC WITHIN THE III MAF
TAOR.

A. INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS (3 MARINE CH-46D's & 4 MARINE AH-1J'S UTILIZED)

(1) EXTRACT HA/HIVER S.E (F-21) 6 MEN AT 191402H VIC YC866265

(2) EXTRACT RECLINE (F-41) 8 MEN AT 191657H VIC YC866265

B. KIANG-NGS & CONTACTS

(1) (FOLLOW UP) HILLBROOK (F-32) 6 MEN AT 190900H VIC YC866216. INITIAL
CONTACT WAS MADE BY PTL REAR SECURITY. TOTAL NUMBER OF EN SIGHTED WAS
APPROX (25) TO (30) VC/NVA, WEARING A COMBINATION OF BLACK 'PJ'S AND
KHAKI UNIFORMS. EN WHO WORE KHAKI ALSO WORE BANDANAS, EN WHO WORE
BLACK 'PJ'S CARRIED PACKS. A TOTAL OF (6) FLIGHTS OF FIXED 'WILD WERE
UTILIZED. TOTAL RES LTS OF CONTACT (1) LMC KIA, (2) USMC WIA (E),
(1) VC/NVA POW (WIA), (5) VC/NVA KIA.

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TO THE J-3 AND OIC SUBJ AG: AO CALLS OF TACTICAL Elemento FOR FUT.
OF FLY AIRCRAFT ON AREA TO PTL'S NW. PTL HEARD TALKING AND
SOUNDING AFTER FIXED WING WAS UTILIZED. EXTRACT HEL RECEIVED INT.
NOTES OF AN FIRE WHEN APPEARS AND EXTRACTION. PTL HAD NO DIRECT (L)
NOTE FLIGHTS OF FIXED WING ON AREA AT 191402H EXTRACT HEL WENT INTO
EXTRACT HLS AND EXTRACTED PTL INTO STABO TECHNIQUE. RESULTS (2) CSC
VIA (E) (CREW MEMBERS). (2) CSC NBC (E). IF RESULS INKT.
(3) RECLINE (F-4L) 8 NEW AT 191053H VIC YC898205. PTL MADE CONTACT WITH
AND ESTIMATED (30) VC/NVA. AO LAC ON STATION AND REQUESTED FIXED WING
AND IMPORTED PTL (2) NUM SHIPS WERE ENROUTE TO PTL POS. PTL WAS EX-
TRACTED BY STABO TECHNIQUE AT 191657H. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW AFTER PTL
INTERVIEW IS COMPLETE.

C. PATROL LOCATIONS

(1) PEARL CREST (F-51) 7 MEN VIC YC8918

D. PLANNED INSERTIONS

NONE

E. PLANNED EXTRACTIONS

(1) PEARL CREST (F-51) 7 MEN AT 200900H "HAVEN" VIC YC9819, LR YC9216

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NONE

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2. ACTIVITIES 1ST FOR RECON CO 190001H TO 192400H JUNE 69

NONE

NONE

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FIFTH SFGA BDE RUN
SEVENTH MAR DIV RUN
FIFTH MAR ANHGA RUN

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III MAF FOR COC

FIRST FOR RECON SIT REP #171 200001H TO 202000H JUNE 69 (J)

1.  (8) OF (7) OPER RECON PTLS THERE ARE NO PTLS OPER WITHIN THE III

MAF TAOR.

A.  INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS (2 MARINE CH-46D'S, 2 MARINE AH-1J'S

AND 3 ARMY UH-1H'S UTILIZED)

(1) EXTRACT PEARL CHEST (F-51) 7 MEN AT 201525H VIC YC892180

1.  SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

(1) (FOLLOW UP) RELINE (F-51) 8 MEN AT 191030H VIC YC898205.

PTL OBSERVED (2) VC/NVA WEARING BLUE UNIFORMS AND CARRYING

HEAVY PACKS, AK-47'S AND (1) 8-40 ROCKET LAUNCHER. EN

OBSR PTL FORCING PTL TO INITIATE CONTACT RESULTING IN (2)

VC/NVA KIA'S. BEFORE PTL COULD REACH KIA'S, (1) TO (5)

VC/NVA PULLED KIA'S BACK DOWN TRAIL AND BEGAN LOOKING

FOR PTL. AT 191100H PTL REPORTED IT WAS SURROUNDED. A

TOTAL OF (6) FLIGHTS OF FIXED WING WERE UTILIZED. 229

CASUALTIES, EN RESULTS UNK.

(2) PEARL CHEST (F-51) 7 MEN AT 201555H VIC YC892180. PTL

REPORTS MOVEMENT ON (3) SIDES AND 39RD CALLS MADE BY

SIRENS. PTL REQUESTED AO. PTL REPORTED FINDING (2) WELL.
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1. PATROL LOCATIONS

NONE

2. PLANNED INSERTIONS

NONE

3. PLANNED EXTRACIONS

NONE

STING RAY REPORT

NONE

ALLOC FOR RECON CO DAILY STING RAY RECAP:

COMMENCE 0

TERMINATE 0

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ACTIVITIES 1ST FOR RECON CO 200001H TO 201500H JUNE 69

NONE

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1. (5) OF (7) OPER RECON PTLS THERE ARE NO PTLS WITHIN THE III NAF TAOR.

A. INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

NONE

B. SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

(1) (FOLLOW UP) PEARL CHEST (F-51) 7 MEN AT 2010595H VIC YC592180. PTL FOUND CO & WIRE RUNNING ALONG TRAIL FROM YC592179 TO YC592182. PTL COULD NOT FOLLOW WIRE ANY FURTHER. FIXED WIRE.

C. PATROL LOCATIONS

NONE

D. PLANNED INSERTIONS

NONE
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STU JAY REPORT

NONE

1ST FOR RECON CO DAILY STU JAY Recap: COmENCE 0

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2. ACTIVITIES 1ST FOR RECON CO 210001H TO 212400H JUNE 69

NONE

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TO: CG III MAF
INFO: CG XXIV CORPS

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CG ANTEROGOAL DIV
CG THIRD AN DIV
FIFTH MAR
SEVENTH MAR
EIGHTH MAR
TWENTY-SIXTH MAR
65C MAR DIV
CG COUNTRY SPECS

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LIT MAP FOR CO (ATTN: J-2)
FIRST FOR RECON SIT REF 220000H TO 222000H JUNE 69 (U)
1. (C) (O) OF (O) OPER RECON PTLS THERE ARE NO PTLS OPERATING IN THE
   LIT MAP TACT.
2. (C) INSERTS & EXTRACTS
   A. INSERTS COMPLETED
   B. INSERTS COMPLETED
   C. EXTRACTS COMPLETED
   D. EXTRACTS NOT COMPLETED

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E. Reason Divers/Extracts Not Completed

M/A

F. Extracts Planned for 23 June 69

None

G. Extracts Planned for 23 June 69

None

3. (C) Locations of Operating Patrols as of 222100 June 69

M/A

4. (C) Increase/Decrease in Available Recon Patrols

M/A

5. (C) Sightings & Contacts

None

6. (C) Additional Comments

None

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TO: CG FIRST MAR DIV DGK RN

FROM: CG FIRST MAR DIV DGK RN

INFO: CG FIRST MAR DIV DGK RN

CC: AMERICAN DIV CHU LAI-RVN

FIFTH MAR AN HQA RN

ELEVENTH MA: DITZ RN

MAG ONE SIX DGK RN

CO C FIFTH SFQA DGK RN

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FIRST FOR RECON CO SHT RPT #174-69 230001H TO 233001H JUNE 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (7) OPER RECON HTS THEY ARE NO HTS OPER WITHIN THE IJJ MAF TACR.

A. INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS

NONE

B. SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

NONE

C. PATROL LOCATIONS

NONE

D. PLANNED INSERTIONS

(1) RECLINE (F-41) 7 MEN AT 240315 "HAVEN" UL AT9441, LR AT9738

(2) LAUNDRY MAN (F-62) 3 MEN AT 240515 "HAVEN" UL AT9435, LR AT9728

E. PLANNED EXTRACTIONS

NONE

STAGING REPORT

NONE

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A. INSERTIONS & EXTRACTIONS (2 MARINE CH-46D'S & 2 MARINE AH-1J'S UTILIZED)

(1) INSERT LAUNDRY MAN (F-62) 8 MEN AT 210955H VIC AT867359

(2) INSERT BLUE SPRUCE "A" (RADIO RELAY) AT 241000H VIC AT837378

B. SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

(1) RECLINE (F-41) 7 MEN AT 241000H VIC AT956388. PTL AND INSERT HEL RECEIVED FIRE FROM AN ESTIMATED (2) VC/IVA WHILE ATTEMPTING AN INSERTION. RESULTS: INSERT ABORTED (2) VC/IVA KIA.

C. PATROL LOCATIONS

(1) BLUE SPRUCE "A" (RADIO RELAY) VIC AT8337

(2) LAUNDRY MAN (F-62) 8 MEN VIC AT8635

D. PLANNED INSERTIONS

(1) RECLINE (F-41) 7 MEN AT 250930H "HAVEN" UL AT941, LR AT9738

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FIRST FOR RECON CO DAILY STING RAY REPORT:

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2. (c) ACTIVITIES 1ST FOR RECON CO 2100 H TO 2200 H JUNE 69

NONE

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1. OF (5) OPER RECON PATCH there are (2) PATCH OPEN WITHIN THE LIT HAF

A. INSERTIONS & EXTRCTIONS (2 MARINE CH-46'S & 2 MARINE AH-1J'S

(1) INSERT RECLINE (P-41) 7 MEN AT 251120H VIC AT966415

B. SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

C. PATROL LOCATIONS

(1) BLUE SPRUCE "A" (RADIO RELAY) VIC AT8337

(2) LAUNDRY MAN (P-62) 8 MEN VIC AT8635

(3) RECLINE (P-41) 7 MEN VIC AT94040
STILL HAY REPORT

FIRST FOR RECON CO DAILY STILL HAY RECAP

COVERAGE 0

TERMINATE 0

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1. (C) ACTIVITIES 1ST FOR RECON CO 250001H TO 252400H JUNE 68

(1) LET FOR RECON CO AT 250245H VIA A12885712. JUNKERS #1 & #9

HEARD NOISES THAT SOUNDED LIKE WIRE BEING CUT. COULD NOT

OBSERVE ANYONE IN AREA. 250700H SENT OUT PTI TO CHECK WIRE.

PTI FOUND WIRE CUT IN FRONT OF JUNKER #1 IN AREA WHICH COULD

NOT BE OBSERVED BY JUNKER.

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To: CG III MAF (Attn: G-2 OIC)
INFO: CG XXIV CORPS
CG FIRST MAW
CG AMERICAN DIV
CG 101ST AIR DIV
FIFTH MAW
SEVENTH MAW
ELEVENTH MAW
TWENTY-SIXTH MAW
MAD ONE SIX
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III MAF FOR COC
FIRST FOR RECON SIT REP 260001H TO 262400H JUNE 69
1. (C) OF (5) OPER RECON PTLs THERE ARE (2) OPER IN THE III MAF-
TAOR. AT (2) LOCATIONS AS OF 2600H.
2. (U) EXTRACTION AND EXIT
   A. INSERTS COMPLETED
      NONE
   B. EXTRACTS COMPLETED
      NONE
   C. INSERTS NOT COMPLETED
      NONE
   D. EXTRACTS NOT COMPLETED
      NONE

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3. (c) LOCATIONS OF OPERATING PATROLS AS OF 262400H JUNE 69

(1) F-41 REESE AT952398
(2) F-62 LAUNDRY MAN AT858346
(3) RADIO RELAY SITE SPRUCE "A" AT837378

4. (u) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAILABLE RECON TEAMS

N/A

5. (u) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS

NONE

6. (u) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NONE
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TO: CO III MAF

ATTN: O-2 COL

INFO: CG XXIV CORPS

CG FIRST MAF

CG AMERICAN DIV

CG 101ST ABN DIV

FIFTH MAR

SEVENTH MAR

ELEVENTH MAR

TWENTY-SIXTH MAR

MAG ONE SIX

CO C FIFTH SFGA

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III MAF FOR COC

FIRST FOR RECON SIT REP 270000H TO 272400H JUNE 69 (U)

1. (C) OF (5) OPER RECON PTLS THERE ARE (2) OPER IN THE III MAF TAOR.

AT (2) LOCATIONS AS OF 2400H.

2. (C) INSERT & EXTRACTS

A. INSERTS COMPLETED

NONE

B. EXTRACTS COMPLETED

NONE

C. INSERTS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

D. EXTRACTS NOT COMPLETED

NONE

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F. DISSECTS PLANNED FOR 28 JUNE 69
   (1) F-62 LAUNDRY MAN AT848348
G. EXTRACTS PLANNED FOR 28 JUNE 69
   (1) F-62 LAUNDRY MAN AT848348

3. (C) LOCATIONS OF OPERATING PATROLS AS OF 272400H JUNE 69
   (1) RADIO RELAY BLUE SPRUCE "AT" AT837373
   (2) F-61 ECLIPSE AT954400
   (3) F-62 LAUNDRY MAN AT853347

4. (C) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAILABLE RECON/HANJER TITANS
   N/A

5. (C) SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS
   (1) F-62 LAUNDRY MAN 8 MEN AT 2300H VIC AT849348. PTL HEARD
   UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC/NVA CHOPPING WOOD. NO ACTION TAKEN.

6. (C) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
   NONE

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TO:  C3 III MAF (ATMN 9-2 COL)

INFO:  CG XXIV CORPS
       CG FIRST MAF
       CG AMERICAN DIV
       CG 101ST ABN DIV
       FIFTH MAR
       SEVENTH MAR
       ELEVENTH MAR
       TWENTY-SIXTH MAR
       MAG ONE SIX
       CO C FIFTH SFGA

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III MAP FOR COC

FIRST FOR RECON SIT REP 2300OH TO 282400H JUNE 69 (U)

1.  (C) OF (5) OPER RECON PTLS THERE ARE (2) PTLS OPER IN THE III MAF

   TACR. AT (2) LOCATIONS AS OF 2400H.

2.  (C) INSERT & EXTRACT

   A.  INSERTS COMPLETED

      (1) F-21 HANOVER SUB AT 281135H AT848348

   B.  EXTRACTS COMPLETED

      (1) F-62 LAUNDY MAN AT 281135H AT848348

   C.  INSERTS NOT COMPLETED

      NONE

   D.  EXTRACTS NOT COMPLETED

      NONE

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F. REASON INSERT/EXTRACT NOT COMPLETED
   N/A

F. INSERTS PLANNED FOR 29 JUNE 69
   (1) F-51 PEARL CHEST AT903335

G. EXTRACTS PLANNED FOR 29 JUNE 69
   (1) F-41 RECLINE AT954404

3. LOCATIONS OF OPERATING PATROLS AS OF 282400H JUNE 69
   (1) RADIO RELAY BLUE SPRUCE "A" AT837378
   (2) F-41 RECLINE AT954404
   (3) F-21 HANOVER SUB AT852342

4. INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAILABLE RECON/RANGER PATROLS
   N/A

5. SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS
   (1) F-41 RECLINE AT 271515 VIC AT955406. PTL HEARD VOICES AND WOOD
       CHOPPING. SUSPECTED EN BASE CAMP. PTL UTILIZED AO AND (3)
       FLIGHTS FIXED WING AIRCRAFT. RESULTS: (2) SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS
       AND SCREAMS.

6. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
   NONE

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SUBJECT:  AC/62, 6-69

SITUATION:

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RELATIVE TO THE 29000MH ZONE,

I.  NO TRAFFIC FROM 2000MH TO 2200MH JUNE 69 (0)

II.  COUNTRY (5) OPF RECON PTL'S THERE ARE (2) PTL'S OPER. IN THE III MAF

A. 擠入 COMPLETED

(1) T-511 EAST CHEST AT 29091H VGO AT95332

B.  EXTRACTS COMPLETED

(1)  FALL DECREASE AT 29100H VGO AT95404

C.  FUSION DECREASES/EXTRACTS NOT COMPLETED

D.  FUSION DECREASES/EXTRACTS NOT COMPLETED

E.  FUSION DECREASES/EXTRACTS NOT COMPLETED

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**SHEETS REVIEWED FOR 30 JUNE 69**

**SHEETS CIRCULATED FOR 30 JUNE 69**

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1. (c) **SHEETS OF OPERATING PATROLS AS OF 292100H JUNE 69**

2. **FREIGHT INFORMS**
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3. (c) **INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAILABLE RECON PATROLS**

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**PERSONNEL & CONTACTS**

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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

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FROM: CG FIRST MAR DIV

TO: CG III MAF (ATTN: G-2 COL)

INFO: CG XXIV CORPS

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CG AMERICAL DIV
CG IOLST ASH DIV
FIFTH MAR
SEVENTH MAR
ELEVENTH MAR
TWENTY-SIXTH MAR
MAG ONE SIX
CG C FIFTH SFGA

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III MAF FOR GCO

FIRST FOR RECON SIT REP 30000H TO 302400H JUNE 69 (U)

1. (6) OF (5) OPER RECON PTLS THERE ARE (2) PTLS OPER IN THE III MAF TAOR. AT (2) LOCATIONS AS OF 2400H.

2. (6) INSERTS & EXTRACTS
   A. INSERTS COMPLETED
      NONE
   B. EXTRACTS COMPLETED
      NONE
   C. INSERTS NOT COMPLETED
      NONE
   D. EXTRACTS NOT COMPLETED
      NONE

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E. REASON INSERTS/EXTRACTS NOT COMPLETED
   N/A

F. INSERTS PLANNED FOR Q1 JULY 69
   NONE

G. EXTRACTS PLANNED FOR Q1 JULY 69
   NONE

3. (c) LOCATIONS OF OPERATING PATROLS AS OF 302400H JUNE 69
   (1) RADIO RELAY BLUE SPRUCE "A" AT 837378
   (2) F-21 HANOVER SUR AT 835341
   (3) F-51 PEARL CHEST AT 908342

4. (c) INCREASE/DECREASE IN AVAILABLE RECON PATROLS
   N/A

5. SIGHTINGS & CONTACTS
   (1) F-21 HANOVER SUE AT 301500H VIC AT 845338. PTL OBSERVED (4)
      VC/NVA MOVING EAST ON TRAIL. WHEN VC/NVA SPOTTED TEAM, POINT
      MAN OPENED FIRE KILLING (1) VC/NVA. TEAM CAPTURED PERSONAL
      GEAR CONSISTING OF RICE, FIRST AID KIT, SHAVIN GEAR, CLOTHING
      AND MARIJUANA.

6. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
   (1) PERSONNEL ON HAND
      USMC OFFICERS (12)
      USMC ENLISTED (143)
      USN ENLISTED (7)

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Phase Assignment on 00 Intervene 1m 3/111/1950 3460 VT by did
25 June 1969

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Ref: (a) Divo 3480.1B
(b) III MAF Recon Operation Order 2-69
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Encl: (1) Patrol Route Overlay
(2) Front View (2) 60 Ft Aluminum Ladders Mounted on UH-1H
(3) Close Up 60 Ft Aluminum Ladder Mounted on a UH-1H
(4) Anchor Points and Method of Securing 60 Ft Aluminum Ladder on a UH-1H
(5) Stabo Harness
(6) Stabo System Hook-up and Lift-off
(7) Helicopter in Flight. Wings Folded. Stabo System Attached
(8) One of Three Anchor Points for Stabo System

I. Name or Identity and/or Type of Operation.

Deep Reconnaissance Patrol Operation

2. Dates of Operation.

From 170624 June to 201521H June 1969 69 2423

3. Location.

Southwest sector of Quang Ngai Province Composed area of operation; Coordinates of Recce Points were YC6516 to YC7128 to YC9324 to YC9315 to YC9319 to YC9306 to close.

4. Control or Command Headquarters.

1st Force Reconnaissance Company, Major B. E. SIMMONS

Notes: Enclosures (2) through (8) are included in copies to CG III MAF and CG 1st Marine Division only.

Both US Army and USMC aviation units were used in support of this operation. The 71st Assault Helicopter Company U. S. Army provided (3) UH-1H helicopters for transport and C & C aircrafts. The First Marine Aircraft Wing provided CH-46D's, A-4J Attack, OH-10A's, F-4D, and A-6 attack aircraft and airborne relay. All inserts were accomplished using the following air package:

- 3 UH-1H Transports
- 2 A-4J Gunsips
- 1 CH-46D SAR Helicopter
- 1 Flight Fixed Wing Aircraft on Station
- 1 OH-10A Aircraft on Station

After the patrol insertions, the Army UH-1H's were returned to the American Division CCAW. This necessitated the total use of Marine Corps air assets for emergency extractions. This also increased reaction time from (1) hour to (1) hour and (50) minutes because the aircraft could not be available at the Force Reconnaissance HZ. Twenty-five (25) flights of fixed wing aircraft were used to prepare areas for emergency extraction of patrols. The aircrews of all aircraft involved in this operation did an outstanding job in supporting the operation.

7. Intelligence.

A. Intelligence Estimate

(1) It was believed that enemy strength in the area consisted of the 150TH Transportation Battalion, made up of three companies; C-11, C-12, and C-13 with a Headquarters detachment.

(2) Usually reliable sources indicated that a major enemy Headquarters and Service center/complex were located in the vicinity of YC8230.

(3) It was believed the enemy would not expect a recon effort in his haven. He was expected to be operating a high speed trail system from YC8230 to YC9220. He was expected to have base areas at YC8520 and YC8917.

B. Sources:

- 0-2 (Aquaintance), III MAF; MAGV Directives;
- 1st Mar Div Target lists; Current Perintreps;

C. Enemy Strength and Situation

(1) An enemy element was located in vicinity YC8520 on 17 June. After patrol Millbrook's initial contact with VC/NVA in black PJ's and packs, a NVA unit wearing khakis and no packs moved in on them. One FCW was apprehended.

(2) An enemy unit in the vicinity of Hill 134 (YC893183) had a loud line communications system (blue, double strand wire was found). A probable base camp was also located in this area. (Chickens, dogs, and many voices were heard).

(3) Team Recline (F-11) had a chance contact with (7) enemy, who were wearing sky blue uniforms carrying heavy poles and
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...in the vicinity of Y08923. Results of the contact were
(2) VC/NVA KIA but bodies could not be recovered. One (1) RPG
round was observed.

(b) Cover and concealment was excellent. Observation was
limited due to thick vegetation and canopy. Key terrain features
in the AO were:

- Southern central highlands YC8316
- Song Gaing YC9028 - YC9016
- Ridge line YC6128 - YC8922
- Valley YC8520

(5) Weather. Temperatures were high although humidity
was somewhat lower than in the Laing area. Visibility was (8)
miles to unlimited with some cloud cover. Wind speed was not
measured.

8. Mission. First Force Reconnaissance Company was to conduct a
detailed area reconnaissance vicinity upper left Y08028/lower right
YC816 to satisfy the following MI/OSH:

a. ECH 1-Determine enemy strength, location, composition,
disposition and identification. Special attention to unlocated
major enemy headquarters complex in vicinity YC8028 to YC9028
to YC806 to YC906.

b. ECH 2-Determine nature and extent of enemy lines of commu-
nications in vicinity above coordinates. Special attention to
motorable roads and/or high speed trails.

c. ECH 2-Determine locations and extent of enemy AA weapons.
Special attention to 37-mm positions in vicinity above coordinates.

d. ECH 2-Report by coordinates map corrections as identified.

e. EIR 2-Report by coordinates location of enemy base camps
as identified.

9. Concept of Operation. 1st Force Reconnaissance Company deployed
\(10\) patrol teams throughout the area of operations
placing particular emphasis on a suspected high speed trail located
from YC89264 to YC89264; river crossing at YC99220 and enemy
base camps in the vicinity YC8918 and YC8921. All observations and
contacts were to be reported by radio communications utilizing
airborne radio relay aircraft.

10. Execution. This company's mission as set forth in references (a)
through (f) was partially accomplished by inserting reconnaissance
patrols in the area of operations that, from available intelligence,
nicated a high probability of enemy activity both stationary and
transit. Radio relay A/C provided good to poor communications
during this operational period. A chronological summary of the
reconnaissance effort in the assigned AO follows:

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Y0830H - Recline (F-11) at (YC908195) and (YC907195) found
*areas that overlooked the valley. Areas were (10) meters
diameter and unobservable from the air.
18000H - Decline (F-41) at (Y086205) patrol found (2) 50 ft. diameter cpl. areas camouflaged from the air by vines interwoven into the tree branches forming a protective net-like appearance. The two areas were 50 ft. apart. In one area, a jungle hut six feet high had been constructed. Both areas were well policed and had not been used for some time.

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18085H - Millbrook (F-32) at (Y0865216) sighted (2) VC/NVA moving on a trail. Patrol was observed and initiated contact resulting in (1) VC/NVA KIA. Patrol then observed (3) enemy attempting to move around the patrol's position. Patrol initiated contact resulting in (1) VC/NVA KIA. Enemy were wearing black pajamas and packs.

18091OH - Millbrook (F-32) at (Y0865216) sighted (2) VC/NVA moving on the trail toward their position. The enemy were wearing black pajamas and carried heavy packs. Patrol initiated contact. Results: (1) VC/NVA POW (WIA), (2) VC/NVA KIA, (1) pack was captured containing rice and personal belongings. The enemy initiated a heavy volume of fire resulting in (1) USMC WIA (E).

18100OH - Millbrook (F-32) at (Y0865216) observed (20) to (30) VC/NVA moving on line toward the patrol's position. Enemy came from the north, east and south. Patrol initiated contact and called in fixed wing A/C. Results: (1) USMC KIA (E), (1) USMC WIA, (2), (3) VC/NVA KIA. Enemy were wearing khaki uniforms, NVA helmets and no packs.

18120OH - Millbrook (F-32) at (Y0865216) extraction helicopter approached extraction zone and received a heavy volume of SA fire from vicinity (Y08501216) and light fire from around patrol. Extraction was aborted.

18133OH - Millbrook (F-32) at (Y0865216) Patrol called in (3) addit. flights of fixed wing A/C on enemy positions. Results: Enemy volume of fire decreased.

18151OH - Millbrook (F-32) at (Y0865216) Patrol was extracted using modified Stebo System. Extraction helicopter received SA fire.

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19100OH - Hanover Sue (F-21) at (Y0865270) Patrol heard voices after an air strike in that vicinity.

19103OH - Hanover Sue (F-21) at (Y0860280) extraction helicopter received heavy a/w fire. Results: (2) A/C crew members WIA. Extraction aborted.

19203OH - Decline (F-41) at (Y089205) Patrol sighted (2) VC/NVA moving on a trail. Enemy wore sky blue uniforms with green bush covers. The enemy carried large packs, web gear, and AK-47's at sling arms. Enemy sighted patrol, patrol initiated contact. Result: (2) VC/NVA KIA. Immediately (1) to (5) VC/NVA also in sky blue uniforms, moved the bodies back down the trail. One RPG rocket was fired on the trail. The enemy began to search for the bodies.
191230H - Pearl Chest (F-51) at (X0900183) found (1) MG emplacement camouflaged with vegetation. The emplacement had been occupied within the last 24 hours.

191330H - Pearl Chest (F-51) at (Y089918h) heard voices (75) meters away to the south. (3) to (4) people were talking, and moving.

191400H - Recline (F-41) at (Y0898205) called in (6) flights of fixed wing A/C for strike around and adjacent to the patrols position. Screams were heard from the enemy.

191450H - Hanover Sue (F-21) at (Y0865270) Patrol was extracted using modified Stabo System.

191600H - Recline (F-41) at (Y0898205) Patrol was extracted using modified Stabo System.

191830H - Pearl Chest (F-51) at (Y0892181) Patrol crossed a (2) foot wide path that had been traveled that day.

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200615H - Pearl Chest (F-51) at (Y0892181) found a blue communication wire similar to double strand U.S. type. The wire ran from south-south east to north-north west. The patrol began to hear excessive signals poorly disguised as bird calls. The patrol was surrounded by the enemy sighted (75) meters away.

201315H - Pearl Chest (F-51) moved to an extraction point and called in (6) flights of fixed wing aircraft in the vicinity (Y0892181). A secondary explosion was heard in the vicinity (Y0892181). Aircraft received EA fire from the south west on each pass.

201525H - Pearl Chest (F-51) at (Y0892180) Patrol was extracted using the aluminum runged ladder.

II Results:

a. Friendly Casualties

| KIA USMC  (E) | 1 |
| VEL USMC  (E) | 2 |
| KG USMC  (E) | 2 |

b. Enemy Casualties

| KIA VC/NVA | 7 |
| POW VC/NVA | 1 |

c. One pack with rice and personal clothing was captured.
d. Friendly equipment losses:

(2) M-16A1 (upon extraction rifles were pulled from the men's shoulders by tree branches).
(1) AN/FDO-93 (Lost when men fell down a rock ledge).

e. Areas where air strikes were conducted were not searched by ground forces.


a. Supply. Resupply of reconnaissance teams was not necessary. Patrols carried adequate supplies and were self-sustained.
b. Treatment of Casualties, Evacuation and Hospitalisation. Seriously wounded personnel were med-evaced by helicopter to NSA Hospital Danang via 5th Marines RAS at An Hoa. Medical treatment was expeditious and thorough.
c. Transportation. Helicopters were the primary transportation vehicle for all reconnaissance teams to their AO's. USA UH-1H and USMC CH-46D A/C were utilized.
d. Communications. First Marine Aircraft Wing provided one aerial relay aircraft on station from 0600 to 2200 daily and provided an aircraft to receive situation reports at 0030, 0200, and 0400. Communications ranged from good to poor using this aerial relay. Factors which influenced communication included, weather, location of patrols, and location of aircraft. The aerial relay was grounded every five (5) hours for one and one half (1½) hours to refuel. During these periods a 1st Division AO in an OV-10 was requested to provide an aerial relay.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques.

a. This operation saw the use for first time by the First Force Reconnaissance Company of UH-1H helicopters. These helicopters were equipped with (2) 60 ft. aluminum ladders and (2) 120 ft. climbing ropes. (See enclosures (2) through (4)). Teams were prepared to insert by touchdown, rappel, or to climb down the ladders. Two inserts were accomplished by climbing down ladders and two by touchdown. The First Force Reconnaissance Company used insert techniques used by the U.S. Army Special Forces Delta Project. This technique employs a dedicated aircraft package. On D-2 the pilots who will actually be flying the insertion complete a visual reconnaissance of the operating area with the patrol leaders. At this time primary and alternate landing zones are selected.

A command and control aircraft is used on all VR's, insertions, and extractions. During insertion the transport helicopters and command and control aircraft fly in formation until both the insertion pilots and insertion commander sight the landing zone. At this time the insertion helicopter is directed to descend to
the landing zone by the insertion commander. The gunships follow the insertion helicopter at about 1500 meters and cover the insertion helicopter in the landing zone. The Command and Control helicopter and remainder of the air package continue to fly a straight line past the objective area. After insertion, the insertion helicopter returns to the formation. This technique proved very successful.

b. The modified Stabo Technique was introduced as an aid in the extraction of reconnaissance patrols from areas where the tactical situation makes it hazardous or impossible for the patroller to reach a landing zone. The Stabo equipment consists of a harness worn by members of a patrol and a (120/140) ft. cargo strap, with (12) personal attachment points, which is suspended from the aircraft. (See enclosure (5) through (8). The strap is lowered from the helicopter when it is over the patroller position. The patrol members secure themselves to the strap by utilizing a sling rope and snap link attached to the harness. When all members are secured to the strap the helicopter lifts straight up and carries the patrol to a friendly area. This technique was used (3) times under emergency conditions with excellent results. Personnel extracted included (1) FOW, (1) KIA and (2) WIA.

14. Commander's Analysis

a. A reconnaissance effort is affected by several variables. The primary outside influence on performance is support. The loss of the RH-53 package from the 1st Force Reconnaissance HZ immediately after insertion was considered detrimental to spinout emergency extraction operations. The following advantages were lost with that package:

(1) Timely reaction. Two gunships; an AO, Fixed Wing and two CH-53's had to be diverted from division resources vice two gunships, an AO and Fixed Wing. The reaction time in the first case was (2) hours; in the second case (with a partial extraction package standing by on HZ 469) (1) hour.

(2) Pre-briefed aircrews. The CH-53 aircrews had been briefed, combined at VR and inserted the patrols in the area. They were ready.

(3) Ready airplanes. The transport helicopters were pre-rigged and available on the users HZ with the necessary equipment to affect an emergency extraction.

(4) Maneuverability. The CH-53 can maneuver into smaller areas than can the CH-46. The CH-53 cannot however, lift an entire patrol externally. Two aircraft are required. One CH-53 does lift a complete patrol internally. Present policy precludes acceptance of the possibility of physical loss of Marines to the enemy. This means that patrols must be supported on a timely basis. In emergency conditions this unit finds that patrols usually can sustain themselves for at least one hour. Using this as a guide line, emergency extraction operational components should be in position and...
capable of extracting the patrol in one hour after the decision is made to do so. Distance is not the primary factor in locating or supporting a patrol, support reaction time is.

c. Communications. Until the probable physical loss of Marines becomes an acceptable policy. Continuous communications during the times most dangerous to the patrol are required. Communications for the operation were acceptable. Difficulty was experienced in patrols actually establishing satisfactory communications when the aerial relay was up. These problems were worked on by all stations and became more satisfactory. Down-times to refuel the aerial relay aircraft were covered by AOS ordered by this unit.

d. The timely employment of the reaction force was not costly. It was provided for and there was a plan for employment.

e. It was observed by the patrol leaders that Patrolling techniques, equipment and experiences are no different from those on patrols close to friendly positions. Communications and timely support continue to be their concern.

f. Lessons Learned.

(1) The UH-1H helicopter is an excellent aircraft for reconnaissance use. It is smaller and more maneuverable than the OH-6 and yet can carry a complete patrol in one helicopter.

(2) Special Forces Delta Project insertion techniques were successful in this operation.

(3) The UH-1H cannot lift one entire patrol externally. Two helicopters are required to externally lift a patrol.

(4) The modified Stabo extraction system is an effective method in recovering a patrol through very small openings in the jungle canopy.

15. Recommendations.

a. That reconnaissance unit commanders be provided with a timely emergency support (one hour to recovery) capability. Commanders with deep reconnaissance (beyond artillery range) missions require a dedicated transport and G & C helicopter and pilot package on hand ready to operate. Gunships are required also, but depending upon reaction time can be ordered to meet the recovery package enroute. Ideally they should also be dedicated.

b. That patrol insertion/extraction techniques and times be varied and not stereotyped.

c. That the UH-1H aircraft be employed in support of reconnaissance operations supplemented with one OH-6D for emergencies during air operations.

d. That pilots who fly visual reconnaissance be the same as those inserting the patrol in those areas.
e. That some thought be given to extraction of med-evacs and
downed aviators using the extraction techniques and equipment
involved in this operation.

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