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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), Enclosures (1) through (75) are submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 December 66 to 31 December 66

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SUBORDINATE UNITS

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Co. "A" Capt. A. B. CROSBY 10 December 66 (To Pres.)
Co. "B" Capt. R. T. WEIDNER 19 December 66 (To Pres.)
Co. "C" Capt. D. R. GARDNER 21 July 66 (To Pres.)
Co. "D" Capt. J. W. HEMINGWAY 25 August 66 (To Pres.)

ATTACHED UNITS
Det 3d Force Reconnaissance Co. (2 Plts.) Capt. K. D. JORDAN 26 April 66 (To Pres.)

2. Location

HUE - PHU IV II
3d Recon Bn. (-) (Rein)
H&S Co. (-)
Co. "A"
Co. "B" (-)
2 Plts. 3d Force

DONG HA
Det. 3d Recon Bn.
H&S Co.
Co. "C"
Co. "D"

HUE SAHN
1 Plt. 3d Force

3. STAFF

Executive Officer
Major J. C. GONZALEZ 7 July 66 (To Pres.)
Operations Officer
Major T. R. DAVIS 17 July 66 (To Pres.)
Asst. Operations Officer
Capt. B. L. SPIVAK 19 Dec. 66 (To Pres.)
Adjutant
2nd Lt. F. E. DAUBENSTECK 10 Oct. 66 (To Pres.)
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Capt. T. E. HUFF 3 Dec. 66 (To Pres.)

4. Average Monthly Strength (includes Det 3d Force)

(1) USMC Officer 31
(2) USMC Enlisted 500
(3) USN Officer 0
(4) USN Enlisted 30

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Co. "A" During the reporting period the company completed 20 patrols averaging 3-day patrols with an average of 8 men per patrol. The patrols have had 27 sightings for a total of 111 VC and 57 VOs, which resulted in 8 contacts, 15 artillery missions of 242 rounds and 3 air strikes. There were a total of 10 VC KIA's (Conf), 21 VC KIA's (Prob), 2 VC WIA's (Conf), 3 VC WIA's (Prob), and 2 VOs detained. The patrols captured 2 ChiCom grenades, 1 M-1 Carbine 40 mm magazine, 1 cartridge belt, 1 cotton Weever, 1 US type battle dressing and 1 watch. The patrols have also seen numerous trails and huts not on the map, trail markers, several fighting holes. On occasion the patrols have observed flashlights, the sounds of engines, and a few boats on the rivers. There was 1 friendly KIA and 2 friendly WIA's sustained.

Co. "B" During the reporting period the Company completed 16 patrols averaging 3-day patrols with an average of 8 men per patrol. The patrols have had 17 sightings for a total of 31 VC and 6 VOs, which resulted in 12 contacts, 6 artillery missions, with a total of 59 rounds fired. There were a total of 17 VC KIA's (Conf), 1 VC KIA (Prob), 7 VC WIA's (Conf), 2 VC WIA's (Prob), and 1 VC female captured. The patrols captured 2 M-1 carbines, 3 ChiCom carbines, 1 K-50, 2 AK-47's, 1 9mm pistol, 1 M-16, 1 M-26 grenade, 23 ChiCom grenades, 4 1/4 pound blocks of C-4, 2 Knives, 1 bush hook, 1 pair 7x50 binoculars (ChiCom), 1 watch, 1 map case, assorted documents, 5 large pieces of camouflage parachute, and 1 transistor radio. There were trails, huts and fighting holes, also observed by the patrols. There were no friendly casualties sustained.

Co. "C" During the reporting period the company completed 19 patrols, averaging 3-day patrols with an average of 8 men per patrol. The patrols have had 3 sightings for a total of 9 VC. No contact was made. 4 artillery missions were called for a total of 51 rounds. There was a total of 10 VC KIA's (Prob) by artillery. A 57mm Recoiless Rifle round was found on one of the patrols. Also various trails and huts were found that are not on the present maps. Trenchlines, fighting holes, and harbor sites were found by the patrols. No friendly casualties were sustained.

Co. "D" During the reporting period the company completed 16 patrols averaging 4-day patrols with an average of 8 men per patrol. The patrols have had 11 sightings for a total 124 VC/VO, which resulted in 4 contacts, 4 artillery missions with a total 228 rounds fired. There were a total of 12 VC KIA's (Conf), 34 VC KIA's (Prob). The patrols captured 2 AK-47's W/amo. Numerous trails and huts have been located that are not on the map. Harbor sites, trenchlines, and fighting holes were also found. There was 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIA, and 1 Scout Dog KIA.
During the reporting period the unit completed 6 patrols averaging 3-day patrols with an average of 5 men per patrol. The patrol had 8 sightings for a total of 13 VC. No contact was made. There were 18 artillery missions fired for a total of 115 rounds. There was 1 VC KIA (Conf), 2 VC KIA (Prob), and 2 VC WIA (Prob). There were two air strikes called with unknown results. Patrols found various booby traps which they destroyed in place. One 3 strand wire cable bridge was found and destroyed. The VC KIA (Conf) was in a boat on the river and was killed by an artillery mission called by the patrol. Bunkers, fighting holes and trench systems were found along with harbor sites. The patrol found 40 rounds of linked machine gun ammo, 1 clip of 50 cal M-1 ammo and 1 M-26 grenade. A team of SCUBA divers cleared a river at coordinate YD 959061 of approximately 200 rounds of various types high explosives. There were no friendly casualties sustained.
A. Personnel and Administration

Officer shortages have resulted in utilizing sergeants as platoon leaders of three reconnaissance platoons.

B. Training

1. Reconnaissance companies continue to receive instructions at platoon level in weapons, tactics, personal hygiene and general military subjects.

2. Eleven Marines of this battalion attended a course of instruction on Pre-SCUBA training in preparation for SCUBA School in Subic Bay, P.I. 24 Marines from this unit attended a course of instructions on the M16A1 Rifle in order to instruct the remainder of the personnel in this battalion on that particular weapon. Training was held for a newly joined platoon from 5th Recon Bn.

C. Weather

1. Inclement weather has hampered Recon insertions and extractions to a certain degree, causing a few missions to be delayed or aborted.

D. Logistics

1. Twenty M16A1 Rifles were received and signed for by Battalion Supply to be used as training and for the purpose of familiarizing the battalion personnel with this weapon. Also a back-pack gas dispenser for CS Gas as a test item. The Battalion has received a new type camouflage jungle utilities for testing in RVN.
### Supporting Documents

1. Patrol Report 106-66 of 29 Dec 66 (Co A)
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (9) Enl, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pt 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) Gas Masks
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area, locating
   trails and harbor sites. Establish OP's and ambusches on likely
   avenues of VC movement. Engage the enemy with SAW and/or supporting arms,
   making every effort to capture documents, weapons and prisoners. Patrol
   will act as forward observer for on call artillery.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 291600H Dec66/031400H Jan 67

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SUMMARIS: Patrol during 118 hours of patrolling and observation
      had (1) sighted and negative contacts. Patrol also found (2) vehicle
      and (1) trail system in a base camp. Patrol also heard whistle and
      a truck while in their harbor site.
   b. ENEMY: (1) Patrol at 011200H YG691994 observed (10) VC moving
      east on trail wearing black pants and light blue ponchos. Some of the
      VC were carrying weapons. (1) M-14 and (2) AK 50's were observed. No
      action taken.
   c. TERRAIN: Characterized by dense thick underbrush interwoven with
      vines, running from (6) ft to (20) ft in height. Rate of travel in
      this area approximately 4100 meters an hour.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) Patrol at 000900H (YG880006) found a
      trail running from southeast to northwest approximately (2) ft wide,
      with a base of red clay and gravel. Vegetation along sides of trail was
      secondary growth of brush and vines running to (15) ft in height.
      (2) Patrol at 031400H (YG880006) found a system of trails
      leading up a hill about (2) ft wide, with a base of red clay and gravel.
      Vegetation along sides of trails was thick brush running to (15) ft
      in height.
      (3) Patrol at 31113OH (YG884007) found (1) thatch hooch approxi-
      mately 10x24x10 ft with a dirt floor and a fire place in one end.
      Hooch also had (4) empty baskets and some chalk and a board; this looked
      like a class room of some sort. Patrol also found numerous fighting
      holes around hooch (4) were approximately 2x3x8 ft covered with logs
      and sand, and (3) were approximately 2x3x12 ft. All of the holes were
      in a rock formation overlooking the hooch and trail below the hooch,
      they had good fields of fire, and all of them had been freshly dug
      within the past 10 days. This entire area was covered by a system of
      trails
      (4) Patrol at 31163OH (YG887898) came upon a shell crater approxi-
      mately (7) ft in diameter and about (5) ft deep directly behind center
      was a stick with an arrow carved into it about (2) ft long pointing
      cast toward the east. Patrol also found (2) man fighting holes approxi-
      mately 2x5x1 ft and a lot of empty C-ration cans (heavies) and empty
      accessory packs laying around the area.

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(5) Patrol C21730 in their harbor site vic (YCB99998) heard what sounded like a truck from vic (YCB99996) moving toward it #1.

(6) Patrol while set in harbor site vic (YCB99998) heard whistles that sounded like they were being used to signal each other around their position all night.

(7) The river at vic (YCB99999) can not be crossed during the rainy season.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Morale good; Physical: wet and cold

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Observation of base complex and further trolling to the west of North South grid line 68.

Conclusions: An undetermined amount of VC are using this area.

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1st Lt "A" Co.

9. REAR EADER COMMENTS: None
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Operation Order 153-66
Patrol: 2nd Sgtd 2nd Plt. Co "A" (Rck)
Debriefor: 2nd Lt. R.R. FARMER
Map Sheet: 6460, I, II

PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (11) M1 (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (2) Snipers
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: 2 AN/PRC 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 pr. 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) Gas Masks
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-60 (1) M-79 (1) Shotgun

2. MISSION: Establish an OP in assigned area and engage the enemy with available supporting arms. Patrol will also act as forward observer for on call artillery.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 031000H December 1966
   031500H January 1967

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPTIC: 96 Hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (1) enemy sighting of (7) and no contacts. Artillery missions expended a total of (102) rounds in support of patrol. Patrol found remains of possible mortar tube, (1) moderately used trail, (1) found church building not shown on map. Patrol heard engine noise, observed lights. Patrol found OP and communication wires not common to US type. Patrol heard S/AF and received automatic weapon fire during extraction.
   b. ENEMY: (1) 311330H (YD 586246) Patrol observed (7) VC dressed in black to shirts and Khaki trousers and coolie hats moving east across rice paddies towards the village of Ap Co Bk. VC were armed with (2) rifles and (1) pack was observed. Artillery mission of (4) rounds was fired with unknown results.
   c. TERRAIN: On the high ground the brush was approx. (5) to (4) feet in height. Midway between high and low ground the brush was thick and approx. (9) to (10) feet in height. The low ground was sparse brush and grass running to (4) feet in height. Rate of travel in this area approx. 1000 meters an hour.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 311100H (YD 595235) Patrol found numerous pieces of shrapnel and one piece of metal which appeared to be the remains of a mortar tube. Entire area revealed signs of extensive artillery damage.
      (2) 311105H (YD 597245) Patrol observed what appeared to be old church building. These coordinates which are not shown on current tactical map sheet. Building is constructed of stone and roof appeared to have been burned.
      (3) 311700H (YD 586246) Patrol observed lights in groups of (2) to (4), and possible headlights of vehicles all moving east. Friendly aircraft was heard approaching area at approx. this same time and lights were immediately extinguished. Patrol called artillery mission totalling (150) rounds into target area with good coverage, results unknown.
      (4) 010900H (YD 594236) Patrol found (1) small fighting hole which was well concealed by vegetation. From this position a possible attack area was monitored by observation to the north. This position appears to be used frequently, best range estimated to have been one to two weeks ago.

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(5) 011100H (YD 5924) Patrol heard vehicle engines emitting from this vicinity. Estimated eight to ten vehicles moving in an easterly direction. Engine noise was heard for approx. (15) minutes. Due to weather patrol was unable to observe into this area.

(6) 011130H (YD 588234) Patrol found trail not shown on map running east and west, approx. (1) foot wide. Trail reveals signs of recent use. Patrol found (2) small holes along side trail which afforded good concealment and provided excellent observation of trail. These holes were approx. 2 foot in diameter and 18" in depth. Patrol followed trail to (YD 586233) without further observations.

(7) 011200H (YD 585245) Patrol found what appeared to be foreign type communication wire stretched across the patrol route. Patrol during check of immediate area found numerous pieces of this wire tied to bushes in such a manner as to signal by pulling. Patrol checked area with negative results.

(8) 031100H (YD 597245) Patrol during flight from extraction HLS received automatic weapons fire from old church building previously found by patrol. Crew chief returned fire with unknown results. Helo's received no hits. These helo's received SAF prior to extraction from (YD 585240).

(9) Patrol throughout this operation heard SAF emitting from the village complexes to the north of their operational area.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: N/A
   b. FRIENDLY: N/A
   c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: N/A

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Fair

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

   Recommendations: Surveillance of area be maintained. Infantry sweep be conducted in this area.

   Conclusions: Undetermined size enemy force now occupying this area.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Due to Operation "Chinook" being conducted in this area it appears enemy forces may move south into the mountainous terrain in an effort to avoid contact. Reconnaissance effort utilizing supporting arms would deny enemy this avenue of egress.
LEGEND

- O = Insertion
- X = Extraction
- = Patrol route
- = Trail

PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

- 2nd sqd, 2nd plt, Co. A
- Map Vietnam: 1:50,000
- Series: L-701
- Sheet: 6460 I,II
- 3d Recon. Bn.
- (S-2)
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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (6) Enl, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) Demo kit, (2) C-4
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area to determine extent of VC activity. Locate trails and harbor sites. Establish day and night OPs and ambushes on likely avenues of VC movement. When possible, engage enemy with SAP or supporting arms, making every effort to determine results and to capture documents, weapons, and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 020000H/050000H

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: During 72 hours of patrolling, patrol had negative contacts or sightings. Patrol found (1) trail via YN83993 running northwes to southeast.
   b. ENEMY: None
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense undergrowth, 40 to 50 ft high canopy on the high ground; dense undergrowth on the low ground.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: None

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

   Recommendations: Think that patrols should go in further south of this area.

   Conclusions: Think this may be a transient route.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:
    None

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2dLt "A" Co.

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ENCLOSURE (3)

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0 LZ = LANDING ZONE
= ROUTE TRAVELED

PATROL REPORT OVERLAY

1st Sqd, 3d Plt, "A" Co.

P&AP VIETNAM: 1-50,000
SERIES: L-701
SHEET: 6559 I, IV
3d Recon Bn
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Operation Order 66
Debriefer: SSGT E.W. Bell
Map Sheet: 4559 I, IV

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enl, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) NA/RC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) Demo kit, (2) C-4
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) Shotgun

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area to determine the extent of VC activity. Locate trails and harbor sites. Establish dry and night OPs and ambushes on likely avenues of VC movement. When possible, engage enemy with SAF or supporting arms, making every effort to determine results and to capture documents, weapons and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 020000H/050030H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: Patrol during 73½ hours of patrolling had one contact with 3 VC.
   b. ENEMY: 021350H (YD880015) 3 VC wearing black PJ trousers khaki shirts, carrying weapons walking east on trail.
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by low scrub brush sparse in areas of patrol.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION:

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: Patrol set up hasty ambush and took VC under SAF, resulting in (1) VC KIA (Conf) (2) VC VIA (Prob)
   b. FRIENDLY: None
   c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: (2) ChiCom grenades, (1) cartridge belt (1) seventeen w/cover (2) magazines, carbine (1) M-1 carbine, (1) watch (1) battle dressing, standard US field dressing.

ENCLOSURE (3)
6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Put in another patrol south of recent position.

Conclusions: Think there is a VC base camp further south.

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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (10) enl, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/FRC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) yr of 7.50's
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: NONE
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area to determine if VC exit from the hills and go into the villages at night and return in the early morning. Locate trails and harbor sites. Establish day and night OP's and ambushes on likely avenues of VC movement. When possible, engage enemy with SAF or supporting arms, making every effort to determine results and to capture documents, weapons and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 074000/091700 Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPTIS: Patrol during 53 hrs. of patrolling & observation had negative contacts and (1) sighting; also captured (2) VCS.
   b. ENEMY: Patrol captured (2) VCS at 091700 Vic ID 698005.
   c. TERRAIN: Characterised by gentle rolling hills; vegetation goes from 5 ft. to elephant grass 7 to 11 ft. tall, with secondary growth that is very dense and thick. Rate of travel was estimated at 100 meters per hour.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 091500H Patrol received message from Reinbold 3 to proceed to the road, and try to capture 4 VCS that were moving North East on Highway 14. Patrol contacted 40 that were in area to get Coord., as to where VCS were. Patrol reached road and set up ambush after waiting approx. 15 minutes 2 VCS came along and patrol captured them. The other VCS had already passed patrols position of ambush prior to patrols arrival. Impressive was notified to watch for them, as they were headed in their direction.

   One VCS was wearing utilities, and the other was wearing grey slacks and white shirt, this VCS had 1200 P's, and a letter in his possession. VCS and their personnel equipment was turned into ITR.

ENCLOSURE (4)
(2) Area coord. (YD 8806) to (YD 9106), (YD 8803) to (YD 9103) is all good for H/E area is covered with low grass and sparse brush.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: (2) VCS Captured via YD 898005
   b. FRIENDLY: NONE
   c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: 1200 P's, (1) letter

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Excellent

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

   Recommendations: Recommend aibuses be set up along highway 14 from YD 9000 to YD 9002.

   Conclusions: NONE

9. DISPOSITION COMMENTS: NONE

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Operation Order: 9-60
Patrol: 1st sqn, 74 Plt A Co.
Dobbrief: SSOF, E.W. HEL.
Map Sheet: 6559 I

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (6) enl, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50's
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) Demo. kit, (5)lbs. C-4
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) Shotgun with beehive rds.

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area to determine if VC exit from the hills. Locate trails and harbor sites. Establish day and night OP's and ambushes on likely avenues of VC movement. When possible, engage enemy with SAF or supporting arms, making every effort to determine results, and to capture documents, weapons and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 090800H/120000H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: Patrol during 72hrs of observation and patrolling had negative contacts or sighting. Patrol found three trails.
   b. ENEMY: N/A
   c. TERRAIN: Characterized by small hills, overgrown with dense vegetation which runs in height from 2ft to 30ft. Rate of travel in area is approx. 100 meters per hour.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION:

      (1) Patrol at 090800H via (YD 975992) found a trail running north and south; trail runs into river via (YD 977991). Trail was approx. (1) meter wide with a hard dirt base. Elephant grass and bamboo from (2)ft to (16)ft in height along the sides of trail. Trail is being used regularly; within past 2 days.

      (2) Patrol at 091100H via (YD 979989) found a trail running northeast and south west ending at river. Trail was approx. (1) meter wide and had a hard dirt base. Trail seemed to be well used recently. Vegetation along side of trail at river was brush & vines, 10ft to 15ft high and as trail ran uphill it changed to thick underbrush and a 30ft canopy. Trail looked like it had been well used.

ENCLOSURE (6)
(3) Patrol at 101500H vic (YD 984986) found trail running E to W base was soft dirt, leaves and rock. Vegetation on sides of trail was brush & vines approx. 2ft to 4ft high. Trail had not been used recently.

(4) Patrol at 101630H vic (YD 980985) found two empty C-ration cans, (heavies) and a piece of civilian shirt. The C-ration cans looked like they had not been opened with a can opener, and had been there for quite some time. The shirt was white with blue stripes and was full of small holes.

(5) Patrol at 112200H vic (YD 9897) Heard (1) carbine rd. fired. Nothing more was heard or seen.

(6) Patrol at 111500H vic (YD 976992) found (3) C-ration spoons in a line with the spoon part pointing in the direction the patrol had traveled on the 9th. Patrol leader feels these spoons were put there to mark the direction the patrol had traveled on trail.

(7) The river at (YD 984986) was approx. 6ft deep, with a sand & shale base. The flow was approx. 7 to 9 knots; river width in this area is 15 to 20 meters wide, and is fordable by foot troops.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: N/A
   b. FRIENDLY: N/A
   c. CAUGHT/EQUIPMENT: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Excellent

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
   Recommendations: Put patrols in vic (YD 9897) and move South.
   Conclusions: Believe VC are being boated into area, and VC are using trails.

9. ENRICHED COMMENTS: NONE

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Operation Order: 95-36
Patrol: 2nd sqd, 57th Co, A
Debrief: SSGR, J.D. OCHENDSON
Map Sheet: 6559 IV

PATR0L REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (7) en 1 (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/TYQ 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7x50's
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: NONE
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area, locate trails and harbor sites. Establish day and night OP's and ambushes on likely avenues of VC movement. Utilize supporting arms, making every effort to determine results and to capture documents, weapons and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 100000/130000 Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: During 72hrs. of patrolling and observation there was (1) enemy sighting and no contacts. One fire mission was called in support of the patrol with unknown results. One trail was located by the patrol.
   b. EVENT: Patroll at 111200H (VC 695959) sighted 10-15 VC moving SW wearing a mixture of uniforms, black PJ's, khaki and assorted clothing. They were carrying large packs. The VC were moving very fast and in two groups. The second group was carrying something very heavy tied to a pole. This pole was confirmed. A fire mission was called and 25 Rds of 155 How. were delivered. The target could not be observed due to the terrain.
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by 20ft high secondary growth consisting of brush, vines and grass. The patrol could travel 300 meters per hour.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) The patrol found a trail about (1) meter wide well beaten down and showed signs of heavy use. The vegetation along the trail is thick brush and vines. There are many places along the trail well suited for a ambush.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: NONE
   b. FRIENDLY: NONE
   c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
   Recommendations: That patrols work closer to highway # 14 and the existing trails in the area.
   Conclusions: NONE

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ADDENDUM TO PATROL REPORT OF 150955H Dec 1966 on OPERATION ORDER 95-66
2nd sqd, 3d Plt, Co. A.

Paragraph 5, (2) additions

G-3 called in Sparrowhawk and Sparrowhawk landed North of where VC were sighted at Vio (YD 095995). The patrol tried to contact them by radio but could not make contact. Patrol called the AO in the area and told him they were moving out to the road to link up with the Sparrowhawk who were heading north along highway (14).

The patrol linked up at 121530H Vio (YD 908030) and lead the Sparrowhawk to the area where the VC were sighted. By this time (4) hours had lapsed. No contacts or sightings were made.

The Plt leader of the Sparrowhawk returned to the HLZ for extraction. The recon patrol continued with their mission.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (1) OFF (7) EN 1 (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/FRC 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) IR 7X50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) lbs. C-4 Demo Kit
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (6) M-79 (1) M-76 Grenade Launcher

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area, locating trails
   and harbor sites. Establish day OP's and ambushes on likely avenues of
   VC movement. Engage the enemy with SAP or supporting army making every
   effort to capture documents, weapons and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 120000H/151120H

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: Patrol during 75 hours and 20 minutes of observation and
      patrolling had 4 sightings and negative contacts. No fire missions
      were called. Patrol also found (2) Trails.
   b. ENEMY: (1) Patrol At 120900H observed (5) boats moving south
      on River (4) boats had 2VCS; (1) boat had (4) VCS in them. VCS were
      wearing mixed PJ's black and white. Boats would pull into river bank
      vic. YD 972004 and load the boats with rocks, and leave about 1400H
      moving North on river.
   c. TERRAIN: All North of YD grid line: (YD 01) In patrols
      assigned area is knee high brush, grass, and rocks. All South of YD
      grid line ( YD 01) is heavy rain jungle, with a 50 ft. canopy, and a
      dense secondary undergrowth consisting of brush and interwoven vines.
      Patrols movement to the North was as fast as safety precautions permit-
      ted. Estimated rate of travel South would be about 50 meters an hour.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) Patrol observed the (5) boats for
      (4) consecutive days at the same time in the morning and leaving at the
      same time for (5) consecutive days. Patrol was extracted on the 4th day
      after the boats had landed. This accounts for the (4) sightings mentioned
      in the synopsis.

ENCLOSURE (7)
(2) Patrol at 120845H (YD 946006) observed a trail running east to west; trail was approx. (1) meter wide with a base of soft dirt. Vegetation along sides of trail is 3 to 4ft. hum grass for 2000 meters from bottom to where trail runs over tops of hills. Patrol thinks trail is regularly used.

(3) Patrol at 141730H (YD 962005) found trail running north to south approx. (1) meter wide, with a base of hard clay and rock. Vegetation along sides of trail was secondary undergrowth of brush and vines. Trail had not been recently used, as it had grass starting to grow in the middle of trail.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: NONE
   b. FRIENDLY: NONE
   c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: EXCELLENT

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

   Recommendations: Think this area should again be observed from the same general vio.

   Conclusions: Patrol thinks that hole's digging smoke into LZ's prior to insertion is giving patrol's general position away and VC are avoiding this area.

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   2LT, "A" Co.

9. DECLASSIFIED COMMENTS: Think patrol's should go in about 1,000 meters south of the last OP and walk in to the OP this area again. If an HQ can be found to the south that will not make it too hard for patrol to reach their OP. And will minimize chances of patrol being seen.
Operation Order: 97-56
Patrol: 1st Sqd, 3d Plt, Co. A (CORAL)
Dobriser: SGT. E.W. DELL
Map Sheet: 6559 I, IV

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enl (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: 2 AN/FRC 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) Pr 7X50's
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) lbs C-4 (1) Demol kit
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 40 MM HE & canister rds.

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area, locating trails and harbor sites. Establish any OP's and ambushes on likely avenues of VC movement. Engage the enemy with SAF and/or supporting arms making every effort to capture documents, weapons and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 150000H/180000H

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: Patrol during 72 hrs. of observation and patrolling had negative sightings or contacts. Patrol found (2) trails and (1) HLS. Patrol also found 20 fighting holes.
   b. ENEMY: NONE
   c. TERRAIN: Characterized by rolling hills with dense secondary underbrush running from 6 to 20 ft. in height.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION:

   (1) Patrol at 161000H VIC YU 982975 found a trail running Southwest approx. (4) ft. wide, with a base of hard packed dirt. Vegetation along sides of trail is very dense secondary undergrowth & bamboo running to 20 ft. in height. No sign of recent use.

   (2) Patrol at 170800H found a trail running Northwest from VIC YC-983982 to YC 975992, approx. (1) meter wide with a base of hard packed dirt. Vegetation along sides of trail was dense brush running from (4) ft. to (20) ft. in height. Trail had been cut with in past 30 days.

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(3) Patrol found on hill at YC 982981 found (20) fighting holes set in a 360 degree perimeter. These were (1) man fighting holes 2X5X2 ft. set in dense vegetation of secondary growth from 6 ft. to 10 ft. in height. Holes were approx. (1) month old. This area was also littered with empty C-ration boxes and cans (heavies). Patrol also found (10) full cans of C-ration (heavies) which they emptied and buried. Also found (1) rd. of 7.62 ammo and (1) M-14 ammo pouch.

(4) Patrol found a good HIZ at VIC. YC 975991 which is approx. 100 meters wide and 300 meters long, with a base of sand and low rock. Cannot be used if river is at flood stage.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: N/A
   b. FRIENDLY: N/A
   c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

   Recommendations: Future patrols work West and South of river into high ground VIC. 9998

   Conclusions: No recent sign of any use.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: NONE
LEGEND

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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

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Operation Order: 98-66
Patrol: 2nd sqd, 3rd Plt, A Co.
Deviceer: SGT. E. W. DREW
Map Sheet: 6559 1, IV

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (2) off (5) enl (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pt 7x50's
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: NONE
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 40mm BE (1) shotgun w/beehive

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area locating trails and harbor sites. Establish day OP’s and ambushs on likely avenues of VC movement. Engage the enemy with SAF and/or supporting arms, making every effort to capture documents, weapons and prisoners. Patrol will act as forward observer for call artillery.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 161300H/191000H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: Patrol during 70hrs of observation and patrolling had neg. contact and (1) sighting. Patrol called (1) FM and found (1) trail. Patrol also found a 105rd.
   b. ENEMY: NONE
   c. TERRAIN: Relatively flat ground with heavy scrub brush running from 10 to 20’ in height. Approx rate of travel in this area is 200 meters an hour.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) Patrol at 161300H found a trail running southwest to northeast from (YC 894994) to (YC 898000). The width of the trail is (2) to (3) meters with a base of hard packed dirt. Vegetation along sides of trail is thick scrub brush running from (10) to (15)’ft in height. Trail is well used and patrol found several sandal prints on trail.

   (2) Patrol at 161310H (YC 893994) found a 105rd and several empty c-ration cans, and wrappers from heat tabs. These were found on north side of trail. Patrol did not want to destroy 105rd as they had just been inserted, and thought they would compromise their mission. Patrol planned on destroying 105rd on their way to extraction.

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(3) Patrol at 161320H (YC 891994) found part of a door and (1) empty 30mm shell that had been recently fired.

(4) Point of patrol at 161400H (YC 899994) heard what sounded like (3) VC ahead of column. Patrol set up ambush off trail but VC moved off and no trace of them could be found by patrol.

(5) Patrol at 161420H (YC 897995) heard noises moving in the brush. Patrol checked area with neg. results.

(6) Patrol at 181930H spotted (1) light moving west, and (1) light moving southwest at (YC 903999). Patrol called arty FM of (12) hrs HE with good coverage results unobserved.

(7) Patrol at 182300H observed light moving northwest (YC 899991). NAD

(8) Patrol at 190800H moving toward extraction point, was going to blow the 105rd when they arrived at the spot where round was laying, VC had taken shell and policed the whole area, none of the litter was found.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: NONE
   b. FRIENDLY: NONE
   c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROLS: EXCELLENT

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

   Recommendations: Recommend setting OP at vic (YC 903890) or setting snipers on OP.

   Conclusions: Think base camp around (YC 8799)

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9. DEPRIFER COMMENTS: NONE

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (6) Enl, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) per 750, (1) M-49 OP Scope
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) lbs of C-4 w/acc, (8) CS grenades, (2) Gas Masks
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) M-60

2. MISSION: Establish two OP's in assigned areas and engage the enemy with available supporting arms. Patrol will also act as forward observers for an call arty.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 200900H/250900H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: Patrol during 120 hours of observation and patrolling had (7) sightings and (1) contact. The sightings totaled (57) VC/VCS. The patrol fired (6) arty fire missions and found 2 trails.
   b. ENEMY: (1) 201315H (YD514260) Patrol observed (5) VC moving northeast on a trail, wearing black PJ's and carrying (1) rifle in the group. Patrol calledarty FM of (23) rds HE resulting in approximately 100 percent casualties.
      (2) 201325H (YD517261) Patrol observed (3) VC moving northeast. Wearing black black PJ bottoms and camouflage jackets, carrying (5) rifles. Arty FM called (6) rds HE excellent coverage, resulting in an estimated 100 percent casualties.
      (3) 201605 (YD524270) Patrol observed (15) VCS moving from the north, south, and west into a wooded area. Patrol called arty FM of approximately 50 rds HE in free fire zone with outstanding coverage. Estimated 75 percent casualties.
      (4) 201605H (YD5228) Patrol observed 10 VCS moving northeast in paddies, wearing black and white PJ's. Patrol asked AO to check area, AO checked with negative results.
Patrol observed (9) VC moving north across paddies. Two of the VC were wearing black P.J.'s and one was in a khaki uniform. Artillery fire of (24) rounds was fired by Seabrook resulting in (3) VC KIA (Conf). Patrol acted as FV.

Patrol observed a lot of VC-VOS movement in this area. Distance was too great to determine. Seabrook fired artillery fire of (29) rounds HE with excellent coverage resulting in (1) hooch destroyed.

Patrol observed (12) VC moving east on trail wearing khakis and black P.J.'s. FF fired by Seabrook.

Patrol was wet in an OP directing fire for Seabrook when (7) VC moved into patrol's position from the west and sat down to rest. The point man (VC) was standing up and looking the area from; he was wearing a light green jacket that was similar to an Ike jacket, and had in a bush hat, he had very neat and clean appearance. The VC was carrying an auto weapon. The point was a blond haired caucasian. The VC stood up to move out when patrol fired on VC, resulting in (5) VC KIA (Conf) and (2) VC WIA (Conf). One of the wounded was the caucasian, who got away. Five of the VC were in khaki uniforms and one had on reddish brown shorts and a green jacket. Patrol captured (2) AK-47s and (1) ChiCom carbine type 53 and (2) ChiCom grenades and a cartridge belt.

c. TERRAIN: The eastern portion of patrols area was characterized by thick secondary growth interwoven with vines; canopy was from 15 to 20 ft high with a few large trees. The western portion was sparse brush running from 3 to 5 ft high and swamp grass approximately 18 inches in height.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 220930H (YD505255) Patrol found 10 fighting holes, 9 were one man holes and one was a four man hole. The holes were paralleling the trail. The 9 holes were approximately 2x3x2½ ft and five of them had approximately one foot of dirt as a ceiling covering three fourths of the hole. The four man hole was 6x6x3, behind the holes was a trench line approximately 4x5x35 ft. There were also a lot of empty C-ration cans in the area. The trail ran from north to south crunched a hard packed dirt rock and gravel base, and was approximately one meter wide. The vegetation along the trail was a thick secondary growth undergrowth interwoven with vines approximately 10 to 15 ft high. This sounded like a well used trail. The holes had trench had good fields of fire to trail, also the fighting positions did not seem to have been used in the past 30 days.

(2) 221030H (YD505255) Patrol found a trail running west to east approximately 1 ft wide with a base of dirt and rock. Vegetation along sides of trail was thick brush and vines from 10 to 20 ft high. Trail had not been used recently. Patrol also found 2 hooches approximately 3x3x5 ft with thatched sides and one had a corrugated tin roof. Each hooch had 5 fighting holes around them then they were one man holes and were approximately 2x3x2 ft. In the hooches were found four empty baskets, one GI helmet and an empty three gallon can. One fighting hole was set in the middle of the trail.
(5) 231100H (YD515257) Patrol found a trail running east to west 18 inches wide with a base of dirt and gravel. Vegetation on north sides of trail was dense undergrowth 10 ft high and on the south side was kinn grass, sparse brush, and swamp grass about 18 inches high. Trail was well used. The VC had recently moved throughout the swamp grass from west to east as patrol found three fresh trails through the grass.

(4) 231300H (YD520250) Patrol observed and was seen by two VC's wearing reddish brown P.J.'s and carrying a shovel. The two VC's ran into the brush. At this time patrol heard approximately 30 voices coming from the east of their position. The patrol moved parallel with the voices for approximately 300 meters, and at 1330H called a FI of 12 rds M79 via YD529255 with excellent coverage. Results unobserved due to foliage.

(5) Patrol while set in OP from 231500H to 241600H vic YD51324 heard approximately 30 voices.

(6) Patrol at 241600H vic YD514253 heard voices from the north.

(7) 250730H YD516252 Patrol heard voices and movement from the south, southeast approximately 50 or 60.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (6) VC KIA (Conf), (2) VC WIA (Conf)

b. FRIENDLY: None

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: (2) AK-47's, (1) Semi auto carbine type 56 (2) 81mm grenades, (1) cartridge belt.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: Recommend that an arc light be programmed for this area.

Conclusions: VC are moving either from the villages or from the high ground and harboring in this area.

J. E. SILER

9. DEPICTION CONTENTS: None
Operation Order: 99-66
Patrol: Breaker 2nd Sqd, 1st Plt, A Co.
Debriefer: SSgt. E. W. Bell
Map Sheet: 6460 I, II

**PATROL REPORT**

1. **SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:**
   a. COMPOSITION: (6) Enl. (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC-25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) Fr. 7X50's
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) 1b 0-4 (7) CS Grenades (2) Gas Masks
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-60 (1) M-79

2. **MISSION:** Establish two OP's in assigned areas and engage the enemy with available supporting arms. Patrol will also act as forward observers for On Call Arty.

3. **TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN:** 191045H/230840H

4. **ROUTE:** See patrol route overlay.

5. **OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:**
   a. SYNOPSIS: Patrol during (94) hours of observation and patrolling had (1) sighting and negative contacts. Patrol also called (1) FM.
   b. ENEMY: Patrol at 191645H V/C YD 599244 observed (5) VC's wearing khakis, and carrying rifles and cartridge belts with cartridges. Moving from Northeast to Southwest along tree line, Patrol called Arty FM of (9) rds. HE with excellent coverage resulting in (1) secondary explosion.
   c. TERRAIN: Characterized by thick brush interwoven with vines ranging from (3) to (6) ft. in height. Rate of travel in this area is approx. (300) meters an hour.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: Patrol at 221000H V/C 5724 observed (2) air strikes run by (2) jets. Bombing & strafing runs; excellent coverage of area.

6. **RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:**
   a. ENEMY: N/A
   b. FRIENDLY: N/A
   c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: N/A

**ENCLOSURE (1/0)**

CONFIDENTIAL
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Put another OP back in this area.

Conclusions: Do not put another patrol in YD 58828 as brush is too high to land.

D. L. SANE
CIL. A Co.

9. DERRIERE COMMENTS: NONE

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Operation Order: 97-8
Patrols: 1st and 2nd Bn "A" Co.
Deplleter: Sgt. R.C. Smith
Map Sheet: 6599 IV

EXECUTIVE REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (10) and (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AM/FM 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) per 7X50's
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) Claymore mine
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 40mm HB and canister rds.

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area, locate
   trails and harbor sites. Establish day and night OP's and ambushes
   on likely avenues of VC movement. Engage the enemy with RAP or suppor-
   ting fires, making every effort to determine results and to capture
   documents, weapons and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 130030H/161530H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: Patrol during 77hrs of observation and patrolling
      had negative sightings or contacts.
   b. ENEMY: NONE
   c. TERRAIN: Dense thick brush interwoven with vines varying
      from two to thirty ft. high. Rate of travel was 100 meters per hour.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) Patrol found road at 141600H via (YD
      874926) running east to west. Base of road was hard packed dirt. Trail
      was (2) at 90 degrees and overgrown with dense brush and interwoven vines
      up to (60) ft. in height.

      (2) Patrol checked out villle at via (YD 893995)
      151600H. Villle has been attacked at least (30) days.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: NONE
   b. FRIENDLY: NONE
   c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: NONE

ENCLOSURE (1)

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6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Keep village under surveillance.

Conclusions: This area is rarely used by VC.

Financial report:
C.W. 10/30
Sgt "A" Co.

9. DEFENDER COMMENTS: NONE
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Operation Order: 101-66
Patrol: 1st sq 2nd plt, A Co.
Debriefor: LCPL J.C. CAMASTRO
Map Sheet: 6559 I, IV

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (12) enl (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: N/A
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) M/A/ARC 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7x50's
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area, locating trails and harbor cities. Establish day OP's and ambushes on likely avenues of VC movement. Engage the enemy with SAF and/or supporting arms, making every effort to capture documents, weapons, and prisoners. Patrol will act as forward observers for on call artillery.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 201030/251130H DEC 66

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: Patrol during 121 hours of observation and patrolling there were negative sighting or contacts. There were no OP's or air strikes called in support of this patrol.
   b. ENEMY: None
   c. TERRAIN: Low ground has low brush approximately 3 ft. high. Top of hills are covered with dense brush and intertwined vines. Canopy on top of hills is approximately 50 to 100 ft. high. Rate of travel on low ground is 150 to 200 meters per hour, in dense brush 50 meters per hour.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: None

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: N/A
   b. FRIENDLY: N/A
   c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: N/A

ENCLOSURE (2)

DECLASSIFIED
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: None

Conclusions: Don't think that the VC are in this area.

9. DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None

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**LEGEND** | **PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY**
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- ROUTE TRAVELED | M.P.VIETNAM: 1-50,000
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (11) Enl, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) Shotgun

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area, locating trails, and harbor sites. Establish day OP's and ambushes on likely avenues of VC movement. Engage the enemy with SAP and/or supporting arms, making every effort to capture documents, weapons, and prisoners. Patrol will act as forward observers for on call artillery.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 201100H/221730H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: Patrol during 54 hours of observation and patrolling had (5) contacts, and (5) sightings. Patrol also called (5) fire missions and observed (1) air strike. Patrol also found one trail.

   b. ENEMY: (1) Patrol while moving northwest on trail at 210830H via YC927998 heard many voices and a radio playing, and also heard a CW. Patrol set us ambush and at 0850H observed (1) VC wearing black P.J.'s and carrying a rifle, moving southeast on trail. Patrol took VC under SAP. Patrol pulled back about (50) meters and called artillery FM at 1600H via YC9303936 of (6) rds HE with good coverage. Results of FM unobserved. Results of contact, (1) VC KIA (Prob) and (1) USMC WIA. Patrol moved out to HLZ for med-vacs.

   (2) Patrol at 211200H via YC934000 stopped for a break and saw (1) VC wearing tiger striped utilities, carrying a weapon moving northeast on trail following patrol. Patrol took VC under SAP with M-79 cannonister rcl. resulting in (1) VC KIA (Prob) at this time (7) to (10) VC tried to flank patrol's position firing auto weapons. Patrol returned SAP and withdrew to the northeast. VC broke contact. Results unobserved.

   (3) Patrol at 211430H via YC932002 Patrol was eating chow and they heard noises in the brush coming from the southwest toward patrol's position. Patrol spotted (1) VC and opened fire resulting in (1) VC KIA (Prob) and the noises withdrew. Uniform or weapons unobserved due to foliage.
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(4) Patrol at 21715H set in a harbor site of boat via YD992005 heard approximately (20) to (25) VC enveloping their position. Patrol held movement all around their position all night at 212200H patrol called arty FM with a total of 130 rods of HE fixed during the night.

(5) Patrol at 220230H got in touch with Luff via relay. Patrol attempted to mark their position by illumination and, but Luff could not observe due to canopy. Luff gave good coverage but could not get close enough as he did not know patrol's exact position. Artillery finished FI at 220530H.

(6) Patrol at 220530H received guns, weapons, and semi-auto, weapons into their position from all positions. Patrol returned SAF resulting in (1) VC KIA (Prob).

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by rolling hills covered with thick underbrush interwoven with barley and vines running from (10) to (15) ft in height and a canopy running from (20) to (30) ft in height. The estimated rate of travel in this area is approximately (100) meters an hour.

d. OTHER INFORMATION; (1) Patrol at 201630H via YD323999 found a trail running east and west, approximately (1) meter wide with a base of hard clay. Vegetation along sides of trail was thick underbrush with interwoven vines approximately (10) to (15) ft in height.

(2) Patrol while set in their harbor site at 201600H via YC 928999 heard many voices and a radio and guitar playing southwest of their position. Patrol also heard what sounded like a CW. The noise stopped around 2400H.

(3) Patrol at 211630H via YD932004 med-evasive (1) USMC WIA. The choppers received auto weapons fire from the southwest upon leaving the LZ.

(4) At 220815H via 925007 reaction force landed approximately 1100 meters from patrol, at 1100H patrol linked up with reaction force and searched the area with negative results. Patrol moved back to LZ and was extracted with the reaction force.

(5) Patrol at 220930H set in their harbor site via YD932005 observed an air strike in support of patrol to the south of their position approximately 300 meters. Two jets made two passes from west to east bombing and strafing many positions. Results unobserved.

(6) Patrol heard VC signaling each other all night with a clicking device to encircle patrol.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (3) VC KIA (Prob) (1) VC WIA (Prob)

b. FRIENDLY: (1) USMC WIA

c. UNFORCED/EQUIPMENT: None

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8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Recommend a platoon size recon in this area.

Conclusions: Possible base camp in area.

J. R. Thompson
1st Lt "A" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: I believe a larger force should be inserted in this area to check out the main trail and if possible make a snatch.
### LEGEND
- **0** = Insertion
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### PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
- 2d Sqd, 2d Plt, Co. A
- Map Vietnam: 1:50,000
- Series: L-701
- Sheet: 6559 I, IV
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (6) M1, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: N/A
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pt. 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: N/A
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) N-79 (1) N-60

2. MISSION: Establish OP in assigned area and engage the enemy with available supporting arms. Patrol will also act as forward observer for on call artillery.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 230900H/281800H December 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: Patrol during 129 hours of patrolling and observation had (6) sightings totaling (39) VC. There were (2) fire missions called in support of these sightings. A total of (20) rounds HE. Patrol could not observe results.
   b. ENEMY: (1) Patrol at 250840H sighted (6) VC moving south on trail VIC YD 566235 wearing black PJ's and plastic rain capes. They were carrying heavy packs. No weapons sighted.
      (2) Patrol at 250855H sighted (10) VC moving same direction and VIC as first sighting.
      (3) Patrol at 251400H sighted (5) VC moving north on trail VIC YD 566235. They were wearing black PJ's and plastic rain capes. Believed to be the same sighted at 250840H.
      (4) Patrol at 251420H sighted (12) VC moving north on trail VIC YD 566235. They were wearing black PJ's (6) had leaves and branches tied to their clothing. They were carrying heavy packs. No weapons sighted.
      (5) Patrol at 260320H sighted (5) VC moving north on trail VIC YD 566234. They had on black PJ's and plastic rain capes carrying heavy packs. (6) rounds of HE was fired. Due to time factor there were negative results.
      (6) Patrol at 261020H sighted (1) VC moving north on trail VIC YD 566234. Wearing black PJ's and pack. (12) rounds HE was fired. Results unknown.
   c. TERRAIN: Characterized by sparse rock and brush running 3ft in height throughout entire area.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: VC are returning from hills without packs.

December 23 Patrol set up OP VIC YD 575226. Sighted (10) VN working in and around paddies VIC YD 563252. December 24 Patrol OP VIC YD 586234 had negative sightings.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. KILLED: N/A
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Poor due to weather.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendations: Area should be OP'ed again during present operation. Be prepared to act as relay for patrols working south west in hills.

Conclusions: VC are using this area regularly.

Peter R. Chapin
Sgt. Co. A

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enl. (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC-25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) Pr. 7x50's
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: NONE
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) Shotgun W/Deactive Eds.

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area, locating trails and harbor sites. Establish day CP's and ambushes on likely avenues of WC movement. Engage the enemy with EAF and/or supporting arms, making every effort to capture documents, weapons and prisoners. Patrol will act as forward observers for call artillery.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 251030H/291630H Dec. 66

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPTIC: Patrol during (102) hrs. of patrolling and observation had negative sightings or contacts.
   b. ENEMY: N/A
   c. TERRAIN: In the low ground there was ankle high grass, and the high ground was dense brush interwoven with vines running to (12) ft. in height. Rate of travel on low ground unlimited. Rate of travel on the high ground was approx. 100 meters an hour.
   d. OTHER OBSERVATIONS: Patrol upon insertion at 251030H/VIC YD-2053972 spotted a Vietcong parachute in area at VIC YD 502992. Patrol situated to move when one of the patrol members cut his knee and patrol could not check this area. When they moved down to LZ for extraction the parachute was missing.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: N/A
   b. FRIENDLY: N/A
   c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: N/A

7. CONCLUSION OF PATROL: Good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
   Recommendations: Recommend no further patrols in this area. Patrols should move further South into high ground.
   Conclusions: WC are not using this area now.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

R.F. Young
CIL 4 CO.
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Operation Order: 92-66
Patrol: 2nd sqd, 1st Plt "A" Co.
Debriefee: SSgt E.W. BELL
Map Sheet: 6559 I IV

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (1) off, (7) enl, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50's
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) lbs. C-4
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) M-76 Grenade Launcher

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area to determine extent of VC activity. Locate trails and harbor sites. Establish day and night OP's and ambushes of likely avenues of VC Movement when possible, engage enemy with SAP or supporting arms, making every effort to determine results and to capture documents, weapons and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 061600H/091015H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: Patrol during 66 hrs and 15 minutes of patrolling, found one trench system and (1) trail. Negative sightings or contacts.
   b. ENEMY: N/A
   c. TERRAIN: Characterized by a 15 to 30 ft. canopy, very dense brush.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 061600H (YD905017) Patrol found a zig zag trench system about 100 meters long running from road to the east; trench was about 4 ft. deep and 2 ft. wide with an 18" parapet on the side towards the road.
      (2) 071600H (YD 9200) Patrol found trail running North to South; trail was 4 to 5 ft. wide with a hard dirt surface. Trail runs thru impenetrable jungle and is well maintained with a 5½ to 6 ft. ceiling (invisable from air).
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: N/A
   b. FRIENDLY: N/A
   c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: N/A
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Excellent
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

   Recommendations: Recommend that trail be checked out more thoroughly.

   Conclusions: No conclusions at this time.

J.E. SILER
2ndLt "A" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Think there should be a 4 day patrol put back into this area to see where trail leads to and set up ambush on trail. It takes from 6 to 8 hrs to reach trail from insertion point. And Mr. Siler knows how to reach it by a trail that his patrol cut. A new patrol would not be able to locate trail without wasting too much time.
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- X = Extraction
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Patrol Route Overlay

2nd Sqd, 1st Plt, A Co.
Map Vietnam: 1:50,000
Series: L-701
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PATTOR REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (8) En, (1) USN, (1) Off
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) PR 7250
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) lbs C-4 w/ace
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) Grenade Launcher

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area to determine extent of VC activity. Locate trails and harbor sites. Establish day and night OPs and ambushes on likely avenues of VC movement. When possible, engage the enemy with SAF or supporting arms, making every effort to determine results and to capture documents, weapons, and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 221500H/020045H Nov-Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 70 hrs and 45 minutes of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol called in 12 rds of KZ2 fire all failed to explode. Patrol observed approximately 102 water buffalo and several children in an alleged minefield. Patrol also found that fighting holes at (YD618236) and (YD622236) in a 360 degree pattern were probably ARVN due to numerous amounts of C-rations and K-1 ammunition scattered throughout area. Patrol also noted heavy continuous SAF and suspicious activity at what is supposedly an ARVN outpost.
   b. ENEMY: None
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by small shrubs, grass 2-4 ft high end very sparse. Area affords little cover and concealment with good observation.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION:
      (1) 292114-2300H (YD612232) Patrol called in HA fired this vicinity. At least 12 rds were fired. All of the rounds failed to explode.
      (2) 011600H (YD618236) and (YD622236) Patrol leader was given mission of checking fighting holes and trenches. Patrol found numerous quantities of unopened C-ration cases and K-1 ammunition boxes. Area has only fighting holes in a 360 degree pattern. There are trash pits dug but area is in bad state of police. Estimated platoon size position occupied by what were probably ARVN for approximately a week.
      (3) (YD637249) Patrol leader states that there is a heavy volume of SAF. Although there is supposedly an ARVN outpost patrol leader would like confirmation because of suspicious circumstances. SAF is coming from most of the surrounding area.
      (4) 06 (YD6123) Patrol observed approximately 102 water buffalo and several children in northern part of this field square. Area is supposedly mined but none of the buffaloes or children set anything off. Patrol observed area for two days.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: None

Conclusions: VC or Vietnamese personnel have been in the area and have cut and are cutting much of the wood in the area covered by the patrol.

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2dLt "A" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Will attempt to ascertain from the ARVN information on the outpost and the fighting holes that the patrol reconed.

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Paragraph 5.d.(2) Should be corrected to read as follows:

Patrol leader was given mission of checking fighting holes and trenches. Patrol found numerous quantities of opened C-ration cases and M-1 ammunition boxes both of which were very.... and badly deteriorated.

Area has only fighting holes in a 360 degree pattern. There are traces of a dug-out area is in a bad state of police. Estimated platoon size position occupied by what were probably ARVN for approximately one week.

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3d Recon BN
1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (9) Nrl, (1) U.S.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) x250
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) obs 0-4 w/acc
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area to determine
   the extent of VC activity. Locate trails and harbor sites. Establish
   day and night OP's and ambushes on likely avenues of VC movement. When
   possible, engage the enemy with SAF or supporting arms making every effort
   to determine results and to capture documents, weapons, and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 231100H/220500H Nov-Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. ENCORES: During 72 hours of patrolling and observation one
      enemy contact was made resulting in (1) VC KIA (KIA). SAF was heard
      throughout the patrol both heavy and small caliber.
   b. ENEMY: 3016000H (Y099999) The patrol was set in an OP when
      they spotted (2) VC wearing khaki shirts and darker colored trousers.
      They had a cross strap across their chests and were carrying unidentified
      weapons. The security spotted the VC approximately 15 meters from his
      position. At which time the VC stopped because they had spotted the
      security. The VC were taken under heavy SAF/AV fire and one grenade
      was thrown. The VC took off without returning fire. A physical search
      of the area revealed blood and intestines and one rubber sandal. There
      were drag marks leading away from the area. Results of contact (1) VC
      KIA (KIA).
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by low rolling hills with
      gullies, the vegetation consisted of thick secondary growth in the HIZ.
      The vegetation along the patrol route consisted of grass 6" high and
      brush 32" high. The area in the valley beginning (Y099999) and further
      south was continually fogged in.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) Throughout the patrol's duration day
      and night, heavy SAF was heard coming from the North East of their
      patrol area. There was no set pattern in time, number of weapons and number
      of rounds fired. Locations of the firing were GS (ZD0002), (ZD0102),
      (ZD0003).

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: None (1) VC ABOR (ABOR)
   b. FRIENDLY: Good, Morale good
   c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
   Recommendations: None
   Conclusions: None

9. FLIGHTER'S COMMENTS: None

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O LZ = LANDING ZONE

ROUTE TRAVELED

PATROL REPORT OVERLAY

O LZ Extraction

O LZ Insertion

0 2 Sqd, 1st Plt, "A" Co.

MAP VIETNAM: 1-50,000
SERIES: L-701
SHEET: 6460 II
3d Recon Rn
(8-2)
1. **Size, Composition, and Equipment:**
   a. **Composition:** (1) DTR, (7) DLM, (1) USN
   b. **Special Attachments:** None
   c. **Communications Equipment:** (2) AN/PRC 25
   d. **Observation Equipment:** (1) PRC 7250
   e. **Special Equipment:** (2) CS grenades, (3) WP rifle grenades
   f. **Special Weapons:** (1) M-79, (2) Claymore mines

2. **Mission:** Conduct reconnaissance within area to determine VC activity.
   Establish ambush along trails and engage enemy when possible with SAP and/or supporting arms making every effort to determine results onto capture weapons, documents, and prisoners. Patrol will also act as forward observer for call artillery.

3. **Time of Departure/Return:** 011530H Dec 66/031100H Jan 67
4. **Route:** See patrol route overlay.
5. **Observation of Enemy and Terrain:**
   a. **Summary:** 115½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (4) sightings of (9) VCS and no contacts. One artillery mission of (3) RDS was fired in support of this patrol. Patrol found (1) harbor site not recently used, found (4) igniters which had been discharged and left in place and noted trail as shown on map reveals signs of use and is in good condition.
   b. **Recon:** 300915H (YD738104) Patrool observed (8) VCS in (2) small boats covered in assorted raingear and multi colored clothing with combat hats. No weapons or equipment observed. Artillery mission of (3) RDS was fired with negative results. Initially boats were heading west and returned to the east after fire mission. VCS were observed by 200 feet west at (YD74307) and moving out of his observation.
   c. **Terrain:** This area is characterized by sparse vegetation with interwoven vines and no canopy. The terrain in immediate vicinity of the Song Hau River is characterized by dense vegetation. Area reveals signs of recent wood cutting effort.
   d. **Other Information:** (1) 301100H (YD748095) Patrool found (4) oil tankers with igniters still attached to the load wires. All had been discharged. A check of area revealed debris left behind by friendly forces.

301100H (YD739095) Patrool found harbor site large enough

4. **Physicals of Encounters with the Enemy:** None
5. **Results of Reconnaissances:**
   a. **Condition of Patrol:** Fair, Morale good
6. **Conclusions and Recommendations:**
   a. **Recommendations:** Future patrols operate vicinity of (YD7211)

   Conclusion: Due to the heavy rains patrol unable to determine if this area is being utilized by enemy forces at this time, however, trail shown on map (YD73095) appears to be well used and in good condition.

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### PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

- 1st sqd, 1st plt, Co. B
- Map Vietnam: 1:50,000
- Source: L-701
- Sheet: 6560 III
- 3d Recon. Bn. (S-2)
1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (10) M1, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (2) Snipers
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) ICI 7:50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) Claymore mines, (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within area to determine VC activity. Establish ambushes along trails and engage enemy when possible with S/AP or supporting arms making every effort to determine results and to capture weapons, documents, and prisoners. Patrol will also act as Forward Observer for call artillery.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 300900H Dec 66/031030H Jan 67

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 97½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found one trail not shown on map and heard sporadic S/AP source of which could not be determined. Area covered by patrol reveals no signs of enemy use at this time.
   b. ENEMY: None
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by marshes in the low areas and sparse vegetation on the high ground with a density averaging approximately 12 ft in height.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 301500H (YD454259) Patrol found trail not shown on map running northwest to southeast. Trail is approximately (1) foot in width. Patrol followed trail to (YD459258) with negative results. Due to heavy rains patrol was unable to determine last usage.

(2) Patrol heard sporadic S/AP coming from the east of the operational area but due to extreme distance could not determine location.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Fair; Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
   ReCOMMENDATIONS: (1) Future patrols operate vicinity of (YD427).
   (2) Continued utilization of sniper teams with reconnaissance efforts.

   Conclusions: Area covered by patrol reveals no signs of enemy use at this time.

   /s/ W. Back
   A. W. BACH
   SF 13 "B" CO.

9. DEBRIEFER CONTENTS: Concur with patrol leaders recommendations.

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C = Insertion
X = Extraction
--- = Patrol route

PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

13N sqd, 1st plt, Co. B
Map Vietnam: 1:50,000
Series: L-701
Sheet: 6460 II
3d Recon, Sr. (S-2)
PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (6) enl, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50's
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: NONE
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: NONE

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area to determine extent of VC activity. Engage enemy when possible using SAF and supporting arms, making every effort to determine results and to capture weapons, documents and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 061530H/090930H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: Patrol during 63 hrs of patrolling & observation found (1) trail with (1) mine along trail, also found (1) punji pit.
   b. ENEMY: NONE
   c. TERRAIN: Rolling hills, sparse brush and elephant grass approx. 5 ft. high.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 061600H (YD 807074) found trail running S to N approx. 1 ft. wide with a stone and dirt base; there is sparse brush along the trail. Trail was not well used.

(2) 061630H (YD 808077) Patrol found (2) markers along side of trail (1) was 50 meters from the other. The first was 3 sticks pointing west and east. The second marker was a stone with 3 sticks pointing west.

(3) 061700H (YD 809076) Patrol found a punji pit with 5 to 8 stakes in it, pit was 2x1x2 ft.

(4) 061715H (YD 809079) Patrol found a mine in the center of the trail; mine looked like a pressure type and was approx. 2" in diameter, colored black. Patrol marked mine by putting a ring of fist size stones around it. Mine appeared to have been there a long time.
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(5) 031130H (TD 504C93) There was an air strike on this area. Patrol was 300 meters to the east of this strike.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: NONE
   b. FRIENDLY: NONE
   c. CAUGHT/EQUIPMENT: NONE

7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
   Recommendations: NONE
   Conclusions: Area hasn't been used recently.

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Sgt "B" CO.

8. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: NONE
### LEGEND

- **C** = Inception
- **X** = Extraction
- **---** = Patrol Route
- **---** = Trail

### PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (5) o/n (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) per 7:00's
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: NONE
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: NONE

2. MISSION: Combat reconnaissance within assigned area to determine existence of VC activity along west bank of the SONG NONG river. Engage the enemy when possible with 60 mm and/or supporting arms, taking every effort to determine results and to capture weapons, documents and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 0910Z10/130945Z Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: During 95 hrs. of patrolling and observation the patrol made (1) contacts and sightings. One (1) VC was wounded captured and returned to "A" Med. (1) VC KIA. Three fire missions were called for a total of 35 hrs of 105 HE with neg. results. One air strike was made by gun ships with neg. results. All missions had good coverage of target.

   b. ROUTE: (1) Patrol at 091545H (WD 750148) was moving west along trail when they sighted (1) VC wearing a blue shirt & green shorts and carrying a H-53 carbine, (1) grenade and (1) ammo pouch with 15hrs. of 7.62 ammos. The patrol fired, wounding and capturing the VC. A helicopter evacuated the prisoner to "A" Med. Helicopter upon extraction of prisoner received S/R & gun ships were called and made 6 passes over the target with good coverage. A physical search of the area was made with neg. results.

   (2) Patrol at 111100H (WD 750159) was moving east along a rice paddie when they drew 10 to 15 hrs. a/w's fire from a sniper, his weapon and uniform could not be observed. A fire mission was called and 15 hrs. 105 HE was delivered w/good coverage on target. The patrol made a physical search of the area with neg. results.

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(3) Patrol at 1110 (ID 739166) was searching the area of the previous fire mission when they sighted (1) VC wearing a blue shirt and black shorts carrying a pack and what looked like an AK-47. The patrol split to try and circle the VC; the VC spotted one of the elements and took off running toward a hill. The other element which was about 500 meters away engaged the VC w/SAP. He disappeared over the hill and a fire mission was called. A total of 16rds was delivered over the area. A physical search of the area was made with no results.

(4) Patrol at 111505 (ID 739166) was moving north along a trail next to the river when they spotted (6) VC running NW along a rice paddy. The patrol engaged them w/SAP killing (1) VC. The VC were wearing multi-colored fatigues carrying packs and weapons. A fire mission of 24rds was called. (1) VC, (1) fatigues and (1) pack. A physical search of the area resulted in (1) VC KIA (conf) and captured (1) NAG-36, assorted documents and medical supplies and clothing.

a. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by rice paddies low areas and low rolling hills. There is no canopy in the area. The patrol could travel as fast as safely permitted.

b. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) (ID 746144) 30 to 60 punji stakes about 6ft high and 4ft apart were throughout a 100 meter area. Also weapons were well camouflaged and cleaned and oiled.

c. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

   a. ENEMY: (1) VC captured and (1) VC KIA (conf)

   b. FRIENDLY: NONE

   c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: (1) NAG-36 ser. no. 61055 w/11rds. of ammo (2) amm. grenades, (1) first aid kit, clothing and assorted documents & ½ lb. rice, (1) Chinese carbine & (18)rds. of ammo. Also captured was (1) watch (Swiss made 17 jewels), (1) pres reading glasses, notebook & fountain pen.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: "GOOD".

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Continue to patrol this area.

Conclusions: The VC are using or traveling through the villages in the area.

9. DERRINGER COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leader's comments.

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O = Insertion
X = Extraction
- = Patrol route

PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

2nd sqn, 2nd Plt, "D" Co.

Map Vietnam: 1:50,000
Series: L-701
Sheets: 6550 III
3d Recon, Bn.
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Operation Order: 19 Dec 66
Patrol: 1st sqd, 2nd Lt. Co. "B" 
Debrief: SSgt J.D. CONNERSON
Map Sheet: 6560 III

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (1) off, (5) enl, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50's
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: NONE
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 with 40 mm gren. rds.

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area to determine extent of VC activity. Engage enemy when possible using SAF and or supporting arms. Making every effort to determine results and to capture weapons, documents and a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 0900/1300H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: During 95hrs of patrolling and observation there were no sightings or contacts. No fire missions or air strikes were called on this patrol.
   b. ENEMY: NONE
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by low grass in the valley and side of the hills with thick brush & vines in the stream beds. In the southern part the vegetation is thick with 20ft high brush with thick interwoven vines. The patrol could travel 500 meters per hour in the south and unlimited in the northern portion.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: NONE

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: NONE
   b. FRIENDLY: NONE
   c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Excellent
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS: That no more patrols be sent into this area. Hill #225 overlooks this whole area.

CONCLUSIONS: The major stream running thru the patrol route is difficult to ford in the rainy season, and impossible during extended heavy rains.

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2nd Lt., B Co.

DEPIPED (SIGNATURE): None
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   - Patzol route

PATROL ROUTE OF PRAY

1st sqd, 2nd Plt, Co. B

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Sections L-701
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33 Recon Plt,
(S-2)
PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (8) 1st BN (1) M79
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7x50's
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: NONE
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 with 40mm HE round.

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area. Maintain day and night OP's over populated areas north to the SONC 74 TRACHT to detect any VC activity. Pay particular attention to any movement in and around the Royal Tombs in this area. Engage the enemy when possible with SAF and or supporting arms, making every effort to determine results and to capture weapons, documents and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 150900/161400 Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: Patrol during 77 hrs of observation and patrolling, found (2) trails and a stream that is not on the map. Also found a cave and (3) harbor sites had (2) contacts with called (1) M-1. Patrol also captured (1) VC (women) and several documents.
   b. ENEMY: (1) Patrol at 152435H (WD 782064) received (1) xds of sniper fire into their column.
   (2) Patrol at 152450H (WD 782068) had (2) probes into their night position.
   (3) Patrol at 161020H (WD 762094) made contact with (1) VC 5 men and 2 women; the men were wearing shorts and grey military shirts; the women were wearing black 20's. (2) men were carrying rifles.
   c. TERRAIN: Dense brush and vines and left elephant grass running to sparse brush, shoulder high. Case upon occasional swampy areas.

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found (3) harbor sites that could hold (5) people apiece; vegetation around sites was dense enough approx. 50 inches high. Sites looked like they had been used within the past 5 days.

(2) Patrol at 132301H (ID 763083) was set in their night harbor site when they heard what sounded like (2) VC walking in via of their position. The "Patrol heard a noise and started running, patrol threw (1) X-26 frag grenade in their direction. Shortly after the patrol heard another noise that sounded like (1) VC moving away from their position. Patrol checked area the following morning and found sandal footprints.

(3) Patrol at 151500H (ID 77100) observed from OP (1) cave in side of river bank. The opening was circular approx. (4) ft in diameter, area around cave entrance packed dirt, over cave was grass, and at bottom of bank was a rice paddy running into river.

(4) Patrol at 160730H (ID 770194) found a trail running southeast about (1) ft wide with a base of hard dirt. Vegetation along side of trail was approx. (1) meter high; brush was very dense. This trail was used recently as patrol found footprints on trail made by sandals. This trail runs into another trail running northeast to southwest at (ID 777082). Same vegetation & trail description as above.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (1) Patrol at 151245H (ID 768062) received (1) rd. SAF into their column, patrol returned fire with (5) M-79s. At 151300H Patrol called FC of (5) rds, ID on sniper position with good coverage. Patrol checked area and found traces of blood. Results (1) VC WIA (conf).

(2) At 161020H (ID 780394) Patrol made contact with (5) VC, 3 men and 2 women; the men were wearing shorts and grey military shirts; the women were wearing black pants, 2 men were carrying M-1 carbines; patrol took VC under fire and while under contact 2 more VC came into view, wearing same uniform and carrying a weapon. Results of encounter (4) VC WIA (conf) one of them a woman.
(3) VC WIA (conf)
(4) VC captured (women) she was turned over to FNC.

b. CAPTURED SUSPECTS:
(1) captured: (1) VC (women)
(2) Equipments (2) M-1 carbine with 2 magazines, 1 carbine belt, (1) empty bag US aide and various documents.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: (GOOD)

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: Recommend extensive TTP-10 in this area.

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Operation Order: 108
Patrol: 1st sqd, 1st Plt, Co B
Debrief: SGT E.W. BELL
Map Sheet: 6560 III

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPLIANCE: (1)off, (9)enl, (1)USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (1) Dog Team
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/IR D 25’s
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1)pr 7x50’s and (1) M-49 scope
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: NONE
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 w/ 40 mm HE and blank/F.B.D.

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance within assigned area to determine VC activity. Devote careful attention to local populace for any suspicious activity such as moving in large groups, transporting of weapons or supplies into RZ’s, etc. Engage known VC with SAP and supporting arms making every effort to determine results and to capture weapons, documents and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 130900H/171000H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNDROMES: Patrol during 96hrd, of observation and patrolling had (3) sightuings and mag contacts. Patrol also found (4) trench lines, multiple fightings holes, (1) tunnel and (5) trails. Patrol also contacted (2) catholic nuns Vietnamese.
   
   b. ENEMY: (1) Patrol at 151359H VIC YD 703186 observed (4) VCS moving Northwest on road. 3 were wearing green utilities, (1) was wearing white shorts; (1) had a white coolie hat, (1) a brush hat and (1) a helmet. Carrying 3 M-1 rifles. (1) had a radio on his back possibly an IRC 6

   (2) At 151400H VIC YD 703186 patrol observed 3 VCS moving Northwest on road. All wearing green utilities carrying (3) M-1 rifles. No action taken.

   (3) At 161230H VIC YD 723184 patrol observed 3 VCS moving West along tree line by houses, wearing (1) Deck green utilities, (1) field green or grey utilities & bush hat carrying or Automatic Carbine & cartridge belt. No action taken.

   c. TERRAIN: Characterized by rolling hills with sparse brush and scattered pine trees. Rate of travel was unlimited.

ENCLOSURE #4

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Patrol at 130900H found a trail running east and west from (YD 623717) to (YD 741171). Width approx. (1) ft. wide, the base was packed dirt and rocks. Vegetation along side of trail is sparse brush 10 to 20 inches in height.

Patrol at 131000H (YD 705175) found on trail a U.S. compass in pouch. Compass #S/N 84014 Manufactured by Brunson Instr. Co. Kansas City, Mo.

Patrol at 131100H found a trail running north and south from (YD 706170) to (YD 705178). Trail was approx. (2) ft. wide, base was mud and trail had not been used recently. Brush along trail was from (4) to (6) ft. high.

Patrol at 131300H found a trail running north and East from (YD 715164) to (YD 714172). Trail is approx. (2) ft. wide with a base of mud and rock. Vegetation along sides of trail is knee high scrub brush.

Patrol at 131400H (YD 712176) found about (20) fighting holes all overgrown with green and most caved in. Holes were approx. 2x5x2 ft. and had not been used for quite some time. Patrol also found (3) trenches about (20) meters long (2) ft. deep and (1) ft. wide. Also overgrown with grass. Grass was approx. 18 inches high over this entire area.

Patrol at 132000H found a trail running northeast from (YD 706164) to (YD 757174). Trail was approx. (1) meter wide with a base of mud and rock. Vegetation along sides of trail is green brush about 15 inches high. Trail looked like it had not been used in the past.

Patrol at 141400H (YD 734173) found a tunnel entrance (3) ft. in diameter. Inside of the tunnel was about (2) ft. in diameter and (10) ft. long. There was a small tree growing up the middle of entrance to tunnel. There was sparse brush around the entrance.

At 151200H (YD 713175) patrol came into contact with (3) civilian women at plantation. (2) were Catholic nuns (Vietnamese), the other was a mother of one of the nuns. They said the VC were living in caves and tunnels to the south west along ridge line grid square (YD 6615). There were also (3) sets of Sig Sog trench lines 30 to 40 meters long, 2 ft. deep and 1 ft. wide, all overgrown with grass and brush running parallel to trail.

Patrol on the 13th, 14th and 15th heard SAF from 0730H to 2000H everyday from village vic (YD 709104).

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: NONE
   b. FRIENDLY: NONE
   c. CAPTURED/DISPENSED: NONE
7. CONDITION OF PATH: GOOD

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: There should be a sweep through the ville complex. Every patrol should carry one air panel and (2) sets of 7x50's into this area as you can not observe enough with (1)pr of 7x50's.

Conclusions: Think VC are in the ville.

Michael C. Meyer
SST "B" Co.

9. DEBRIEFING COMMENTS: Think VC are definitely using ville as boats are avoiding the shore where ville is and there is no traffic across river to other ville.
Legend:

O = Extraction
X = Extraction
--- = Route traveled
--- = Trails

Partial Route Curylay:

1st sqd, 1st Ilr "B" Co.
Map Vietnam: 1:50,000
Sheet: 6560 III
Section: L-701

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Operation Order: 111-66
Patriot: 2nd sqd, 2nd Plt "B" Co.
Debrief: SSG, K.C. SOMMER
Map Sheet: 6560 III

**PATROL REPORT**

1. **SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:**
   a. COMPOSITION: (7) enl (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/TRC 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50's
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: NONE
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 w/40mm HE rds.

2. **MISSION:** Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area to determine VC activity. Establish surveillance over LANG MINH MANG and be prepared to go in on order. Engage known enemy when possible using SAF and/or supporting weapons making every effort to determine the results and to capture weapons, documents and prisoners.

3. **TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN:** 171000H/200830H Dec 1966

4. **ROUTE:** See patrol route overlay

5. **OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:**
   a. SYNOPSIS: Patrol during 70hrs of observation and patrolling had negative sightings or contacts.
   b. ENEMY: NONE
   c. TERRAIN: Rolling hills, light brush, easy movement. Rate of travel 500 meters per hour.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) Ville vic (YD 745125) was deserted, but surrounding fields were being worked.

   (2) Temple at LANG MINH MANG is well kept, but no movement near or around.

   (3) People in ville's (YD 7411) and (YD 7412) seemed to be happy with no pressures on them. People were friendly to patrol.

6. **RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:**
   a. ENEMY: NONE
   b. FRIENDLY: NONE
   c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: NONE

**ENCLOSURE (25)**

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7. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Keep a patrol in this area

Conclusions: VC don't seem to be bothering the people in this area.

J.R. YATES
SGT "B" CO.

9. DESIGNER COMMENTS: NONE
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

a. COMPOSITION: (1) off (7) and (1) USN

b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE

c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) LNA/FRC 25

d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) PR 7x50

e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: NONE

2. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) N-79 w/40 MM HE and canister rds.

3. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area and surveillance to the North and East to determine VC activity. Engage known enemy when possible with SAF and or supporting arms, making every effort to determine results and to capture weapons, documents, and prisoners. Devote careful attention to the local populace for any suspicious activity. Patrol will not act as forward observer for on call artillery.

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: Patrol during 91 and a half hours of observation and patrolling had (4) contacts and (3) sighting and called (2) FM'S and captured numerous weapons and documents and found (1) trail.

b. ENEMY: (1) Patrol at 161600H via YD 781091 observed (5) VC moving North on trail; wearing black shorts (1) had on a marine khaki shirt and (1) on a green shirt and (3) in khaki shirts. Patrol took VC under SAF with M-14's, N-79, and (1) grenade. Resulting in (4) VC KIA (Conf) (1) VC WIA (Conf). The WIA escaped and headed North from patrol. (1) of the VC KIA was wounded in the initial fire fight and died about (10) minutes after patrol called for Halo 160-SVAC.

(1) patrol at 170705H via YD 784094 observed (1) VC moving South on trail, he joined by (3) more VC carrying a stretcher and weapons. (3) VC were wearing black shorts and khaki shirts, (1) VC was wearing grey shorts and a khaki shirt. Patrol took VC under SAF resulting in (1) VC KIA (Conf). Patrol checked the area and heard a noise in the brush, the noise was a VC trying to sneak up on patrol.
(3) Patrol at 171145H VIC YD 781096 observed (1) VC moving West to East on a small trail crossing the main trail and joined another VC. At 171200H VIC YD 781096 the (2) VC moved from East to West. Patrol lost sight of (1) VC and (1) VC sat down and leamed against a tree. A member of the patrol shot the VC resulting in (1) VC KIA (Conf.). They were wearing black shorts and camouflage on the upper body. A (4) man patrol went out to check the body. They were taken under fire from the North and East of their position. Patrol observed (10) to (15) VC moving Northwest to join the ambush. They were wearing dark colored uniforms and a few had helmets and boots. At 171240V the patrol joined forces and suppressed the fire from the North and East. Results of encounter with the VC was (2) VC KIA (Conf.) and (1) VC MIA (Prob.) and (1) VC WIA (Conf.). The total force of VC was approximately 25 to 30, wearing dark uniforms and white uniforms. (1) VC in camouflage utilities, boots, and helmet seemed to be in overall command. (1) VC in a dark uniform had control of a unit under the VC in camouflage utilities.

The VC broke contact and the patrol withdrew South for approximately 20 meters and called an artillery FM on position YD 781096. Artillery fired (1) XM 25 and (3) rounds HEVT with good coverage. The gun ships came in and made approximately (4) runs from Southeast to Northwest. Jets came in to work the area over; all with excellent coverage. A reaction force came in to help the patrol.

(4) Patrol at 191500H VIC YD 780090 had (1) shot fired over their head followed by noise moving toward their position. (2) VC came into patrols position, patrol fired on VC, resulting in (2) VC KIA (Conf.). VC were wearing (1) Black shirts & shorts (2) camouflage utilities, both carrying convex cartridges. At this time approximately 10 to 20 VC started shooting into patrols positions and threw (1) grenade at patrol. Patrol returned fire with SA and (9) M-79 rounds formed. VC broke contact. Results (1) VC WIA (Conf.) (1) VC MIA (Prob.). A reaction force came in to help patrol.

Q) OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) Patrol at 161700H VIC YD 784094 set up ambush en trail. Patrol heard a lot of movement to the South during the night.

(2) At 1713104 VIC YD 784094 reaction force linked up with patrol and moved North to YD 781000 with no further contacts. At 171600H reaction force started moving to their HLs and patrol continued with their mission.

(3) Patrol at 181055H VIC YD 777107 observed (3) VC8 enter Royal tombs wearing black shorts and khaki shirts. No equipment observed.

(4) Patrol at 181340H observed (1)VC8 VIC YD 777107 come out of the tombs, wearing black shorts and a light top, no equipment observed.

(5) Patrol at 181404 VIC YD 778104 observed a large amount of smoke from a building for approximately (2) minutes. An M-4 flew over and the smoke stopped, after the M-4 had left the smoke started again and continued for approximately 1/2 hours.
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(6) Patrol at 1940H VIC YD 777097 observed (1) moving into the tomb, wearing black shorts and a light colored shirt, carrying a pack.

(7) Patrol at 1940CH VIC YD 780090 set up in ambush position, heard sporadic SAP from the South.

(8) Patrol at 1914CH VIC YD 780090 had a (3) rd burst from an automatic weapon fired towards patrols position. Believed to be VC probing by fire.

(9) Patrol at 191545H VIC YD 780090 observed reaction force landing 300 meters to the Southwest of patrols position. At 191715 reaction force linked up with patrol. At 191730H reaction force was extracted.

(10) Patrol at 2003CH VIC YD 777095 heard voices from the Northeast VIC YD 778097. Patrol called artillery FM of (9) rds HE with good coverage. No further noise heard.

(11) Patrol at 2003CH VIC YD 777095 heard (2) voices Northwest of their position VIC YD 776097. Patrol checked area with negative results.

(12) Patrol also found a trail running South to North from VIC YD 780097 to VIC YD 784110. Trail was approximately (1) meter wide with a base of hard packed dirt, patrol found sandal footprints and bare foot prints. Brush along side of trail is from (1) to (6) ft. high with an average of (3) ft. in height. Trail is being used regularly.

(13) Patrol on hill at VIC YD 777095 found approximately (25) fighting holes set in a 360 degree perimeter. These were 1 or 2 man fighting holes, and were 2x4x2 ft. set in low grass approximately 18 inches high. Holes were in fair shape but not recently used.

4. TERRAIN: "In low ground approx. 18 inches high. Fierce dry grass ground devoid of brush (6) to (10) ft. high"

(6) RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (12) VC KIA (Conf.) (1) VC KIA (Prob.) (3) VC WIA (Conf.)
   (2) VC WIA (Prob.)

b. FRIENDLY: NONE

• CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT:

  (2) Chicke carbines w/2 rds. spent
  (1) K-50 w/3 mag. (1) empty (2) full
  (2) AK 47's
  (1) Bandolier w/25 rds.
  (1) Trans. Radio (MATSUSHITA NATIONAL TRANS)
  (1) Moto Bock
  (1) 8x30 Binooculars
  (1) Map Case w/various documents
  (2) Ribbons (campaign type)
  (1) Medal

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD

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Conclusions: VC are using this area regularly.

J. M. Fisher
2d LT. A Co.

9. JESSIFER COMMENTS: Think that this area is important to the VC for some reason and would recommend a watch be stressed for this area.

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**LEGEND**

- **0 = Insertion**
- **X = Extraction**
- **--- = Patrol route**
- **--- = Trail**

**PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY**

- 77th and 2nd Lt, Co.B
- Map Vietnam 1:50,000
- Series L-701
- Sheets 6460 II, 6560 XII
- 3d Recon Plt. (S-2)
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Operation Order: 66
Dobrier: LC J.C. CABAIRA
Map Sheet: 6560 III

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (1) off. (1) enl.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: N/A
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/VRC 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: M-49 scope (2) x 7250
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 (1) M-60

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area to determine VC activity. Engage enemy when possible with SAF and /or supporting areas making every effort to determine results and to capture weapons, documents, and prisoners. Patrol will act as forward observer for an call arty.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 200030H/251115H Dec 66

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: Patrol during 122 hours and 45 minutes of observation and patrolling resulted in (1) contact with two VC and (2) sightings of 3 VC/VCs. Results of contact were (1) VC WIA (Conf). Patrol also spotted 3 VN who had ID cards. Assorted documents, clothing, (1) 9mm pistol, and explosives were captured. There were no fire missions or air strikes called in support of this patrol.

   b. ENEMY: (1) 21245H VIC (YD 72415) Patrol sent out snatch team of (4) men for (1) VC they spotted below their position, while team was moving towards snatch position, they spotted (2) VC under the rocks leading into tunnel complex. Team took VC under SAF, resulting in (1) VC WIA (Conf), 1 VC escaped. Patrol checked out tunnel and found (1) 9mm pistol, assorted clothing and equipment, and documents. VC were wearing (1) in black 2P's and (1) in green utilities.

   (2) 231600H VIC (YD 730163) Patrol spotted two VC moving out of ville VIC (YD 760163) while they were walking villagers started talking to them and then VC went back into ville. VC were wearing khaki shorts and (1) had a pack on and the other had a poncho with what looked like a pack under it. No further action taken.

   c. TERRAIN: Characterized by dense brush and vegetation interwoven with vines, running from (0) to (9) feet in height, and rocky hills with no canopy. Rate of travel approx. 400 to 500 meters an hour.

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d. OTHER INFO: (1) At 211600H Patrol called for Sparrow Hawk to check out tunnels in the area. Sparrow Hawk landed and checked out area and the next morning patrol linked up with Sparrow Hawk and turned over all captured gear and equipment to them to return to Recon Pn.

(2) (YD 725160) 241000H Patrol spotted 3 VN (2) female (1) male checked for ID's, they had them. No further action taken.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (1) WIA (CONF)

b. FRIENDLY: N/A

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT:

(1) 9mm pistol w/1mag. and 50 rounds ammo for pistol
(2) Hunting Knives
(1) Bush Hook
(2) Pocks
(4) 1/4 pound pieces of C/4 with blasting caps.
(5) Large pieces of camouflage parachute material, each piece approximately 3ft. to 4ft. long.
   Assorted documents and clothing.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

   Recommendations: Patrons carry gas and masks.

   Conclusions: Ville at (YD 740163) make search. Area is heavily concealed with natural rock which can be used as fortified position.

R. A. RICK
1st. Lt.
A Co.

Debrifer Comments: None
PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (8) Enl, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/ARC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance within assigned area to determine VC activity. Engage enemy when possible using SAP and/or supporting arms making every effort to determine results and to capture weapons, documents, and prisoners. Patrol will act as F.O.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 200930H/251030H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: Patrol during 121 hours of observation and patrolling had negative sightings or contacts.
   b. ENEMY: None
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by mixed swamp and rice paddies, and sparse brush waist high.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 20 Dec Patrol set up OP via YD799-098 had negative sightings. 201200H patrol moved to old ambush site via YD703093 counted (11) dead VC in area from previous patrol. Patrol set up ambush via YD703093 had negative sightings or contact. That night saw what looked like flashlight in vic royal tombs at 2030H.
      (2) The next day patrol moved from south to southwest through assigned patrol area. Negative sightings or contacts.
      (3) Patrol set OP 221300H via YD788089 patrol kept small village in 79-08 and 80-08 under observation. Negative sightings were made.
      (4) Patrol moved to 120230H via YD771088 to be extracted. Patrol was extended. Patrol moved to Whiskey relay. Patrol was told to return to assigned patrol area. Patrol set up OP via 761102 and had negative sightings.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None
7. CONDITION OF PAPER: Good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: None

Conclusions: None

A. W. Bach
SGT "B" Co.

9. DECLASSIFIED COMMENTS: None

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LEGEND

- 0 LZ = LANDING ZONE
- = ROUTE TRAVELED

PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

2d Sqd, 1st Plt, "B" Co.

MAP VIETNAM: 1-50,000
SPKWS: L-701
SHEET: 6560 III & 6559 IV
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Patrol: 1st Sqd. 2nd Plt. Co. 3rd
DOBROS PERS: 304-7-7
Map Sheet: 6559 IV, 6560 III

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   b. Special Attachments: N/A
   c. Communications Equipment: (2) RAIRC 25's
   d. Observation Equipment: (1) PR 7250
   e. Special Equipment: N/A
   f. Special Weapons: M-79 40mm

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area of operation to determine VC activity. Enforce known enemy when possible; with SAF and/or supporting role, make every effort to determine results and to capture weapons, prisoners and documents. Patrol will act as FD for on call artillery.

3. DATE OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 250945H/291630H December 1966

4. NOTES: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF THE Y AND TERMLN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: Patrol during 127 hours of patrolling and observation had negative sightings or contact. Patrol also found (2) trails.
   b. ENEMY: N/A
   c. TERRAIN: Characterized by thick brush, interwoven with vines, running from 4 to 8 feet in height. Along western and southern portion of patrol route canopy running to 50 feet in height, with thick undergrowth running to 6 feet in height. Rate of travel in this area approx. 150 meters per hour.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: Dec 25 Patrol set up at: VIC YD 766079. No negative sightings or contact. December 26 Patrol found (2) entrenching tools, (1) hoe, (1) pick VIC YD 777073. Patrol found freshly dug fighting holes VIC YD 777073 parallel to trail about 100 meters from trail on hill. (4) Four men holes, 6 feet in diameter, 3 to 4 feet deep. Set in 3 to 4 feet high, sparse vegetation. Good fields of fire, the holes were staggered. Set up of VIC YD 777073 for (2) days. Negative sightings or contacts. December 28 Patrol moved west, then north. Set up of VIC YD 764072. Negative sightings or contact.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: N/A
   b. MODERN: N/A
   c. COUNTERMEASURES: (2) entrenching tools (1) hoe (1) pick

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good Morale

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Continue further observation of this area with recommendation to put a larger force in area.

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ENCLOSURE (99)
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Conclusions: Irreducible large enemy concentration WSW YP 768070.

J.M. FISHER
Lt. Co. "B"

9. REQUIRING COMMENTS: None

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (9) Enl. (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) M1/M1C 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pt. 7.5x50 (1) M-49 scope
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Set up 4 grid square YD 450200. Observed VC activity and engage enemy when possible with SAF and/or supporting arms.

3. DATE OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 250955H/300955H December 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: Patrol during 120 hours of patrolling and observation had 2 sightings totaling 5 VC and negative PT's. Patrol called 1 M-79 of 12 rounds W. Patrol also found 1 trail and 1 river crossing.
   b. ENEMY: (1) Patrol on 261045H at VIC YD 451271 observed 1 VC moving west on road, wearing black PJ's and carrying (1) pack and rifle. No action taken.
      (2) Patrol on 261130H at VIC YD 451271 observed 1 VC moving west on road, wearing black PJ's and carrying rifles and packs. Patrol called artillery FM of 12 rounds M with good coverage. Could not observe results.
   c. TERRAIN: Characterized by heavy brush interwoven with vines running from (5) to (8) feet in height with some open spaces. Terrain is very high and low ground. Rate of travel in this area approx. 700 meters per hour.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) Patrol at 251306H found a trail running northwest from VIC YD 437285 to VIC YD 456286. Trail was approx. (1) meter wide with a base of grass and dirt. Vegetation along sides of trail was heavy brush interwoven with vines running from (6) to (8) feet in height. This trail had been cut in the past week and had been used within the last three days.
      (2) Patrol observed a river crossing VIC YD 450274 being used by VC. River in this area is approx. (10) meters wide. Patrol could not determine depth.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: N/A
   b. MOBILITY: N/A
   c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: N/A

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Fair due to weather.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
   Recommendations: Continue to patrol this area.
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Conclusions: Believe VC are using trails in area regularly.

J.W. YATES
Sgt. "B" Co.

9. DESERTER CONCEDES: NONE

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Operation Order: 105-66
Patrol: 1st sqd, 1st Tlt Co. B
Debrief: R.W. HILL
Map Sheet: 6560III

PETROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (6) enl (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) M-7505's
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) Claymore
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area to determine extent of VC activity. Engage enemy when possible using S/F and/or supporting arms, making every effort to determine results and to capture weapons, documents and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 060830H/091100H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: Patrol during 74 hrs of patrolling had 1 sighting and neg. contacts. Patrol also found (2) trails and (2) fighting holes, plus what looked like a gun platform.
   b. ENEMY: (1) 090720H (YD 703182) Patrol observed (2) VC moving South on paddle bike (1) VC was carrying the other. The one being carried had a white uniform, the other was wearing black pants and carrying a weapon. VC moved into wooded area.
   c. TERRAIN: Steep hills, sparse brush on hills, thick brush in valleys.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 061000H (YD 715155) Patrol found a trail running E to W to (YD 696158). Trail was (1) meter wide with a base of soft dirt; brush was about shoulder high along side of trail. Trail did not look like it had been used recently.
   (2) 070900H (YD 704168) Patrol found a trail running W and connecting to existing trail at YD 662166. Base was soft dirt. Trail had not been used recently.
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(3) 061135H (YD 704154) Found (2) non fighting holes 2x4x4ft. and (1) circular trench 10ft. in diameter 5 ft deep with a 5ft diameter gun platform in the middle. The entire system was surrounded by an 18 inch dirt parapet and sparse brush.

(4) 090820H (YD 703182) Patrol found a Buddhist temple in wooded area where VC had disappeared. Temple was 15ft.x20ft.x15ft high with blue sides and brown roof. Patrol checked temple and surrounding area out with negative results.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: NONE
   b. FRIENDLY: NONE
   c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Tired Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
   Recommendations: More OP's in the area
   Conclusions: OP's are excellent in this area.

   [Signature]
   M.A. NEYER
   SSgt Co B

9. DESERIPTIVE COMMENTS: NONE

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**LEGEND**

- O = Insertion
- X = Extraction
- --- = Trail
- ___ = Patrol route

**PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY**

- 1st Sgd, 1st Plt, B Co.
- Map Vietnam: 1:50,000
- Series: L-701
- Sheet: 6560 III
- 3rd Recon Btn.

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (8) Enl, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (10) WP rifle grenades

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area to determine extent of VC activity. Locate trails and harbor sites. Establish day and night OP's and ambushes on likely avenues of VC movement. When possible, engage the enemy with SAF or supporting arms, making every effort to determine results and to capture documents, weapons, and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 301500H/031730H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: This patrol in a period of 74½ hours of patrolling had negative sightings or contacts. Patrol was inserted via YD915023 by helo, and was extracted by truck via YD922053
   b. ENEMY: None
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by rolling hill, sparse brush, and knee high swampy areas.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: Patrol found trail running south east to North west approximately 1 meter wide via YD999014.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale high

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
   Recommend insertion further south.

   Conclusions: Negative enemy movement in this area at this time.

   A. W. Bach
   SGT "B" Co.

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ENCLOSURE (31)
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**PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY**

- 2d Sqd, 2d Plt, "B" Co.
- MAP VIETNAM: 1-50,000
- SERIES: L-701
- SHEET: 6559 IV
- 3d Recon BN
  (S-2)
Operation Order: 100-66

Petrol: 1st Sqd, 1st Plt, "B" Co.

Debrief: SSGT F.W. BELL

Map Sheet: 6566 III

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RECON REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (8) Enl, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x59
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) Claymore mine
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (10) WP rifle grenades

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area to determine the extent of VC activity. Locate trails and harbor sites. Establish day and night OPs and establish on likely avenues of VC movement. When possible, engage the enemy with S/L or supporting arms, making every effort to determine results and to capture documents, weapons, and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 301226H/031530H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: Patrol in a period of 75 hrs of patrolling had 2 sightings totaling 16 VC. Patrol also found purpil stakes set up in possible 12 area. VC 031500 crossing south to VN04163143; stakes were approximately 4 to 5 ft tall. Patrol also heard drums from the north and south of the patrol's operating area during length of patrol. At 0230H patrol heard a fire fight via VN0415 involving S/L and what sounded like a .50 cal weapon.

   b. ENCLOSURE (1): 301330H (VN041500) Patrol observed 16 VC wearing black PJ trousers and brush camouflage covering the upper body; carrying rifles, VC were firing as hole taking off after insertion.

   c. ENCLOSURE (2): 301330H (VN041453) Patrol observed 6 VC wearing black PJ trousers and brush camouflage covering the upper body; carrying rifles, VC were firing at hole taking off after insertion.

   d. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by low canopy 8 to 9 ft tall, sparse brush, and a lot of rocks.

   e. OTHER INFORMATION: Patrol after insertion observed two groups of VC totaling 16, firing at hole's taking off from insertion point; patrol took VC rifle kill and called in fixed wing on the area of sighting, with poor coverage of target, VC broke contact and ran into brush. Patrol made no further contact with the VC.

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This patrol was inserted via YD713150 and was extracted via rubber boats to waiting trucks via YD758144.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Tired, Morale high

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Infantry should make a sweep in this area.

Conclusions: Trails are well used.

M. A. MEYER
SSGT. "B" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leader's recommendations; as there have been approximately 7 contacts with numerous VC in this general vicinity in the last month.
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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (5) Enl
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1)pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area to determine the extent of VC activity. Engage the enemy when possible using SAF and/or supporting arms, making every effort to determine results and to capture and return weapons, documents, and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 031500H/061600H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: Patrol during 7½ hours of patrolling had negative sightings or contacts.
   b. ENEMY: None
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by low grass in area and scattered brush.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: None

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Fair

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommends: None

Conclusions: Area does not appear to be used by the enemy at this time.

J. M. FISHER
265th "B" Co.

ENCLOSURE (33)

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ROUTES TRAVELED

2d Sqd, 1st Bn, "R" Co.

LEGEND

125 M TRACK: 1-50 3-0
SEISIS: 1-701
SPEED: 65 mph
3d Recon Rn
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (5) Enl, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) m 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of routes through assigned area. Determine if any trails lead north toward hill 433, and if there is a river crossing vic (YD716104). Engage the enemy when possible using SAH or supporting arms, making every effort to determine results and to capture documents, weapons, and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 031600H/060830H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: Patrol during 64½ hours of patrolling and surveillance had negative sightings or contacts. Patrol found (1) trail.
   b. ENEMY: None
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by open rice paddies and sparse brush.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) Patrol found (1) trail running Southeast to Northwest approximately one meter wide, with a hard dirt surface; brush and vines overgrown on trail. Patrol found no trails leading North to hill 433. River cannot be crossed at coord. YD716104.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
   Recommendations: None
   Conclusions: VC do not appear to be using the area at this time.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (8) Lts, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PHC-25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) 1 lb blocks TNT w/acc.
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (2) Shotguns

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms and establish ambushes of opportunity. Make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/ARRIVAL: 241500/281000H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPTIC: 91 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found recently used, small harbor sites, noted trail shown on map had extensive bomb damage, trail contouring plantation completely submerged, located (2) old fighting holes and found signs of recent use on trails heading to the northeast.
   b. ENEMY: None.
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation, interwoven vines, steep ravines making movement difficult and a canopy averaging approximately 50' in height.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION:
      (1) 254300H (YD 117123) patrol found one small recently used harbor site large enough to accommodate (2) people. Patrol checked area with negative results.
      (2) 254345H (YD 120430) patrol noted that trail as shown on map this vicinity is overgrown and does not appear to be used at this time.
(3) 251540H (YD 114126) trail as shown on map has extensive bomb damage these coordinates which would completely prohibit vehicular traffic.

(4) 251530H (YD 114125) patrol found several small trails this vicinity. These trails appear to have been recently used as evidenced by fruit poolings and freshly cut vegetation which had been used for harboring. Trail was apparently in a north east direction towards hq complex 365.

(5) (YD 1141) (YD 11412) Tea plantation these coordinates is barren of cultivation making entire area a suitable HLV.

(6) 264000H (YD 111421) patrol found (4) small fighting holes this vicinity. Holes are 4'x2'x4' deep. Holes reveal no signs of recent use.

(7) Road contouring plantation is completely inundated. Water is approximately 6' deep.

6. RESULTS WITH ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: None.

b. FRIENDLY: None.

c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Fair. Vessel good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: For continued operations in this area, suitable HLV's will have to be established.

Conclusions: Area has no suitable OP sites due to vegetation. Area being used by small groups of people moving northeast at this time.

C. R. HUGHES
Patrol Leader
Sgt. Co Q.

9. DEPUY PER COMMENTS: No.

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PATROL REPORT

1. COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

2. COMPOSITION: (7) Enl, (1) USN
   SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
   COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC-25
   OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pN 7x50
   SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (5) M79 Rifle Grenades, (3) CS Grenades
   SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79


4. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 291345H/031130H Dec 1986

5. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

   a. SYNOPSIS: 9¾ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. The artillery mission of (17) rounds was fired in support of patrol. Patrol heard movement on two occasions, found trail not shown on map, found three small individual shelters, C-ration cans, possible air vent, trail marker and observed small light.
   b. ENEMY: None.
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by sparse vegetation, elephant grass averaging 6 feet in height and gentle rolling hills.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

   (1) 000300H (XO) 912517 patrol found trail not shown on map approximately 2 meters wide running north and south. Trail revealed freshly opened C-ration cans; (3) individual shelters, an old head, and what appeared to be an air vent to a tunnel. One possible trail marker was also found pointing towards the north.

   (2) 000450H (XO) 910516 patrol heard movement emitting from this vicinity, the source of which could not be determined. Artillery mission of rounds was fired with good coverage of target area; results unknown.
(3) 030300H (X) ( ) patrol observed one small light this vicinity. The source of which could not be determined. Light was visible for approximately 15 seconds.

(4) 031015H (X) (900516) patrol heard movement, voices and coughing emitted from this vicinity the source of which could not be determined.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   ENEMY: None.
   FRIENDLY: None.
   CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: None.

7. MISSION OF PATROL: Fair, Morale fair.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

   Recommendations:

   (1) Area vicinity of (X) 915515 be programmed for H&I fire or TPs to deny its use to the enemy.

   (2) Future patrols operate approximately 1,000 meters to the south of this area.

Conclusions: Area covered by patrol appears to be used for transit of personnel moving north and south.

J. E. HAMILTON
Patrol Leader
Opl. Co C.

9. FURTHER COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leader's recommendations and conclusions.
PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (7) ELA
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC-45
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7 x 50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) C5 Grenades
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None.

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms and establish ambushes of opportunity. Make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. DATE OF CAPTURE/RENDW: 031349H/050915H Dec 1966

4. MAPS: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 48 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in enemy sighting of (5) VC and no contacts. An artillery mission of (17) rounds was fired with unknown results. Patrol found (4) trails not shown on map, all of which reveal signs of recent heavy use, observed (2) old huts observed flares and heard SAP on two separate occasions the source of which could not be determined.
   b. ENEMY: 041710H (XD 003507) patrol observed (3) VC wearing dark colored helmets. Due to vegetation, uniforms or equipment could not be observed. VC were moving south up hill from valley. Artillery mission of (17) rounds was fired with good target coverage results unknown.
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by gentle rolling hills, elephant grass approximately 10 feet high with a canopy averaging approximately 50' high.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION:
      (1) Patrol found 4 trails as shown on patrol route overlay. All these trails are approximately 4 feet in width and reveal signs of recent heavy use.
      (2) 031910H (XD 027536) Patrol observed flares intermittently throughout the night.
(5) 040040H (XH 89523) patrol heard SAF emitting from this vicinity possibly directed at helicopters which were in this area. SAF was again heard at 0900H emitting from this same area.

(6) 031545H (XH 519894) patrol observed (2) old, unoccupied huts in this vicinity. Patrol checked area with negative results.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. FIRE: Unknown
   b. ACTIVITY: None.
   c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations:

(1) Future patrols operate vicinity of (XH 8952) to obtain better surveillance of the VIE-CANG THUYN valley complex.

(2) Surveillance of this area be maintained.

Conclusions: Area utilized by enemy forces at this time as evidenced by several well worn trails, the fresh footprints found by patrol and SAF heard.

G. H. THOMAS
Patrol Leader
Cpl. Co C.

2. ENGINEER COMMENTS:

(1) Area long suspected of being major enemy infiltration route from the west. Due to information received from this patrol, it appears that this route is being heavily used at this time.

(2) Recommend extensive H&I/FPQ-10's be conducted into this area. Movement appears to be from the west to the southeast.

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Operation Order 37-66
Patrol: 23rd, 1st Plt, Co C
Debrief: 2/Lt J. R. PHELPS
Map Sheet: 6361 II

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (8) En.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC-25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) 2 lb blocks TNT w/sco
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) Shotgun

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage the enemy with supporting arms and establish ambushes of opportunity. Make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 051000H/072000H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 75% hours of reconnaissance resulted in one sighting of (5) VC and no contacts. One artillery mission of (31) rounds was fired resulting in (5) VC K36F (prob). Patrol found trails not shown on map, one unoccupied hut containing several documents and heard SAP the source of which could not be determined.
   b. ENEMY: 031500H (YD 022676) patrol observed (5) VC dressed in grey raincoats with packs and rifles moving southwest. Artillery mission of (31) rounds was fired resulting in (5) VC K36F (prob).
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by light vegetation and open terrain with no canopy.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 041100H (YD 006177) patrol found trail not shown on map approximately (1) meter wide running southwest to northwest. Trail revealed no signs of recent use.

(2) 051345H (2D 022471) patrol found one hut 6'x6'x6' well constructed. Material used in construction included corrugated tin for the sides, 2"x6" planks for flooring and thatching for roof. Several documents were found within.

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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: (5) VC KMGH (FRG)
   b. FRIENDLY: None.
   c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: Documents.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

   Recommendations: Future patrols operate further to the south vicinity (C) 1016.
   Conclusions: Area utilized by small groups of enemy forces at this time.

D. R. FINCHER
Patrol Leader
Cq/Sgt. Co C.

9. DISENFRONT COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leader.
PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (8) Enl, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC-25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) 2 lb block of C4 w/acc
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms and establish ambushes of opportunity. Make every effort to capture a prisoner.


4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 7\(\frac{1}{2}\) hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found one trail not shown on map, (1) 57mm recoilless rifle round, (40) rounds of carbine ammunition, (2) old batteries, several old fighting holes, individual shelters and observed light the source of which could not be determined. Area covered by patrol appears to be used by small groups for transit at this time.
   b. ENEMY: None.
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by rolling hills, sparse vegetation with elephant grass averaging 3-4 feet in height. Area has canopy in grid square (YD 0550) which is approximately 30 feet in height.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION:
      (1) 031230H (YD 053503) patrol found trail not shown on map running east and west approximately one meter in width. This trail appears to be moderately and recently used. Patrol found a pair of tweezers this sand vicinity.
      (2) 031245H (YD 057504) patrol found (1) 57mm recoilless rifle round. Patrol checked surrounding area with negative results.
Operation Order: 41-66
Patrol: 2/3rd, 2nd Lt, Co C
Debriefor: 2/1st, D. H. Phelps
Map Sheet: 6351 11

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (3) Pl, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
   c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC-25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) PR 7x50
   e. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (2) CS Grenades
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) Shotgun

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms and establish ambushes of opportunity. Make every opportunity to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 040030H/091545H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 127 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in the sighting of (1) VCS and no contacts. Patrol found (3) well worn trails, heard voices, noted area of 75mm impact revealed signs of extensive damage and observed (5) water buffalo.
   b. HIST: 091403H (XD 066595) patrol in NLF awaiting extraction observed (1) VCS dressed in white clothing this vicinity. No weapon or equipment worn. VCS immediately moved from patrol's observation.
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation, interwoven vines, steep ravines and a canopy varying in height from 60-120 feet. The valley is relatively level and open.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION:
      (1) Patrol found three trails not shown on map all of which averaged approximately one meter in width and all well worn. No signs of recent activity was noted on any of the trails at this time but have been heavily used within past 2-3 weeks. Trails are shown on patrol route overlay.
(2) 041730H (XD 803559) patrol heard voices coming from this vicinity the source of which could not be determined.

(3) 050930H (XD 803559) patrol observed (5) water buffalo and (2) dogs this vicinity. No unusual activity noted.

6. INCIDENT OR ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations:

(1) Future patrols conduct operations vicinity (XD 9150).

(2) LZ's in patrol's operational area are very limited. Continued operations will require more LZ's to be cleared possibly by artillery or air strikes.

Conclusions: Area appears to have been avoided since 175mm artillery mission was conducted vicinity (XD 8036). Patrol noted entire area was well covered by this mission.

M. E. ADAMS
Patrol Leader
SSgt. Co C.

9. RECOMMEND COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leader's recommendations.
PATROL REPORT

1. SIEGE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (6) Enl, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/WSC-25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) 2 1/2 blocks of C4 w/acc, (10) CS Grenades.
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance of assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms and establish avenues of opportunity. Make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 050800H/091230H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 100% hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found old fishing basket, one old unoccupied hut, noted bridge at (XO 95144) usable and stopped Vietnamee who with approximately (25) Vietnamese nationals aboard. Area covered by patrol reveals no signs of enemy activity at this time.
   b. FIRE: None.
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by gentle rolling hills, becoming steep around rivers and numerous open areas all suitable for HLB's.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION:
      (1) 081200H (X: 937530) patrol found one very old bamboo fishing basket these coordinates.
      (2) 081600H (X: 91425537) patrol found one extremely old unoccupied hut these coordinates. Area revealed no signs of activity.
      (3) 081630H (X: 955545) patrol found a mound of grass 9X41 in diameter. Patrol checked same with negative results. Origin or usage of mound undetermined.
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1. 091130H (XD 992557) patrol stopped Vietnamese bus with approximately (25) men and women moving southwest on route 99. Passage of vehicle was cleared by division. No unusual activity was noted by patrol.

2. (XD 981544) Bridge these coordinates has been blown. Passage can be made by foot troops or vehicles with fording gear.

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

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Fair, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Future patrols operate west of this area vicinity (XD 8052).

Conclusions: Area reveals no evidence of enemy activity.

T. GILLUM
Patrol Leader
Sgt. Co C.

9. Summary Comments: None.
Operation Order 3-5
Patrol: 1st Sg, 3d Lt, "G" Co.
Debrief: 2055 D.R. PHILLIPS
Kho Sheet: 6761-2

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (6) M2, (1) U9N
   b. ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC-25
   d. SENTRY EQUIPMENT: (1) PK 7.62
   e. SENTRY AIMING RAY: (3) CS grenades
   f. SENTRY BAYONETS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Current reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area to
determine enemy activity, engage the enemy with supporting arms and es-
ablish stands of opportunity. Make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF ARRIVAL/DEPART: 0600Z/111400Z Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. TERRAIN: 1200 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no
      enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found several very old,
      unused trails, and observed one hut during extraction. No observations
      of significance were made during this operation.
   b. WEATHER: None
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation, inter-
      woven vines, needle rolling hills, and several old unused trails. Canopy
      averaged approximately 30 ft in height.
   d. CONTACT INFORMATION: (1) 111305H (VZ634564) patrol while being
      extracted observed one hut possibly used for 60 site this vicinity.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. COMBAT STREET TALK: Well, morale good

8. CONDUCT OF MEDICAL EMERGENCIES:
   a. Recommendation: (1) Take one bottle of insect repellent per man
      per day. (2) Patrols operate approximately 2,000 meters to the
      north of the operational area.

   Conclusions: Area reveals no signs of recent enemy activity.

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ENCLOSURE (4)

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9. IMPOSTER COMMENTS: (1) Concur with patrol leader's recommendations.
(2) Trails found by patrol are shown on patrol overlay. None of these trails reveal signs of use and all are overgrown.

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MAP SYMBOLS

= VJET LAA
= Scale 1:50,000
= N.S. Series 5701
= Top Sheet 01-11 H
Operation Ordovis 40-66
Patrol: 1st Sqd, C Plt, "C" Co.
Debrief: 2Lt D.R. PHILLIPS
Map Sheet: 6361 II

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off; (6) Pal
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/ARC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to
determine the extent of enemy activity. Engage the enemy with supporting
fire and navigation ambushes of opportunity. Make every effort to capture
a prisoner if possible.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 091300H/120015H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATIONS OF AREA AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNTACT: 67 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted
      in no enemy activity or contacts. Patrol called (2) artillery missions
      expecting a total of 20 fires found several small trails, one excellent
      CP site, heard possible .50 caliber machinegun firing and noted area
      littered with ordnance.
   b. WEATHER: None
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by coarse, low brush, gentle
      rolling hills and intermittent canopy averaging approximately 50 ft in
      height.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) Area honeycombed with several small trails
      the majority of which show signs of intermittent use. Patrol overlay shows
      the (2) significant trails found by patrol both of which are approximately
      (1) meter wide.

      (2) 101500H (12557547) Patrol found excellent CP site these
      coordinates affording unobstructed observation of area.

      (3) 102330H (12595650) Patrol called artillery mission of (0)
      rds on suspected VC harbor site and river fording with excellent coverage.

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ENCLOSURE (43)
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(4) 111600H (KD9556) Patrol heard what sounded like a .50 caliber machinegun firing at some ships in this vicinity. Artillery mission of (32) rds fired with excellent coverage, results unknown.

6. RESULTS OF ENGAGEMENTS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Future patrols operate vicinity of (XD9556)

Conclusions: Area covered occupied by small groups of units, armed with automatic weapons.

J. F. WALKER
1stLt "C" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Patrol leader commented that area is strewn with debris from previous USMC operations. Debris included tactical wires, water cans, illuminated grenades, old batteries, clothing, ammunition and numerous unopened cases of C-rations.
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Operation Order: 28-66
Patrol: 1st 6t, 1st 11t, "D" Co.
Debrief: 24th 11t. R. H. PRESTON
Map Sheet: 6361 II

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (7) 6t, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRF
   d. OFFICER EQUIPMENT: (1) 7x0
   e. SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT: None
   f. SIDE ARM WEAPONS: (2) Shotguns, (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone
   to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms and
   establish a sense of opportunity. Make every effort to capture a
   prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 101000/131000 Dec 66

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 72 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted
      in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found trails as shown on pat-
      rol route overlay, found (1) hut with (3) backpacks, and (1) small boat.
      Patrol found items as listed in paragraph 6.c of this report in hut
      cemetery. Patrol also observed lighter, heard voices, and detected the
      sound of burning charcoal.
   b. TERRAIN:
      a. GENERAL: This area is characterized by elephant grass 4-6
         ft in height, on the low ground and dense vegetation and interwoven
         vines on the high ground with a canopy averaging approximately 20 ft
         in height.
      c. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) (1) 102200 (YD055473) Patrol observed
         (3) late in this vicinity source of which could not be determined.
         (2) 111300 (YD064475) Patrol heard voices coming from this
         vicinity source of which could not be determined.

ENCLOSURE (44)

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(3) 121400H (YD55478) Patrol found (1) hut 10ftx20ft and (3) bunkers each 4 x 5 ft. A small shed was also found in immediate area. The patrol found the following good in this complex: (1) Entrenching tool, (1) pt. tent at center, small bottles, (1) green soft cover, small canteen, small pack, (3) flashlight batteries, and (1) pack. Area revealed no signs of recent use.

(4) 121430H (YD55405) Patrol found freshly cut trail with (4) small harbor sites each large enough to accommodate (2) men. Patrol checked area with negative results.

(5) 121030H (YD06405) Patrol smelled charcoal smoke. Wind was coming from the east.

(6) 121345H (YD55405) Patrol found trail not shown on map as shown on patrol route overview. Trail is about 0.5 meters wide.

6. RESULTS OF THE PATROL:

b. PATROL: None

c. GEAR AND EQUIPMENT: Misc. pieces of cloth, (1) green soft cover, (1) pt. tent at center, small bottles, small canteen, (2) batteries, (1) pack, and (1) entrenching tool.

7. CONCLUSIONS OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: (1) Provide patrols operate approximately 2,000 meters no later than 2:00 PM on each patrol.
(2) Carry one bottle of Mosquito repellent per man per day.

Conclusions: Area reveals signs of extensive past use, however no signs of recent use noted. Voices, lights, and burning charcoal noted at the patrol were in the northeast corner of the operational area.

W. P. KNIGHT
OIF "O" Co.

9. DEPARTMENT CONCLUSIONS: Concur with patrol leaders recommendations.

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P A T R O L  R E P O R T

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (9) Enl
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PNC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) 2 lb blocks of C-4 w/ace
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) Shotgun

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine the extent of enemy activity. Engage the enemy with surrounding areas and establish entrenchment of opportunity. Make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 110000H/140000H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 73 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found several individual fighting holes, (1) bunker, an old bivouac area, trails not shown on map, and observed lights source of which could not be determined.
   b. ENEMY: None
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by steep hills, sparse vegetation and a canopy of approximately 30 ft in height.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 111000H (YD093475) Patrol found approximately (15) individual fighting holes, (1) bunker constructed of earth and logs and (2) trails leading into area. Complex revealed no signs of recent use.

   (2) 111300H (YD100473) Patrol found trail not shown on map running north and south. Trail was approximately 2 ft in width. Trail revealed no signs of recent use.

   (3) 112300H (YD100473) Patrol while in night defensive position observed (6) lights to the north of their position. Lights were stationary.
(4) :212302 (YD100166) to (YD113468) Patrol found large bivouac area which appeared to have been previously occupied by friendly forces, as evidenced by debris in the area.

(5) (YD097473) Patrol found suitable LZ these coordinates. LZ was large enough to accommodate (1) 11-46.

(6) Other trails found by patrol are shown on patrol route overlay. Trails average 2 ft in width and reveal no signs of recent use.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. COMBAT. EVALUATION: Good, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommend: Scout patrols operate to the north vicinity of (YD1044).

Conclusion: Area reveals no signs of recent activity.

J. W. GLENNER
SGT "C" Co.

9. CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS: None
Operation Orders 55-66
Patrol 2d Sqd, 2d Plt, "G" Co.
Debriefers: 2dLt D.R. PHILIPS
Map Sheet: 6361 II

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enl
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/ARC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) CS grenades
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms and establish ambushes of opportunity. Make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 120730H/151315H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPTIC: 78 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol observed movement, source of which could not be determined, observed bamboo fence, found (2) individual shelters, heard AW/SAF possibly directed at friendly aircraft and found one trail not shown on map.
   b. ENEMY: None
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by gentle rolling hills, sparse vegetation and a canopy of approximately 30 ft in height. Vegetation although sparse makes movement difficult.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 121030H (X900509) Patrol observed movement these coordinates but due to distance could not determine the source.
      (2) 141040H (X935564) Patrol observed bamboo fence approximately 5 ft high paralleling the treeline this vicinity. Possible game trap.
      (3) 141100H (X93568) Patrol found (2) individual shelters constructed of wood and vines. No signs of recent use were evident.
      (4) 141700H (X93555) Patrol heard SAF/AW possibly directed at friendly aircraft in area.

ENCLOSURE (46)
(5) 141100H (XD935566) Patrol found trail not shown on map running southwest to northeast. Trail was approximately one meter in width. Patrol followed trail to (XD937568) with negative results.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Future patrols operate vicinity of (XD93556)

Conclusions: Area covered reveals no signs of recent activity.

S. L. Tester
CPL "Q" Co.

9. DESKJEFER COMMENTS: None
1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enl
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (6) CS grenades, (3) WI rifle grenades
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to
determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms and establish
ambushes of opportunity. Make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 130730H/161600H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 80 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted
      in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found trail not shown on map, possi­
      ble company bivouac site, observed pair of black F.J.'s on dam and heard
      SAP.
   b. ENEMY: None
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by elephant grass with interwoven vines and gentle rolling hills. Canopy is approximately 30 ft in
      height. Movement in area is difficult.
   d. (1) 140900H (XD917514) Patrol found bivouac area which appeared to
      have accommodated a company size unit within past 7-10 days. Patrol found
      one Vietnamese cigarette package in site.

      (2) 144030H (XD915518) Patrol found trail not shown no map
      paralleling west side of stream which is approximately (1) meter wide
      and well worn. Patrol checked trail with negative results.

      (3) 141045H (XD914518) Patrol as it crossed stream these coordinates
      observed a natural rock dam approximately 25 meters upstream which had a
      pair of black F.J.'s laying on same. F.J.'s appeared to have been hastily
      left as patrol approached stream.
(4) 150000H (XD927512) Patrol positioned at these coordinates heard (1) rd SAF to the southwest source of which could not be determined.

(5) 160700H (XD923512) Patrol positioned at these coordinates heard (1) rd SAF to the northeast source of which could not be determined.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Future patrols operate vicinity of (XD9149).

Conclusions: Area covered presently being used as transit by undetermined size forces.

C. D. RUDDE
CPL "O" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with the patrol leader's recommendation.

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Operation Order: 59-66
Patrol: 1st Sqd, 2d 11t, "C" Co.
Debrief: 2d Lt J.R. HELPS
Map Sheet: 6361 II

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (2) Enl, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (1) Sotut dog w/handler
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) CS grenades, (3) WP grenades
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms and establish ambushes of opportunity. Make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 140900H/170845H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 72 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found platoon size harbor site and company size harbor site, both of which appeared to have been used within last 7-10 days. One artillery mission of (22) rds was fired partially destroying a possible cache site, observed remains of what appeared to be an H-34 helo, heard AW/SAP, found (2) trails not shown on map and found several documents some of which contained friendly "MIKE DESIGNATORS" and Frequencies. All documents forwarded to G-2 at 1030H 17 Dec 1966.
   b. ENEMY: None
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by gentle rolling hills, sparse vegetation, and a canopy of approximately 20 ft in height.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 140900H (YD068460) Patrol at insertion NLZ found platoon size harbor site. A check of site revealed cigarette packages, beer bottles, sardine cans and pieces of blue plastic. Harbor site appeared to have been used within the past 7 to 10 days.

(2) 141430H (YD057459) Patrol observed what appeared to be a large cache. Artillery mission of (22) rds fired resulting in cache being partially destroyed.
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(3) 151130H (YD062459) Patrol found recently used harbor site large enough to accommodate a company size unit or larger. Within area patrol found approximately 100 individual fighting holes, (39) rds of .30 cal linked ammunition, (1) M-79 rd, sardine cans, beer bottles, small fire sites, cigarette packages, pieces of cloth and numerous documents. "NOTE" within these documents were found notes of friendly "Mike Designators" and "Frequencies". This area appeared to have been occupied within past 7 days. Movement from harbor site appeared to have been southwest.

(4) 151200H (YD058463) Patrol observed what appeared to be the remains of one H-34 helo.

(5) 161700H (YD062448) Patrol heard AW/SAF from this vicinity Source of which could not be determined.

(6) Trails found running from large harbor site are both approximately one meter wide and revealed signs of recent heavy use.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Future patrols operate vicinity of (YD0748).
Surveillance of area be maintained.

Conclusions: Area reveals signs of extremely recent activity by a company sized unit or larger.

T. GILLUM
SGT "C" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: (1) National Police report of 27 Nov 66 rated F3 placed a regular VC regimental size unit vicinity of (YD0346) as shown in 3A/MARIV (FWD) INTSUN #198 dtd 1 Dec 66.

(2) Recon patrol forced to abort insertion on 20 Nov 66 vicinity of "D1146" and (YD1046) due to heavy AW/SAF in insertion HIZ's these coordinates.

(3) Recon patrol forced to abort insertion on 21 Nov 66 vicinity of (YD0846) due to heavy AW/SAF in insertion HIZ.
Operation Order: 65-66
Patrol: 2d Sqd, 2d Plt, "G" Co.
Debrief: 2d Lt. D.J. PHILIPS
Map Sheet: 6361 I

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (8) Enl, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (1) Scout dog w/handler
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRO 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) CS grenades
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms and establish ambushes of opportunity. Make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 150745H/180745H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 72 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found one old harbor site large enough to accommodate a company size unit. (1) freshly dug, camouflageed fighting hole, and heard approximately (30) rds SAP in vicinity of "AMO LITE" which had been dropped approximately one hour prior.
   b. ENEMY: None
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by gentle rolling hills, sparse brush approximately 2-3 ft high and an intermittent canopy averaging 30 ft in height.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 151630H (YDO62678) Patrol found harbor site large enough to accommodate a company size unit. Several large cans were found, broken pottery, and old elephant droppings. Site appeared to have been vacated 3-4 weeks ago.
      (2) 160900H (YDO61674) Patrol found (1) fighting hole approximately 4 ft deep camouflageed and well constructed. From this fighting hole a person was afforded excellent observation of the eastern portion of the valley. Hole appeared to have been less than a week old.
      (3) 161400H (YDO64670) Patrol found stone not characteristic of this area.

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(4) Trail as shown on current maps at (YD064668) reveals signs of recent heavy use.

(5) 161700H (YD062682) Patrol heard approximately (30) rds SAF (carbine) fired over a period of (2) hours coming from the vicinity of the "Aro Lite" strike conducted approximately 1 hour before.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good; Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Future patrols operate vicinity of (YD0558).

Conclusions: Area not suitable for reconnaissance due to lack of concealment. Area possibly used for transit at this time.

M. E. ADAMS
SSGT "G" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None
PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enl, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (1) Reporter
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/ARC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) 2 lb blocks of C-4 w/acc, (2) WP grenades, (1) CS grenade, (2) Claymore mines
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage the enemy with supporting arms and establish ambushes of opportunity. Make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 161300H/181115H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 46 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol called (3) Artillery missions expending a total of (34) rds with excellent target coverages resulting in (1) possible secondary. Patrol detected the scent of food cooking, heard movement, observed blinking lights on (2) occasions, found (4) small abandoned caches, (6) hasty shelters w/6 small bunkers in the immediate area, observed smoke on 2 different occasions, found what, at first, appeared to be 17 grave sites but after short investigation could not then determine exactly what they contained, found trail not shown on map approximately 10 meters from the aforementioned site which was heavily used within the past hour by foottroops moving in a south easterly direction and heard what sounded like 81mm mortar fire.
   b. ENEMY: None
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by gentle rolling hills, sparse vegetation, and an intermittent canopy which averages 20 ft in height. Area reveals signs of extensive damage as a result of aerial ordnance.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 162000H-170600H (XD980649) Patrol detected the strong scent of cooking food.

ENCLOSURE (5)
(2) 162200H (XD980649) Patrol heard movement source of which could not be determined.

(3) 170600H (XD980649) Patrol observed 4-5 blinking lights at these coordinates which appeared to be used for signalling.

(4) 161530H (XD981650) Patrol found 4 abandoned caches each approximately 2ftx2ft in size which had been dug into the earth approximately 2 ft. These had been covered by small logs and each cache appeared to have been lined with plastic. No evidence of recent activity was found.

(5) 170830H (XD975648) Patrol found 6 hasty shelters all of which had been destroyed aerial ordnance. This complex also had 6 bunkers each was large enough to accommodate 4 people. Patrol found bamboo log and 6 flash light battery in area. No signs of recent use were found.

(6) 171430H (XD976622) Patrol observed smoke emitting from these coordinates. Artillery mission of 12 rds fired with good coverage results unknown.

(7) 171510H (XD975615) Patrol observed smoke emitting from these coordinates. Artillery mission of 11 rds fired with good coverage results unknown.

(8) 171715H (XD974643) Patrol found 17 filled in holes each approximately 2 meters long and 1 meter wide. Patrol attempted to dig one of these holes up and struck green leaves and small logs approximately 12 inches from the surface. Situation precluded patrol investigating any further. Each site had signor a wooden stake or carving on tree in vicinity of site. One tree had the following engraving:

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as patrol was investigating site a trail approximately 16 meters wide was discovered 10 meters to the west running from north-west to southeast and had been heavily used within past hour as evidenced by mud and water which had been carried by 2 ruts from crossing stream at (XD972 649). Footprints and footprints were heading in a south easterly direction.

(9) 172300H (XD968642) Patrol observed 4-5 blinking lights which appeared to be used for signalling. Artillery mission of 11 rds was fired with excellent coverage. Lights extinguished. Patrol stated they heard possible secondary explosions of undetermined origin.

(10) 180100H (XD9861) Patrol heard what sounded like 81mm mortar fire emitting from this vicinity.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good
6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: (1) Take adequate ordnance to defend for possible prolonged contact. (2) "Arc Lite" or TQ be conducted vicinity of (XD97643)

Conclusions: Suitable HIZ's in this area extremely scarce. Area being heavily used by estimated enemy battalion for transit moving northwest to southeast.

W. F. KNIGHT
CAPT "O" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leaders recommendations and conclusions. Patrol leader stated he believes the movement was towards area vicinity of (XD9762). This particular area reveals limited damage as a result of artillery or aerial ordnance.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (10) Enl
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) 2 lb blocks of 0-4 w/acc
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage the enemy with supporting arms and establish ambushes of opportunity. Make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 170840H/201415H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 77 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found (1) trail not shown on map, old company size bivouac site, observed (1) blinking light, heard (12-15) rifle shots, observed flares, and detected the scent of charcoal and cooking food.
   b. ENEMY: None
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by elephant grass, interwoven with thick brush, steep ravines, and a sparse canopy approximately 20 ft in height.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 171215H (YD75468) Patrol found trail not shown on map approximately one meter wide running north and south. Patrol followed trail to (YD74473) with negative results. No signs of recent use were evident.
      (2) 171220H (YD75468) Patrol found old bivouac area large enough to accommodate a company size unit. Estimate last usage to be 4 weeks ago.
      (3) 180200H (YD44366) Patrol observed one blinking light at these coordinates.
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(4) 180900H (YD1045) Patrol heard (12-15) single rounds of SAF, fired intermittently over a period of 5 hours.

(5) 181300H (YD075468) Patrol found trail not shown on map approximately one meter wide running north and south. Patrol followed trail to (YD075465) with negative results. This trail is badly overgrown and reveals no sign of use.

(6) 191900H (YD075468) Patrol detected the scent of charcoal and cooking food. Wind direction from northeast to southwest.

(7) 200400H (YD0445) Patrol observed several flares this vicinity.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusions: Area covered by patrol reveals no signs of recent use.

Recommendations: (1) Hill 300 coordinates (YD073469) provides unlimited observation to the east, south and southwest.
(2) Future patrols operate vicinity of (YD0944).

Conclusions: Area covered by patrol reveals no signs of recent use.

C. E. ROBERTS
CPL "J" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None
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Operation Order: 72-66
Patrol: 2ASq, 3rd Lt, Co C.
Debrief: 2/Lt. D. R. PHILLIPS
Map Sheet: 6361 II

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (6) Enl
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (1) Scout dog and handler
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC-25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) 2 lb block 04 w/acc, (3) CS Grenades
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms and establish ambushes of opportunity. Make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 191500H/220000H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 65 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found one trail not shown on map, fighting holes, (1) fortified position, numerous pieces of friendly 792 gear, observed (5) huts, heard what sounded like mortar fire, heard carbine and AWF.
   b. ENEMY: None.
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by sparse elephant grass averaging 6" in height and gentle rolling hills. No canopy encountered in area.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION:
      (1) 201800H (X) 952570 patrol found trail not shown on map running north and south approximately (1) meter wide. Patrol followed trail to (X) 950575 encountering individual fighting holes along route. (1) fortified fighting hole large enough to accommodate (2) men was found at (X) 955574. Trail reveals signs of recent, light use.
      (2) 191830H (X) 9459 patrol heard the sounds of unknown type engine operating in this vicinity.
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(3) 201830H (X0 9558) patrol heard what sounded like mortar fire emitting from this vicinity. Carbine and AWF was also heard.

(4) 210600H (X0 961571) patrol observed (5) huts these coordinates. No activity was noted in the area. Huts appeared to be in good condition.

(5) 211530H (X0 955571) patrol noted numerous pieces of friendly 782 gear this vicinity.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

   a. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: Friendly 782 gear.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

   Recommendations: Future patrols operate vicinity of (X0 9656).

   Conclusions:

   (1) This area not suitable for reconnaissance operations due to complete lack of concealment.

   (2) Area used intermittently by small groups (8-10) people for harassment of friendly forces occupying the "RAZORBACK".

D. R. BYARS
Patrol Leader
Sgt. Co C.

9. DEBRIEFED COMMENTS: None.

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Operation Order: 74-66
Patrol: 1st Sqg, 3rd Co C
Debrief: Maj. J. J. Scholz
Map Sheet: 6761 IY

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (??) Day
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC-25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (2) CS Grenades, (2) WP Grenades
   f. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity, engage enemy with supporting arms and establish ambushes of opportunity. Make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 201300H/261200H Dec 1966

4. MAP: See attached map overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 143 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found fighting holes, numerous pieces of friendly 732 gear and ammunition.
   b. ENEMY: None.
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by steep hills not too high with a heavy canopy.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION:
      (1) 203500H [10 094460] patrol found trail not shown on map running northeastward linking up with AVN OP at [10 093474]. Trail didn't seem to be used for the past several months.
      (2) Friendly 732 gear was discovered throughout the entire period of the patrol.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Tired; Hungry; Bad feet; Morale Good.

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8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Generally good patrolling area but AYN have OP's in close proximity.

Conclusions: This area has too many friendly troops operating close by.

T. GILUM
Patrol Leader
Sgt. Co C.

9. DEBRIEFING COMMENT: None.
Operation Order 18-66
Patrol: 1st Sqd, 1st Lt, Co D.
Debriever: 2/Lt. D. R. HEDDIE.
Map Sheet: 6361 II

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (8) Enl
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC-25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) CS Grenades
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage the enemy with supporting arms and establish ambushes of opportunity. Make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 230000H/291100H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 147 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol heard AN/SAP on two occasions, detected the sound of burning wood, and noted that village complex at (XD 908154) appears uninhabited at this time. No observations of significance were made throughout the operation.
   b. ENEMY: None.
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by sparse vegetation, gentle rolling hills and no canopy. Movement throughout area was good. Area is infested with leeches.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION:
      (1) 240930H (XD 9643) patrol heard light machine gun fire emitting from this vicinity. Source could not be determined.
      (2) 260930H (XD 9145) patrol heard MW fire emitting from this vicinity the source of which could not be determined.
      (3) 261200H (XD 923444) patrol could smell wood burning the scent of
which appeared to be coming from the east.

(4) Trail contouring the KHE COC river and the village complex at (XD 908454) was kept under surveillance and negative activity was noted. Village complex does not appear to be inhabited at this time.

(5) 091000H (XD 9145) prior to extraction patrol heard SAF emitting from this vicinity which sounded like carbine fire.

(6) Only suitable HLZ's in this operational area are those shown on patrol route overlay.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: None.

b. FRIENDLY: None.

c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Poor, Morale excellent.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Area covered reveals no signs of past or present enemy activity. Communications throughout this area extremely bad. Only areas communications could be established were (XD 926443) and (XD 928437).

R. L. BARRIAM
Patrol Leader
Cpl. Co D.

9. DESRIBERER COMMENTS:

(1) Leech infested areas are normally indicative of negative enemy use.

(2) Extraction helos observed a green smoke signal (pyrotechnic) popped at (XD 924405) as they were enroute to extract patrol located at (XD 926443). No friendly units were known to be operating this area presently. Signal possible guise to draw helos into ambush.
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Operation Order 20-66
Patrol: 1st Sqd, 3d Bn, Co D
Debrief: 2/Lt. D.R. PHELPS
Map Sheet: 6361 II

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enl, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC-75
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CS Grenades
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in your assigned zone
to determine enemy activity. Engage the enemy with supporting and estab­
lish ambushes of opportunity. Make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 241500H/201050H Nov 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 92 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in
      no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found several trails not shown
      on map, found old fighting holes, old harbor sites, heard AN/SIP on
      several occasions, heard possible mortar fire and voices of women and
      children. Area is infested with leeches.
   b. ENEMY: None.
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by elephant grass averaging
      approximately 8' high and a canopy varying in height from 15-40'.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION:
      (1) Patrol found several trails not shown on map averaging 2' in width.
      These trails are shown on the patrol route overlay.
      (2) 241515H (YD 0536C) patrol found one fighting hole 2'x4'x3' deep
      these coordinates. Hole was overgrown.
      (3) 241612H (YD 0561C) patrol found one fighting hole 5'x2'x3' deep
      these coordinates. Hole was overgrown.
(4) 271425H (YD 0347) Insertion HIZ utilized by patrol had several small harbor sites. All appeared to be very old.

(5) 271445H (YD 0347) patrol heard SAF emitting from this vicinity possibly directed at helos in the area at this time.

(6) 271445H (YD 0347) patrol heard AW fire from this vicinity source of which could not be determined.

(7) 271530H (YD 0347) patrol heard sporadic SAF emitting from this vicinity source of which could not be determined.

(8) 271630H (YD 0347) patrol heard AW fire and what sounded like mortar fire emitting from this vicinity source of which could not be determined.

(9) 281015H (YD 032467) Patrol heard women and children's voices from this vicinity.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: None.
   b. FRIENDLY: None.
   c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Poor, Morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

   Recommendations: For continued operations in this area suitable HIZ's will have to be established. Additional frequency necessary for proper communications. Recommend one primary frequency for each company with both using same alternate.

   Conclusions: Area reveals no signs of enemy use.

   A. D. MILLER
   Patrol Leader
   Cpl. Co D.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Agrees with patrol leader's recommendations. Entire area covered by patrol was infested with leeches which is normally an indication that enemy forces could be operating these locations.
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enl, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC-25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) Shotgun

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting artillery and establish avenues of opportunity. Take every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 291030H/020900H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 70 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found several old, unoccupied caves during this operation. No observations of significance were made.
   b. ENEMY: None.
   c. TERRAIN: This terrain is characterized by sparse brush, dense vegetation along the streambeds, high ground is extremely steep and the canopy through-out area covered is approximately 20 feet high.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: 291400H (X) 963500 patrol found several old, unoccupied caves this vicinity, one of which contained (4) small cooking containers. Check of surrounding area revealed no signs of recent use.

6. RESULTS WITH ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: None.
   b. FRIENDLY: None.
   c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good.
Recommendations: Future patrols operate to the west of this area vicinity (29°30'). Known enemy activity this area as reported by 1/3/3.

Conclusions: Area covered by patrol reveals no signs of enemy use at this time.

J. W. CLINE
Patrol Leader
SSgt. Co D.

COMPONENTS: Concur with patrol leader's recommendation.
Operation Order: 26-66
Patrol: 2389d, 1st Lt., Co.D.
Mission: 2/Lt. D. H. HAMPS
Maj. Gen: 5361 II

**PATROL REPORT**

1. COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. Composition: (1) Off, (8) Enl, (1) USN
   b. Special Attachments: None.
   c. Communications Equipment: (1) AN/FIO-25
   d. Observation Equipment: (1) per 7x50
   e. Special Equipment: (7) 2 lb blocks 04 w/acc
   f. Special Weapons: (2) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms and establish ambushes of opportunity. Make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 231130H/031400H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 122½ hours resulted in (2) enemy sightings totalling (33) VC and no contacts. (3) artillery missions expending a total of (11) rounds were fired resulting in (3) VC KMGF (prob) and (1) VC KMGF (prob). Patrol found 15-20 well constructed bunkers, (2) huts with bomb shelters and received (5) rounds SAP while in extraction HZ. Area covered by patrol infested with leeches.
   b. ENEMY:
      (1) 201315H (YD 033653) patrol observed (3) VC dressed in black JJ's and soft covers all armed with rifles. VC appeared to be preparing positions. Artillery mission of (2) rounds was fired resulting in (3) VC KMGF (prob);
      (2) 201415H (YD 044663) patrol observed (35) VC dressed in multicolored JJ's armed with rifles in the process of gathering wood. Artillery mission of (2) rounds was fired. Artillery mission was secured due to VC rapidly moving from patrols observation from north to south.
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation, interwoven vines, elephant grass, gentle rolling hills and canopy approximately 30' high.

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ENCLOSURE (57)

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(1) 281130H (YD 000665) patrol inserted these coordinates. Immediately after moving from HLZ patrol found 15-20 well constructed bunkers each large enough to accommodate 5-4 people. These bunkers were constructed of heavy logs and earth approximately 3' thick. All positions were situated to afford unrestricted fire of the finger from the west. No signs of recent use were evident.

(2) 281645H (YD 000662) patrol found (2) huts both large enough to accommodate 5 men each. Both huts had fortified bomb shelters constructed underneath. No signs of recent use were evident.

(3) 031205H (YD 011664) patrol while in HLZ (YJ 01057) received (5) not of SAF into position from these coordinates, the source of which was not be determined. Artillery mission of (7) round was fired at coverage; results unknown.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (3) VC KQ (CONF), (1) VC KSDF (PAK)

b. CASUALTIES: None.

c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations:

(1) Future patrols operate east of this area approximately 2,000 meters.

(2) Unless impossible, an overflight be conducted prior to insertion.

(3) HLZ used for insertion of this patrol not be used again due to enemy fortifications covering this area with unlimited observation.

(4) One bottle insect repellant per man per day be taken when operating in this area because is leech infested.

(5) Area be programmed for T.40 strikes in vicinity of (YJ 000665).

Conclusions: Area covered by patrol extensively used by NVA forces as eviden by expertly constructed fortifications, but complexes which are well fortified and several caves.

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REPORT CONTENTS: Concur with general trends in recommendations and conclusions. Also recommend that H&I firms be contacted in this regard.

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   a. COMPOSITION: (7) M.P., (3) U.S.N.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: No.
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) M-170-25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CS Grenades
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms and establish ambushes of opportunity. Make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 291430H/031430H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 96 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found two trails not shown on map neither of which revealed recent use, heard voices and one round of SAF. During extraction flight patrol observed several huts and inhabitants along ridge-line vicinity of (X) 9269 and a well defined trail contouring the northern side of the SONG CAM Lo River.
   b. ENEMY: None.
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by sparse vegetation, elephant grass and a canopy of approximately 20 feet in height.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION:
      (1) 291515H (X) 896605 patrol heard voices emitting from this vicinity source of which could not be determined.
      (2) 291545H (Y) 896606 patrol found trail running east north east which is approximately 2 meters wide. Trail is overgrown and reveals no signs of recent use.
      (3) 291635H (X) 895605 patrol found trail running north and south which
is approximately 2 meters wide. Trail is overgrown and reveals no signs of recent use.

(4) 031021 (Z) 839604 patrol heard one round SAP emitting from this vicinity the source of which could not be determined.

(5) Patrol observed a well defined trail contouring the northern side of the SPC River.

(6) Patrol observes several small boats (X) 8264 near helicopter while in flight thru vicinity. Also observed in this general area was human activity.

6. REPORT OF COMBAT WITH THIS INDEX:
   a. ENEMY: None.
   b. TACTICAL: None.
   c. CAPTURED PERSONNEL: None.

7. OBSERVATION OF WEATHER: Fair, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
   Recommendations: The bottle of insect repellent per man per day be taken.
   Conclusion:
   (1) No suitable Q-3's available.
   (2) Communications poor throughout area.
   (3) Area reveals no signs of recent enemy use.

9. INSPECTOR GENERAL: None.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIEGE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (1) Off, (6) Pal
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (1) Civilian Author.
   c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC-25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 71250
   e. SUPPLIES: None.
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) Carbine, (1) N-79, (1) Shotgun

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms and establish ambushes of opportunity. Make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 030630H/060015H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SIEGE: 7 hrs of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol heard what sounded like combine fire, found numerous sighting holes, bunkers, individual shelters, trails, grave sites, trenches, several plastic bags, (1) .45 magazine, (1) clip of N-1 ammunition, pieces of cloth, batteries, and one fortified hut complex consisting of bunkers, connecting trenches and large bomb shelter. Area reveals no signs of use at this time. Last usage possibly 3-4 weeks ago.
   b. ENEMY: None.
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by moderate undergrowth, steep terrain and a canopy averaging 40' in height. Elephant grass along the high ground approximately 4-7' high.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION:
      (1) 010001 (YD 022557) patrol found (1) clip .30 caliber ammunition this vicinity.

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ENCLOSURE (59)
(2) 031431 (YD 021559) patrol heard one round SAP which sounded like automatic fire the source of which could not be determined. SAP possibly directed at helicopters which were in area at this time.

(3) 031445 (YD 015557) patrol found (1) old battery, plastic bags, one old foxhole and (12) old individual ox (2) man shelters. Shelters were constructed of vines. Area revealed no evidence of recent use.

(4) 031700 (YD 007553) patrol found trail not shown on map approximately 5' in width running to the northwest swinging to the south and then to the west as shown on route overlay. Trail reveals signs of moderate to heavy use but no signs of recent use. While checking trail patrol found 5-10 feet south of trail, possible used as ambush site.

(5) 031032 (YD 002544) patrol found 2 old lean-to shelters.

(6) 031602 (YD 001566) patrol found one large hut whose coordinates 20' 30' in size. Hut has small extension built on the southeast corner approximately 8'x3'. There are (3) bunkers to the west of hut and one to the northeast. One bunker was also found approximately 2 meters from hut to the southeast and (1) to the northwest approximately 20 meters from the hut. Bunkers are approximately 3'x6' in size, are fortified with logs, and have connecting trenches approximately 3' deep. The large bomb shelter was constructed under the hut approximately 10'x7' with two entrances facing east. Hut contained pith helmet, canteen, (2) bamboo baskets, small hoe, axe, scrap of blue cloth, small battery, answer shoes, and (1) .45 magazine. Also noted was large bamboo constructed box. For orientation purposes a trail approximately 2' wide intersects the hut from the northeast. Entire complex is in excellent condition and possibly used within last 7-10 days.

(7) 031432 (YD 021542) patrol found 8-9 covered foxholes and (6) hasty shelters each large enough to accommodate 4 or 5 men. One shelter possibly used as an aid.

(8) 031606 (YD 007546) patrol found 20-25 foxholes a third of which were covered. Area had trench network approximately 25'x10' in length. The largest hole 12'x2'x2' deep was found. Several plastic bags were found along with (1) old battery and scaps of blue cloth. A wooden matchbox possibly used as a 75mm recoilless rifle packing sparer was found. While checking surrounding area (2) old packs were found both of which were unserviceable.

(9) 031006 (YD 008545) patrol encountered trail junction of trails running N-S to W. Trails were approximately 2' wide. While checking intersection, patrol found at (YD 010546) along side of trail (6) foxholes each of which were still empty. 4-5 foxholes were found in this same vicinity.
(3) 051020H (YD 011545) patrol found (9) foxholes two of which were covered. Holes were constructed perpendicular to the side of the hill.

(11) General Comments:

(a) All emplacements found are positioned in the saddles between knolls.

(b) Excellent site located at (YD 019547) affording excellent observation to the east, south and southwest. Site very suitable for defending.

(c) Very few beeches were encountered in this area.

6. INCIDENTS OF ENGAGEMENTS WITH THE ENEMY:

(a) ENEMY: None.

(b) DAMAGE: None.

(c) GUNS: (1) .45 Magazine.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good. Morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations:

(1) Future patrols operate vicinity of (YD 007520).

(2) This operational area have surveillance maintained at periodic intervals.

Conclusions:

(1) Area has been used extensively by regular enemy units within the past 3-4 weeks.

(2) Enemy company reported occupying area vicinity (YD 0054) not substantiated.

J. W. HEMINGWAY
Patrol Leader
Capt., Co. B.

9. COMPLIANCE COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leader.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (7) P, 1) UN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC-25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (5) 2 3b blocks of G4 4/60
   f. SPECIAL ITEMS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms and establish ambush of opportunity. Make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 050630H/091630H Dec 1966

4. MISSION: See aerial route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. ENEMY: Casual bodies of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy soldiers or contacts. Patrol heard SAP on several occasions, heard voices, found (2) trails not shown on map but due to recent rains and composition of soil could not determine last usage. Area of same gear to have been used by unknown number of personnel within 15-20 days.
   b. ENEMY: None.
   c. TERRAIN: This terrain is characterized by dense vegetation, interwoven vines, with a canopy of approximately 30 feet in height.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION:
      (1) Patrol found two trails not shown on map both of which are approximately one meter wide. Due to recent rains and composition of soil patrol could not determine last usage of either trail.
      (2) 051700H (X' J9 033566) patrol heard voices emitting from this vicinity the source of which could not be determined.

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ENCLOSURE (6)

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(3) 051300H-1500H (X: 9357) patrol heard SAPS emitting from this vicinity possibly directed at helicopters which were in the area during each incident. SAPS was heard intermittently during each day of patrol from this vicinity but volume became more intense when helicopters were present.

(4) 061200H (X: 919562) patrol found trail which intersected trail shown on patrol overlay that appeared to have been recently used. This trail is approximately 14' wide.

(5) 064000H (X: 900557) patrol heard Vietnamese voices emitting from this vicinity. No activity was observed.

6. RECORDS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Reconnaissance of this area be maintained.

Conclusions: Higher elevations in this area reveal no signs of use at this time. Lower elevations reveal signs of usage, however, none within the past 7-10 days. Terrain covered has no suitable OP or HZ's. Active patrolling necessary in this area.

M. S. FRIEDMAN
Patrol Leader
Cpl. Co C.

9. PERSONNEL COMMENTS: SAPS and voices heard by this patrol emitting from vicinity of (X: 9357) and ambush of 2d Marines patrol indicate possible enemy harbor site located in this area.

LEGEND

MAP SIGNALS

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Map Sheet 6354 II

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Operation Order: 49-66
Patrol: 2d Sqd, 5d Plt, "D" Co.
Debrief: 2d Lt. D.R. Phillips
Map Sheet: 6561 II

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (?) Pln
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: Author
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/IRG 3
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) Claymore mines
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) Shotgun, (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to
determine the extent of enemy activity. Engage the enemy with supporting
arms and establish ambushes of opportunity. Make every effort to capture
a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE RETURN: 091330H/120835H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 77 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted
      in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found Vietnamese newspaper,
      footprints, man made HJZ, (2) Chicon grenades, (1) plastic poncho, (1)
      small bowl, (2) large huts with fighting holes and tunnel complex, (2)
      trails not shown on map, (2) fording sites along stream, and heard 5-
      yards of SAF source of which could not be determined.
   b. ENEMY: None
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by sparse vegetation,
      extensive bomb damage, gentle rolling hills, and a canopy averaging 40-50
      ft in height.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 100900H (XD999593) Patrol found old
      Vietnamese newspaper these coordinates.

       (2) 101000H (XD990506) Patrol found the sandal and barefoot
      prints of two people. Tracks appeared to be approximately (2) days old.

       (3) 101025H (XD991536) Patrol found man made HIZ large enough
      to accommodate one 65-45.

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(4) 101120H (XD990906) Patrol found 2 Chinese grenades, (1) grey plastic poncho, and (2) small rounds. Items appeared to have been in area 4-6 weeks. A check of immediate area was conducted with negative results.

(5) 501463H (XD995993) Patrol found (2) large huts. The hut was 30ft x 15 ft, the other was 45 ft by 15 ft. Both huts were intact at this time. In the immediate vicinity of huts, patrol found fighting holes and tunnels. Area appeared to have been hit by airstrike. No signs of recent activity were noted.

(6) 30140H (XD99599) Patrol heard 5-6 rds of SAP coming from this vicinity, source of which could not be determined.

(7) 30140H (XD99594) Patrol heard movement source of which could not be determined.

(8) Patrol found (2) trails, both of which are heavily used, that parallel the stream. The one on the western side is approximately (2) meters in width and has several individual fighting holes along it's western side. The trail parallel to the eastern side of river is approximately (1) meter wide, both trails shown on patrol route overlay.

(9) Patrol found (2) fording sites along stream at (XD990559) and (XD995993) both of which are approximately 30 meters wide.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: None

b. FRIENDLY: None

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: (2) Chinese grenades, (1) plastic poncho

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations:
1. Due to limited concealment afforded in valley future patrols consider insertion on the high ground to the north or east.

2. Various which parallel river afford suitable ambush sites for future patrol consideration.

Conclusions: Area covered by the patrol reveals signs of enemy activity, however the enemy is probably in small groups of 2-5 in number.

G. L. HURST
CI-13-11-66

9. DEBRIS/DESTRUCTION: Area area occupied and patrolled by K-3-3.
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LZ Extraction

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Operation Order: 6266
Patrol: 1st Plt, 36th Plt, "DB" Co.
Debriefing: GENERAL INSTRUCTION
Map Sheet: 6561 XX

PATROL ORDER

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (1) 46s, (1) Jem
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) per 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (5) 2 lb blocks of C-4 w/acc, (3) CS grenades
   f. SIDE ARM: (1) M-79, (1) Shotgun

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area to determine the extent of enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms and establish ambushes of opportunity. Make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 101400H/131000H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SUMMARY: An hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy contacts or contact. Patrol found (1) cave, heard movement, observed (1) water buffalo, found trails as shown on small overlay. Found newspaper clipping and signs of old logging effort.
   b. ENEMY: None
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation, interwoven vines, and canopy averaging approximately 100 ft in height. Movement throughout the area is extremely difficult.
   d. OBSERVATION: (1) 110030H (YD024571) Patrol found cave with a depth of 4 ft opening. Patrol leader stated cave appeared to be a mine shaft entrance. No signs of recent activity were noted.
   e. Terrain in grid squared (YD024571) is more -nominate on the ground than the current map.
   f. 1221 (YD034576) Patrol heard movement this vicinity source of noise could not be determined.
   g. Patrol observed one water buffalo these observations.

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(5) Trails as shown on trail overlay are all approximately one meter wide and reveal no signs of recent use.

(6) In grid square (YD357) area has numerous out and burnt trees, none of which appeared to have been cut or burnt recently.

(7) 121559H (YD031653) I noticed fresh newspaper clipping these coordinates.

6. RESULTS OF COMBATTING WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF TERRAIN: Good, Permeable soil

8. CONCLUSION: None

Conclusion: Area covered by patrol reveals no signs of activity for the past 6-9 weeks.

G. C. KRAFT
Sgt "D" Co.

9. COMMENTS: None
PATROL REPORT

1. STATE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (9)mil
   b. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7x50, (1) M-49 OP scope
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (5) CS grenades
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity, engage enemy with supporting arms and ambushes of opportunity. Make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 111300H/140830H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SKEWED: 67% hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (5) enemy sightings totaling an estimated (44) VC/NVA and (1) contact. Artillery missions fired a total of (247) rds in support of this patrol, resulting in (6) VC/NVA KBGF (Prob) and (5) secondary explosions. Patrol found (5) trails not shown on map, heard movement and voices, observed lights, found possible AA position and during flight to insertion HLS observed (4) large huts. Enemy activity in this area heavy at this time

   b. ENCOUNTER: (1) 111300H (YD03665) Patrol observed (5) VC dressed in black clothing one armed with a rifle the other two carrying a crew-served weapon w/ bipod. Patrol made contact with VC immediately upon insertion. HLS exchanged resulting in (1) VC KBGF (Prob). Patrol extracted at 0230H.

   (2) 111300H (YD03647) Patrol observed 8-10 VC/NVA dressed in grey uniforms armed w/ rifles sitting on side of hill these coordinates. Artillery missions of (14) rds fired resulting in (8) VC/NVA KBGF (Prob).

   (3) 12300H (YD041649) Patrol observed (1) WS dressed in black FJ's and pants hat moving northeast on trail these coordinates. No weapons or equipment observed.

CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURE (3)
(4) 131446H (YD037651-037654) Patrol observed estimated 20-30 VC/NVA dressed in gray uniforms, steel helmets, packs, web gear, armed with rifles and automatic weapons. V/NVA at initial sighting were too close to call supporting arms. Patrol pulled back and observed 16 107Hs fired artillery missions expending 217 rounds and 15 rds 175 mm. Fire mission resulted in (5) secondary explosions two comparable to 4 lbs of C-4, one comparable to 155 md and the other two were small arms ammunition exploding. Target coverage was excellent but casualty assessment not possible due to distance.

a..truth: This area is characterized by steep hills, dense vegetation, much of which is dead, interwoven vines, and a scarce canopy providing cover at night.

b. OTHER (0011) 111915H (YD029644) Patrol heard movement and it appeared to be one man lighting a cigarette.

c. OTHER (0011) (YD025649) Patrol observed blinking light this visibility right blinked on and off for approximately 15 minutes and then was no longer visible.

(5) 130930H (YD034650) Patrol heard voices and wood cutting coming from this vicinity. Patrol estimated that noise was made by (2) people.

(4) 111946H (YD0163) Patrol while in flight to insertion HUE observed 24 huts each approximately 40x15 ft. All the huts appeared to be in good shape.

(2) 111927H (YD02645) Patrol found (4) wooden stakes laying across (2) large logs. Purpose for stakes undetermined.

(6) 140900H (YD037647) Patrol found large circular position, possibly A/S position these coordinates.

(5) Patrol found several trails not shown on map during this operation.

a. Trail running from (YD030640) to (YD040647) is approximately 4 ft wide and heavily used.

b. Trail running from (YD034649) to (YD036656) is approximately one meter wide and is moderately used.

c. Trail running from (YD040647) to (YD030660) is approximately 2 ft wide and heavily used.

d. Trail running from (YD034653) to (YD036654) is approximately 1 ft wide and during period of 11 to 14 December was heavily used.

e. Trail running from (YD034645) to (YD036657) is approximately 1 ft wide, reveals no signs of recent use.

f. Trail running from (YD025643) to (YD036652) is approximately 1 ft wide, reveals no signs of recent use.
6. RESULTS OF CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (2) VC/NVA BGN (NEW)

b. FRIENDLY: None

c. CAPTURED/REQUIED: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations:
(1) Future patrols operate vicinity of (YD0466),
(2) patrols in this area carry an M-60 machinegun, WP rifle
  grenades, and
(3) Areas YD0465 and (YD0464) be programmed for extensive
  artillery/TPQ strikes between the hours of 1800 to 0600.

Conclude: VC/NVA forces are presently using major trail
complexes; this area extensively. Movement at this time appears to
be from south to north.
(2) Communications throughout this area very poor.

A. P. MILLER
SGT "D" Co.

9. COMMANDER COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leaders recommendations
and conclusions.
Operation Order: 58-66
Patrol: 1st Sqd, 1st Plt, "D" Co.
Debriefed: 2dLt D.R. PHILPS
Map Sheets: 6361 I & II

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (9) Enl, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) PL 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) M-60

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area to determine the extent of enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms and establish ambushes of opportunity. Make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 131000H/161630H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 70½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found the remains of (3) VC/NVA bodies, trail complex not shown on map, fresh footprints, heard woodcutting, detected smoke, heard SAV, and noted area reveals signs of extensive damage as a result of artillery, air strikes, and past friendly operations.
   b. ENEMY: None
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation and interwoven vines along the lowland. The ridges in this area are barren of vegetation due to extensive artillery and airstrikes.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 131015H (YD016611) Patrol found fresh cut tobacco on trail these coordinates.

               (2) 131750H (YD617612) Patrol found fresh footprints on trail this vicinity near freshly dug up grave site which contained (1) decomposed VC/NVA body. Further check of trail revealed the bodies of (2) additional VC/NVA, 40% of which were decomposed, laying along trail.

               (3) 140730H (YD09616) Patrol heard woodcutting from this vicinity by estimated 2-3 persons. No animal sighting was made.

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ENCLOSURE (4)
(4) 142200 H (YD016613) Patrol while in night defensive position, these coordinates observed bomb drops conducted at (YD018619). Assessment not possible due to darkness.

(5) 151620 H (YD018619) Patrol detected scent of paper burning, source of which could not be determined.

(6) 160015 H (YD009616) Patrol heard woodcutting from this vicinity by an estimated 2-3 persons. No actual sighting was made.

(7) 160700 H (XD9959) Patrol heard SAP and possible M-60 machinegun fire coming from this vicinity.

(8) Entire area reveals signs of extensive damage from artillery air, and friendly infantry operations. Complex littered with the debris of the past operation. Numerous fighting holes were also encountered throughout this area by the patrol.

(9) Trails: (1) Trail running from (XD998619) to (YD009624) is approximately 2 meters wide and revealed signs of heavy past use. No recent use was noted except as stated in paragraph 5d of this report.

(2) Trails branching off of the trail mentioned above are approximately (1) meter in width and reveal no evidence of recent use.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good. Maneuverable.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Future patrols operate vicinity of (YD0260). This would give excellent observation of the valley to the north and west, and provide concealment for patrol.

Conclusions: Area being utilized by unknown number of personnel for undetermined reason. Patrol leader stated possibly used by 3-5 people.

R. L. BARHAM
GEO "D" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Hill 400 was location of large infantry operation during initial phases of Operation Prairie.

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Patrol Report

1. SIZE, COM POSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (8) Enl
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (1) Scout dog w/handler
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/ARC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) 2 lb blocks C-4 w/acc, (2) OS grenades
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (3) Claymore mines

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms and establish ambushes of opportunity. Make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 140800H/170830H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 72 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found (1) OS grenade, old, destroyed village; markings on trees; heard AW/SAR; found small stream not shown on map; (3) old trails, and (2) excellent Q' sites. Entire area reveals signs of extensive damage as a result of artillery and air strikes.
   b. ENEMY: None
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by steep hills, dense vegetation with interwoven mines, and a canopy averaging from 20 to 100 feet in height. Water is plentiful in the area. Movement is extremely difficult.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 140819H (XD9989644) Patrol found one OS grenade in insertion HZ.
      (2) 161300H (XD994654) Patrol found old unoccupied village these coordinates. Village completely destroyed by airstrike. No signs of recent activity were evident.

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(3) 141600H (XD980648) Patrol found X's approximately 6" in size cut into two trees. Surrounding area checked with negative results. Marking on trees appeared to be approximately 6-8 weeks old.

(4) 150745H (XD999657) Patrol heard AW/SAF coming from this vicinity. Fire consisted of a short burst of approximately 3-4 rds.

(5) 161300H (XD986658) Patrol found small stream running southeast this vicinity approximately (3) feet deep and (7) feet in width.

(6) 151600H (XD985655) Patrol found (3) old trails not shown on map. Each of the trails were approximately 2 ft wide. All of the trails were overgrown.

(7) Entire area reveals signs of extensive damage as a result of artillery and airstrikes.

(8) Excellent OP sites were found at the following coordinates. OP's afford observation of the KHE KHI river valley complex. They are located at (XD980648) and (YD00666).

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: A.O. on station for future patrols operating in this area for radio relay.

Conclusions: (1) Communications very bad throughout the area.
(2) Area covered by patrol reveals no signs of recent activity.

J. W. BROWN
2dLt "D" Co.

9. LDR BRIEFER COMMENTS: None
Operation Order: 62-66
Patrol: 2d Sqd, B1 Lt, "D" Co.
Debriefing: 2dLt D.R. PHILPS
Map Sheet: 6361 I & II

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (9) Enl
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/ARC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) CS grenades, (3) claymore mines
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine the extent of enemy activity. Engage the enemy with supporting arms and establish ambushes of opportunity.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 151615H/180620H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 64 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found one very old trail which has been badly torn up by aerial ordnance. Entire area reveals signs of extensive damage as a result of bombing.
   b. ENEMY: None
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by gentle rolling hills, sparsely vegetated, extensive damage as a result of bombing and no canopy.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 171000H (YD941647) Patrol found one trail not shown on map running north and south approximately 2 ft wide. Trail reveals no signs of use and has been badly torn up by aerial ordnance.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
   Recommendations: None

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Conclusions: (1) Area extremely hard to cover due to the bomb craters and lack of suitable concealment. Area covered reveals no signs of use. Estimate last usage approximately 6-8 weeks.

G. L. GERARD
OFL "D" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (8) Eml, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) WP rifle grenade
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms and establish ambushes of opportunity. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 170900H/191000H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 52 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (4) enemy sightings totalling (12) VC/NVA and (2) contacts which resulted in (6) VC/NVA KIA (Conf), (1) VC/NVA KIA (Prob), (1) USMC KIA, and (2) AK-47 assault rifles captured. Patrol found fresh footprints and bootprints, heard voices, found (5) trails not shown on map, (1) tree platform OP, (2) fortified individual fighting holes, and a heavily used stream crossing site with bamboo raft. This area being heavily used at this time by unknown size enemy force.

   b. ENEMY: (1) 171735H (XD952610) Patrol observed (2) VOs dressed in tan shorts, no shirts at these coordinates; no weapons were observed. VOs proceeded to the north and out of observation.

   (2) 181000H (XD937603) Patrol observed (1) VOs moving west on trail these coordinates. Due to dense vegetation clothing or equipment could not be observed.

   (3) 190930H (XD939599) Patrol after completing stream crossing these coordinates observed (3) VC/NVA dressed in tan shorts, camouflage jackets, and what appeared to be ChICom winter hats, armed with AK-47 assault rifles. Patrol engaged VC/NVA with SAF. Ensuing fire fight resulted in (3) VC/NVA KIA (Conf) and (1) USMC KIA. Patrol captured (2) AK-47's as a result of this contact. Third AK-47 lost in stream.
(4) 190950H (XD940599) Patrol after above contact, was in process of recovering friendly KIA when (6) additional VC/NVA dressed in khaki shorts, khaki shirts, some wearing bandanas around forehead, armed with (2) rifles were observed walking in column carrying unknown cargo on bamboo poles. Patrol engaged VC/NVA with SAF resulting in (5) VC/NVA KQGF (Conf) and (1) VC/NVA KQGF (Prob). No friendly casualties.

C. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by dense vegetation, interwoven vines, steep unnamed ravines in vicinity of streams and a canopy of approximately 20-30 ft in height.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 171015H (XD945595) Patrol found fresh footprints and bootprints these coordinates made by an estimated 2-3 people.

(2) 171200H (XD940590) Patrol found trail not shown on map approximately (1) meter wide running northwest to southeast. Patrol followed trail to (XD945598) with negative results. This trail appears to have been recently used.

(3) 171215H (XD942592) Patrol heard voices coming from this vicinity from estimated 2-3 people.

(4) 171700H (XD931603) Patrol found trail not shown on map running northeast to southwest which varies in width from 1½ ft to 4 ft. This trail had steps cut into it reinforced with wood with logs along sides to prevent erosion. Patrol followed trail to (XD949598). This trail appears to have light to moderate usage.

(5) 171730H (XD948599) Patrol found tree platform type OP site approximately 20 feet into tree which had a wooden/vine ladder constructed for access thereto. This OP affords unlimited observation of entire area. OP site is in good condition.

(6) 190815H (XD938603) Patrol found (2) individual fighting holes reinforced with logs. No signs of recent use were evident.

(7) 190845) (XD942601) Patrol found trail not shown on map running parallel to stream which is approximately (1) meter wide. Patrol followed trail to (XD939599) at which time they found a bamboo raft anchored by a vine which was tied to tree on either side of stream. This site reveals signs of recent, very heavy use. Patrol used raft to cross stream which is approximately 30 ft wide and 8-10 ft deep. Contact with VC/NVA was made after crossing was completed.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (8) VC/NVA KQGF (Conf), (1) VC/NVA KQGF (Prob)

b. FRIENDLY: (1) KIA

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: (2) AK-47 Assault rifles

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: (1) Area vicinity of (XD9261) and (XD9461) be programmed for "Arc Lite".
(2) Surveillance of this area be maintained.

Conclusions: Area presently being utilized by undetermined size force. Area of contact appears to be used as transit from unknown point to the east to undetermined point to the west.

D. R. PATTON
Capt. "D" Co.

9. DETAILED COMMENTS: Censor with patrol leader's conclusions and recommendations.

LEGEND

MAP SERIES

O LZ = LANDING ZONE
1-50,000 SERIES MAP VIETNAM
--- = ROUTE TVLD L-701 SHEETS
--- = TRAILS 6361 I & II

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (8) Enl, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (1) Scout Dog w/handler.
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC-25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (5) 2 lb blocks C4 w/aco, (3) CS Grenades
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) Shotgun

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms and establish ambushes of opportunity. Make every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 201400H/211515H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 25 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in one enemy sighting of estimated (30) NVA and one contact which resulted in (1) NVA KIA (conf), (20) NVA KIA (prob), (2) USMC WIA and (1) Scout Dog KIA. Artillery fired a total of (39) rounds in support of patrol, fixed wing and gunships were also used in support. Patrol found trail not shown on map, found estimated (40) boobytraped C4 grenades, numerous fortified fighting holes, both friendly and enemy debris throughout area, observed what appeared to be mortar flashes, lights, (1) possible gravestone, fresh footprints and pieces of clothing.
   b. ENEMY:
      (1) 211015H (XD 969617) patrol made contact with estimated (30) NVA dressed in khaki uniforms, armed with AK-47's, carbines, other unknown type automatic weapons and C4 grenades. Initial contact was made as a result of tripping estimated (10) man NVA ambush exchanging SAF, M-79 and grenades. NVA broke contact moving approximately 200 meters to the northeast, then attempted to encircle patrols position. During ensuing action patrol pulled back and fired artillery missions expending a total of (33) rounds. Patrol continued to receive SAF from (XD 969614), (XD 971617) and (XD 969616). Fixed wing with AO arrived on station and conducted strike on enemy position at approximately 1330H. After initial airstrike patrol observed NVA CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURE (68)
setting up what appeared to be a 60mm mortar. Patrol received (15) rounds mortar fire before artillery mission of (6) rounds forced NVA into cave/bunker. Artillery mission secured and NVA w/mortar reappeared. Fixed wing again made run forcing NVA into cave. After airstrike was secured the patrol placed (1) M-79 round directly into cave entrance. No further activity was observed from cave. Extraction helicopters arrived at 1500H and received heavy SAP as patrol was extracted. Patrol extracted at 1515H. This contact was constant from 1015H until extraction at 1515H. Total results of this engagement were: (1) NVA KIA (CONF), (20) NVA KIA (PROB), (2) USMC WIA and (1) Scout Dog KIA.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by extremely limited canopy and vegetation due to damage inflicted by artillery and aerial ordinance. Hills in area are gentle rolling.
d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 201410H (XD 974615) patrol inserted these coordinates noted entire area littered with both friendly and enemy debris. Debris consisted of 782 gear, full belts of 7.62 ammunition, M-26 grenades some of which had been booby trapped, several chargers of 7.62 ammunition, smoke grenades, entrenching tools, banana magazines and ponchos, fortified emplacements were also found.

(2) 201420H (XD 974616) patrol found trail not shown on map running east and west approximately (1) meter wide. Patrol followed trail to (XD 972616) encountering fortified individual and (2) men fighting holes and pieces of clothing.

(3) 201455H (XD 974615) patrol observed what appeared to be mortar flashes from these coordinates. Patrol relayed this information to "WHISKEY RELAY".

(4) 210300H-210530H (XD 974656) patrol observed lights this vicinity.

(5) 210730H (XD 973616) patrol returned to previously found trail and started moving west. Patrol had checked trail during P/H of the previous day with negative encounters with boobytraps. During movement along trail this time they encountered approximately (40) boobytrapped chicom mines, (1) possible gravesite, fresh footprints and pieces of clothing. Patrol followed trail to (XD 969617) at which time contact with the NVA occurred at 1015H.

(6) 211400H (XD 966614) patrol was requested to adjust artillery fire for "STARDARD" who observed (24) enemy troops. Patrol adjusted artillery with excellent coverage, results unknown. Patrol at no time made visual contact with these enemy troops.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: (1) VC/NVA KBGF (CONF), (20) VC/NVA KBMTOWS (P/CONF)
   b. FRIENDLY: (1) SCOUT DOG KIA, (2) USMC WIA
   c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: (3) chicom mines, (1) entrenching tool, (1) bayonet and (1) machete.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale fair.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

   Recommendations:
   (1) Area covered by patrol not suitable for reconnaissance operations due to lack of concealment.
   (2) Area vicinity hill 484 coordinates (XD 965616) to (XD 970618) be programmed for extensive TQ and artillery strikes.

Conclusions: Hill 484 (XD 969617) is heavily fortified, can be easily defended and presently occupied by undetermined size NVA force.

G. C. KRAFT
Patrol Leader
Sgt. Co B

9. DEPLOYMENT COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leaders recommendations and conclusions. Hill 484 appears to be forward enemy CI/outpost, heavily fortified and defended at this time. Mortar observed by patrol and the mortaring of the radio relay on the "ROCK/ILEM" and friendly forces on "RAZORDACK" the evening of 20 Dec 1966 may have some connection.
PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: 9 MA.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC-25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) M-60 MG

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity, engage enemy with supporting arms and establish ambushes of opportunity. Take every effort to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME ON DUTY: 201000H/201300H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 14 1/2 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Numerous explosions were heard throughout patrol period. Artillery was called on these explosions and H&I fire was programmed throughout the nights of 20-23 Dec 66. Patrol found trail not shown on map, heard what sounded like mortars; artillery was fired in general area of mortar sounds.
   b. ENEMY: None.
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by rolling hills with a canopy 20-30 feet high. Impossible to G.T.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION:
      (1) 201000H (YD 026339) patrol discovered trail approximately 1 meter wide not shown on map. Trail had been recently used. Patrol followed trail to (YD 026339) with negative results.
      (2) 201000H-202200H (YD 0261), (YD 0361) WC/NJA initiated ground explosions. Artillery was called and secondary explosions were noted. (YD 037601). H&I fire continued on this area throughout the night.
Patrol heard what sounded like mortar fire. OP WHISKEY was being mortared at this time. Artillery fired (YD 03604) and mortaring stopped.

211500H VC/NVA fired on a TPQ in vicinity of (YD 021613).

211800H-212200H (YD 037601) ground explosions initiated by VC/NVA. HE fired throughout the night. Explosions again occurred at approximately the same times on 22 Dec and 23 Dec 66.

224800H (YD 034629) A signalling device like a hammer striking metal, sounded from these coordinates. Immediately following this sound, the sound of mortars were heard to the northeast.

(3) highpowered rifle shots were heard.

241000H (YD 043628) Patrol heard voices. At 211930H patrol notified MASHLER to be cognizant of possible VC/NVA radio in area. Nothing seen by patrol.

(1) 1 person was found (YD 039631). Assumed to live in general area as he was heard frequently throughout the night.

6. RESULTS OF ENGAGEMENT WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Tired; Hungry; Bad feet; Morale excellent.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

   1. Best to work to south of this area - grid square (YD 0361)

   2. ARC LITE or TPQ grid squares (YD 0261) and (YD 0361) extensively.

Conclusions: There is much VC/NVA movement and digging going on in the area. Probably extensive tunnelling or fighting holes being built.

A. H. BARBER
Patrol Leader
Col. Co L.

9. DERIVED COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leader's recommendations and conclusions.
1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (5) Enl, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: Dog Team
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/JRC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area to determine the extent of enemy activity. Harass and destroy by use of supporting arms and ambush. Exert maximum effort to capture a prisoner. Return weapons and intelligence data.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 020930H/051015H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: Patrol during 73 hours of patrolling had negative contacts; had one sighting of fires at 042100H via YD561222.
   b. ENEMY: None
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by brushy, knee high to shoulder high easy travelling.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: 042100H (YD561222) Patrol sighted fires at these coordinates.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Excellent

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
   Recommendations: The via YD614235 would be excellent OP site.
   Conclusions: Do not think VC are using area at this time.

L. L. FLORES
SSGT 3d Force Recon

9. DMRREMARK COMMENTS: None
Insertion & Extraction

LEGEND

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PATROL REPORT OVERLAY

MAP VIETNAM: 1-50,000
SERIES: L-701
SHEET: 646C II
3d Recon Bn
3d Force (S-2)
PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (7) enl
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50 (1) pr 10x30
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (10) lbs C-4, (8) C-8 grenades
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area to determine enemy activity. Harass and destroy by use of supporting arms and ambush. Exert maximum effort to capture a prisoner. Return all enemy arms and intelligence data.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 081330H/100900H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRIAN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: Patrol during 43 hrs of patrolling and observation destroyed (1) bridge, called (1) FM and observed mortar attack on Yankee relay at IX 17.
   b. ENEMY: none
   c. TERRIAN: Sparse vegetation on high ground and thick underbrush and a canopy of approx. 30 ft. in the low ground.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION:

   (1) 081530H (YD 61321) Patrol blew a 3 strand steel cable bridge using (10) lbs of C-4 and (2) M-26 frag. grenades. Everything on the North side of the river was 100% destroyed.

   (2) 081540H (YD 6222) Patrol heard what sounded like (1) rd. of mortar explode.

   (3) 081815H (YD 6122) Patrol heard (1) rd. SAF.
(4) 061100H (YD 612224) Patrol called an arty FM on what looked like a bomb pulled into river bank, 24 mls of HE were called on this position. Outstanding coverage, but could not observe damage due to distance.

(5) 100045H Patrol observed extensive attack on Yankee relay at IK 17. Patrol observed mortar being fired from vio YD 590260. Patrol also spotted machine gun being fired from vio YD 650280. Patrol was spotting for Yankee relay but relay was too busy with fire fight to take immediate action. Firing continued from 100045H to 100430H before slacking off to occasional bursts.

(6) 100700H (YD 620240) Patrol heard a burst of SDF from this area.

(7) 100700H (YD 613218) Patrol had H&I fired on stream running down ridge line, 14 mls. of HE with good coverage. Could not observe damage due to thick foliage.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: N/A
   b. FRIENDLY: N/A
   c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: N/A

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Excellent

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
   Recommendations: Think OP should be set up on hill 285.

   Conclusions: Area has been used but patrol saw no movement in the area.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: NONE
### LEGEND

- **O** = Insertion
- **X** = Extraction
- ____ = Patrol Route

### PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

- 2d team, 1st. Plt, 3d Force
- Map Vietnam: 1:50,000
- Series: L-701
- Sheet: 6460 II
  (S-2)
PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. Composition: (1) Off, (4) Enl.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) Pr. 7X50's
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: NONE
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area to determine enemy activity, harass and destroy by use of supporting arms and ambush. Exert maximum effort to capture a prisoner, return all enemy arms and intelligence data.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 100000H/150752H

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: During 72 hours of patrolling and observation there were no sightings or contacts. No fire missions or air strikes were called in support of the patrol. The patrol located (2) OP's and (1) new trail.
   b. ENEMY: None
   c. TERRAIN: The area is characterized by high thick secondary growth consisting of brush, bamboo and interwoven vines. The patrol could travel 300 meters per hour on the trails and 150 meters per hour beating thru the brush.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) Patrol after insertion heard drum beat coming from the East. It lasted about (1) hour. It appeared to be some kind of signal.

   (2) Patrol found (2) good OP sites vic. (YD 598207) & (YD 596206) on hill 146.

   (3) The patrol located (1) trail approx. (1) meter wide, well used, but not recently. The vegetation along the sides of the trail is thick brush and vines. Trail runs Northwest to Southeast vic. (YD 593209) to (YD 598199).
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: NONE
   b. FRIENDLY: NONE
   c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Excellent

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

   Recommendations: Large patrol be inserted to physically search the trails in this area which lead in and out of a suspected VC base camp.

   Conclusions: NONE

9. PLANTER CONTENTS: NONE
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Patrol: 2nd Team, 1st Plt, 3d Force
Detriever: S/Sgt, E.W., ELL
Map Sheet: 6460 II

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (7) Brn.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (1) dog team
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) Pr. 7x35 (1) Pr. 10x35 (1) M-49 Scope
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 w/40mm rods.

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area to determine enemy activity. Harass and destroy by use of supporting arms and ambush. Exert maximum effort to capture a prisoner. Return all enemy arms and intelligence data.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 140845H/180835H

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: Patrol during 95 hours and 50 minutes of observation and patrolling had (4) sightings and neg. contacts. Patrol also found (3) booby traps and observed (2) air strikes. Patrol called (2) HAI's and (1) arty RN.
   b. ENEMY:
      1. Patrol at 141050H vic. (YD 638210) observed (1) VCS wearing green utilities; No weapon or pack was observed. VCS was moving South. No action taken.
      2. Patrol at 141200H vic. (YD 644227) observed (7) VCS carrying wood, moving East. VCS were wearing white tops and black shorts. No action taken.
   c. TERRAIN: Steep hills, rocky slopes and sparse brush approx. 5 to 10 ft. in height. Rate of travel was approx. 1,000 meters an hour.

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6. OTHER INFORMATION:

1. Patrol at 140900H observed (1) AO and (2) AAD's conducting an air strike vic. (YD 600250). At 140950H (2) F8's relieved the (2) AAD's and continued the air strike. Patrol observed (6) fires and (2) secondary explosions as a result of air strike. Patrol could see (2) hits on fire, but trees obscured vision on other fires. At 141030H after air craft had left the area there was another explosion in the area.

2. Patrol from 141320H to 131400H had H&I fired on vic (YD 580242). (44) rds HE with good coverage.

3. Patrol at 141525H discovered a booby trap vic (YD 628224). It was a cylindrical cast iron frag mine set off of trail with a trip wire running across trail. Booby trap was disarmed and brought back by patrol.

4. Patrol at 150900H heard sporadic LMG fire from vic (YD 650220). Patrol could not observe.

5. Patrol at 151100H vic (YD 627198) observed smoke coming out of canopy. FM called with good coverage of area. (16) rds HE could not observe results.

6. Patrol from 151200H to 151250H had an H&I of (44) rds HE fired on vic (YD 600254). Resulting in (2) secondary explosions.

7. Patrol at 160930H (YD 642222) found (2) booby traps. Type cylindrical frag mine set off of trail with a trip wire running across trail. Patrol disarmed and brought back. Patrol also found in this same area funji stakes covering a 100 meter area. Stakes were 10" long and set in clumps of brush. These appear to be personnel stakes.

8. Patrol at 171015H heard sporadic SAF from vic (YD 650250).

9. Patrol at 171050H (YD 675265) observed a large convoy of 60 trucks heading south. They looked like American 6X6's.

10. Patrol at 171400H (YD 570240) observed (1) air strike by (1) AAD could not observe results.

11. Patrol at 171710H (YD 650250) heard sporadic SAF could not observe.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: NONE

b. FRIENDLY: NONE

c. CAUGHT/EQUIPMENT: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: EXCELLENT
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Do not recommend putting another patrol in this area as there is no cover.

Conclusions: Good for OP's but nothing moving in this area.

G.K. NANNY
SGT. 3d Force

DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: NONE

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Legend:
- O = Insertion
- X = Extraction
- = Patrol route

Patrol Route Overlay:
- 2nd Team, 1st Plt, 3d Force
- Map Vietnam: 1:50,000
- Series: L-701
- Sheets: 6460 II

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (6) Phl, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (1) Dog Team
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/ARC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr of 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned area to determine the extent of enemy activity. Harass and destroy by use of supporting arms and ambush. Exert maximum effort to capture a prisoner. Return all enemy arms and intelligence data.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 051030H/081540H Dec 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: Patrol during 76\frac{1}{2} hours of patrolling and observation located 1 boat harbor cr. river. Called 3 artillery fire missions of 57 rds and found 6 fighting holes. Patrol also observed a pagoda; patrol also found what appeared to be a cache of ammunition.

   b. ENTRY: (1) 071945H (YD603222) Patrol heard approximately 2 to 3 voices along river.

   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by sparse brush 2ft to 6 ft high, with fairly open terrain. Rate of travel about 300 meters an hour.

   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 061200H (YD608216) Patrol observed 6 fighting holes set in a 360 degree position. 2 were 3 man bunkers made out of stone approximately 2ft by 5 ft. 4 were 2 man fighting holes approximately 2x2 ft. Depth could not be determined as sightings were made from OP.

   (2) 061200H (YD 04218) Patrol observed a buddhist temple approximately 8x8x8 ft with a blue tile roof and faded pink sides. There was no movement around temple.

   (3) 061400H (YD604222) Patrol observed what looked like a boat harbor site along river. Harbor site was completely covered by brush and looked about 25 ft deep. Site looked like it would hold about (3) thatched boats approximately 12 ft long. Patrol called an artillery fire mission of position with good coverage of 22 H.E. rds, but could not get direct hit on target as top of hill was in the line of fire.
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(4) 071630H (YD604222) Patrol observed a pile of bamboo along the shore; approximately 20ft long, and approximately 15 in bundle. Patrol believes that VC are floating these down river at night.

(5) 071700H (YD614218) Patrol found 40 rds of .30 cal metal linked LMG ammunition under bent tree held down with a rock as marker. Also in this area patrol found (1) clip of .30 cal M-1 ammunition.

(6) 071945H (YD603222) Patrol heard voices, which seemed to be coming from 2 to 3 VC in area of boat harbor site. Patrol also observed a yellow blinking light. Called artillery fire mission of 23 rds H-8 with good coverage of area. Damage estimate could not be determined, but there were no further noises or lights from this area. Patrol had H & I from 071500H to 083000H fired on this area also with 12 rds of H-8.

(7) 061330H (YD613221) Patrol at location of extraction found (1) M-26 fragmentation grenade laying in LZ. Patrol feels that it was dropped by a previous patrol.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: Could not observe

b. FRIENDLY: None

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: (40) rds linked LMG ammunition; (1) clip of .30 cal M-1 ammunition; (1) M-26 fragmentation grenade.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Excellent

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommends: Think next team should take spotting scope, as there are excellent OP's in this area with a lot of open ground.

Conclusions: VC are operation in this area.

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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Agree with patrol leader's recommendations.
Operation Order
Patrol: MADDOG
Databoxer: SSgt. Bell
Map Sheet:

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. Composition: (1) Off. (4) Enl. (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/IRC 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7X50's (2) M-79 Spotting Scopes.
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 and 40 MM HE rds.

2. MISSION: Set up OP within assigned area to determine the extent of VC activity. Engage the enemy when possible using SAT and/or supporting arms, making every effort to determine results and to capture and return weapons, documents, and prisoners.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 110030H/141000H

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS. During 73/4 hrs. of observation patrol had 4 sightings.
      Called 13 Artillery Missiles; observed 2 fixed wing air strikes.
   b. ENEMY:
      (1) Patrol at 110930H VIC YD 604254 observed 2 boats, 2 VC in each.
      Each heading South west wearing white tops and blue trousers. Patrol
      called AD to check out. Said they were fishing.
      (2) Patrol at 111415H VIC YD 604255 observed 2 boats in FF Zone.
      (1) boat had 2 VC in it, 1 boat had (1) VC in it, moving North.
      Wearing white trousers and black tops. Called arty FM of 6 rds.
      HE with good coverage. Resulting in 1 boat destroyed and 1 boat
      abandoned. 2 VC KIA (Prob) in destroyed boat. Other VC jumped
      out of boat and ran into brush.
      (3) Patrol at 111545H VIC YD 604255 observed (3) boats in FF Zone.
      Two boats had 2 VC in it and 1 boat had a VC in it. Heading South.
      Wearing white trousers and black tops, no equipment observed.
      Called disse of 10 rds. HE with good coverage. Resulting in 1 boat
      destroyed, 2 boats abandoned, and drifting. 1 VC KIA (Conf) 2 VC KIA (Prob), other two
      VC abandoned boat and ran into brush.

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(4) Patrol at 111600H VIC YD 604255 observed 2 boats in Free Fire Zone. 2 VC, one in each boat; one VC dressed in white NJ's, 1VC wearing blue jacket and white trousers. Arty. M of 8 rds, HE called with poor coverage. The VC abandoned the boats and ran into the brush.

(5) Patrol at 132015H VIC YD 6230 heard what seemed to be an attack on bridge; lasted about 30 minutes. Could not observe.

c. TERRAIN: Characterized by rolling hills covered with low brush from 15 inches to 30 inches high. Rate of travel in this area was approx 1000 meters 1 hour.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) At 121230H patrol called two Arty FM's on trails. One in VIC YD 591245, 18 rds HE good coverage. One in VIC YD 601246, 8 rds HE good coverage.

(2) Patrol at 121500H called two Arty FM's on trails. One in VIC YD 591245, 4 rds HE good coverage. One in VIC YD 594247, 14 rds HE good coverage.

(3) Patrol at 121515H VIC 603247 observed 20 fixes (1) WP rocket at hut. Hut was left burning and started a secondary explosion of SA for approx. 15 to 20 minutes.

(4) Patrol at 124600H VIC YD 603247 called Arty FM on 3 to 5 huts of 13 rds. WP leaving 2 huts burning with secondary explosions of SA for approx. 10 minutes. Huts had thatch roofs and what looked like cement sides. Huts were approx. 20 x 20 x 10 ft.

(5) Patrol called H & I from 122000H to 130600H VIC. 603247 a total of 10 rds HE were fired.

(6) Patrol at 130920H VIC YD 603247 called Arty FM 22 rds; 20 WP and 2 rds HE on hut. Hut was burning after FM.

(7) Patrol at 131230H called Arty FM on trail VIC YD 573247. 13 rds HE good coverage.

(8) Patrol at 131300H called Arty FM on trail VIC YD 591245. 22 rds WP, good coverage.

(9) Patrol at 131530H heard 15 to 20 rds VIC YD 603263. Called Arty FM on area; 22 rds HE good coverage. Unobserved results.

(10) Patrol at 131600H VIC YD 591245 observed 1D call in fixed wing air strike on above coord. Good coverage of area.

(11) Patrol during operation called 13 Arty FM's of 135 rds HE and 37 rds. WP.
6. REPORT OF ENGAGEMENT WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: 1 VC KIA (Conf)
   2 VC KIA (Prob)
   2 VC WIA (Prob)

b. FRIENDLY: N/A

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: N/A

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Excellent

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS: Recommend putting OP's in area coord. 550240 to 550230 to 600230 to 600240. So they can have better observation to the North.

CONCLUSIONS: Trails are well defined and well used.

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