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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 April 1967 to 30 April 1967

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION
3d Reconnaissance Battalion

COMMANDER
Major J. R. A. RIEFHUS
14 April 67 to Present

SUBORDINATE UNITS

- H & S Company
  - Capt. R.J. WEIDNER 9 April 67 to Present
  - Capt. L.D. CROSHY 2 Dec. 66 to Present
  - Capt. W.E. HUDSON 9 April 67 to Present

- A Company
  - 1st/Lt. J.F. WALKER 24 Mar. 67 to Present
  - Capt. G.E. STEIN Jr. 15 Mar. 67 to Present

- B Company
- C Company
- D Company

ATTACHED UNITS

- 3d Force Reconnaissance Co. (26 April 67 to Present)
- 1st and 4th Platoon of A Co.
- 1st Reconnaissance Plt. (27 April 67 to Present)

- Capt. W.C. FLOYD 6 June 66 to Present
- 4th Platoon attached to 3d Force Recon. Bn.

2. LOCATION

- 30 April HUE-THU BAT, RVN
- 30 April KHONG HA, RVN
- 30 April KHE BANK, RVN

3. STAFF

- Executive Officer: Major P.D. FRIEDRICH, 29 Apr. 67 to Present
- Ops. Officer: Capt. J.W. HENNING, 29 Apr. 67 to Present
- Asst. Opns. Officer: Capt. J.L. WILLIAMS, 29 Apr. 67 to Present
- Adjutant: 2nd/Lt. G.E. FOX, 31 Jan 67 to Present
- S-2 Chief: SSgt. J.D. PIPPIN, 11 Apr. 67 to Present
- S-4: Capt. D.R. GARDNER, 10 Feb. 67 to Present
- Im. Supp. Officer: 2nd/Lt. C.H. BLACK, 14 Apr. 67 to Present

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH (Includes 3d Force Reconnaissance Company)

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A Co. During the reporting period the Company completed 18 patrols averaging 3.7 days with an average of 6 men per patrol. The patrols made 23 sightings for a total of 144 VC, which resulted in 3 contacts, 14 fire missions of 246 artillery rounds, and 3 air strikes. There were a total of 3 VC KIA (Conf), and 22 VC KIA (Prob). Patrols sighted several trails, huts, and fortified positions not indicated on the map. There were 11 USMC WIA sustained.

B Co. During the reporting period the Company completed 27 patrols averaging 3.2 days with an average of 9 men per patrol. The patrols made 36 sightings, totalling 371 VC, which resulted in 14 contacts, 13 fire missions with a total of 290 artillery rounds fired, and 9 air strikes. There were a total of 24 VC KIA (Conf), 38 VC KIA (Prob), and 4 VC WIA (Conf). There were numerous trails, huts, and fortified positions observed by the patrols. There were 1 USMC KIA, 12 USMC WIA and 2 USN WIA sustained.

C Co. During the reporting period the Company completed 23 patrols averaging 4.0 days with an average of 9 men per patrol. The patrols made 20 sightings for a total of 207 VC/NVA, which resulted in 11 contacts, 40 fire missions of 2701 artillery rounds, and 5 air strikes called. There were a total of 4 VC/NVA KIA (Conf), 34 VC/NVA KIA (Prob), 4 VC/NVA WIA (Conf), and one captured with his weapon (7.62mm). Many trails, huts, and fortified positions not shown on the map were sighted by patrols. There were 9 USMC WIA sustained.

D Co. During the reporting period the Company completed 21 patrols averaging 2.7 days with an average of 8 men per patrol. The patrols made 20 sightings for a total of 271 VC/NVA, which resulted in 8 contacts, 20 fire missions of 841 artillery rounds, and 4 air strikes. There were a total of 18 VC/NVA KIA (Conf), and 31 VC/NVA KIA (Prob). The patrols captured 25 weapons and much other enemy equipment. Trails, hut complexes, and fighting holes not shown on the map were sighted by patrols. There were 11 USMC WIA sustained.

31 Force Recon Co. During the reporting period the Company completed 21 patrols averaging 2.7 days with an average of 8 men per patrol. The patrols had 20 sightings for a total of 180 VC/NVA that resulted in 3 contacts, 8 fire missions of 499 artillery rounds and 11 air strikes. There were a total of 15 VC/NVA KIA (Conf) and 29 VC/NVA KIA (Prob). Patrols observed trails, huts, and fighting holes not shown on the map. There were 7 USMC WIA and 1 USN WIA sustained.
I. Intelligence. During this period enemy sightings have become more numerous. The enemy has been well disciplined and organized, as well as being well armed and equipped. There has been a significant increase in enemy sightings in the Hal Long Forest area south of Quang Tri City. Sightings and contacts have been of varying sizes but groups of up to 50 VC/NVI have been encountered. In addition to the above there has been a significant increase in the number of sightings south and southwest of the city of Hue.

II. Communications. During the month of April 1967 two radio relay sites were deactivated and one was established. The relay located at Phu Loo, RVN (ZD 083003) was deactivated on 6 April 1967. Also the relay located on Hill 1732 at Dong Vo Mep, RVN (KD 831546) was deactivated on 19 April 1967. A relay site was established on Hill 674 (TD 512228) on 22 April to support reconnaissance operations during Operation SHAWNEE.

III. Weather. Weather continued to hamper insertion and extraction of reconnaissance units by helicopter on a few occasions this month. This resulted in a less than desirable reconnaissance screen during this period. Some compensation was made by walking patrols in, vice helicopter insertions. The remainder of the month was characterized by generally clear skies with no major problems in the deployment and scheduling of operations. Temperatures during the month were in a transitional phase between the cool and warm seasons. During this period the mean maximum temperature was 90 degrees with humidities from 50 to 75 percent. Due to extremely high temperatures encountered on a few occasions by patrols during this month, movement was restricted and a few heat casualties were sustained.

IV. Fire Support. During the reporting period patrols of this battalion called 105 artillery fire missions expending 4665 rounds.

V. Air Support. During the reporting period patrols of this battalion called 22 Fixed Wing missions, Helicopter gunship support, and med-evac were utilized several times.

VI. Activations/Deactivations/Redesignations. Detachment 3d Force Reconnaissance Company was redesignated 3d Force Reconnaissance Company when on 26 April 1967 the other 3 platoons and the Headquarter section of Force Reconnaissance Company was attached OPCR/ADCON to this battalion from CONUS.

VII. Training. Training was and is being held for all newly joined personnel from CONUS in all phases of reconnaissance techniques being employed by this battalion in the RVN. Training was and is being given on familiarization firing and zeroing of the U.S. Rifle M-16 E-1. Training has been initiated for the three newly joined platoons of 3d Force Reconnaissance Company and will continue into early May.
PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. Combat Missions Assigned. 3d Reconnaissance Battalion and attached
Force Reconnaissance Company, conduct reconnaissance operations, STING­
RAY operations and other operations, as directed, within the Division
area of responsibility. (3d Mar Div LOI # 1-67)

b. Significant Operations Conducted. Units of this Battalion have
participated in Operations Prairie III and IV, and Operations Chinoek II
Big Horn, and Echase.

c. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy. There have been 64 VC/NVA KIA
(Conf), 154 VC/NVA KIA (Probs), and 12 VC/NVA WIA (Conf) inflicted on
the enemy during the reporting period.

d. Casualties Sustained. There has been 1 USMC KIA, 53 USMC WIA,
and 7 U.S. WIA sustained by the Battalion.


f. Command Relations. Nothing significant to report.

g. Equipment. Nothing significant to report.

h. Logistics. The exchange of Company A moving from Phu Bai, RVN to
Khe Sahn, RVN and 3d Force Recon Company moving back to Phu Bai from
Khe Sahn was completed on 6 April 1967.

i. Civic Action. All personnel joining the battalion from CONUS are
given a class in the personal response program. One man from this
battalion attended the Division personal response school during this
reporting period.

j. Administration. Nothing significant to report.

k. Personnel.

9 April 67 Capt. R.J. WEIDNER assigned as Commanding Officer H & S
Company and relieved as Commanding Officer B Company.

9 April 67 Capt. W.E. HUDSON assigned as Commanding Officer B Company.

11 April 67 2nd Lt. D.R. PHELPS relieved as S-2 Officer.

14 April 67 Maj. C.N. DEZER relieved as Battalion Commander of 3d Recon Bn.


29 April 67 Maj. P.E. FREIDRICH assigned as 3d Recon Bn, Executive Officer
and relieved as S-3 Officer.

29 April 67 Capt. J.W. HEMINGWAY assigned as S-3 Officer and relieved as
Asst. S-3 Officer.

29 April 67 Capt. J.B. WILLIAMS assigned as Asst. S-3 Officer.
a. Sequential Listing of Significant Events:

26315H/26423H March. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 0041) conducted 52 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in (1) enemy sighting and (1) contact. (1) NVA KIA (Conf) and (5) NVA KIA (Prob) resulted from patrol SAP. Artillery fired (6) missions of 80 rounds with unknown result. Artillery fired (2) missions totalling (44) rounds resulting in 2 dwellings destroyed. Patrol heard sounds of movement past night position and experienced communication jamming at one time preventing the firing of artillery. See supporting document # 1.

280310H/02145H April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 8660) conducted 117 hours of reconnaissance which resulted in (1) sighting and (2) night incidents. (3) Artillery missions of (92) rounds with excellent coverage resulted in (2) NVA KIA (Conf) and (3) NVA KIA (Prob). Patrol found trails of moderate usage and a valley OP position. See supporting document # 2.

050615H/04175H April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 9960) conducted 28 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in (2) enemy sightings and (1) contact. Patrol fired (4) artillery missions totalling (622) rounds. Contact resulted in (1) NVA KIA (Conf), (10) NVA KIA (Prob), (3) NVA WIA (Conf), and (4) USN WIA (Minor). Patrol found evidence of west-east traffic through valley south of Mitter's Ridge. See supporting document # 3.

21 March/3 April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (RD 1597) conducted approximately 72 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in (5) enemy sightings totalling (15) VC/NVA and contact made on (6) occasions resulting in (1) VC/NVA KIA (Prob), (9) USN WIA (Med-Evac), and (1) USN WIA (Minor), and (1) scout dog KIA. Artillery, fixed wing and gunships were used in support of this operation. Patrol found bunkers and (1) tunnel along streambed, received (6) rounds of mortar fire, and noted that scout dog accompanying patrol alerted to enemy activity almost constantly. OPCON to 26th Marines. No patrol report available.

050910H/05170H April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 0960) conducted 8 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in no enemy sightings and (1) contact. Ambush by unknown number of VC resulted in (5) USN WIA, (4) USN WIA by grenade fragments. Patrol fired (1) mission of (125) rounds in support with negative results. See supporting document # 4.

051530H/111545H April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YP 5920) conducted 68 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in (6) enemy sightings totalling (110) VC/NVA and no contacts. Artillery fired (160) rounds in support of patrol resulting in (14) enemy KIA's (Conf) and (20) enemy KIA's (Prob). Patrol fired (1) excellent OP and observed (1) old hut. Area observed by patrol is heavily traveled by small groups of VC/NVA moving in an easterly direction. See supporting document # 5.

060230H/111230H April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 9958) conducted 125 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in (1) enemy sighting of (12) NVA and (1) contact with (5) NVA KIA (Conf). Artillery supported with (2) missions of (36) rounds with (5) NVA KIA (Prob). Patrol adjusted air strike with unknown result. Bodies of CH-54 crew members killed 15 March could not be found. (Patrol's Mission) See supporting document # 6.
0912z 08/1014z April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (XD 9150) conducted 22 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in (1) enemy sighting and (1) contact. Patrol found (1) large fresh bunker complex and an apparent storage area. Patrol fired (1) artillery mission of (1200) rounds resulting in (10) NVA KIA (Prob). See supporting document # 7.

1213z 08/1612z April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (XD 7905) conducted 102 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in (2) enemy sightings, totalling approximately (18) VC/NVA and (2) contacts resulting in (1) enemy KIA (Prob), (1) friendly KIA, (1) friendly WIA, and captured (1) pack filled with salt. Artillery fired (5) rounds in support of patrol with unknown results. Heavy gunship was used in support of patrol. Patrol found medical vial, trail, boat and camp site. Area covered by patrol reveals signs of extensive use at this time. See supporting document # 9.

1116z 08/1512z April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (XD 1564) conducted 90 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in (1) enemy sighting of (7) NVA and (1) contact with same. Heavy unit was carrying wounded men on stretcher. Ambush of enemy resulted in (1) USMC WIA. (1) Artillery mission of (94) rounds was fired with unknown results. Patrol found numerous trails and individual fighting holes averaging (1) month old in this area. NVA's had fighting holes around their perimeter. Enemy use of this area is of a transient nature at this time. See supporting document # 9.

1615z 08/1804z April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (XD 6620) conducted 66 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in (4) enemy sightings totalling (6) VC/NVA and no contacts. Artillery fired (20) rounds in support resulting in (6) KIA (Prob). Patrol found (1) trail and a platoon size harbor site. Area covered by patrol did not reveal signs of extensive use, although patrol believes river nearby is heavily traveled. See supporting document # 9.

1509z 08/1518z April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (XD 3444) conducted 92 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in (1) sighting of (15) NVA and (1) contact with same. Patrol came across freshly made combat outpost. Exchange of SA/SAF resulted in (2) NVA KIA (Prob) and (1) USMC WIA (Minor). (2) Artillery missions totalling (55) rounds forced enemy to abandon their position. Extraction helicopters received SAF and gunships struck numerous positions in GS (XD 3444). Area was defended in depth and was probably a combat OP for larger unit. See supporting document # 10.

1708z 08/2008z April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (XD 0965) conducted 115 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found (1) large bunker complex about 2 weeks old, and two smaller bunker areas with cooking hooches also several weeks old. (1) Old dwelling was found containing (25) weapons, (200) mortar rounds and other assorted gear. Sounds of bunker-building were heard and signs were seen of recent passage of a small unit carrying heavy loads east. See supporting document # 11.

2110z 08/2513z April. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (XD 8751) conducted 100 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in (7) sightings totalling 97-99 NVA and (1) contact with 4-5 of same. (4) NVA KIA (Conf) and (10) NVA KIA (Prob) resulted from SAF and artillery. (1) Very heavily used east-west trail found, as were several old trails. Possible base camp may exist near Hill 602. M/3/3 called in to exploit patrol sightings with negative results. Artillery fired (45) missions in support totalling (115) rounds resulting in (3) KIA (Conf) and (10) KIA (Prob) noted above. Area appears to have heavy enemy activity, probably movement north to south. See supporting document # 12.
A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 5923) conducted 7 1/2 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in:
(1) enemy sightings totalling (20) VC/NVA resulting in (45) KIA (Conf),
(4) WIA (Conf), and (10) KIA (Prob) from air strikes directed by AC.
Patrol found enemy size harbor site, foxholes, trenches, bunkers, helicopter trap, burnt radio, and Vietnamese books. This area appears to be heavily occupied at this time. See supporting document # 14.

A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 735) conducted 5 1/2 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in:
(1) sighting of (7) NVA and (1) contact with same resulting in (3) NVA KIA (Conf), (4) NVA KIA (Prob), and (3) USMC WIA (Minor). (1) Artillery mission of (1) round fired in support. Patrol found heavily used trail shown on map, running through Hill. Area was found where trees had been cleared and tops burned. Patrol heard sound of rocket being fired and 12.7mm shot. See supporting document # 15.

A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 1940) conducted 11 1/2 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in:
(5) sightings totalling approximately (15) VC/NVA and (5) contacts. (2) Possible cave sites were found. (10) Artillery missions totalling (195) rounds were fired in support. Area has moderate enemy activity at this time. See supporting document # 16.

A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 8204) conducted 4 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in:
(1) sighting totalling (5) VC/NVA and (1) contact with same resulting in (3) KIA (Conf), (4) KIA (Prob). Artillery fired approximately (20) rounds with good coverage of area. Patrol found (2) trails. Area covered by patrol reveals signs of heavy enemy use. Supporting document # 17.

A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 6727) conducted 70% hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in:
(1) enemy sighting totalling (5) VC/NVA and (1) contact resulting in (1) enemy KIA (Conf), (2) enemy KIA (Prob). Artillery fired (70) rounds in support with unknown results. Patrol found (2) trails, (1) well used, Gunships and fixed wing used in support of the patrol. Area covered by patrol reveals signs of enemy use, although no direction could be determined. See supporting document # 19.

A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 7605) conducted 7% hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in:
(4) enemy sightings totalling (37) VC/NVA and (4) contacts resulting in (6) KIA (Conf), (7) KIA (Prob). Artillery fired (7) rounds in support with negative results. Patrol found trails, heard movement, voices and what appeared to be drums. Patrol had AC on station and used fixed wing and gunships in support of patrol. Area covered by patrol reveals signs of heavy movement to the northwest and southeast. See supporting document # 40.

26 April 1967. During the early morning hours the VC/NVA commanded mortaring the Nha Ba complex. Approximately 18-20 mortar rounds fell within the Reconnaissance Battalion's encampment resulting in (14) USMC WIA's. On the same morning the Reconnaissance encampment at Dong Ra was mortared and rocketed resulting in (17) USMC WIA's.
PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

2. Patrol Report 139-67 of 03 April 67 (Co. D)
3. Patrol Report 146-67 of 05 April 67 (Co. C)
4. Patrol Report 148-67 of 06 April 67 (Co. D)
6. Patrol Report 150-67 of 12 April 67 (Co. D)
7. Patrol Report 155-67 of 11 April 67 (Co. C)
9. Patrol Report 159-67 of 17 April 67 (Co. C)
11. Patrol Report 169-67 of 19 April 67 (Co. D)
13. Patrol Report 176-67 of 29 April 67 (Co. D)
15. Patrol Report 177-67 of 29 April 67 (Co. D)
17. Patrol Report 144-67 of 30 April 67 (Co. B)
18. Patrol Report 147-67 of 29 April 67 (Co. B)
19. Patrol Report 146-67 of 30 April 67 (Co. B)
Operation Order: 136-67
Patrol: 1st Bn 2nd Plt Co C
Debrief: 2nd/Lt J.L. ZELLERS
Map Sheet: 6242 II

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (7) USMC (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENT: HOME
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7 X 50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) WP 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. Make every
effort to capture a prisoner. Plot HL2's for future operations. Pay partic-
ticular attention to trails and their frequency of use in your AZ. Ascertain
if the area is being used by the enemy and for what purpose.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 2615H/2914H MARCH 1967

4. ROUTE: SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 62 hours of reconnaissance resulted in (1) enemy sighting and
      (1) contact. (1) NVA KIA (CONF) and (5) NVA KIA (PROB). resulted from pa-
      trol SAF. 8T's fired (2) mission of 60 rounds with L/130MM ro-
      mule and artillery fired (2) mission totalling (44) rounds resulting in (4)
      dwelling destroyed. Patrol heard sounds of movement past night position
      and experienced communication jamming at same time preventing the firing
      of artillery.
   b. ENEMY: 271230H (YD 014434) Patrol was engaged in clearing an LZ for a
      non-battle casualty. Patrol observed (2) NVA wearing khakis, cartridge
      belt, black covers and one carried binoculars. Enemy appeared to have of-
      foverlooking E/2/26 position at 1000. Enemy fired on patrol. Patrol re-
      turned fire and observed (2) four man NVA teams approaching from both flanks
      Enemy dressed similar to first two and armed with AK-47's and L rifle. (1)
      NVA KIA (CONF) and (3) NVA KIA (PROB) by SAF. Fire started in elephant
      and aided patrol to break contact. Patrol fired (1) 6mm mission of (60)
      rounds and (1) artillery mission of (75) rounds with unknown target cover
      and results.
   c. TERRAIN: Area characterized by moderate hills with elephant grass and
      briars B-10' high. Communication fair. Water is scarce.
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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: (1) NVA KIA (CONF) (3) NVA KIA (PROB)
   b. FRIENDLY: NONE
   c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: (3) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES (MINOR); PHYSICAL CONDITION FAIR, MORALE GOOD

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

   Recommendations:
   (1) If patrol walks in, go from Grid Square 9944.
   (2) Helicopter insertions are a must to reconnaisance this area.

   Conclusions:
   (1) Water and terrain forces NVA to travel in streamsbeds.
   (2) Hills 118 and 184 are good NVA OP sites.

F. HAASE
Patrol Leader
Capt Co C

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Numerous patrols have tried walking south from CAILI. Difficult vegetation prevents deep penetration within time allowed.
Operation Order: 139-67

Patrol: 2ndSqd 2ndPlt Co D

Debrief: 2d/Lt J.L. EDIERS

Map Sheet: 6342 I

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

a. COMPOSITION: (10) USMC

b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE

c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PPI 25

d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7 X 50

e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) CLAYMORE MINES (4) WP RIFLE GRENADES

f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 (1) M-60

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms. Make every effort to capture a prisoner. Plot HZ's for future operations. Pay particular attention to trails and the frequency of use in your RZ. Ascertain if the area is being used by the enemy and for what purpose.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 220030H MAR 1967/021545H APRIL 1967

4. ROUTE: SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 12 hours of reconnaissance resulted in (1) sighting and (2) night incidents. (3) artillery missions of (92) rounds with excellent coverage resulted in (2) NVA KBGF (CONF) and (10) NVA KBGF (PROB). Patrol found trails of moderate usage and a valley OP position.

b. ENEMY:

(1) 001550H (XD 995603) Patrol heard (10-15') NVA moving south on animal trail. Enemy apparently heard patrol and deployed to flank the patrol. Patrol reversed direction. (1) Artillery mission of (24) rounds fired with negative results.

(2) 310300H (XD 896597) Patrol smelled the presence of the enemy. Movement in brush approached on three sides of the patrol position. (1) Artillery mission was fired of (30) rounds. Patrol then heard sounds of moaning and movement in brush. Patrol investigated on 010750H. Found blood trails and estimated (2) NVA KBGF (PROB).
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(3) 021030H (XD 548617) Patrol saw (3) NVA dressed in green utilities, packs, soft covers and AK-47's at a distance of 300 meters, moving south. At start of artillery mission enemy went north in direction of first round. Enemy joined by estimated (20) more. Remainder of mission claimed (2) NVA KBGF (CONF) and (8) NVA KBGF (PROB). A total of (38) rounds fired in this mission.

TERAIN: Characterized by steep hills covered with canopy up to 100' high and thick secondary growth. Water is plentiful. Communication is poor even with RAINBREIT ALPHA.

OTHER INFORMATION:
(1) 290915H (XD 872590) Patrol found (2) fresh cuts on tree.
(2) 291600H (XD 866599) Patrol found (3) very old fighting holes and several rusted cans.
(3) 311300H (XD 898593) Patrol found stream not shown on map. Stream flows into larger at (XD 878616). Stream obtains 30-40 meter width before flowing into SONG CAM LO.
(4) 011400H (XD 876616) Patrol found excellent OP with hut in position to observe entire SONG CAM LO valley. At (XD 877621) Patrol saw (6) houses, (3) of which were in good repair. Dwellings could sleep (15) to (20) men. At (XD 869623) patrol saw (1) lean-to shelter. At (XD 877617) Patrol found (6-8) man harbor site, well concealed. Major trail (1) meter wide runs through valley. Patrol found animal pen and water buffalo grazing in valley.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: (2) NVA KBGF (CONF) (10) NVA (KBGF) (PROB)
   b. FRIENDLY: NONE
   c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: EXCELLENT, MORALE GOOD

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
   Recommendations: Future patrols be conducted in area LL 8961 and UR 9163.

Conclusions:
(1) SONG CAM LO valley has little traffic at this time.
(2) Possible enemy reconnaissance activity to determine future use of SONG CAM LO valley by NVA.

T.D. MAGULICK
Patrol Leader
SSGt Co D

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: NONE

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (8) USMC (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENT: (NONE)
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRO 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7K 50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) CLAYMORE MINES, (4) WP RIFLE GRENADES
      (3) CS GRENADES (1) 2LB BLOCK G-4
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms. Make every effort to capture a prisoner. Plot HLP's for future operations. Pay particular attention to trails and their frequency of use in your RZ. Ascertain if the area is being used by the enemy and for what purpose.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 030945H/041515H APRIL 1967

4. ROUTE: SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 28½ hours of reconnaissance resulted in (2) enemy sightings and (1) contact. Patrol fired (4) artillery missions totalling (622) rds. Contact resulted in (1) NVA KIA (CONF), (10) NVA KIA (PROB), (3) NVA WIA (CONF) and (4) USMC WIA (MINOR). Patrol found evidence of WPT traffic through valley south of Mutter's Ridge.
   b. ENEMY:
      (1) 032000H (XD 988606) Patrol heard (2-3) voices at (75-100) meters east of patrol position. At 032000H patrol saw (1) light in direction of initial voices. At 032100H patrol fired (1) mission of (37) rounds, with excellent coverage. Movement ceased. At 031045H patrol light to west of position. Patrol fired (100) artillery rounds throughout night on defensive concentrations, with negative results.
      (2) 040935H (XD 988611) Patrol approached crest of Mutter's Ridge. When within (20) meters of top patrol found (1) very fresh CHI COM grenade body trap. At same time patrol came under 5A/ANF and grenade from (15-20) NVA. NVA dressed in grey and green utilities, soft cover, and carried AK-47's and carbines. Patrol returned fire resulting in (1) NVA KIA (CONF) and (3) NVA WIA (CONF), and by fire and maneuver moved (300) meters back down hill. Immediately on contact
patrol called preplanned concentrations. At 041059H artillery began firing. Patrol fired (2) missions and crept rounds down hill behind themselves.

(3) At 041010H (XD 990605) Patrol heard movement behind them at distance of (20) meters from estimated same enemy.

(4) 041110H (XD 994597) Patrol called (1) artillery mission on areas of contact and withdrawal resulting in (10) NVA KIA (PROB).


d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) Patrol noted that E-W trail along DL 60 (XD 992600) in valley south of Matter's Ridge had seen much recent small unit traffic from W to E.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (1) NVA KIA (CONF) (10) NVA KIA (PROB) (3) NVA WIA (CONF)

b. FRIENDLY: (4) WIA (MINOR)

c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: NONE

d. LOST EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25 (DESTROYED)

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: POOR

8. CONCLUSIONS -- RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations: The area of contact should not be used for reconnaissance penetrations to the north.

Conclusions:

Matter's Ridge used as a valley OP and first line of defense against reconnaissance to the north of same ridge.

Significant small group EW traffic in valley to south of Matter's Ridge.

R.F. RUSSEL
Patrol Leader
Cpl Co C

9. DESKJERER COMMENTS:

Numerous artillery duels were reported by patrol.

Much debris in area through which patrol traveled due to prior infantry operations.

Concur with patrol leader.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (9) USMC (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PEQ-25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7 X 50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CLAYMORE MINES, (2) WP RIFLE GRENADES (4) 2LB BLOCKS C-4
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms. Make every effort to capture a prisoner. Plot HLG's for future operation. Pay particular attention to trails and their frequency of use in your RZ. Ascertain if the area is being used by the enemy and for what purpose.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 050910H/051700H APRIL 1967

4. ROUTE: SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSI: 8 hours of reconnaissance resulted in no enemy sightings and (1) contact. Ambush by unknown number of VC resulted in (5) USMC WIA, (1) USN WIA by grenade fragments. Patrol fired (1) mission of (125) rds in support with negative results.
   b. ENEMY:
      (1) 051200H (YD 095603) Patrol was moving NE through thick brush. A booby trap was detonated and immediately 4 or 5 CHI COM grenades were thrown on top of patrol from one side of trail. Front half of column was ambushed, resulting in (5) USMC WIA and (1) USN WIA. Patrol withdrew 40 meters under covering M-79. Enemy did not pursue. Patrol fired (1) mission of (125) rds. Patrol heard moaning following several volleys. Area checked with negative results.
   c. TERRAIN: Gentle rolling hills with mixed elephant grass and scrub brush up to 12' high. Communication excellent. Vegetation offers little concealment to moving units.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION:
      (1) Patrol noted much normal civilian activity.
(2) Because of nature of terrain and civilian activity patrol was under observation until within 500 meters of ambush site.

(3) 051145H (YD 091601) Patrol noted a whistling which started each time they halted. Whistle was identical each time it was heard and sounded like a bird imitation. Whistle was heard up until within 20 meters of contact.

(4) 051225H Vicinity (YD 095603) Patrol crossed NS trail (1) meter wide. Rear point saw (2)VN children emerge from bushes next to patrol at distance of (1) meter. VN were surprised and detained by rear point for security check. Rear point checked contents of bag hanging from pole between them. Bag appeared heavy and seemed to contain twigs. Rear point dismissed VN and VN continued on trail shown on map. VN were still in sight when patrol was ambushed. As patrol withdrew to intersection of EW trail and trail which patrol had broken the VN could no longer be seen. At 051400H patrol heard movement in the brush to east of their position. At 051645H infantry unit approached patrol position along trail VN had used. Head element triggered (1) booby trap (50) meters from patrol position resulting in (3) USMC WIA.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE

a. ENEMY: NONE

b. FRIENDLY: (5) USMC WIA (1) USN WIA

c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: POOR, MORALE GOOD

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Future patrols be helicopter inserted at least 1000 meters north of river to walk into recon zone.

Conclusions:

Patrol was ambushed by VC element. VC have some means of observing and signalling approach of patrols.

J.F. ZAMAITES
Acting Patrol Leader
L/Opl Co D

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:

Patrols have frequently used this general route on walk-in patrols north from Route 9.

Several busses stopped on Route 9 as patrol made their way from insertion point.
PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (10) Enlist. (1) USMC Scoutdog
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/FRC 25's
   d. OBSERVATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) Fr. T250 (1) Fr. 6x35
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) Gas Masks (20) 60MM grenades
      (2) WP Rifle grenades
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) Claymore Mines (1) M-79

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 SAF and/or supporting arms, making every effort to capture documents, weapons, and prisoners. Patrols will act as Forward Observers for on call artillery.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 081530H/111545H April 1967

4. ROUTE: See route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 6 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (6) enemy sightings totalling (14) VC/NVA and no contacts. Artillery fired (168) rds in support of patrol resulting (14) enemy KIA's (6) and (20) enemy KIA's (7). Patrol found (1) excellent OP and observed (1) old hut. Area observed by patrol is heavily travelled by small groups of VC/NVA moving in an Easterly direction.
   b. ENEMY:
      (1) 101155H (YD 562252) Patrol sighted 2 VC moving East along tree line, dressed in black PJ's and white Koolie hats, carrying packs and rifles. No action taken.

      (2) 101315H to 101505H (YD 603265) Patrol sighted a total of 74 VC moving East Northeast in vicinity of tree line along river, dressed in black PJ's and green uniforms, carrying a total of (24) rifles and (26) packs. The VC were moving in groups of (3) to (4) to these cords, then assembling into groups of approx. (20), then continuing to move North Northeast along Route 554. Artillery mission called on targets totalling (125) rds with excellent coverage of target, resulting in (12) KIA's (6).

      (3) 101630H (YD 660252) Patrol sighted 6 VC moving East along road dressed in Khaki uniforms, (2) carrying packs and rifles. No action taken due to air craft in area.

      (4) 101848H (YD 603265) Patrol sighted (20) VC moving North along Route 554 dressed in black PJ's and Khaki uniforms, carrying packs and rifles. Artillery mission called on target expending (45) rds of zone sweeping fire with 104% coverage, resulting in (20) KIA's (F).
(5) 110000H (YD 607259) Patrol sighted 2 VC walking Northeast dressed in black PJ's, carrying packs and rifles. No action taken.

(6) 111500H (YD 603265) patrol sighted 6 VC moving East wearing Khaki uniforms, carrying packs and rifles. No action taken due to prep-fire and air strikes in the vicinity for sweep.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by gentle slopes and rolling hills, easily traversable from all sides. Vegetation consist of brush and shrubs 2 to 5 ft. high.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 081500H (YD 595234) Patrol inserted these coord. LZ will accommodate (1) CH-46. Site is covered with brush 2 to 4 ft. high. No obstacles noted.

(2) 090900H (YD 599234) Patrol located excellent OP site these coord. From these coord., observation is undistracted to the Northwest, North and East.

(3) 091300H (YD 642214) Patrol observed old hut these coord. Hut had thick roof, hut approx. 12 ft. long, 6 ft. wide and 10 ft. high. Hut did not appear to be used at present.

(4) 091500H (YD 599234) Patrol had Med-Evac from heat stroke, also scout dog and handler Evac due to shortage of water and heat factor.

(5) 111545H (YD 599234) Patrol extracted these coord. LZ will accommodate (1) UH-1. Site is covered with brush approx. 4 ft. high. No obstacles noted in sight.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: 14 KIA's (C) 20 KIA's (P)

b. FRIENDLY: None

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good; moral good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Patrol should continue to operate in this area because the excellent observation of the valley.

Conclusions: (1) Communications throughout this patrol was excellent.

(2) Natural water source accessible in the vicinity of OP none, although patrol could be resupplied from the river to the East.

L.E. KEEN
Sgt. Force Recon

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:

(1) Concur with patrol leaders Recommendations and Conclusions.

(2) Area observed by patrol appeared that the VC/NVA were moving out of the mountainous area into the valley in groups of 3 to 4 and assembling into approx. platoon units vio. (YD 5625) prior to moving into more insecure area.
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Operation Order 50-67
Patrol: 1st Sqd 1st Pat Co C
Debrief: Lt Lt J. F. Walker
Map Sheet: 6342 I

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

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
a. COMPOSITION: (7) USMC (1) USN
b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7 x 50

e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) M-76 (6) WP RIFLE GRENADES (1) YELLOW STREAMERS
(1) WP HAND GRENADE

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms. Make every effort to capture a prisoner. Plot NVA for future operations. Pay particular attention to trails and their frequency of use in your RZ. Ascertain if the area is being used by the enemy and for what purpose.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 060930H/111230H APRIL 1967

4. ROUTE: SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
a. SYNOPSIS: (12) hours of patrolling resulted in (1) enemy sighting of (12) NVA and (1) contact with (5) NVA KIA (CONF). Artillery supported with (2) missions of (36) rounds with (5) NVA KIA (2 WOB). Patrol adjusted air strike with unknown results. Bodies of CH-24 crew members killed 13 March could not be found.

b. ENEMY: 101530H (XD 989603) Patrol point observed (3) NVA, dressed in green utilities, soft camouflage bush hat, no pack, weapon, cartridge belt with CHI COM grenades. Enemy seemed to be in OP position, with debris such as rice bowls, cartridge boxes. Patrol took enemy underfire resulting in (3) NVA KIA (CONF). Patrol began taking fire from 75 meters to east and returned SA/AWF resulting in (2) NVA KIA (CONF) and (1) USMC WIA (MINOR). Patrol began to withdraw under cover of air strike. Artillery was called on enemy position of (30) rounds with results of (5) NVA KIA (MINOR). Enemy withdrew.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by defoliated canopy, steep hills, open, observable approach routes. Communication poor on defilade side of ridge, water good.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:
(1) 071400H (XD 995595) Patrol found old enemy base camp not used for 4-5 months, with numerous fighting holes and (2) burned hooches. Trail along stream used by friendly running N-S 3' wide.
(2) 071500H (XD 994593) Patrol found old enemy base camp, out of use, company size. Fighting hole, old bunkers, (1) hooch.

(3) 091600H (XD 990623) Patrol heard voices from this vicinity. Negative communication precluded artillery.

(4) 100800H (XD 999622) Patrol observed (3) fresh foot prints of tennis shoes heading from E to W up stream.

(5) 101000H (XD 986619) Patrol found downed H-34 helicopter. Tail section was intact, everything else was scattered and burnt. Negative USMC bodies.

(6) 101100H (XD 987618) Patrol found downed H-46 helicopter. NVA's had been carrying pieces all over area, plane was burnt and scattered all over. Patrol leader judges plane set on fire by enemy. Tires had been cannibalized. No booby traps on either plane.

(7) 101730H (XD 990661) Patrol found small bivouac area of 10 man capacity, not used within last 3 months.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (5) NVA KIA (CONF), (5) NVA KIA (PROB)

b. FRIENDLY: (1) USMC WIA (MINOR)

c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: FAIR, MORALE GOOD

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations:
ARCHLIGHT and TPQ's be conducted on Matter Ridge and Ridge to north of Matter Ridge. Planes make drops on passes from north to south since defilade side of ridge remains untouched.

Conclusions:
Enemy OP activity at 988613.

C.O. ROSE
Patrol Leader
Cpl Co C

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Payable Mike Five reported enemy OP site at coordinates of above contact. Concur with patrol leader's recommendations and conclusions.
LEGEND

X - WALK IN-OUT
---- RTE TRWLD
----- TRAILS

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G-2 (REAR)
SPEC FORCES
3d FORCE RECON
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Operation Order: 55-67
Patrol: 2ndSqdn 3rdPllt Co C
Debrief: 2nd/Lt Jill ZELLERS
Map Sheet: 6542 II

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (9) USMC (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) 7 x 50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) CLAYMORE MINE (5) WP 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. Make every effort to capture a prisoner. Plot HZ's for future operations. Pay particular attention to trails and their frequency of use in your HZ. Ascertain if the area is being used by the enemy and for what purpose.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 091500H/101400H APRIL 1967

4. ROUTE: SEE PATROL ROUTE, OVERLAY
   a. SYNOPSIS: 25 hours of reconnaissance resulted in (1) enemy sighting and (1) contact. Patrol found (1) large fresh bunker complex and an apparent storage area. Patrol fired (1) artillery mission of (1200) rds resulting in 10 NVA KIA (PROB).
   b. ENEMY:
      (1) 101000H (XD 924501) Patrol was firing artillery mission to destroy bunker complex at (XD 924503) (13) NVA dressed in dark green uniforms, wearing cartridge belts, and haversacks, no covers and carrying AK-47's emerged from canopy into elephant grass in column and approached patrol position 100 meters away. Enemy moved around patrol to vicinity (XD 923498). By 101100H patrol realized they were surrounded by estimated (80) NVA. Patrol began throwing grenades. Patrol received heavy SA/AW and returned same. Patrol called artillery fire mission of (1200) rds with 10 NVA KIA (PROB) resulting. Grenades were heard following friendly grenade. Air Strikes were called on bunker complex. Estimate bunker complex destroyed by air. While Air Strikes and gunship provided covering, fired patrol was extracted at their defensive position without friendly casualties.

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a. TERRAIN: Rolling hills with intermittent canopy and elephant grass. Excellent communications.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 091300H (XD 914509) Patrol inserted these coordinates. HZ large enough for (3) CH-46’s. Old rusted O-Ration cans found in area.

(2) 091500H (XD 924503) Patrol found heavily used BW trail (1) meter wide. Trail used by platoon size unit moving east.

(3) 091545H (XD 924503) Patrol found bunker complex consisting of (20) 6'X6'X6' reinforced-concealed bunkers. Estimate (20) 2 man concealment fighting holes, some of which were connected by tunnels to nearby bunkers. Numerous tunnel air holes were found. At least (50) meters of tunnel was believed to connect bunkers. Estimate area (1) week old. (1) 1/2 yard hocho was found to contain (4) old empty packs, (3) pair old uniforms and numerous rusted fish cans, several empty baskets, and (2) jungle speakers. A ladder was attached to a tree near a large 6'X6'X8' deep bunker. OP in tree could observe area from THOMPSON LAWN to near C1-W. (2) old fences in graves with markers were found in area. All area 100 meters in diameter was found which had been cordoned off by vines, should high. Within this area were more than (20) freshly dug holes. Each hole had a 12" X 18" inter woven stick framework placed 4" over it. Underneath the framework was freshly packed dirt. Upon digging 6" a tunnel was discovered large enough to allow passage of a small man. About (20) other holes were found in this area of varying size. Holes had been filled in; some holes could have held objects up to (4) feet long and (1) foot wide. In immediate area of these holes portions of vines were found wrapped around trees with ends pointing toward specific man made objects. At one point on the trail a 3' stick was suspended across the trail about 2' above the ground and (3) 3' sticks were leaned against the horizontal stick with sharpened ends pointing down the trail.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: 10 WOUNDED (PROB)

b. FRIENDLY: NONE

c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD/MORALE GOOD

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Future patrols this area walk in or land some distance away.

Conclusions: Area appeared to be some type of storage area.

C.D. HUDY
Patrol Leader
C-1 Co.C.
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Infantry operation is currently conducted in this area.
Operation Order: 116-67
Patrol: 1st Sqd., 3d Plt. Co B
Dobriefer: 8/Sgt PAPPIN
Map Sheet: 6541 IV

PATROL ROUTE

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (4) OFFICER, (7) ENL. (1) USM

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area, locating trails and harbor sites. Establish d-v 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: 121330H/164930H April 1967

4. ROUTE: See Route Overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 102 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (2) enemy sightings, totalling approx. (15) VC/NVA and (2) contact resulting in (1) enemy KIA (Prob), (1) friendly KIA, (1) friendly WIA, and captured (1) pack filled with salt,arty fired (5) Rds in support of patrol with unknown results. Handy gunship was used in support of patrol. Patrol found Medical Vial, trail, boat and camp site. Area covered by patrol reveals signs of extensive use at this time.

b. ENEMY:
   (1) 151530H (YD 836006) Patrol observed (5) VC/NVA via these OP's. Carring packs, and no weapons were observed. They appeared to be filling containers. Then moved off to the north.

   (2) 161450H (YD 833007) Patrol moving to LZ was ambushed by approx. 10-15 VC/NVA these OP's. Patrol received MG fire and grenades. Returned SAF and grenades while moving back down trail. Resulted in (1) friendly KIA (Prob). At 161545H patrol again tried moving to LZ and again was ambushed approx. 30 meters north of first ambush site, receiving MG and MG fire resulting in (1) friendly KIA (Prob). Patrol returned MG fire, grenades causing (1) enemy KIA (Prob), and called fire mission of (5) Rds on ambush site with unknown results. Patrol requested Sparrow Hawk force. Handy gunship arrived on station to support the patrol. Gunship during 1st Ambush fire and MG fire. Gunship needed no further fire after first run. Patrol found a pack filled with salt and one soldier at this ambush site. Patrol marriaged with Sparrow Hawk force at 1635H with no further contact.

c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by steep hills covered with dense vegetation approx. 10-12ft high with intertwined vines making movement extremely difficult. Area covered has canopy approx. (60-90ft) high.
d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 121300H (YD 835006) Patrol inserted these coord. LZ will accommodate (1) Ci-46. Site covered with sand, brush and small rocks. No obstacles noted.

(2) 121400H (YD 833006) Patrol found what appeared to be directional marker, constructed of a stick 5ft long, leaning against tree. 3 rocks were placed at the base of the stick, 14/40 ft line going north and south.

(3) 141430 (YD 824001) Patrol found medical vial in in creek bed these coord. Vial turned into this HTA.

(4) 141500H (YD 824998) Patrol found what appeared to be old cooking fire. The fire had (4) stick placed around the fire use to hold pot or pan above the fire. This site appeared to be at least two weeks old.

(5) 160300H (YD 833006) Patrol found a trail running east from stream bed these coord. Patrol followed trail approx 250 yards. Trail approx 2ft wide and appeared well used.

(6) 160830H (YD 834006) Patrol found and destroyed a boat at these coord. Boat was 6ft long and 2-3ft wide. Boat was tied to the bank and was submerged. The stake holding the boat appeared to be freshly cut.

(7) 161930H (YD 833006) Patrol extracted these coord. LZ will accommodate (1) Ci-46. Site is an old bomb crater.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (1) KIA (Prob)
b. FRIENDLY: (1) KIA, (1) WIA (minor)
c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: (1) Pack w/salt, (1) Saddle

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Fair, morale fair.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommends: (1) Future patrols operate west on trail at YD 833006.

(2) Future patrol operate east side of creek fork, (YD 837006) Possible enemy harbor site or camp.

Conclusions: (1) Poor communications throughout patrol.

(2) Water resource in this area plentiful.

L.T. KURZAN
L/QI. H Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: This area appears to be heavily traveled to the north and east at this time.
LEGEND

O = INSERTION
X = EXTRACTION
___ = TRAIL

PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

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Operation Order: 159-67
Patrol: 3d SQ 2nd Plt Co C
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Map Sheet: 6442 IV

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (7) USMC (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7 X 50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) WP 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. Make every effort to capture a prisoner. Plot HLG's for future operations. Pay particular attention to trails and the frequency of use in your LZ. Ascertain if the area is being used by the enemy and for what purpose.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 111500/151500 APRIL 1967

4. ROUTE: SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 90 hours of reconnaissance resulted in (1) enemy sighting of (7) NVA and (1) contact with same. Enemy unit was carrying wounded man on stretcher. Ambush of enemy resulted in (1) NVA WIA (PROB) and (1) NVA prisoner (previously wounded) and (1) USMC WIA. (1) artillery mission of 94 rounds was fired with unknown results. Patrol found numerous trails and individual fighting holes averaging 1 month old in this area. HLG's had fighting holes around their perimeter. Enemy use of the area transient at this time.

   b. ENEMY: 120900H (VY 152647) Patrol heard movement along trail 10-15 meters north of position. (3) NVA wearing khakis passed by patrol position. 10 Meters behind came a group of (2) men carrying (1) man on stretcher. Two men were wearing pith helmets and wore carrying AK-47 and an SKS. Men dressed in same manner as above. Both groups were talking loudly. Patrol opened fire on second group. Stretcher was dropped and magazine of AMT ineffectively returned by enemy. (1) NVA WIA (PROB) and (1) USMC WIA resulted from SAF. Man on stretcher was dressed in khaki shift and blue trousers; had a previous wound of the left ankle. Enemy broke contact to NW. Patrol heard movement in brush near position and threw grenades; movement ceased. (3) Artillery mission of 94 rounds was fired with unknown results. Prisoner and USMC removed from field by helicopter MEK-EVAC without further incident.

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D. OTHER INFORMATION:

1. 111745H (YD 143636) Small bundles of camouflage materials found. Materials at least 3 weeks old.

2. 120830H (YD 142643) New trail was found to have been freshly (within 1 week) cut N-S. Trail was 1 meter wide. 6) old fighting holes found this vicinity.

3. 121200H (YD 152649) Trail found this vicinity led towards (3) old fighting holes.

4. 121640H (YD 150645) (3) Voices were heard moving rapidly NE to SW. No action taken.

5. 130900H (YD 157547) Several month old campfire remains were found. Nothing else noted in area. (YD 143636) and (YD 150635) also had similar sites.

6. (YD 152647) Large trail found this vicinity. Appeared to have been made by a PG. Deep cuts indicate passage when muddy. Trail leads into THQN OCH BAY in 06 YD 1561.

7. (YD 1765) Each night patrol heard sounds of SA/AWF from this vicinity. Sporadic fire was heard from 200 to 0500 each night.

8. 151500H (YD 1262) Patrol observed (3) large fires this GRID SIGHT.

9. (YD 1562) Many small trails branch from main N-S trail shown on the map.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (1) NVA POW (PREVIOUSLY WOUNDED) (1) NVA WIA (PROB)

b. FRIENDLY: (1) USMC WIA

c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: 1 SKS, 2 HELMETS, 1 BLUE COTTON SHEET, 1 PAIR SANDALS, 1 BUSH HAT, 1 STRETCHER, 1 CAN CONDENSED MILK

7. CONDITION PATROL: PHYSICAL FAIR/MORALE FAIR

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Northern area of RZ be reconnoitered further.

Conclusions: Medical facilities are available for NVA in vicinity of OAE LO. Area presently being used for transit.

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Patrol Leader
Sgt Co C
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: GRID SQUARES (YD 1454) and (YD 1564) were characterized by many individual fighting holes, which by their position were concealed from aerial observation. Only (1) new fighting hole was seen. Most holes seemed to be at least 3 to 4 weeks old. Most suitable HLZ's in these areas had numerous fighting holes concealed around the perimeter.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (12) Enl.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) PS-7250
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (36) CS grenades
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 (4) Claymore mines

2. MISSION: Establish OP's with operation area to locate enemy infiltration routes, enemy troop movement, and enemy staging areas. Avoid contact with small enemy units, unless contact is a matter of self-defense. Artillery will not be fired on enemy units less than (50) men, without first receiving permission from this HQ's. Act as a relay for other patrols in the area.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 161530H/190945H April 1967

4. ROUTE: See route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SURVEILLANCE: 8 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (4) enemy sightings totaling (8) VC/NVA and no contacts. Artillery fired (20) rds in support resulting in (6) KIA (F). Patrol found (1) trail and a Pit size harbor site. Area covered by patrol did not reveal signs of extensive use, although patrol believes river is heavily traveled.
   b. ENEMY:

      (1) 171315H (YD 629223) Patrol observed (1) VC wearing black PJ's in the vicinity of these coord. VC jumped out of hole and ran to the East over hill. No weapon or equipment observed.

      (2) 171500H (YD 620211) Patrol observed (1) Vietnamese female walking north these coord. dressed in tan and black peasant clothing. She was not observed carrying anything.

      (3) 160010H (YD 608231) Patrol observed (4) VC/NVA in brush line along river, wearing black PJ's and carrying rifles. Called fire mission of (11) rds with excellent coverage of target. (4) KIA (F)

      (4) 161220H (YD 608231) Patrol observed (2) VC/NVA moving south along river, wearing black PJ's carrying rifles. Called fire mission of (2) rds with excellent coverage of target (2) KIA (F)
c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by rolling hills, low brush averaging 5 ft. high. Rate of movement 300 meters per hour.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 161530H (YD 609221) Patrol inserted these coord. LZ will accommodate (1) CH-46. Site is covered with scrub brush 5-6 ft. high. No obstacles noted.

(2) 161600H (YD 610211) Patrol crossed trail at these coord., running North and South approx. 1½ ft. wide. Trail did not appear to be heavily used at this time.

(3) 161715 (YD 613209) Patrol found what appeared to be VC/NVA henna site, for approx. a pit. Patrol found Vietnamese ration cases, Vietnamese cigarette pack, old metal pot on tripod over old cooking fire, and what appeared to be approx. 20 wood frames for constructing shelters. Site did not appear to be used recently.

(4) 160846H (YD 613213) Patrol extracted these coord. Entire area could be used as LZ. Area covered with low grass and scrub brush approx. 1½ ft. high.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (6) KIA (P)

b. FRIENDLY: None

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, moral good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: Future patrols should operate only on OPs in this area, due to open terrain. Also, future patrols operate in the vicinity of (YD 629224) for excellent observation.

Conclusions:

(1) Patrol had continuous interference from (3) ARVN nets and believed (1) VC/NVA nets, other than interference communication is excellent in this area.

(2) No natural water in this area.

(3) All movement in this area appears to be along river.

J.W. BROWNING
Sgt. "A" Co., 1st Recon BN.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None
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 Operation Order: 169-67
Patrol: lst Sqo 2nd Plt OoD
Debriefe d: J. L. ZELLEHWD
Map Sheet: 6442 III

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (10) USMC (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7 X 50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) CLAYMORE MINES (9) VP RIFLE GRENADES
      (19) CS GRENADES (13) GAS MASKS
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to
   determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms. Make every
effort to capture a prisoner. Plot PLUs for future operations. Pay particular
attention to trails and their frequency of use in your RE. Ascertain if
the area is being used by the enemy and for what purpose.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 1700/1100 APRIL 1967

4. ROUTE: SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 31 hours of reconnaissance resulted in (1) sighting of (15)
      NVA and (1) contact with arms. Patrol came across freshly made combat
      outpost. Exchange of SA/AMF resulted in (2) NVA KIA (PROB) and (1) USMC
      WIA (MINOR). (2) Artillery mission totaling (53) rds forced
      enemy to abandon their position. Extra tion helicopters received AMF and
      gunships struck numerous positions in GS (YD 3444). Area was defended in
      depth and was probably a combat OP for larger unit.
   b. ENEMY:
      (1) 17JUL67 (YD 345448) Patrol was traveling SE on well use dirt road
      which had been paved at one time. Several old individual fighting
      holes were seen along this road. Vegetation was knee high and very
      little cover was available. Patrol approached low ridge line and at
      a distance of 50 meters received a large volume of SA/AMF. Fire was
delivered from the ridgeline to the patrol's right front. Patrol returned
   fire. (1) USMC WIA resulted from initial burst. (1) fire
   mission of (42) rds resulted in forcing the enemy to abandon fixed
   positions. As patrol moved into area they fired on several NVA re-
   siding in (2) NVA KIA (PROB). (1) Artillery mission of (3) rds re-
sulted in forcing more enemy to leave bunker area. In bunker area
   found numerous rounds of SA/AMF, a numbe
(2) 151315H (YD 352458) Patrol extracted these coordinates. While waiting for helicopters, Patrol came under ineffective M-79 fire (3 rds).

c. TERRAIN: Very low rolling hills covered with sparse knee high vegetation offering little concealment for tall objects. Communication was poor with RAINBOW ZULU (YD 340505).

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 151315H (YD 352458) Patrol found following diagram scratched in middle of road at a fork in road:

(2) At (YD 353456) Patrol found L-shaped piece of metal 12" by 8" protruding towards Hillocks (3/4) position.

6. RESULT OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: 2 NVA KIA (PROBS)

b. FRIENDLY: Gr. 3 trike on ridge line running from (YD 345445) to (YD 342447) and from (YD 342447) to (YD 348446) and from (YD 359445) to (YD 355445). No fire came from these (3) ridges.

c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT/STORES: No fire came from these (3) ridges.

7. COND. OF PATROL: PHYSICAL GOOD/ROLES EXCELLENT.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. TERRAIN: Very low rolling hills covered with sparse knee high vegetation offering little concealment for tall objects. Communication was poor with RAINBOW ZULU (YD 340505).

CONCLUSIONS: 151315H (YD 352458) Patrol found following diagram scratched in middle of road at a fork in road:

Area lacked living facilities and was probably a combat outpost. No immediate area around the bunkers was occupied by up to (1) company.
9. DECEMBER COMMENTS:

(1) Patrol said OP appeared to be watching sweep by unit from 1/9 to the North and East.
(2) An enemy regiment is thought to be in this vicinity.
(3) Concur with patrol leader.
Operation Order: 173-67  
Patrol: 2nd Plt 31st Infantry Co D  
Debrief: 2nd/Lt J.L. ZELLMER  
Map Sheet: 6342 I

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (9) USMC
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) PA 7 x 50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) CLAYMORE MINES, (16) CS GRENADES (9) GAS MASKS
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms. Make every effort to capture a prisoner. Plot H/LZ's for future operations. Pay particular attention to trails and their frequency of use in your 22. Determine if the area is being used by the enemy and for what purpose.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 1700 to 2200 HR APRIL 1967

4. ROUTE: SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 11/2 hours of reconnaissance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found (1) large bunker complex about 2 weeks old, and two smaller bunker areas with cooking hoochies also several weeks old. (1) old dwelling was found containing (25) weapons, (200) mortar rounds and other assorted gear. Sounds of bunker-building were heard and signs were seen of recent passage of a small unit carrying heavy loads east.
   b. ENEMY: NONE
   c. TERRAIN: Low rolling hills with fairly dense underbrush up to 7' high. Water in moderate quantities can be found due to recent rains. Corn good. Many trails in area used by infantry, woodcutters, VC/NVA. H/LZ's plentiful in this area.
d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 17175OH (YD 0962) Drum signals began immediately after spotter found and continued 10 minutes.

(2) 191553H (YD 096657) Bunker complex found, 400 meters square. Area constructed about 2 weeks ago. 15-20 (4) man bomb shelters and 25-30 interlocking 3 man bunkers, all with log and dirt roofs, and 15-30 individual fighting holes were in this area. Complex arranged on east side of hill. Area concealed from air but not too heavily camouflaged from ground observation. No debris in complex. No large trails were found running into complex. Old discarded 782 gear and C-Ration cans were found. All bunkers seemed similar—no MG or mortar positions.

(3) 191635H (YD 094665) Voices and sound of shoveling walking dirt were heard. Patrol fired (1) artillery mission of (14) rds with good coverage. Results unknown.

(4) 200925H (YD 094654) 5' x 10' dwelling found with no access trails. No other dwellings were nearby. No farming in this vicinity. Numerous ordnance items found within were not stacked in a military manner. Old NVA 782 gear found in area. See list of gear and gear returned in para 6.C. Dwelling was old but mortar rounds were new.

(5) 20140H (YD 094653) Cooking hooch found by stream. (7) Bunkers facing east were located on hill behind dwelling. Bunkers were large enough for (3) men and had log reinforced roofs. (8) Individual fighting holes also found. No trails seemed to lead into area. Last used two weeks ago.

(6) 201740H (YD 092650) Recently used cooking hooch with (12) three man bunkers with log reinforced roofs were found. Several empty cans and 1 full can of mortar fuzes and 1000' pool of comm wire found here. Area constructed within 2-4 weeks. Bunkers facing south. Area was near but not overlooking suitable large HLZ.

(7) 210825H (YD 095640) Tracks of (3) NVA carrying very heavy loads east were found on trail. Tracks were less than 48 hrs old.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: NONE

b. FRIENDLY: NONE
Gears found in cache found at YD 024554

- 200 82mm mortar rounds
- 3 cartridge belts
- 15 assorted magazines
- 4 cases B-40 rockets, 6 per case
- 2 B-40 rocket carriers, 1 with 2 B-40 rockets
- 3 cases 7.62mm rds, 450 rds per case
- 400 82mm rds linked
- 24 fuze
- 82 fuzes
- Unknown boosters
- 100 Chinese grenades
- 5 PPSH, Chinese type K-50
- 1 M3A1
- 3 Browning auto rifles
- 4 M-2
- 11 Soviet model 1944 carbine
- 1 French 7.5 LMG model M 1920/24
- Returned, remainder destroyed

7. Condition of patrol: Physical good/morale excellent

8. Conclusions and recommendations:

Recommendations: Water will be scarce during hot weather.

Conclusions: Enemy building for future use.

G.L. H. Cavalry
Patrol Leader
Co D
Patrol Leader felt that NVA might have started building bunkers in south and are working way north.

No MG or HMG positions were noted in any of the complexes found.
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Operation Order: 116-67
Patrols: 2nd/1st Inf Co D
Debriefers: 2nd/Lt J.J. Zellers
Map Sheet: 6342 I, II, III, IV

PATROL RECORD

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (6) UMG
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7 X 50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) CHAINING MAST, (2) CAN OPENERS (8) GAS HAZES
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSIONS: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance is assigned zone to
determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms. Make every
effort to capture a prisoners. Plot HIAs for future operations. Pay particu-
lar attention to trails and their frequency of use in your LZ. Ascertain if
the area is being used by the enemy and for what purpose.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/NOTICE: 210000/251300 APRIL 1967

4. ROUTE SEE PATROL NOTE OVERLAY

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 100% hours of contact resulted in 7 sightings totaling 97-99
      NVA and 1 contact with 4-5 of same. (2) NVA KIA (CONB) and (10) NVA KIA
      (PROB) resulted from SAF and artillery. (1) Very heavily used LZ found as east.
      Several old trails. Possible base camp may exist near Hill
      602. 6/3/3 calling in to exploit patrol findings with effective artillery.
      Artillery fired 15 missions in support totaling 115 rds resulting in
      (3) KIA (CONB) and (10) KIA (PROB). Noted several various appears to have heavy
      infantry activities, probably movement E to S.
   b. ENEMY:
      (1) 212000 (XD 079515) 4-5 NVA seen moving E on trail. Enemy wear-
      ing Class new kahki, black jungle covers, cartridge baltes and carry-
      ing AK-47's. NVA were at Eing arms. Patrol made immediate search
      and AN/PRC resulted in (1) NVA KIA (CONB). Remainder patrol un

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to waste without returning fire. Body and weapon not recovered because of steep hill and loose rocks.

(2) 21L3CH (2) NVA dressed as above seen on same trail dragging unknown object. (PROBABLY KIA).

(3) 21L3CH Patrol saw 0600 (2) NVA moving tactically along same trail to point of contact. Enemy dressed as above except they were carrying very heavy packs, and armed with (4) MG's, (1) 31/62 mortar, AK-47's and SKS carbines. At contact point enemy split. (25) continued E on trail, (25) moved up hill on the western flank of the patrol.

(4) 21L3CH (XD 878512) Patrol saw (2) NVA sweeping and searching across hill side (25) meters from their position. (1) Artillery mission fired with unknown results.

(5) Throughout night sounds of movement were heard along trail and beating drums and sticks came from vicinity Hill 602. Artillery missions fired with unknown results.

(6) 220830H (XD 886515) (10) NVA dressed as above moving east on same trail as 2 APRIL, No action taken.

(7) 220820H 3-9 NVA followed first group. Both groups moved tactically. (1) Fire mission of 12 rds resulted in screaming, threshing and (3) NVA KIA (CONF).

(8) Voices and movement heard throughout afternoon and night of 22 April. vicinity (XD 886513).

(9) While OPCON 4/3/3, patrol observed 25 NVA dressed as above moving west on same trail (XD 881516). An attempted ambush was unsuccessful - Enemy did not come into kill zone.

a. TERRAIN: Steep rocky hills with 100% canopy. Generally thick underbrush. Water plentiful in valleys. Comm fair. At least (1) heavily used trail in the KHE GIANG THOC'N valley.

b. HIZ: (XD 889513) HIZ's in this area cover a large area. Elephant grass is 12' with no obstacles noted. Approaches are without major obstacles and ground is fairly level.
c. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) ZI0930H (XD 889514) Old unused trail with empty rice bags, medical gear, and discarded uniforms. Old bomb craters nearby.

(2) ZI1100H (XD 887511) Very well used trail runs north to east, wide running E-M found here. Vine Islands, some log bridges, log reinforcing on hillside cuts, and numerous small oil drums found. Trail ran along the hillside following the hill contour line. Trail probably runs to Hill 602 (XD 885717).

(3) (XD 886517) and (XD 890518) Two trails running along eastern side found. Numerous fish traps noted. Trails not used for several months.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (4) NVA KIA (CAMP) (10) NVA KIA (PROP)

b. FRIENDLY: NONE

c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL GOOD/MORALS GOOD

a. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations:

Patrol of Hill 602 area.
Future patrol operate in UR 9051, L5 8849.

Conclusions: Possible camp vicinity Hill 602.

R.G. PED
Patrol Leader
Cpl. Co D

2. DEFICIENT COMMENTS:

(1) Previous patrols have noted much activity in the KHE 6950 CHONAN VALLEY Lt 66 (XD 8751, 8851-8951) and vicinity. 885 PATROL REPORT Mtn. 57-67.

(2) Patrol estimates: (10) NVA KIA (PROP) resulted killed from all artillery missions fired.
PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (8) NVA, (1) USN.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/VRC-25's.
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) Pz. 7x50.
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) M-16 rifle grenades, (2) CS grenades.
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 (4) Claymore mines.

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance within assigned area, locating trails and harbor sites. Establish daily OP's and avenues on likely avenues of VC movement. Engage the enemy with SDF major supporting arms, making effort to capture documents, weapons, and personnel. Patrol will set an forward observers for on call artillery.


4. ROUTE: See route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 114 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in 10 enemy sightings totaling 205 NVA and no contact. Patrol found company size harbor sites, for holes, fighting holes, trenches, bunkers, (3) wells, helicopter pads, mortar, and Vietnam war boats. This area appears to be heavily occupied at this time.

b. ENEMY:
   (1) 221240H (YD 587246) Patrol observed (42) VC/NVA walking West-East, wearing black and black FN's; some also wore gray uniforms and others wore shorts, VC were carrying packs and rifles. Artillery called, no clearance given. Patrol then called for knives and a patrol of (2) rifles received from 221400H.
   (2) 221500H (YD 587249) Patrol observed (30) VC/NVA moving East-West, wearing black and black FN's; some also wore gray uniforms and others wore shorts. Artillery called, well cleared; no contact. Artillery called for knives and a patrol of (2) rifles received from 221400H.
   (3) 221600H (YD 587248) Enemy scattered groups moving as in fire from South, 400 meters, (3) Vietcong wearing black - black, dressing in black and black FN's, gray uniforms and others were dressed in black FN's, black shirts and other FN's. Artillery called for knives and a patrol of (2) received from 221400H.
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(4) 241718 (YD-577249) Patrol observed 100G/AVAs
wearing black and white-patterned uniforms, and
coastal. Ops on second hand Westmount. No called.
Artillery fired once with excellent t&g coverage resulting in (10)
VCS H&L NA.

(5) 231080 (YD-577247) Patrol observed (2) O-120's
spreading along 2nd hand Kent. Aircraft observed (3) side of
50 cal. fire. Patrol could not contact. No action taken.

(6) 241346 (YD-577251) Patrol observed (2) VCS
moving West, unloading black FJAs. No weapons or equipment
observed. No action taken.

(7) 241308 (YD-577251) Patrol observed (5) VCS
moving West and unloading black FJAs. No weapons or equipment
observed. No action taken.

(8) 241432 (YD-577251) Patrol observed (21) VCS
moving West forming into one large group at those coord.
After forming into the large group every moved North staying
along the main line for about 30 minutes, then started
crossing a rice field. Artillery was called with excellent t&g
coverage, resulting in (2) VCS (6).

(9) 241706 (YD-577251) Patrol observed (4) VCS
moving West and unloading black FJAs. No weapons or equipment
observed. No action taken.

(10) 231026 (YD-602255) Patrol observed (10) VCS
walking East toward the river, wearing dark uniforms,
carrying packs and probably rifles. VCS moved with approx.
15-20 men moving in between each other. No action taken
due to the intensity of troops in the area.

(11) 250919 (YD-602259) On the East side of the river
(60) VCS were observed in rice field, appeared to be walking.
No action taken due to being activated at this time.

C. 20R99: This area is characterized by steep hills
covered with low grass and scrubbery vegetation averaging 3-6 ft.

D. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(1) 241408 (YD-566530) Patrol inserted these coordinates:
12 will accommodate (1) VCS. Area is covered with scrub
scrub grass scrub 3-6 feet high. No obstacles noted.

(2) 2116191 (YD-577284) Patrol found harbor site
uninhabited and excellent site water, floating islands, and
transfer transportation.

(3) 2116352 (YD-577287) Patrol observed bunker and hoeh
these coordinates: 120398 FJ, 12037 FJ, 12027 FJ.
Bunker did not have roof.

(4) 241432 (YD-577287) Patrol observed trail there
coordinates running South and North. Trail was approximately
3 feet wide. Patrol found 10 spruce trees on trail. Trail is
well trodden due to the fact that the area around it used
predominately by troops. Troops travel these road approximately one week ago.
Patrol observed VCS on both sides of trail.

(5) 241486 (YD-577288) Patrol observed helicopter two
locations of the harbor site with the exception of the two
12037 FJ and boat. Patrol was approximately 6 feet right off the
plains to5 children were noticed.
(6) 241515H (YD 250235) Patrol found burnt radio at these coordinates. No distinguishing marks on radio but radio used part of an oversized 12 volt type battery. These types of batteries were recovered all around the area.

(7) 241525H (YD 250240) Patrol found several Vietnamese books in area. Summarized in C.2.

(8) 241600H (YD 250235) Patrol observed (6) eccent bunkers. Bunkers were not far out yet passed to determine condition or size.

(9) 251000H (YD 250423) Patrol extracted these coordinates. LZ will accommodate (1) Gathy. Area is covered with brush, grass and suitable approximately 3-6 feet high. No conclusion reached.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. KIA: 46 KIA (c) 4 WIA (c) 10 KIA (p)
   b. PRISONS: None
   c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

   Recommend leave .(1) Enemy recon teams antigradigline as it is a good 3-2.

   (2) Have at least (2) 750's.

Conclusions: (3) Communication throughout this area was good except for the sector of teams on the same frequency.

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9. INSPECTION COMMENTS: It appears that this area is used as
   a regrouping area before the enemy moves to the north or east.
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### PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

- **1st Ech., 2nd Plt., B Co.**
- **Map:** FILM (A); 1:50,000
- **Series:** 1-0914
- **Map Sheet:** 6411 I
- **3d Recon Bn.**
  - (G-2)
Operation Order: 177-67
Patrol: 1st Sqd 1st Plt Co D
Debrief: 2nd Lt J.J. Zellers

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (7) USMC, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PIM-25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) PR 7 x 50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) CLAYMORE MINES, (4) CS GRENADES (5) WP HBAR GRENADERS
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms. Make every effort to capture a prisoner. Plot H/L Z's for future operations. Pay particular attention to trails and their frequency of use in your RZ. Ascertain if the area is being used by the enemy and for what purpose.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 191100/211700 APRIL 1967

4. ROUTE: SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 9 1/2 hours of reconnaissance resulted in (1) sighting of (7) NVA and (1) contact with same resulting in (4) NVA KIA (CONF), (4) NVA KIA (PAP) and (5) WIA, (1) Mortar. (1) Artillery mission of 60-124 fired in support. Patrol found heavily used trail shown on map, running through H/L Z. Area was found where trees had been cleared and tops burned. Patrol heard sound of rocket being fired and 12.7mm shot.
   b. ENEMY: 211200 (17) 277544 (7) NVA approached patrol position from 30 meters. Enemy had camouflaged face, green berets & backpacks; no cartridges, bolts or packs. Lead man wore blue shorts. Enemy carried AK-47's and a type of 12.7mm MP44 equipment automatic rifle. All Enemy were larger than ordinary U.S. and did not have ordinary U.S. facial features.

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Lead man was light skinned. Enemy saw patrol, gave (1) signal and deployed. Patrol fired on enemy at distance of (3) meters apparently surprising enemy as to identity. (3) NVA KIA (CONF), (4) NVA KIA (PROB) resulted from SAF. Patrol saw or heard no other commends or signals. Enemy well trained. At start of contact patrol received a heavy volume AWF from direction enemy had approached. Fire stopped. Patrol broke contact to west. Later, several Recon-by-fire rounds were fired in direction of patrol. (1) Artillery mission of (1) rd fired with negative results.

c. TERRAIN: Steep low hills with canopy 100' high. Water plentiful. Comm extremely poor. Several trails were found slowing moderate recent use. HLZ's are scarce.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:
   
   (1) 19130H (YD 275576) (1) Meter wide trail shown on map runs through HLZ. HLZ large enough for 5- CH-46's. Trail shows fairly heavy recent use.

   (2) 20130H (YD 275365) Trail continues over hill 200 to 282. Area between hills had trees cut off to 5' and all tops have been burned. Elephant grass to 3' found in area.

   (3) 20140H (YD 265344) A single rocket-type sound heard the vicinity. No explosion followed.

   (4) 20150H (GS YD 3035) 2.7mm round fired this vicinity.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   
   a. ENEMY: (3) NVA KIA (CONF) (4) NVA KIA (PROB)

   b. FRIENDLY: (3) USMC WIA (MINOR)

   c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL GOOD/MORALE GOOD

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

   Recommendations: TPQ in W 1/2 GS (YD 2835).

   Conclusions: No signs of digging were found. Area may be used for training.
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:

(1) Much enemy radio traffic was heard on helicopter insert/extract frequency.
(2) Lack of packs or cartridge belts might indicate a base camp located near point of contact. Enemy unit seemed to be in a high state of training.
Operation Orders 181-67
Patrol: 2nd Sqd 2nd INT Co D
Debriefer: 2nd/Lt J.L. Zellers
Map Sheet: 6442 LII

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (7) USC
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) PRC 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7 X 50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) CLAYMORE MINES
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 (1) M-60

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in assigned zone to determine enemy activity. Engage enemy with supporting arms. Make every effort to capture a prisoner. Plot H/L's for future operations. Pay particular attention to trails and their frequency of use in your AO. Ascertain if the area is being used by the enemy and for what purpose.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 221000H/271200H APRIL 1967

4. ROUTE: SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 114 hours of recon resulted in (5) sightings totalling approximately (15) VC/NVA and (5) contacts. (2) VC/NVA KIA (PRC) resulted from artillery fire. Patrol found no signs of enemy activity. (2) Possible cave sites were found. (10) Artillery missions totalling 195 raids were fired in support. Area has visible enemy activity at this time.

   b. EVENTS:
      (1) 232100H (TD 191401) 3 Boats were seen crossing the CAP TAI RIVER from B to S. Estimate (15) VC/NVA with small arms. Approached to within 100 meters. Patrol initiated SA/NVA, enemy returned same.

      (1) incoming grenade received, (1) USMC VIA (MINOR). Enemy broke contact.
(2) 23223DH (YD 191401) (5) VC/NVA were seen to approach patrol position from SW. Equipment which could be distinguished was (1) with helmet. Exchange of SA/SA resulted in no known casualties. (1) Claymore mine was cut. Enemy broke contact.

(3) 240000H (YD 194401) (1) Boat seen moving S to N. Estimates (5) VC/NVA. SAF emptied boat. Casualties unknown. Enemy did not return fire.

(4) 240145H (YD 193401) Estimated (2) VC/NVA seen running across sand towards patrol position. SA/F directed toward enemy. Enemy did not return fire.

(5) 240215H (YD 192401) (2) VC/NVA were seen swimming N to S across river toward patrol position. Artillery fired on enemy resulting in (2) VC/NVA KIA (PROB).

(6) 240745H (YD 195397) Sparrow hawk found 3 sets of footprints moving south from river.

(7) 18 Artillery missions totalling 195 rds fired in support.

c. TERRAIN: Valley with almost impassable vegetation up to 15' high. Water plentiful along river. Comm very good. No tracks or evidence of travel found in this area.

d. HLZ:

(1) (YD 207417) Extraction zone chopped from very thick brush. Large enough for (1) GZ-45. Not a good HLZ.

(2) (YD 212413) 600 x 30 meters zone with waist high elephant grass. Several ditches in zone. No obstacles in approach. Best approach from east.

e. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) (YD 196399) Possible cave on S side of river. Visual observation only.

(2) (YD 196399) Worth looking at this location. No physical recon made.

6. ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (2) VC/NVA KIA (PROB)

b. FIRELY: (1) USMC WIA (MINOR)

c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: NONE

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7. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL FAIR/MORALE OUTSTANDING

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations:
Walk into NZ from BA LONG is unfeasible. Using QUANG TRI RIVER valley.

Conclusions: River valley east from BA LONG seen to have no traffic.

J. G. VOGEL
Patrol Leader
L/Cpl. Co D

9. BRIEFER COMMENTS:

(1) Concur with patrol leader.
(2) Patrol reported helicopters taking heavy volume of fire from GS (VO 2045)
    2144, 2145, 2344
(3) Recommend further recon in above areas.
FATIGUE REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. CONSTITUTION: (C) N.D.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
   d. ORIENTATION EQUIPMENT: (1) T-50, (4) 6x5
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) CS grenades (6) Claymore mines
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) K-79, (1) N-14 w/grenade launcher

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

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 241530H/241530H April 1967

4. ROUTE: See route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. ENEMY: 4 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (1) sighting 3000 (2) VC/NVA and (4) contact with estimates 12-15 VC/NVA resulting in (3) KIA (5) WIA (1). Artillery fire followed. (5) VC with good coverage of area. Patrol found (2) trails. Area covered by patrol remains signs of heavy enemy use.

   b. TERRAIN:
      (1) NTHI (YD 81624): Patrol observed and fired on (3) VC/NVA, covering Route 8. Patrol returned to patrol position.
      (2) NTHI (YD 61624): Patrol observed and fired on (2) VC/NVA and (1) contact with estimate 12-15 VC/NVA, resulting in (3) KIA (4) WIA. Artillery fire followed. (2) VC with good coverage of area. Patrol found (1) trails. Area covered by patrol remains signs of heavy enemy use.

   c. TERRAIN: The area is characterized by low rolling hills with few trails, strip farms, and a dirt road network
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (3) KIA (6); (1) KIA (1)

b. FRIENDLY: None

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, normal good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: CTQ's in the vicinity of (YD 6102)

Conclusions:

(1) Patrol had good communication with whip antenna and negative communication with tape in the low area.

(2) Natural water source is plentiful.

(3) This area appears to be heavily traveled at this time.

Cpt. RUDMAN
1st Co.

9. DEFILER COMMENTS:

(1) From period of 26 March to 24 April 3 patrols have operated within this area bounded by (YD 6102, 6100, 8403, 3400), making a total of 32 patrols of approx 50 patrols and 3 contacts resulting in (3) KIA (1) and (1) KIA (1), 4 friendly killed and 2 slight injuries, expelling a negative type 53 enemy. High patrol reported signs of heavy enemy in the area in a W/N direction and patrols have heard well using trails, with contact. In area flak, however, the boat on the river was the ATQ's to make contact near well armed with machine guns and automatic weapons, and the patrol's a machine gun. The patrol was informed, and patrol

(2) used the machine gun on the contact. The CTQ's were within 30-45 meters behind contact was made. In each instance the enemy appeared to be with two dogs and returned a heavy volume of fire from them.

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Operation Order: 147-67
Patrol: 2nd Sqd, 4th Plt. Co. B
Debrief: J. B. PIPPIN
Map Sheet: 6541 I, 6541 IV

OPERATION ORDER

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (9) Enl
      b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
      c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/FRC 25's
      d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50's
      e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (18) CS grenades
      f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-60 (1) M-79 (5) Claymore mines

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

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 271030H/281700H April 1967

4. ROUTE: See route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 30 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in 1 enemy sighting totalling 5 VC/NVA and 1 contact resulting in (1) enemy KIA (c), (5) enemy KIA (p). Artillery fired (30) rounds in support with unknown results. Patrol found (2) trails (1) W/356 used. Gunships and fixed wing used in support of the patrol. Area covered by patrol reveals signs of enemy use, although no direction could be determined.
   b. ENEMY: (1) 261400H (YD 694157) Patrol observed 5 VC/NVA at these coordinates wearing khakis and bush covers, carrying rifles, moving North. Patrol engaged enemy with SAP and M-79 causing: (1) enemy KIA (c), 3 KIA (p), patrol started receiving SAP from (YD 62157) and (YD 694157). Patrol called artillery mission of (30) rounds on position and requested gunships and fixed wing. Both gunships and fixed wing received SAP during strafing runs over enemy positions. Patrol and aircraft continued to receive sporadic SAP until approximately 1630H at which time all contact was broken. Although patrol only observed (5) VC/NVA it was estimated to be 20-25 in this vicinity. Results of air strikes and artillery unknown.
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by steep mountainous terrain covered with heavy scrub and brush to the South, Northern area covered with low grass 1-2 feet high.
   d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 271030H (YD 693157) Patrol inserted these coordinates. This entire valley area is a suitable LZ. Area is covered with low grass approximately (1) ft. high.
   (2) 271730H (YD 692158) Patrol found trail at these coordinates running East and West approximately 15 ft. wide along ridge line. This trail did not appear to have been used in a long time.
   (3) 281500H (YD 694157) Patrol checking for results of the fire fight observed well used trail at these coordinates approximately 1-2 feet wide and appeared to circle around the base of the hill.
(1) 281700! (L 9232) Interol extracted these coordinates. This LZ is not for insertion due to the difficulty of getting into zone.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: (1) KIA (c) (3) KIA (p)
   b. FRIENDLY: None
   c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROLS: Fair, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
   Recommendations: WPQ's in vicinity of (YD 592157) and (YD 694157).
   Conclusions: (1) Patrol had excellent communication throughout patrol.
   (2) No natural water source in this area.

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S/Sgt. Co. "B"

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Out of (3) Patrols in this area a total of (8) sightings were made totalling 38 VC/NVA and (5) contacts.
PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (11) 1st D.
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) per. 7x50's (1) 6x35's
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (22) CS grenades
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 (1) M-14 W/grenade launcher
      (6) Claymore mines

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 SAF and/or supporting
   arms, making every effort to capture documents, weapons, and prisoners.
   Patrols will act as Forward Observers for on call artillery.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 271000H/271300H April 1967

4. ROUTE: See route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 7½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted
      in 4 enemy sightings totaling 37 VC/NVA and 4 contacts resulting in
      (6) KIA (o), (7) KIA (p). Artillery fired 7 rounds in support of negative
      results. Patrol found trails, heard movement, voices and what appeared to
      be Security Patrol had 10 on station and used fixed wing and gunships in
      support of patrol. Area covered by patrol reveals signs of heavy move-
      ment to the Northwest and Southeast.
   b. ENEMY: (1) 271000H (YD 771064) Patrol sighted 3 VC/NVA moving
      North at those coordinates (2) were wearing khaki shirts, black bottoms,
      no hats, and (3) with pack. (1) was wearing camouflage utilities carrying
      radio (looked similar to AN/PRC 10). Patrol engaged enemy with SAF,
      enemy returned fire and broke contact moving North. (1) enemy KIA (o).
   c. (2) 271415H (YD 767006) Patrol observed (2) VC/NVA Northwest wearing
      black KI's and brown covers, no weapons observed. Patrol engaged enemy
      with SAF, enemy moved over ridge line out of sight. No fire was returned.
   d. (3) 271435H Patrol observed (2) groups of VC/NVA. (1) group of (15)
      at (YD 765065) wearing mixed khakis, KI's and utilities moving Southwest,
      carrying rifles and what appeared to be mortar rounds in boxes.
      (2) Group of (15) at (YD 765065) wearing mixed khakis, KI's and utilities,
      carrying weapons moving Southwest. A0 was on station and patrol requested
      fixed wing, called artillery. (Artillery cancelled due to air in area), on
      patrol engaged enemy with SAF. Fixed wing made strafes on both men, resulted
      in (5) KIA (o) at (YD 765065), and KIA (YD 765065) patrol heard secondary
      explosion and saw mortar tubes fly into the air. (7) KIA (p). No further
      movement was observed from either position.
   e. (4) 271510H (YD 763064) Patrol observed (2) VC/NVA 100 meters East
      of those coordinates, heading West over ridge. Patrol only observed with
      khaki hats. Patrol engaged enemy with SAF and enemy moved West out of
      sight.
(5) During air strikes on 26 and fixed wing were receiving sporadic RPG throughout the area.

a. TEMPEST: This area is characterized by low rolling hills with vegetation ranging from low scrub to high brush; elephant grass and trees. Rate of movement in heavy area approximately 300 meters per hour.

b. OTHER INFORMATION: 1) 27100CH (YD 765061) Patrol inserted these coordinates 12 will accommodate (1) CH-46 and approximately 25 meters East, Northeast of these coordinates 12 will accommodate (1) CH-46. Site covered with brush and elephant grass 3 to 10 feet high. No obstacles noted. Patrol found a hand detonated device for Claymore in the ES, device was turned into this headquarters. Patrol as departing the ES headed a trail at ES coordinates running West to (YD 761063) then Northeast. Trail approximately 2-3 feet wide and appeared to be bush trail. Patrol observed water buffalo tracks probably made moving West.

(2) 27153CH (YD 765065) Patrol heard what appeared to be stress on someone clumping on a rifle stock. Patrol heard what appeared to be someone tapping on a rifle stock.

(3) 27161CH (YD 769064) Patrol heard movement past North of their position at these coordinates, noise appeared to be someone tapping on a rifle stock.

(4) 27170CH (YD 765066) Patrol heard voices in the vicinity of these coordinates. Voices sounded to be approximately 3 people. Artillery mission of (2) rounds fired with negative results.

(5) 27173CH (YD 765064) Patrol extracted these coordinates. ES will accommodate (2) CH-46. Site covered with small brush and grass 3-5 feet high.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. KIA: 6 KIA's (a) 2 KIA's (p)

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

5. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommends: 3/4/6-9TIP in case of contact.

Conclusions: (1) Patrol had excellent communication throughout patrol.

(2) Natural water sources good in this area.

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GY 26TH Co. B

9. DECLASSIFIED COMMENTS: (1) In each contact the enemy was engaged first with GPM then fire on antiaircraft. The (2) groups of (15) returned fire and appeared to be well organized and equipped. In the groups of (2) and (3) the enemy would return fire as he withdrew.

(2) This area has a significant decrease in enemy activity in the past three weeks. Each patrol in the area has made contact with small groups of VD/9TIP.

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**PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY**

- **End Sqd, 4th Plt. Co. B**
- **Maps VIEITAM, 1:50,000**
- **Series: L-7044**
- **Map Sheet: 6541 I**
- **3d Recon In.**
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