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Enclosure:

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 September 1967 to 30 September 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

3d Reconnaissance Battalion

2. LOCATION

30 Sep HUE-PHU BAI, RVN
30 Sep DONG-HA, RVN
30 Sep KHE SANH, RVN

3. STAFF

Executive Officer
Operations Officer
S-2 Officer
S-4 Officer
Adjutant
S-2/S-3 Officer (Forward)

Major E. F. BAULCH 3 July 67 to Present
Capt. R. R. GRECA 1 August 67 to Present
1st Lt. J. L. ZELLERS 20 May 67 to Present
2nd Lt. G. E. FOX 31 January 67 to Present
Capt. J. L. SHEBEL 20 May 67 to Present
Capt. J. O. HANRAHAN 15 July 67 to Present

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

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ATTACHED UNITS

3d Force Reconnaissance Co. (26 April 67 to Present)

Major W. C. FLOYD 6 June 66 to Present

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H & S Company
Company A
Company B
Company C
Company D

Capt. D. E. SENERANCE 12 September 67 to Present
Capt. C. R. ARIOLA 12 September 67 to Present
Capt. J. L. WILLIAMS 18 July 67 to Present
1st Lt. S. M. HARTNETT 26 August 67 to Present
Capt. R. L. KLEIN 21 May 67 to Present

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Co. A During the reporting period the Company completed 22 patrols averaging 3.8 days with an average of 9.0 men per patrol. The patrols made 15 sightings for a total of 111 VC, which resulted in 4 contacts, 3 fire missions of 334 artillery rounds, and 2 air strikes. There were a total of 2 VC KIA (Prob). Patrols sighted several trails, huts and fortified positions not indicated on the map. There were 1 USMC KIA, 4 USMC WIA, 1 USN WIA, 1 USN MIA, and 1 Kit Carson Scout WIA sustained.

Co. B During the reporting period the Company completed 22 patrols averaging 3.5 days with an average of 8.5 men per patrol. The patrols made 14 sightings, totalling 160 VC, which resulted in 2 contacts, 14 fire missions with a total of 376 artillery rounds fired, and 4 air strikes. There were a total of 54 VC KIA (Conf), 2 VC KIA (Prob). Patrols observed several trails, huts and fortified positions not indicated on the map. There were 3 USMC WIA sustained.

Co. C During the reporting period the Company completed 16 patrols averaging 3.9 days with an average of 8.5 men per patrol. The patrols made 53 sightings for a total of 378 VC/NVA, which resulted in 2 contacts, 21 fire missions of 616 artillery rounds, and 6 air strikes. There was a total of 15 VC/NVA KIA (Conf), 92 VC/NVA KIA (Prob). Patrols observed numerous trails, huts and fortified positions not shown on the map were sighted by the patrols. There were 1 USMC WIA and 1 USN WIA sustained.

Co. D During the reporting period the Company completed 17 patrols averaging 4.5 days with an average of 9 men per patrol. The patrols made 7 sightings for a total of 42 VC/NVA, which resulted in 1 contact, 9 fire missions of 1197 artillery rounds, and 4 air strikes. There was a total of 4 VC/NVA KIA (Conf), and 1 VC/NVA KIA (Prob). Patrols observed trails, hut complexes, and fighting holes not shown on the map were sighted by patrols. There were 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIA sustained.

3d Force Recon Co. During the reporting period the Company completed 57 patrols averaging 3.9 days with an average of 8 men per patrol. The patrols had 25 sightings for a total of 161 VC/NVA that resulted in 7 contacts, 12 fire missions of 624 artillery rounds and 3 air strikes. There were a total of 6 VC/NVA KIA (Conf) and 11 VC/NVA KIA (Prob). Patrols observed trails, huts and fighting holes not shown on the map. There were 3 USMC KIA and 14 USMC WIA sustained.
PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. Combat Missions Assigned. 3d Reconnaissance Battalion and attached Force Reconnaissance Company, conduct reconnaissance operations, STINGRAY 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 Operation CUMBERLAND, ARDMORE, FREMONT, KINGFISHER, LIBERTY and INDEPENDENCE.

c. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy. There have been 79 VC/NVA KIA (Conf), 106 VC/NVA KIA (Prob) inflicted on the enemy during the reporting period.

d. Casualties Sustained. There have been 5 USMC KIA, 23 USMC WIA, 2 USN WIA, 1 USN MIA and 1 Kit Carson Scout WIA.


f. Command Relations. Nothing significant to report.

g. Equipment. During this reporting period the Battalion initiated the use of the Starlight Scope. Through the use of this scope the Battalion has compiled 5 confirmed and 8 probable kills. It has also assisted in the sinking of one and the damaging of another sampan. These casualties could not have been inflicted without the scope, since these sightings and kills were made at night.

h. Logistics. Nothing significant to report.

i. Civic Action. All personnel joining the Battalion from CONUS are given a class in the personal response program. Two men from this Battalion attended the Division Personal Response School during this reporting period.

j. Administration. Nothing significant to report.

k. Personnel.

12 September 67 Captain D. E. SEVERANCE assigned as H&S Company Commander.
05 September 67 Captain J. R. BURNS relieved as H&S Company Commander.
12 September 67 Captain A. K. WARD relieved as Commanding Officer Company A.
12 September 67 Captain C. R. ARIOBA assigned as Commanding Officer Company A.
1. Intelligence. September reconnaissance efforts within the Khe Sanh TAO have generally paralleled August's effort. Light enemy activity to the west; to the north, however, heavy trail usage has shown general movement to the east and southeast.

Patrols operated extensively around Con Thien and adjacent to Route 561 from Cam Lo Bridge north along grid line YD 66. Indications also show that the NVA crossed the Cam Lo River at coordinates (YD 1259) and (YD 012565) in units from squad to battalion size at night. South of Dong Ha small VC/NVA units were again encountered as in previous months.

The Co Bi Than Tan Ridge was again a very active area with numerous VC sighted. Many sampans were also sighted on the Song Bo River (YD 6022). To the southwest and south of Khe enemy activity remained fairly constant.

m. Communications. During the month of September several radio relays were activated and deactivated or relocated. The radio relay located at coordinate YD 62095 was deactivated on 11 September and reactivated on 15 September at coordinate YD 75213. Again, on 17 September this relay was deactivated and moved to a new site at coordinate YD 760120.

n. Weather. The month of September started the transition from the hot, dry season to the cooler, rainy monsoon season. The average monthly temperature was 90 degrees with humidity from 50 to 95%. On a few occasions patrols were delayed by weather but generally no major problems in the deployment and scheduling of operations were caused by weather.

o. Fire Support. During the reporting period patrols of this Battalion directed 59 artillery fire missions expending 3349 rounds.

p. Air Support. During the reporting period patrols of this Battalion called 82 fixed wing missions. Helicopter gunship support and med-evac were utilized several times.


r. 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 A-1 to all newly arrived personnel. Training has been conducted by the Battalion NBC, NCO. This covered care and maintenance of the gas mask. On 7 and 8 September a school was conducted by the 3d Marine Division Engineers for 25 members of this command on VC Land Mine Warfare and Booby Traps. Again on 14 and 15 September, the same school was conducted for an additional 25 members. Alpha and Charlie Company conducted rubber boat training for members of their company at Colonel Beach on 4 September 1967. A multifold school was conducted on 25, 26 and 27 September by a contact team from 3d MAF. A pre-SOUBA school was held by this Battalion for 17 members of this command on 23 and 24 September. Also a two day course was conducted by 3d Marine Division on 22 and 25 September to refresh personnel trained as Vietnamese interpreters.
s. Sequential Listing of Significant Events.

261445H/271315H August. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (KD 9339) conducted 20 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in emergency extraction of team. Enemy had followed and tried to surround team. Artillery and air strikes were used in support of patrol, resulting in 15 VC/NVA KIA (Conf) and 2 KIA (Prob). (See supporting document # 1)

311030H/031130H September. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 1361) conducted 72 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in contact with an unknown size of enemy force estimated at 30-40 NVA. Patroil observed 6-10 NVA but estimated strength of enemy by number of muzzle flashes and volume of fire received. Results were 3 NVA KIA (Prob) by SAF and 1 USMC KIA. Fixed wing and artillery were called into area. Results of air strikes unknown. (See supporting document # 2)

011030H/061340H September. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 3135) conducted 123 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 5 enemy sightings and 1 enemy contact resulting in 4 NVA KIA (Conf), 1 NVA KIA (Prob), 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIA. (See supporting document # 3)

041530H/001640H September. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 0145) conducted 99 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 3 enemy sightings and 2 contacts resulting in 2 NVA KIA (Conf). (See supporting document # 4)

061415H/071054H September. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 1354) conducted 8 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 1 enemy sighting and 1 contact resulting in 3 VC/NVA KIA (Conf), 2 VC/NVA KIA (Prob) and 1 USMC WIA (Minor). (See supporting document # 5)

111230H/131400H September. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 6419) conducted 49 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 1 sighting of 30-40 lights and no contacts. Gunships and artillery fired on suspected elephants causing 14 secondary explosions. (See supporting document # 6)

131430H/131515H September. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 9997) conducted 49 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 1 contact with 2-6 VC. Contact resulted in 1 USMC KIA, 3 USMC WIA and 1 USN WIA. As the USN WIA was being hoisted into the med-evac helicopter a red smoke grenade inadvertently went off inside the helo. In the ensuing confusion the helo lurched forward and the WIA fell and was lost in the jungle (1 USN MIA) (See supporting document # 7)

140900H/171330H September. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 6019) conducted 76 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in the sighting of 30-50 VC and 4 sampans. These sightings resulted in 5 VC KIA (Conf) and 8 VC KIA (Prob), along with the sinking of 1 sampan and damage to two others. A total of 149 artillery rounds were fired in support of patrol. (See supporting document # 8)
151000H/210300H September. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 5723) conducted 100½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 7 sightings totalling approximately 144 VC, and no contacts. Artillery fired 396 rounds in support causing 75 KIA (Prob). Gunships in supporting patrol caused 10 KIA (Prob). Area observed by patrol reveals signs of movement north into the villages. (See supporting document # 9)

191000H/230900H September. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 5823) conducted 95 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in no contacts and 4 sightings. Artillery called on 2 sightings resulting in 4 enemy KIA (Conf) and 3 enemy KIA (Prob). Team detected a high power frequency or a possible enemy direction finder. No significant enemy activity in the patrol area. (See supporting document # 10)

191240H/221119H September. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 1064) conducted 71 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 1 sighting of 6-8 MVA and contact with an estimated enemy reinforced platoon with automatic weapons, machine guns, and mortars. Results of contact 1 USMC KIA and 4 USMC WIA. Unable to assess enemy casualties. (See supporting document # 11)

220900H/251400H September. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 5510) conducted 77 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 1 contact and 6 sightings. Enemy suffered 3 KIA (Conf) and 3 KIA (Prob). Area revealed heavy enemy activity. One sniper KIA by recon team, Two KIA (Conf) and 3 KIA (Prob) by air. Artillery results could not be observed. (See supporting document # 12)

230600H/270830H September. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 6123) conducted 9½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in no contacts and 22 sightings amounting to approximately 83 VC and 9 sampans. Artillery called on first sighting resulted in 1 VC KIA (Conf) and 1 VC WIA (Prob). Patrol area indicated extensive booby traps 2 to 4 weeks old. Some booby traps not finished. (See supporting document # 13)

201020H/291920H September. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 0657) conducted 33 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol extracted early due to friendly KIA. (See supporting document # 14)

021540H/021900H September. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 9142) conducted 3½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in contact with an estimated 60-70 enemy. This running contact resulted in 21 KIA (Conf) by SAF, 9 KIA (Conf) by fixed wing, 7 KIA (Conf) by helo gunships, and 2 KIA (Conf) by the extraction helo. (See supporting document # 15)
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

\( \text{\textcopyright~}\) (1) Patrol Report 101-67 of 27 August 67 (Co. B)
\( \text{\textcopyright~}\) (2) Patrol Report 431-67 of 04 September 67 (3d Force)
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\( \text{\textcopyright~}\) (13) Patrol Report 387-67 of 20 September 67 (Co. C)
\( \text{\textcopyright~}\) (14) Patrol Report 403-67 of 29 September 67 (3d Force)
\( \text{\textcopyright~}\) (15) Spot Report in Lieu of Patrol Report of 02 September 67 (Co. B)
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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL 101-67

1. MISSION: TO CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE WITHIN THE AREA BOUNDED BY XD9241 UL XD9538 LR, LOCATING TRAILS AND HARBOUR SITES, ESTABLISH DAYS OP'S AND AMBUSHES ON LIKELY axle OF NVA/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 OBS FOR ON CALL ARTILLERY.

2. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 261445H/271315H

3. PATROL ROUTE: FROM INSERTION POINT TO VIC OF XD933397 TO VIC OF XD931394 TO EXTRACTION POINT.

4. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: 20 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE RESULTED IN EMERGENCY EXTRACTION OF TEAM. ENEMY HAD FOLLOWED AND HAD TRIED TO SURROUND TEAM. ARTILLERY AND AIR STRIKES WERE USED IN SUPPORT OF PATROL.

B. ENEMY: (1) FROM 270900H UNTIL EXTRACTION THE TEAM HEARD MOVEMENT APPROX 10 PERSONS FOLLOWING THEM. MOVEMENT WAS FIRST HEARD IN THE VIC OF XD937400. 271100H AT XD933397, PATROL MEMBER FELL OF ROCK AND HURT HIS BACK.

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While the team was consolidating, movement from north became louder. Team then heard enemy fanning out to surround their position. 2 patrol members then Obs 5 NVA moving from the SE toward the team. All 5 were wearing Tiger Suits, Bush Hats and were carrying AK-47's. Artillery was called, team began moving. Air strikes called with excellent coverage. While Air strike was being run patrol heard A/W and machine gun fire from the vic of XD934409 and XD944494 HuI-.E pilots did not report receiving fire. Patrol extracted (No fire taken)

C. Terrain and Vegetation: Area generally steep and vegetation extremely thick. Rate of movement was 50-75 meters per hour. Map of area correct.

D. Other Information:
(1) Insertion at 261500H /XD932398 patrol jumped to ground from helo. LZ will not hold a CH-46.
(2) Extraction at 271445/XD944393 site will accommodate 2 CH-46's however LZ is on slope of hill and is very steep.

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6. Results of Encounters with the Enemy
A. Enemy: 15 KIA (C) 2 Prison
B. Friendly: None
C. Captured WPNS/ Equip: None

7. Condition of Patrol:
A. Physical - Poor Man fell and hurt his back. Two other members of the patrol carried this man and they suffered from heat exhaustion.

S. Recommendations and Conclusions:
A. Recommendations: None
B. Conclusions: Enemy encountered were pushed by the enemy OPs to the north. Patrol leader LCPL Willingham
C. Debriefers comments concur with patrol leader.

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(1) @31200 (YD 113648) PATROL OBSERVED THREE NVA SITTING IN OPEN. PATROL OPENED FIRE RESULTING IN THREE NVA KIA'S). ENEMY WORE BROWN NOAKS, UNABLE TO OBSERVE WEAPONS OR EQUIPMENT. PATROL WAS CHECKING OUT AREA WHEN THE RECEIVED SEVERAL 5A ROUNDS. PATROL BROKE CONTACT AND OBSERVED MOVEMENT ON THEIR FLANK. PATROL SPREAD OUT TO AVOID BEING ENVELOPED WHEN PATROL REGAINED RECEIVING AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF NVA. RESULTING IN ONE USMC KIA. ENEMY FIRE SLACKED FOR APPROXIMATELY 6 MINUTES. MED-EVAC HELO CAME IN AND RECEIVED A LARGE VOLUME OF ENEMY FIRE FROM 100 METERS EAST OF PATROL.

WHO LEFT AREA AND PATROL BROKE CONTACT AND MOVED SOUTH. FIXED WING MADE SEVERAL PASSES AND RECEIVED SAF FROM THE ENEMY. FIXED WING LEFT AREA AND ALL FIRED CEASED. PATROL WAS BEING FOLLOWED BY AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH SEVERAL FLASHLIGHTS. PATROL RECEIVED MORE RUMPS AND WERE EXTRACTED. EXTRACTION HELOS RECEIVED SPORADIC SAF.

C. TERRAIN: LOW ROLLING HILLS WITH ELEPHANT GRASS AND BRUSH 5-10 FEET HIGH, COMMUNICATION POOR, WHIP ANTENNA REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES. NARROW WATER SOURCES SCARCE, RATE OF MOVEMENT AT PATROLS DISCRETION.

D. OTHER INFORMATION:
(1) @11400H (YD 096634) PATROL HEARD ARTILLERY AND ROCKETS BEING FIRED 5000 METERS ON AN AZIMUTH OF 5300 MILES.

STRIKES WERE BEING MADE ON TARGET BEFORE PATROL SSSOULD TAKE ACTION.

(2) @111200 (YD 0)

(2) PATROL OBSERVED FOUR OLD BUNKERS WHICH HAD NOT BEEN USED WITHIN PAST MONTH.

(3) RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

(1) NVA KIA (P)

(2) USMC KIA

(3) CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: NONE

(4) CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD N ORALE GOOD

(5) CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) ALL PATROL SHOULD TAKE CORPSMAN.

(2) SPOTTER ROUNDS AND AG SHOULD BE USED FOR OBTAINING A CORRECT POSITION OF PATROL.

(3) HAVE PAROLS CARRY ONLY ESSENTIAL ITEMS.

(4) HAVE ONE MAN CARRY PONCHO RIGGED AS A STRETCHER.

CONCLUSIONS:

(5) PATROL ONLY SPOTTED 6-10 NVA BUT THE FROM THE NUMBER OF MUZZLE FLASHES...
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GQ-40 MVA: BELIEVED INITIAL CONTACT WAS MADE WITH SECURITY ELEMENT OF LARGER UNIT. BELIEVED ENEMY UNIT WAS SETTING IN NIGHT POSITION.

5. HLZ’S: ENTIRE AREA IS COVERED WITH SUITABLE HLZ’S.

cP. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:

1) PATROL UNABLE TO RECOVER PACK OR REFIE FROM USMC CASUALTY DUE TO HEAVY VOLUME OF FIRE. FIRE NUMBER 705659.

2) PATROL HAD ONE MALFUNCTION WITH M-16’S WEAPONS WOULD NOT EXTRACT.

3) PATROLS SHOULD BE ABLE TO EXIST FROM ITEMS CARRIED ON THEIR CARTRIDGE BELT.

4) PATROLS SHOULD CARRY TWO WHIP ANTENNAS. COMMUNICATION GEAR SHOULD BE CHECKED AND RECHECKED THROUGHOUT BEFORE PATROL LEAVES AREA.

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SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) Claymore Mines. (5) WP Rifle Grenades, (6) Gas Masks. (7) CS Grenades

SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 W/BØRDS. (2) M-14

1. CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED AREA TO DETERMINE ENEMY ACTIVITY, ENGAGE ENEMY WITH SUPPORTING ARMS, MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER, PLANT HELTS FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS. PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO TRAILS AND THEIR FREQUENCY OF USE IN YOUR RZ. ASCERTAIN IF THE AREA IS BEING USED BY ENEMY AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE.

2. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 011030 (YD 31655) 0614 (YD 31655)

3. ROUTE: INSERTION PT. SOUTHERN TO (YD 345345), THEN WEST TO (YD 345345), THEN NORTHWEST TO (YD 3232352), THEN SOUTHWEST TO (YD 3893535), THEN NORTHEAST TO (YD 382355), THEN NORTHWEST TO (YD 297366), THEN SOUTHWEST TO (YD 38355), THEN EAST TO (YD 38355), THEN NORTHEAST TO (YD 317363), THEN SOUTHWEST TO EXTRACTION PT.

4. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

5. SYNOPSIS: 123 HOURS OF Reconnaissance AND SURVEILLANCE PERFORMED IN (3) FINAL SIGHTINGS AND (1) ENEMY CONTACT RESULTING IN (1) KIA (1) KIA (1) WIA (1) WIA
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By Enemy:
1) 051241 (YD 299344) Patrol heard E-10 voices moving east at these coordinates. Patrol then observed a Vietnamese male and I Vietnamese female, wearing black PJs with no covers. Patrol observed rucksacks but no weapons could be observed. As enemy were walking they were laughing and talking. At this time the woman in the group said to the men in Vietnamese that she was not afraid, no action taken.
2) Patrol throughout the patrol received sporadic SAIF from GS YD 2993. No action taken.
3) 041300H (YD 306355) Patrol heard three to four voices at these coordinates. No action taken.
4) 051746H (YD 316555) Patrol observed six to seven people one of which appeared to be a woman. At these coordinates, people wore green utilities, packs, bush hats, and (1) AK-47 was observed. Patrol at this time was a ex-extraction Lz where they ambush the enemy resulted in (4) VC/NVA KIA (2) and (1) VC/NVA KIA (P).
Patrol was still receiving fire from an unknown number of enemy, so they were unable to retrieve the body and (1) AMTRAC 25 radios.

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Contact and moved approx. 200 meters where patrol heard from the southeast approximately 200 meters, at this time patrol heard SAIF toward the south, patrol then called for a G and Sparrowhawk, as no station was receiving fire, patrol while they were moving to Lz for extraction they received sporadic sniper fire.
Patrol while being extraction observed the body by no other gear could be observed.
5) 041241 (YD 309837) Patrol set in harbor site heard the pounding of bamboo sticks together which appeared to be a message or calling device, no action taken.
6) Results of encounters with the enemy:
A. Enemy: (4) NVA KIA (2), (1) NVA KIA (P)
B. Friendly: (1) USMC KIA, (1) USMC WIA
C. Captured: Equipment: None
7) Condition of patrol: Physical - Good, morale - poor
8) Recommendations:

On Fires should be scheduled for this area, enemy heard and observed

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CONCLUSIONS:

1. AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS SIGNS OF ENEMY USING THIS
   AREA AS A TRANSIT BASE CAMP AREA IS SMALL GROUPS TO THE EAST.
   AREA COULD ALSO BE USED AS A SUPPLY ROUTE FROM LOW AREA TO THE
   HIGH GROUND.

2. HLZ'S (YD. 318355) (2) OH-46'S, SCRUB BRUSH AND ELEPHANT
   GRASS 4-5 FEET HIGH. BEST APPROACH IS FROM EAST TO WEST.

3. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: PATROL POSSIBLY MADE CONTACT WITH JUST THE
   POINT OF A LARUNI OPERATION IN THE AREA.

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ATTN: AC OF SG-2
DEBRIEF OF RECON PAROL TM, 1-2, OPERATION ORDER 438-67
A. MAP SHEET 6342 J ANS SERIES L-7014, 1:50,000
(1) DEBRIEFER CAPT. J. L. SHEEBL; DAE 08 SEPTEMBER 1967
1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
A. COMPOSITION: (9) ENLISTED

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B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 55'S
D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7 X 50
E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) WP RIFLE GRENADES, (9) GAS MASKS,
(9) CS GRENADES
F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 50 R
(6) 4-14'S
2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED
ZONE TO DETERMINE ENEMY ACTIVITY, ENGAGE THE ENEMY WITH SUPPORTING
ARMY. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE PRISONER. PLOT MZ'S FOR
FUTURE OPERATIONS. PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO TRAILS AND THEIR
FREQUENCY OF USE IN YOUR ZONE. ASCERTAIN IF THE AREA IS BEING USED
BY THE ENEMY AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 041530H PATROL WALKED IN TO
(YD 014454) PATROL WALKED OUT FROM (YD 014454) AT 081810H
4. ROUTE: INSERT PT SOUTHWEST TO (XD 9364350), NORTHEAST TO INSERT PT.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
A. 59 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE RESULTED
IN THREE ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND TWO CONTACTS RESULTING IN (2) NVA KIA
(9)
(1) 050940H (XD 98345) Patrol made contact with a NVA wearing khakis, cartridge belts, and weapons. Enemy broke contact and patrol called mortar mission of four rounds with unknown results.

(2) 051440H (XD 97645) Patrol made contact with a NVA wearing khakis, cartridge belts and weapons, resulting in (2) KIA (C).

Enemy broke contact. Patrol continued mission.

(3) 071815H (XD 967435) Patrol observed approximately a NVA moving northwest along trail at these coordinates. Patrol called for a C.O. But when A.O. came on atation it was too dark and enemy movement ceased.

C. Terrain: Patrol traveled along road. Movement was free.

Communication fair, natural water sources plentiful.

D. Other Information: None

E. Results of Encounters With the Enemy:

A. Enemy: (2) KIA (C)

B. Friendly: None

C. Captured/Equipment: None

F. Condition of Patrol: Good, moral good

G. Recommendations:

Recommendations:

FUTURE PATROLS OPERATING ON ROAD SHOULD MOVE DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS.

CONCLUSIONS:

(1) ARE COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS SIGNS OF ENEMY USING AREA EXTENSIVELY AND FUTURE PATROLS SHOULD BE DEPLOYED IN AREA.

9. HEL'S: None

10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None

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ZEN/YAG SIXTEEN FWD

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ATT: AC OF SG-P

DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL 14, 5-2, OPERATION ORDER 443-67
A. MAP SHEET 6342 L, 4 WAYS SERIES L-7014, 150,000
(1) DEBRIEFING CAPT. J. L. SHEBEL DAE 07 SEPTEMBER 1967
1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT;
2. COMPOSITION: (8) ENLISTED
3. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE

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C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC-25'S
D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7X50
E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) CALYMORE MINES, (2) WP RIFLE GRENADES.
F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-16 7-79 WITH 35 ROUNDS, (2) M-14 (1) SHOTGUN
C. SESSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED
ZONE TO DETERMINE ENEMY ACTIVITY, ENGAGE ENEMY WITH SUPPORTING
ARTY, MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER, PLOT MLZ'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
D. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 063415H PATROL WALKED IN TO (YD 132544)
071024H PATROL HELO OUT AT (YD 104544)
E. ROUTE: INSERT PT EAST TO EAXTRACT PT.
F. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
A. SYNOPIS: 04 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE RESULTED
IN ONE ENEMY SIGHTING AND ONE CONTACT RESULTING IN (3) VC/NVA KIA (C)
(2) VC/NVA WIA (P), NAD (1) USMC VIA MINOR.
B. ENEMY:
(1) 073615H (YD 104644) PATROL WAS FOLLOWING FRESH FOOTPRINTS OF 3-4
VC/NVA WHEN THEY OBSERVED (1) NVA SITTING OFF TO SIDE OF TRAIL.
FROM ORCHARD FIRE RESULTING IN (1) USMC KIA, PATROL RETURNED FIRE

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RESULTING IN (1) NVA KIA (C). NVA WORE GREEN UTILITIES, CARTRIDGE
WITS, AND CARRIED AN AK-47. PATROL BROKE CONTACT AND WITHDREW TO AN
LZ. PATROL OBSERVED SEVERAL VC/NVA AND HEARD MOVEMENT ALL AROUND
THERM POSITION. PATROL OPENED FIRE RESULTING IN (2) NVA KIA (C)
AND (3) NVA KIA (P). PATROL RECEIVED NO MORE INCOMING SAF BUT EXTRACT
CLOSED AND GUNSHIPS RECEIVED LARGE VOLUME OF FIRE FROM 4-6 AM.
C. TERRAIN: ROLLING HILLS WITH MODERATE CANOPY 10-15 FEET HIGH AND
DESENE UNDERBRUSH. COMMUNICATION GOOD. NATURAL WATER SOURCES ARE
SUFFICIENT. RATE OF MOVEMENT A PATROLS DESCRIPTION.
D. OTHER INFORMATION: NONE
E. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
A. ENEMY: (3) NVA KIA (C), (2) NVA KIA (P)
B. FRIENDLY (1) USMC VIA MINOR
C. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: NONE
F. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD, MORAL GOOD
G. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:
RECOMMENDATIONS:
(1) FUTURE PATROLS OPERATING IN THIS AREA HAVE A SC
IN DOG.
CONCLUSIONS:

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(1) AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS SIGNS OF TRAILS IN THE AREA ARE
BEING USED BY SMALL GROUPS OF VC/NVA. PATROL MADE CONTACT WITH AN
ESTIMATED 6-10 NVA. NVA MAY HAVE BEEN SETTING UP AN AMBUSH WHEN
PATROL OBSERVED (1) NVA.
(2) LZ’S: (YD 104544) (1) UH-34 ELEPHANT GRASS AND SMALL SHRUBS
2-4 FEET HIGH. BEST APPROACH HEADING NORTHWEST NO APPROACH OBSTACLES
10. DERRIEFER COMMENTS: CONCUR WITH PATROL LEADERS RECOMMENDATIONS
AND CONCLUSIONS.
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BY 10-458/18432 SEP 67/1557 1557
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Operation Order: 368-67

Ref: (a) Maps: VIET NAM, 1:50,000 Map Sheet 6441 I
(b) Operation Order: 3-67

Task Organization: 2nd Sqd, 2nd Plt, Co. C (CPL STHALBERG, 8 MEN)

1. SITUATION: See reference (b).

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and also check area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity of at least 15 or more enemy. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner by ambush.

3. EXECUTION:
   b. Coordinating Instructions:
      (1) Insertion: 110800H at YD 644193 (FLIP FLOP)
      (2) Extraction: 150900H at YD 646163
      (3) Thrust Lines: XTL 6515 MTR 6518

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See reference (b).

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: See reference (b).
   a. SHACKLE: CODE (6)
      0123456789
      FIIIBXTMTZ
      WVHYRAGNLS
      JQ OCEU
   b. COMMUNICATIONS:
      (1) Call Sign:  Primary Freq:  Alternate Freq:
      MIDDLE CLASS  47.2 (GREEN)  36.7 (YELLOW)
      SECONDARY  50.0
      ADDY (PEA POWL)  47.2 (GREEN)
      PRESERVER (MARINE AO)  31.20
      BALL BEARING (8/26)  37.20
      MED-ENAC COMM (REQ)  35.5 (VERMILLION)
      DEAD AIM (4th MARINES)  68.2
      TRAIL (AF AO)  47.6
      MERK JANE (1/4)  45.10
      CAT KILLER (ARMY AO)  49.0
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Patrol: 2d Sqd. 2d Plt. Co. C
Debriefing: Sgnt. PIPPIN
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PATROL ROUTE: 3d Recon Bn S/C No. 4619-67

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enlisted, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENT: (1) Scout Dog
   c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: AN/RC 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) M50's
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) WP Rifle Grenades
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) M-60, (1) M-14

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and enemy base camp areas. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity of at least 15 or more enemy. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner by ambush.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: (111230H/131400H Sept 1967)

4. ROUTE AND TRAILS OBSERVED: See patrol route earlier.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 49% hours of reconnaissance surveillance resulted in (1) sighting of 30+40 lights and no contact.
   b. ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:
      (1) At approximately 120000H patrol started observing lights at (YD 65174), (YD 642174) and (YD 640183). The light at last coordinate were spread approximately 30 meters on side. Each group of lights were estimated to be M-14 lights and possibly more. The lights at (YD 65174) and (YD 642174) appeared to be searching for patrols position at (YD 642174). The lights at (YD 640183) appeared stationary and shining toward patrols position. Patrol calld artillery mission of approximately 25 to 30 rds. As patrol would receive "Shot-out" from artillery all lights would go out until impact of rounds. Patrol heard screams from (YD 65174) and (YD 640183). At approximately 2100H artillery choked in and a dragon ship arrived on station. Patrol directed the Dragon ship on enemy position. During the first 3 passes patrol heard yelling and screams of pain. After the first 3 passes patrol heard no more noise. At approximately 0230H patrol heard movement in vicinity for approximately 2-3 minutes and no further noise was heard. At approximately 0245H patrol observed (1) light at (YD 642174). Patrol called artillery mission of (1) rd and light extinguished. Patrol heard or observed no further activity for the duration of the night.
   c. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by steep hills and brush 6-8ft, high. Rate of movement approximately 400 meter per hour.

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(1) COMmUNICATION: Patrol heard Vietnamese voices at 111800H and 11 Sept patrol heard voices several times on 47.20 frequency.

(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Plentiful as shown on the map.

(3) TRAILS:

(1) YD 642179 to YD 645174 approximately 2ft. wide, and was covered with brush 5-6ft. high. The trail was well worn, although patrol could not determine if the trail had been used recently.

(2) This entire area is heavily combed with foot trails running in all directions.

(4) HLS'S: YD 653177 this general area would accommodate several CH-54's. The ridgeline to the northwest dominates the HLS. Approach any direction. Use 15 Sept.

D. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 121320H (YD 646159) Patrol heard 2-3 elephants in vicinity of these coordinates. The elephants were heard in this area for approximately 5 minutes. No action was taken until approximately 2230H at which time patrol relayed to the dragon ship the coordinates. During pass over this area the dragon ship obtained 10 secondary explosions. After the dragon ship identified the sound, the patrol counted artillery of approximately 55s causing 5 secondary explosions.

(2) 121600H (YD 642179) Patrol heard 2-3 NVA/NVA talking and moving through brush for approximately 2 minutes, and were possibly moving south. No action taken.

(3) 121730H (YD 642177) Patrol heard what sounded to be 9 artillery sounds impact approximately 3500 meters east of above coordinates. Patrol requested through relay information on who was firing, no information on the fire was ever received by patrol.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: Unknown

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good/morale: good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS: TPQ/ARC-Write along river from YD 646155 to YD 625195.

(2) Future patrols operate with scout dog and whip antenna.

CONCLUSIONS:

(1) Area covered by patrol reveals signs of possible movement up river to the ridgeline.

(2) GENERAL CONCLUSIONS: Patrol feels that patrol 103 (ipod 365-67) is correct in that a base camp is possibly located in C6 (YD 6219).

C.S. STAINBERRY
Company C

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: (Concur with Patrol Leader)
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a. BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Three other patrols in the past week have reported possible base camps, however, no actual base camps have been discovered.

b. PATROL OPINION OF NATURE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY: The enemy is using the river as a resupply or infiltration route. Patrol does not feel the enemy is stationary in this area.

OTHER: Patrol commented that the enemy would distinguish all lights when artillery gave "Short-cut" over the radio.

d. Secondary explosions were small than the artillery rounds.

LEGEND

C = INSERTION
X = EXTRACTION
----- = PATROL ROUTE
----- = TRAIL

PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

2d Sqd. 2d Bn. C Co.
Map: VIETNAM 1:50,000
Sheet: 6441 I
Series: L-7014
3d Reconnaissance Bn
(S-2)
Operation Order: 372-67

Ref: (a) Maps: VIET NAM, 1:50,000, Map Sheet 6541 III
(b) Operation Order: 3-67

Task Organization: 2nd Sqd 3rd Plt Co A (SGT KARKOS 9 MRN)

1. SITUATION: See Ref (b)

- Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and also check area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity of at least 35 or more enemy. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner by ambush.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation: See Operation Overlay

b. Coordinating Instructions:

1) Insertion: 130900H at YO 695980
2) Extraction: 170900H at YC 095980
3) Thrust Lines: ATL 0097 BTL 9195

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See Ref (b)

- COMMAND AND SIGNAL: See Ref (b)

a. SHACKLE: CODE (6)

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WVHYRAGNLS
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b. COMMUNICATIONS:

(1) Call Sign: COMPANY CAR
SECONDARY AMY (PEAFOWL)
RESERVER (MARINE AO)
HALL BEARING (2/26)
MED-EVAC COMM FREQ
DEAD AIM (4th MARINES)
TRAIL (AF AO)
MEK JUNE (1/4)
CAT KILLER (ARMY AO)

- CONCENTRATION: RC 351-400

Primary Freq: 36.7 (YELLOW) 41.30 47.20 45.7 (VARMILLION RED) 66.2 47.6 45.10 49.0

Alternate Freq: 47.2 (GREEN) 50.0 41.30 37.20 45.7 (VARMILLION RED) 66.2 47.6 45.10 49.0

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Patrol: 2nd Sqd 3rd Plt Co A
Debrief: 1st Lt J.L. ZELLERS
Map Sheet: 6541 III

3rd Reconnaissance Battalion
PHU AN, RVN
151720H SEPT 1967

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (7) ENLISTED, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (1) KITCARBON SCOUT
   c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7 X 50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) CLAYMORE MINES, (9) GS GRENADES
      (5) WP RIFLE GRENADES, (9) GAS MASKS, (1) AXES
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) SHOT GUN, (1) M-14

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the
   natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and also check
   area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and
   direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer for artillery on
   targets of opportunity of at least 15 or more enemy. Make every attempt
   to capture a prisoner by ambush.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 151430H/151513H SEPT 1967

4. ROUTE AND TRAILS OBSERVED: SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:
      (1) 140945H (YC 894971) While breaking heavy brush patrol was
      ambushed by at least (2) VC and possibly as many as (6) enemy. The
      VC wore black NV's and probably covers. At least (2) AK-47's
      fired and enemy immediately fled the area. Patrol returned
      SAF/WIA and grenades on suspected movement. Enemy appeared to
      have been on trail which intersected route of patrol. (1) USMC
      KIA, (3) USMC WIA, (1) KIT CARSON SCOUT WIA returned
      from SAF. While MED EVAC helo was hoisting casualties
      they received SAF resulting in (2) USMC WIA (QRBMM). Helo
      extracting USMC WIA inadvertently had a red smoke grenade go off
      inside and in resulting confusion the USMC WIA was lost in the
      jungle (1 USMC WIA). Sparrow Hawk was committed and linked with
      patrol. Subsequent search for mission WIA had negative results.
      During the search a fresh fish was found lying on a trail at
      (YC 894960). This was the same trail that the VC may have used
      in the ambush.
   b. TERRAIN: (TOPOGRAPHY, VEGETATION, RATE OF MOVEMENT)
      Steep hills with extremely dense underbrush and canopy to 12' high.
      Rate of movement about 100 meters per hour.

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5. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: NONE

b. FRIENDLY: (1) USMC KIA, (1) USN/KIA, (3) USMC WIA (2 MED EVAC)
   (1) KIT CARSON SCOUT WIA (MED EVAC)

c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT, DOCUMENT, PRISONERS: NONE

6. CONDITION OF PATROL:
   PHYSICAL: POOR
   MORALE: GOOD

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

   (1) General Conclusions: The contact was probably a chance contact with
       VC moving on a trail. The VC probably heard the breaking brush and
       set in a hasty ambush.

SGT KARKOS
Patrol Leader
SGT A CO

9. DESKRIPTER COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leader.

   a. BACKGROUND OR CHANGES IN THIS AREA: This area has had many contacts
      by reconnaissance patrols with small enemy groups of up to 6-8 men.

   b. PATROL OPINION OF NATURE OF ENEMY:
      (Include: enemy discipline and tactics, movement camouflage, etc).
      Random movement by the enemy along jungle trails.

   c. OTHER: Enemy probably fired one magazine each and then broke con-
      tact. Entire contact lasted several minutes. All casualties were
      at the head of the column.

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LEGEND

0 - INSERTION/EXTRACTION

-- - PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

--- - TRAIL

PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

2nd Sqd 3rd Plt Co A
Map: VIET NAM, 1:50,000
Sheets: 6541 JII
3d Reconnaissance Bn (S-2)
Operation Order: 375-67

Ref: (a) Maps: VIET NAM, 1:50,000 Map Sheet 6441 I
(b) Operation Order: 3-67

Task Organization: 1st Sqd 1st Plt Co C (CPL McCORKLE 8 MEN)

1. SITUATION: See Ref (b)

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and also check area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity of at least 15 more enemy. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner by ambush.

3. EXECUTION:
   a. Concept of Operation: See Operation Overlay
   b. Coordinating Instructions:
      (1) Insertion: 140000H at YD 605193 (ALT. YD 613206)
      (2) Extraction: 180000H at YD 613206 (ALT. YD 605193)
      (3) Thrust Lines: RTL 5918 PTL 6220

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See Ref (b)

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: See Ref (b)
   a. SHACKLE: CODE (1)

   | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 |
   | K T M P Z F I B D X |
   | W V U J R A G N L S |
   | E O J U C Q          |

   b. COMMUNICATIONS:
      (1) Call Sign: Primary Freq: Alternate Freq:
      NICHOLAS ISLAND 47.2 (GREEN) 36.7 (YELLOW)
      SECONDARY 50.0
      ARTY (PFA FOWL A/CHERRY JAM) 47.2 (GREEN)
      PRESBYTR (MARINE AO) 41.20
      BALL BEATING (2/26) 37.20
      MED-Evac Comm Freq 45.7 (VARIABLE ALPHA)
      DEAD ATN (4th Marines) 68.2
      TRAIL (AT AO) 47.6
      MFIF JANE (1/4) 45.10
      CAT KILLER (ARMY AO) 49.6

c. CONCENTRATIONS: RC 001-050

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Operation Order: 373-67
Debrief: SSgt. PIPPIN
Map Sheet: 6441 Z

PATROL REPORT
3d Recon Bn 5/C No. 4764

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

a. COMPOSITION: (8) enlisted, (1) USN
b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENT: (None)
c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7X50's, (1) Starlite Scope
e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) Claymore Mines, (3) CS Grenades, (4) WP Rifle Grenades, (2) WP Hand Grenades
f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) M-14

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and also check area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity of at least 15 or more enemy. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner by ambush.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 140900H/141300H Sept 1967

4. ROUTE AND TRAILS OBSERVED: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

(1) 141000H (YD 689206) Patrol observed a machine gun, possibly on wheels and believed to be a 50 cal. Approximately 20 meters from weapon patrol observed 2 VC wearing black PJ's, two were carrying what appeared to be carbines. The first sighting of the machine gun, it was pointed in direction of patrol's position at (YD 608211). Patrol then moved around the hills and the machine gun also moved its field of fire, but in opposite direction. Artillery mission of approximately 10snds. With good coverage was fired. After fire the VC could no longer be observed, although the machine gun was in position.

(2) 142000H (YD 689206) Patrol first observed one VC moving toward patrol's position at (YD 608211) and approximately 5 minutes later patrol observed 20-25 more VC following in track of the first VC. All the VC were dressed in black PJ's, cartridge belts, and individual weapons. One appeared to be carrying an M-79 machine gun, possibly a 50 cal. Artillery mission of 54 rds. resulted in 5 VC KIA (Q) and 8 VC KIA (P). After fire mission at approximately 2200H Dragon Ship arrived on station and patrol could hear screams during Dragon Ships air strike, although the results are unknown. At approximately 0030H Dragon Ship departed and for the duration of the night no further movement was noted.

(3) 050630H (YD 612205) Gunships arrived on station and started to strafe the area in vicinity of (YD 689206) and (YD 612205). After first pass patrol observed 3VC wearing black PJ's, cartridge belts and rifles, moving into brush.

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(4) 152030H (YD 606232) Patrol observed (4) sampans moving north on river. Because of the speed of movement patrol feels the sampans were mortared. Artillery mission of 65rds with excellent target coverage destroyed one sampan and possibly damaged one more. The possible damaged one pulled to the bank and four VC ran into the brush. At this time the first two sampans turned around and moved south back down the river out of sight. Patrol observed a light in the same area the (4) VC went in the brush. Artillery mission was called, a light extinguished.

(5) 161600H (YD 607230) Patrol observed 10 VC wearing black NJ's, carrying rifles and moving north along river. Artillery mission of 20rds, fired with unknown results.

(6) 171300H (YD 615209) Patrol heard movement then observed 3 VC approximately 25 meters northeast and moving up the hill around patrol's position. Patrol then heard movement to the south of their position. Patrol threw hand grenades and fired M-79 rds. Gunships and Fixedwing arrived on station and strafed area drawing S/A fire around patrol's position, and the vicinity of (YD 619211). Patrol then moved to (YD 623212) for extraction. Gunships and Fixedwing covered patrol, they moved to HLZ without further incident. At approximately 1330H Patrol started extraction, as second hello started extracting patrol it received fire from (YD 644206). Gunship strafed area and third hello extracted remainder of patrol without further incident. Patrol feels from the sound approximately 20-25 VC were around their position.

(1) COMMUNICATION: Excellent first 2 days, although the third day Patrol experienced poor communication because of weather.

(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCE: Plentiful

(3) TRAILS: Trails observed in this area have been previously reported. No signs of movement on these trails.

(4) HLZ'S: (YD 614208) will accommodate (2) CH-34's. Area of HLZ is dominating all terrain around it. Approach in all directions.

(YD 610212) will accommodate (2) CH-34's. Dominant terrain east and west. Best approach from the north and south.

c. OTHER INFORMATION: (None)

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (5) KIA (C), (8) KIA (P)

7. CONDITION OF Patrol: Physical: good/morale: good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

RECOMMENDATION: (1) Continue to maintain observation of the SONG DO RIVER.

(2) Each team in this area should take a Starlite Scope.

CONCLUSIONS:

(1) Area covered by patrol reveals signs of movement north and south along river, both foot and boat.

(2) General Conclusions: Patrol feels if it wasn't for the Starlite Scope none of the night sightings made would have been observed.
5. DEBRIEFING COMMENTS: (Concur with Patrol Officer)

a. BACKGROUND ON CHANGES IN AREA: For the past several months, troop and boat movement has been observed along the SONG KO RIVER.

b. PATROL OPINION OF NATURE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY: Patrol feels this area is a resupply route and troop infiltration route.

c. OTHER: The area in vicinity of (YD 6820) is possibly base camp area.

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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

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(a) Maps: VIET NAM, 1:50,000 Map Sheet 6441 I
(b) Operation Order: 3-67

Task Organization: 2ndSqd 1stPlt Co C (LT LEWIS 9 MEN) (1 DOG)

1. SITUATION: See Ref (b)

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and also check area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity of at least 15 or more enemy. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner by ambush.

3. EXECUTION:
   a. Concept of Operations: See Operation Overlay
   b. Coordinating Instructions:
      (1) Insertion: 140000H 12/IN TO BE ARRANGED
      (2) Extraction: 100900H 12/OUT TO BE ARRANGED
      (3) Thrust Lines: ATL 5722 PTL 6124

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See Ref (b)

5. COMMAND AND SIGNALS: See Ref (b)
   a. SHACKLE: CODE (5)
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      I H D X K T M P Z F
      H Y R A G N L S W V
      U C E Q O J
   b. COMMUNICATIONS:
      (1) Call Sign: Primary Freq: Alternate Freq:
      HE MAN 47.2 (GREEN) 36.7 (YELLOW)
      SECO DARY 50.0
      ARTY (CHERRY JAM) 47.2 (GREEN)
      PRESERVER (MARINE AO) 41.30
      BALL BEARING (2/26) 37.20
      MED-EVAC COMM FREQ 45.7 (VERMILLION ALPHA)
      DEAD AIM (4TH MARINES) 68.2
      TRAIL (AF AO) 47.6
      MECK JANE (1/4) 45.10
      CAT KILLA (ARMY AO) 49.0
   c. CONCENTRATION: RC 061-070
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1. SKIN, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

a. COMPOSITION: (1) Officer, (7) Enlisted, (1) USN
b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (1) USMC Scout Dog
c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/FRC 25's
d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) Claymore Mines, (20) CS Grenades
   (4) WP Rifle Grenades (5) Gas Masks, (5) WP Hand Grenades
f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) M-60, (1) M-14

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and also check area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to site and direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity of at least 15 or more enemy. Make every effort to capture a prisoner of war.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 151000H/191050H Sept 1967

4. ROUTE AND TRAILS OBSERVED:

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 100+ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in 7 sightings totalling approximately 144VC, and no contact. Artillery fired 396rds in support causing 75 KIA (F). Gunships in supporting patrol caused 10 KIA (F). Area observed by patrol reveals signs of movement north into the villages.

b. ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:

(1) 161435H (YD 596243) Patrol observed (1) VC at these coord. dressed in black PJ's. No weapon or equipment. Man moved out of tree line and appeared to scanning area, then moved back into tree out of sight.

(2) 171200H (YD 592247) Patrol observed (5) VC moving north and approximately 5 minutes later patrol observed 2 large groups, estimated to be 50 in each group. The group of 5 appeared to be a flank security for the 2 large groups. Because of the weather and distance no weapons or equipment could be observed. Although the main body appeared to be pushing or carrying large objects. Patrol called artillery mission and the enemy dispersed north and east. Patrol called a total of 306rds on the dispersing enemy resulting in 50 KIA (F). At approximately 1800H patrol observed 10 VC at (YD 604267) moving back into area of the sighting. Patrol directed gunships on the enemy causing 10 KIA (F).

(3) 180000H (YD 596243) Patrol observed 2 VC moving north dressed in black PJ's. No weapons or equipment could be observed.

(4) 181600H (YD 605264) Patrol observed (7) VC moving north into village and approximately 10 minutes later patrol observed 7 more moving into same area. Each group was dressed in black PJ's no weapon or equipment could be observed. Artillery mission was not cleared because of reported friendly villages.

(5) 181615H (YD 593246) Patrol observed a column of 20 VC moving in groups of 4-5, to the northwest wearing packs, carrying weapons and had bodies camouflaged with brush. Artillery mission on one group resulted in 10 KIA (F).
(5) 160000 (YD 577246) Patrol observed (5) VC moving west along
the road. Each man were carrying a large sack, possibly x-ray
missile of 30 rds fired resulting in (5) KIA (P)

(7) 190830H (YD 650245) Patrol observed (2) VC crossing the river
in a small boat from the west to east. No weapons or equipment
could be observed.

o. TERRAIN: This area is characterized by mountainous terrain
with low scrub. Rate of movement along ridge line unrestricted.
At the base of the ridgeline movement is restricted because of
vegetation.

(1) COMMUNICATION: Excellent

(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCE: Plentiful

(3) TRAILS: Numerous small trails contouring the ridgeline east
and west.

(4) HLC'S: (YD 594235) This area east and west will accommodate
Helo's.

c. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 151030H (YD 574235) Patrol observed several foot prints
both barefoot and sandal'd. The scout dog alerted to the scent
and prints appeared to be no more than 12 hours old.

(2) (YD 562234) Patrol located two AA positions and approximately
20 fighting holes. AA position were approximately 6 ft. in diameter
and gun could traverse in 360° This area appeared several months old.

(3) At approximately 181500H on frequency 47.2 patrol heard
transmitting of someone using animal trainer call sign. The trans-
mit was as follows. "Forward this is animal trainer, we have two
division coming towards us, send firing. Patrol changed to 36.7 and heard someone use the call sign infiltration.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: 85 KIA (P)

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Physical: good/morale: good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) Deploy infantry units to sweep the river area.

(2) Future teams observing valley from the ridgeline carry a
high power scope.

CONCLUSIONS:

(1) Area covered by patrol reveals signs of movement north into village.

(2) GENERAL Conclusions: Patrol feels the enemy is moving from
back of CO BI THAM TAN RIDGE along the SONG BO into the villages.

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9. DEBRIS VOLATILE CONTENTS: (Amour with Patrol Leader)

a. VULNERABILITIES OF LOCAL OR NEIGHBORING AREA: Patrol feels the enemy are moving out of mountains into villages.

b. OTHER: Upon insertion patrol heard (3) rifle shots fire. This was possibly a warning signal of U.S. troops in the area. Patrol also heard drums on several occasions.

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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

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Maps VIETNAM 1:50,000
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3d Reconnaissance Det
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Operation Orders: 362-67

Ref: (a) Maps: VIET NAM, 1:50,000 Map Sheet 6441 I
(b) Operation Order: 3-67

Task Organization: 1stSqd 2ndPlt Co C (CPL CAUSEY 8 MEN)

1. SITUATION: See Ref (b)

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and also check area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity of at least 15 or more enemy. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner by ambush.

3. EXEcutiON:
   a. Scope of Operation: See Operation Overlay
   b. Coordinating Instructions:
      (1) Insertion: 190800H at YD 59 (LIP FLOP)
      (2) Extraction: 230900H at YD 58321
      (3) Trust Lines: HTL 5820 FTL 6023

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See Ref (b)

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: See Ref (b)
   a. SNACKER CODE (4)
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      B D X K U M P Z F T
      R A C A L S W V H Y
      C G J Q E
   b. COMMUNICATION:
      (1) Cell Sign: Primary Freq: Alternate Freq:
      MIDDLE CLASS 47.2 (GREEN) 46.6 (WHITE)
      SECONDARY 50.0
      ARTY (CHERRY JAM) 47.2 (GREEN)
      FRESH VVR (MARINE AD) 41.30
      BAIL BARGING (2/26) 37.20
      MED EVAC COMM FREQ 45.7 (VERMILION ALPHA)
      DEAD ADM (4th MARINE) 68.2
      TEALD (AP AO) 47.6
      MEPK JANE (1/4) 45.10
      CAT KILLER (ARMY AO) 49.0
   c. CONCENTRATION: RC 083-090

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PATROL REPORT  
Operation Order: 382-67  
Patrol (1) Sqd. (2) Plt. (C) Co.  
Map Sheet: 644-1  

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, EQUIPMENT:  
a. COMPOSITION: (8) Enlisted, (1) USN  
b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (None)  
c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's  
d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7X50's  
e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) Claymore Mines, (3) CS Grenades, (9) Gas Masks, (3) WP Hand Grenades  
f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) Shot Gun, (1) M-14  

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and also check area for use as VC base area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity. Make every effort to capture a prisoner by ambush.  

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 191000H/230900H Sept 1967  

4. ROUTE AND TRAILS OBSERVED: See patrol route overlay  

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:  
a. SYNOPSIS: 95 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no contacts and 4 sightings. Artillery shelled on 2 sightings resulted in 4 enemy KIA (G) and 3 enemy KIA (P). Team detected a high power frequency on a possible enemy direction finder. No significant enemy activity in the patrol area.  

b. ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:  

(1) 191300H (YD 55234) observed 2 enemy, vicinity (YD 59324). 1 was a VC wearing black PJ's and no covers. The other seemed to be an NVA. He was wearing a khaki uniform, camouflage cover and a camouflage poncho. Both were armed with small arms, possibly carbines. They were coming west to east on trail. Artillery fired 14rds with excellent coverage which resulted in (1) KIA (P).  

(2) 191740H (YD 55234) observed 8 VC moving west to east on a large rice patty, vicinity (YD 578247). VC were wearing black PJ's, no covers, packs and armed with small arms, possibly carbines. (1) had a rain coat with a hood. The VC seemed to be hunting birds, because SA fire was heard from that direction, and picking rice. 11 rounds of 105 artillery covered it resulted in 4 VC KIA (G) and 2 VC KIA (P).  

(3) 201030H (YD 55234) heard auto-fire 30Min. delivered at an AO vicinity (YD 578232). At the same time as the 30Min was circling around, it received more auto-fire form vicinity (YD 605225). Team could not observe origin of fire.  

(4) 211200H Patrol heard 3 mortar rounds approximately 1000-1300 meters west of their position at vicinity (YD 581221).  

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c. TERRAIN: Characterized by very dense undergrowth, inter-woven with vines and 6-10ft high brush. Lack of trails restricted the rate of travel to about 50 meters per hour.

(1) COMMUNICATIONS: Poor comm in the valley. A lot of humming and heavy static made communications more difficult. Vietnamese language, screaming, music and a woman's voice made it even harder to communicate.

(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCE: Plenty of water along the KHE LANG RIVER. Small intermittent streams on higher ground.

(3) TRAILS: Small trail with overgrowth throughout the area makes movement difficult.

(4) HLZ'S: The whole ridgeline west from hill 165 vicinity (YD 597233) can be used as HLZ. Clear small brush makes it easy for helicopters to land.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: (None)

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

(a) LRDY: 4 (C), 3 (P)

(b) PATROL: (None)

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Physical: Good; Morale: Good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS: That a reconn team be inserted on hill 165 and west along ridgeline as an OP because of the excellent observation obtained from this area.

CONCLUSIONS: (1) Area covered by patrol reveals no recent enemy activity in this area and especially south of ridgeline on hill 165.

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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: (Concur with patrol leader)

a. PATROL OPINION OF NATURE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY: Patrol feels that the VC are operating in the rice paddies west of AP SON QA VICINITY GS (YD 5724 and along the HOW VANG RIVER). Also there seems to be enemy activity around NUI CON TRU Hills northeast section.

b. OTHER:

(1) Patrols communicate that a high frequency power is operating in the area. A direction finder might be employed in this general area.

(2) Patrol feels because of friendly troops activity in the area, it was not able to observe any enemy movement.
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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

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A. COMPOSITION: (7) ENLISTED
B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25'S
D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7X50
E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) WP RIFLE GRENADES, (6) GAS MASKS, (14) CS GRENADES
F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 50 ROUNDS, (3) M-14

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED ZONE TO DETERMINE ENEMY ACTIVITY. ENGAGE THE ENEMY WITH SUPPORTING ARMS. TAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER. PLOT HORIZONS 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: 191240H (YD 134645) PATROL WALKED INTO THESE COORDINATES. 221119H (YD 102642) PATROL EXTRACTED FROM THESE COORDINATES BY HELICOPTER.

4. ROUTE: INSERT PT. SOUTH TO (YD 392610), NORTHEAST TO EXTRACT PT.

5. SYNOPSIS: 71 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE RESULTED IN SIGHTING OF 6-8 NVA AND CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED ENEMY REINFORCEMENT.
PLATOON WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, MACHINE GUNS, AND MORTARS. RESULTS OF CONTACT (1) USMC KIA, (4) USMC WIA. UNABLE TO ASSESS ENEMY CASUALTIES.

3. ENEMY:

(1) 20155H (YD 092618) OBSERVED 6-8 NVA MOVING SOUTHEAST TO NORTHWEST. NVA WORE GREEN UTILITIES, PACKS, CARTIDGE BELTS, BUSH HATS. WEAPONS CONSISTED OF (1) AK-47 AND 6-7 RIFLES. NVA STOPPED AND PUT ON RAINGEAR WHICH CONSISTED OF A CLEAR PLASTIC AND RESEATED A PONCHO. CALLED ARTILLERY MISSION OF (2) ROUNDS WITH POOR COVERAGE OF TARGET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(2) 211045H (YD 289619) OBSERVED 7-8 FIGHTING HOLES WHICH HAD BEEN DUG OUT RECENTLY. UNABLE TO DETERMINE NUMBER OF PEOPLE DONG THE DIGGING.

(3) 221015H (YD 102642) PATROL RECEIVED SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM A ESTIMATED PLATOON OF VC/NVA. RESULTED IN (2) USMC WIA (1) MINOR, (1) SERIOUS. PATROL RETURNED FIRE WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

PATROL HEARD VIETNAMESE VOICES AT HEIGHT OF FIRE AND SUFFENLY VOLUME OF FIRE CUT DOWN TO SPORADIC SAF. TWENTY MINUTES AFTER INITIAL CONTACT PATROL RECEIVED (4) ROUNDS MORTAR FIRE FROM (2) MORTARS AND (1) EXPLOSION FROM AN UNKNOWN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE RESULTING IN (1) USMC KIA AND (2) USMC WIA (1) MINOR. AFTER MORTAR FIRE PATROL DID NOT RECEIVE ANY SAF. GUNSHIPS RECEIVED SAF AS THEY MARKED ENEMY POSITIONS. FIXED WING MADE SEVERAL PASSES WITH EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF TARGET. ALL SAF CEASED. PATROL EXTRACTED DUE TO CASUALTIES. UNABLE TO DETERMINE EXTENT OF ENEMY CASUALTIES.

C. TERRAIN: ROLLING HILLS WITH HEAVY SECONDARY GROWTH 10-15 FEET HIGH AND SPARSE ELEPHANT GRASS. COMMUNICATION GOOD, NATURAL WATER SOURCES PLENTIFUL. RATE OF MOVEMENT AT PATROLS DISCRETION. NUMEROUS TRAILS THROUGHOUT AREA THAT ARE WELL DEFINED.

D. OTHER INFORMATION

(1) 212950H (YD 105634) PATROL RECOVERED AREA THEY HAD UST. OUT OF AND DISCOVERED (1) SET OF FRESH FOOT PRINTS ON TRAIL.

(2) 232042H (YD 101628) PATROL RECEIVED 9 ROUNDS OF UNKNOWN CALIBER ARTILLERY APPROXIMATELY 500-600 METERS AWAY. UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF ARTILLERY WAS FRIENDLY OR ENEMY.

(3) 211500H (YD 093615) OBSERVED THREE PARTIALLY BUILT BUNKERS AND A BODY WELL DETERIORATED. (1) PACK AND CLOTHED FOR (1) MAN WHICH WERE ALL ROTTEN. AREA HAD BEEN USED WITHIN 2-3 MONTHS.

(4) 091500H (YD 091614) OBSERVED 3-5 FIGHTING HOLES. (1) FIGHTING HOLE HAD THREE 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS MUS FUSES AND ONE 105MM DUD.
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AREA HAD NOT BEEN USED WITHIN 2-3 MONTHS.
(5) 220330H (YD 093613) OBSERVED (2) BUNKERS 6-10 FIGHTING
HOLES AND (1) 82MM MORTAR ROUND WITHOUT FUSE. AREA WAS IN THE SHAPE
OF A HALF MOON AND HAD BEEN USED WITHIN PAST 2-3 MONTHS.
(6) 220330H (YD 094615) OBSERVED 5-6 BUNKERS AND (1) 82MM MORTAR
ROUND WITHOUT FUSE. AREA HAD NOT BEEN USED WITHIN PAST 2-3 MONTHS.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

A. ENEMY: UNKNOW
B. FRIENDLY: (1) USMC KIA, (3) WIA (MINOR) 1) WIA (EVAC)
C. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: NONE
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD MORAL GOOD
8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:
RECOMMENDATIONS:
(1) LEEP OUT OF FIGHTING HOLES AND BUNKERS. INDICATIONS ARE THAT THEY
MIGHT BE BOoby TRAPPED.
CONCLUSIONS:
(1) FORTIFICATIONS IN AREA ARE OLD AND HAD BEEN USED WITHIN
PAST 2-3 MONTHS.
(2) PATROL MADE CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED REIN PLATOON WITH AW, MG
AND MORTARS.

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9. HLS'S: (YD 102642) SITE WILL ACCOMMODATE (2) CH-46'S. LOW
GRASS AND SHRUBS UP TO ONE FOOT HIGH. NO APPROACH PESTACLES. BEST
APPROACH HEADING SOUTHWEST.

10. DESBRIEfer COMMENTS:
(1) PATROL LEFT (1) PACK IN FIELD WHICH CONTAINED (1) PONCO, (5)
LOADED M-14 MAGAZINES, FOUL WEATHER GEAR, (2) CANTEENS, CHOW AND
(1) BANDOLEER OF M-14 AMMUNITION. PATROL MOVED TO AREA
OF CONTACT (YD 102642) TO CHECK OUT A
REPORT FROM G-2 THAT AN NVA BATTALION WAS
IN THE AREA. IT IS FELT THAT A LARGE FORCE WAS IN
THIS AREA BUT THE SIZE CAN NOT BE DETERMINED.
ALTHOUGH IT IS THOUGHT TO BE
LARGER THAN A PLATOON.
(2) FIGHTING HOLES AND BUNKERS WERE ALWAYS SET UP IN SAME FASHION.
3-5 BUNKERS WITH FIGHTING HOLES FORMING A PERIMETER AROUND THE
BUNKER 10-15 METERS AWAY.
(3) PATROL MAY HAVE MADE CONTACT WITH AN ENEMY BATTALION PERIMETER
OR RAN INTO AN AMBUSH.
(4) PATROL DID NOT OBSERVE ANY ENEMY DURING CONTACT BUT ESTIMATED
THEIR STRENGTH BY THE VOLUME OF FIRE THEY WERE RECEIVING.
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Ref: (a) Maps: VIET NAM, 1:50,000 Map Sheet 6441 I
(b) Operation Order: 3-67

Task Organization: 1stSqd 1stPlt Co C (CPL BAKER & MEN)

1. SITUATION: See Ref (b)

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and check area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity of at least 15 or more enemy. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner by ambush.

3. EXECUTION:
   a. Concept of Operation: See Operation Overlay
   b. Coordinating Instructions:
      (1) Insertion: 220800H at YD (556188) (FLIP FLOP)
      (2) Extraction: 260900H at YD (575195)
      (3) Thrust Lines: XTL 5520 YTL 5818

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See Ref (b)

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: See Ref (b)
   a. SHACKLE: CODE (1)

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   K T M Z F I B D X
   W V H Y R A C N L S
   E O J U C
   b. COMMUNICATIONS:
      (1) Call Sign: Primary Freq: Alternate Freq:
      NICHOLAS ISLAND 36.7 (YELLOW) 46.8 (WHITE)
      SECONDARY 50.0
      ARTY (CHEMICAL JAM) 36.7 (YELLOW)
      PRESERVER (MARINE AO) 41.30
      BALL BEARING (2/26) 37.20
      MED NVAC COMM FREQ 45.7 (VERMILION ALPHA)
      DEAD AIN (4TH MARINES) 68.2
      TRAIL (4P AO) 47.6
      N-JNC JAM (1/4) 45.10
      CAT KILLER (ARMY AO) 49.0

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION:
   a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enlisted, (1) USN

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and select check areas for use as VC base camp areas. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Set up forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner by ambush.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 220900H/251400H Sept 1967

4. ROUTE AND TRAILS OBSERVED: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 77 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in (1) contact and (6) sightings. Enemy suffered (5) KIA (C) and (3) KIA (F). Area revealed heavy enemy activity. (1) Sniper KIA by rook team, (2) KIA (C), and (3) KIA (F)

   (1) 241900H (YD 566188) patrol heard some birds being disturbed and rustling of brush vicinity (YD 561185). Patrol called (8) rounds of artillery with good coverage, noise stopped.

   (2) 242015H (YD 566188) Patrol observed 10-15 lights moving east, vicinity (YD 566188). Artillery fired 20 rounds with good coverage. Lights went out.

   (3) 251200H (YD 566188) heard noises northwest of their position and heard asse movement about 50-100 meters northeast of the patrol site. 22 rounds of artillery were fired and patrol observed (2) secondary explosions.

   (4) 251315H (YD 566188) Patrol heard movement vicinity (YD 568190). Requested fixed wing aircraft, A0 reported 10-15 VC moving up hill same place. Fixed wing coverage resulted in (2) VC KIA (C) and (3) VC KIA (F).

   (5) 251345H (YD 566188) observed (1) VC sniper wearing black PJ's climbing a tree vicinity (YD 569189). (1) M-79 round fired by the team resulted in (1) VC KIA (C). Patrol heard more noise in the same area and marked target for a gunship. Gunship took about (10) rounds 5A fire but ceased after gunship's first run.

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6. 251400H (YD 557189) while being extracted observed (3) VC wearing black Toups. Pilot observed no VC moving up the hill. (1) hole was damage by a tree while evacuation.

a. TERRAIN: Thick dense brush with interwoven vines and elephant grass. Has a double canopy about 40 foot high. The vegetation offer good camouflage against air observation, rate of movement is from 30 to 50 meters per hour.

(1) COMMUNICATION: Patrol had fair communication with whip antennas up. Otherwise it is poor. There was a lot of humming sounds from the second day on. On the 3d day the patrol heard Vietnamese language, hand set keying in and out. Every time the patrol tried to send a report the woman and key set would interfere. At about 241300H, the woman's voice said, "MOM, GO HOME!"

(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCE: There is water only at the SONG BO RIVER and streams on gap. Scattered pools of water were observed at vicinity (YD 566189).

(3) TRAILS: The terrain offers no trails of any kind.

(4) MARV'S: There are no suitable area for MARV's.

(5) OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 220900H Patrol came upon a fresh very small foot print, possibly a boy moving southwest, cutting through dense jungle vicinity (YD 559188).

(2) 240900H Patrol discovered (5) fighting holes about (2) months old vicinity (YD 566188). Holes were about (5) foot long, (3) foot wide and (1) foot deep. More holes were observed throughout the area.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: 3 KIA (C), 3KIA (P)

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Physical: Fair; Morale: Fair

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS: More patrols should be planned for the area, further north and hill vicinity (YD 563198) should be kept under surveillance for enemy activity.

CONCLUSIONS:

(1) Area covered by patrol - no enemy activity.

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9. DEBRIEFS: CONTENTS:

a. PATROL OPINION OF NATURE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY: Area was build up at one time and good care was taken to preserve everything. Seems that the enemy is giving back to rebuild this area for a possible infiltration route. Because of the good condition, the enemy can rebuild faster.

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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

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Ref: (a) Maps: VIET NAM, 1:150,000 Map Sheet 6441 I
     (b) Operation Order: 3-67

Task Organization: 2nd Sqd 1st Plt Co C (Capt Schlenker)(6 Men)

1. SITUATION: See Ref (b)

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by BV/NVA and also check area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity of at least 15 or more enemy. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner by ambush.

3. EXECUTION:

   a. Concept of Operation: See Operation Overlay

   b. Coordinating Instructions:

      (1) Insertion: 230800H at YD 615235 ALT. YD 628223
      (2) Extraction: 270900H at YD 628223 (ALT. YD 614235)
      (3) Thrust Lines: OTL 6122 PTL 6424

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See Ref (b)

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: See Ref (b)

   a. SHACKLE: CODE (4)

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      R A G N L S W V H Y
      O C U J Q E

   b. COMMUNICATIONS:

      (1) Call Sign: Primary Freq: Alternate Freq:

      HE MAN 36.7 (YELLOW) 46.8 (WHITE)
      SECONDARY 50.0
      ARTY (CHERRY JAM) 36.7 (YELLOW)
      PERSEVERE (MARINE AO) 41.30
      BALL BEARING (2/26) 37.20
      MED EVAC COMM FREQ 45.7 (VERMILION ALPHA)
      DEAD AIM (4TH MARINERS) 68.2
      TRAIL (AP AO) 47.6
      MEIK JANE (1/4) 45.10
      CAT KILLER (ARMY AO) 49.0

   c. CONCENTRATION: RO 101-110

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Patrol: (2) Sqd. (1) Plt. (C) Co.
Debrief: Sgt. LOPEZ, J.M.I.
Map Sheet: 6441 I

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (9) Enlisted,
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (None)
   c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) IN/PRC 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (5) 7X50's, (1) Star Light Scope
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) Claymore Mines, (6) CS Grenades,
      (9) Gas Masks, (5) WI Hand Grenades
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) M-60, (1) M-14

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by VC/NVA and also check area for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer for artillery on targets of opportunity. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner by ambush.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 230800H/270830H Sept 1967

4. ROUTE AND TRAILS OBSERVED: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

   a. SYNOPSIS: 96½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in no contacts and (22) sightings amounting to approximately (83) VC and (9) sampans. Artillery called on first sighting resulted in (1) VC KIA (C) and (1) VC WIA (1). Patrol area indicated extensive booby traps (2) to (4) weeks old. Some booby traps not finished.

   b. ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:

      (1) 251445H (YD 628224) Hill 285 OD observed (2) VC who seemed to be digging or setting booby traps. (10) rounds fired by artillery resulted in (1) VC KIA (C) and (1) VC WIA (1). VC were wearing black PJ's and coolie hats. (1) had a bag, possibly a catchall charge. OD marked the position concentration 6X657.

      (2) 251530H Hill 285 OD observed (1) VC checking the area or looking for the other VC. OD fired (6) artillery on concentration 6X657. VC walked off to the north. VC was wearing black PJ's and coolie hats.

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(3) 251820H Hill 285 observed (4) VC moving north across rice patty vicinity (YD 605264). VC were wearing black 10's.

(4) 260920H Hill 285 observed 15 men tending a herd of about 25 water buffaloes vicinity (YD 603262). Men were black 10's and white coolie hats. Artillery fire was denied.

(5) 261000H Hill 285 observed (2) VC vicinity (YD 603262) moving west across rice patty. VC were wearing black 10's and white coolie hats.

(6) The following VC were observed from Hill 285 OP. All were moving north across rice patty vicinity (YD 602263) toward the village, 25 Sept 1967. 1330H (9) VC wearing black 10's and (3) more (200) meters back. 1335H (7) VC wearing black 10's, (2) VC in the lead (2) were (100) meters back followed by (1) more (100) meters to the rear. Artillery mission called was denied. 1340H (2) VC wearing black 10's with packs. 1355H (2) VC wearing black 10's with packs. 1425H (7) VC, (1) in the lead wearing black 10's, (2) in khakis followed by (4) in black 10's. 1430H (5) VC spread out wearing black 10's. 1435H (3) VC (2) in khakis followed by (1) in black 10's. 1445H (4) VC wearing black 10's. 1455H (3) VC wearing black 10's. 1500H (1) VC wearing black 10's. 1505H (5) VC wearing black 10's. VC were in a small group. (2) in front had packs followed by (1) VC who seemed to be carrying a mortar tube then (2) more VC had packs. 1505H (1) VC wearing khakis. 1515H (3) VC wearing black 10's and white coolie hats. O 1 requested artillery. 1 in AO checked the area and the (3) VC ran north toward treeline when they saw the AO. AO marked target. OP observed approximately (60) VC being ferreted across the river by (8) sampans. (5) crossed the SONG D HO northwest vicinity (YD 606266). The other (3) crossed the SONG NO vicinity (YD 607267) heading east. AO spotted the VC but artillery fired too late and at the wrong side of river. Fixed wing aircraft arrived (2) hours later.

(7) 262215H OP observed (1) sampan moving slow north along the SONG NO. Artillery fired (9) rounds HE and (4) rounds WP and OI detected a possible fire on sampan. No other sampans observed afterwards.

c. TERRAIN: High hills, low shrub brush (2) feet high. Rate of movement is about 600 meters per hour. Steep rocky and barren in places.

(1) COMMUNICATION: Good; heard Vietnames voices including a woman singing Vietnamese songs and played the guitar when a fire mission was called during air strikes.

(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCE: Plentiful

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(3) TRAILS: (1) Trail running all along the ridgeline on hill 285 (YF 628224). Trail is about 1½ feet wide, with rocky hard dirt. Trail has been used in the last couple of weeks.

(4) MLZ's all along the ridgeline on hill 285.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) Patrol discovered (1) VC grenade booby-trap on ridgeline vicinity (YD 625230). (See diagram)

(2) Patrol discovered a booby-trap vicinity (YD 629223). Booby-trap was marked and consisted of a 60mm mortar round and a VC grenade with bamboo mat on top. (See diagram)

(3) Patrol discovered what seemed to be a cement foundation for some type of tower on Hill 285.

(4) Foxholes were observed all along the ridgeline of hill 285. Unfinished booby-trap holes about (2) to (4) weeks old were observed throughout area.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: 1 KIA (C), 1 WIA (F)

b. FRIENDLY: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Physical: good/morale: good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

RECOMMENDATION: Future patrol should pay particular attention to booby-traps around this area.

CONCLUSIONS: Area covered revealed booby-trapped area about (2) to (4) weeks old. Hill is good OP position. Area also revealed that the rain had washed out most of the booby-traps and grenades are not functioning too well.

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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: (Concur with patrol leader)

Other: When team was inserted, (3) rounds were heard. They could be from the ARVN camp or a VC signal.
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3. ENEMY: NONE

4. TERRAIN: HIGH ROLLING HILLS DENSE CANOPY 30-40 FEET HIGH W/ DENSE UNDERGROWTH AND ELEPHANT GRASS. NATURAL WATER SOURCES SUFFICIENT. COMMUNICATION: GOOD. RATE OF MOVEMENT 400-600 METERS PER HOUR.

D. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) PATROL FOUND A WELL USED HARD PACKED DIRT TRAIL RUNNING NORTHWEST TO TOP OF DONG KIA AND DONG NA MOUNTAINS. TRAIL WAS FOUR FEET WIDE.

(2) 291625H (YD 052536) PATROL SET UP HARVEST SITE FOR NIGHT. ONE MAN SENT OUT OF HARVEST SITE TO CHECK PATROLS REAR TO SEE IF PATROL WAS BEING FOLLOWED. MAN DID NOT RETURN TO AREA THE WAY HE LEFT. INSTEAD HE ENTERED THE HARVEST SITE FROM THE REAR AND PATROL ASSUMED IT WAS A VC/VA. PATROL OPENED FIRE BEFORE MAN WAS RECOGNIZED AS A FRIENDLY WHICH RESULTED IN (1) USMC KILLED. PATROL EXTRACTED EARLY DUE TO DEAD MARINE.

5. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY

A. ENEMY: NONE

B. FRIENDLY: 1) USMC KILLED (NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION)

C. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: NONE

D. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD, MORALE: POOR

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3. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) INSERT ANOTHER PATROL INTO SAME AREA

CONCLUSIONS:

(1) AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS NO SIGNS OF ENEMY MOVEMENT OR ACTIVITY.

9. HLZ'S:

(1) (YD 054584) (1) CH-47, ELEPHANT GRASS 2-4 FEET HIGH. NO APPROACH OBSTACLES. BEST APPROACH HEADING WEST.

10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: NONE

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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL 107-67
A. MAP SHEET 6342 II, SERIES L 7014 1:50,000
(1) DEBRIEFER: SSGT E.W. BELL/LCPL H.A. MALLAND, REVIEWED BY:
CAPT H.L. BOHR JR
(2) DEBRIEF OF RECON TM .B., B CO, THIRD RECON BN, 021500Z SEPT 67
1. TEAM INSERTED XD91427. TEAM OBS 2 NVA
AT XD915425. TEAM CALLED GUNSHIPS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
2. TEAM THEN INITIATED SAF RESULTING IN 2 NVA KIA(C) AT THE
SAME TIME 3 NVA IN THE VIC OF XD904427 OPENED FIRE WITH 2
MG AND 1 A/W. FIXED WING RAN STRIKE ON GUN POSITION RESULTING
IN 3 NVA KIA(C) AND DESTROYED 3 RL MORTAR POSITIONS. THE TEAM
THEN MOVED 75 METERS NW AND BEGAN RECEIVING AK-47 FIRE FROM 4
NVA 100 METERS TO THE NE, TEAM RETURNED SAF RESULTING IN 4
NVA KIA(C) AT XD904427.

NVA KIA(C) TEAM MOVED BACK TO HLZ WHERE THEY OBS 7 ENEMY
TROOPS AT XD915425, CARRYING WHAT APPEARED TO BE 2 MORTAR
TUBES. 2 OF THESE ENEMY WERE WEARING CAMOUFLAGED UTILITIES,
4 WERE WEARING BLACK UTILITIES AND 1 WAS WEARING KHAKIES AND
HAD A RED ARM BAND ON HIS LEFT ARM. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MAN
WEARING KHAKIES, WHO WAS CARRYING A PISTOL, ALL WERE CARRYING
AK-47'S. PATROL KILLED THE ENEMY WEARING KHAKIES WITH SAF.
RESULTS, 1 NVA KIA(C) FIXED WING THEN RAN BOMB STRIKE ON THE
REMAINING 6 ENEMY RESULTING IN 6 NVA KIA (C) AND 7 SECONDARY
EXPLOSIONS. AT THE SAME TIME THE TEAM BEGAN RECEIVING 30 CAL. MG
FIRE FROM VIC OF XD903429. GUNSHIPS HIT POSITION WITH ROCKETS
AND 50 CAL. FIRE RESULTING IN 7 KIA (C) AND 1 MG POSITION DESTROYED.
2 ENEMY THEN RUSHED TEAMS POSTION FROM THE SW TEAM RETURNED
SAF RESULTING IN 1 ENEMY KIA (C) BOTH ENEMY WERE WEARING BLACK
UTILITIES AND CARRIED CARBINES. 3 ENEMY THEN RUSHED THE PATROLS
POSITION FROM THE SOUTH. TEAM LEADER THREW GRENADES RESULTING
IN 2 NVA KIA (C). A SNIPER WAS THEN OBS FIRING AND KILLED
FROM A TREE 40 METERS TO THE SOUTH TEAM MEMBER FIRED SA KILLING
THE SNIPER (1 KIA (C)). 6 ENEMY WERE THEN OBS MOVING TOWARD TEAMS
POSTION 25 METERS TO THE SE TEAM USED CS TO FLUSH ENEMY OUT OF

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ELEPHANT GRASS AND FOLLOWED UP WITH SAF RESULTING IN 2 ENEMY KIA (C). AT THIS TIME MORE ENEMY WERE OBSERVING TOWARDS THE TEAMS POSITION FROM THE SOUTH. 2 PATROL MEMBERS THREW GRENADES RESULTING IN 2 ENEMY KIA (C). WHILE CH-46 WAS GOING INTO HLZ TO EXTRACT TEAM, THE AIR CREW GUNNERS FIRED 50 CAL. AT 2 ENEMY RESULTING IN 2 ENEMY KIA (C). TEAM WAS EXTRACTED WHILE TAKING FIRE FROM 3 SIDES.

TEAM ESTIMATES CONTACT WAS MADE WITH 60-70 ENEMY. ENEMY WORKED IN SMALL GROUPS AND APPEARED TO BE UNORGANIZED. THE ENEMY'S EQUIPMENT CONSISTED OF SMALL ARMS INCLUDING AK-47'S AND CARBINES, 30 CAL. MG'S, PACKS RESEMBLING U.S. ARMY ASSAULT PACKS AND 2 POSSIBLE MORTARS (TEAM TOOK NO MORTAR FIRE). THE ENEMY'S UNIFORMS CONSISTED MAINLY OF BLACK PJ'S AND CAMOUFLAGED UTILITIES. THE ONLY ENEMY WEARING A HAT WAS THE ONE WITH KHAKIES, RED ARM BAND AND PISTOL.

THE ENEMY'S SLOW MOVEMENT COUPLED WITH THEIR AGGRESSIVE ACTIONS INDICATES THE POSSIBLE USE OF DRUGS. A DEFINATE FISH ODOR COULD BE DETECTED EACH TIME THE ENEMY CAME WITHIN 25 METERS OF THE PATROLE'S POSITION.

2. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTER WITH ENEMY:

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(A) ENEMY KIA: 39 KIA (C)
(B) FRIENDLY CASUALTIES: 1 WIA (NON-MEDVAC)
(C) ENEMY EQUIPMENT LOSSES:
   (1) 3 MG POSITIONS
   (2) 7 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS

3. BREAK DOWN OF ENEMY KIA'S AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

(A) KIA'S:
   (1) RECON TEAM: 21 ENEMY KIA (C)
   (2) FIXES WING: 9 ENEMY KIA (C)
   (3) GUNSHIPS: 7 ENEMY KIA (C)
   (4) EXTRACTION HELO: 2 ENEMY KIA (C)

(B) EQUIPMENT LOSSES:
   (1) FIXED WING: 2 MG POSITIONS AND 7 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.
   (2) GUNSHIPS: 1 MG POSITION.