From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)

Via: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF (Attn: ACoS, G-3)
Commanding General, 3d Marine Amphibious Force
Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 November 1967 to 30 November 1967

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMF PACO 5750.8

Encl: (1) 3d Reconnaissance Battalion Command Chronology

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

2. Unclassified upon removal of enclosure.

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HEADQUARTERS
3d Reconnaissance Battalion
3d Marine Division (Rein) FWD
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 November 1967 to 30 November 1967

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DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS
PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

3d Reconnaissance Battalion

Lt. Col. W. D. Kent

10 November 67 to Present

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

Capt. D. E. Severance 12 September 67 to Present
Capt. C. R. Ariola 12 September 67 to Present
Capt. P. F. Reynolds 14 October 67 to Present
Capt. S. M. Hartnett 26 August 67 to Present
Capt. J. F. Rhodes 3 November 67 to Present

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

H & S Company, Company A and Company D
Company C and 3d Force Recon Company
Company B (Rein)

3. STAFF

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

Capt. E. F. Baulch 3 July 67 to Present
Capt. R. R. Varga 1 August 67 to Present
1st Lt. J. L. Zellers 20 May 67 to Present
1st Lt. G. W. Fox 31 January 67 to Present
Capt. R. L. Klein 3 November 67 to Present
Capt. J. L. Shebel 20 May 67 to Present
Capt. T. W. Kaigher 27 November 67 to Present

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

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* Figure indicates influx of personnel due to pending change of manning level.
PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Co. A During the reporting period the Company completed 19 patrols averaging 3.4 days with an average of 9.0 men per patrol. The patrols made 19 sightings for a total of 622 VC/NVA, which resulted in 4 contacts, 21 fire missions of 1016 rounds, and 2 air strikes. There were a total of 8 VC KIA (Conf) and 145 KIA (Prob). Patrols sighted several trails, huts and fortified positions not indicated on the map. There were no casualties during this reporting period.

Co. B During the reporting period the Company completed 21 patrols averaging 4.4 days with an average of 8 men per patrol. The patrols made 3 sightings, totaling 21 VC, which resulted in 1 contact, 1 fire mission with a total of 15 artillery rounds fired, and 1 air strike. There was a total of 1 VC KIA (Prob). There were numerous trails, huts and fortified positions observed by the patrols. There was 1 USMC DAI sustained. Cause of death was drowning.

Co. C During the reporting period the Company completed 17 patrols averaging 4.0 days with an average of 8 men per patrol. The patrols made 7 sightings for a total of 65 VC/NVA, which resulted in 6 contacts, 7 fire missions of 189 artillery rounds, and 2 air strikes. There was a total of 3 VC/NVA KIA (Prob) and 1 VC Detainee. Many trails, huts, and fortified positions not shown on the map were sighted by the patrols. There were 6 USMC WIA and 1 USN WIA.

Co. D During the reporting period the Company completed 21 patrols averaging 3.8 days with an average of 8 men per patrol. The patrols made 5 sightings for a total of 60 VC/NVA, which resulted in 5 contacts, total of 9 VC/NVA KIA (Conf), 4 VC/NVA KIA (Prob) and 1 NVA captured. Trails, hut complexes, and fighting holes not shown on the map were sighted by patrols. There were 1 USMC KIA, 3 USMC WIA, 1 USN WIA and 1 USMC DOW. (DOW reported in last report as a WIA)

3d Force Recon Co. During the reporting period the Company completed 25 patrols averaging 3.6 days with an average of 9 men per patrol. The patrols had 19 sightings for a total of 119 VC/NVA that resulted in 4 contacts, 10 fire missions of 133 artillery rounds and 5 air strikes. There were a total of 16 VC/NVA KIA (Conf) and 9 VC KIA (Prob). In addition one AK-50 Rifle and one U. S. Carbine were captured. Patrols observed trails, huts and fighting holes not shown on the map. There were 1 USMC KIA and 3 USMC WIA.

H & S Co. During the reporting period personnel from H & S Company participated in five scuba missions of which the primary purpose was to raise sunken portions of bridges, retrieve ordnance, and raise sunken motor vehicles/boats.

In addition a three team scuba mission operated in the Song No River area; the primary purpose being to search the shore line and river bottom for enemy materials (See patrol report, Scuba Mission dated 170830H).
PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. **Combat Missions Assigned.** 3d Reconnaissance Battalion and attached Force Reconnaissance Company conducted 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 LANCASTER, OSOMUKA, KENTUCKY, SCOTLAND, NAOSHIO, GOWE and GRANITE.

c. **Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy.** There has been 33 VC/NVA KIA (Conf), 162 VC/NVA KIA (Prob), 1 NVA POW and 1 Detainee inflicted upon the enemy during this reporting period.

d. **Casualties Sustained.** There has been 2 USMC KIA, 1 USMC DAI (drowned), 1 USMC POW (*), 12 USMC WIA and 2 USN WIA.

e. **New Techniques Employed.** Improved proficiency noted with Scout Dogs. Evaluation of snipers attached to Bravo Company patrol is being conducted in the Khe Sanh area.

f. **Command Relations.** Nothing significant to report.

g. **Equipment.** Several test items are being evaluated within the Battalion (eg, wearing apparel, ponchos and sleeping bags).

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. Five men from this Battalion attended the Division Personal Response School during this reporting period.

j. **Administration.** Nothing significant to report.

k. **Personnel.**

10 November 67 Lt.Col. W.D. KENT assigned as Commanding Officer, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion.

29 November 67 Major J.E. ANDERSON assigned as Commanding Officer, 3d Force Reconnaissance Company.

27 November 67 2nd Lt. F.M. SANDRO assigned as Battalion Motor Transport Officer (primary duty).

30 November 67 Major J.C. HANRAHAN transferred to Headquarters Company, 3d Marine Rgt., 3d Marine Division (relieved by Captain T.W. KAUGHER).

Personnel from CONUS and in-country units began training in the Battalion's Training Class; personnel are to be utilized within this unit as the additional three reconnaissance squads per company. At present, they are still undergoing training and will be reported on the next chronology.

* Reported as WIA during month of October 1967.
1. **Intelligence.** Enemy activity decreased significantly in all areas during November.

Only two light contacts were made in the Khe Sanh area. Patrols, however, continued to note signs of enemy movement throughout the vicinity of Khe Sanh.

Monsoon weather has hampered deep patrols. Surveillance maintained along route 9 east to Dong Ha showed little enemy movement. South of Quang Tri, however, limited patrolling showed a continuing enemy activity of an undetermined nature.

Two large sightings of several hundred enemy were made west of Hoi An. The remaining areas showed light enemy movement, possibly continued rice and resupply traffic.

2. **Weather.** The month of November continued the transition from the humid summer season to the increased rain season of the monsoon. The average daily temperature was 80 degrees but fell during the evening hours to the low 70's. Rain showed a continual increase in frequency and volume. Patrols encountered some difficulty in helicopter insertion because of bad weather, but truck/foot insertions were substituted. An increase in lowland, stream crossing difficulties were noted.

3. **Air Support.** The Battalion directed 47 artillery fire missions totaling 1501 rounds.

4. **Air Support.** The Battalion utilized 12 fixed wing air supports on targets of opportunity. This does not include the fixed wing strikes employed for initial insertions in an insecure zone. Helo gunships were utilized on several occasions.

5. **Activations/Deactivations/Redesignations.** Nothing significant to report.

6. **Training.** Training is conducted on a continuous basis. Newly joined personnel are instructed via the Battalion Training and Familiarization School in all aspects peculiar to reconnaissance, weapons, demolitions, artillery, etc., and an information/orientation class on Vietnam is conducted by the Division G-5. The M-16 Rifle is fan-fired and zeroed during this period.

Company training is conducted along these same lines but on a more detailed level pursuant with that experience gained in combat.

Key personnel (patrol leaders included) assemble once each month to discuss and disseminate "Lessons Learned." At this time new tactics and developments are noted.

A pre-SOUSA school was conducted for three days. Ten personnel are presently undergoing training in the Philippines.

A pre-Airborne school was conducted for four days. Eleven personnel are presently undergoing training in Okinawa.

A continuation of the familiarization program between helicopter
pilots/crews and recon teams continues with a noticeable increase in proficiency of both units.

River crossing techniques were taught by Companies B and D. Rappelling was taught by Companies A, B and D.

In addition the following schools were conducted in-country or elsewhere with the number given in attendance.

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a. Sequential Listing of Significant Events.

060900H/061100H November. A patrol operating in the vicinity of
(YD 0596) conducted 50 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which
resulted in 1 contact and 1 VC base camp discovered. Contact resulted
in 1 USMC WIA (Minor), 3 VC KIA (Conf) and 2 VC KIA (Prob). Possible
two 50 cal MG's were heard. Area reveals heavy build up and enemy
activity. (See supporting document # 1)

050900H/111700H November. A patrol operating in the vicinity of
(YD 5524) conducted 152 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which
resulted in 1 sighting of 4 Vietnamese followed by a group of up to 35 VC.
Total size of group approximately 250. Total of 37 rounds fired resulted
in 2 VC KIA (Prob). Area covered appeared to be a transit area. (See
supporting document # 2)

041600H/101700H November. A patrol operating in the vicinity of
(YD 4925) conducted 145 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which
resulted in 2 VC KIA (Conf) and 1 VC KIA (Prob) by aircraft prepping area,
sighting of 20 VC and observed approximately 50 weapons flashes directed
at gunship. Aircraft conducted air strikes and artillery fired 46 rounds
total. Results were 40 KIA (Prob). A two day old bunker OP and an OP/harbor
site were found. One battalion size area was discovered and 3 booby traps
were destroyed in another location. Area reveals new build up, observation
by the enemy and heavy enemy activity. (See supporting document # 3)

080800H/091700H November. A patrol operating in the vicinity of
(YD 7667) conducted 33½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which
resulted in 1 sighting of one NVA, 1 contact was made with 20-25 NVA resulting
in 1 USMC KIA and 4 USMC WIA and 6 NVA KIA (Conf). Two NVA base camps
were discovered and destroyed. Area reveals heavy new build up and large
amount of enemy activity. (See supporting document # 4)

091545H/091845H November. A patrol operating in the vicinity of
(YD 2675) conducted 3 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which
resulted in 2 enemy sightings of approximately 15 VC/NVA and contact
with the same. Contact resulted in 3 VC/NVA KIA (Conf), 1 VC/NVA KIA
(Prob) and the capturing of 1 AK-50 Rifle and one U. S. .30 cal Carbine.
(See supporting document # 5)

150900H/201615H November. A patrol operating in the vicinity of
(YD 5524) conducted 127½ hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which
resulted in 5 sightings totalling 275-260 VC/NVA, 4 sightings totalling
11 lights, 5-7 voices were heard on one occasion. Patrol received 20-30
rounds SAP and obtained 2 VC/NVA KIA (Conf), and 100 VC/NVA KIA (Prob) by
air and artillery as well as 2-5 secondary explosions by air. Patrol
fired 7 artillery missions totalling 181 rounds. Heavy sampan traffic
on the Song Bo was noted on 20 November. This area continues to show
heavy enemy movement. (See supporting document # 6)
151730H/191000H November. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 1152) conducted 98 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 2 enemy sightings totalling 2 VC and 1 VCI who was turned over to GAC unit. Patrol observed smoke and smelled CS gas on one occasion. (See supporting document # 7)

181630H/221000H November. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 1654) conducted 96 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in 1 enemy sighting totalling 12 NVA. Patrol called artillery mission of 22 rounds with outstanding target coverage which resulted in 10 NVA KIA (Conf). Patrol found fresh footprints on one occasion. (See supporting document # 8)

090700H/101700H November. A patrol operating in the vicinity of (YD 5818) conducted 34 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance which resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Scuba team discovered 14 sampans, 1100 pounds of rice, noted few trails, observed 3 bunkers and 1 house. Area covered by scuba team revealed enemy activity on the Song Ro. (See supporting document # 9)
PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Patrol Report 448-67 of 06 November 67 (Co. D)
2. Patrol Report 452-67 of 13 November 67 (Co. A)
3. Patrol Report 451-67 of 14 November 67 (Co. A)
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Operation Order: 483-67

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

Task Organization: 1st Sqd 1st Flt Co D (SGT MOISE & 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 make 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 as targets of opportunity. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation: See Operation Overlay

b. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Insertion: 010000 at (2C 0759556)
(2) Extraction: 050000 at (2D BE ANNOUNCED)
(3) Thrust Lines: ATL (0597) BTL (0697)

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See Ref (b)

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: See Ref (b)

a. SHACKLE: CODE (4)

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K U B N H G L M D J
O P C Q I A F V R
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b. COMMUNICATIONS:

(1) Call Sign: Primary Freq: Alternate Freq

MARKST PLACE I 47-2 (GREEN) 46-8 (WHITE)
SECONDARY 50-0
ARY (ARVN) ZULU RELAY CIVIL WIND UP 65 47-2 (GREEN)
PERSEVEX (ARVN AQ) 41-30
BALL BEARING (2/26) 37-20
MED EVAC COMM FREQ 45-7 (VERMILLION ALPHA)
DEAD AIM (4TH MARINES) 69-2
TRAIL (AR 40) 47-6
MEK JANE (1/4) 45-10
CAT KILLER (ARVN AQ) 49-0

6. CONCEALMENT: RC 183-150

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R.L. WICK
Captain U.S. MARINE CORPS
Company Commander

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (7) ENLISTED (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRO 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7 X 50 (1) STARLIGHT SCOPE
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CLAYMORE MINES (9) CS GRENADES
      (6) WP RIFLE GRENADES (2) GAS MASKS
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 (1) M-78 (ADAPTER FOR M-16)

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.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 030900H/051130H NOV 1967

4. ROUTE AND TRAILS OBSERVED: SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

5. OBSERVATION QMFT ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 50 Hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in one contact and one VC base camp discovered. Contact resulted in (1) USMC WIA (MINOR), (3) VC KIA (CONF) and (2) VC KIA (PROB). Possible 2 X 50 CAL MGS were heard. Area reveals heavy buildup and enemy activity.
   b. ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND CONTACT:
      (1) 051030H (ZC 067968) Patrol was getting ready to set up an ambush when the scout dog alerted to the southeast and the patrol saw (3) VC's about 20-30 meters on the bend of the road. VC's were wearing short sleeve shirts and shorts (BLACK PJ's), HO CHI MINH sandals, bush hats, bandoleers and armed with AK-47's. One VC was pointing at the teams direction and had an arm around another VC which had turned around to say something to the third VC coming around the bend of the road. Patrol fired at the VC W/M-16 and VC returned with AWF resulting in (1) USMC WIA (MINOR). Patrol threw grenades, M-79 rounds and AW fire resulting in (1) VC KIA (CONF) and (2) VC KIA (PROB). Patrol called gunships and checked area. Patrol saw drag marks and (3) HO CHI MINH sandals, one of which had been shot off a VC foot. (2) GUNSHIES arrived and started strafing the area. Patrol saw (2) more VC on a tree-

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about 35 meters to the north and fired M-79 rounds which hit on target and one gunship fired a rocket which also hit on target. This resulted in (2) VC KIA (CONF). By this time patrol heard movement to the north, east and south. While gunship were strafing the area and receiving SA/AM fire the patrol also heard what sounded like (2) 30 CAL M23. One to the north vicinity (ZC 064965) delivered at the gunships. This fire sounded hollow with a hollow sound like firing through a hollow tube of some-kind. The gunships by this time were receiving a large volume of SA fire. The patrol was extracted approximately at 051300. The last helicopter received SA/AM fire. The patrol could not make a damage estimate by air craft.

o. TERRAIN: Thick vegetation with 30-40' canopy. Rate of movement is approximately 50-75 meters per hour.

(1) COMMUNICATIONS: EXCELLENT at one occasion team tried to get a time check and keyed set 3 times and immediately (5) key out were heard. This happened twice.

(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Plenty of water specially this time of the year.

(3) TRAILS: Most of the main trails are shown on the map.

(4) HLZ'S: (INSERTION) (ZC 073967) This HLZ can hold one UH-34. It has a flat blown out spot. Best approach in from the NE and SW. It has hard rocky ground. (EXTRACTION) (ZC 067-960) This HLZ is on the side of a hill on a road and has just enough room for UH-34. Used as an emergency HLZ on 5 NOVEMBER 67.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: 031200H Patrol discovered a VC base camp vicinity (ZC 067964). A stream ran through the center of the camp and there is a dam made out of concrete where the stream makes a ford. The camp is approximately 300 meters in diameter and there is a trail running SE and NW parallel with the stream. Patrol heard about 50 VC's talking and chattering. Patrol called artillery and they fired (7)-30s. Patrol could hear moaning coming from that area. Patrol checked area and saw fires still burning and fresh footprints. Patrol also found broken brush made by VC running in different directions when artillery hit. Dam was slightly damaged by artillery. Patrol continued mission. Artillery fired before never hit the dam. It came within 100-300 meters from the dam (SEE SKETCH).

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (3) KIA (CONF) (2) KIA (TROB)
b. FRIENDLY: (1) WIA (MINOR)
c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT, DOCUMENT, PRISONER: (1) PH HO CHI MINH SOLDAWS

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL GOOD/MORAL EXCELLENT

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8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations: No other patrols should be inserted in this area because of the extensive enemy activity. H&I's and bombing should be conducted.

Conclusions: Heavy new enemy build up and extensive enemy activity.

MONIPE J.W.
PATROL LEADER
SOT Co "D"
RANK COMPANY

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: During the month of October (2) contacts were made by recon in this area and at least 700 VC have been reported by various units of this division. Base camp and new incomplete possibly mortar position and (2) possible 50 CAL MG's were also heard by recon. (SEE OVERLAY)

a. BACKGROUND OR CHANGES IN THIS AREA:

(1) 12 OCT 67 3d Reconnaissance (OF ORDER 408-67) Team made contact with (4) VC's. Helicopters received SA fire. (6) Incomplete possibly mortar position were discovered.

(2) 17 OCT 67 (TT SECTION ITSUM #293) reported a VC EN 3 DIV US area.

(3) 18 OCT 67 3d reconnaissance (OF ORDER 425-67) reported a platform on a tree that could possibly have a WU 109 or anyone coming from that direction.

(4) 19 OCT 67 (JTLD #1103 HUE) reported (100) wooden buildings with cave mouths.

(5) 19 OCT 67 3d reconnaissance (OF ORDER 425-67) reported enemy harbor sites in this area.

(6) 19 OCT 67 (JTLD HUE #549) reported (500) VC in this general area.

(7) 26 OCT 67 (TT S-2) reported (200) VC in this area.

(8) 29 OCT 67 (3A MAR DIV. JOURNAL) reported 400 VC.

(9) 5 NOV 67 (3d RECONNAISSANCE OF ORDER 448-67) Team made contact with (5) VC and also discovered a new harbor area and base camp.

(10) (SEE SKETCH)

b. PATROL OPINION: Patrol feels that this is an area being used by a large well armed VC unit because of the two patrols conducted by this team, what they have found and the volume of fire which was delivered at helicopter on last contact.

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TOP VIEW

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DAM MADE OF CONCRETE IN STREAM VIC (ZC 067964) NOT DAMAGED BY PREVIOUS ARTY FIRE

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LOTS OF ARTY FIRED

BASE CAMP (ZC 067964)

THICK BRUSH

300 METERS IN DIAMETER

OF TREES

OF TREES

STREAM

STREAM

CARE

CAVES

BIG ROCK

SMALL WATER FALL

WADING AREA

VALLEY

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Operation Order: 452-67

Ref: (a) Maps: VIET NAM, 1:50,000 Map Sheet 6441 I
    (b) Operation Order: 2-67

Task Organization: 2d Sqd Airflit C Co A (SOT K/NDS 10 JUN)

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 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.

3. EXECUTION:
   a. Concept of Operations: See Operation Overlay
   b. Coordinating Instructions:
      (1) Insertion: 050000H at (YD 544232)
      (2) Extraction: 090000H at (YD 552231)
      (3) Thrust Lines: ATL (YD 5524) - BTL (YD 562)

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See Ref (b)

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: See Ref (b)
   a. SHACKLE: CODE (6)
      0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
      Y N V E R T U O G I
      Z 1 M B W H J F P A S
      X L D K Q O
   b. COMMUNICATIONS: (NEW CALL SIGN EFFECTIVE 07 NOV 1967)
      (1) Call Sign: Primary Code: Alternate Code
      
      PARA SOL  COMPANY CAR  46-8 (WHITE)  47-2 (GREEN)
      GARDEN VALLEY  ARMY (CHERRY JAM)  46-8 (WHITE)
      BARK WOOD  PERSEVerS (MARINE 40)  43-20
      HASTY FOOT  BALI BEIJING (2/26)  37-20
      JOHN BROWN  MERD 40 COMM FREQ  45-7 (VERMILLION ALPHA)
      CHURCH VIEW  MERK JANE (1/4)  45-10
      CAT KILLER  49-0

b. CONCENTRATIONS: RO 25,400

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Company Commander

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (1) Officer, (7) Enlisted, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (1) Kit Carson Scout
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 8x50's
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) Claymore Mines, (6) CS Grenades,
      (2) M203 Rifle Grenades, (10) Gas Masks, (4) Block 0-4, (1) Machete
   f. SMALL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (2) 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 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.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 050000H/111700H November 1967

4. ROUTE AND TRAILS OBSERVED: See overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 152 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in
   sighting of 4 Vietnamese followed by group of up to 35 VC. Total
   size of group approximately 250. Total of 37 rounds fired resulted in
   2 VC KIA (Prob), area covered appeared to be a transit area.
   b. ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:
      1. 111600H (YD 557243) Patrol noted SAF from 10-15 weapons
         directed at passing infantry carrying helicopters. No action was taken.
      2. 111615H (YD 557245) 4 VC wearing mixed clothing were seen
         moving east. Behind this group came other groups of up to 35 wearing
         backpacks, heavy packs and some type of tube like object.
         Total size of group was approximately 250. Enemy walked 10-15 meters
         between men and 50 meters between groups. 2 rounds were fired (causing
         2 VC KIA (Prob). Front of column continued moving, rear of column halted
         and dispersed. 35 rds were fired in effect but with unknown results.
         AC arrived on station but was unable to see the enemy. --CONTINUED ON BACK--

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O. TERRAIN: Characterized with chest high brush, vines, and some elephant grass.

1. COMMUNICATIONS: Good

2. NATURE OF WATER sources: Good. Hot springs are located at (YD 546243).

5. TRAILS: Shown on overlay. Trails in the area well used.

4. ENS. (None)

a. OTHER INFORMATION:

b. From (YD 544238) to (YD 546239) along the west bank of the KIM N K street, a trail and trench network. The trenches appeared parallel to the trails and were probably bomb shelters rather than a defensive position. Area was very old but trails appeared to be in constant use.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. PREY: (2) KIA (Prob)

b. FRIENDLY: (None)

7. RECOMMENDATION and CONCLUSIONS:

a. RECOMMENDATIONS: Continued surveillance of the valley to the north of the QOB THINH TM RIDGE.

b. CONCLUSIONS: Area covered by patrol reveals continued west to east transit by large units.

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A Company.

8. OBSERVER COMMENTS: (Concur with patrol Leader)

a. BACKGROUND OR CHANGES IN THIS AREA: This area continues to be used for transit.

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Operation Order: 451-67

Ref: (a) Maps: VIET NAM, 1:50,000 Map Sheet 6441 I-6442 II
(b) Operation Order: 3-67

Task Organization: 2nd Sqd 2nd Lt Co A (CPL FRISCH 9 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. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner.

3. EXECUTION:
   a. Concept of Operations: See Operation Overlay
   b. Coordinating Instructions:
      (1) Insertion: 030800H at (YD 508256)
      (2) Extraction: 070900H at (YD 519251)
      (3) Thrust Lines: NEL (YD 4926) BTL (YD 5224)

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See Ref (b)

5. COMMAND AND SIGNALS: See Ref (b)

   a. SACKLE: CODE (5)
      0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
      G J A Z K F L W P E
      G R M U X I E Q D V
      N O T Y H S

   b. COMMUNICATIONS: (NEW CALL SIGN EFFECTIVE AT 070000 NOV 67)
      (1) Call Sign:      PRIMARY FREQ:      ALTERNATE FREQ:
      FANCY DAD       ALABAMA RAIDERS       46.8 (WHITE)       47.2 (GREEN)
      COUNTRY VALLEY  ARMY (CHERRY JAM)    46.8 (WHITE)       50.0
      BIRKWOOD       PERSEVERE (MARINE AO)  41.30
      HASTY FOOT      BALL BEARING (2/26)   37.20
      JOHN BROWN     NM-12 COMM FREQUENCY  45.7 (VERMILLION ALPHA)
      SHORE VIEW     BASTY JIM (4TH MARINES) 68.2
                      TRICK (47 AO)        47.6
                      MUSK JIM (1/4)       45.10
                      CAP KILLER (ARMY AO) 49.0

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CONCENTRATION: RG 251-300

C.E. AREOLA
Captain U.S. Marine Corps
Company Commander

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Operation Order: 451-67
Patrol: (2) Sqd. (2) Plt. (A) Co.
Dockford: Sgt. Lopez, J.H.I.
Map Sheet: 6441 I, 6442 II

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enlisted, (1) USAF
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (1) Kit Carson Scout
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7X50's, (1) Starlight Scope
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) Claymore Mines, (8) CS Grenades,
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (3) M-193, (1) M-60, (2) 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 forward observers for artillery
   on targets of opportunity. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 041600H/101700H Nov 1967

4. ROUTE AND TRAILS OBSERVED: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 145 hours of reconnaissance resulted in 2 VC KIA (C) and
      1 VC KIA (I) by aircraft proping area, sighting of 20 VC and observed
      approximately 50 weapons flashes directed at gunship. Aircraft conducted
      strafing and artillery fired 45 rounds. 40 KIA (I). A two day old
      bunker 07 and an O/H Harbor site were found. One battalion size area was
      discovered and 3 booby traps were destroyed in another location. Area
      revealed no build up. Observation by the enemy and heavy enemy activity.
   b. ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:
      1. 075500H (YD 497253) Patrol observing fixed wing aircraft
         proping a Recon Team; 075500H (YD 490245) was 2 VC KIA (C) and 3
         more VC running away from the air strike, one of which was staggering
         and falling down, 1 VC KIA (I). VC wore black JPs and no covers.

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2. 071400H (YD 497253) Patrol spotted a VC observing team from vicinity (YD 498429). Other movement was seen around the VC which was behind a bush and only the upper half could be seen. He wore cheki shirt or jacket. Called artillery mission of 5 rounds with unknown results.

3. 090045H (YD 497253) Patrol observed 20 VC and alot of movement in vicinity (YD 493256) heading east-northeast. VC wore black NJ's large packs, unknown type of weapons (possibly AK-47). VC wore in a column. Gunship strafed and rocketed the VC position. The returned with M16 fire of about 50 weapons. Fixed wing strafed area with excellent target coverage and then artillery fired 46 rounds with good cover of target. Patrol continued to observe until 1600H and no movement was seen in this area after this time. 40 VC KIA (1)

b. TERRAIN: Hilly, moderate wooded area. Shrub brush and canopy is about 10 feet high. Rate of movement is approximately 400-500 meters per hour.

(1) COMMUNICATIONS: Good

(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCE: Stream vicinity (YD 488256) running northeast to southwest is approximately 5 feet wide 1/2 feet deep and has clear water. This stream does not appear on the map. There is no water on the ridge line.

(3) TRAILS: (YD 488256) is about 100 meters to the southwest and is parallel with the stream. The trail is approximately 1/2 foot wide, hard pressed down dead leaves. Trail appeared not used recently.

(4) HLV'S: The valley has many HLV's throughout. One of these HLV's is on a finger that comes off a ridge line vicinity (YD 497256). This HLV is level, bare with burnt off brush. There are lot's of bomb craters around, has hard ground and some 4-5 feet high light brush. The best approach is from east to west. Patrol did not use this HLV.

6. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 06 Nov (YD 497253) Patrol discovered a new bunker about 2 days old in an excellent position to observe the whole valley. Just that bunker was seen on the hill. An M-1 rifle, full clip was about 50 feet from the bunker. (See sketch #1). Note: Bunker reported 2 Oct in this location had been destroyed.

(2) 06 Nov Patrol found an OP and a 5-6 man harbor site vicinity (YD 493254). The trees near the OP were marked in the OP and harbor site direction. This site is about 2 weeks old but used within a week. The whole valley can be observed from here. (See sketch #2)

(3) 06 Nov (YD 494253) Patrol discovered a battalion size area and many small trails and harbor sites around the battalion area. Vegetation and canopy was thick and this area had been used about a week before. Some trails and harbor sites had been used within a day. One main trail heavily used runs northeast and southwest on the northeast side of the battalion area. --CONTINUED ON BACK-- CONFIDENTIAL
The trail is about a meter wide and has hard ground. The brush had been cleared out and leaves were crushed and packed flat down for an area of about 100 meters square. This area is in a saddle between two knobs. (See sketch #7)

4. 0123GH (YD 453250) Patrol heard movements and voices 20-70 meters east-southeast of their position. There were approximately 4-5 people. This could have been an enemy harbor site. No mortar activity was heard.

5. 0523GH-0923GH (YD 500258) Patrol heard 4 outgoing rounds 600-1000 meters to the northwest. These rounds did not sound like mortar or had a sharp cracking sound.

6. 30 JH (YD 500258) The patrol's Kit Carson Scout warned the patrol of VJ and booby traps from this point on. Approximately 20 meters from there the patrol discovered the first of three booby traps. Checked out the area and found two more booby traps. The patrol destroyed the traps and then heard movement about 100 meters to the south. The team moved out of the area. (See sketch #5&8)

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. ENEMY: (2) KIA (1), (4) KIA (1)
   b. PRIMARY: (None)

7. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:
   a. RECOMMENDATIONS:
      1. Bring Machine Gun when OP.
      2. Take a Starlight Scope.
   b. CONCLUSIONS: Area covered by patrol reveals new build up, observation of area and heavy enemy activity.

Col FRISCH
"A" Company

9. DERRIERE COMMENT: (None)
Underground Bunker at Coordinates (YD 397253)

1. No more than 2 days old. (The leaves used to top roofing was still green)

Roof made of two layers of logs with sand and leaves in between.

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Or Harbor Site

(a) Or site in tree, perfect position to overlook entire valley.

(b) Bound 2 trees marked and notched with vine wrapped around trunk leading toward OR.

(c) Dug out hole large enough for 2 men to sleep in.
BOOBY-TRAP AT COORDINATES (YD 500 257)

Found two of this type, set off both with a long line. (Claymore Wire)
1. Wall concealed
2. Used for anti personnel

Double wrapped Vines

Explosive
(Frag or Chicone Grenade)
BOoby-TRAP
Found at Coordinates (YD 500-257)

TRAIL
1 METER WIDE

(A)

EXPOSIVE

1. Not concealed very well.
2. Possibly used for animals.
Operation Order: 458-67

Ref: (a) Maps: VLET MAN, 1:50,000 Map Sheet 6541 IV
(b) Operation Order: 3-67

Tank Organization: 1st Sqd 268th Co D (CPL KUHLMANN & MAN)

1. SITUATION: See Ref (b)

2. MISSION: Determine the nature of enemy activity developing along the natural infiltration routes that could be used by 1C/HV and also check areas for use as VC base camp area. Pay particular attention to size and direction of enemy movement. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation: See Operation Overlay

b. Coordinating Instructions:
   (1) Insertion: 080000H at (YD 776Q74)
   (2) Extraction: 120000 (YD 756Q77) (ALT: YD 746Q79)
   (3) Thrust Lines: ATL (7509) BTL (7845)

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See Ref (b)

COMMAND AND SIGNALS: See Ref (b)

a. SHACKLE CODE (5)

b. COMMUNICATIONS:
   (1) Callsign:
   (2) Primary Code:

Shackle Code (5)

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C J A Z K P L W Y H
G R M U X I E Q D V
N O T Y H S
PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (6) Enlisted (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (1) Kit Carson Scout
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7x50's
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) Claymore Mines (8) CS Grenades (7) Gas Masks
      (2) WP Rifle Grenades (2) WP Hand Grenades
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 (2) Incendiary Grenades

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 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.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 0800H/0900H November 1967

4. ROUTE AND TRAILS OBSERVED: See Overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 33 1/2 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted in one sighting of one NVA, one contact was made with 20-25 NVA resulting in 1 USMC KIA and 4 USMC WIA and 6 NVA KIA (Conf). Two NVA base camps were discovered and destroyed. Area revealed heavy new build up and large amount of enemy activity.
   b. ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS: (1) 081000H (YD 762071) Patrol moving southwest discovered a small base camp. One NVA without shirt saw the team and ran into the bush and disappeared. Team checked camp and found 8 hammocks, Ho Chi Minh shoes, Chi-Com grenades, eating utensils, small bags like socks filled with rice, water proof plastic (brownish and green) used for shelter, and 2 Chi-Com cartridge belts. The camp was about 3 days old, well used and fresh out wood was noted around the area. Team destroyed the camp.

   (2) 091345H (YD 767072) Patrol moving north received a large volume of automatic and semi-automatic weapons fire from the west approximately 10-15 meters. Patrol returned fire, broke contact and moved north for approximately 40 meters and again was hit from the east and west with some A/W fire and a large volume of semi automatic weapon fire causing 1 USMC KIA and 4 USMC WIA. ---CONTINUED ON BACK---
Took returns fire resulting in 6 VG KIA (Cont). One NVA's arm was seen fly off, another NVA's left shoulder was torn by M479 rounds. One was killed in a fighting hole to the rear of patrol and three others were soon fall. Patrol broke contact, called artillery which fired one round and ceased fire because of aircraft in the area. With the aircraft support, team moved north to vicinity (WD 765076) and were extracted at approximately 1730H. The enemy was dressed in brown utilities and green utilities, they were well camouflaged in the bush and some were in foxholes. Extraction helos did not receive any fire.

o. TERRAIN: The terrain is characterized by thick vegetation, interwoven vines, shrub brush and the canopy is from 50-100 ft high. Rate of movement is approximately 150 meters per hour.

(1) COMMUNICATIONS: Good, but had mechanical trouble with the radio.

(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCES: Not too much water noticed in this area. There are some very small streams which can supply plenty of water during the rainy season.

(3) TRAILS: Trails as shown on map.

(4) HLA's: INSERTION: (WD 776074) is large enough to hold 2 UH-34's, no obstacles were noted, best approach is from the northeast. The vegetation is thick with interwoven vines surrounding the landing zone but small bush about 1 ft high in the zone and has hard ground. Last used 8 November 1967.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 08 November 1967: (WD 764006) Patrol heard noises and small arms fire around their position all through the night. 080700H Artillery fired 30 rounds with good target coverage and noises stopped. Patrol heard a dog and saw a couple of chickens about 75 meters to the west.

(2) 091300H (WD 770006) Patrol discovered a large base camp with at least 5 bamboo and straw thatched hooches under the canopy. These hooches can sleep 6-10 people and tunnels were found inside with 2 racks in each hooch (only 2 hooches were searched). The racks were long, made of bamboo and could sleep 4-6 people. These hooches have been build within a month. Patrol also found message books (unknown type), note books, wallets with pictures, chi com grenades, five 60 pounds bags of rice with "California" written on them, about 1500 rounds for AK-47's, 3 new light grey sweat shirts, 8 or 9 sets of brown and green utilities, 2 ponchos, a non U.S. medical kit, 5 pieces of detonating cord about 3 ft long, 50 blasting caps, about 6 match charges, 4x2x2 inches, wrapped in some type of newspaper and tied by bamboo strips (see sketch). The team also noted cooking utensils, canister cups, bowls full of uncooked rice, about 8 packs (homemade type) on top of a ledge in hooch, 1 half of an anti-tank mine used as a small stove for cooking. Patrol took documents and samples of other gear and destroyed the camp at 091215H and continued mission. Patrol lost a great deal of the captured gear upon contact at 091330H (WD 767072).
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: (6) KIA (Conf)
b. FRIENDLY: (1) KIA (4) WIA
c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT AND DOCUMENTS: Forwarded to G-2.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

a. RECOMMENDATIONS:
   (1) Bigger patrols in this area.
   (2) Sweep be conducted because of activity in this area.
   (3) H & I and bombing be conducted.

b. CONCLUSIONS: Area covered by patrol reveals recent build-up and a large amount of enemy activity.

Col KUHLMANN
Company "D"

9. DERRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leader.

a. BACKGROUND OR CHANGES IN THIS AREA: During the month of September there were 2 aborted patrols and another contact made in this general area.

b. PATROL OPINION OF NATURE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY: The enemy was well disciplined and knew their tactics. A extremely large volume of automatic weapon and small arm fire was delivered in a place where there was only one exit. NVA covered that exit with some AW and large volume of SA fire. This was approximately 40 meters apart. The patrol was busy breaking contact and did not expect fire from another direction. The enemy was well camouflaged and did not move much. NVA knew exactly what they were doing.
LEGEND

0 = INSERTION
X = EXTRACTION
---- = PATROL ROUTE

PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

1st Sqd, 2nd Plt, Co. "D"
Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000
Sheet: 6541 IV
Series: L-7014
3rd Reconnaissance BN,
(S-2)
Satchel Charge

4 inches high
2 inches wide
2 inches length

Covered with some type of newspaper and tied with bamboo strips.
DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 5-1, THIRD RECON BN, THIRD FORCE RECON CO.
FOLLOWS:
OPERATION- UPPER ORDER NR: 567-67 (CPL. DE CARLO)
A. MAP SHEET: 1:50,000, AMS SERIES L-7014, SHEET 6442 IV
1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
A. COMPOSITION: (15) ENLISTED: (9) USMC, (4) USA, (2) USN.
B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: PATROL WAS COMPOSED OF BASE DEFENSE PERSONNEL ON
A RECON TRAINING PATROL. PATROL LEADER, POINT, AND RADIO OPERATOR WERE
FROM C CO, 3RD RECON BN.
C. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25'S
D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: NONE
E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) CLAYMORE MINES, (4) WP RIFLE GRENADES, (4) WP
HAND GRENADES, (4) CS GRENADES.
F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) M-79'S WITH 140 ROUNDS, (6) M-14, (1) M-60
AND 3600 ROUNDS.
2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED ZONE
TO DETERMINE ENEMY ACTIVITIES IN AREA OF THE ENEMY WITH SUPPORTING ARMS.
3. CONCLUSIONS:
4. OPERATING TIME: 1945 HOURS.
5. REMARKS:
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PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO TRAILS AND THEIR FREQUENCY OF USE IN YOUR AREA. ASCERTAIN IF THE AREA IS BEING USED BY THE ENEMY AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE. PATROL WILL NOT BE EXTRACTED UNTIL RZ IS COVERED.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 091545H (YD 284574) WALK/091645H (YD 281575) WALK

4. ROUTE: INSERT PT SOUTH TO (YD 267551) NORTHEAST TO EXTRACT PT.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: 03 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE RESULTED IN TWO ENEMY SIGHTINGS OF APPROXIMATELY 15 VC/NVA AND CONTACT WITH THE SAME.

CONTACT RESULTED IN (3) VC/NVA KIA (C), (1) VC/NVA I.A., AND THE CAPTURING OF ONE AK-50 RIFLE AND ONE .50 CAL CARBINE.

B. ENEMY:

(1) 091730H (YD 267551) AS PATROL WAS MOVING INTO AMBUSH POSITION THEY OBSERVED ONE WOMAN DRESSED IN BLACK PANTS WITH A RED SCARF AND A HOOD. ONE MALE CHILD WEARING WHITE PANTS KEPT WATCHING PATROL AS THEY MOVING THROUGH AREA. NO ACTION TAKEN.

(2) 091810H (YD 267551) PATROL SET UP AMBUSH AT THESE COORDINATES. PATROL HEARD A FIRE FIGHT TO THEIR SOUTHEAST AND HEARD ON THE RADIO ECHOING AND TALKING TO EACH OTHER IN REGARD TO THE FIRE FIGHT (FREQUENCY 500).

AT THIS TIME PATROL OBSERVED (5) VC WEARING UTILITY SHIRTS, BLANCHE AND DRESS COAT.

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EQUIPMENT: (1) WORE KHAKIS AND SOFT COVERS, (1) AK-47 WAS OBSERVED, (1) CARBINE AND (1) AK-47 WAS ALSO OBSERVED. THE LAST MAN IN THE GROUP CARRIED THE AK-47 AND ALSO WHAT APPEARED TO BE A POLE CHARGE. PATROL AMBUSHED VC WHICH RESULTED IN (3) VC/NVA KIA (C), (1) VC/NVA I.A., AND THE CAPTURING OF ONE AK-50 RIFLE AND ONE .50 CAL CARBINE. PATROL CHECKED OUT AREA OF AMBUSH AND CAPTURED (1) AK-50, (1) .50 CAL CARBINE, PATROL BROKE CONTACT AND MOVED NORTH TO (YD 273557) PATROL OBSERVED 4-6 IN TREE LINE AT THESE COORDINATES MOVING EAST TOWARDS PATROL.

PATROL OBSERVED ENEMY WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, (1) PAC WAS OBSERVED AND WHAT APPEARED TO BE ALL AK. PATROL INITIATED CONTACT AND AN FIRE WAS RECEIVED. PATROL AGAIN BROKE CONTACT AND MOVED ALONG ROAD TO NORTH TO EXTRACTION Pt.

C. TERRAIN: LOW ROLLING HILLS WITH RICE FIELDS AND FLAT OPEN FIELDS COMMUNICATIONS GOOD WITH WHIP ANTENNA, NATURAL WATER SOURCES GOOD.

RATES OF MOVEMENT AT PATROLS DISCRETION OR 2000 METERS PER HOUR.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

A. ENEMY: (2) VC/NVA KIA (C), (1) VC/NVA (P)

B. FRIENDLY: NONE

C. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: (1) AK-50, (1) U.S. .50 CAL CARBINE

7. SUGGESTIONS OF PATROL: GOOD, MORALE GOOD

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

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RECOMMENDATIONS: CONDUCT AN INFANTRY SWEEP THROUGH AREA "L" 2656 LR 3055.

CONCLUSIONS: AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS SIGNS OF ENEMY ACTIVITY IN ESTIMATED SMALL GROUPS. AREA APPEARED TO BE USED AS ROUTE TO THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST FROM POPULATED AREAS VICINITY OF ROUTE NR 1.

9. HLZ’S: GRID SQUARES (YD 2654) AND YD 2554) THE AREA IS THESE TWO GRID SQUARES ARE THE BEST FOR HLZ’S. NO APPROACH OBSTACLES. NO BEST APPROACH.

(1) DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:

1. PATROL OBSERVED NUMEROUS CIVILIANS THROUGHOUT AREA.

2. PATROL POSSIBLY MADE CONTACT WITH A POINT OF A LARGER UNIT MOVING FROM THE SOUTH TO THE NORTH AWAY FROM THE FIRE FIGHT. OF AN INFANTRY UNIT BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN 2/4. PRIOR COORDINATION WITH 2/4 INDICATED ONE OF THEIR COMPANIES WOULD BE OPERATING IN THE AREA IN WHICH THE PATROL HEARD THE FIRE FIGHT AT 091810H.

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FOR 091710/0006/30 D POC

A-2/POC S5/3, CEO Cally

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Operation Order: 465-67

Ref: (a) Maps: VIET NAM, 1:50,000 Map Sheet 6441 I - 6442 II
(b) Operation Order: 3-67

Task Organization: 2nd Sqd 3rd Plt Co A (SGT KARKOS & 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. Make every attempt to capture a prisoner.

3. EXECUTION:
   a. Concept of Operation: See Operation Overlay
   b. Coordinating Instructions:
      (1) Insertion: 130000H at (YD 594236)
      (2) Extraction: 170000H at (YD 579228)
      (3) Thrust Lines: ATL (YD 5724) BTL (YD 6022)

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See Ref (b)

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: See Ref (b)
   a. SHACKLE CODE (9)
      0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
      J O T P D M S K G U
      I W X B R Z H A Q L
      F Y B O V N
   b. COMMUNICATIONS:
      (1) Call Sign: Primary Freq: Alternate Freq:
      PARASOL 35.3 (GREEN) 46.8 (WHITE)
      SECONDARY 32.9 (RED)
      ARTY (GARDEN VALLEY) 35.3 (GREEN)
      SMITTY (MARINE AO) 41.30
      HERITAGE (2/26) 37.20
      MED EVAC COMM FREQ 45.7 (VAN MILLION ALPHA)
      JOHN BROWN (4th MARINES) 68.2
      TRAIL (AF AO) 47.6
      SOUTHERN (1/4) 45.10
      CAT KILLER (ARMY AO) 49.0

6. CONCENTRATION: HC 352-400
PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION (7) Enlisted, (1) USN
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (None)
   c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC-25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) 7x50
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) Claymore Mines, (8) 60 Grenades,
      (5) WP Rifle Grenades, (8) Gas Masks,
   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 areas. Pay particular attention
   to size and direction of enemy movement. Act as a forward observer
   for artillery or targets of opportunity. Make every attempt to
   capture a prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 150900H/201615H Nov 1967

4. ROUTE AND TRAILS OBSERVED: See overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 127½ hours of recon resulted in 5 sightings totaling
      275-280 VC/NVA, 4 sightings totaling 11 lights, 5-7 voices were heard
      on one occasion. Patrol received 20-30 rounds SLP and obtained 2 VC/NVA
      KIA (C) and 100 VC/NVA (P) by air and artillery as well as 2-3 secondary
      explosions by air. Patrol fired 7 artillery missions totaling 181
      rounds. Heavy sampson traffic on the Song Bo was noted on 20 Nov.
      This area continues to show heavy enemy movement.

   b. EMN/MT SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS:
      1. 152200H (YD 601243) At this location a stationary light
         was seen to go on and off for several minutes. Light was probably a
         flashlight.

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2. 171300H (YD 556237) At this location patrol spotted 15 VC/NVA in column moving east on route 554. The line had moved from the vicinity of the 06 H1 TET Hill T.M.N ridge to the south. The enemy were dressed in black VC's, some had khaki tops, bush covers, and some were green ponchos. All appeared to be carrying weapons and heavy packs. Men were 5-10 meters apart and this group was followed by other similar groups of up to 25 or 30 at distances of about 50 meters. At least 4 mortar tubes were seen, possibly 60 M1. When the front of the column reached (YD 534247) an artillery mission was fired. The rear of the column was still coming and had not yet passed (YD 557247). Patrol estimated 250 men in this group. As the rounds fell all the enemy in the vicinity of the impact moved north from the road and were described as moving similar to fire team rushes. 60 rounds were fired causing 20 VC/NVA KIA (F). Over 100 enemy moved into treeline 50 meters from the road and were hit by air strike causing 50 VC/NVA KIA (F). Most high grass prevented a confirmed body count. The enemy were not seen again.

3. 171815H (YD 597242) At this spot patrol noted 15-20 VC/NVA moving east along a treeline. They were dressed as above but did not have the heavy equipment. The VC/NVA appeared to be in an admin column. 171845H (YD 597238) 3 VC/NVA in black VC's, bush covers and carrying AK47's were seen approaching directly the patrol position at (YD 595235). Patrol fired M-60 and M-79 rounds at them with unknown results. 1 artillery mission of 30 rounds was fired at the 15-20 VC/NVA with unknown results. 1 B/W air strike was run on the 5 enemy near the patrol with unknown results.

4. 172100H (YD 599241) Two stationary lights flashing on and off were seen here. Lights were approximately 25 meters apart. This was the general area of the napalm airstrike. Lights were probably flashlights and were seen 10 minutes. 1 artillery mission of 12 rounds was fired causing lights to go out.

5. 172130H (YD 593238) Patrol heard 5-7 VC voices at this location. Enemy was breaking brush and appeared to be moving onto patrol position. 1 artillery mission of 20 rounds was fired causing noises to cease.

6. 172300H (YD 598240) From this location patrol received 20-30 rounds of 60M. Rounds came quite close to patrol's location.

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7. 151700H (YD 594249) 2 VC/NVA were seen here on route 554. Enemy was moving east. Both were dressed in black VD's and bush hats. One had a weapon and a pack and the other carried nothing and walked erratically. One artillery mission of 15 rounds caused 2 VC/NVA KIA.

8. 182045H (YD 555250) Three lights were seen moving east to west. One artillery mission of 40 rounds caused the lights to go out.

9. (YD 584244) During the night of 18-19 November TIP-16 strikes ran on the general area of the large sighting caused 2-3 secondary explosions.

10. 192200H (YD 606245) Five stationary lights were noted on the east side of the Song Bo. Lights were well spread out. One artillery mission of 24 rounds caused the lights to go out.

11. 201100H (YD 567246) Four VC dressed in black were seen moving through the ruined village from west to east. Patrol never saw the VC leave the village.

c. TERRAIN: (Topography, vegetation, rate of movement)

(1) COMMUNICATIONS: Patrol experienced possible interference by "Koing" on 15 November.

(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCES: None

(3) TRAILS: In text.

(4) HLZ: Hilltops on the CO-DI THI NH TAN HLZ in this area offer numerous HLZ's.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

1. 151200H (YD 594235) A platoon size defensive position about 2 days old was noted on hilltop at this location. 10-15 individual fighting holes were arranged in circle around the hilltop. On hilltop at (YD 595235) a similar position was noted, also about the same age. Discarded newspapers letters, cans, Cration cans, bamboo, mashed batteries, packs etc littered the area. This was possibly an NVA CFT location. An old well used trail running east-west connects the hilltops. No obvious signs of VC/NVA activity were noted here.

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During the day on the 20th, there was an unusually heavy amount of enemy traffic. This traffic was noted on the Song Bo to the north of (YD 6023). Most of the traffic was moving across the river from east to west. This patrol has observed the Song Bo on many occasions but this was the heaviest traffic yet seen.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   a. KIA: (2) KIA-G, (100) KIA-P
   b. WOUNDED: None
   c. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT AND DOCUMENTS: None

7. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:
   a. RECOMMENDATIONS: 1. Maintain surveillance from the CO XI THANH TIN RIDGE to the north along route 55A. 2. A Starlight scope is important on patrols during partial moon conditions.
   b. CONCLUSIONS: Continued VC/NVA transit.

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8. PATROL PERIOD COMMENTS: Concurs with patrol leader.

a. BACKGROUND OR CHANGES IN THIS AREA: The VC continue to use route 55A for east-west movement in larger numbers.

b. PATROL OBSERVATIONS OF NATURE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY: This patrol has been on a CO XI THANH TIN RIDGE with on three occasions. They have made other large sightings in this area but they feel this has been the best trained and organized unit thus far.

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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 1G1. THIRD RECON BN, "C" COMPANY FOLLOWS:

OPERATION ORDER: 580-67, (CPL. THORNTON)

A. MAP SHEET: 1150,000, AMS SERIES L-7014, SHEET 63/2 I
(1) DEBRIEFER: CAPT. J.L. SHEBEL; DATE 1916102H NOVEMBER 1967
1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
A. COMPOSITION: (1) OFFICER, (6) ENLISTED
B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC25'S
D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 6X30
3. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CLAYMORE MINES, (8) WP RIFLE GRENADES,
(3) WP HAND GRENADES, (7) GAS MASKS, (7) CS GRENADES
F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 60 ROUNDS, (1) M-14

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED
ZONE TO DETERMINE ENEMY ACTIVITY, ENGAGE THE ENEMY WITH SUPPORTING
ARMS, MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER, PLOT HLZ'S
FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS, PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO TRAILS AND
TIER FREQUENCY OF USE IN YOUR RZ. AS CERTAIN IF THE AREA IS
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 121730H (YD 094515) WALK/191000H (YD 179588) WALK
4. ROUTE: INSERT PT EAST TO (YD 090520), WEST TO INSERT PT, INSERT PT SOUTHEAST TO (YD 106508), NORTHEAST TO (YD 140530), NORTH TO (YD 135545), NORTHEAST TO (YD 154595), NORTHEAST TO (YD 149565) NORTHEAST TO EXTRACT PT.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: 98 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE RESULTED IN TWO ENEMY SIGHTINGS TOTALLING (2) VC AND (1) VCS WHO WAS TURNED OVER TO CAC UNIT. PATROL OBSERVED SMOKE AND SMELLED CS GAS ON ONE OCCASION.

B. ENEMY:
(1) 180930H (YD 145515) PARTROL OBSERVED TWO VC WEARING BLACK PJ'S AND FIRED ARTILLERY MISSION OF FOUR ROUNDS WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS;
(2) 161000H (YD 117522) PATROL AT THESE COORDINATES APPREHENDED ONE 15 YEAR OLD BOY WHO HAD BEEN FOLLOWING THE PATROL FOR 300 METERS

C. TERRAIN: GENTLE ROLLING HILLS WITH 4 FOOT HIGH ELEPHANT GRASS. COMMUNICATION GOOD EXCEPT FOR IN S EEEEE IN GS (YD 1451)
WHERE PATROL HAD NEGATIVE COMMUNICATION WHILE IN GULLIES.
NATURAL WATER SOURCES PLENTIFUL. RATE OF MOVEMENT 3000000 METERS PER HOUR.

D. OTHER INFORMATION:
(1) 171030H (YD 142517) PATROL OBSERVED SMOKE FROM WHAT APPEARED TO BE AN ENEMY HARBOR SITE AND FIRED ARTILLERY MISSION OF 16 ROUNDS AND RESULTED IN ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION.
(2) 171800H (YD 145513) SMOKE COMING FROM THESE COORDINATES.
ARTILLERY MISSION OF 3 ROUNDS CALLED WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.
(3) 181700H (YD 159529) AT THESE COORDINATES PATROL SMELLED CS GAS WHILE CROSSING RIVER. SOURCE OF CS GAS UNKNOWN.

E. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE
F. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD, MORALE GOOD
G. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:
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RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

CONCLUSIONS: AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS NEGATIVE SIGNS OF THE ENEMY.

SITE REQUIRES (YD 155537) SITE WILL ACCOMODATE (2) UH-34'S. SITE IS TOP OF HILL WITH ELEPHANT GRASS, NO APPROACH OBSTACLES.

INCL APPROACH NORTH TO SOUTH.

DEADLY FIRE: COMMENTS: NONE

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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 4-1, THIRD RECON BN, THIRD FORCE
FOLLOWS: OPERATION ORDER: 583-67(LT. O'DELL)
A. HAP SHEET: 1:50,000, AMS SERIES L-7014, SHEET: YERW II
(1) DEBRIEFER: CAPT R. L. KLEIN; DATE 22 NOV 67
1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
A. COMPOSITION: (1) OFFICER, (7) ENLISTED
B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (1) USMC SCOUT DOG WITH HANDLER
C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25'S
D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7 X 50
E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CLAYMORE MINES, (3) WP RIFLE
GRENADES, (6) GAS MASKS, (6) CS GRENADES
F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 60 ROUNDS, (1) M-14
2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN
ASSIGNED ZONE TO DETERMINE ENEMY ACTIVITY, ENGAGE THE ENEMY
WITH SUPPORTING ARMS, MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A
PRISONER. PLOT HLZ'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. PATROL WILL NOT BE EXTRACTED UNTIL RZ IS
SUFFICIENTLY COVERED.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 181630H (YD 188565) WALK
   221000H (YD 143590) WALK.

4. ROUTE: INSERT PT SOUTH TO (YD 139563), SE TO (YD 148568)
   SOUTH TO (YD 149557), NORTHWEST TO (YD 142553), NORTHEAST
   TO (YD 160565), WEST TO (YD 142568), EAST TO (YD 154568),
   NORTHEAST TO (YD 159584), WEST TO (YD 153584) SOUTH, SOUTH-
   EAST TO CJKFRGK
   NHILN EAST TO (YD 166548) NORTH TO (YD 160564) EAST TO EXTRACTION POINT

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   A. SYNOPSIS: 96 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE
      RESULTED IN ONE ENEMY SIGHTING TOTALING (12) NVA. PATROL
      CALLED ARTILLERY MISSION OF 22 ROUNDS WITH OUTSTANDING
      TARGET COVERAGE WHICH RESULTED IN 10 NVA KIA (C). PATROL
      FOUND FRESH FOOTPRINTS ON ONE OCCASION.
   B. ENEMY
      (1) 191640H (YD 167548) PATROL OBSERVED 12 NVA WEARING
          BUSH HATS, GREEN UTILITIES, RIFLES, CARTRIDGE BELTS, AND
          BIG PACKS WITH BUSHES TIED ON THEM. ENEMY WAS ON SMALL
          HILL LOOKING TOWARDS PATROL. ONE NVA MOVED DOWN HILL A
          FEW METERS AND WAIVED A GREEN FLAG TOWARDS SOUTH-SOUTHWEST.
      (2) 191700H AO CAME ON STATION AND RAN TWO FLIGHTS OF FIXED
          WING AT (YD 166554). RESULTS UNOBSERVED. FIXED WING WAS
          TAKING SAF.
      (3) 201100H(YD 162563) PATROL SAW TWO SET OF NVA BOOT
          PRINTS ON TRAIL AT THESE COORDINATES. TRACKS INDICATED
          MOVEMENT TO NORTHEAST.
      (4) 201130H (YD 165548) DOG ALERTED AT THESE COORDINATES.
          DOG HANDLER ESTIMATED A GROUP OF AT LEAST A PLATOON HAD
          BEEN ON THE HILL RECENTLY FROM THE WAY THE DOG ACTED.
      (5) 201300H PATROL MOVED THROUGH AREA THAT AIRSTRIKES WERE
          CALLED ON THE DAY BEFORE AT (YD 166554). DOG ALERTED AND
          PATROL SMELLED FISH AND SUEDE BUT DID NOT OBSERVE THE ENEMY.
          GROUND WAS TO HARD TO LEAVE BOOT PRINTS.
      (6) 211000H (YD 150562) PATROL RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE OF TWO
          CARBINES FROM THESE COORDINATES.
   C. TERRAIN: VARIED FROM GENTLE TO STEEP HILLS, VEGETATION
      KNEE HIGH TO DRIEST HIGH. IN DRAWS EXTREMELY THICK UP TO
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10 FEET HIGH, COMM GOOD NATURAL WATER SOURCES PLENTIFUL.

D. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 200900H NOV (YD 148573) PATROL OBSERVED TWO MEN AT 
THESE COORDINATES. SOMEONE YELLED AT THEM AND THE MEN 
TURNED AROUND AND HEADED NORTH.

(2) 211630H (YD 156562) PATROL OBSERVED SMOKE AND TWO 
WOMEN. WHEN WOMEN MOVED OUT 5 WERE OBSERVED. THEY WERE 
CARRYING THE LONG STICKS WITH BASKETS (HOWARD JOHNSONS) 
MOVING NORTH.

(3) PATROL FOUND NUMEROUS SMALL TRAILS RUNNING IN ALL 
DIRECTIONS THROUGHOUT AREA.

(4) (YD 148557) GOOD OP SITE TO ALL POINTS OF THE COMPASS.

(5) (YD 155567) GOOD OP SITE TO ALL POINTS OF COMPASS 
EXCEPT SOUTHWEST.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD, MORALE OUTSTANDING.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROL SHOULD BE INSERTED INTO AREA 
DIRECTLY SOUTH OF PATROL. A STARLITE SCOPE AND DOG SHOULD 
BE TAKEN INTO AREA.

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CONCLUSIONS:

(1) AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS ENEMY MOVEMENT THROUGHOUT 
AREA.

(2) PATROL NOTICED THAT CIVILIANS WERE NOT IN AREA AS THEY 
USUALLY ARE.

9. HLZ'S:

(1) (YD 148563) SITE WILL ACCOMODATE (2) UH-34'S. SITE 
IS RIDGE LINE WITH KNEE HIGH DCRUB BRUSH. NO APPROACH 
OBSRACLES. BEST APPROACH WEST TO EAST.

(2) (YD 140550) SITE WILL ACCOMODATE (10) UH-34'S. SITE 
IS RIDGE LINE WITH KNEE HIGH GRASS. NO APPROACH OBRACLES. 
BEST APPROACH WEST TO EAST.

10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: CONCUR WITH PATROL LEADERS 
RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

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SCUBA MISSION IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NEOSHO A

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (2) Officers, (8) Enlisted
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENT: (None)
   c. CONSULTATIONS: (1) AX/BG 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (None)
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: Scuba Equipment
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (None)

2. MISSION: In support of operation NEOSHO A

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 0900/101700 H Nov 1967

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

   a. SYNOPSIS: 34 hours or reconnaissance and surveillance resulted
      in no enemy sightings or contacts. Scuba team discover 14 sampans,
      (100) pounds of rice, noted few trails, observed 3 bunkers and 1
      house. Area covered by scuba team revealed enemy activity on the SONG BO.

   b. OTHER INFORMATION:

      (1) (YD 583165) Team found 2 sampans
      (YD 583168) Team found 3 sampans
      (YD 583189) Team found 2 sampans

      These sampans were 12'-15' long and made of woven reeds and were
      sunk in the river but attached to shore by improvised ropes. Many
      recent bare footprints covered the adjacent river banks. At (YD 564189) a
      well used trail which was 4' wide headed east from the river. Rice
      grains and empty burlap bags with California and NATO markings were found
      here. Two cans of some petroleum product (possibly diesel oil or kerosene)
      were noted as well as a can of vegetable oil ("hands-across-the-sea!").
      Two bomb shelter-type bunkers 5'x10'x5' and 6'x3'x4' appeared old but
      recently used.

      (2) At (YD 564186) a stream, not shown on map, headed east up the
      valley. 100 meters from the SONG BO RIV[al] and spaced 50 meters apart
      were 3 woven sampans of 12'-15' length. Tracks (barefoot and sandal type)
      were noted in the mud. A small trail network probably joined with trail
      noted above. Sampans were also sunk in the water. ... CONTINUED ON BACK...
(3) (YD 583185) Two wooden sampans 25'-30' long were sunk in the Song Bo River. No rice or trails were noted in this area.

(4) (YD 585184) Two wooden 12'-15' sampans were sunk in the river. No trails were noted here.

(5) (YD 583186) A 4'x10' river CP about 5' above the water was noted here. CP was made of bamboo and had a covering camouflaged roof. Overhanging trees provided additional concealment. This did not appear to be a place. CP was constructed within the month but was recently used.

(6) (YD 583179) A 2 foot wide trail leading southeastward from the river passed a hooch and a bomb shelter. Both were about 10'x10' and had bamboo construction with dirt walls on the shelter. Area was recently used. Numerous 100 pound bags of rice were discovered in a variety of bags (returned by the 4th Marines) Rice was destroyed. An estimated ton of salt was found on a pile within the hooch. Salt was destroyed as well as the hooch and bunker.

Capt. KAUGER
SCUBA MISSION IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NEOSHO A

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   a. COMPOSITION: (2) Officers, (8) Enlisted
   b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENT: (None)
   c. COMMUNICATIONS: (1) AK/FG 25
   d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (None)
   e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: Scuba Equipment
   f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (None)

2. MISSION: In support of Operation Neosho A

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 0900H/101700H Nov 1967

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   a. SYNOPSIS: 34 hours of reconnaissance and surveillance resulted
      in no enemy sightings or contacts. Scuba team discover 14 sampans,
      (190 lbs) pounds of rice, noted few trails, observed 3 bunkers and 1
      hook, area covered by scuba team revealed enemy activity on the Song Bo.
   b. OTHER INFORMATION:
      (1) (YD 583:185) Team found 2 sampans
      (YD 583:186) Team found 3 sampans
      (YD 583:189) Team found 2 sampans
      These sampans were 12'-15' long and made of woven reeds and were
      sunken in the river but attached to shore by improvised ropes. Many
      recent bare footprints covered the adjacent river banks. At (YD 583:188) a
      well used trail which was 4' wide headed east from the river. Rice
      grains and empty burlap bags with California and NATO markings were found
      here. The cans of some petroleum product (possibly diesel oil or kerosene)
      were noted as well as a can of vegetable oil ('hands-across-the-sea').
      Two bomb shelter-type bunkers 6'x10'x5' and 6'x9'x4' appeared old but
      recently used.
      (2) At (YD 584:186) a stream, not shown on map, headed east up the
      valley. 100 meters from the Song Bo River and spaced 50 meters apart
      were 3 woven sampans of 12'-15' length. Tracks (barefoot and sandal type)
      were noted in the mud. A small trail network probably joined with trail
      noted above. Sampans were also sunk in the water. ---CONTINUED ON BACK---
(3) (YD 583185) Two wooden sampans 25'-30' long were sunk in the SONG BO RIVER. No rice or trails were noted in this area.

(4) (YD 585184) Two woven 12'-15' sampans were sunk in the river. No trails were noted here.

(5) (YD 583180) A 4'x10' river out about 5' above the water was noted here. It was made of bamboo and had a covering camouflaged roof. Overhanging trees provided additional concealment. This did not appear to be a plan. OP was constructed within the month but was recently used.

(6) (YD 583179) A 2 foot wide trail leading southeastward from the river passed a hooch and a bomb shelter. Both were about 10'x10' and had bamboo construction with dirt walls on the shelter. Area was recently used. Nineteen 40 pence bags of rice were discovered in a variety of bags (destroyed by the 4th Marines) Rice was destroyed. An estimated ton of salt was found on a pile within the hooch. Salt was destroyed as well as the hooch and bunker.

Capt. LUGHER

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**Legend**

== RIVER

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