HEADQUARTERS
3d Reconnaissance Battalion 3d Reconn Bn S/C No. 1931-68
3d Marine Division (Rein) F.F.
FPO San Francisco 96602

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code: A03D)
Via: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) F.F. (Attn: Adjutant General, G-3)
Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 April 1968 to 30 April 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
    (b) F.F. P&CO 5750.8
    (c) DivO 5750.1A

Encl: (1) 3d Reconnaissance Battalion Command Chronology

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

2. Unclassified upon removal of enclosure.

W.D. Kent

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division, FMF (Attn: ACofS G-3)
Subj: Task Organization; change to
Ref: (a) Divo 3100.6
(b) Verbal Order from CG, 3d MarDiv

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), modify the Task Organization of 3d Reconnaissance Battalion as follows:

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2. Change due to chop of OPCON Company B from 26th Marines to 3d Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein) effective 10 April 1968

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By direction
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**Attached Units**

3d Force Reconnaissance Company, Major J. M., and RVN 29 Nov 67 - 30 Apr 68

1 - 30 Apr 68 Quang Tri, RVN

1 - 27 Apr 68 Dong Ha, RVN

27- 30 Apr 68 Quang Tri, RVN

1 - 10 Apr 68 Khe Sanh, RVN

10- 30 Apr 68 Quang Tri, RVN

1 - 30 Apr 68 Dong Ha, RVN

**Executive Officer**

MAJOR H. H. HoR Jr. | 27 Feb 68 - 30 Apr 68

**Operations Officer, S-3**

CAPT. C. R. CROCE | 27 Feb 68 - 30 Apr 68

**S-2 Officer**

1st Lt. R. G. Wills | 5 Feb 68 - 30 Apr 68

**Adjutant**

1st Lt. C. L. ZAPF | 31 Dec 67 - 30 Apr 68

**S-4 Officer**

1st Lt. C. J. SCHLUCK | 9 Mar 68 - 30 Apr 68

**Average Monthly Strength**

(Includes 3d Force Reconnaissance Company)

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Co. A During the reporting period Company A conducted 21 patrols averaging 3.72 days with an average of 10.4 men per patrol. The patrols made 11 sightings for a total of 138 enemy, which resulted in four contacts and seven fire missions, totalling 83 rounds. There was a total of three enemy killed (C). In addition the company conducted patrols around the Quang Tri Vital Defense Area. The company suffered two USMC WIA.

Co. B During the reporting period Company B continued under the operational control of the 26th Marines at Khe Sanh Combat Base until 10 April 1968 when they were chopped back to 3d Reconnaissance Battalion and moved to Quang Tri Combat Base. They were largely involved with logistical tasks during this period. A complete reorganization and retraining program was also implemented upon completion of the movement. The company suffered two USMC WIA, one USN WIA and one USN accidental death.

Co. C During the reporting period Company C conducted 18 patrols averaging 3.0 days with an average of 9.82 men per patrol. The patrols made seven sightings for a total of 17 enemy, which resulted in one contact and three fire missions of 33 artillery rounds. One enemy was captured. The company suffered one USMC WIA.

Co. D During the reporting period the company conducted 14 patrols averaging 2.14 days with an average of 8.0 men per patrol. The patrols made 10 sightings for a total of 107 enemy, which resulted in seven contacts. There was a total of nine enemy killed (C). In addition the company conducted patrols in the Quang Tri Defense Area. The company suffered one USMC KIA, four USMC WIA, and one USN WIA.

Co. E During the reporting period Company E conducted 30 patrols averaging 3.66 days with an average of 7.40 men per patrol. The patrols made 13 sightings for a total of 143 enemy, which resulted in 11 contacts and nine fire missions of 249 artillery rounds. There was a total of seven enemy killed (C). The company also provided patrols for the perimeter defense. There was a total of five USMC WIA, and one USN WIA. In addition one enemy was captured.

3d Force Recon Co. During the reporting period the company conducted 11 patrols for an average of 3.01 days with an average of 7.64 men per patrol. The patrol made one sighting for a total of four enemy. There were three contacts, and two fire missions totalling 45 rounds. Enemy losses totalled one KIA (C). Friendly losses totalled one USMC WIA.

H& S Company During the reporting period the SCUBA Section conducted nine SCUBA missions in support of the 3d Marine Division.
a. Combat Mission Assigned. 3d Reconnaissance Battalion and attached 3d Force Reconnaissance Company conducted reconnaissance operations, STINGRAY operations, and other operations, as directed, within the Division Area of Responsibility. (3d MarDiv 1-67)

b. Significant Operations Conducted. Units of this battalion have participated in Operation LANCASTRE II, KENTUCKY, SCOTLAND II, NAPOLEON/SALINE, CHARLOTTE, PEGASUS, and RICE, during the reporting period.

c. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy. There has been 20 VC/NVA (C), and two VC/NVA POW inflicted upon the enemy during this reporting period. In addition a total of three individual weapons were captured.

d. Casualties Sustained. There has been one USMC KIA, 0 USMC DOW, 17 USMC WIA, 0 USN KIA, O USN DOW, three USN WIA, one USN accidental death.


f. Command Relations. 3d Force Reconnaissance Company was chopped to OPCON of Task Force Hotel (initially TF Glick) on 16 April 1968. Administrative control is retained by 3d Reconnaissance Battalion.

g. Equipment. 500 sets of standard U.S. Army load carrying gear was received by special order.

h. Logistics. During the reporting period the battalion logistical sections were heavily committed to the movement of the battalion to another location within the Quang Tri Combat Base.
1. **Civic Action.** All personnel joining the battalion from CONUS are given a class in the Personal Response Program. In addition, the Division G-5 Personal Response Contact Team held special classes for members of this battalion.

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

k. **Personnel.**
   - 12 April 1968 CAPT J.W. RAYMOND assigned duty as Assistant Operations Officer vice 1STLT R.C. LEWIS.
   - 12 April 1968 1STLT N.O. YOUNGSTROM assigned duty as Commanding Officer Company E vice CAPT J.W. RAYMOND.
   - 20 April 1968 1STLT J.P. DUBREUilly assigned duty as Commanding Officer Company B vice CAPT P.F. REYNOLDS (assigned as S-3 3d Force Recon Co.)

l. **Weather.** During the month of April the skies were mostly clear during the day becoming partly to occasionally cloudy during the night and early morning hours. There were occasional scattered showers during the night and morning hours which, along with the fog, reduced the visibility somewhat. Air inserts and extracts were hampered in some instances which necessitated insertions by truck/foot method. The middle of April became somewhat cold and tapered off during the latter part of the month to cool weather.

m. **Fire Support.** The battalion directed: 22 fire missions totalling 411 rounds.

n. **Air Support.** The battalion utilized seven fixed wing air strikes on targets of opportunity. This does not include the fixed wing strikes employed for initial insertions in an unsecured zone. Helo gunships were utilized on several occasions.
p. 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. An information/orientation class on Vietnam is conducted by the division G-5. The M-16 rifle is fam-fired and zeroed during this period.

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

A pre-SCUBA School was conducted for three days for twenty-two personnel from the battalion. Nine personnel graduated from the U.S. Navy SCUBA School in the Philippines during the reporting period.

Five personnel graduated from the U.S. Army RECONDO School, class R-15-68 in Nha Trang, Vietnam.

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

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On 22 April 1968 a battalion symposium on patrolling was held for all platoon commanders, platoon sergeants, patrol leaders, and assistant patrol leaders.

On 23 April a demonstration and practical application class on the McGuire Rig was given to members of this battalion by the U.S. Army.

q. Communications. The following sites were deactivated during the reporting period:

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x. Intelligence Summary

Enemy activity continues to remain heavy throughout the Northern I Corps Region. The most notable change in the enemy situation during the past month has been in the Khe Sanh area. With the renewal of offensive operations in the Khe Sanh area, reconnaissance patrols have begun activities in the region. It appears as though the enemy is still present in Northern I Corps in substantial numbers, although it is apparent that the enemy suffered massive casualties as a result of Allied supporting arms employed throughout the Khe Sanh area. The enemy has continued his efforts to interdict Route Nine throughout the Division area. The enemy has made a sustained attempt to interdict Route Nine between Khe Sanh and Da Nang. The high ground to the west of Da Nang continues to reveal enemy operations. The enemy appears to be attempting to apply increased pressure in the Thon Son Lam area as evidenced by several rocket and artillery attacks in this region during the month. Reconnaissance patrols continue to make contacts with enemy reconnaissance elements and possibly forward observers in the Dong Ha-Dong Khe Mountain region to the north of Route Nine. In addition, there appears to be a build-up of enemy strength to the northwest of Cam Lo. The enemy appears to be utilizing villages in the Cam Lo-(D-5) area, possibly as a source of resupply and recruitment.

Enemy movement through the Ba Long Valley appears to continue, possibly being reinforced by movement of units from the Khe Sanh area as well as from the north. Operation Charlton conducted in the region to the south of Cam Lo resulted in no significant enemy contacts. It is apparent, however, that the enemy has begun to move back into this area as a result of reconnaissance sightings and contacts in the area. The Con Thien area reveals increased activity during the month of April. In connection with increased infiltration across the DMZ in the Con Thien-(A-3)-Gio Linh area, there has been a substantial build-up of enemy forces in the region to the east of (C-2). This force is in such a position as to be able to exert pressure on several American military installations in this region. Enemy activity on the coast appears to remain heavy in the populated areas. The enemy appears to be preparing for activities in connection with the spring rice harvest. Enemy activity in the Hai Long Forest and on the coast indicate the possibility of renewed attacks on various American as well as Vietnamese installations in the Quang Tri City area.
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

OpO 273-68 (1D1) 29-700H Mar/011200H Apr 68. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD 7155 conducted 77 hours of reconnaissance resulting in one contact with two enemy, and one sighting totalling 15 enemy. The patrol captured one enemy suspect.

OpO 290-68 (3E1) 29105H Mar/020930H Apr 68. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD 1757 conducted 95 hours of reconnaissance resulting in two sightings totalling 14 enemy and heard 15 rounds of 82mm mortar rounds being fired. The patrol also received two rounds of unknown type of artillery.

OpO 297-68 (3E3) 021000H/051700H Apr 68. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD 0457 conducted 75 hours of reconnaissance resulting in one sighting of an enemy observing Camp Carroll, and two contacts with three to five enemy. The patrol discovered and destroyed two bunkers with an artillery mission.

OpO 301-68 (1-1) 031100H/050900H Apr 68. A patrol operating in the vicinity of XD 9553 conducted 46 hours of reconnaissance resulting in one sighting of four enemy and a contact with approximately 15 enemy. Artillery fired two missions of 45 rounds resulting in one secondary explosion and unknown enemy casualties.

OpO 298-68 (1D2) 041603H/051800H Apr 68. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD 0759 conducted 25 1/2 hours of reconnaissance resulting in one contact with 15 enemy. The patrol sustained one USMC KIA, three USMC WIA, one USN WIA, and one Kit Carson Scout WIA. The enemy suffered seven KIA. The patrol discovered what appeared to be an FO position and bunker complex. Gunships made strafing runs and fixed wing A/C conducted air strikes with outstanding coverage.

OpO 325-68 (3C2) 060730H/081330H Apr 68. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD 1871 conducted 45 hours of reconnaissance resulting in three enemy sightings totalling 17 enemy and one contact. The patrol captured one enemy. On one occasion the patrol received five rounds of S/F. The patrol conducted an artillery mission of nine rounds with outstanding coverage.

OpO 321-68 (1D3) 080745H/081815H Apr 68. A patrol operating in the vicinity of YD 1051 conducted 10 1/2 hours of reconnaissance resulting in one contact with approximately 30 enemy and three sightings totalling 70 enemy. The enemy suffered two KIA and seven WIA by small arms fire. Air strikes conducted resulted in numerous screams heard but unknown number of enemy casualties.
OpO 351-68 (1E1) 140000/180000 Apr 68. A patrol operating in the vicinity of XD 9551 conducted 96 hours of reconnaissance resulting in one sighting of 15 NVA and no contacts. The patrol conducted a firecracker mission of six rounds of artillery with outstanding target coverage. The patrol also discovered three separate bunker complexes.

OpO 355-68 (3E3) 160000/181600 Apr 68. A patrol operating in the vicinity of XD 9746 conducted 48 hours of reconnaissance resulting in two contacts with approximately 40 enemy and two sightings totalling 50 enemy. The patrol conducted an artillery mission of approximately 15 rounds with outstanding target coverage.

OpO 352-68 (1E2) 181400/181200 Apr 68. A patrol operating in the vicinity of XD 6346 conducted 25 minutes of reconnaissance resulting in one contact with approximately 15 NVA in a company size bunker complex. Fixed wing A/G conducted air strikes with outstanding coverage. Team was extracted with no casualties.

OpO 401-68 (1E1) 251200/271920 Apr 68. A patrol operating in the vicinity of XD 2740 conducted 55 hours of reconnaissance resulting in one large sighting of 35-40 enemy and two contacts. Artillery fired a mission resulting in four enemy KIA and a contact with one enemy resulting in one enemy KIA. The patrol discovered a large recently built bunker/tunnel complex.

OpO 468-68 (2A1) 251300/241745 Apr 68. A patrol operating in the vicinity of XD 215432 conducted 76 hours of reconnaissance resulting in one contact with seven enemy. The enemy suffered three KIA. The patrol captured two LK-47's, some web gear, and other personal gear.
PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓ (1) Patrol Report 273-68 of 031107Z Apr 68 (Co. D)
✓ (2) Patrol Report 290-68 of 022347Z Apr 68 (Co. E)
✓ (3) Patrol Report 297-68 of 090840Z Apr 68 (Co. E)
✓ (4) Patrol Report 301-68 of 061411Z Apr 68 (Force)
✓ (5) Patrol Report 298-68 of 070824Z Apr 68 (Co. D)
✓ (6) Patrol Report 325-68 of 090842Z Apr 68 (Co. C)
✓ (7) Patrol Report 321-68 of 110408Z Apr 68 (Co. D)
✓ (8) Patrol Report 351-68 of 200547Z Apr 68 (Co. B)
✓ (9) Patrol Report 355-68 of 200545Z Apr 68 (Co. E)
✓ (10) Patrol Report 329-68 of 190048Z Apr 68 (Co. C)
✓ (11) Patrol Report 381-68 of 260009Z Apr 68 (Co. E)
✓ (12) Operation Order #400-68 dtd 1 May 1968
✓ (13) Operation Order #327-68 dtd 11 Apr 1968
✓ (14) Operation Order #329-68 dtd 11 Apr 1968
✓ (15) Letter 3120, Subj: Change to Task Organization dtd 11 Apr 1968
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ATTN: 2C OF S G-2

DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 1D1, (CHECK POOL) THIRD RECON BN
OPERATION ORDER: 275-63 (SGT STUART)
A. MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000, SERIES: L-7014, SHEET: 6342 I
DEBRIEFER: SGT J.R. GIBSON 4 APRIL 60

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT;
   A. COMPOSITION: (8) ENLISTED
   B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (2) SNIPERS W/RFLE
   C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
   D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7050
   E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CLAYMORE MINES, (8) PROTECTIVE MASKS, (0) CS GRENADERS
   F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) K-79 W/ 67 INR, (3) CARTRIDGE

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED AREA TO DETERMINE NATURE AND EXTENT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL FOR ENEMY ACTIVITY WHICH MAY POSE A THREAT TO CAMP CARROLL AND D-5 ALONG ROUTE 55B. UTILIZE SUPPORTING ARMS FOR THE DETERMINATION OF ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER WITHOUT ENDANGERING PATROL OR PATROLS MISSION.

3. DTG INSERTED: 290700H APR 68 (YD 070555) NOW: WALK
4. DTG EXTRACTED: 011200H APR 68 (YD 070556) NOW: WALK
5. ROUTE: FROM CAMP CARROLL NORTH EAST TO (YD 129563) SOUTH TO (YD 123564) SOUTH WEST TO (YD 112544) NORTH WEST TO CAMP CARROLL.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   A. SYNOPSIS: 77 HOURS OF AMBUSH AND RECONNAISSANCE PATROLLING RESULTED IN CONTACT WITH (2) NVA AND THE SIGHTING OF (15) NVA MOVING SOUTH. VILLAGES IN AREA ARE DEFICIENTLY CONTROLLED BY THE ENEMY.
   B. ENEMY:
(1) 290700H (YD 113566) PATROL WAS OF TIGE WHEN THEY OBSERVED 15 NVA MOVING TOWARDS PATROL POSITION. THE ENEMY MOVED OUT OF THE VILLAGE IN VIC (YD 117567). ENEMY WORE GREEN UNIFORMS. BUSH HATS, CARPET DRESSES AND WEAPONS. PATROL ATTEMPTED TO CAPTURE ENEMY TROOPS, BUT LOST SIGHT OF THE ENEMY.

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(2) 291230H (YD 113566) PATROL WAS MOVING AWAY FROM OP SITE WHEN THEY CAME UPON A MAN TAKING A SHOT. MAN WAS DETAINED BECAUSE HE DID NOT HAVE AN I.D. CARD. MAN WAS TURNED OVER TO PRIESTLIES AT CAMP CARROLL. PATROL CONTINUED MISSION.

(3) 301400H (YD 105542) PATROL WAS MOVING THROUGH VILLAGE WHEN PATROL OBSERVED 2 NVA ON THE ROAD LOOKING AT PATROL. ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, GREEN UTILITY COVERS, CARTRIDGE BOXES AND WHAT APPEARED TO BE CARRIERS.

PATROL FIRED M-79 AND SAF AT ENEMY WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. ENEMY MOVED OUT TO THE SOUTHEAST.

(4) 312300H (YD 119545) PATROL WAS IN HARDCORE SITE WHEN THEY SPOTTED (1) LIGHT MOVING WEST 2000 TO 3000 METERS FROM THEIR POSITION. LIGHT WAS ON FOR APPROXIMATELY 5 MINUTES AND THEN WENT OFF. PATROL CONTINUED MISSION.

A. TERRAIN: LOW ROLLING HILLS WITH OPEN TERRAIN. NO CANOPY. NO COVER OR CONCEALMENT. NUMEROUS TRAILS WHICH ARE WELL USED.

(1) COMMUNICATION: GOOD EXCEPT IN LOW AREAS VIC (YD 112555) WHERE WHIP ANTENNA IS REQUIRED.

(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCES: PLENTY OF WATER IN AREA BUT NOT RECOMMENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION DUE TO NUMBER OF WATER BUFFALO AND PERSONNEL WASHING CLOTHES IN AREA.

(3) RATE OF MOVEMENT: AT PATROL LEADERS DISCRETION.

D. OTHER INFORMATION: NONE

(6) RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

A. CAPTURED: (1) DETAINTEE

B. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL: GOOD MORALE: GOOD

C. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

A. RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROLS SHOULD BE RUN TO THE SOUTH OF THE AREA COVERED BY THIS PATROL IN VIC OF (YD 1152). PATROLS MUST KEEP MOVING AT ALL TIMES DUE TO CIVILIANS IN AREA. PATROLS SHOULD MAKE USE OF SNUFFER TEAMS IN THE AREA.

B. CONCLUSIONS:

(1) AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS EXTENSIVE USE OF AREA BY CIVILIANS. ENEMY IS USING BOTH VILLAGES AT (YD 117567).

(2) GENERAL CONCLUSIONS: ENEMY COULD HAVE A BASE CAMP IN VIC OF (YD 1152).

9. HIZ'S: ENTIRE AREA IS SUITABLE FOR ALL HIZ.

10. DERRIERS COMMENTS:

A. PATROL IN AREA SHOULD SET IN AMBUSH SITES AND USE SNUFFER TEAMS.

B. VILLAGES AT (YD 117567) ARE VC/NVA CONTROLLED. THE ENEMY FEELS SECURE IN AREA AND SHOWED SURPRISE AT SIGHTING PATROL.
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ATTACH: AC OF S 0-2

DETAILS OF RECON PATROL: 761 (APRIL SHOWERS) THIRD RECON BN
OPERATION ORDER: 290-68 (CAPT. J. P. MCCARTHY)
A. MAC: VIETNAM I & II 50,000 AFS SERIES 17014 SHEET 64/42 EP
DETAILS: SGT. J. R. GLASSON DATE: 02 APRIL 68
B. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
1. COMPOSITION: (6) ENLISTED, (1) USN
2. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) 7x50, (1) STARLITE SCOPE
E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CLAYMORE MINES, (2) WP RIFLE GRENADES, (1) WP
    M82 GRENADE, (9) GAS MASKS, (2) CS GRENADES
F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH (52) RDS, (5) GRENADES, (15) FIRECRACKER
G. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED AREA TO
    DETERMINE NATURE AND EXTENT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL FOR
    ENEMY ACTIVITY THAT MAY POSE A THREAT TO ROUTE 9. UTILIZE SUPPORTING ARMS
    FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO
    CAPTURE A PRISONER WITHOUT ENGAGING THE PATROL OR ITS MISSION.
H. D.T. INSERTED: 201050H (YD 190530) METHOD: WALK
I. D.T. EXTRACTED: 020930H (YD 190535) METHOD: WALK
J. ROUTE: FROM INSERT POINT SOUTHWEST TO (YD 160973), SOUTHEAST TO (YD 172594),
    WEST TO (YD 151571), NORTH TO EXTRACT POINT
K. OASISION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPTIC: 95 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE PATROLLING RESULTED IN (2) SIGNIFICANT
    TOTALS: (14) VC/NVA. PATROL ATTEMPTED TO CALL ARMY, BUT COULD NOT GET
    CLEARANCE. VC/NVA MAY BE PASSING THROUGH AREA, BUT SHOW NO SIGNS OF ANY
    OTHER ACTIVITY IN AREA.
B. ENEMY INFORMATION:

301113H (YD 127474) PATROL WAS SET UP AT ONE POINT THEY OBSERVED (4) VC/NVA
    WALKING SOUTHWEST TOWARD ROUTE 9. ENEMY WEAR GREY UTILITIES AND DIRTY
    PJ'S. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO CIVILIANS IN AREA.
310610H (YD 132535) PATROL HEARD APPROX. (15) 32MM MORTAR RDS BEING FIRED
    FROM THIS VICINITY, BUT COULD NOT DETERMINE IMPACT AREA DUE TO DISTANCE INVOLVED.
240810H (YD 125354) PATROL OBSERVED (10) VC/NVA MOVING NORTHWEST. ENEMY
    WEAR GREY UTILITIES AND PJ'S. ONE MAN CARRYING AN UNKNOWN TYPE
    WEAPON. GROUNDED DUE TO POSSIBLY COMING UNDER FIRE DURING THE NIGHT.

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CARRYING WEAPONS, PATROL CALLED AT ARTY MISSION. HE COULD NOT GET
SIGHT. PATROL CONTINUED TO OBSERVE ARTY UNTIL THEY MOVED OUT OF
SIGHT IN VICINITY OF ROUTE 9.
31230H (YD 177598) PATROL OBSERVED A LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOSION
RESULTING FROM AIR STRIKES IN VICINITY.
31230H (YD 153559) PATROL WAS IN HARBOUR SITE WHEN THEY RECEIVED (2)
RODS OF UNKNOWN SIZE ARTY, WHICH LAID APPROX. 100 METERS FROM THE
PATROL. PATROL ALSO RECEIVED (3) RDS OF SAME ARTY AT 0530H. NO
FRIENDLY UNIT WAS SHOOTING AT THE TIME.
G. TERRAIN: LOW ROLLING HILLS WITH 3-4 FT HILLS AND BRUSH. NUMEROUS
TRAILS RUN THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE AREA.
(1) COMMUNICATION WAS GOOD.
(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCES ARE PLENTIFUL.
(3) RATE OF MOVEMENT AT PATROL LEADER'S DISCRETION.
D. OTHER INFORMATION: NONE
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY; NONE
7. CONDITION OF PATROL; GOOD
8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:
A. RECOMMENDATIONS; A STARLITE SCOPE IS VERY USEFUL IN AREA AT NIGHT DUE
TO LACK OF FOilage IN AREA.
B. CONCLUSIONS; THE ENEMY MAY BE PASSING THROUGH AREA, BUT SHOW NO SIGNS
OF ANY OTHER ACTIVITY IN AREA.
9. HLZS; NONE
10. DEPRESSED COMMENT: THERE IS A DEFINITE DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF
CIVILIANS PERSONNEL THAT USE THE AREA. 3-4 WEEKS AGO PATROL REPORTED
NUMEROUS CIVILIANS IN AREA. PATROL NOW REPORT ALMOST A TOTAL ABSENCE
OF CIVILIANS.

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SUBJECT RECON PATROL: 3R3 (SAY RECON) THIRD RECON BN
OPERATION ORDER: 297-68

A. MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000, SERIES L-7014. SCALE:
DERIVED BY: Lt. R.G. Valis DATED: 06 APRIL 1968

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT
   A. COMPOSITION: (6) ELITIST, (1) UN
   B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (NONE)
   C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
   D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7x50
   E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) CLAYMORE MINES, (2) WP HAND GRENADES,
   (9) GAS MASKS, (3) CS GRENADES, (4) BLOCKS OF C-4
   F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 54 LR, 4 CARLISLE

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN DESIGNATED
   AREA TO DETERMINE NATURE AND EXTENT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. BE ESPECIALLY
   WATCHFUL FOR NORT.-SOUTH TRAILS. UTILIZE SUPPORTING ARMS FOR
   THE BEST UTILIZATION OF NELFY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS. DO NOT FIRE
   SUPPORTING ARMS ON LESS THAN 100 YD (10) PERSONNEL WITHOUT AUTHORITY.
   MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER WITHOUT ENDANGERING PATROL
   OR PATROL MISSION.

3. BD IDENTIFIED: 021000 (YD 043904) WALK

4. BD IDENTIFIED: 031700 (YD 044304) WALK

5. ROUTE: BD IDENTIFIED FT SOUTH TO (YD 042597) EAST TO (YD 047597)
   NORTH TO (YD 030300) NORTH WEST TO (YD 046504) EAST TO (YD 032705)
   NORTH TO (YD 051907) WEST TO (YD 045306) SOUTH TO IDENTIFIED
   OR PATROL MISSION.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

   3/COCKED GEO"
A. SYNOPSIS: 79 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE PATROLLING RESULTED IN (1) ENEMY SIGHTING AND (2) ENEMY CONTACTS. THE PATROL OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA IN A TRENCH WHO APPEARED TO BE OBSERVING THE CAMP CARROLL-CAM LO AREA FROM A TREE VIC (TD 032560). THE ENEMY CROSS LUAPES, EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS COULD NOT BE OBSERVED. PATROL OBSERVED 2 BUNKERS APROXIMATELY 200 METERS TO THE NORTH VIC (TD 032576). THE BUNKERS WERE WELL CONSTRUCTED AND WELL CAMOFLAUGED. IT APPEARED AS THOUGH THE BUNKERS COULD ACCOMMODATE AT LEAST 6 MEN EACH. PATROL CALLED AN 81MM NORTHERN MISSION. OF 10 ROUNDS WITH EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF TARGET RESULTING IN BOTH BUNKERS BEING DESTROYED. DURING THE FIRE MISSION PATROL LOST SIGHT OF THE VC/NVA. PATROL CONTINUED MISSION.

B. ENEMY:
(1) 031300H (TD 043574) PATROL OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA IN A TREE WHO APPEARED TO BE OBSERVING THE CAMP CARROLL-CAM LO AREA FROM A TREE VIC (TD 032576). THE ENEMY CROSS LUAPES, EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS COULD NOT BE OBSERVED. PATROL OBSERVED 2 BUNKERS APROXIMATELY 200 METERS TO THE NORTH VIC (TD 032576). THE BUNKERS WERE WELL CONSTRUCTED AND WELL CAMOFLAUGED. IT APPEARED AS THOUGH THE BUNKERS COULD ACCOMMODATE AT LEAST 6 MEN EACH. PATROL CALLED AN 81MM NORTHERN MISSION. OF 10 ROUNDS WITH EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF TARGET RESULTING IN BOTH BUNKERS BEING DESTROYED. DURING THE FIRE MISSION PATROL LOST SIGHT OF THE VC/NVA. PATROL CONTINUED MISSION.

(2) 051600H (TD 046572) PATROL MOVING SOUTHEAST WHEN PATROL RECEIVED 8-10 ROUNDS OF AMP FROM APPROXIMATELY 200 METERS TO THEIR SOUTH. ROUNDS WERE FIRED IN THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF THE PATROL. PATROL MOVED OUT OF THE AREA AND SET UP AN OP.

PATROL KEPT AREA UNDER SURVEILLANCE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. PATROL CONTINUED MISSION.

(3) 051700H (TD 044573) PATROL RECEIVED SAF FROM VIC (TD 043576). PATROL ESTIMATED 2-3 ENEMY WEAPON FIRING ON THEIR POSITION. AT THE SAME TIME THE PATROL HEARD MOVEMENT 25 METERS TO THE NORTH AND WEST OF THEIR POSITION. AN A.O. OF SECTOR CHECKED OUT THE AREA BUT HAS UNABLE TO DETECT ANY ENEMY ACTIVITY. PATROL MOVED OUT OF THE AREA WHILE A.O. KEPT THE AREA UNDER SURVEILLANCE. PATROL RETURNED TO FRIENDLY POSITION.

C. TERRAIN: STEEP HILLS WITH THICK BRUSH TO 10 FEET. NUMEROUS GOOD OP SITES IN THE AREA. PATROL DID NOT OBSERVE ANY TRAILS IN THIS AREA.

(1) COMMUNICATION: GOOD WITH TACP ANTENA.

(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCES: PLENTIFUL IN THE LOW GROUND, SCARCE IN THE HIGH GROUND.

(3) RATE OF MOVEMENT: 200 METERS PER HOUR.

D. OTHER INFORMATION:

031120H (TD 043573) PATROL FOUND A DUD 250 LB. BOMB WHICH HAD BEEN MOVED APPROXIMATELY 15 FEET FROM WHERE IT HAD IMPACTED. BOMB APPEARED TO BE 2-3 MONTHS OLD. PATROL LEFT THE DUD AND CONTINUED MISSION.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: UNABLE TO OBSERVE.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL: EXCELLENT MORALE: GOOD

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

A. RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROLS SHOULD ENSURE THAT ALL COORDINATIONS HAS BEEN MADE AS THERE ARE NUMEROUS FRIENDLIES OPERATING IN THE AREA.

B. CONCLUSIONS: AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS LIGHT ENEMY ACTIVITY AT THE PRESENT TIME. IT APPEARS AS THOUGH THE ENEMY HAS OP'S AND POSSIBLY POS OPERATING IN THIS AREA.

9. HZ'S: NONE

10. DECLASSIFIED COMMENTS: NONE

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DECEASED OF RECON PATROL: 1-1 (AMANDA) THIRD FORCE RECON CO

OPERATION ORDER: 304-68 (SOF HUBBACH)


B. RECONRICER: LT. R.C. WALLS DATE: 5 APRIL 68

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   A. COMPOSITION: (7) ENLISTED, (1) USN
   B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AM/PRO 25
   D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7x50
   E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) CLAYMORE MINES, (2) WP RIFLE GRENADES, (8) INERT GRENADES, (5) CS GRENADES
   F. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) K-79 WITH 75 RD, (3) CS, (11) CANISTER, (2) M-14

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED AREA TO DETERMINE NATURE AND EXTENT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL FOR ENEMY ACTIVITY THAT MAY POSE A THREAT TO ROUTE NINE FROM THE EAST. UTILIZE SUPPORTING ARMS FOR THE DETERMINATION OF ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A HIJUSHER WITHOUT ENDANGERING PATROL OR PATROLS MISSION.

3. DTG INSERTED: 031100H APR 68 (XD 968540) HOURS: FOOT
4. DTG EXTRACTED: 050900H APR 68 (XD 968541) HOURS: FOOT
5. ROUTE: FROM (XD 968545) SOUTHEAST TO (XD 001537) NORTHWEST TO (XD 968545).
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   A. SYNOPSIS: 46 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE PATROLLING RESULTED IN (1) HELIX SIGHTING AND (1) ENEMY CONTACT. THE PATROL SIGHTED 4 VC/MM AND MADE CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED 10-15 VC/MM. THE PATROL CALLED IN 2 ARTILLERY MISSIONS TOTALING 45 ROUNDS WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF TACTIC AND UNKNOWN RESULTS. THE AREA REVEALS MODERATE ACTIVITY AT THE PRESENT TIME.

B. ENEMY: 041220H (XD 000535) PATROL MOVING SOUTHEAST BREAKING BRUSH WHEN PATROL SMELLED FOOD BEING COOKED. PATROL MOVED DOWN TO CHECK OUT THE AREA WHEN POINT HEARD A GUNFIRE CLICK. PATROL MOVED OUT OF THE AREA TO VIC (XD 995537). AS THE PATROL PULLED BACK THEY HEARD MOVEMENT OF AN ESTIMATED 10-15 PEOPLE TO THE EAST, SOUTH, SOUTHWEST. PATROL CALLED A ARTILLERY MISSION OF 50 ROUNDS WITH EXCELLENT COVERAGE AND ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION WHICH

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CULD HAVE BEEN SMALL ARMS ROUNDS.
041330H (XO 997537) PATROL HEARD TALKING OF AN ESTIMATED 2 VC/EVA APPROXIMATELY
75 METERS TO THE SOUTH OF THEIR POSITION. PATROL MOVED OUT OF THE AREA TO VIC
(XO 994538). PATROL KEPT AREA UNDER SURVEILLANCE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. PATROL
CONTINUED MISSION.
040735H (XO 994538) PATROL MOVING OUT OF HARBOR SITE WHERE THE POINT ORGANIZED
4 VC/EVA MOVING TOWARD PATROLS POSITION. ENEMY WERE ABOUT 75 METERS FROM THE
PATROLS POSITION. ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, PETH HELMETS, AND CARRIED AK-47'S.
ENEMY WORE HEAVY NATURAL CAMOUFLAGE. PATROL INITIATED CONTACT WITH SAP AND
DETONATED A CLAYMORE MINE. ENEMY RETURNED FIRE FROM SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST. ENEMY
ATTEMPTED TO MOVE AROUND TO PATROLS EASTERN FLANK. PATROL ESTIMATED
THERE WERE 10-15 ENEMY APPROACHING THEIR POSITION. PATROL CALLED IN AN ARTILLERY
MISSION OF 15 ROUNDS WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGET AND UNKNOWN RESULTS.
PATROL RETURNED TO FRIENDLY POSITION. AREA WAS COVERED WITH 81 MM ROCKS
AFTER TEAM'S EXTRACTION.
C. TERRAIN: STEEP HILLS WITH CANOPY TO 30 FEET AND THICK UNDERGROWTH.
GOOD COVER AND CONCEALMENT IN THE AREA.
(1) COMMUNICATION: GOOD WITH TAPE ON THE HIGH GROUND, WEAK IN THE LOW GROUND.
(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCES: SCARCE IN THE AREA.
(3) RATE OF MOVEMENT: 200 METERS PER HOUR.
(4) TRAILS: (XO 998540) - (XO 001535) A TRAIL 2 FEET WIDE APPEARS TO BE WELL
USED BY FRIENDLY INFANTRY IN THE AREA.
(XO 995538) A TRAIL RUNNING FROM WEST-SOUTHEAST ALONG THE RIDGELINE. TRAIL
APPEARS TO BE WELL USED WITHIN THE PAST FEW DAYS.
D. OTHER INFORMATION: NONE
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
A. ENEMY: UNABLE TO OBSERVE
B. FRIENDLY: NONE
C. CAGE/EQUIPMENT: NONE
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD MORALE: GOOD
8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:
A. RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROLS SHOULD BE INSERTED BY HELICOPTER INTO RECON ZONE IF
POSSIBLE.
B. CONCLUSIONS:
(1) AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS: LIGHT TO MODERATE ACTIVITY AT THE PRESENT
TIME. IT APPEARS AS THOUGH THE ENEMY IS OPERATING IN THIS AREA, POSSIBLY
IN SMALL SCALE UNITS.
9. HEL'S: NONE
10. DESCRIBERS COMMENTS: NONE

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FROM: CG III MTF

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THIRD RECON BN
THIRD FORCE RECON CO

BRIEF OF RECON PATROL:

THIRD RECON BN

3d Recon Bn S/C No. 1386-68

MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000, SERIES: L-7014, SHEET: 6442 III

DEBRIEFER: GS-3T. J.M. LÓPEZ
DATE: 26 MARCH 68

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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 2A 30 (DEL MAR) THIRD RECON BN

OPERATION ORDER: 259-68

( CPL MCGONAGLE)

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

2. COMPOSITION: (7) ENLISTED, (1) USN

3. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (1) KIT CARSON SCOUT

4. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25

5. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) 7x50

6. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) CLAYMORE MINES, (1) WP RIFLE GRENADES, (4) WP HAND GRENADES, (9) PROTECTIVE MASKS, (9) CS GRENADES

7. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 72 HS, (1) CS, (8) CANISTER, (1)

R-60 WITH 1000 ROUNDS

8. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED AREA TO DETERMINE NATURE AND EXTENT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY, BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL FOR NORTH-SOUTH TRAILS. UTILIZE SUPPORTING ARMS FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS. DO NOT FIRE SUPPORTING ARMS ON LESS THAN TEN PERSONNEL WITHOUT APPROVAL. REPORT ANY CHANGES IN THE CIVILIAN POPULATION. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER WITHOUT ENDANGERING PATROL OR PATROLS MISSION.

9. DEG INSERTED: 241015H (YD 188564) HOW: FOOT

10. DEG EXTRACTED: 252215H (YD 180528) HOW: FOOT

11. ROUTE: FROM (YD 189566) SOUTHWEST TO (YD 185042) SOUTHWEST TO (YD 17527) EAST TO (YD 186528).

12. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: 36 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE RESULTED IN 3 ENEMY SIGHTINGS TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 205 NVA. PATROL FIRED 2 ARTILLERY MISSIONS TOTALING ABOUT 400 ROUNDS RESULTING 25 NVA KIA (C). THE PATROL FOUND TANK TRACKS ON ONE OCCASION AND HEARD WHAT SOUNDED LIKE A TANK ENGINE AND THE CLANKING OF THE TRACKS ON ANOTHER OCCASION. THE AREA REVEALS HEAVY ENEMY ACTIVITY.

B. ENEMY:

1) 250900H (YD 184536) PATROL OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA VIC (YD 173525).

2) 251500H (YD 177534) PATROL CALLED ARTILLERY MISSION OF 15 ROUNDS WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGET AND UNKNOWN RESULTS.

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3. TERRAIN: LOW ROLLING HILLS WITH SCRUB BRUSH 2-4 FEET AND CANOPY UP TO 20 FEET HIGH ALONG THE STREAMS. CANOPIED AREA HAVE THICK UNDERGROWTH.

GOOD OP SITES ON THE RIDGELINE VIC (YD 185533).

(1) COMMUNICATION: POOR EVEN WITH 'HIP ANTENNA.
(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCES: PLENTIFUL AS INDICATED ON MAP.
(3) RATE OF MOVEMENT: AT THE PATROL LEADER’S DISCRETION IN WELL USED OPEN AREAS AND 100 METERS PER HOUR IN CANOPIED AREA.
(4) NUMEROUS WELL USED TRAILS THROUGHOUT THE AREA.

3. OTHER INFORMATION:
(1) 25130H (YD 178534) PATROL DISCOVERED A TANK TRAIL RUNNING NORTHWEST VICINITY (YD 178534). THE TRAIL TO VICINITY (YD 178536). THE TEAM NOTED OFF THE TRAIL AND MOVED SOUTH. THE TANK TRAIL CONTINUED SOUTHEAST ON A RIDGELINE. THE TANK TRAIL WAS PARALLEL TO A FOOT TRAIL. THE TRAIL APPEARED TO BE USED BY 5 OR 6 TRACKED VEHICLES.

(2) 251845H (YD 179528) PATROL HEARD A HIGH SPEED engine THAT SOUNDED LIKE A TANK AND ALSO THE CLANKING OF TANK TREADS. IT SOUNDED AS THOUGH THE VEHICLE WAS ATTEMPTING TO MOVE UP THE NORTHERN SLOPE OF A HILL VIC (YD 175523). SOUNDED CONTINUED UNTIL 1920H. THE PATROL COULD DISTINCTLY HEAR THE SOUND OF THE VEHICLE TREADS.

NOTE: DIV INFO # 79, PAGE 7 OF 12; REPORTED 6 TANKS BEING HIDDEN IN A HOUSE VIC (YD 140536).

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE
A. ENEMY 25 NVA KIA (C) BY ARTILLERY.
B. FRIENDLY: NONE
C. CAPTURE/EQUIPMENT: NONE

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL: GOOD MORALE: EXCELLENT

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:
A. RECOMMENDATIONS: PATROLS SHOULD TAKE GLOVES BECAUSE OF THORNY BRUSH AND INSECT REPELLENT BECAUSE OF LEECHES.
B. CONCLUSIONS:
(1) AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS HEAVY MOVEMENT TO THE NORTHEAST. THERE COULD POSSIBLY BE SOME TYPE OF TRACKED VEHICLE OPERATING IN THIS AREA. TRAILS IN THE AREA REVEAL HEAVY, RECENT USE. THE ENEMY APPEARS TO BE INFILTRATING THROUGH THE AREA.
PATROL OBSERVED ENEMY MOVE TO THE NORTH AND MOVE OUT OF EIGHT. ANOTHER RECON PATROL IN THE AREA OBSERVED 15-20 VC/NVA AND FIRED AN ARTILLERY MISSION ON THE ENEMY VIC (YD 177534). PATROL CONTINUED MISSION.

(3) 251600H (YD 175528) PATROL WAS MOVING NORTH WHEN POINT OBSERVED MOVEMENT APPROX. 100 METERS TO THE EAST. PATROL SET UP A DEFENSIVE PERIMETER. THE PATROL OBSERVED 20 NVA MOVING TO THE NORTHEAST. WITHIN 5 MINUTES THE PATROL OBSERVED A TOTAL OF 65 NVA MOVING TO THE NORTHEAST. PATROL MOVED TO THE WEST APPROX. 10 METERS AND CALLED AN ARTILLERY MISSION. AT THIS TIME THE PATROL OBSERVED 200 NVA ABOUT 200 METERS TO THE SOUTH WEST OF THE ORIGINAL 65 ENEMY WHICH WERE SPOTTED. ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, CAMOUFLAGED HELMETS, AND KAHKS. ALL ENEMY WORE HELMETS, HEAVY PACKS, AND CARRIED AK-47's AND (2) 60MM MORTARS. NON MACHINE GUN OR CARBINES WERE OBSERVED. AN ARTILLERY MISSION OF 400 ROUNDS WAS FIRED WITH OUTSTANDING COVERAGE OF TARGETS AND 25 NVA KIA (C). FOR ABOUT AN HOUR THE PATROL OBSERVED ELABORATE DEFENSES IN THE GENERAL AREA. AS IT BECAME DARK, THE ARMY BEGAN TO MOVE TOWARD THE ENEMY. AT APPROX 1915H, PART OF THE NVA BEGAN TO MOVE TOWARD THE PATROL. THE PATROL_MOVED APPROX 50 METERS TO THE WEST, SET UP A HASTY DEFENSE, AND CONTINUED TO ADJUST ARTILLERY. AT 1945H PATROL HEARD MOVEMENT ABOUT 100 METERS TO THE SOUTH. THE PATROL ADJUSTED ARTILLERY ON THE AREA WITH EXCELLENT COVERAGE BUT THE ENEMY CONTINUED TO MOVE TOWARD THE PATROL. AT 2015H THE TEAM HEARD MOVEMENT IN A STREAM BED 150 METERS TO THE WEST. MOVEMENT HEADING EAST TO THE TEAM. THE TEAM ADJUSTED ARTILLERY WITH GOOD COVERAGE. THE ENEMY APPEARED TO BE SEARCHING THE AREA FOR THE TEAM. PATROL CONTINUED FIRING ARTILLERY UNTIL 2145H. AT THIS TIME 2 GUNSHIPS CAME ON STATION AND TRANSPORT HELICOPTERS EXTRACTED THE PATROL. PATROL DID NOT DETECT ANY FIRE DIRECTED AT THE HELICOPTERS DURING THE EXTRACTION. GUNSHIPS MADE STRIKE RUNS IN THE AREA AFTER THE EXTRACTION.
9. HLT'S:
A. ANY HIGH GROUND IN THE AREA CAN BE USED AS AN HLT.
10. DEBRIEFERS CONTENTS: ANOTHER RECON TEAM DISCOVERED A LARGE BUNKER COMPLEX ON 24 MARCH VIC (YD 143537). THE AREA APPEARED TO BE AT LEAST A BATTALION Sized BASE CAMP. THIS AREA HAS SHOWN VERY HEAVY ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE PAST FEW DAYS.

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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 3C1, (MARBLE CHAMP) THIRD RECON BN

OPERATION ORDER: 261-68

A. MAP: VIETNAM: 1:50,000, SERIES: L-7014, SHEET: 6742 TAI L, 6442 III AIV

DEBRIEFER: CAPT. G.W. O'DELL

DATE: 26 MARCH 1968

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (7) ENLISTED, (1) USN

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE

c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) T-50

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CLAYMORE MINES, (4) WP RIFLE

GRENADERS, (8) WP HAND GRENADES, (8) PROTECTIVE MASKS, (6) CS GRENADES

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 80 HE, (6) CS, (1) M-14

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED

AREA TO DETERMINE NATURE AND EXTENT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. BE

ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL FOR ENEMY ACTIVITY AND NORTH-SOUTH TRAILS.

UTILIZE SUPPORTING ARMS FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES

AND INSTALLATIONS. DO NOT FIRE SUPPORTING ARMS ON LESS THAN

TEN PERSONNEL WITHOUT APPROVAL. REPORT ANY CHANGES IN THE

CIVILIAN POPULATION. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER

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3. Dug INSERTED: 231600J MAR 68 (YD 150587) HDw/ FOOT

4. Dug EXTRACTED: 261100H MAR 68 (YD 155587) HDw/ FOOT

5. ROUTE: FROM (YD 146538) NORTH TO (YD 140580) NORTHEAST

TO (YD 149587) SOUTH TO (YD 147538).

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPT: 66½ HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE PATROLLING RESULTED

IN 2 ENEMY SIGHTINGS TOTALING 17 VC/HVA. PATROL FOUND A

RECENTLY OCCUPIED BATTALION SIZE BASE CAMP OR C.P. OF 20-30

BUNKERS. PATROL FOUND SEVERAL HAND DRAWN MAPS OF THE CAN LO

AREA, DOCUMENTS, AND LETTERS. THIS AREA REVEALS HEAVY ENEMY ACTIVITY.

B. ENEMY: NONE

C. TERRAIN: LOW ROLLING HILLS, 4-6 FEET OF SCRUB BRUSH WITH

SPARSE CANOPY IN DRAW AND STREAM BEDS.
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1. COMMUNICATION: FAIR
2. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: PLENTIFUL
3. RATE OF MOVEMENT: UNLIMITED
4. OTHER INFORMATION:
   a. 251420 (XD 155543) PATROL OBSERVED 7 VC/NVA APPROXIMATELY 1000 METERS
      NORTHEAST OF THEIR POSITION. FIVE WERE DRESSED IN WHITE P.J.'S, TWO IN BLACK.
      ONE MAN APPEARED TO BE CARRYING MORTAR TUBES. PATROL CALLED ARTILLERY MISSION
      BUT ENEMY MOVED OUT OF AREA BEFORE ADJUSTING ROUNDS COULD BE FIRED, PATROL
      CANCELED MISSION.
   b. 251520 (XD 155532) PATROL OBSERVED 10 VC/NVA APPROXIMATELY 1500 METERS
      SOUTHEAST OF THEM, MOVING NORTHEAST. ENEMY WAS TOO FAR AWAY TO DESCRIBE
      EQUIMENT OR WEAPONS, ALL WERE DRESSED IN DARK CLOTHING. NO ACTION TAKEN
      AS PATROL WAS MOVING INTO BASE CAMP TO CHECK AREA.
   c. 241130 (XD 145537) TEAM FOUND IN SIZE BASE CAMP. CAMP HAD HOOTCHES WITH
      WOODEN SIDES, FLOORS AND OUTSIDE EACH HOOTCH THERE WAS A BUNKER. HOOTCHES
      APPEARED TO BE FOR 3-5 MEN, BUNKERS SUFFICIENT FOR 8-10 MEN. THERE WERE
      20-30 BUNKERS IN THE AREA. AREA ALSO HAD THREE MESS HALLS, EACH MESS HALL
      CAPABLE OF FEEDING 15-20 PEOPLE AT A TIME. TEAM FOUND (2) ONE MAN HEADS
      WITH WOODEN FLOORS, ALSO SEVERAL GAGES THAT HAD BIRD DROPPINGS ON FLOOR.
      TEAM FOUND BLOOD-STAINS IN THE AREA THAT APPEARED TO BE NO MORE THAN 3-4
      HOURS OLD. PRC 25 BATTERIES, SOMEDestroyed AND SOME INTACT, WERE SCATTERED
      THROUGHOUT AREA. CAMP WAS IN SHAPE OF A SQUARE APPROXIMATELY 150 METERS
      ACROSS. AT EACH CORNER OF THE SQUARE A LADDER WAS ATTACHED TO A TREE
      SO A LOOKOUT COULD BE POSTED. ONE MEMBER OF THE PATROL CLIMBED INTO THE
      TREE AND STATED THAT HE HAD EXCELLENT OBSERVATION IN ALL DIRECTIONS. THERE
      WERE LARGE NUMBERS OF HEAVILY MADE WOODEN CIRCULAR CAMOUFLAGE HOLDERS.
      SOME HAD FRESH BRANCHES IN THEM. CLOSE TO CENTER OF CAMP WAS LARGE CRATER
      THAT HAD COVERED ONE BUNKER. THE CRATER WAS FRESH AND IT SMELLED LIKE ONE
      OR MORE BODIES WERE STILL BURIED. IN THE BUNKER, TEAM MOVED OUT OF AREA
      DUE TO DARKNESS AND CONTINUED MISSION. TEAM FOUND A LARGE NUMBER OF
      MAPS, (HAND DRAWN), DOCUMENTS AND PAPERS IN AMO CAN IN ONE OF THE BUNKERS.
      THESE WERE BROUGHT OUT BY TEAM.
3. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE
4. CASH/GOVERNMENT: DOCUMENTS, MAPS, PAPERS.
5. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:
   a. CONCLUSIONS:
      (1) AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS ENEMY TROOPS LIVING IN AREA, LARGE ENEMY
      UNITS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED IN THE AREA. AREA FOUND BY TEAM APPEARS TO HAVE
      HEAVY ENEMY ACTIVITY. ANOTHER TEAM IN THIS GENERAL AREA MADE CONTACT
      WITH ESTIMATED COMPANY SIZE UNIT.
   b. RECOMMENDATIONS: KEEP RECON TEAMS IN AREA.
6. HELPS:
   a. (XD 145549) SITE WILL ACCOMMODATE (2) OH-46'S. SITE IS LOCATED ON
      HILLTOP WITH 4 FEET OF SCRUB BRUSH. BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE EAST WITH
      NO OBSTACLES.
   b. (XD 145542) SITE WILL ACCOMMODATE (1) OH-34. SITE IS LOCATED ON
      HILLTOP WITH 4 FEET OF SCRUB BRUSH. BEST APPROACH IS FROM THE NORTH, NO
      OBSTACLES.
7. DEBRIEFERS COMMENTS:
   THIS AREA HAS BEEN THE AREA OF OPERATIONS FOR AN ENEMY BN. FOR QUITE SOME
   TIME. RECON TEAMS HAVE MADE LARGE SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS THROUGHOUT THE
   AREA. THIS APPEARS TO BE EITHER A BASE CAMP OR A C.P. AREA FOR THIS UNIT.
   PAPERS, DOCUMENTS, AND MAPS WERE TURNED IN TO DIV. G-2.

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ATTN: AC OF S G-2
DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: YD2, (DALLAS GIRL) THIRD RECON BN
A. MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000, SERIES: L-784, SHEET: 6542 I
DEBRIEFER: LEP R.G. WALLS DATE: 5 APRIL 68
1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
A. COMPOSITION: (1) OFFICER, (7) ENLISTED, (1) USN
B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (1) KIT CARSON SCOUT
C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 5
D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7X50
E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CLAYMORE MINES, (4) WP RIFLE GRENADES, (2)
WP HAND GRENADES, (10) PROTECTIVE MASKS, (10) OS GRENADES, (4) BLOCKS OF 0-4,
F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-16 WITH 50 HG, (1) CS, (6) CALIBER
2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN AREA TO DETERMINE
NATURE AND EXTENT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL FOR ENEMY
ACTIVITY WHICH MAY POSE A THREAT TO CAMP CARROLL. UTILIZE SUPPORTING ARMS
FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATION. MAKE EVERY EFFORT
TO CAPTURE A PRISONER WITHOUT ENDANGERING PATROL OR PATROLS MISSION.
3. DTG INSERTED: 041650H APR 68 (YD 077572) HOW'S FOOT
4. DTG EXTRACTED: 051800H APR 68 (YD 072593) HOW'S HELD
5. ROUTE: FROM (YD 077572) NORTH TO (YD 075583) NORTH WEST TO (YD 062990)
NORTH EAST TO (YD 075593).
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
A. SYNOPSIS: 25½ HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE PATROLLING RESULTED IN (1)
ENEMY CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED 15 NVA. AS A RESULT OF THE CONTACT THE
PATROL SUSTAINED (1) USN KIA, (3) USN VIA, (1) USN VIA, AND (1) KIA VIA.
THE ENEMY SUFFERED 7 NVA KIA, 3 VIA. THE PATROL FOUND WHAT APPEARS TO BE
AN ENEMY D.O. POSITION. THE AREA REVEALS MODERATE - HEAVY ENEMY ACTIVITY.
B. ENEMY:
051700H (YD 062594) PATROL MOVING UP TOWARD THE TOP OF A HILL VIC
(YD 06594) WHEN PATROL FOUND A 2 FOOT WIDE TRAIL RUNNING NORTHWEST
SOUTH EAST UP TOWARD THE TOP OF THE HILL. THE PATROL APPEARED TO BE
WELL USED. PATROL FOUND CONV WIRE RUNNING ALONG NEXT TO THE TRAIL,
THE CONV WIRE HAD BEEN SPICED IN SEVERAL PLACES. ON THE SIDE OF THE

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WITH THE PATROL OBSERVED A PORTION OF AN 82M MORTAR. THE TUBE
LOOKED AS THOUGH IT HAD BEEN DESTROYED IN THE PAST 2 DAYS. THE PATROL
ALSO OBSERVED (5) TWO MAN FIGHTING HOLES AS THEY MOVED UP THE HILL. THE
HOLES APPEARED TO BE ABOUT ONE WEEK OLD. THE PATROL MOVED ON UP ALONG
THE TOP OF THE HILL AND OBSERVED SEVERAL LARGE ROCKS ON THE TOP OF THE
HILL VIC (TD 07293). PATROL MOVED UP TO CHECK OUT THE TOP OF ROCKS
WHEN Patrol HEARD TALKING AND OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE THE OPENING
OF A BUNKER BUILT RIGHT INTO THE ROCKS. THE PATROL SET UP DEFENSIVE
POSITION AND THE POINT TEAM A CS GRENADE INTO THE OPENING. APPROXIMATELY
10 SECONDS LATER 4-5 NVA RAN FROM THE OPENING. ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES,
NVA BOOTS, AND CARRIED AK-47'S. THE PATROL INITIATED SAF RESULTING
IN 4 NVA KIA (C). AT THIS TIME THE ENEMY BEGAN TO EVACUATE THE BUNKER FROM
ANOTHER ENTRANCE AND PATROL ALSO RECEIVED SOME SAF FROM VIC (TD 06894).
PATROL EXCHANGED SA/ANF AND GRENADES WITH AN ESTIMATED 15 NVA. AS A
RESULT OF THE FIRE THE PATROL SUSTAINED (1) USING KIA (PATROL LEADER),
(5) USING VIAL, (1) USN VIAL, AND (1) KCS VIAL (MINOR). THE ENEMY SUFFERED
ADDITIONAL 3 KIA (C). PATROL WITHDRAWN APPROXIMATELY 50 FEET; DOWN THE
HILL TO A POSITION NEAR A BOMB CRATER. PATROL CONTINUED TO RECEIVE
SPORADIC SAF. AN A.O. AND GUNSHIPS CAME ON STATION. AT THIS TIME PATROL
OBSERVED (1) NVA MOVING TOWARD THE TRAIL OF THE TRAIL. THE PATROL FIRED
AT THE ENEMY AND GUNSHIPS MADE STRAFING RUNS WITH UNKNOW RESULTS.
ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES AND A HIGH HELMET. TRANSPORT HEL'S CAME IN
to EXTRACT THE PATROL. THE WOUNDED PATROL MEMBERS WERE HOISTED INTO
TRANSPORT HEL'S. PATROL COULD NOT FIND KCS AT THIS TIME. PATROL
ATTENDED TO RECOVER BODY OF KIA BUT COULD NOT AS THE BODY HAD FALLEN
OFF A ROCK AND WAS LOCATED IN SOME BRUSH. THE ASSISTANT PATROL L'ADER CHECKED
THE AREA BUT COULD NOT LOCATE THE KCS. THE REHABILITATING MEMBERS OF THE
PATROL WERE HOISTED IN TO THE TRANSPORT HEL'S. WHEN EXTRACTION WAS
COMPLETED (1) USING KIA REMAINED ON THE HILL WITH (1) KCS KIA.
TRANSPORT HEL'S WERE RECEIVING SPORADIC SAF DURING THE EXTRACTION.
C. TERRAIN: CHARACTERIZED BY STEEP HILLS WITH SCRUB BRUSH UP TO
10 FEET AND THICK UNDERGROWTH IN SOME AREAS. LARGE ROCKS ON THE TOP
OF THE HILLS.
(1) COMMUNICATION: GOOD WITH TAP.
(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCES: AS INDICATED ON THE HAP.
(3) RATE OF MOVEMENT: 200 METERS PER HOURS.
(4) TRAILS: NUMEROUS SMALL TRAILS THROUGHOUT THE AREA.
D. OTHER INFORMATION: NONE
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
A. ENEMY: 7 NVA KIA (C)
B. FRIENDLY: 1 USMC KIA, 3 USING VIAL, 1 USN VIAL, 1 KCS VIAL (MINOR)
C. CAPTURE/EQUIPMENT: NONE
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL: POOR MORAIE: FAIR
8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:
A. RECOMMENDATIONS: INFANTRY SHOULD CONDUCT AN OPERATION IN THIS AREA.
B. CONCLUSIONS:
(1) AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS MODERATE ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE AREA.
IT APPEARS AS THOUGH THE BUNKER IN WHICH THE ENEMY WERE LOCATED WAS A
F.O. POSITION. THE BUNKER PROVIDED AN OUTSTANDING VIST OF THE CAMP
CARROLL-CAN HO AREA. THE COMM WERE LEADING UP TO THE BUNKER COULD BE A
LAND LINE FOR COMMUNICATION TO A MORTAR POSITION IN THE AREA OR TO A
RADIO FOR COMM TO ARTILLERY TO THE NORTH.
9. ILZ'S: NONE OBSERVED
10. DETRIER CONTENTS:
THE PATROL WAS FORCED TO LEAVE THE FOLLOWING GEAR AT THE CONTACT SITE:
(1) AN/PRC 25 RADIO
(4) M-16 Rifles
(2) M-79 Rounds
(2) M-38 Flares
(8) M-26 GRENADES
(1) STROBE LIGHT
(1) COMPASS
(2) M-17 PROTECT
(1) PINK AIRPACK
(2) HAPS
(7) YT MORE OTHERS
(1) HAP
(3) CS GRENADES
(1) RED SMOKE GRENADE
(1) THERMITE GRENADE
(25) M-16 MAGAZINES

KCS was cut off from the rest of the squad during the extraction by enemy fire. The KCS escaped and evaded his way out of the area. The morning of 06 April 68, the KCS was spotted moving towards friendly lines by another recon team. KCS was med-evac'd by the patrol.

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DETER MINED OP RECON PATROL: 302, (RINGLED) THIRD RECON BN

OPERATION ORDER: 325-60  (SOT MAY)

1. MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000, SERIES: L-7014, SHEET: 6442 IV

THEME: MAI, R.G. WILLS DATE: 8 APRIL 60

2. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

   a. COMPOSITION: (7) ENLISTED, (1) O.S.

3. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE

4. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25

5. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) T-60

6. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) GLAREGONE HAT, (4) WP HAND GRENADES, (8) PROTECTIVE
   MASKS, (10) CS GRENADES

7. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 75 HE, (4) CS, (10) CANISTER, (1) N-14

8. MISSION: SUPPORT OPERATION BY CONDUCTING RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE

   IN YOUR ASSIGNED AREA OF OPERATIONS. BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL FOR ENEMY

   ACTIVITY TO THE REAR OF FRIENDLY FORCES OPERATING TO YOUR SOUTH. NOTIFY

   FRIENDLY FORCES IMMEDIATELY OF ANY SUCH ACTIVITY. UTILIZE SUPPORTING ARMS

   FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS ONLY WHEN CLEARED

   BY FRIENDLY FORCES. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER WITHOUT

   ENDANGERING PATROL OR PATROLS MISSION.

9. DIG INSETED: 060730H APR 60 (YD 173692) NOW: FOOT

10. DIG EXTRACTED: 001330H (YD 185693) NOW: HELID

11. ROUTE: FROM (YD 185693) SOUTHEAST TO (YD 192687) NORTH TO (YD 193710)

   NORTHWEST TO (YD 172722).

12. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

   a. SYNDROPSIS: 54 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE PATROLLING RESULTED IN (3) ENEMY

   SIGHTINGS AND NO ENEMY CONTACTS. THIS PATROL CAPTURED 1 NVA SUSPECT. PATROL

   RECEIVED 5 ROUNDS OF GOMI HOSTAR AND FIRED AN ARTILLERY MISSION OF 9 ROUNDS

   WITH EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF TARGETS AND UNKNOWN RESULTS. THE AREA REVEALS

   MODERATE ENEMY ACTIVITY.

   b. ENEMY:

   060730H (YD 105716) PATROL OBSERVED 4-5 NVA WHO APPEARED TO BE WATCHING

   THE PATROL FROM (YD 105706). ONE OF THE ENEMY WAS OBSERVING THE TEAM

   FROM A TREE. OUTFITED WITH 25MM SHIRT AND RED SHORTS, THE FIRST PERSON

   WEARING A-G, THE FOURTH PERSON WEARING Short-SLEEVED SHIRT AND SHORTS SPOTTED

   3-4 NVA VC/NVA OBSERVERS

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081200H (YD 192693) PATROL IN A SECURITY HALT WHEN THE REAR SECURITY OBSERVED 1 VC/HVA MOVING SOUTH TOWARD A STREAM BEHIND PATROL'S POSITION. THE MEN WORE NV HENG UTILITY AND SHOES AND CARRIED NO WEAPON. THE MEN APPEARED TO BE GOING FOR WATER AS THEY CARRIED (2) EMPTY AMMO BAGS.


EXTRACTION OF PATROL COMPLETED BY TRANSPORT HELICOPTER AT 081250H. PATROL BELIEVED THAT ENEMY FIRED (5) 60MM MOTOR ROUNDS DURING EXTRACTION. ROUND WAS THOUGHT TO HAVE LANDED APPROXIMATELY 50-75 METERS FROM THE HELICOPTER.

C. TERRAIN: NORTHERN PORTION OF RECON ZONE IS OPEN RICE FIELDS WITH RICE 6-10 FEET. THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE RZ IS THICK BRUSH 8-10 FEET. MAJOR TRAILS IN THE AREA ARE INDICATED ON THE MAP.

1. COMMUNICATIONS: GOOD WITH WIRE ANTENNA, POOR WITH TAPE ANTENNA.

2. MOTOR VEHICLE SOURCES: PLEASURABLE.

3. RANK OF MOVEMENT: PATROL LEADER'S DISCREET IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF RZ AND 400 METERS/THE SOUTHERN PORTION.

D. OTHER INFORMATION: NOTES

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

A. ENEMY: HVA SUSPECT CAPTURED
B. STRATEGIC: NONE
C. CAPTURE/EQUIPMENT: 1 NOTEBOOK, 1 PRINTED PAMPHLET, SMALL AMOUNT OF HVA MONEY, 1 CIGARETTE LIGHTER, 1 HAMMOCK, 1 UTILITY SHIRT, 1 PAIR OF GREEN SHORTS.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL: GOOD MORALE: EXCELLENT

9. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

A. RECOMMENDATIONS: THIS AREA SHOULD BE SWEEPT AGAIN BY INFANTRY TROOPS.

B. CONCLUSIONS: (1) AREA COVERED BY PATROL: PREVAILS LIGHT-MODERATE ENEMY ACTIVITY AT THE PRESENT TIME. (2) AREA COVERED BY PCP: MILLIAMS LIGHT-MODERATE ENEMY ACTIVITY AT THE PRESENT TIME. (3) ENEMY IS STILL OPERATING IN THE AREA. THE ENEMY COULD BE ATTEMPTING TO MOVE BACK INTO THE RUPTO AREA. (6) PATROL SHOULD BE SWEEPT AGAIN BY ONE INFANTRY COMPANY.
2. 102d:

A. (OD 195696) SITE WILL ACCOMMODATE (3) CH-46s. SITE IS OPEN FIELD, WITH LOW GRASS. BEST APPROACH FROM EAST-WEST WITH 10-15 FOOT TREES TO THE NORTH OF SITE.

B. (11 194702) SITE WILL ACCOMMODATE (10) CH-46s. SITE IS OPEN FIELD, WITH LOW GRASS. BEST APPROACH FROM EAST-WEST WITH NO OBSTRUCTIONS.

10. DETAILER COMMENTS:

THE VC/VA SUSPECTS CAPTURED KEPT HOLDING UP 5 FINGERS POINTING TO THE NORTH. AS A RESULT OF PRELIMINARY QUESTIONING THEY COULD HAVE HINTED THAT HIS COMPANY WAS 5 MILES' WALK FROM THE LOCATION OF HIS CAPTURE.
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OPERATION COMMAND: 253-68 (ST. CRINO)

FIFTH MARINES

THIRD RECON BN

PROVINCE AIRES -- THE FIFTH RECON BN

THIRD MARINES

TWENTY SIXTH MARINES

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3. CONCLUSIONS

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

6. DIG EXCAVATION

1. MISSION: COMBAT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSEMBLED AREA TO DEFINE ENEMY ACTIVITY WHICH MAY PUT A THREAT TO THE MISSION OF MISSION.

2. AIR-COMPANY CONTINGENT ENLISTED.

3. AIR-COMPANY RHINE.

4. AIR-COMPANY WILHELM.

5. AIR-COMPANY BERTO.

6. AIR-COMPANY NEIDENT.

A. CLASSIFICATION: (a) STAFF, (b) TROOPS.

B. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT.

C. GYM, COMBAT AND EQUIPMENT.

D. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (a) M-16, (b) M-24.

E. PROTECTIVE MASK.

(2) CS CREATIONS.

(10) HIGH EXPLOSIVES.

(2) GP CREATIONS.

(10) WOODS.

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c. Terrain: Low rolling hills with elephant grass 3-4 feet on the hills and 15-20 feet canopy with thick undergrowth in the ravines and near streams. Good camouflage and concealment. Good QP's at (YD 123466) and (YD 119491).

(1) Communications: Good the first day, then excellent communication. Excellent to the east.

(2) Natural Water Sources: Streak running east-west (YD 123467).

(3) Rate of Movement: 400-500 meters per hour.

D. Other Information:

(1) 091020H (YD 119491) Patrol setting up an OP site detonated a 60mm high explosive booby trap, resulting in one 3 USMC WIA's. The booby trap was on top of a hill in a well camouflaged bush with elephant grass. Booby trap had a 3 foot piece of comm wire attached to the mortar round and to a small stump on the ground. Patrol administered aid to the WIA's, called for a med-evac and extracted at 091050H.

6. Results of Encounter with the Enemy:

A. Energy: (None)

B. Friendly: 3 WIA

C. Capture/Equipment: (None)

7. Condition of Patrol: Physical: Good Morale: Good

8. Recommendations and Conclusions:

A. Recommendations: (None)

B. Conclusions:

(1) Area covered by patrol reveals light enemy activity, possibly a main force unit employing miles in likely areas of operations of friendly activity. Possible enemy infiltration through the area.

9. Hills:

A. (YD 129436) Site will accommodate (1) CH-46. Best approach from north but open treeline to the west.

B. (YD 129437) Site will accommodate (2) CH-46's. Site is hilltop 82 with elephant grass and some brush 4-5 feet high. Best approach from the north with no obstacles.

(10) December Comments: There was a booby trap detonated 5000 meters to the northeast vic (YD 066802) in March. This booby trap was also near the top of a hill.

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DECEASED OF RECON PATROL: TD3, (CHECK POOL) THIRD RECON BN

OPERATION ORDER: 321-66

A. MAP: VIETNAM: 1:50,000, SERIES: L-7014, SHEET: 6342 II

DEBRIEFER: L.P. R.G. WALLS DATES: 9 APRIL 69

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
A. COMPOSITION: (6) ENLISTED, (1) U.S.
B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) P50

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) CLAYMORE MINES, (8) PROTECTIVE HAZIS, (8) CS GRENADES

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 65 HE, (1) CS, (6) CANDYS, (2) LAV

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED AREA TO DETERMINE NATURE AND EXTENT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. BE ESPECIALLY HINTIICE FOR ENEMY ACTIVITY WHICH MAY POSE A THREAT TO CAMP CARROLL. UTILIZE SUPPORTING ARMS FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES AND TROUPLACEMENTS. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER WITHOUT ENDANGERING PATROL OR PATROL MEMBERS.

3. DTC INSERTED: 060745H (TD 060535) NOW: FOOT

4. DTC EXTRACTED: 081615H (TD 120511) NOW: HELO

5. ROUTE: FROM CAMP CARROLL SOUTH TO (TD 100533) SOUTHEAST TO (TD 100919)

SOUTHEAST TO (TD 120512).

6. OBSERVATION OF THE EMERGENCY AND TERRAIN:
A. STOPS: 10 Hours of Reconnaissance Patrolling Resulted in (3) Enemy Sites and 2 Contacts. The patrol found what appeared to be a Polymer Built Enemy Base Camp and Observed 60-70 VC/NVA in the Base Camp. The patrol directed airstrikes on the area with outstanding coverage and unknown results. The patrol heard unusual sounds from the Base Camp and Had 2 VC/NVA KIA (0) By SAF. The area reveals HEAVY ENEMY ACTIVITY AT THE PRESENT TIME. The enemy appears to be using the villages to the south of D-5 Extensively.

C. ENEMY'S
(1) 081100H (YD 105524) PATROL MOVING SOUTHEAST WHEN THEY OBSERVED 12 VC/NVA MOVING SOUTHEAST APPROXIMATELY 100 METERS TO THE PATROLS FLANK VIC (YD 105523). ENEMY WORE MIXED P.J.'S AND (2) WORE PAINTED GREEN UTILITIES. ENEMY PLANNED AN UNKNOWN TYPE WEAPON. PATROL INITIATED SMALL ARMS FIRE AND ENEMY BROKE INTO (2) GROUPS OF ABOUT 6 MEN EACH. THE ENEMY MOVEMENTS APPEARED TO BE WELL REHEarsed. ONE GROUP OF ENEMY RAN BACK TO THE WEST TOWARD THE VILLAGE VIC (YD 095525) AND THE OTHER GROUP RAN TO THE SOUTHEAST INTO A HEDGEROW. THE PATROL SENT OUT A SEARCH TEAM TO CHECK OUT THE AREA AND WOULD BLOOD TRAILS LEADING TO THE SOUTHEAST. PATROL CHECKED THE AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. SEARCH TEAM CHECKED OUT THE AREA TO THE WEST AND OBSERVED (3) VC/NVA RUNNING TOWARD THE VILLAGE. OF THE ENEMY WERE CARRYING ONE OF THE HEREN WHO WAS DRESSED IN GREEN UTILITIES AND WORE A PACK. PATROL FOUNDED THE ENEMY WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS AS HEREN MOVED INTO A HEDGEROW. PATROL CHECKED OUT THE AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AN A.C.O. AND GUNSHIPS CAME ON STATION. GUNSHIPS MADE STRAFFING AND ROCKET RUNS WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. PATROL CONTINUED MISSION.

(2) 081245H (YD 107510) PATROL OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA MOVING WEST ON THE ROAD VIC (YD 105523). ENEMY WERE CLOTHED HATS, WHITE SHIRTS, AND BLACK P.J.'S TROUSERS. PATROL OBSERVED ONE CARRYING. PATROL KEPT THE AREA UNDER SURVEILLANCE.

PATROL CONTINUED MISSION.

(3) 081515H (YD 121511) PATROL HEARD MOVEMENTS APPROXIMATELY 20 METERS TO THE WEST OF THEIR POSITION. PATROL MOVED UP TO CHECKED OUT A SMALL TRAIL RUNNING INTO A HEDGEROW. PATROL HEARD A COUCH AND THE PATROL LEADER AND POINTED INTO THE HEDGEROW TO CHECK OUT THE AREA. PATROL LEADER OBSERVED 60-70 VC/NVA WHO APPEARED TO BE A FRESHLY DIGGED BASE CAMP. THE ENEMY WORE NEW GREEN UTILITIES AND PATROL OBSERVED (2) ENEMY IN MIXED P.J.'S.

PATROL LEADER OBSERVED AT LEAST 15 IN FRESH DUG TRENCHES 4 FEET DEEP, 2 FEET WIDE, AND ABOUT 15 METERS LONG. PATROL FELT THAT THE ENTIRE AREA MIGHT BE COVERED BY THESE TRENCHES. PATROL LEADER OBSERVED (1) 60MM MORTAR AND NUMEROUS AK-47's, SKS's, AND CARABINAS LAYING AROUND THE AREA. MANY OF THE ENEMY APPEARED TO BE SLEEPING WITH OTHERS SITTING AROUND THE AREA OF THE TRENCHES. THE PATROL MOVED BACK APPROXIMATELY 75 METERS AND ATTEMPTED TO CALL AN ARTILLERY MISSION BUT OBSERVED ENEMY MOVEMENT AROUND THEIR POSITION. IT APPEARED AS THOUGH THE ENEMY WAS ATTEMPTING TO ENVELOPE THE PATROL. THE PATROL MOVED OUT OF THE AREA AND ESTABLISHED A DEFENSIVE POSITION IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 121509). AT THIS TIME GUNSHIPS CAME ON STATION AND MADE ROCKET AND STRAFFING RUNS ON THE BASE CAMP AREA. SHORTLY AFTERWARD, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT CAME ON STATION AND MADE ROCKET, STRAFFING, AND NAPALM RUNS ON THE AREA. THE PATROL HEARD NUMEROUS SCREAMS AND HOARS COMING FROM THE AREA AND OBSERVED A NAPALM BOMB LAND DIRECTLY UPON A TRENCH LINE CONTAINING 10-15 ENEMY. WHILE AIR SUPPORT WAS CONDUCTING STRAFFING ON THE BASE CAMP AREA, THE PATROL OBSERVED 2-30 VC/NVA ATTEMPTING TO MOVE OUT OF THE AREA TO THE SOUTHEAST TOWARD THE PATROLS POSITION. PATROL TOOK THE ENEMY UNDER SMALL ARMS FIRE RESULTING IN 2 VC/NVA KIA (C) AND 7 VC/NVA WIA (C). FIXED WING AIRCRAFT AND GUNSHIPS CONTINUED TO RUN SERIENCES ON THE AREA.

TRANSPORT HELICOPTER ARRIVED ON STATION AND EXTRICATION WAS COMPLETED AT 081815H. 345425 DID NOT RECEIVE FIRE DURING EXTRACTION.

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D. OTHER INFORMATION: NONE
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
   A. ENEMY: 2 VC/NVA KIA (C), 7 VC/NVA WIA (C)
   B. FRIENDLY: NONE
   C. CAPTURE/EQUIPMENT: NONE
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL: GOOD, MORALE: GOOD
   A. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:
   B. CONCLUSIONS:
      (1) AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS: HEAVY ACTIVITY IN THE AREA AT THE PRESENT
          TIME. THE ENEMY APPEARS TO BE DIGGING-IN AND PATROL FELL THAT ENEMY WAS
          PLANNING TO STAY IN THE AREA.
   9. HLZ'S: NUMEROUS THROUGHOUT THE AREA.
   10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: THE ENEMY APPEARS TO BE USING THE VILLAGE OF THE
       MAI LOC (YD 110514) EXTENSIVELY. THE PATROL FELL THAT THE BASE CAMP WHICH
       THEY DISCOVERED COULD HAVE INCLUDED AS MANY AS 50 TRENCHES. THIS WOULD
       INDICATE A VERY SUBSTANTIAL SIZE FORCE OPERATING IN THIS AREA. IT APPEARS
       AS THOUGH THE UNIT HAS MOVED INTO THE AREA VERY RECENTLY.

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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 4-24, (ICE BOAT) THIRD FORCE RECON CO
OPERATION ORDER: 327-68 (CPL O'FLYNN)
A. MAP: VIETNAM: 1:50,000, SERIES: L-7014, SHEET: 6342 I
DEBRIEFER: SGT. J.R. GIBSON
DATE: 12 APRIL 68
1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   A. COMPOSITION: (7) ENLISTED, (1) USN
   B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC-25
   D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7x50
   E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (5) CLAYMOR MINES, (2) WP SINGLE GRENADES.
   (a) PROTECTIVE MASSES, (b) CG GRENADES.
   (c) SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 60 HE, (6) CS, (7) CANNISTER, (1) M-14
2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED AREA TO DETERMINE NATURE AND EXTENT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL FOR ENEMY ACTIVITY WHICH MAY POSE A THREAT TO THE ROCK PILE AND ROUTE MINE. UTILIZE SUPPORTING ARMS FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER WITHOUT ENDANGERING PATROL OR PATROLS MISSION.
3. DUG INSERTED: 091600H APR 68 (XD 979545) HOW: FOOT
4. DUG EXTRACTED: 120300H APR 68 (XD 979546) HOW: FOOT
5. ROUTE: FROM (XD 973545) NORTH TO (XD 976563) NORTH TO (XD 979599) SOUTH TO (XD 982554) SOUTH TO (XD 974546).
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   A. SYNOPTIS: 65 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE PATROLLING RESULTED IN NO ENEMY SIGHTINGS OR CONTACTS. PATROL HEARD APPROXIMATELY TWENTY HOOKETS BEING FIRED AT THE ROCK PILE.
   B. ENEMY: NONE
   C. TERRAIN: STEEP HILLS WITH SPARSE TO MODERATE CANOPY TWENTY TO THIRTY FEET HIGH WITH DENSE STACH AND ELEPHANT GRASS TWO TO FOUR FEET HIGH.
   1. COMMUNICATION: EXCELLENT
   2. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: POOR TO NON-EXISTANT
   3. RATES OF MOVEMENT: TWO HUNDRED TO FIVE HUNDRED METERS PER HOUR.

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D. OTHER INFORMATION:
111100H AND 111300H (XD 983509) TEAM WAS OCCUPYING AN OP WHEN ON TWO OCCASIONS HEARD AN ESTIMATED TEN ROCKETS FIRED IN DIRECTION OF ROCK PILE. ROCKETS SUSPECTED TO HAVE INITIATED FROM VICINITY OF GRID SQUARE (XD 9863). COUNTER BATTERY FIRE DRAWN WITHIN TWO HUNDRED METERS OF TEAM'S POSITION. TEAM REQUESTED CHECK FIRE AND REPORTED SUSPECTED ENEMY ROCKET SITE. TEAM CONTINUED MISSION.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL: GOOD MORALE: GOOD

9. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:
A. RECOMMENDATIONS: HAVE PATROLS COVER GRID SQUARE (XD 9958 AND 9959) SO PATROLS CAN HAVE SUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF WATER WITHOUT LEAVING THEIR RECON ZONE.
B. CONCLUSIONS: AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS NEGATIVE SIGNS OF ENEMY MOVEMENT OR ACTIVITY.

9. ILZ'S:
A. (XD 978505) SITE WILL ACCOMMODATE ONE CH-46. SITE IS TOP OF HILL WITH OLD INFANTRY POSITION. BEST APPROACH HEADING NORTH WITH NO OBSTACLES.
10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: COUNTER FIRE FROM THE ROCK PILE WAS DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO THE PATROLS POSITION AND WAS INEFFECTIVE DUE TO THE FACT IT WAS APPROXIMATELY FOUR THOUSAND METERS FROM SUSPECTED LOCATION CALLED IN BY PATROL.
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DEBRIEF OR RECON PATROL: 181, (CRYSTAL STAR) THIRD RECON BN
OPERATION ORDER: 334-68
(CPL MOFFET)
M.A.P: VIETNAM: 1:50,000, SERIES: L-7014, SHEET: 6542 III
DEBRIEFER: CPL. W.B. HESD DATE: 18 APRIL 68

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
   A. COMPOSITION: (6) ENLISTED, (1) USN
   B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENT: (1) USING SCOUT DOG WITH HANDLER
   C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
   D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7X50
   E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) CLAYMORE MINES, (2) WP HAND GRENADES, (6)
   PROTECTIVE HAZES, (4) CS GRENADES, (15) FIRECRACKER
   F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH 50 HE, (9) CS, (6) CANISTER, (1) SHOTGUN
   WITH 900 ROUNDS

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED AREA TO
   DETERMINE NATURE AND EXTENT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL
   FOR ENEMY ACTIVITY WHICH MAY POSE A THREAT TO THE ROCK PILE AND ROUTE MINE.
   UTILIZE SUPPORTING ARMS FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS.
   MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER WITHOUT ENDANGERING PATROL OR PATROLS
   MISSION.

3. DTG INSERTED: 140900H (XD 9655530) NOW: FOOT
4. DTG EXTRACTED: 180900H (XD 970514) NOW: FOOT
5. ROUTE: FROM (XD 970534) SOUTH TO (XD 965151) SOUTH TO (XD 964514)
   TO NEAR TO (XD 970519).

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   A. SYNOPSIS: 96 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE PATROLLING RESULTED IN ONE ENEMY
   SIGHTING AND NO ENEMY CONTACTS. THE PATROL FIRED A FIRECRACKER ARTILLERY
   MISSION OF SIX ROUNDS ON THE FIFTEEN IVAs WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGETS AND
   UNKNOWN RESULTS. THE PATROL FOUND SEVERAL OLD BUNKER COMPLEXES. AREA
   REVEALS LIGHT ENEMY ACTIVITY.
   B. TERRAIN: STEEP HILLS WITH THICK UNDERGROWTH AND CANOPHY TO FIFTEEN FEET
      IN THE LOW GROUND AND ELEPHANT GRASS TO FIFTEEN FEET ON THE HILLS.
      GOOD OP SITES AT (XD 965513), (XD 961511). GOOD CAMOUFLAGE AND CONCEALMENT.
   (1) COMMUNICATION: EXCELLENT
   (2) NATURAL WATER SOURCES: PLENTIFUL, (XD 967521) - (XD 959519) A LARGE
      STREAM NOT INDICATED ON THE MAP.
   (3) RATE OF MOVEMENT: 100 METERS PER HOUR

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(4) Trails: (XD 959516) Numerous small trails throughout this area. Trails
do not appear to be well used.

C. Enemy:
171130H (XD 964513) Patrol observed ten-fifteen EVA moving in
brush vid
(XD 9665900). Enemy wore green utilities, arms and equipment could not be
observed. Patrol called a firecracker artillery mission of six rounds with
good coverage of target and unknown results. Patrol kept area under surveillance
but could detect no movement. An A/C checked out the area but could not
observe any movement. Patrol continued mission.

D. Other Information:
150900H (XD 961521) Patrol found a bunker complex of approximately twenty-five
bunkers. Bunkers were located in thick underbrush and appeared to be about
six months old. The tops of most of the bunkers were caved in and the bunkers
did not appear to have been recently used.
151000H (XD 959516) Patrol found a bunker complex of the-fifteen bunkers
approximately 500 meters southwest of the first complex discovered. These
bunkers also appeared to be about six months old and had not been recently
used. Patrol noted numerous trails throughout this area.
161030H (XD 965513) Patrol found a company size bunker complex including
the top of a hill vic (XD 965513). Patrol observed what appeared to be old
mortar positions. The bunker complex appeared to be about six months old.

Many trails throughout the area which did not appear to be well used.
Patrol continued mission.
171200H (XD 961511) Patrol found several old bunkers on hill 267. The bunkers
appeared to be about six months old and were well camouflaged from observation
from the air due to canopy in the area.

6. Results of encounters with the enemy: none

7. Condition of patrol: physical: good morale: good

8. Recommendations and conclusions:
A. Recommendations: scout dogs should not be used in this area due to dense
undergrowth. Patrols should carry a starlight scope.
B. Conclusions: area covered by patrol reveals little or no enemy activity
at the present time. Heavy friendly activity in the area.

9. HZ's:
A. (XD 9650) whole grid square can be used as an HZ.

10. Debrief comments: concur with patrol leader.
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SUMMARY OF RECON PATROL: 383, (SKY MERCHANT) THIRD RECON BN
OPERATION ORDER: 355-68
A. MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000, SERIES: L-7014, SHEET: 6342 II
B. RECONDUCT: GY/SQT. J.M.I. LOPEZ 19 APRIL 68

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
   A. COMPOSITION: (7) BILLISTED, (1) USM
   B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
   C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/FRC 25
   D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7X50
   E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) CLAYMORE MINES, (8) WP HAND GRENADES, (8)
   PROTECTIVE MASKS, (8) CS GRENADES,
   F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-60 WITH 2000 ROUNDS

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED AREA
   TO DETERMINE NATURE AND EXTENT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL
   FOR ENEMY ACTIVITY WHICH MAY POSE A THREAT TO CAMP CARROLL. UTILIZE SUPPORTING
   ARMS FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS. MAKE EVERY
   EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER WITHOUT ENDANGERING PATROL OR PATROLS MISSION.

3. DTG INSERTED: 161600H (YD 097473) HOU: HELO
4. DTG EXTRACTED: 181630H (YD 076485) HOU: HELO
5. ROUTE: FROM (YD 096467) NORTHWEST TO (YD 090471) NORTH TO (YD 075495)
6. OBSERVATION OR ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
   A. SYNOPSIS: 49 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE PATROLLING RESULTED IN TWO
   ENEMY CONTACTS WITH APPROXIMATELY FORTY ENEMY AND TWO SIGHTINGS OF APPROXIMATELY
   FIFTY PEOPLE. TEAM CALLED ARTILLERY MISSION OF APPROXIMATELY 150 ROUNDS.
   AREA REVEALS HEAVY ENEMY ACTIVITY.
   B. ENEMY:
   181530H (YD 076484) TEAM MOVED NORTH ON THE RIDGES TO GET AN ARTILLERY
   DAMAGE ASSESSMENT. PATROL MOVED APPROXIMATELY 150 METERS AND STARTED
   TO RECEIVE A SMALL VOLUME OF SAF FIRE.
EVERY INCREASED VOLUMES OF SA/AN FIRE. PATROL ESTIMATED THIRTY-FORTY ROUNDS WERE UPON THE RIDGELINE. PATROL MOVED OUT TO DEFENSIBLE POSITION. TEAM CALLED AN ARTILLERY MISSION OF APPROXIMATELY FIFTY ROUNDS. AN A.O.C. GATE ON STATION AND AIR STRIKES WERE CONDUCTED ON THE RIDGELINE WITH OUTSTANDING COVERAGE WHICH RESULTED IN APPROXIMATELY FOUR SMALL SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AND ONE LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOSION. BY THIS TIME TWO CH-46'S, TRANSPORT HELOS AND GUARDSHIPS CAME ON STATION AND ONE CH-46 EXTRACTED THE TEAM AT 191600H.

C. TERRAIN: STEEP HILLS WITH EXTREMELY DEEP DEPRESSIONS TO THE SOUTH OF THE RIVER RUNNING EAST AND WEST VIC (TD 060487). ON TOP OF THE RIDGELINES THERE IS DOUBLE CANOPY TWENTY-THIRTY FEET HIGH. ELEPHANT GRASS IS APPROXIMATELY TWELVE FEET HIGH.

1. COMMUNICATION: GOOD
2. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: AS NOTED ON THE MAP WITH SMALL STREAMS BRANCHING OFF THE MAIN STREAM.
3. RATE OF MOVEMENT: 100 METERS PER HOUR
4. TRAILS: THERE IS AN EXTENSION OF THE TRAIL INDICATED ON THE MAP AT VIC (TD 082486) RUNNING SOUTHWEST ALONG THE SIDE OF THE RIDGE TO VIC (TD 075482). THIS IS ONE METER WIDE AND IS WELL USED RECENTLY. THIS TRAIL CANNOT BE SEEN FROM THE AIR.

D. OTHER INFORMATION:
171700H (TD 076484) TEAM HEARD MOVEMENT FIFTY METERS TO THE NORTH. TEAM THEN HEARD TALKING OF THREE TO SIX PEOPLE WHICH SOUNDED AS IF THEY WERE Women AND CHILDREN. MOVEMENT HEADED TO THE NORTH WEST. TEAM CONTINUED MISSION.

181100H (TD 076485) TEAM HEARD TALKING AND MOVEMENT ALL AROUND THEIR POSITION FOR ABOUT TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS. PATROL HEARD HEAVY MOVEMENT OUT TO THE SOUTH OFF THE HILL. ONE ENEMY DRESSED IN JUNGLE UTILITIES AND ARMED WITH AN UNKNOWN TYPE WEAPON STAYED BACK FROM THE MAIN GROUP. ENEMY MOVED WITHIN TENT FEET OF THE TEAM. ENEMY SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR SOMETHING. THE TEAM ATTEMPTED TO APPEAR THE ENEMY BUT THE ENEMY HEARD THE TEAM AND MOVED OUT TO THE WEST. PATROL LOST SIGHT OF THE ENEMY. THE TEAM STARTED TO MOVE OUT TO THE EAST WHEN TWO MEMBERS OF THE PATROL HEARD A VIETNAMESE SAY "DUNG LAI MARINE". THE TWO MEMBERS STOPPED AND HEARD A SAFETY CLICK APPROXIMATELY TEN TO FIFTEEN FEET TO THE NORTH. PATROL INITIATED SMALL ARMS FIRE WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. PATROL HEARD HOAN FROM THE AREA WHERE THEY HAD SEEN THE ENEMY. PATROL RECEIVED A MODERATE VOLUME OF SA/AN FIRE FROM THE NORTH AND NORTHWEST. PATROL RECEIVED FIRE FROM AN ESTIMATED SEVEN ENEMY. TEAM MOVED OUT TO THE SOUTH TO VIC (TD 076484). THE PATROL FIRE IT HAS BEEN FOLLOWED. TEAM CALLED AN ARTILLERY MISSION OF APPROXIMATELY 100 ROUNDS WITH GOOD TARGET COVERAGE, AND UNKNOWN RESULTS. PATROL CONTINUED MISSION.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: UNKNOWN
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL: GOOD MORALE: GOOD
8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:
A. RECOMMENDATIONS: TAKE PLENTY OF WATER WHEN MOVING TO THE HIGH GROUND. DO NOT TAKE AN M-60 BECAUSE OF THE THICK VEGETATION WHICH AFFORDS NO YIELDS OF FIRE. TAKE AT LEAST ONE PAIR OF BINOCULARS AND A STARLIGHT SCOPE.
B. CONCLUSIONS: AREA COVERED BY THE TEAM REVEALS HEAVY ENEMY ACTIVITY. POSSIBLE INFILTRATION ROUTE BECAUSE OF THE FOUR MARINES OPERATIONS RECENTLY CONDUCTED IN THE AREA.

9. BLZ'S:
A. (TD 097473) SITE CAN ACCOMMODATE THREE CH-46'S. SITE IS BASE OF POT 206. SITE HAS ELEPHANT GRASS UP TO SIX FEET HIGH. BEST APPROACH FROM EAST-WEST. NO OBSTACLES.
B. (YD 076485) SITE IS A FINGER. SITE WILL ACCOMMODATE TWO CH-46's. HAS ELEPHANT GRASS TO SIX FEET HIGH. BEST APPROACH FROM THE NORTH WITH SOME TREES WHICH MIGHT BE AN OBSTACLE.

10. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: CONCUR WITH PATROL LEADER.

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DEPARTMENT OF RECON METRO: 161 (OPERATION: PENTAF) THIRD RECON 56

OPERATION ORDER: 302-601L (1/06 1961)

A. MAP: VIETNAM: 1:50,000; SCALE: 1-7014; SHEET: 6942 XII & XIII

DEPART: AT T.O. DATE: 18 APRIL 60

1. SOUTH, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT
   A. COMPOSITION: (9) RECON
   B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: none
   C. CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL: (2) R.C. VEHICLES
   D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (4) VEHICLES
   E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) GRAVITY MINE, (4) MP RIFLE GRENADERS, (3) 1 FIGHT MINE
   F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) 6-73 COMBINATION, (3) CS, (12) CHEMICAL, (1) M-14

2. MISSION: COLLECT PHOTOGRAPHIC AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED AREA TO DECREASE THE VEHICLE AND ATTACK TEAM ACTIVITY WHICH MAY CAUSE A TYPICAL OR THE MILES WARNING SIGN. PROVIDE SUPPORTING AREA FOR THE DISCERNMENT OF ENEMY CONCEALED IN THE TALL GRASS OR TREES, USE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE ANY ENEMY COUNTERATTACK OR IMPROVISATION MISSION.

3. DAT INSTRUCT: (1) GRASP (4) COMBINATION, (3) CS, (12) CHEMICAL, (1) M-14

4. DISPOSITION: (10) COMBINATION, (3) CS, (12) CHEMICAL

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY

   A. STRENGTH: (1) GRASP, 6 COMBINATION, 2 CS, 12 CHEMICAL

   B. OBSERVATION: WAVE ON ENEMY, THEN UNDERTAKE A MEDICAL TREATMENT OR SEND BLOODY ROUTE TIMING BACK

   C. AREA: THE AREA WHERE THE MISSION IS CONDUCTED IN THE TALL GRASS OR TREES, USE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE ANY ENEMY COUNTERATTACK OR IMPROVISATION MISSION.

   D. ATTACK: USE WEAPONS OF COMBINATION, CS, CHEMICAL FOR THE ENEMY COUNTERATTACK OR IMPROVISATION MISSION.

   E. AMMO CONSUMPTION: (1) GRASP (4) COMBINATION, (3) CS, (12) CHEMICAL FOR THE MISSION.
UPON LEAVING THE INSERTION FIELD, THE PATROL RECEIVED A BURST OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM APPROXIMATELY 75 METERS TO THE SOUTH. THE PATROL MOVED ABOUT 50 METERS FROM THE LZ WHEN THEY HEARD MOVEMENT FROM AN ESTIMATED SIX-EIGHT MILES FIFTY METERS TO THE EAST. PATROL CONTACTED GUARDIANS WHICH WERE STILL ON STATION. FIXED WING AIR STRIKES WERE CONDUCTED 75 METERS TO THE SOUTH OF THE PATROLS POSITION ON SUSPECTED ENEMY LOCATIONS. TRANSPORT HELICOPTERS CAME INTO THE ZONE FOR EXTRACTION OF THE PATROL AND RECEIVED HEAVY SMALL ARMS/AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. PATROL ESTIMATED AT LEAST TEN-FIFTEEN EMNTRY WERE FIRING AT THE LZ. EXTRACTION OF PATROL COMPLETED AT 181125H.

C. TERRAIN: HIGH ROLLING HILLS WITH ELEPHANT GRASS FIFTEEN - TWENTY FEET IN THE LOWGROUND AND FIFTEEN - EIGHTEEN FEET IN THE HIGHGOUND. LOW GROUND CHARACTERIZED BY THICK UNDERGROWTH TEN - FIFTEEN FEET.

1. CONFIGURATION: GOOD WITH TAPE ANTENNA IN HIGH GROUND.
2. NATURAL WATER SOURCES: ABUNDANT
3. RATE OF MOVEMENT: 200 - 300 METERS PER HOUR
4. TRAILS: E 035636 - (E 037472) A TRAIL THREE FEET WIDE WHICH APPEARED TO BE WELL USED. TRAIL APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN RECENTLY USED. NUMEROUS TRAILS THROUGHOUT THE AREA, MOST TRAILS APPEAR TO RUN EARTH-SOUTH.

D. OTHER INFORMATION: N/O
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
A. ENEMY: UNABLE TO OBSERVE
B. FRIENDLY: N/A
C. CAPTIVES/EQUIPMENT: NONE
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL: GOOD MORALE: GOOD
8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:
A. RECOMMENDATIONS: IT APPEARS AS THOUGH ENTIRE AREA IS BEING OBSERVED BY ENEMY IN THE HIGH GROUND.
B. CONCLUSIONS: AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS: MODERATE TO HEAVY ENEMY ACTIVITY AT THE PRESENT TIME. ENEMY APPEARS TO BE MOVING SUPPLIES ON THE TRAILS FROM NORTH TO SOUTH. AT LEAST A COMPANY SIZE UNIT APPEARS TO BE OPERATING IN THIS AREA.
9. HULS: NUMEROUS THROUGHOUT THE AREA.
10. DETERMINATION: IT APPEARS AS THOUGH NO AIR STRIKES HAD BEEN CONDUCTED IN THIS AREA PRIOR TO THE FIXED WING PREP.
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DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL: 3E3, (SKY MERCHANT) THIRD RECON BN

OPERATION ORDER: 5-12-68 (CPL YUREK)

A. MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000, SERIES: L-7014, SHEET: 6442 XII

DEBRIEFER: LT. R.G. WALLS DATE: 25 APRIL 67

I. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: (7) ENLISTED, (1) UNM

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE

C. COMMUNICATION&EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25

D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 7x50

E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) Claymore Mines, (8) Protective Masks, (2) CS Grenades,

F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH (45) HE 

II. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED AREA TO DETERMINE ENEMY ACTIVITY. BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL FOR ENEMY ACTIVITY ALONG ROUTE 558 AND TOWARD D-5. UTILIZE SUPPORTING ARMS FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER WITHOUT ENDANGERING PATROL OR PATROLS MISSION.

III. DTG INSERTED: 221730H (TD 153456) HOW: HELO

IV. DTG EXTRACTED: 251000H (TD 183447) HOW: HELO

V. ROUTE: FROM (TD 207439) NORTHWEST TO (TD 200446) WEST TO (TD 190444) SOUTHEAST TO (TD 195442) NORTH TO (TD 194446)

VI. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. SYNOPSIS: 642 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE PATROLLING RESULTED IN THREE ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND ONE ENEMY CONTACT. THE PATROL AMBUSHED TWO VC/NAV AND CAPTURED ONE VC/NAV WHO DIED ON ARRIVAL AT D-5. ENEMY ACTIVITY APPEARS TO BE LIGHT TO MODERATE AT THE PRESENT TIME.

B. ENEMY:

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230930H (YD 150455) Patrol moving east when rear security observed two VC/NVA moving north on a ridgeline vic (YD 143445). Enemy was dark uniform, arms and equipment could not be observed. Patrol lost sight of the enemy. No action taken. Patrol continued mission.

24015H (YD 164445) Patrol in an OP site when it observed two VC/NVA moving east on a trail vic (YD 164445). Patrol kept the area under surveillance but lost sight of the enemy. No action taken. The patrol continued mission.

250945H (YD 104444) Patrol in an ambush site on a trail vic (YD 104444) observed two VC/NVA moving east on the trail. One enemy wore black P.J.'s, bush cover, pack, sandals, and was armed with PPS-43 and the other enemy wore light green utilities, using utility cover, heavy pack, and unknown type weapon. The enemy approached the killing zone and patrol initiated saf resulting in two VC/NVA via (C). The enemy wearing utilities ran down a gully to the north. Patrol threw grenades and fired M-79 rounds into the area. Patrol is sure that they killed the enemy but were unable to check out the area to confirm the kill. Patrol moved into killing zone to check out the area and found the enemy dressed in black P.J.'s. Corpsman administered aid to the POW and patrol called for M3-MVAC. Patrol moved approximately 200 meters to an HLZ. Patrol heard movement from the ambush area. Patrol fired M-79 rounds into the area.

Gunships and transport helos came on station. Gunships made rocket and strafing runs on suspected enemy positions. Patrol was extracted with one VC/NVA POW. The POW died on arrival at D-med.

C. Terrain: Rolling hills with elephant grass from three feet to twenty feet. There are scattered areas of canopy ten to fifteen feet with thick undergrowth. The map is very accurate in this area.

Good ops at (YD 103447), (YD 164445), and (YD 184444).

1. Communication: Good with tape antenna.
2. Natural water sources: Plentiful
3. Rate of movement: 500 meters per hour
4. Trails: (YD 181445) (YD 186446) a trail one-three feet wide which runs northwest to southeast. The trail appears to be very well used recently. (YD 182445) a trail one foot wide running north to south along a stream. Trail does not appear to be well used. (YD 186446) a trail two feet wide which runs north-south along the ridgeline. Trail does not appear to be well used.

D. Other Information: None

E. Results of encounters with the enemy:
A. Enemy: One VC/NVA POW who died and one VC/NVA via (C).
B. Friendly: None
C. Capture/equipment: One PPS43 with three magazines, two blasting caps, cartridge belt with caiman, and various personal gear.

F. Condition of patrol: Physical: Good. Morale: Good

G. Recommendations and conclusions:
A. Recommendations: That patrols check out the area around Hill 240 (YD 190449). That Hill 240 be hit with artillery and possibly TPQ.
B. CONCLUSIONS: AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS LIGHT-MODERATE ENEMY ACTIVITY AT THE PRESENT TIME. ENEMY APPEARS TO BE MAKING EXTENSIVE USE OF HILL 240 VIC (YD 199439). ENEMY MOVEMENT APPEARS TO BE GENERALLY EAST TO WEST.

9. DETAILS:
A. (YD 166452) SITE WILL ACCOMMODATE TWO CH-46's. SITE IS HILLTOP WITH LOW ELEPHANT GRASS. BEST APPROACH FROM THE NORTH WITH NO OBSTACLES.
B. (YD 185442) SITE WILL ACCOMMODATE TWO CH-46's. SITE IS HILLTOP WITH LOW ELEPHANT GRASS. BEST APPROACH FROM THE WEST WITH A TREE THIRTY-FIVE FEET TO THE NORTH OF THE SITE.

10. OBSERVER'S COMMENTS: CONCUR WITH THE PATROL LEADER.

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DEPARTMENT OF RECON PATROL
2A2, (DEL MAR) 3D RECON BN

OPERATION ORDER: 400-68

DEPARTMENT: GYSGT. J.M.I. LOPEZ
DRAFTS: 19 APRIL 68

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
A. COMPOSITION: (7) ENLISTED, (1) USN
B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: (1) RCS
C. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
D. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) 750-
E. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (4) CLAYMORE MINES, (4) 1P RIFLE GRENADES,
(10) PROTECTIVE MASKS, (10) CS GRENADES,
F. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79 WITH (55) HE, (10) CANISTER, (1) M-60
WITH (900) ROUNDS

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE IN ASSIGNED
AREA TO DETERMINE NATURE AND EXTENT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. BE ESPECIALLY
WATCHFUL OF NORTH-SOUTH TRAILS AND THEIR FREQUENCY OF USE. UTILIZE
SUPPORTING ARMS FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS.
DO NOT FIRE SUPPORTING ARMS ON LESS THAN TEN PERSONNEL WITHOUT APPROVAL.
MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER WITHOUT ENDANGERING PATROL
OR PATROLS MISSION.

3. DTG INSERTED: 251300H (YD 304532) HO; FOOT
4. DTG EXTRACTED: 017300H (YD 245482) HO; HELO
5. ROUTE: FROM (YD 304530) SOUTHWEST TO (YD 270506) SOUTHWEST TO
(YD 249480) WEST TO (YD 239475) EAST TO (YD 245479)
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
A. SYNOPHOS: 76 HOURS OF RECONNAISSANCE RESULTED IN ONE ENEMY
CONTACT WITH SEVEN VC/NVA. AS A RESULT OF THE CONTACT, THE ENEMY
SUFFERED THREE KIA (C) AND THE PATROL CAPTURED TWO AK-47'S AND
VARIUS OTHER GEAR. THIS AREA REVEALS MODERATE ENEMY ACTIVITY AT
THE PRESENT TIME.
B. ENEMY:

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C. TERRAIN: LOW ROLLING HILLS WITH ELEPHANT GRASS TWO-TIRED FEET HIGH AND SCATTERED AREAS OF THICK UNDERGROWTH AND BRUSH FIVE TO TEN FEET HIGH. GOOD OP SITE AT (YD 222402).

(1) COMMUNICATION: GOOD WITH 'HIP ATTENTIA PATROL EXPERIENCED SEVERAL INTRUSIONS CONSISTING OF MUSIC AND YELLING.
(2) NATURAL WATER SOURCES: AS INDICATED ON THE MAP.
(3) RATES OF MOVEMENT: PATROL LEADER'S DISCRETION.
(4) TRAILS: MAJOR TRAILS INDICATED ON THE MAP.

D. OTHER INFORMATION: NONE

7. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
A. ENEMY: THREE VC/HVA KIA (C), ONE VC/HVA WIA (C)
B. FRIENDLY: NONE
C. CAPTURE/EQUIPMENT: TWO AK-47'S WITH THREE MAGAZINES, TWO CAMERAS, ONE Poncho, ONE 'BILLI PULLS' WITH DOCUMENTS (POEMS) AND OTHER ASSORTED GEAR.

8. CONDITION OF PATROL: PHYSICAL: GOOD MORALES: GOOD

9. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:
A. RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE
B. CONCLUSIONS: AREA COVERED BY PATROL REVEALS MODERATE ENEMY ACTIVITY AT THE PRESENT TIME. THE ENEMY APPEARS TO BE INFILTRATING THROUGH THIS AREA.

10. ULZ'S: THE ENTIRE AREA CAN BE UTILIZED FOR ULZ'S.

11. DERAILMENTS COMMENTS: THE ENEMY ENCOUNTERED APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN DISORGANIZED WHEN CONTACT WAS MADE. THE ENEMY REACTED POORLY WHEN FIRED UPON (THE ENEMY DID NOT RETURN FIRE).