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Summary

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Notebook of an unidentified VC infiltrator, possibly a Company Commander.

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COMPANY STRENGTH

The Company, designation unknown, is composed of 185 men grouped into 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Platoons. The 1st Platoon, composed of 65 men, is commanded by VU and THU; the 2nd Platoon, composed of 45 men, is commanded by MDI and NAM; the 3rd Platoon, composed of 45 men, is commanded by NDAI and CHUPH; and the 4th Platoon, composed of 46 men, is commanded by TAH and TENG.

Personal assigned to:

C.2. 1 AA (12.7) 350th Regiment, 332d Regiment, 30th Regiment, 7 men
K.5. 635th BN/21st Regiment, 2nd Platoon, 16 men
K.6. 966th BN/30th Regiment, 2nd Platoon, 17 men
B.10. Unit: 12 men
Explosive Unit: 2 men
K.3. 633th BN/32nd Regiment, 1st Battalion, 2 men
H.5. 635th BN/32nd Regiment, 1st Battalion, 1st Division, 10 men
H.6. 99th BN/2nd Battalion, 1st Division, 8 men

Notes taken along the infiltration route:

KIN IS A VIETNAMESE CLASSIFICATION EQUIVALENT TO CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL BE HANDLED ACCORDINGLY.
From milestones 2-11, move 1200m, turn left to reach Van Village (No 2 Depot Village). If hit by an air-strike, follow 24 and 3rd Artillery Units. On reaching milestone 19, move 5 more kilometers and turn right into the forest. Crossed a bridge that had been hit many times by air-strike. Ran rapidly along a concrete bridge. 1200 hours, 21-22-18 and the Battalion Headquarters arrived. Spent the night in the jungle. Measures taken to prevent malaria. 1300 hrs tomorrow, the Political Officer will hold a meeting.

- The bridge was jammed with men. Cooked rice.
- 4th Platoon pulled back 500m and spent the night in the jungle.
- Received rice, meat, salt and spent the night in the jungle.
- Crossed on a ferry and 21 by passed its position for the 2d time.
- Climbed on slippery slope.
- Took a bath in a stream.
- CID and KHANG dried clothing, not in compliance with the regulations.
- 21 forgot to put out the light.
- Climbed a slope with comrade KOW and learned a lesson on SW geography.
- dug fortifications, made baskets and gathered sand to listen to comrade THEAHN's TET greeting letter. Too cold because of the morning mist and very tired.
- Fell asleep beside a stream near Slope 45.
- HIDU fell down and wept. Slept on the ground covered with ants.
- Met TISDU going to get rice. The enemy dropped bombs at night.

Notes taken on a critique held between command cadre:

- TUN: "Comrade TUYET cursed loudly when his tired-out men collapsed after climbing a high slope."
- DAN: "Comrade (Illegible) is a hot-tempered man whose loud shouting violated secrecy and prevented us from approaching him."
- TUN: "The Company Adjutant should check rice ration and the scales because it seemed that the 200-gram ration was not weighed correctly."
Commune. The Chairperson should hold his anger and prove his good leadership by helping his men."

JUNG: "Company cadre were serious, straight, enthusiastic and resolute in carrying out every directive and decision of the Group Chapter."

Report sent to the Front Party Chapter on the situation of 321.

- Combat readiness was noted along with good administration and assignment of work.
- Secrecy was observed.
- Good security (with adequate fortifications) was maintained.

Strength status: 117 men available (2 sick and 2 deserted).

Weapons and equipment status:
- SA: 20 (2 cleaning rods and 1 oiler missing).
- SA ammo: 2,926.
- SK: 4 (1 good and 3 in 3d echelon).
- SK ammo: 120 rounds.
- Shovels: 77.
- Pickaxes: 16.
- Grenades: 228 (2 missing fuses).
- Medical boxes: 33.
- Battery boxes: 10.

Rice receipt:
"Received from Commune HUIMN, from C.22, 3,780 kilos of rice issued by the Quartermaster".

31 January 1966.
(Signed)
TRI, QM

Orders during the movement:
- Requirements:
  - Insurement of combat readiness, security and troops' health.
  - Under all circumstances, a commander must be resolute to fight and win the battle.
  - Reconnaissance agents should stay close to the enemy at all times.
  - Preservation of secrecy.

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Establishment of close liaison to control troops. Practice during the movement:

- Elements should move out each 3-5 minutes, one after the other, and platoons every 10-15 minutes.
- Speed is not very important; 3-9 hours a day of marching is enough.
- Troops should be checked closely from 3-man cells and up.
- Troops should disperse at suspicious areas during halts.
- Fire-fighting equipment and anti-aircraft weapons should be always carried along during the movement for use during and after air-attacks.
- Transportation facilities should be procured to carry at least 20 days of rations and the necessary quantity of ammunition.
- Troops must sleep in covered places located off the roads and they are not authorized to enter villages to meet the inhabitants.

**Coded ranks and positions**

- Probationary Party member: A.100
- Official Party member: A.110
- Party Chapter member: A.100 (including secretary).
- Party Chapters Inters: 1.100
- Party Committee member: 1.100
- Privates: 5/1
- Corporals (Asst. Sec. Int.) 4/3
- Sergeant: 4/3
- Senior Sergeant: 4/3
- Sergeant (Platoon Leader): 3/3
- Lieutenant (Co. X): 3/3
- Senior Lieutenant: 3/3
- Captain: 3/3
- Senior Captain: 3/3
- Major: 3/3
- Lieutenant Colonel: 2/2
- Colonel: 2/3

**USMACV CODE COMMENT:** This is a handwritten notebook of an unidentified VC infiltrator who was possibly a commander of an unknown company. Due to the cramped writing, abbreviated words, and particularly poor condition of the notebook which was torched by a US Marine.
Since the document indicated that personnel of
the company in question were assigned to C.17, 21,
N.5 and F.6, H.4, H.5 and H.6 which were, for the
most part, subordinate to the 320th [Regiment]
445th 411 Division operating in Plisku, Darlac areas.
and also due to the circumstances of capture of this
notebook, this unidentified company is probably sub-
ordinate to one of the above Regiments of the afore-
mentioned Division, and its area of activity in Plisku,
Kontum and Darlac.

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