

PROVISIONAL RECON GROUP BRAVO  
 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion  
 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Amphibious Force  
 c/o FPO, San Francisco, 96602

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, 4th Marines (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology, submission of

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.1

Encl: (1) Co D Operation Order 21-66 dtd 27 March 66  
 (2) Patrol Report 21-66, 28-31 March dtd 31 March 66  
 (3) Co D Operation Order 22-66 dtd 28 March 66  
 (4) Patrol Report 22-66, 28 March-2 April dtd 3 April 66

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted.
2. Reporting Unit - Provisional Recon Group Bravo, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion
3. Commanding Officer - Captain J. L. COMPTON
4. Date of Submission - 9 April 1966
5. Period Covered - 28-31 March 1966
6. Location of Command Post - YD 887134
7. Organizational Data

a. Subordinate units and unit commanders:

Co B(Rein), 3rd Recon Bn	- Capt. J. L. COMPTON
1st Platoon	- 1stLt. J. J. CASSIDY
2nd Platoon	- 1stLt. R. C. DONOHO
3rd Platoon	- 1stLt. G. K. HUDDLESTON
4th Platoon	- 1stLt. B. P. WYATT
Co D, 3rd Recon Bn	- Capt. J. S. TARDY
1st Platoon	- Sgt. E. J. HART
2nd Platoon	- Sgt. W. W. STEVENS
3rd Platoon	- Sgt. E. G. SHANK

b. Narrative Summary. See enclosures (1) through (4).

c. Missions Assigned. The missions of reconnaissance/surveillance were assigned the Group during the reporting period.

d. Training Conducted. Training was conducted in OP procedures and map reading.

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 28-31 March 66

e. Morale and Discipline

- (1) Morale has been extraordinarily high during the reporting period.
- (2) There have been no disciplinary problems during the reporting period.

f. Operational Control

- (1) The Group came under operational control of the 4th Marines at 280800H.

  
JAMES L. COMPTON

RECONNAISSANCE GROUP BRAVO  
 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion  
 3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
 FPO San Francisco 96602

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 5750.1  
 3 June 1966  
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**To:** Commanding Officer, 4th Marine Regiment (Attn: S-3)  
**Subj:** Command Chronology; submission of  
**Ref:** (a) DivO 5750.1

**Encl:** (1) 1st Force Reconnaissance Company Command Chronology, May 66 \*  
 (2) Company "B", (Rein), 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion Command Chronology 28 Apr - May 66  
 (3) Reconnaissance Group Bravo OpO/Patrol Reports not previously submitted - *NOTE: These items are from Co "B"; 3rd Recon BN and appear to be the entire file shown as Encl 2. See other file for Co. B' for add. rpts.*

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1), (2), and (3), are herewith submitted.

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From: Commanding Officer  
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- Encl: (1) Command and Staff Billet Assignments  
 (2) Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn. FragO 2-66 of 020700H April 1966 and Patrol Report 2-66 of 041300H April 1966  
 (3) Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn. FragO 3-66 of 021400H April 1966 and Patrol Report 3-66 of 081300H April 1966  
 (4) Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn. FragO 4-66 of 070800H April 1966 and Patrol Report 4-66 of 081230H April 1966  
 (5) Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn. FragO 5-66 of 080930H April 1966 and Patrol Report 5-66 of 111300H April 1966  
 (6) Co "D", 3rd Recon Bn. FragO 23-66 of 291000H March 1966 and Patrol Report 23-66 of 051200H April 1966  
 (7) Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn. FragO 24-66 of 300900H March 1966 and Patrol Report 24-66 of 041100H April 1966  
 (8) Co "D", 3rd Recon Bn. FragO 25-66 of 021600H April 1966 and Patrol Report 25-66 of 081930H April 1966  
 (9) Co "D", 3rd Recon Bn. FragO 26-66 of 031400H April 1966 and Patrol Report 26-66 of 092000H April 1966  
 (10) Co "D", 3rd Recon Bn. FragO 27-66 of 091030H April 1966 and Patrol Report 27-66 of 140800H April 1966  
 (11) Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn. FragO 28-66 of 101900H April 1966 and Patrol Report 28-66 of 152200H April 1966  
 (12) Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn. FragO 29-66 of 101800H April 1966 and Patrol Report 29-66 of 161000H April 1966  
 (13) Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn. FragO 30-66 of 121200H April 1966 and Patrol Report 30-66 of 162315H April 1966  
 (14) Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn. FragO 31-66 of 121100H April 1966 and Patrol Report 31-66 of 182000H April 1966  
 (15) 1st Force Recon Co FragO 32-66 of 120700H April 1966 and Patrol Report 32-66 of 201900H April 1966  
 (16) Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn. FragO 33-66 of 14200H April 1966 and Patrol Report 33-66 of 201030H April 1966  
 (17) Recon Group OpO 2-66 of 202030H April 1966 and Patrol Report 2-66 of 261900H April 1966  
 (18) Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn. OpO 3-66 of 181500H April 1966 and Patrol Report 3-66 of 250200H April 1966

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1-27 Apr 66

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- (19) Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn. OpO 4-66 of 211500H April 1966 and Patrol Report 4-66 of 262100H 1966
- (20) Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn. OpO 5-66 of 221900H April 1966 and Patrol Report 5-66 of 291230H April 1966

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted.

2. Organizational Data.

- a. Designation. Provisional Reconnaissance Group Bravo.
- b. Location. Phu Bai, Republic of Vietnam (RVN) - YD 887134.
- c. Period Covered. 1 April - 27 April 1966.
- d. Command and Staff Billet. See enclosure (1).
- e. Average Monthly Strength. 5 USMC officers, 115 USMC enlisted and 4 USN enlisted

3. Significant Events.

a. Personnel.

- (1) This organization sustained one KIA and two WIA's as result of engagements with the enemy. One additional WIA resulted from a self-inflicted gun-shot.
- (2) The following awards have been recommended for members of this command as result of their individual actions.
  - (a) Two Bronze Star Medals.
  - (b) One Navy Commendation Medals.
  - (c) Two Purple Heart Meadals.
- (3) Awards received for individuals during this period for past actions while engaging the enemy are as follows.
  - (a) Three Bronze Star Medals
  - (b) One Purple Heart Medal.

b. Training. During this period particular attention was directed to training in the following areas.

- (1) Reporting Procedures.
- (2) Technique of Fire and FAM Firing.
- (3) Planning and Preparing the patrol.

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c. Command and Control.

- (1) The Reconnaissance Group continues to remain under the operational control of the Commanding Officer, 4th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, FMF.
- (2) On 11 April 1966, Company "D", 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion returned to Da Nang, RVN and under OPCON, Commanding Officer, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion.
- (3) Two platoons of 1st Force Reconnaissance Company arrived at Phu Bai, RVN and under OPCON Reconnaissance Group Bravo on 11 April 1966.
- (4) On 15 April 1966 1st Force Reconnaissance Company (-) arrived at Phu Bai, RVN and assumed command of Reconnaissance Group Bravo.
- (5) At 280800H April, OPCON of the 1st Force Reconnaissance Company shifted to the Commanding General, 1st Marine Division. With this shift, command of the Reconnaissance Group returned to the Commanding Officer, Company "B", 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion.
- (6) At 281000H April 1966, Company "A" (-), 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion arrived at Phu Bai, RVN coming under the operational control of Reconnaissance Group Bravo.

d. Close Combat. See enclosures (2) through (20).

- (1) A total of 19 four to five day platoon-sized patrols were conducted during this period.
- (2) A compilation of Viet Cong casualties and weapons captured by the Reconnaissance Group activities are as follows.

(a) <u>VC KIA</u>	11
(b) <u>VC WIA</u>	2
(c) <u>VC KIA (probable)</u>	9
(d) <u>VC WIA (probable)</u>	5
(e) <u>Weapons Captured</u>	6

  
 S. L. OWENS  
 Captain, U. S. Marine Corps  
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COMMAND AND STAFF BILLETS

<u>T/O</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERVICE NO/MOS</u>
Capt.	CO Co "B" (Rein)	OWENS, SAMMY L.	Capt.	085114/0302
1st Lt.	10 Co "B" (Rein)	CASSIDY, JOHN J. JR	1st Lt.	090418/0302
1st Lt.	Plat. Cndr., Co "B" (Rein)	HUDDLESTON, GENE K.	1st Lt.	090414/0302
1st Lt.	Plat. Cndr., Co "B" (Rein)	PRITCHARD, ALEXANDER J.	S/Sgt.	1059501/0369
1st Lt.	Plat. Cndr., Co "B" (Rein)	NICKLOW, JONAS H.	S/Sgt.	1542939/0369
1st Lt.	Plat. Cndr., Co "B" (Rein)	BOYDA, ROBERT J.	Sgt.	1866411/0311
Capt.	CO, Co "A"	BEST, GEORGE V. JR	1st Lt.	084405/0302
1st Lt.	Plat. Cndr., Co "A"	EVANS, NEWMAN G.	Sgt.	1941037/0311
1st Lt.	Plat. Cndr., Co "A"	JOHNSON, GARY L.	Sgt.	2004842/0311

ENCLOSURE (1)

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Phu Bai, Vietnam  
020700 April 1966FRAG ORDER 2-66Ref: (a) Company OpO 1-66  
(b) Map: Vietnam 1:50,000, Sheet No. 6460 11

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: 2nd Platoon, 1stLt. DONOHO

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. See current OPSUMS.
- c. Attachments and Detachments. None.

2. MISSION. Conduct continuous reconnaissance in RZ #1 to determine and report the extent of enemy movement within that area.3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. 2nd Platoon will depart CP LZ at 021900H by helicopter and lift to vicinity YD 522215. Further proceed by foot and establish and maintain OP's as indicated in Annex A (Operation Overlay). OP #1 emphasize observation of the valley vicinity YD 5318. OP's #2 and #3 emphasize observation of the valley vicinity YD 4922. Teams will regroup and be prepared for extraction at 061700H from landing site vicinity YD 528213.

b. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) See Reference (a).
- (2) Landing Zone BLACK is located at coordinates YD 522215 (insertion).
- (3) Landing Zone BROWN is located at coordinates YD 528213 (extraction).
- (4) OP #1 is located at coordinates YD 527205.
- (5) OP #2 is located at coordinates YD 507208.
- (6) OP #3 is located at coordinates YD 503223.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See Reference (a).5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

a. One (1) AN/PRC25 and two (2) AN/PRC10 radios with sufficient batteries to sustain operations.

b. Unit Brevity Code -

- (1) See Reference (a).

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(2) Shackles.

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(3) Call signs:

OP 1 - *MANILLE*  
 OP 2 - *MARIS*  
 OP 3 - *TRESH*

(4) Frequencies

Primary - 41.3  
 Alternate - 49.3  
 Artillery Conduct of fire net - Keyable frequency - 37.0

(5) Thrust Lines change daily at 2400H:

R-Day - 5220, R+1 - 5124, R+2 - 5418, R+3 - 5019, R+4 - 5221

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Annexes:

.. - Operation Overlay

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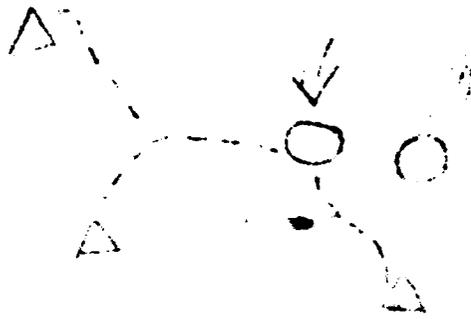
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 Phu Bai, Vietnam  
 041300H April 1966

Frag Order 2-66  
 Patrol: 2nd Platoon  
 Debriefed: 1stLt. DOMOHO  
 Map: Vietnam 1:50,000, Sheet 6460 II

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT

- a. Composition: (11) Enlisted, (1) USN Enlisted
- b. Special Attachments: None
- c. Communications Equipment: 2 AN/PRC-25, 1 AN/PRC-10 radios
- d. Observation Equipment: 2 pair 7X50 binoculars
- e. Special Equipment: None
- f. Special Weapons: None

2. MISSION. Conduct continuous reconnaissance in RZ #1 to determine and report the extent of enemy movement within that area.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 031730H/032200H April 1966.

4. ROUTE. See Annex .. (Operation Overlay).

5. SYNOPSIS

a. The patrol departed the 4th Marines CP at 031730H by helicopter. They landed at approximately 031830H at YD 535225, which was 1500 meters from the proposed HLZ. From the HLZ the patrol moved generally west, guiding on Hill 674 where they were to establish OP's. At about 031845H at YD 534224, contact was made with an estimated VC squad. After breaking contact, they started to move back to the HLZ. At 031900H, contact was again made with an unknown number of VC. Contact was again broken and the patrol returned to the HLZ and established a defensive perimeter. Retraction was started at 031920H and all patrol members were lifted out by 032125H.

b. At the point of first contact, a booby trap was tripped and approximately sixty rounds of automatic weapons fire and three grenades were received. The weapons were believed to be carbines. All enemy fire was reported high and came from two or three directions. Patrol broke contact.

c. On second contact, enemy fire was received on the right flank. The patrol returned a heavy volume of fire and threw several grenades. The patrol again broke contact and returned to the HLZ.

d. A 360° defense was established in the HLZ. No fire was received in the HLZ until the second helicopter left the zone. The helicopter was fired on from YD 538233 by a light caliber automatic weapon; the remaining four men in the HLZ received a short burst from this weapon. The last four patrol members were lifted out at 032125H.

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c. There were no friendly casualties. There was a possible 5 VC KIA's.

6. OBSERVATIONS OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN

a. Observed a trail and creek not shown on the map. The trail was on the side of a hill and along the creek. They are in grid squares YD 5522, 5423 and 5322.

b. Observed footprints on trail that were made by manufactured type boots or shoes. There was evidence that the trail had recently been used. Several trees had been recently cut and harbor sites prepared. It is estimated that sixty people could use the harbor sites.

c. When first contact was made, one man was observed wearing a dark uniform which could have been black pajamas; men had weapons of an unknown type.

d. On second contact, one man was observed on the right front wearing dark green utilities and believed to have a Thompson. Two more men were seen in the creekbed wearing camouflaged utilities and unknown type of weapons.

e. In the HLZ one man was observed in close to the zone and disappeared when a grenade was thrown.

f. Artillery was called from the HLZ and when the guns fired, the VC on the high ground would use a whistle type signal for some purpose. This signal came from an estimated eight positions on the high ground all around the HLZ.

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

a. Initial movement from the HLZ was in heavy jungle. At times, the brush had to be cut through. Visibility was limited.

b. On both contacts, the enemy fire was at short range - estimated 20 to 30 meters.

c. The HLZ was approximately 150 meters in area. It had scrub brush, no trees and had several bomb craters in it. The surrounding hills were high.

d. An empty, blue plastic bag was observed in the creek bed; it was not taken.

e. There was the typical Oriental smell in the HLZ.

f. Artillery missions were called from the HLZ on points of contact and weapons positions. There was good effect on target; one possible VC KIA.

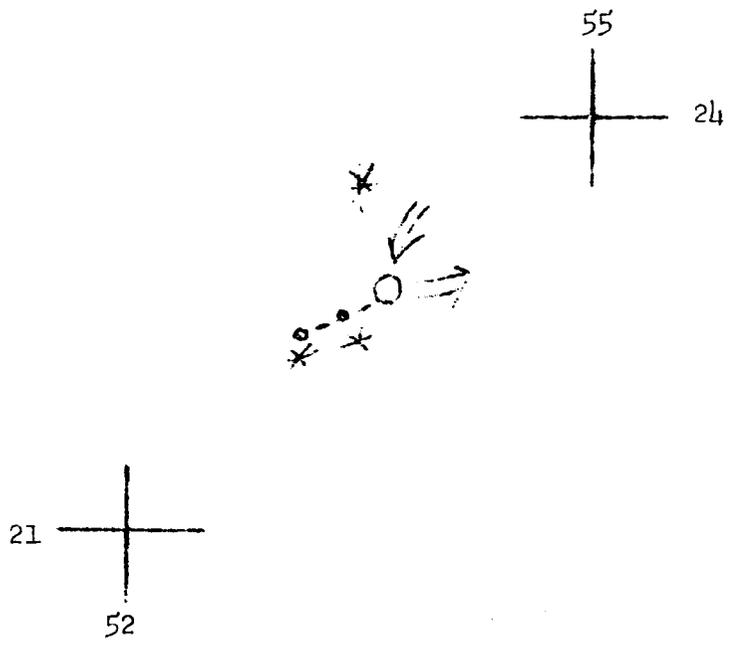
8. RESULTS OF ENEMY ENCOUNTERS. Six (6) KIA's were possible on both contacts and by artillery missions.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL. Good condition, morale high.

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- HLZ
- - - Patrol Route
- Contact

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021100H April 1966FRAG ORDER 3-66Ref: (a) Company B OpO 1-66  
(b) Map: Vietnam 1:50,000, Sheet 6460 II

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: 4th Platoon, Sgt. BOYDA

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSUIS.
- b. Friendly Forces. See current OPSUIS.
- c. Attachments and Detachments. None.

2. MISSION. Conduct continuous reconnaissance in RZ #1 to determine and report the extent of enemy movement within that area.3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. 4th Platoon will depart CP LZ at 031900H by helicopter and lift to vicinity of YD 573160. Further proceed by foot to establish and maintain OP's as indicated in Annex A (Operation Overlay). OP #1 emphasize observation of the river valley vicinity of YD 5716. OP #2 emphasize observation of river valley vicinity of YD 5515. OP #3 emphasize observation of Song Bo river valley vicinity YD 5516. Teams will regroup and be prepared for retraction on 071700H from landing site vicinity YD 585154.

b. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) See reference (a).
- (2) Landing Zone PEACH is located at coordinates YD 573160 (insertion).
- (3) Landing Zone PLUM is located at coordinates YD 585154 (retraction).
- (4) OP #1 is located at coordinates YD 563157.
- (5) OP #2 is located at coordinates YD 560154.
- (6) OP #3 is located at coordinates YD 560165.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See reference (a).5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

a. Two (2) AN/PRC-25 and two (2) AN/PRC-10 radios with sufficient batteries to sustain entire operation.

## b. Unit Brevity Code:

- (1) See reference (a).

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## (2) Shackles:

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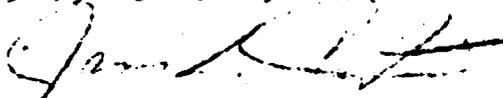
- (3) Call signs: OP #1 - UNITAS  
 OP #2 - STARR  
 OP #3 - NIMATH

## (4) Frequencies:

Primary - 41.3  
 Alternate - 49.3  
 Artillery Conduct of Fire Net - 37.0

## (5) Thrust Lines - Change daily at 2400H:

R-Day - 5124, R+1 - 5418, R+2 - 5019, R+3 - 5221, R+4 - 5123

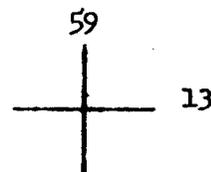
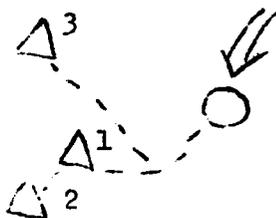
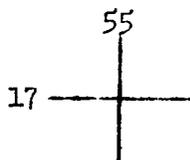
  
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Annexes:

A - Operation Overlay

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LEGEND:

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 081300H April 1966

Frag Order 3-66  
 Patrol: 4th Platoon  
 Debriefed: Capt. OWENS  
 Map: Vietnam I:50,000, Sheet 6460 II

PATROL REPORT

## I. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Composition: (1) Enlisted and (1) USN Enlisted
- b. Special Attachments: None
- c. Communications Equipment: 1 AN/PRC-25 and 2 AN/PRC-10 radios
- d. Observation Equipment: Three (3) pair 7x50 and two (2) pair 6x30 binoculars.
- e. Special Equipment: Signal mirrors
- f. Special Weapons: None

2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance in RZ #1 to determine and report the extent of enemy movement within that area.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 041815H APRIL/061930H APRIL 1966.

4. ROUTE: See attached overlay (Annex A).

## 5. SYNOPSIS:

The patrol departed the 4th Marines CP at 041815H by helicopter. They landed at approximately 041835H at YD 577162, which was 200 meters from the proposed HLZ. The patrol then proceeded N, toward their OP positions. On R+I communication difficulties on the PRC-25 prevented the platoon from establishing their OP's. Unable to get communications, the platoon headed north for retraction by helicopter from vicinity YD 572166, being retracted at 061900H.

b. Two sightings were made totaling 8 VC/VCS. One contact was made resulting in no casualties.

## 6. OBSERVATIONS OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

051615H. Three men moving NW towards river YD 565165. One wearing white and others wearing black. No equipment observed.

061645H. Five VC fired on platoon from rear YD 569163. Unable to determine uniforms. Three carbines and two high caliber weapons, possibly ~~AK-47s~~.

## 7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- a. Cultivated cornfields were observed in YD 574159.
- b. Tops of hills in area cleared and appear to be used but appear to be

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LEGEND:

○ - HLZ

△ - OP

— Patrol Route

- - - Trails not shown  
 on the map

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 Phu Bai, Vietnam  
 070200H April 1966

FRAG ORDER 4-66

Ref: (a) Company B Col 1-66  
 (b) Map: Vietnam 1:50,000, Sheet 6460 VI

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: 1st Platoon, Lt. CASSIDY

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. See current OPSUMS.
- c. Attachments and Detachments. None.

2. MISSION. Conduct continuous reconnaissance in RE #1 to determine and report enemy movement and locations in that area.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. 1st Platoon will depart CP LZ at 071830H by helicopter and lift to vicinity of YD 505240. Further proceed by foot to establish and maintain OP's as indicated in Annex A (Operation Overlay). OP #1 emphasize observation of the river valley vicinity of YD 4823. OP #2 emphasize observation of river valley vicinity of YD 4824. Teams will regroup and be prepared for retraction at 111700H from landing site vicinity YD 498243.

b. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) See reference (a).
- (2) OP #1 is located at coordinates YD 496236.
- (3) OP #2 is located at coordinates YD 490240.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See reference (a).

5. COMBAT AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

a. Two (2) AN/PAC-25 radios with sufficient batteries to sustain the entire operation.

b. Unit Brevity Code:

- (1) See reference (a).
- (2) Shackles:

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(3) Call signs: SF 1 - SUPERMAN  
SF 2 - RICHIE

(4) Frequencies:

Primary - 41.1  
Alternate - 49.3  
Artillery Conduct of Fire Net - 37.0

(5) Thrust Lines change daily at 2400H:

R-Day - 5123, R+1 - 5322, R+2 - 5520, R+3 - 5217, R+4 - 5119

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Captain, U. S. Marine Corps  
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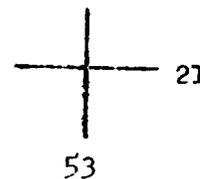
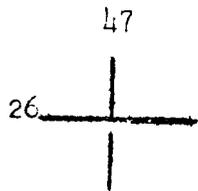
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 Patrol: 1st Platoon  
 Debriefed: Lt. Cassity  
 Map: Vietnam 1:50,000, Sheet 6460 II

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Composition: (13) USMC Enlisted and (1) USN Enlisted
- b. Special Attachments: None
- c. Communication Equipment: Two AN/TRC-25's
- d. Observation Equipment: Two pair of 7x50's binoculars
- e. Special Equipment: None
- f. Special Weapons: None

2. MISSION. Conduct continuous reconnaissance in BZ #1 to determine and report the extent of enemy movement in that area.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 071730H/101500H April 1966

4. ROUTE. See Annex (Operation Overlay)

5. SYNOPSIS. The platoon departed CF area at 071730H and were inserted by helicopter at YD 624219. The platoon then moved to establish two CP's at the coordinates YD 614218. The platoon harbored at that location and the night 07 April 1966 passed without incident.

a. There were no significant sightings the 08 April 1966 and the platoon harbored at the same location without incident the night of 08 April 1966.

b. The platoon harbored for the night at YD 614218. At 100100H movement was heard in the brush approximately 20 feet in front of the platoon's position. Five M-26 grenades were thrown in the direction of the movement.

c. Contact was broken at 100115H and sounds of low moaning was heard from 701315. A bloody field dressing and bloody black IJ's was found at YD 616218.

d. At 101330H eight members of the patrol were overcome by heat exhaustion and a medevac was requested. At 101430H heat casualties weremedevacuated by helilifted from YD 625219 to 4th Marines CP. The remains of the patrol helo lifted to 4th Marines CP at 101500H.

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

a. On hills and fingers vegetation was scrub brush 4-5 feet in height. Water was scarce in this area and could hardly be obtained. The trails appeared to be heavily used but due to the sparse vegetation it is believed that the enemy moved at night.

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**7. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS.**

a. Two VC were killed by grenades. Two SKM 7-62 semi automatic carbines were captured, they were of Chi Com manufacture. In addition 3 stick grenades, 3 1/2 pound block of explosives (electronically detonated) were captured in front of the platoon's position

b. At 100120H the report of a mortar was heard from the base of the hill approximately 70 meters from the platoon's position the round detonated on the reverse side of the hill approximately 70 feet from the platoon's position.

c. No other rounds followed and there was no further contact. The low mowing continued in front of the platoon's position for 4 hours.

d. At 100630H a squad was sent forward to sweep the forward slope of the ridgeline. Two dead VC were discovered. At 101215H the platoon displaced and proceeded to move to 4th Marines at YD 626224.

e. At 101310H the platoon received 2 rounds of sniper fire from VC at YD 620211. There were no casualties, as sniper was out of range.

f. Approximately 200 rounds of ammunition was captured. A bloody field dressing and a bloody set of black pajamas. These were found 200 meters from the first two bodies which leads to believe that at least one or two more VC were wounded. There were no friendly casualties.

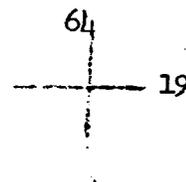
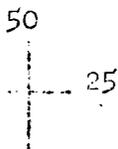
**8. CONDITION OF THE PATROL.** Of the patrol members, eight were suffering from the effects of heat exhaustion. This was due to the sun and lack of water resupply over a three day period. The remainder of the patrol was in good condition.

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FRAG ORDER 5-66

Ref: (a) Company OpO 1-66  
 (b) Map: Vietnam 1:50,000, Sheet 6560 III and 6559 IV

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: 2nd Platoon, Lt. DONOHO

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. See current OPSUMS.
- c. Attachments and Detachments. None.

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance/surveillance operations within RZ #2 to determine and report all enemy movement along the Song Huu Trach river valley complex and the approaches thereto.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. At 081800H, the 2nd Platoon will be helilifted from CP 12 to vicinity YD 762086. The platoon will then proceed by foot to and establish OP's and observe as indicated on Annex A (Operation Overlay). Recovery of the platoon will be effected by helicopter at 121800H from a landing site located at YD 743084.

b. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) See reference (a).
- (2) OP #1 is located at coordinates YD 752028.
- (3) OP #2 is located at coordinates YD 736084.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. See reference (a).
- b. Reports. See Annex B (Reports) of reference (a).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICSa. Communications

- (1) See reference (a) and Annex C (Unit Brevity Code) of reference (a).

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(2) Thrust lines change daily at 2400H:

R-Day - 7005, R+1 - 6904, R+2 - 6807, R+3 - 7007, R+4 - 7106,  
R+5 - 7004

(3) Shackles:

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N Z                    W        R  
                         X        Y

(4) Call signs: OF #1 - ABBOTT  
                  OF #2 - COSTELLO

(5) Frequencies:

Primary - 31.3  
Alternate - 45.7  
Conduct of Fire Net - PAYABLE XRAY - 35.3

b. Command. No change.

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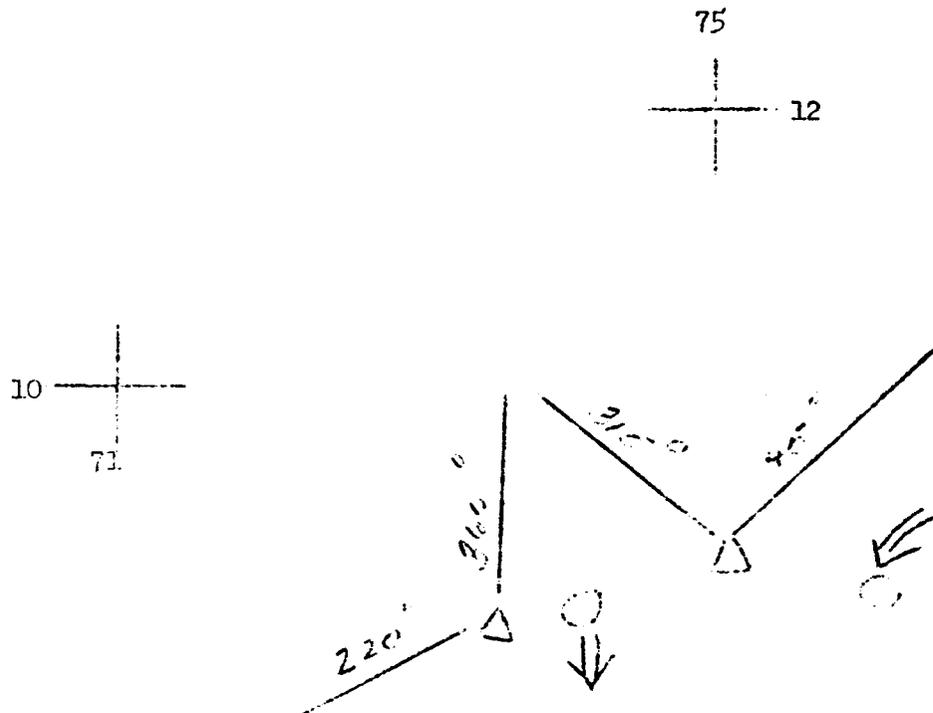
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 11130H April 1966

Frag Order 5-66  
 Patrol: 2nd Platoon  
 Debriefers: Lt. DONOHO  
 Map: Vietnam 1:50,000, Sheet 6460 II

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Composition: (a) 10 Enlisted and 1 USN Enlisted
- b. Special Attachments: None
- c. Communications Equipment: 2 AN/PRC-25's and 1 AN/PRC-10 Radios.
- d. Observation Equipment: 2 Pair 7x50 binoculars
- e. Special Weapons: None
- f. Special Equipment: None

2. MISSION. Conduct continuous reconnaissance in RZ #2. Determine and report the extent of enemy movement without that area.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 081830H/101030H April 1966.

4. ROUTE. See Annex A (Operation Overlay)

5. SYNOPSIS.

a. The patrol departed the 4th Marines CP at 081830H by helicopter and landed at 081845H at YD 762089. The patrol moved to a harbor site approximately 300 meters from the HLZ. At 082200H the patrol moved from the harbor site to establish their OP's. The first OP was established at 090100H at YD 752088. On the move to the OP the patrol heard sounds that appeared to be a type of signal and could smell rice being cooked; believed these came from vicinity of YD 758088. At 090300 movement could be heard above the OP at a distance estimated at 50 meters.

b. The patrol remained in their OP until 091600H. At this time they were compromised when one man walked within a few feet of the OP. There was a fire fight between this man and the patrol members. The patrol moved to YD 748097 and requested retraction. The patrol was unable to be retracted and remained in the vicinity of the proposed HLZ in a harbor site.

a. While in the harbor site, artillery missions were called with good effect on the target. The harbor site was boxed in with artillery and H&I's were fired through the night. The patrol was retracted the next morning at 1030H.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

a. Sightings.

(1) 090630H: 3 boats at YD 747121. Boats appeared to be looking for a place to land. Continued on down the river.

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(2) 090700H: 3 men in a boat at YD 749105. Boats made several trips back and forth across the river. Could not observe what they were carrying. Men were wearing black and white clothing.

(3) 091113H: Approximately 15 men at YD 739110. They were wearing black and brown cloths. They stayed together for about 30 minutes then disbursed in all directions; most of the men went to the village at YD 748117.

(4) 091430H: 5 men at YD 733109; four were wearing black clothing and one in tan seemed to be addressing the other four for about five minutes. They moved out in a column north/north west.

(5) 091510H: One man at YD 752038, wearing a black and brown camouflage jacket, helmet and carrying what appeared to be an automatic weapon, walked up to the CP and exchanged fire with the patrol member that spotted him. The man took off through the jungle.

(6) 091620H: 2 men at YD 748039. They were wearing dark uniforms had what appeared to be weapons and were standing in the tree line for just a few seconds. Could not observe where they moved to.

(7) 091630H: 2 men at YD 749089. They were moving in the tree line in top of hill 424. They were wearing dark uniforms, but could not observe any weapons.

(8) 091635H: 1 man at YD 752088 in the old CP site. Did not observe uniforms or weapon. Man moved back in the jungle.

(9) 091705H: 2 men at YD 750090. They were wearing dark uniforms and appeared to have weapons on their backs. They moved into the jungle.

(10) At YD 749107 there was a boat in that area throughout the day of 9 April.

(11) 093200H: Observed at YD 746113, a fire.

(12) 100035H: Saw lights on the river at YD 749110 on three different occasions. Light appeared to be on a boat.

(13) 100200H: Heard loud coughing; sound appeared to be quite a distance off; could not tell direction.

(14) 100310H: Heard a metallic sound on three different occasions at some distance away.

(15) 100330H: Heard a loud yell and moan after H&I fire at YD 747097.

(16) 100345H: Heard men talking after H&I fire at YD 748097.

b. The low land in the area is covered with shoulder high elephant grass; on the sides of the open hills, the grass is nee deep

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c. In the canopy movement is hard; the undergrowth is thick and visibility is limited.

d. All creeks in the area are shown on the map. The ones crossed were from four to six feet wide and the water was ankle deep.

e. All trails observed appear to have been used recently. The map does not show most of the trails. One prominent trail that appears to recently used is in grid square 7309, 7308, 7407, and 7406.

f. Possible HLZ's are located in grid square 7409, 7510 and 7509.

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

a. A fire mission was called at 091600H at YD 750088. Two secondary explosions were observed with one having a distinct fire ball. Two additional "Hollow" sounds were heard when the rounds hit; believe they hit caves or in holes.

8. RESULTS OF ENEMY ENCOUNTERS.

a. There were no friendly casualties and no enemy casualties observed

9. CONDITION OF PATROL.

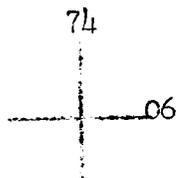
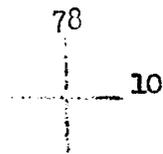
a. Good condition, morale high.

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FRAG ORDER 23-66

Ref: (a) Map: Vietnam, 1:50,000, Sheet No. 6460 II  
 (b) Company D, 650 21-66

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: 1st Platoon, CoL, 3dReconBn, SGT HART1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. See Current RFSUMS
- b. Friendly Forces. See Current RFSUMS
- c. Attachments. One (1) Artillery FO, 3/12

2. MISSION. Conduct continuous reconnaissance in LZ#1 to determine and report the extent of enemy movement within that area.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation. First Platoon will depart the CL LZ at 291830H by helicopter and lift to vicinity (YD 584195). Further proceed by foot and establish and maintain OPs as indicated Annex A (Operation Overlay). OP#1 emphasis observation of the Song Bo River complex. OP#2 and OP#3 emphasis observation of the Ngoc Ke Trai river/valley complex. Teams will regroup and be prepared for extraction on 021700H from landing sites selected by you.
- b. Coordinating Instructions. See reference (b)

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See reference (b)

5. CONTROL AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

- a. One IRC - 25 and two (2) IRC - 10s with sufficient batteries to sustain operation.
- b. Unit Brevity Code
  - (1) Annex B (Unit Brevity Code)
  - (2) Schackles.

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(3) Call Signs:

Base Station SCAT BR VO  
 CF#1 HABU  
 CF#2 COMAL  
 CF#3 ROCCA SIN  
 Artillery Liaison Taped Piper 29

(4) Frequency: Primary: 41.3  
 Alternate: 49.3

(5) Thrust Line: Primary: 5718  
 Alternate: 6017

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 Patrol: 1st Platoon  
 Debriefer: Capt. OMBB  
 Map: Vietnam 1:50,000, Sheet 6460 II

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT

- a. Composition: (17) USMC Enlisted and (1) USN Enlisted
- b. Special Attachments: None.
- c. Communications Equipment: One (1) AN/PRC-25 and two (2) AN/PRC-10 radios
- d. Observation Equipment: 2 pair 6X30 and 2 pair 7X50 binoculars
- e. Special Equipment: None
- f. Special Weapons: None

2. MISSION. Conduct continuous reconnaissance in RZ #1 to determine and report the extent of enemy movement in that area.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 311800H March/041830H April 1966

4. ROUTE. See Annex A (Operation Overlay)

5. SYNOPSIS

a. The platoon was inserted in the vicinity of YD 587173 at 311800H. They subsequently moved to YD 588173 and established a night harbor site. At 010715H, the platoon split into three elements and proceeded to establish OP's at YD 588169, YD 588170 and YD 588185. These OP's were manned until 031800H at which time the teams proceeded to YD 588185. All teams had linked-up by 041510H. Helicopter recovery was effected from this location at 041830H.

b. Only two VC/VCS were observed during this patrol - no weapons were observed. It is significant that several single rifle shots were heard from some distance from the objective area, two of which were received in the HELZ while the platoon was waiting for recovery. The platoon was unable to determine the origin of either of the shots.

6. OBSERVATIONS OF THE AREA AND TERRAIN

311825H. One stray water buffalo at YD 587173.

011130H. Overheard people (unknown number) chopping wood vicinity of YD 594182.

031000H. Single rifle shot that sounded as if it originated west of the objective area vicinity GS 5815.

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031105H. Single rifle shot heard. It sounded as if it originated west of the objective area vicinity GS 5815.

031130H. Two men carrying a dead animal south at LD 586160 wearing black pajamas. The distance prevented determining whether or not they carried weapons or equipment.

031150H. Two rifle shots heard southeast of the objective area vicinity GS 5815.

041640H. Received two incoming sniper rounds while preparing an LZ for recovery at YD 588185.

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

a. One pair of green pajama bottoms located at YD 593177 laying on the ground.

b. Stream exists as indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay).

c. The vegetation within the objective area consists primarily of secondary growth ranging from 3 to 6 feet high. Movement in this area is reasonably easy since the vine growth is limited.

d. Numerous chickens were heard in the objective area.

e. Large flies and numerous other insects were observed throughout the area.

8. RESULTS OF BREECH ENCOUNTERS. None.

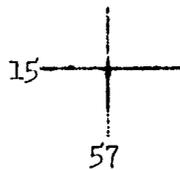
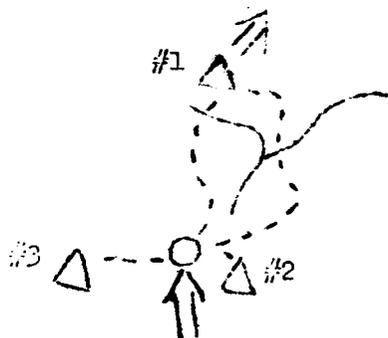
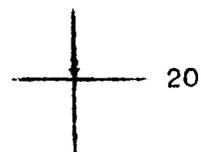
9. CONDITION OF PATROL. Morale high; however, due to the intense heat and limited water, the patrol suffered from heat exhaustion.

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FRAG ORDER ~~2-66~~ 24-66

Ref: (a) Company B CpO 1-66  
 (b) Map: Vietnam 1:50,000, Sheet No. 6460 II

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: 3rd Platoon - Lt. HUEBLLSTOL.

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. See current OPSUMS
- c. Attachments and Detachments. None

2. MISSION. Conduct continuous reconnaissance in RZ #1 to determine and report the extent of enemy movement within that area.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. 3rd Platoon will depart CP LZ at 301830H by helicopter and lift to vicinity YD 548228. Further proceed by foot and establish and maintain OP's as indicated in Annex A (Operation Overlay). OP #1 emphasize observation of the valley vicinity YD 5422. OP's #2 and #3 emphasize observation of the valley vicinity YD 5418. Teams will re-group and be prepared for extraction on 031600H from landing site vicinity YD 542233.

b. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) See reference (a).
- (2) Landing Zone RED is located at coordinates YD 548228 (insertion).
- (3) Landing Zone WHITE is located at coordinates YD 542233 (extraction).
- (4) OP #1 is located at coordinates YD 543216.
- (5) OP #2 is located at coordinates YD 545210.
- (6) OP #3 is located at coordinates YD 537210.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See reference (a).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

a. One (1) AN/PRC-25 and two (2) AN/PRC-10 radios with sufficient batteries to sustain operation.

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b. Unit Brevity Codes

(1) Sec reference (a).

(2) Shackles:

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K M T P Q R S U V W X

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(3) Call Signs:

CP #1 - TIGER

CP #2 - LION

CP #3 - HORNET

Artillery Liaison - Pied Piper 29

(4) Frequencies:

Primary - 49.3

Alternate - 49.3

Artillery Conduct of Fire - Payday - 49.0

(5) Air Lines:

Primary 5718

Alternate 6017

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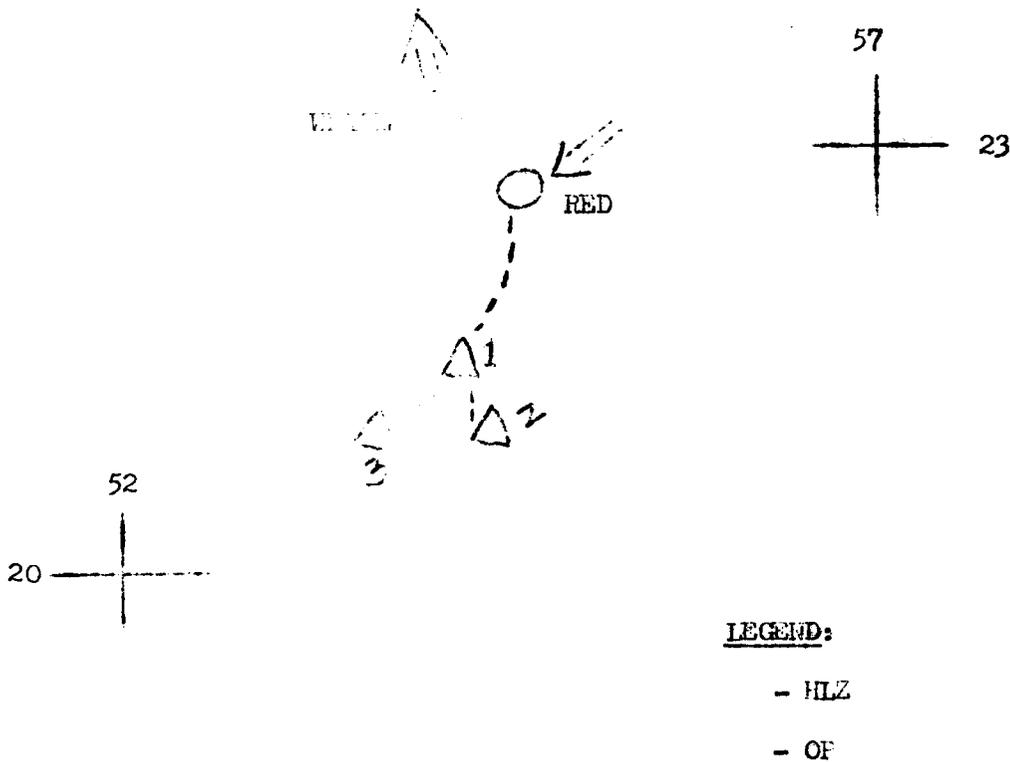
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 Debriefer: 1st Lt. MIDDLESTON  
 Map: Vietnam 1:50,000 Sheet 6460 II

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT

- a. Composition: (19) Enlisted, (1) USN Enlisted, (1) Officer
- b. Special Attachments: None
- c. Communications Equipment: Two (2) AN/PRC-25 and one (1) AN/PRC-10 radios
- d. Observation Equipment: (3) pair 6X30 and (3) pair 7X50 binoculars
- e. Special Equipment: None
- f. Special Weapons: None

2. MISSION. Conduct continuous reconnaissance in RZ #1 to determine and report extent of enemy movement within that area.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 301830H March/031830H April 1966

4. ROUTE. See Annex A (Operation Overlay).

5. SYNOPSIS

a. The patrol helilifted from 2nd Bn., 1st Marines CT HLZ to YD 548228 at 201830H March. Upon touchdown, they moved directly into the forest and started the all night climb to the top of Hui Ong Don ridgeline, reaching the summit at 311000H. OP #1 was in position at 311400H at YD 544215; OP #2 was positioned at YD 539212 by 311500H; OP #3 was positioned at YD 537212 by 311500H. OP #2 was later moved to YD 537211 because its former position did not offer good observation whereas the latter did. OP's #2 and #3 established a night harbor site each night vicinity YD 539213; OP #1 remained at their OP for the entire period. At 021730H, all teams were brought together and moved to a night harbor site at YD 541219. At 030715, the platoon moved to their extraction HLZ at YD 541231 arriving at 031430H. They were recovered at 031800H by helicopter.

b. A total of twenty-six VC/VCS were observed during the patrol. Twelve wearing brown uniforms with bushes attached to their bodies; nine were carrying heavy loads, wore mixed clothing and hid in bushes when aircraft flew over. Five were wearing black clothes, herding two water buffalo, and were observed in a clearing 5000 meters in the jungle. No weapons were detected in any of the sightings.

c. No artillery was requested or fired on enemy targets.

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6. OBSERVATIONS OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN

011330H. Nine people moving west at YD 535244, wearing mixed clothing, carrying heavy loads, and hiding from aircraft.

011445H. Twelve people moving northeast at YD 576238 wearing brown uniforms and bushes. No weapons or equipment were observed.

021615H. Five people moving south through clearing at YD 545183 wearing black clothes and white hats and herding two water buffalo. No weapons or equipment were observed.

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

a. The terrain in the objective area was secondary growth 6 to 12 feet high with large 30 foot trees occurring on the summits of the peaks and ridgelines. Troop movement was restricted due to dense vine undergrowth.

b. Numerous old campsites were observed along the Hui Ong Don ridgeline from YD 544215 to YD 541231 with an old trail connecting the campsites and probably running the entire length of the ridgeline. The largest campsite was found at YD 542214 with 5 leveled areas to sleep approximately ten men. A well used trail running north and south was found at YD 541231.

c. Numerous insects including flies, bees, leeches and centipedes were found throughout the area.

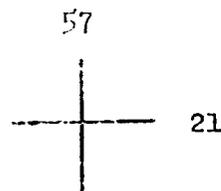
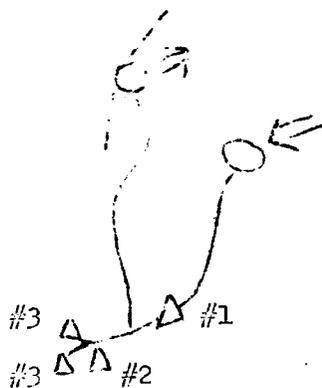
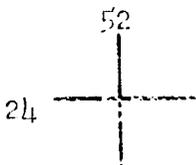
8. RESULTS OF ENEMY ENCOUNTERS. None.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL. Good, no casualties.

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LEGEND:

- - HLZ
- △ - OP

- Patrol Route
- - - - Trail not shown on map

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Ref: (a) Company OpO 21-66  
 (b) Map: Vietnam 1:50,000, Sheet 6560 III

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: 2nd Platoon, Sgt. STEVENS

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSUIS.
- b. Friendly Forces. See current OPSUIS.
- c. Attachments and Detachments. None.

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance/surveillance operations within RZ #2. Determine and report all enemy movement along the Song Hqu Trach river valley complex and the approaches thereto.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. At 031830H, the 2nd Platoon will be helilifted from CP LZ to vicinity YD 762086. The platoon will then proceed by foot to and establish OP's and observe as indicated on Annex A (Operation Overlay). Recovery of the platoon will be effected by helicopter at 071730H from a landing site located at YD 743084.

b. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) See reference (a).
- (2) OP #1 is located at coordinates YD 752088.
- (3) OP #2 is located at coordinates YD 747086.
- (4) OP #3 is located at coordinates YD 736084.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. See reference (a).
- b. Reports. See Annex B of reference (a) (Reports).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICSa. Communications

- (1) See reference (a) and Annex C (Unit Brevity Code) of reference (a).

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(2) Thrust Lines change daily at 2400H:

R-Day - 7109, R+1 - 7210, R+2 - 7306, R+3 - 7508, R+4 - 7405

(3) Shackles:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

A H B C I D E J F G

K M O T U P L S V Q

N Z W R

X Y

(4) Call signs: OP #1 - ASP  
OP #2 - RATTLER  
OP #3 - PYTHON

(5) Frequencies:

Primary - 41.3

Alternate - 45.7

Conduct of Fire Net - Payable Xray - 35.3

b. Command. No change.

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J. S. TARDY  
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Commanding

Annexes:

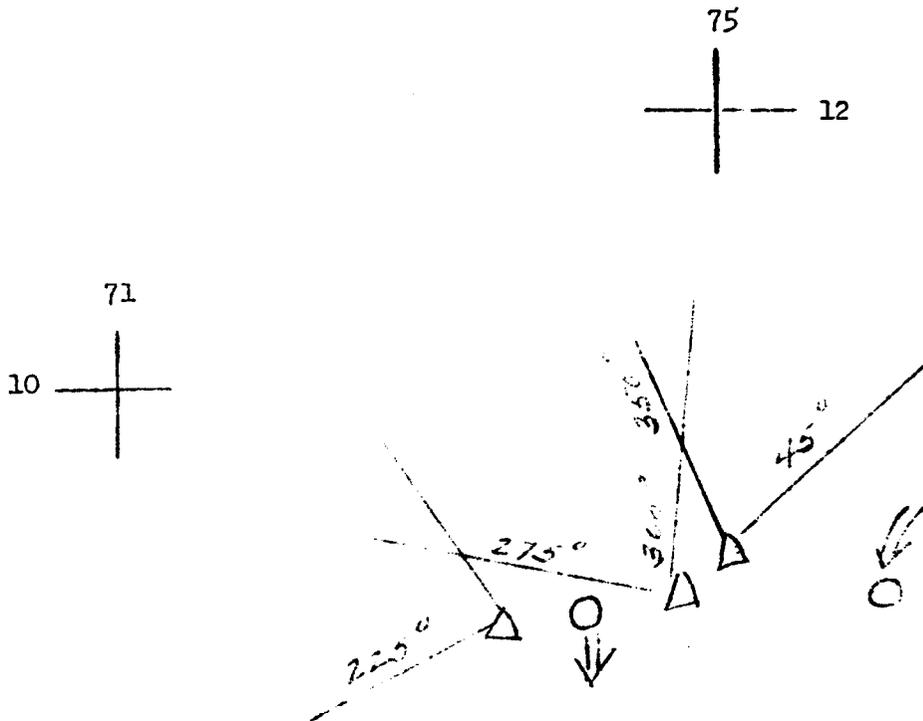
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LEGEND:

- - HLZ
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 Phu Bai, Vietnam  
 081930 April 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Composition: (17) USMC Enlisted and (1) USN Enlisted
- b. Special Attachments: One ARVN
- c. Communication Equipment: Two AN/PRC-25's and two AN/PRC-10's
- d. Observation Equipment: One pair 6x30's and two pair 7x50's binoculars and one M-49 telescope.
- e. Special Equipment: None
- f. Special Weapons: None

2. MISSION. Conduct continuous reconnaissance in RZ #2 to determine and report the extent of enemy movement in that area.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 031830H/081840H April 1966

4. ROUTE. See Annex (Operation Overlay)

5. SYNOPSIS

a. At 031830H the platoon was inserted at YD 769097, some distance from the desired landing site at YD 763085. Upon landing the platoon minus one team moved independently toward their designated OP at YD 736084.

b. Due to the excellent observation of the objective area from coordinates YD 761098 and YD 760091, teams #1 and #2 established OP's at these locations on 5 April 1966 and remained there until 061645.

c. At 050930, team #3 was evacuated due to three of their seven members suffering from extreme cases of dysentery.

d. At 061645, their members of the remaining personnel were evacuated for reasons set forth in sub-paragraph 5-c

e. The remainder of the patrol members linked up and established a single OP at YD 768098. They remained at this location 081545H at which time the patrol moved to YD 761091 for helicopter recovery at 081840H.

f. The patrol did not make physical contact with any VC/VCS during the conduct of this operation. It is significant to the members, also, that of the numerous indigenous personnel sighted within the objective area, the greater majority were males and did not appear to be carrying weapons. It was noted that most of the sighting occurred between 1200H and 1400H, daily, within the same general area YD 733104.

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6. OBSERVATIONS OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN

- 040905H. Fifteen wood cutters at YD 758112 black and white clothing.
- 041154H. Heard a 30 caliber rifle fired at YD 775075 believed to be firing on aircraft.
- 041715H. Fifteen men wearing black and white clothing with coolie hats around tomb at 778104 no weapons visible
- 041955H. Heard canteen sounds along river in vicinity of YD 754015.
- 050830H. Five men moving north on trail at YD 758095 wearing black PJ's with white hats.
- 051235H. One 30 caliber machine gun fired about 30 rounds in vicinity of 785135.
- 051305H. Overheard firing in village (30 caliber machine gun) at YD 785115
- 051410H. Five men toward village at YD 752103 wearing black PJ bottoms and white tops with collie hats.
- 051510H. Fifteen boats with 2 to 3 men each leaving south bank of river at YD 737103 moved to YD748210
- 061115H. Ten men wearing black PJ's filling canteens or equivalent at YD 732104.
- 061315H. Seven men going up river in boat five departed boat at 732104. All were wearing black PJ's.
- 061550H. Four men in boats at 732104. All wearing black PJ's.
- 061610H. Ten men unloading boats at YD 748109. All wearing black and white PJ's.
- 061800H. One carbine fired about fifteen rounds in vicinity of YD 773117.
- 061715H. Four men in two boats moving in river from YD 732104. All were wearing black PJ's.
- 071050H. One man wearing black PJ's with white cloth on cap being chased by a dog at YD 761109.
- 071250H. A score of sixteen boats carrying 52 men, moving south on river to YD 745107. (Aircraft confirmed fishermen.)
- 071300H. One smoke fire lasted about five minutes at YD 748109. Four men near by wearing black and white PJ's.
- 071915H. Six men moving east at YD 714107. All wearing black black PJ's coolie hats.
- 071955H. Two boats containing a total of 15 men and women moving south

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On river at YD 735103 . All wearing black and white PJ's. One boat had motor.

080710H Three fires and six to eight shelters with six men on ridge at YD 778093

080805H. One large boat containing 8 people moving south on river. Apparently stopped at YD 748115. (Motor driven boat.)

080920H. Eight men in staggered column walking North East at YD 768122. All wearing black PJ's and coolie hats.

081750H. Heard approximately 50 rounds fired in village at YD 749107.

HLZ's

YD 765103 - 2  
 YD 769094 - 4  
 YD 765103 - 3  
 YD 773095 - 3  
 YD 762083 - 4

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

a. The vegetations in the draws and stream beds was primarily elephant grass 8-10 feet tall. On the hills and fingers the vegetation was scrub trees 4-5 feet high.

b. Water was plentiful within the objective area.

c. Unlike many areas the streams and draws were not exploited by the Vietnamese for rice farming. Most rice farming within the objective area was confined to terrain near the Song Huu Track River.

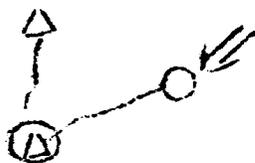
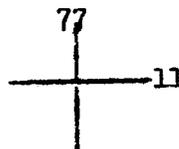
8. RESULTS OF ENEMY ENCOUNTERS. None.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL. Of the patrol members remaining in the field subsequent to 061645H, two were suffering from dysentary upon being recovered. The remaining seven men were in good condition.

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FRAG ORDER 26-66

Ref: (a) Co B OpO 1-66  
 (b) Map: Vietnam 1:50,000, Sheet 6559 IV

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: 3rd Platoon - Sgt. SHANK

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. See current OPSUMS.
- c. Attachments and Detachments. None.

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance/surveillance operation in RZ #3. Determine and report all enemy movement along the Song Ta-Trach river/valley complex and its approaches.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. At 041830H, the 3rd Platoon will be helilifted from the CP LZ to vicinity YC 851966. The platoon will then proceed by foot to establish OP's and observe as indicated on Annex A (Operation Overlay). Recovery of the platoon will be effected by helicopter at 081700H from a landing site located at YC 856978.

b. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) See reference (a).
- (2) OP #1 is located at coordinates YC 846974.
- (3) OP #2 is located at coordinates YC 862971.
- (4) OP #3 is located at coordinates YC 872973.
- (5) Thrust lines change daily at 2400H:

R-Day - 8400, R+1 - 8501, R+2 - 8999, R+3 - 8898, R+4 - 8500

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. See reference (a).
- b. Reports. See Annex B (Reports) of reference (a).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

- a. Communications

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(a). (1) See reference (a) and Annex C (Unit Brevity Code) of reference.

(2) Shackles:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

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

(3) Call signs: OP #1 - COBRA  
OP #2 - VIPER  
OP #3 - SIDEWINDER  
Conduct of Fire Net - PAYABLE MIKE

(4) Frequencies: Primary 41.3  
Alternate 45.7  
Conduct of Fire Net 35.8

b. Command. No change.

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Commanding

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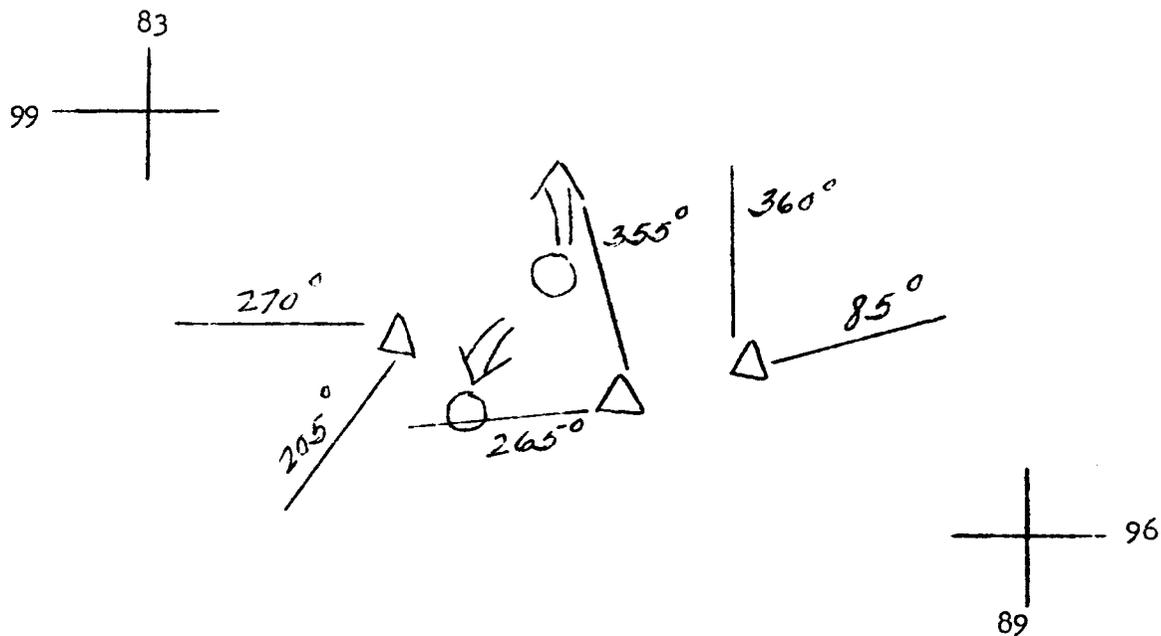
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 092000H April 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Composition: 16 Enlisted and 1 USN enlisted
- b. Special Attachments: None
- c. Communications Equipment: 2 AN/IRC-25's and 2 AN/IRC-10's Radio's
- d. Observation Equipment: 3 Pair 7x50's binoculars
- e. Special Equipment: None
- f. Special Weapons: None

2. MISSION. Conduct continuous reconnaissance in RZ #3 and report the extent of enemy movement within that area.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 041815H/ 091340H April 1966

4. ROUTE. See Annex A (Operations Overlay)

5. SYNOPSIS. The patrol departed the 4th Marines CP at 041815H by helicopter. They landed at YD 853969 at 041845H. The patrol attempted to cross the river at YD 852972 but found the current too strong and the river too deep. One rifle and pack were lost with the rifle latter being recovered. The platoon harbored at YD 854969.

b. On 5 April one team crossed the river after they built a bridge at 1030H with the other two teams covering them. OP's were established at YD 847975 YD 863973 and YD 877971. One team later moved to YD 861972 for better observation. Communications were at all times poor. Some traffic was relayed through the Conduct of Fire net

c. At 090900H the three teams started to link-up and move to the landing zone for retraction. The team on the West side of the river had a non-combat casualty when their corpsman fell down a hill; he had a broken leg. After swimming the river the team linked up and moved to the HLZ where they were retracted at 091340H

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

a. 051205H Heard approximately six VC moving in vicinity of YD 852971. The patrol did not observe ; a fire mission was called but not cleared.

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b. 081002H Three VC moving north down the river at 808977. They were wearing black PJ's and one had a white cap. One VC was carrying a bag and it appeared that they had automatic weapons. A fire mission was called with good effect on the target. A physical search of the area had negative results.

c. Before the fire mission was under way an observation plane flew over the area and the three VC fled. The team believed the VC came from the valley at YD 862975 or YD 860977.

d. The patrol heard shots at 051140H and 051840H in grid square 8597. They did not observe.

f. 090900H Five helicopter's in area received fire from automatic weapons (12-15 Rounds) Believed fire came from YD 856975 and from the three VC sighted at YD 858977

g. Patrol heard five highpowered guns at YD 8798 from 070000H to 090000H They saw aircraft on station and heard artillery missions called.

h. The terrain in the area of operations was heavy bushed. Movement on the ridge lines was fairly easy.

i. A lot of trails were observed that were not on the map, are shown on annex A (Operation Overlay). These trails didn't appear to have been used for several months

j. Possible river fords were discovered at YD 857977 water is waist deep The current is swift and it appears that the water is 10-20 feet deep in some places

k. There are HLZ's at Yd 857978 (8 craft) YD 854987 (2 craft) YD 857979 (8 craft) YD 846984 (3craft)

l. There is a possible harbor site at yd852979. The land is flat, there is several trails into the area and water is available. It is estimated that 300-400 people could use this area.

7. RESULTS OF ENEMY ENCOUNTERS. None

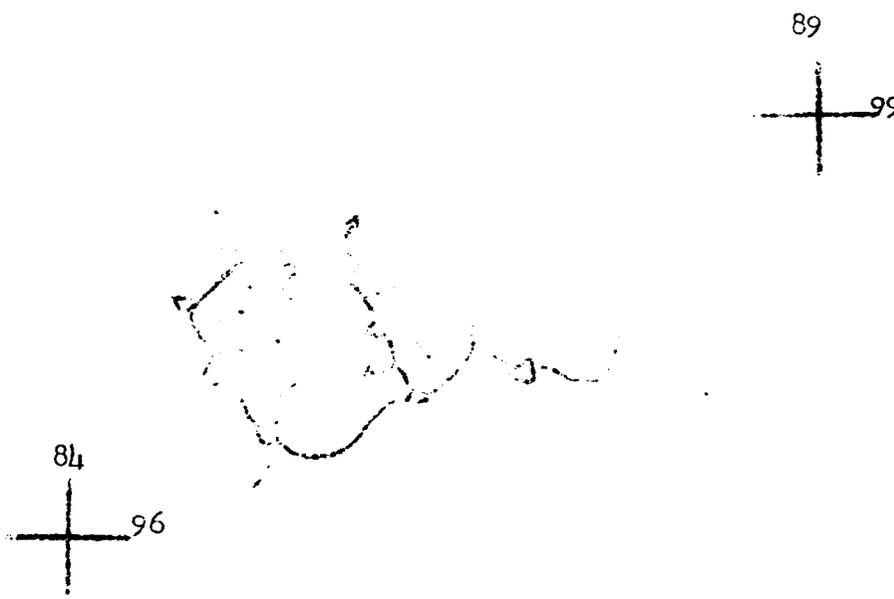
8. CONDITION OF PATROLS. Moral was high. One man (Non combat casualty) broke his leg. Four men had colds

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LEGEND:

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FRAG ORDER 27-66

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 (b) Map Vietnam 1:50,000 Sheet 6559 IV

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION:-- 1st Platoon, Sgt. HART

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. See Current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. See current OPSUMS.
- c. Attachments and Detachments. One ARVN

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance/surveillance operations in RZ #3. Determine and report all enemy movement along the Song Ta Treach river valley and highway 14.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. At 091800H, the 1st platoon will be helilifted from 2/1 CP HLZ to vicinity YC 857977. The platoon will then proceed by foot establish OP's and observe as indicated on annex A (Operation Overlay). Recovery of the platoon will be effected by helicopter from a landing site located at YC 884986 at 131300H.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) See reference (a)
- (2) OP #1 is located at YC ~~861987~~
- (3) OP #2 is located at YC ~~876986~~
- (4) OP #4 is located at YC 884991.
- (5) Thrust lines change daily at 2400H. R-Day 8102 R+1 8300 R+2 8499 R+3 8598 R+4 8201.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. See reference (a)
- b. Reports. See annex B (Reports) of reference (a).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICSa. Communications

(1) Two FRC-25 and two FRC-10's will be carried with sufficient batteries to sustain operation.

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(2) Unit Brevity Code

(a) See annex B (Unit Brevity Code) of reference (a)

(3) SCHACKLES.

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 G I E B L H J F D A  
 Q R T P N O S G E K  
           Y U H V  
               Z W

(4) CALL SIGNS.

Base Station- SCAT BRAVO  
 Relay Station - Scat Relay  
 OP #1 - HABU  
 OP #2 - CORAL  
 OP #3 - MOCCASIN  
 Artillery Net - PAYABLE XRAY

(5) FREQUENCIES

Primary 41.3  
 Alternate 45.7  
 Conduct of Fire 35.3 (Payable Xray)

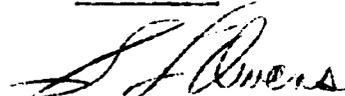
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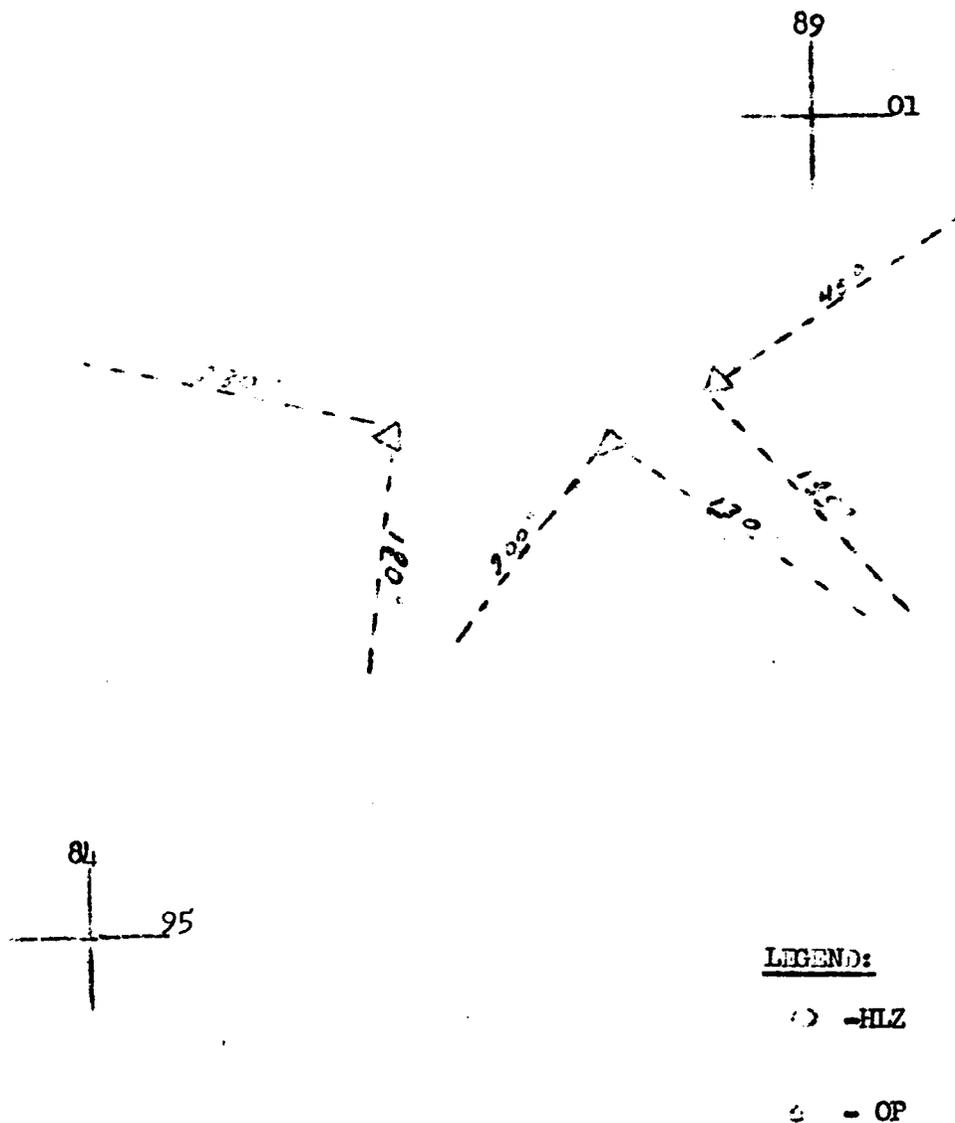
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 Patrol: 1st Platoon Co D  
 Debriefing: Lt Cassidy  
 Map: Vietnam 1:50,000, Sheet 6559 IV

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Composition: 14 Enlisted and 1 USN Enlisted
- b. Special Attachments: None
- c. Communications Equipment: 2 AN/PRC 25's and 1 AN/PRC-10 Radio's
- d. Observation Equipment: 2 pair of 6x30's and 1 pair of 7x50's binoculars
- e. Special Equipment: None
- f. Special Weapons: None

2. MISSION. Conduct continuous reconnaissance in Rz #3 and report the extent of enemy movement within that area.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 091930H/ 131830H, April 1966

4. ROUTE. See annex A (Operation Overlay)

5. SYNOPSIS. The patrol departed the 4th Marines CP LZ at 091930H by helicopter. They landed at YC 857977 at 091950H. The patrol moved approximately 75 meters east of their landing zone. The platoon harbored for the night and communications were very weak at this time.

b. On 10 April at 0615H. the patrol was sent to YC 881972 in a attempt to recover two packs which had been lost by an earlier patrol. There were negative results. The platoon moved east to YC 875988 where they harbored for the night.

c. At 110710 the platoon again started on the patrol route. Water became scarce and the patrol moved to YC 878982 to obtain water. OP was then established at YC 883992. The platoon harbored at that position for the night.

d. On 12 April the patrol moved in vicinity of YC 877992 in an attempt to find a suitable OP. This proved impossible because of heavy vegetation in the area. The patrol moved to YC 878988 to harbor for the night.

e. At 130930H the patrol moved Southeast to YC 883987 where the patrol could observe their recovery HLZ. At 131800H the patrol moved to HLZ at YC 882986 and were retracted at 131830H.

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6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

a. 092005H heard movement of approximately 2-3 people at YC 857977 the landing zone the platoon had used in entry.

b. 100900H discovered trail running east and west at YC 859983. Trail was not well used and ran into a dead end at several points. In general it ran east to YC 862985 where another trail which ran North was discovered.

c. 100930H patrol heard 20-30 rounds of automatic fire from vicinity of YC 862982. Patrol moved North along trail to YC 861988 and turned East to move along another intermittent trail. These trails were made by wood cutters and are overgrown in numerous places.

d. 111730H heard what was thought to be a recoilless rifle in vicinity of YC 886995 the round detonated at YC 884992 approximately 300 meters in front of the platoon's position.

e. 122000H heard drums and saw fires in village at YC 886985. Automatic weapons from this vicinity.

f. 131350H found a 12 gauge pump action shot and three shells at YC 881987. The weapon appeared to have been left for approximately 10 days.

g. 131410H observed three men and a woman in village at YC 886985. The men were dressed in khaki and black shorts. Two of the men were carrying khaki colored packs. The man in the black shorts was carrying a weapon of undermined description.

h. 131410H observed 4 more men covered with camouflage brush and carrying weapons in the village.

i. 131530H sounds of small arms fire from east and west of the village were heard.

j. 131730H contacted two OE aircraft and had them fire four rockets at the village.

k. 131800H had negative communications with the CP at this time. Obtained communications with the CP and called an artillery fire mission. Three rounds were fired before helicopter arrived and mission was terminated.

l. 131830H platoon was retracted from HLZ at YC 882986.

7. RESULTS OF ENEMY ENCOUNTERS. As a result of air strike 2 possible enemy KIA credited. One 12 gauge shot gun and 3 rounds of ammo were found.

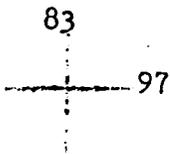
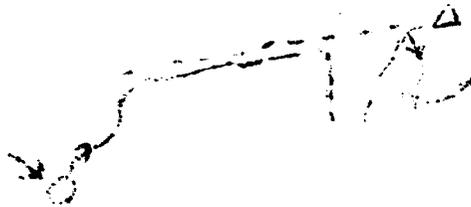
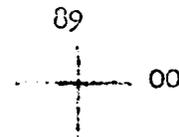
8. CONDITION OF PATROL. Morale was high and patrol was in good physical condition.

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LEGEND:

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- △ -OP
- - - -Trails not shown on map

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 101500Z April 1966

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: 3rd Platoon, CoB Lt. G. K. HUDDLESTON

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. See Current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. See current OTSUMS.
- c. Attachments and Detachments. None

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance/ surveillance operations in RZ #1. Determine and report all enemy movement along the Song Be river valley.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. At 111700H, 3rd platoon will be helilifted from 2/1 OP #1Z to vicinity YD 599229, proceed by foot to the OP sites indicated on annex A (Operation Overlay), and carry out their assigned mission. Recovery of the platoon will be effected by helicopter from a landing zone at YD 605229 at 151730H.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) See reference (a)
- (2) OP #1 is located at YD 608225.
- (3) OP #2 is located at YD 591225.
- (4) OP #3 is located at YD 590213.
- (5) IZ SCARLET (Insertion) is located at YD 599229.
- (6) IZ GOLD (Extraction) is located at YD 605229.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. See reference (a).
- b. Reports. See Annex B of reference (a).

5. COMBAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications.

Two FRC-25 and one FRC-10 radios will be carried with sufficient batteries to sustain operations.

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(2) Unit Brevity Code.

(a) See reference (a) and Annex B (Unit Brevity Code) of reference (a)

(3) THRUST LINES. Change daily at 2400H:

11 April 5119      14 April 5122

12 April 5419      15 April 5621

13 April 5020      16 April 5426

(4) SHACKLES:

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(5) Call Signs:

OP #1 TIGER

OP #2 LION

OP #3 PANGLOSS

Base Station SCIT BRAVO

Relay Station SCIT RELAY

1/4 BN TAC Net FEED PIPER

Artillery Net PAYABLE XRAY

- (6) FR QUANCERS: Primary 41.3  
 Alternate 45.7  
 Conduct of Fire 37.0  
 1/4 BN TAC Net 46.8

- (b) Lt. HUDDLESTON NOC OP#2.  
 Sgt. HARRIS NOCIC OP#2.  
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A. Operations Overlay

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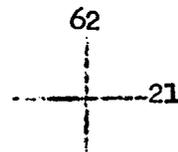
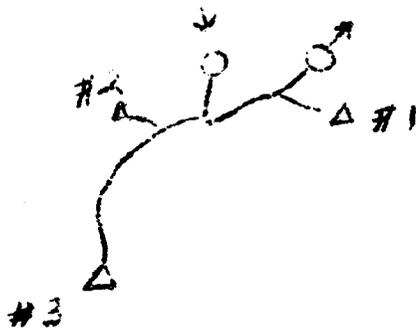
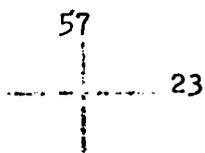
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 152200H April 1966

Frag Order 28-66  
 Patrol: 3rd Platoon CoB  
 Debriefed: Lt. CASSIDY  
 Map: Vietnam 1:50,000 Sheet 6460 II

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Composition: 1 Officer and 16 Enlisted and 1 USMC Enlisted.
- b. Special Attachments: None
- c. Communications Equipment: 2 AN/PRC 25's
- d. Observation Equipment: 3 Pair of 7x50's Binoculars.
- e. Special Equipment: None
- f. Special Weapons: None

2. MISSION. Conduct continuous reconnaissance in RZ #1 and report the extent of enemy movement in that area.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE /RETURN. 111730H/151800H, April 1966

4. ROUTE. See annex A (Operation Overlay)

5. SYNOPSIS.

a. Patrol departed 4th Marines CP LZ at 111730H by helicopter and landed at YD 601229.

b. The platoon then moved to YD 602226 and harbored for the night. At this time friendly fire was falling at YD 601229.

c. At 120715H the patrol split and proceeded to predesignated CP'S at YD 606225 and YD 596225. The teams remained in these position until prior to retraction.

d. At 150930H the patrol moved to regroup at YD 606225.

e. At 151600H the patrol moved to YD605229 and were retracted by helicopter at 151730H.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN

a. 111800H discovered trail running East to West at YD 601228. This was the only trail found in the area.

b. 112030H heard two short burst of automatic fire at YD 602230.

c. 112045H heard whistle signals and movement in the brush from vicinity of YD 602229

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d. 112100H Artillery mission was fired on suspected enemy movements. Two rounds on adjustment and four rounds in effect. Movement and signaling ceased in the target area.

e. 150650H Heard 1 round of carbine fire in vicinity of YD 602221.

f. 151715H Discovered trail running North and South at YD 607229.

g. The terrain in the area of the patrol route was extremely difficult. Heavy secondary undergrowth 6-8 feet high greatly restricted and slowed movement.

h. HLZ's were found at YD 605229 can insert four aircraft. HLZ YD598213 can hold three craft.

i. 151730H On being extracted the patrol spotted a building at YD 609223 from the aircraft.

7. RESULTS OF ENEMY ENCOUNTERS.

a. There were negative results from enemy encounters. One fire mission was called but no results could be ascertained.

8. CONDITION OF THE PATROL.

a. Patrol was in good condition, morale was high. Lack of water in this area was a problem. One K Bar was lost.

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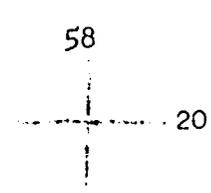
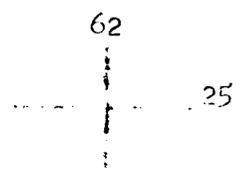
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- -HLZ
- △ -CP
- Trails Not Shown on Map
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Ref: (a) CoB OpO 1-66  
 (b) Map Vietnam 1:50,000 Sheet 6559IV

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: 4th Platoon, CoB Sgt BOYDA

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. See Current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. See current OPSUMS.
- c. Attachments and Detachments. None

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance/surveillance operations in RZ #3. Determine and report all enemy movement in that area.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation: 4th platoon will depart CF LZ at 111830H by helicopter and lift to the vicinity of YD 847985. From there proceed by foot to establish and maintain OP's as indicated in annex A (Operation Overlay). Recovery of the platoon will be effected by helicopter from landing zone located at YC 843972, or in vicinity of. AT 151830H.

b. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) See reference (a)
- (2) OP #1 is located at YC 837968
- (3) OP #2 is located at YC 839979
- (4) OP #3 is located at YC 835998

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. See reference (a)
- b. Reports See annex B (Reports) of reference (a).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICSa. Communications

(1) Two FRC-25 and two FRC-10's radios will be carried with carried with sufficient batteries to sustain the operation

(2) Unit Brevity Code. See reference (a) and annex C (Unit Brevity Code) of reference (a)

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(3) Thrust lines change daily at 2400H. R-Day-8499, R+1-8598  
 R+2-8201 R+3-8399 R+4-8602 R+5-8000

(4) SHACKLES

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(5) Call Signs: OP #1 MOTOR  
 OF #2 TRANSMISSION  
 OR #3 REAREND

(6) Frequencies: Primary-41.3 Alternate-45.7  
 Conduct of fire net-PAYABLE XRAY-35.3

b. COMMAND. No change

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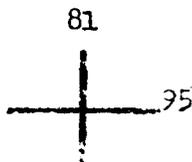
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 161000H April 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT

- a. Composition: 11 Enlisted and 1 USN Enlisted
- b. Special Attachments: None
- c. 2 AN/PRC 25's and 2 AN/PRC-10's Radios
- d. Observation Equipment: 2 Pair 7x50 binoculars.
- e. Special Equipment: None
- f. Special Weapons:

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance/surveillance operations in RZ #3 and report the extent of enemy activity in that area.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 111830H/151830H April 1966

4. ROUTE. See annex A (Operation Overlay)

5. SYNOPSIS.

a. The patrol departed the 4th Marines CP LZ at 111830H by helicopter and landed at YC 846985. The patrol proceeded West to YC 843968 where they harbored for the night.

b. 120625H The patrol moved West to YC 838986 where the platoon split into two teams and moved to their predesignated OP sites at YC 839979 and YC 836996.

c. OP's remained in these positions until prior to retraction at 151830H. At 150730H the team moved to rendezvous at YC 839979. The teams joined at 151100H

d. 151415H The platoon departed for LZ at YC 845978. The platoon was retracted from this position at 151805H.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

a. 120845H: Sited VCS at YC 837986. Man was moving East wearing khaki uniform. Equipment could not be seen.

b. 120925H: Point fired one round at VC at YC 837988. Man was hiding in undergrowth dressed in khaki uniform. No equipment was observed. Negative results to contact.

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c. 121525H Sighted 4 VCS at YC 846984 in river. Believed they were collecting fish out of nets. These men took maximum effort by concealing their activities.

d. 130330H Observed lights moving in column at YC 833992 moving South West. Lights disappeared at river at YC 849987.

e. 141530H Heard two rifle shots at YC 850980.

f. Numerous trails were found in the patrol route area. See annex A (Operation Overlay) for trails and map correction.

g. Elephant grass and secondary undergrowth in vicinity of YC 842982 is extremely difficult to penetrate. The remainder of the patrol route ran through canopy jungle. Movement was not difficult.

h. There appeared to be a river crossing at YC 845979 with harbor sites on the opposite side of the river.

i. The only HLZ noted in the area were at YC 846985 and YC 845978.

7. RESULTS OF ENEMY CONTACTS. None

8. CONDITION OF PATROL. Condition good. 1 man with dysentery and 1 man with sprained ankle.

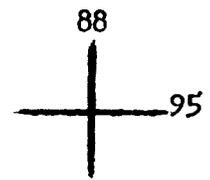
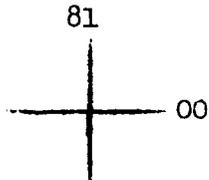
9. SPECIAL NOTES. Communications seemed to weaken from 1600H to 2000H at 1500H each day. Relay could not be reached.

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- -HLZ
- △ -OP
- - - - - -Trails not shown on map

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 (b) Map Vietnam 1:50,000 Sheet 6560 III

Time Zone H

TASK ORGANIZATION: 1st Platoon 1st Force Recon G/Sgt RUNNELS

1. SITUATION.

- (a) Enemy Forces. See current ITSUMS.
- (b) Friendly Forces. See current OPSONS
- (c) Attachments and detachments.

2. MISSION. Conduct continuous reconnaissance/surveillance operations in RZ #2. Determine and report all enemy movement in that area.

3. EXECUTION.

Concept of Operation: 1st Force platoon will depart 4th Marines CP LZ at 121730H and lift to YD 775090. From there the patrol will proceed on foot to establish and maintain OP's as indicated in Annex A (Operation Overlay). Recovery of the platoon will be effected by helicopter from a landing zone at YD 764085 at 161800H.

Coordinating Instructions.

- (a) See reference (a)
- (b) OP #1 is located at YD 749088
- (c) OP #2 is located at YD 750085

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. See reference (a)
- b. Reports: See annex B (Reports) of reference (a)

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS.a. Communications

- (1) Two PRC-25 radios will be carried with sufficient batteries to sustain the operation.
- (2) Unit Brevity Code. See reference (a) and annex C (unit Brevity Code) of reference (a)
- (3) Thrust Lines. Change daily at 2400H

13th-700H 14th-711H 15th-7212 16th-731H 17th-751H 18th-7408. *Encl #13*

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(4) SHACKLES

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(5) Call Signs. OP #1 ROCK: OP #2 PAPER

(6) Frequencies: Primary 41.3 Alternate 45.7: Conduct of Fire net  
PAYABLE XRAY 35.3b. Command. No change

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a. Operation Overlay

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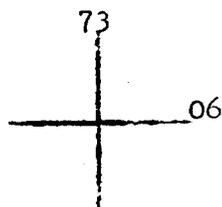
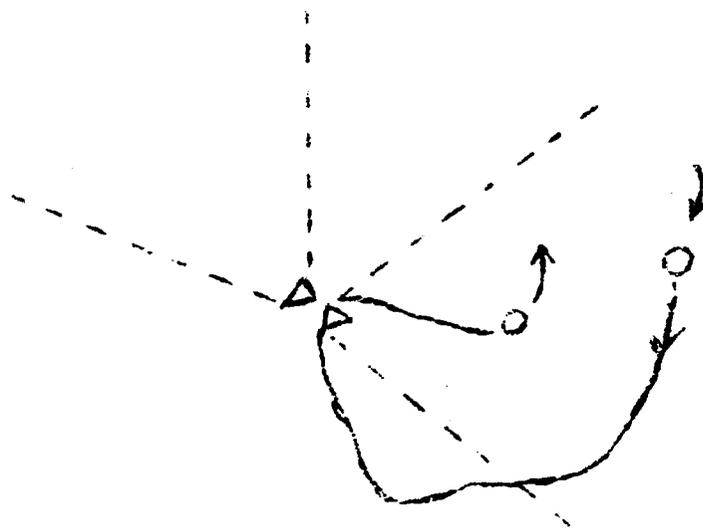
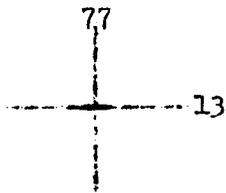
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 162315H April 1966

## PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Composition: (13) Enl (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments: None.
- c. Communications Equipment: (2) AN/PRC-25.
- d. Observation Equipment: (3) 7X50.
- e. Special Equipment: None.
- f. Special Weapons: (2) Claymore Mines.

2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance/surveillance operations in RZ 2. Determine and report all enemy movement in that area.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 121800H/161830H April 1966.

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. Synopsis: 92 hours of patrolling and observation resulted in 96 civilians sightings. Largest group sighted were 11 men. No equipment or weapons were observed. No contact was made by this patrol, no casualties encountered.
- b. Enemy:
  - (1) 140832H (YD 734110) observed eight men walking west. They had on white whirts, black PJ's with straw hats. No equipment was observed.
  - (2) 140834H (YD 739106) observed three men working in the rice field. Uniform white shirts, black shorts and straw hats. All of them were cutting grass.
  - (3) 141224H (YD 713106) observed five men resting on ground. All had on black PJ's and had large bags of rice.

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- (4) 141319H (YD 732107) observed three move into a draw. Two had on blue shirts with black bottoms. One man had PJ's. All had straw hats. No equipment was observed.
- (5) 141320H (YD 732107) observed five men in a small boat approximately 20 feet long, heading upstream. Observed one small box in the boat. Three had white shirts, two with none. All wore straw hats. No weapons observed.
- (6) 141445H (YD 723104) observed three men in boat heading east downstream. Two wore straw hats and black PJ's, one with no hat and white shirt. It was observed the boat was dragging bamboo behind it.
- (7) 142630H (YD 730104) observed two men in a small boat heading west upstream. Both wore black shorts and white shirts.
- (8) 150800H (YD 738106) observed one man and (3) children walking behind cattle in a southwest direction. All wore black PJ's and straw hats.
- (9) 150900H (YD 725105) observed two men in boat heading east downstream. All had black shorts and white shirts. No equipment was observed.
- (10) 150724H (YD 746110) observed eleven men working in the field. Five wore white shirts and black trousers. Six wore PJ's. All wore straw hats. No equipment was observed.
- (11) 150910H (YD 757115) observed two men working in the rice field. Black PJ's, and straw hats. No equipment observed.
- (12) 150934H (YD 742108) observed two men standing next to a tree. Uniform black PJ's and straw hats. No equipment observed. It appeared they were gathering fire wood.
- (13) 150850H (YD 741109) Four men were observed just standing around. No equipment observed.
- (14) 150900H (YD 762124) observed five men working in the rice field. Uniform black PJ's, no equipment observed.
- (15) 150902H (YD 763113) observed five men in rice paddy. They had on white shirts, black PJ's and straw hats. No equipment or weapons were observed.
- (16) 151415H (YD 784116) observed five men standing in yard. Uniform was black PJ's. No equipment or weapons were noted.

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- (17) 151540H (YD 778103) observed three men going in a southwest direction. All wore black PJ's. No weapons or equipment was noted.
- (18) 151550H (YD 741103) observed two men in boat on river bank. Both were dressed in white shirt and black shorts. No equipment or weapons were observed.

d. Terrain:

- (1) The terrain in general is covered with heavy overgrown elephant grass. This grass grows as high as six feet. The jungle canopy is up to 60 feet high. The brush is intermingled with vines and thorn bushes. Travelling through this terrain is very difficult. The average distance covered by patrol was 400 - 500 meters an hour.
- (2) There were no map corrections.

d. Other Information.

- (1) During 12 to 16 April a small tractor was observed at coordinates YD 746116. This tractor had a small trailer behind it. It was used by people in the rice field. This observation appeared very unusual to the patrol leader.
- (2) The SONG HOU TRACH River was used moderately by small boats during the day and night. Some boats observed have four and five people in them.
- (3) During the time the patrol was on the OP at YD 750088, they heard what appeared to be a motor of some sort. This motor was heard every morning and evening for approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour each time. It could not be established from where the sound came. It appeared to have come from a northeast direction about 4,000 to 5,000 meters away.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.7. CONDITION OF THE PATROL:

- a. Morale: Good.
- b. Physical condition: Good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a. Recommendation.

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- (1) Recommend overflight prior to insertion of patrols into the objective area.
- (2) A large amount of water should be taken on patrols, since there is no water to be found on any of the hills.

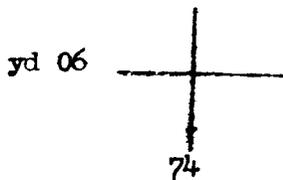
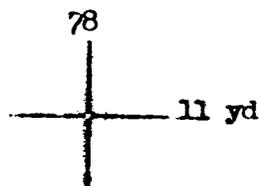
b. Conclusions. None.

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DEBRIEFERS COMMENTS OR RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

●● Patrol Route Overlay ●●

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FRAG ORDER 31-66

Ref (A) CoB OpO 1-66  
 (B) Map Vietnam 1:50,000 Sheet 6559 IV

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: 2nd Platoon CoB Lt. DONOHO

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. See current INSUMS
- b. Friendly Forces. See current OPSUMS
- c. Attachments and Detachments. None

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance patrolling and surveillance operations in RZ #3 with particular attention to the trail network and roads in vicinity of YC 8798. Determine and report all enemy movement in that area.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. 2nd platoon CoB will depart 4th Marines CP LZ at 141800H by helicopter and lift to vicinity of YC827013. From there the platoon will proceed on foot along assigned patrol route to establish OP'S and conduct reconnaissance patrols of the area in accordance with annex A (Operation Overlay). Recovery of the platoon will be effected by helicopter from a landing zone at YC827013 at 181800H

b. Coordinating Instructions

1. See reference (A)
2. Thrust lines change daily at 2400H.
 

R+0 - 8399	R+3 - 8002
R+1 - 8602	R+4 - 8200
R+2 - 8000	R+5 - 8498

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. See reference (A)
- b. Reports. See annex B (Reports) of reference (A)

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICSa. Communications

1. Two AN/PRC-25's radios will be carried with sufficient batteries to sustain the operation.

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2. Unit Brevity Code. See reference (A) and annex C (Unit Brevity Code) of reference (A).

3. SHACKLES

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4. Call Signs. Platoon HQ - HOME RUN; 1st squad - LINE DRIVE.

5. Frequencies: Primary - 41.3; Alternate - 45.7; Conduct of Fire net PAYABLE XRAY - 35.3.

Command. No change

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ANNEXES.

a. Operation Overlay

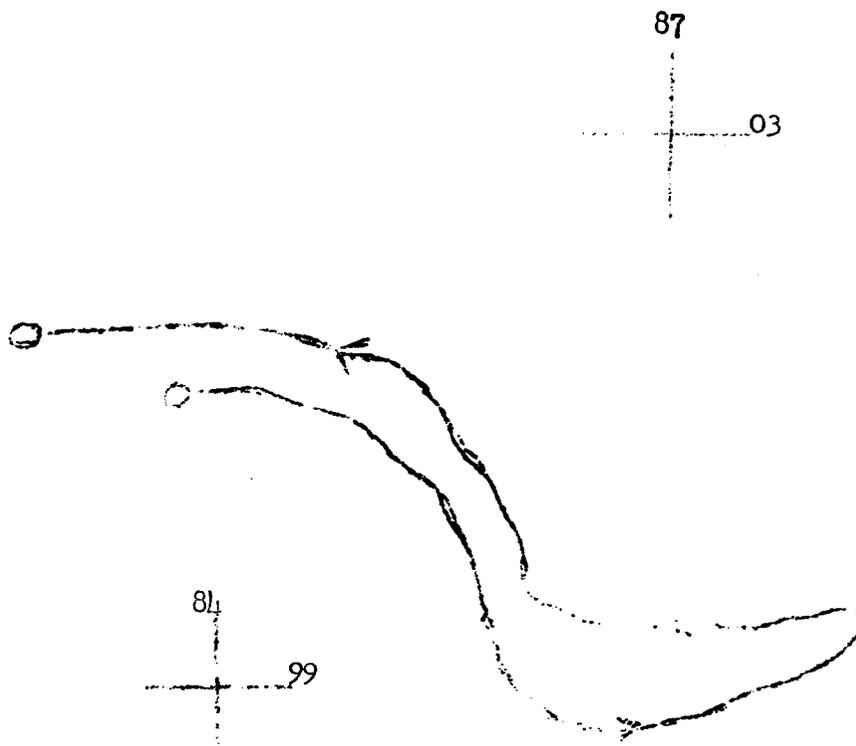
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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Composition: (1) off (10) enl (2) USN.
- b. Special Attachments: None.
- c. Communications Equipment: (2) AN/PRC-25, (1) AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment: (2) 7X50.
- e. Special Equipment: None.
- f. Special Weapons: None.

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance patrolling and surveillance operations in RZ 3 with particular attention to the trail network and roads in the vicinity of YC 8798. Determine and report all enemy movement in that area.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 141800H/181800H April 1966.

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. Synopsis: 94 hours of patrolling and observation resulted in one VC sighting. 8 VC were counted and possibly 10 - 15 more could be heard from a distance of 20 meters away. 6 new HLZ's were located and one possible harbor site.

b. Enemy:

- (1) 150900H (YD 837015) as the patrol was moving towards the objective area, the patrol spotted 8 VC, and possibly heard 10 to 15 more. They were not actually spotted. The 8 VC were seen at a distance of 20 yards. Observed that all VC carried weapons. Five members of the patrol observed that one of the VC carried a K-50 type weapon, the rest had Chinese Communist Carbines. One of the VC was observed to carry a straight metallic type tube strapped on top of his pack. This tube was the approximate size of a 60mm mortar. The uniform of the VC

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was dark blue with a camouflage type cover. All of the VC had the ARVN type rucksacks. The rucksacks were observed to be full with some type of contents. All of the VC appeared to be very young and were all wearing clean uniforms. The direction the VC were moving was West. It was observed by the patrol that 8 VC passed the patrol in groups of 2 and 3 at an interval of approximately 5 to 10 meters. After all 8 VC were out of sight, sounds were heard of more from the same direction the first 8 came from. After a few seconds, the last 3 VC's of the first group reappeared and walked towards where the sounds of the others came from. At this time the patrol departed in a southwesterly direction for about 200 meters, then turned west for 150 meters and then north for 175 meters. All this time it appeared that the VC were following the patrol. But at 1130H, all was quiet behind the patrol, and the patrol continued on its route.

c. Terrain:

(1) The terrain was very heavily overgrown, with brush, vines, and intermingled with thorn bushes. The canopy was 30 to 50 feet high. At times movement through this terrain was restricted to only 50 to 75 meters an hour.

(2) Map Corrections:

(a) HLZ at coordinates YD 824015 to accommodate 3 H-34's.  
 HLZ at coordinates YD 824018 to accommodate 1 H-34.  
 HLZ at coordinates YC 846985 to accommodate 1 H-34.  
 HLZ at coordinates YC 857981 to accommodate 1 H-34.  
 HLZ at coordinates YD 857028 to accommodate 2 - 3 H-34's.  
 HLZ at coordinates YD 860029 to accommodate 2 - 3 H-34's.

(b) One house at coordinates YD 836012, 10 by 15 feet.

(c) New creek at coordinates YD 824020.

(d) Harbor site at coordinates YD 836012.

(e) New trail at coordinates YD 836012. This trail was about two feet wide and well used. It leads east up to the hill into many small trails.

d. Other Information:

(1) Observed a possible harbor site at coordinates YD 836012. This site was along the trail. The size of the site was approximately 10 by 15 feet.

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- (2) On the 16th and 17th at 1930H, the patrol heard what appeared to be automatic weapons fire approximately 3,000 to 5,00 meters away. The platoon was at coordinates YD 836023 the first night and at YD 836007 the second night. Both times the automatic weapons fire came from the north.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: Morale, excellent; physical condition, good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

a. Recommendations:

- (1) If possible, the patrol should be dropped as close to the objective area as the terrain and situation permit. Due to heavy vegetation, the patrol may not be able to reach its objective on time.
- (2) Radios should and must be firmly checked out prior to taking out into the field. A complete check after certain hours of usage is recommended.

b. Conclusions.

- (1) The patrol was inserted at coordinates YD 833011. This was approximately 800 meters away from the insertion point listed in the Frag Order. The helos hovered approximately 6 feet over the ground and the platoon had to jump out of the helos from that height.

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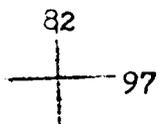
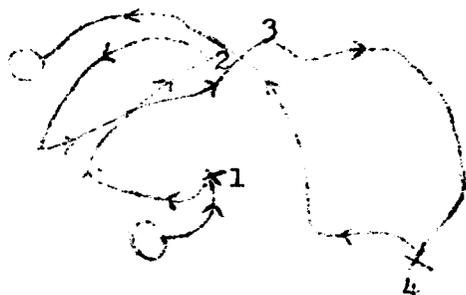
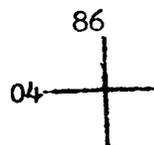
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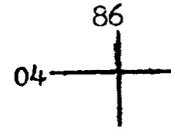
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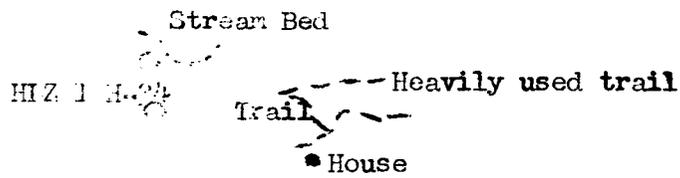
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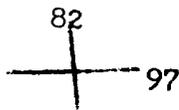
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Ref: (a) CoB OpO 1-66  
 (b) Map Vietnam 1:50,000 Sheet 6460 I

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: 2nd Platoon 1st Force Recon, Lt. PAUL

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. See current CPSUMS.
- c. Attachments and Detachments. None

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance/surveillance operations in RZ #1. Determine and report all enemy movement in that area.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation: 2nd Platoon will depart 4th Marines CP LZ at 151730H by helicopter and lift to the vicinity of YD 598218. From there the patrol will proceed on foot along assigned patrol route in accordance with annex A (Operation Overlay). Recovery of the platoon will be effected by helicopter from a landing zone located at YD 523215 at 191800H

b. Coordinating Instructions.

1. See reference (A)
2. See annex (A) (Operation Overlay)
3. Thrust change daily at 2400H. R+0-5122 R+3-5317 R+6-5118  
 R+1-5621 R+4-4923  
 R+2-5420 R+5-5225

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. See reference (a)
- b. Reports see annex B (Reports) of reference (a)

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICSa. Communications

1. Two AN/PRC-25's radios will be carried with sufficient batteries to sustain the operation.

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2. Unit Brevity Code. See reference (A) and annex C (Unit Brevity Code) of reference (A).

3. SHACKLES

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4. Call Signs: Plt HQ-DIAMOND; 1st sqd-TOPAZ

5. Frequencies: Primary 41.3 Alternate 45.7 Conduct of Fire net  
PAYABLE XRAY 35.3

b. Command. No change.

JAMES L. COMPTON  
Captain US Marine Corps  
Commanding

ANNEXES.

a. Operation Overlay

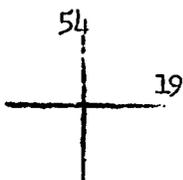
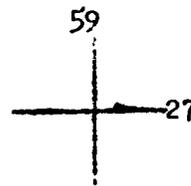
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 Map Sheet: 6460 I

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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Composition: (1) off (14) enl (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments: None.
- c. Communications Equipment: (2) AN/PRC-25's.
- d. Observation Equipment: (1) 6X30, (2) 7X50.
- e. Special Equipment: None.
- f. Special Weapons: (1) M-79.

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrolling and surveillance operations in the area with particular attention to trail network and roads in the vicinity of IC 8793. Determine and report all enemy movement in that area.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 151700H/201645H.

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. Synopsis: 119 hours of patrolling and observations resulted in one contact with enemy forces (VC). On two occasions, VC were heard close by the platoon. One large sighting was made of about 30 to 40 VC and one sighting of 5 VC was made.
- b. Details:
  - (1) 180200H (YO 501215) the patrol heard 2 to 3 Vietnamese walking and talking. These people were moving south along the SONG BO River. Weapons and equipment was not observed.
  - (2) 170130H (YO 512116) the patrol heard 2 to 4 people moving through the jungle approximately 100 meters away from the OP's position. No equipment was observed because of darkness.

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- (3) 180700H departed this location. At 181440H, made contact with an estimated 5 VC at YD 547216. This was a chance encounter. The VC came from the rear of the platoon. The rear point saw one VC and possibly the second one from a distance of 4 feet. The rear point fired 16 rounds of fully automatic M-14. Investigation revealed that the first VC was shot and wounded by a round that hit his weapon and knocked it out of his hands. The second man was also shot and hit at least twice, he was killed. His body was checked by 1st Lt PAUEL and confirmed dead. This VC had 04 black PJ's and Ho Chi Minh sandals. No documents were found on him. This body was left laying on the trail. The patrol investigated the trail further down past the body and heard noise. Then moaning was heard and a continuous trail of blood was followed. The patrol continued down the trail to try to capture this wounded VC. After about 10 yards, they were fired upon by one VC with an automatic weapon. The patrol returned fire and broke contact. From this encounter 1 VC, KIA body count, and one WIA.
- (4) 201430H (YD 542282) observed 5 VC with small arms, uniform was black PJ's and Khaki. These VC were moving south. Two ambushes were attempted for these VC but both times the VC failed to show up.
- (5) 201500H (YD 542282) the platoon was recovered by H-34's when the platoon spotted 30 to 40 VC moving south through a saddle. The patrol leader requested that the VC be taken under fire by the H-34's. One member of the platoon fired 2 magazines of tracer M-14 in the direction of the VC position to mark the target for the H-34's. The H-34's took the VC under fire. No estimate of VC casualties could be made. All of the VC were observed to be carrying weapons, types unknown.

b. Terrain:

- (1) Generally the terrain covered in the objective area is considered to be close to a tropical rain forest.
- (2) Map Corrections: See overlay.

c. Other Information:

- (1) One large trail was picked up at coordinates 554216. This trail was approximately 3 feet wide and can not be observed from the air. This trail was heavily used. The trail was followed for approximately 1,000 meters to coordinates 549214. It was observed that the trail was used as recent as 6 hours before.

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- (2) A small Catholic shrine is located on hill 350 in grid square 5521. It was interesting to note that no trails were leading up to it.
- (3) An old harbor site was located on hill 548 in grid square YD 5421. This site had not been used for at least 4 months. This harbor site is about 40 yards wide by 500 yards long. It had a total of 60 to 70% concealment from the air.
- (4) A resupply was attempted at ID 529212 and it was unsuccessful due to the fact that a water-bag was dropped from a height of 50 feet. This waterbag broke with the impact of the ground. A second resupply mission at a later time was successful.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 1 VC KIA - body count. 1 VC WIA - blood stains on the trail.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Morale excellent; condition, good.
3. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
- a. Recommendations: That patrols involved in only movement, no OP, especially along high ground, be limited to three days because of lack of water.
- b. The patrol should have at least 2 hours during movement to check in. On an OP it would be desirable to check in every hour; during movement, more time is needed to reach an ideal location on high ground to get good communications.
- c. Recommend that a patrol be inserted at a location close by a known VC route or infiltration route. Insertion should be made prior to dark so that the patrol has time to reach its ambush sight during daylight hours. It should be extracted right after first light.
- b. Conclusions: The VC's do not live in the high ground. Most of the VC activity is found at the low ground. They may use the high ground for travel purposes only.

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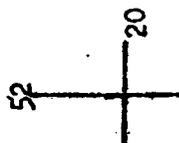
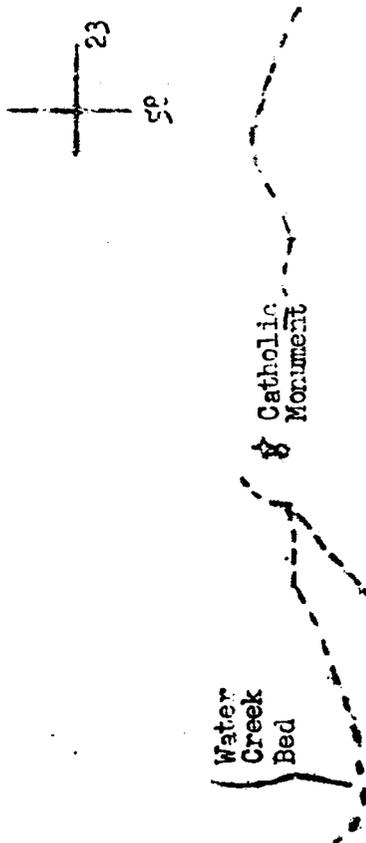
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Patrol Leader

PLACEMENTS, COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Concurs with the patrol leaders.



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MAP CORRECTIONS OVERLAY



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1. The below listed Equipment was captured on 20 April 1966.

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>EQUIPMENT</u>
1	CHICO 7.62 mm Assault Rifle Type 56 SERNO 66 017650
1	CHICO 7.62 mm Submachine Gun Type 50 SERNO 608792
2	CHICO Grenades
1	Canteen with Cover
1	Yoo Belt
1	Magazine Belt
4	Magazines for Type 56 Submachine Gun with 100 rls.
1	Magazine for CHICO Submachine Gun 50 with 35 rls.
1	Ins Aid Pack
1	Large Bag
1	Rice Bag Empty
1	Rice Pot
1	Knife
1	1/2 Pound Block Tite
1	Small oil can (filled with A. 31)

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FRAG ORDER 33-66

Ref: (a) CoB OpO 1-66  
 (b) Map Vietnam 1:50,000 Sheet 6560 III

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: 1st Platoon CoB Lt. CASSIDY

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. See current INSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. See current OPSUMS.
- c. Attachments and Detachments. None.

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance/surveillance operations in RZ #2. Determine and report all enemy movement in that area.

3. EXECUTION. 1st platoon CoB will depart the 4th Marines CP LZ at 161800H by helicopter and lift to vicinity of YD 764085. From there the platoon will move on foot along assigned route to establish OP's in accordance with annex A (Operation Overlay). Recovery of the platoon will be effected by helicopter from a landing zone at YD 756076 at 201800H.

b. Coordinating Instructions

1. See reference (A)
2. OP #1 is located at YD 749087
3. OP #2 is located at YD 750085
4. Thrust lines change daily at 2400H.
 

R Day-7314	R + 3-7309
R + 1-7511	R + 4-6905
R + 2-7408	R + 5-6907

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. See reference (A)
- b. Reports. See annex B (Reports) of reference (A)

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICSa. Communications

1. Two AN/PRC 25's will be carried with sufficient batteries to sustain the operation

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2. Unit Brevity Code. See annex C (Unit Brevity Code) of reference (A)

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4. Call Signs: OP #1 IRON HORSE; OP #2 YANKEE CLIPPER

5. Frequencies: Primary 41.3; Alternate 45.7

b. Command. No change

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ANNEXES

a. Operation Overlay

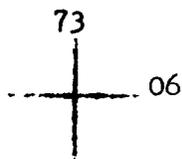
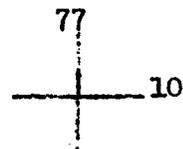
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 Patrol: 1st Plt, Co B, 3rd Recon Bn  
 Debriefed: LT CASSIDY  
 Map: VIETNAM: Map Sheet 6560 III

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Composition: 16 enl.
- b. Special Attachments: None.
- c. Communication Equipment: 1 AN/PRC-25 and 1 AN/PRC-10.
- d. Cover and Camouflage: (2) 730's.
- e. Special Equipments: None.
- f. Special Weapons: None.

2. Mission. Conduct continuous reconnaissance/surveillance in RZ II and report the extent of enemy movement within that area.

3. Time Period/Date/Period: 161600H, 201815H April 1966.

4. Area: See Annex A (for coordinates).

5. SYNOPSIS.

- a. The patrol departed 4th Marines OP LZ at 161600H by helicopter and lifted to YD 757088. The platoon moved west to YD 751088 where they harbored for the night.
- b. At 170015H, the patrol continued to move west to YD 751088 where they established an OP at 171334H. The platoon ran several small patrols in the near late area to secure their position and then they harbored for the night at YD 751088.
- c. The patrol continued to maintain the OP's established at YD 751088 throughout the mission until just prior to retraction.
- d. At 201800H, the patrol moved to secure an HLZ at YD 757077. They secured the zone at 201600H, and were retracted without incident at 201800H and returned to 4th helibase OP LZ.

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- a. 180300H (YD 748113) sighted 10 men in boat. They were dressed in black and white PJs and conical hats. Men appeared to be milling in the area and possibly digging. No weapons could be observed due to distance.
- b. 180900H sighted 12 men in boat moving north on river to land at YD 748113. They were dressed in black PJs. No weapons could be observed.
- c. 181050H 5 men carrying objects at side of trail at YD 737115. They were dressed in black trousers, tan shirts, and conical hats.
- d. 181300H sighted 23 boats moving south on river YD 743013. No observations were made.
- e. 181500H sighted 13 boats moving north on river at YD 743120. The boats were well spread out. A total of 30 men were observed in boats dressed in black PJs and conical hats.
- f. 181800H 5 men in boat moving east on river at YD 703098. They were dressed in black and white PJs and conical hats. The boat moored at YD 730117 and appeared to be unloading men and cargo on a trail located at that position.
- g. 182200H observed 1000 yard wing observation aircraft receive 2 or 3 rounds of small arms fire from YD 730013.
- h. 182700H 13 men disembarked boat and moved west to group of houses at YD 748112. They were black and white PJs, no weapons visible.
- i. 181530H 5 men unloading cargo and large baskets, at YD 743103. They were dressed in black PJs. One man appeared to be carrying rifle over his shoulder. Distance prevented positive identification.
- j. Throughout the patrol, rounds of small arms fire, including carbines, BAR's, and 50 caliber machine guns, from vicinity of grid square YD 741113. Rounds were heard from about 0300H each night.
- k. Heavy traffic on the SONG KHUO FISH RIVER, vicinity of grid square YD 74110. Boats carried men and cargo, although weapons could not be observed. It is the opinion of the patrol leader that the river is used as a primary route for the VC.
- l. No boats moving south on river at YD 743013.

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- m. 180930H a fire mission was called on 3 VC unloading rice from a location at YD 723102. While adjusting artillery the VC left the location hurriedly. No damage estimate made. 4 rounds of HE were expended.
- n. 192030H a fire mission called on 4 VC at YD 723104. The VC were unloading what appeared to be rice bags. One of them appeared to be carrying a weapon. 3 rounds of HE were expended. No damage estimate made. VC withdrew prior to firing for "blast."
- o. Missions were called at YD 743092 (3 aircraft), YD 743095 (2 aircraft), and YD 743098 (2 aircraft).
- p. Terrain was extremely difficult to move thru. Highest grass at YD 743098 was 4 to 8 feet high and very thick. A heavy canopy 20 - 30 feet high located at YD 743098 and 743095.
2. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (condition), excellent; morale, good.
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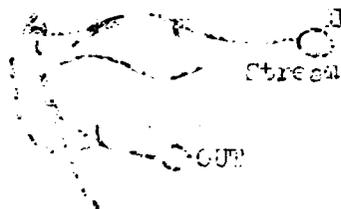
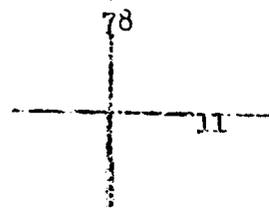
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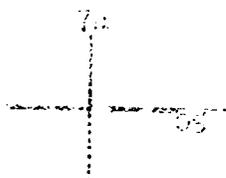
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- Patrol Route
- Trails Not Shown on Map
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- OP
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Time Zone: H

Task Organization: 2nd Platoon, 1st Force Recon Co, GySgt RUNNELLS

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current ILM RM
- b. Friendly Forces. Current OPTEL
- c. Attachments/Detachments. None

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance/surveillance of RZ 9, to include the village in grid square 8900. Determine and report all enemy movement in that area. Particular effort is to be made in capturing a prisoner.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. 2nd Platoon, 1st Force Recon Co, departs 4th Marines CP IZ at 211800H April 1966, by helicopter and lift to vicinity YD 855888. The patrol then proceeds along route in accordance with Annex A (Operation Overlay). The platoon will be extracted from the vicinity of YD 855015.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) See reference (a).

(2) Thrust lines:

E -- 8802	N -- 9099
T -- 8900	L -- 8003
Y -- 9000	M -- 8129

- (3) Rally points will be designated while moving. Action at the rally point will be to set up a 360 degree security perimeter.
- (4) Action in danger area. One team will scout out the danger area while being covered by the rest of the patrol.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. See reference (a).
- b. Individuals will carry C-rations for 4 days, plus two LPR's.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Communications.

- (1) See reference (a).
- (2) Two AN/TRC-25's will be carried with sufficient batteries.
- (3) Frequencies. Primary 38.7, Alternate 39.4. Command of fire net, ~~36.2~~ **36.2**  
**SEABROOK**
- (4) Shackle.

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(5) Prowords.

LIA - SCOTCH  
 WIA - EDNEBON  
 MIA - LENE  
 MSD EVAC - PETER HARBIT  
 EXTRACTION - PEANUT BUTTER

(6) Callsigns. PRINCESS.

b. Command. No change.

*M. E. Ernsmells*

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 Company Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps  
 2nd Recon Bn

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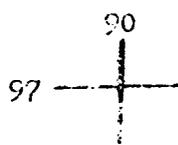
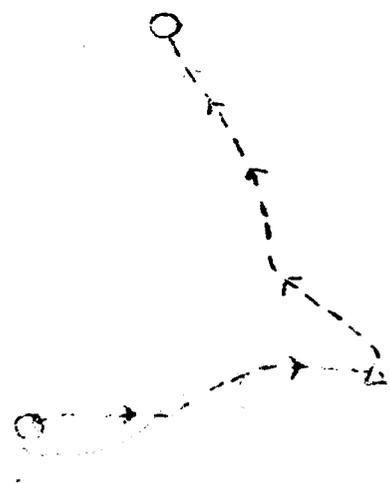
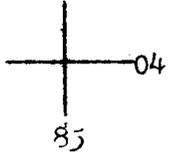
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Annex A (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 2-66



- = HLF
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- = Route

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. Size and Composition: (11) enl (1) USN.
  - b. Special Attachments: None.
  - c. Communications Equipment: (2) AN/PRC-25.
  - d. Observation Equipment: (2) 7X50.
  - e. Special Equipment: None.
  - f. Special Weapons: (2) M-72 (2)
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance/surveillance of RZ 3, to include the village in grid square 8999. Determine and report all enemy movement in that area. Particular effort is to be made in capturing a prisoner.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 221815/261515H.
4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. Synopsis: 71 hours of observation and patrolling resulted in two VC contacts with one VC each time and 2 sightings.
  - b. Enemy:
    - (1) 250905H (YD 896001) observed one VC walking on road moving in a southeast direction. Uniform was black PJ's. A weapon could not be seen. He did not carry a pack.
    - (2) 250920H (YD 896001) observed one man walking on road in a southeasterly direction. He was wearing black PJ's and white cover. No weapons or equipment was observed.

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- (3) 251500H (YD 896004) As the patrol moved through heavy terrain from one OP site to the next, it was fired upon by one VC with an automatic weapon from a distance 10 to 15 meters away. The patrol returned fire and expended approximately 100 to 150 rounds of ammunition.
- (4) 252050H (YD 894011) while the patrol was in the harbor site, it heard one man approaching. At 2100, this VC walked upon the camp security and was fired at with 2 rounds of M-14 from about 6 feet away. The VC was killed instantly. The area was not searched until the next morning when the body was found. This VC wore black PJ's with Ho Chi Minh sandals. He carried one North Vietnamese modified 7.62 submachinegun (Type 50). See enclosure (1) for list of items captured.

c. Terrain:

- (1) The terrain was covered with very thick underbrush intermingled with thorn bushes and vines. The canopy was about 10 to 15 feet high. Many small game trails were located throughout this area, but a human would have difficulty walking upon them. Only the major streams shown on the map had water in them.
- (2) Map corrections: None.

d. Other Information: No artillery or airstrikes were called in or requested in support of this mission.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 1 VC KIA. No friendly casualties.  
(1) 7.62 submachinegun Type 50 and 1 ChiCom grenade were captured.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Morale, excellent; physical condition, good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) It is not recommended that the M-72 be taken out in this type of terrain due to the possibility of injuring friendly troops because of the thick underbrush.



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Platoon Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER:

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1. This patrol was originally scheduled for insertion into RZ 3 on 211800H April 1966. This insertion had to be canceled and re-scheduled for 24 hours later. See synopsis below for reasons of cancellation of insertion on original date.

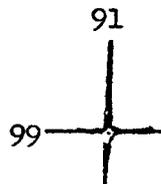
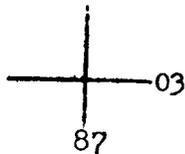
As the helos approached the LZ at an altitude of about 15 to 20 feet the helos received automatic weapons fire. This fire was considered light to moderate. The direction of the fire was unknown. The helos pulled out from the LZ immediately, and went to an altitude of about 1,000 feet and circled the area. The pilot asked the platoon commander if he would try again. The platoon commander answered with "Yes". This time the helos approached from the north. When they were about 20 feet off the ground, the platoon commander sighted 4 VC with small arms at YC 851984. He immediately took the VC under fire with his M-14. He could not observe if he scored any hits. At this time, the helos received automatic weapons fire again. This was again light to moderate. On the east bank of the SONG TA TRACH River, YC 854985, the platoon commander observed 30 to 40 VC on the rivers edge. Some of them were bathing. At this location, the jungle canopy was hanging over the rivers edge, which made observation of the enemy impossible from high altitudes. The gunner of the H-34 opened fire with his M-60 machinegun in the direction of the VC. It was unknown to the platoon commander if he scored any hits. The crew chief informed the platoon commander that an airstrike would be called in that they were going to abort the mission and head for the base.

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<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>
1	Cartridge Belt
1	Canteen with cover
1	Pair of Ho Chi Minh sandals
1	Tobacco tin with 3 pieces of paper with writing on them
1	Piece of parachute cloth
2	Sections of cleaning rod
6	Small containers of food, 4 wrapped in waterproof bags and 2 in tins
1	Canvas bag, small
1	magazine pouch
1	First-aid bandage
1	Knife sheath
37	rounds of 7.62
2	magazines
1	grenade (Chi com)
1	grenade pouch
1	North Vietnamese Modified 7.62mm Sub Machine Gun Type 50
1	Lighter was found with numerals 403
1	sandal repair kit

Enclosure (1)  
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OPERATION ORDER 2-66

Ref: (A) Recon Group B OpO 1-66  
 (B) Map Vietnam 1:50,000 Sheet 6460 II

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: ~~1st~~ <sup>3RD</sup> Platoon CoB ~~Sgt.~~ <sup>LT Huddleston</sup> ~~SGT~~

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. See Current INTSUMS
- b. Friendly Forces. See Current OPSUMS
- c. Attachments and Detachments. None

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance patrolling and surveillance operations in RZ  
 #1. Determine and report all enemy movement. Particular effort is to be made to obtain a prisoner. Locate all possible HLZ's in area of patrol route and listing aircraft capacity and condition of the zone.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. 4th Platoon CoB will depart 4th Marines CP LZ at 191800H April 1966, by helicopter and lift to vicinity of YD 561177. From there the patrol will proceed along patrol route in accordance with annex A (Operations Overlay). Particular attention is to be given area in vicinity of grid square YD 5117 and YD 5217. Be prepared to clear a HLZ in vicinity of YD 511178. Platoon will be retracted by helicopter at 231300H April 1966.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

1. See reference (A)
2. Thrust lines change daily at 2400H.
 

19th - 5225	22nd - 5323
20th - 5118	23rd - 5320
21st - 5117	24th - 4924

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. See reference (A)

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(1). See reference (A).

(2). Two AN/PRC-25's will be carried with sufficient batteries to sustain the operation.

(3). Unit brevity code will be employed.

(4). SHACKLES

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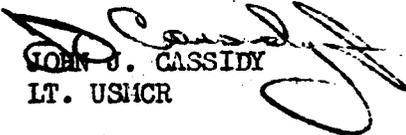
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(5). Call Signs. Platoon HQ - KELSO 1st Squad - NASHUA(6). Frequencies. Primary - 38.7 Alternate - 39.4 Conduct of Fire net  
PAYABLE XRAY - 36.2b. Command. No change

JAMES L. COMPTON  
 Captain, US Marine Corps  
 Commanding

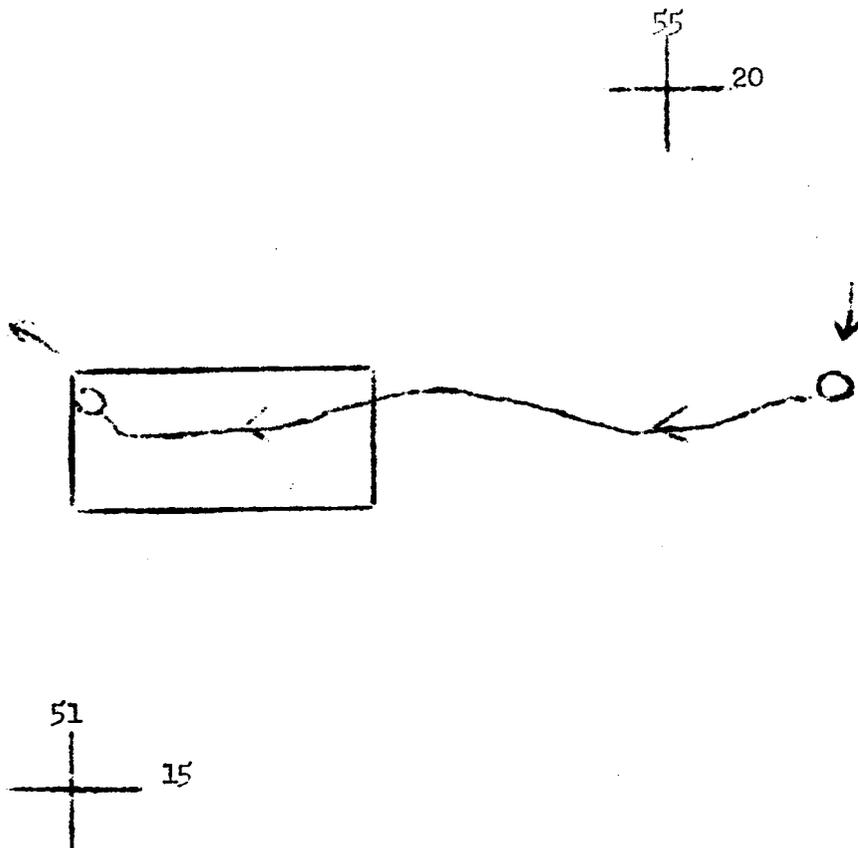
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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Composition: (1) off (15) enl (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachment: None.
- c. Communications Equipment: (2) AN/PRC-25.
- d. Observation Equipment: (1) 7X50.
- e. Special Equipment: None.
- f. Special Weapons: None.

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrolling and surveillance operations in RZ 1. Determine and report all enemy movement, Particular attention is to be made to obtain a prisoner. Locate all possible HLZ's in area of patrol route and listing aircraft capacity and condition of the zone.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 191730H/231900H.

4. ROUTE: See route overlay.

5. OBSERVATIONS OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- a. Synopsis: 95½ hours of patrolling and observation resulted in one contact of 4 VC. 5 possible HLZ's were observed and one old camp site was located.
- b. Enemy:
  - (1) 201030H (YD 540170) the patrol heard what appeared to be wood-cutting 500 meters away. This was heard on only one occasion.
  - (2) 221045H (YD 533179) the patrol stopped on a main trail to get its bearings when, 5 minutes later, the point heard some talking. 3 minutes after that 4 VC walked up to him. These 4 VC were in two groups of two each. The first 2 VC were about 10 to 15 feet in of the last two. The second group of VC could only barely be seen, since they were well behind the underbrush. The first two

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observed had no weapons, and the second two were not observed. When the first two were approximately 10 to 15 feet from the point, he challenged them in Vietnamese to stop. They kept on walking and the point challenged them again. This time the VC closest to the point looked up in surprise and it appeared that he smiled. The other VC turned around and began to run back in the direction from which he came. The other then turned also. At this instant the point opened fire with 3 automatic M-14's. They killed one instantly. The second died of wounds just seconds later during the time when the patrol was searching him for documents and equipment. One of the VC's was approximately 15 years of age, thin built, and wore a blue shirt and white shorts with Ho Chi Minh sandals. This one had a plastic type jungle helmet (pith helmet). The second one wore black shorts, a khaki shirt, no cover, and Ho Chi Minh sandals. This VC was pretty healthy and well built. (See inventory for list of items found on these bodies).

- (3) 221100H (YD 535177) after the patrol departed the hasty ambush site, they heard what appeared to be 2 or 3 people at two locations. One was from the south and one from the west of their position, approximately 100 meters away. The patrol then moved out of this position for about 200 or 300 meters and the noise stopped.

c. Terrain:

- (1) The vegetation south of the valley is very clear of underbrush with a 50 to 80 foot canopy. North into the valley, vegetation is about 10 to 15 feet high with small trees throughout. One stream runs through this valley with lots of water but is easy to cross. This stream looks to have sufficient water to last all summer. It is approximately 10 meters wide with heavy vegetation on both banks.
- (2) Map corrections:
- (a) (YD 527172) located an HLZ large enough for 3 helos. This HLZ needs to be cleared of tree stumps before use. They are from two to four feet high and about four inches in diameter.
- (b) (YD 533171) one HLZ, large enough for two helos. It also needs to be cleared of tree stumps. This HLZ has a 30° gradient.
- (c) (YD 544184) this HLZ was made by a bomb. It is a crater which needs filling and clearing of tree stumps.

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(d) (YD 544185) this is a good HLZ with level ground and two inches of grass. It will accompany only one helo.

(e) (YD 551185) this is possibly large enough for one helo. This site was observed from the air.

d. Other Information.

(1) 201840H (YD 5316) 1 round of .30 caliber was heard fired southwest of the patrols position approximately 300 meters away.

(2) (YD 532172) an old campsite with foxholes on both sides of the trail. This trail was approximately 30 meters long. The foxholes were in different shapes and sizes.

(3) (YD 544185) located a large clearing with approximately 20 to 30 foxholes, all different types. They appeared to be quite old.

6. RESULTS ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 2 VC KIA, body count. No friendly casualties.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Morale, excellent; physical condition, good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a. Some type of system should be made available to obtain better communications in RZ 1.
- b. A pair of climbing spikes should be taken so that trees can be climbed with ease.
- c. Aerial photos should be made available for platoons prior to going into the field.
- d. When AO's make overflights of patrols, they should have shackles and thrust lines available

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G. K. HUDDELSON

First Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps  
Platoon Leader

DEBRIEFERS COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a. Patrols returning from the field should be debriefed not later than  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after arriving at this station.

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- b. Any captured weapons, documents, and material, must be turned over to the Intelligence Section, Recon Group Bravo, immediately.
- c. All items of captured documents and material must be turned over to the intelligence.
- d. All patrols departing for a recon mission should check with the intelligence at least six hours prior to insertion to check if there is any change in the intelligence for these areas of operations.

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<u>Qty</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
1	Blue sack
1	Red flashlight rigged with cells from BA-279.
3	pounds of rice rolled in cloth.
1	cast net
1	khaki hammock
1	piece of white nylon 2' by 6'
1	piece of light green plastic 9' by 6'
1	medium bag with toothpaste and brush two bottles of iodine tabs two lightbulbs one bottle perfume
1	pair gray long trousers with belt
1	black long sleeve shirt
1	piece of black plastic material 4' by 4' smelled like smoke.
1	cook pot
1	spoon
1	bag salt
1	bag meal
1	canteen of tea and honey
1	piece of gray plastic 5' by 5'
1	package (1#) of cooked rice wrapped in piece of green plastic.

#2 MAN

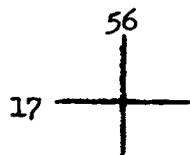
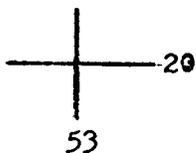
1	green plastic bag
1	fishnet
1	cook pot with cooked rice inside
1	roll of raw tobacco in plastic
2	bags of meal
1	green plastic bag of rice (dry)
1	light green plastic material 5' by 8'
1	pair light gray trousers with belt
1	piece khaki cloth 4' by 6'
1	piece of white material
1	parachute shroud 6' long

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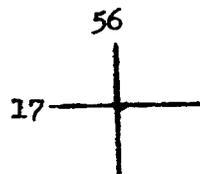
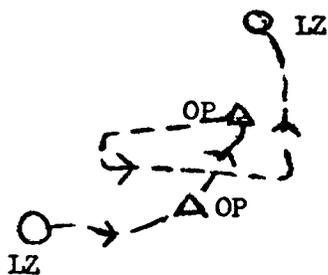
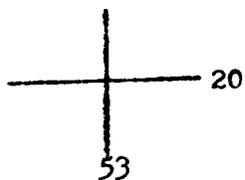
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## OPERATION ORDER 3-66

Ref: (A) Recon Group B OpO 1-66  
(B) Map Vietnam 1:50,000 Sheets 6559IV & 6560III

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: 4th Platoon CoB Sgt. BOYDA

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. See Current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. See Current OPSUMS.
- c. Attachments and Detachments. None.

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance patrolling and surveillance operations in RZ #11. Determine and report all enemy movement in that area. Particular effort is to be made in obtaining a prisoner.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. 4th Platoon CoB departs the 4th Marines CP LZ at 201800H April 1966 by helicopter and lift to vicinity of YD 777077. The patrol will then proceed along assigned patrol route in accordance with annex A (Operation Overlay). The platoon will be extracted from H LZ in vicinity of YC 804046. If there is no suitable LZ available be prepared to clear a zone.

Coordinating Instructions.

1. See reference (A)
2. Thrust lines change daily at 2400H.
 

20th - 6905	23rd - 7310
21st - 6907	24th - 7410
22nd - 6808	25th - 7506

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. See reference (A)

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS.a. Communications.

- (1). See reference (A)
- (2). Two AN/PRC-25 radio's will be carried with sufficient batteries to sustain the operation.

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(3). Unit brevity code will be employed .

(4). SHACKLES

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 6 - I Q  
 7 - C R V X  
 8 - G M  
 9 - H S  
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(5). Call Signs. Platoon HQ - KELS0 1st Squad - 1440.

(6). Frequencies. Primary - 38.7 Alternate - 39.4 Conduct of Fire  
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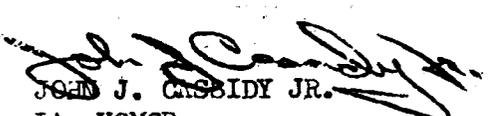
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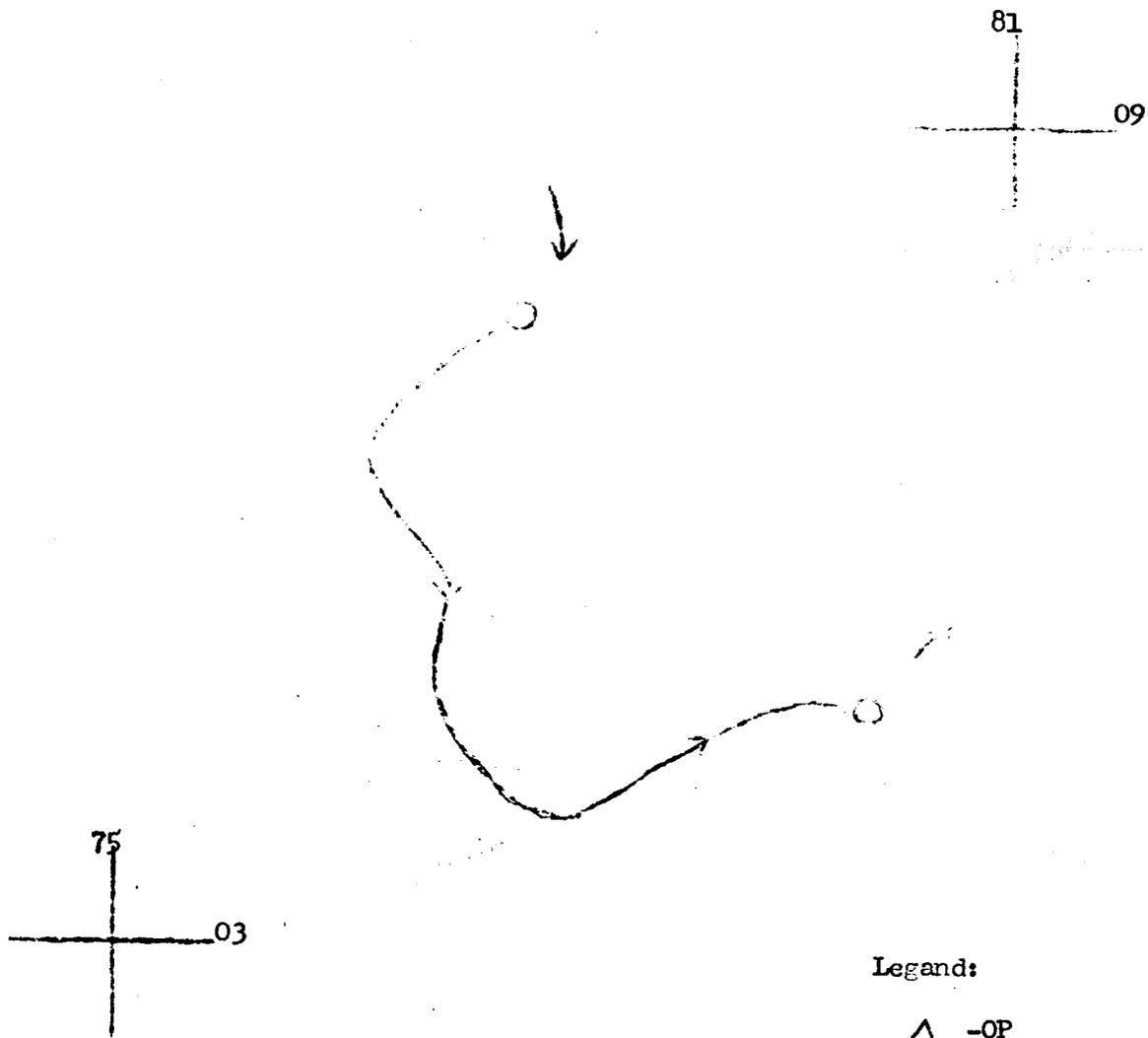
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. Composition: (13) enl (1) USN
  - b. Special Attachments: None.
  - c. Communications Equipment: (2) AN/PRC-25's.
  - d. Observation Equipment: (1) 7X50, (1) 6X30.
  - e. Special Equipment: None.
  - f. Special Weapons: (1) M-60, (1) M-79.
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrolling and surveillance operations in RZ 2. Determine and report all enemy movement in that area. Particular attention is to be made in obtaining a prisoner.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 201800H/241745H April 1966.
4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. Synopsis: 82 $\frac{1}{4}$  hours of patrolling and observation resulted in negative VC contact or sightings. 3 possible HLZ's were located.
  - b. Enemy: None observed.
  - c. Terrain:
    - (1) Generally the terrain in the objective area is very rugged with the canopy as high as 75 feet. Heavy underbrush is found throughout this area. Distance covered in this terrain is about 75 to 100 meters in an hour.

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CONFIDENTIAL(2) Map corrections:

- (a) One small HLZ is located at YD 800053. This HLZ can accommodate one H-34. The approach is good from all directions.
- (b) A good HLZ is located at YD 786063. This HLZ is large enough for two H-34's. The approaches are good from all directions.

d. Other Information.

- (1) At YD 798049. A small HLZ is located that could possibly land two helos. It needs some improvement, however, there are ~~minor~~ obstructions.
- (2) A well used trail is located at YD 782039. This trail is about 4 to 5 feet wide. Observation from the air can not be made of this trail. The canopy over this trail is about 45 feet.
- (3) At YD 800052 observed footprints along a creek bed. The imprints appeared to have been made from a man carrying a heavy load into the jungle.
- (4) Along some of the trails in this area, it was noted that a branch had been pulled through a larger leaf. Both branches had leaves. This could possibly be some type of trailmarker.
- (5) YD 778043 located some trees that were cut close to the bottom. Those cuts were made to get sap out of the trees.
- (6) There were no artillery missions or airstrikes called in to support this mission.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: Morale, good; physical condition, good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

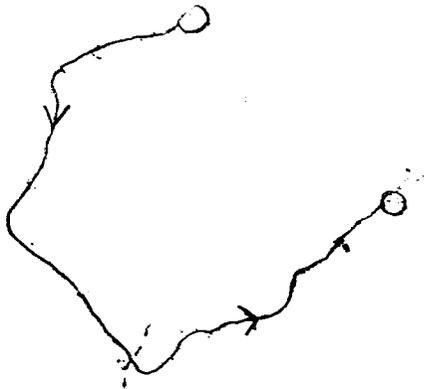
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Patrol Leader

DEBRIEFERS COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

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OPERATION ORDER 4 - 66

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 (B) Map Vietnam 1:50,000 Sheet 6460 II

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: 2nd Platoon CoB S/Sgt PRITCHARD

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSUMS
- b. Friendly Forces. See current OPSUMS
- c. Attachments and Detachments. None

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance patrolling and surveillance operations in RZ #1. Determine and report all enemy movement. Particular effort is to be made to obtain a prisoner. Locate all possible HLZ's in area of the patrol route listing aircraft capacity and condition of the zone.

3. EXECUTION. 2nd Platoon CoB departs 4th Marine CP LZ at 231745H by helicopter and lift to vicinity of YD 501178. The patrol then proceeds on foot along assigned patrol route in accordance with annex A (Operation Overlay). The platoon will be retracted from HLZ at YD 491231 at 281800H.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

1. See reference (A)
2. Thrust lines change daily at 2400H
 

23rd - 5320	26th - 5518	29th - 5222
24th - 4924	27th - 5419	
25th - 5324	28th - 5125	

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. See reference (A)

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS.a. Communications.

1. See reference (A)
2. Two AN/PRC-25's will be carried with sufficient batteries to sustain the operation.
3. Unit brevity code will be employed.

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4. All units will make radio checks hourly and monitor net at all times.

5. SICKLES.

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2. B K
3. J P
4. A T
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6. I Q
7. C R V X
8. G M
9. H S
0. D N

6. Call Signs Platoon HQ - HOMERUN

1st Squad - LINE DRIVE

Co Hq's - PATHOLE BRAVO

7. Frequencies. Primary 38.7

Alternate 39.4

Conduct of fire net PAYABLE XRAY-36.2

1st Bn 4th Marines PERSPECTIVE 46.8

AO ROSEBUD 40.7

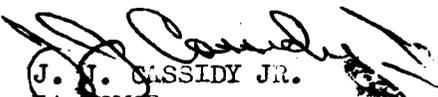
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## a. Operation Overlay

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LEGAND:

○ - HLZ

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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and composition: 15 Enlisted and 1 USN enlisted.
- b. Special Attachments: None.
- c. Communications Equipment: 1 AN/PRC-25 radios and 1 AN/PRC-10 radios.
- d. Observation Equipment: 2 Pair of 7x50 binoculars.
- e. Special Equipment: None.
- f. Special Weapons: None.

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance patrolling and surveillance operations in RZ #1. Determine and report all enemy movement. Particular effort was to be made to detain a prisoner. Locate all possible HIZ's in area of the patrol route listing aircraft capacity and condition of the zone.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 231745H/261700H.

4. ROUTE. See annex A (Operation Overlay)

5. SYNOPSIS. 71 Hours of patrolling and observation resulted in 3 contacts which produced 2 VC KIA, 4 VC WIA and 1 enemy weapon recovered. There were no friendly casualties.

6. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN.a. Enemy.

1. 241200H (YD 525184) patrol was deployed in ambush position along trail when 4 VC moving East to West carrying French made sub-machine guns entered the patrol's position. They detected their weapons when the patrol leader opened fire and wounded two VC. The enemy escaped leaving a heavy blood trail. Two jungle hats were recovered along with a magazine pouch with 28 9mm rounds and a pouch believed to contain narcotics. 2 VC were dressed in khaki shirts and black shorts, the remaining 2 wore black shirts and white shorts.

2. 241730H. (YD 528168) Patrol was again deployed in ambush position alongside the same trail. 4 VC moving West to East entered the patrol's position. One VC wore camouflage shorts and a red and white stripe shirt. He was wearing a green poncho over his clothes. He was armed with a K-50 Chi Comm sub-machine gun and 3 magazines (118 rounds) and 2 Chi Comm stick grenades. The remaining 3 VC were dressed in green ponchos which covered their clothes and weapons.

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The ambush was triggered and 1 VC was killed instantly, his body and weapon recovered (Above mentioned). Another VC was killed but his body fell down the side of a steep cliff and could not be recovered. The 2 remaining VC were believed wounded as two blood trails were discovered.

3. 250730H (YD 521197) The platoon was preparing to move from their night harbor site when 5 rounds of sniper fire was received from vicinity of YD 528188. The platoon returned fire and the sniper fire ceased.

4. 261630H (YD 534193) The patrol detected a group of VC of unknown size shadowing their movement. Evasive action was taken and contact avoided.

b. Terrain

1. The terrain in the area of the patrol's route was extremely rugged. Secondary growth was 8-10 feet high and made for very slow and difficult movement.

2. Map corrections: See annex A (Operations Overlay) for trails and map corrections.

c. Other Information

1. 231000H Patrol landed in HLZ at YD 523176. On de planing the patrol spread out in a defensive perimeter. During this time PFC JEKABSONS became separated from his team in the dense undergrowth. Due to the great noise of the on station aircraft, PFC JEKABSONS did not hear his patrol leader's order to move out and subsequently he remained in the vicinity of the HLZ and became separated from his platoon. PFC JEKABSONS's absence was not noted until 240700H. At this time the report was sent to CoB HQ's and search aircraft were requested. At 1200H a search helicopter with Capt. OWENS and Lt GASCIBY aboard spotted PFC JEKABSONS in the original HLZ and landed and effected a rescue. PFC JEKABSONS had spent the night in the area of the HLZ and was waiting for his platoon to return for him. Which they were in the process of doing when the recovery was effected. PFC JEKABSONS was unharmed and had spent his 18 hours of detached duty without incident.

2. Communications difficult were encountered through out the patrol. This was due to a massive ridge line, which masked the platoon communications. It had been originally planned to insert a relay team atop this ridgeline to insure communication, but due to operational commitments this did not prove possible. A majority of the platoons transmissions were relayed by aircraft flying in the area of the patrol.

3. H&I fires were requested and delivered from 252200H to 260600H in vicinity of YD 525185 and YD 525187.

4. A prominent trail was discovered running East to West from YD 522183 to YD 523181 respectively. It turned North East to YD 523185 then West to YD 523187. It was well used.

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(See Operation Overlay) and heavy movement was heard on this trail the night of 23 April. There were no other HLZ's discovered in the area other than those at points of insertion and recovery. YD 5350185 one aircraft and YD 527 187 one aircraft

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. 2 VC KIA, 4VC WIA. 1 K-50 Chi Comm sub machine gun was captured along with 3 magazines (146 rds of 9mmammunition) 2 Chi Comm stick grenades and a packet believed to contain a form of narcotics.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Morale excellent; physical condition good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That in the event of future operations in this area. That a relay be established prior to the start of the operation on the hill mass at YD 515219 (Hill 674)

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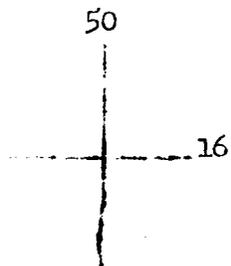
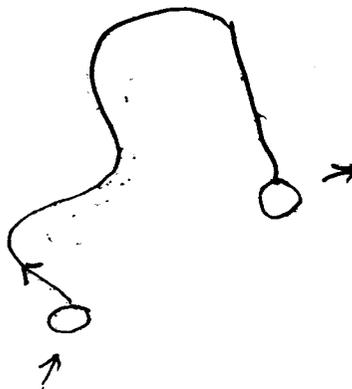
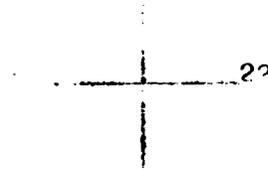
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Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: 1st Platoon CoB S/Sgt NICKLOW

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. See Current INTSUMS
- b. Friendly Forces. See Current OPSUMS
- c. Attachments and Detachments. None

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance patrolling and surveillance operations in RZ #2. Determine and report all enemy movement. Particular effort is to be made to obtain a traffic log. Locate all possible HLZ's in the area of operation listing aircraft type, quantity and condition of the zone.

3. EXECUTION

a. The 1st platoon CoB departs 4th Marines CP LZ at 241745H by helicopter and lift to vicinity of XD 750078. The patrol then proceeds on foot along assigned patrol route to established OP in vicinity of XD 750087 in accordance with annex A (Operation Overlay). The platoon will be retracted from HLZ at XD 740085 at 201800H

b. Coordination Instructions

1. See reference (A)
2. Thrust lines change daily at 2400H
 

24th - 7410	27th - 7510
25th - 7506	28th - 6909
26th - 7303	29th - 6707

4. ADMINISTRATIVE LOGISTICS

- a. See reference (A)

5. COM AND SIG COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS

- a. Communications
  1. See reference (A)

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2. Two AM/PAC-35's will be carried.
3. Unit brevity code will be employed.
4. All units will make hourly radio checks and monitor the net at all times.

5. SHACKLES.

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

6. Call . Platoon Hq's - HOMERUN  
 1st Squad - LINEDRIVE  
 Co Hq's - RATHOLE BRAVO

7. Frequency . Primary 38.7 Alternate 39.4  
 Conduct of fire net SEABR. CK 36.2 and 35.7  
 AO ROSEMENT 40.7

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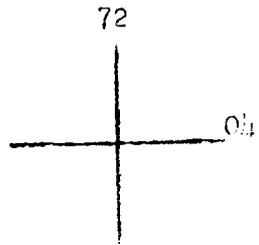
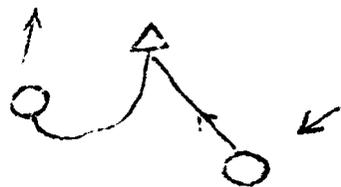
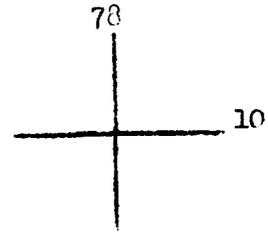
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 PIU D&I, RVN  
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 Debriefers: Capt. OWENS  
 Map Sheet: 6560 III & 6559 IV

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. Size and Composition: (11) enlisted and (1) USN enlisted.
- b. Special Attachments: None.
- c. Communications Equipment: (2) AN/PRC-25 radios.
- d. Observation Equipment: (2) Pair 7x50's
- e. Special Equipment: None.
- f. Special Weapons: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrolling and surveillance operations in RZ #2. Determine and report all enemy movement. Particular effort is to be made to detain a prisoner. Locate all possible HLZ's in the area of operation listing aircraft capacity and condition of the zone.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 241700H/290815H.

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. This patrol conducted surveillance of the Song Huu Trach River/valley in RZ #2 for a total of 207 hours. During this period there were no sightings of VC or unusual civilian activity.

b. Enemy: None.

c. Terrain: The terrain from the LZ to the top of hill 424 is characterized by dense vegetation and canopy averaging 20 feet in height. The Northwestern slope of hill 424 is extremely steep with heavy vegetation. Trails observed by the patrol are included on the patrol route overlay.

d. Map Corrections. At YD 755081, one hill approximately 150 meters in height was observed; however, this terrain feature is not indicated on the maps used by the patrol.

e. The patrol requested and received H&I fires in the vicinity of their harbor site each night.

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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
7. CONDITION OF THE PATROL: Moral, excellent; physical condition, good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.
- a. The majority, if not all of the VC movement within the patrols area of observation was conducted during the hours of darkness.
- b. Artillery illumination be delivered at infrequent times at night to observe possible movement along the river during the hours of darkness.

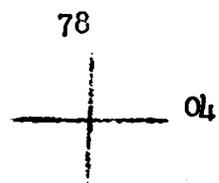
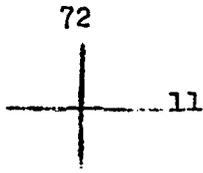
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