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## HEADQUARTERS

3d Reconnaissance Battalion  
 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
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**From:** Commanding Officer, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion  
**To:** Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF

**Subj:** Command Chronology

**Ref:** (a) DivO 05750.3

**Encl:**

(1)	Battalion Operation Order 14-66	
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(28)	Patrol Report of 4 May 1966 (Co D)	" " " ?-66

1. In compliance with instructions contained in reference (a), the below report is submitted.

2. Organizational Data

a. Reporting Unit: 3d Reconnaissance Battalion (AT 959750)

Period Covered: 1-30 April 1966

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c. Commanding Officer  
 Executive Officer  
 Operations Officer  
 Adjutant  
 S-2 Officer  
 S-4 Officer  
 CO, H&S Company  
 CO, Company A  
 CO, Company C  
 CO, Company D

LtCol. R. R. VAN CLEVE  
 Major T. R. STUART  
 Major B. G. HUNTER  
 2dLt. M. J. GILDEA  
 Capt. W. C. SHAVER  
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d. Average Monthly Strength: (Does not include figures for 1st Force Reconnaissance Company and Company B, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion)

(1) USMC Officers	<u>17</u>
(2) USN Officers	<u>1</u>
(3) USMC Enlisted	<u>315</u>
(4) USN Enlisted	<u>16</u>

### 3. Significant Events

#### a. Logistics

- (1) Received April CRITAPAK.
- (2) A reinspection of Battalion Supply was conducted by the Division Supply Management Team on 15 April 1966 with satisfactory results.
- (3) An FSAO assistance team visited the battalion on 25 April 1966.

### 4. Operations

a. The 3d Reconnaissance Battalion (-)(Rein), in general support of the 3d Marine Division, maintained its elements deployed around the periphery of the Division's TAOR in Da Nang. Significant operational events which occurred within the battalion during the reporting period were:

- (1) At 011800H April 1966 the OPCON of the 1st Force Reconnaissance Company was shifted from this command to Commanding General, III MAF. No significant events occurred during the 18 hours of this reporting period that 1st Force Reconnaissance Company was OPCON this battalion. 1st Force Reconnaissance Company has prepared its own Command Chronology, which is being forwarded separately, for the month of April 1966.
- (2) On 20 April 1966, one platoon and one squad from Company D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion was detached and placed under OPCON of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines for Operation GEORGIA. At the end of the reporting period they had not been returned to OPCON of this

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command. Significant events pertaining to these personnel which occurred during Operation GEORGIA will be reported in the Command Chronology submitted by 3d Battalion, 9th Marines.

- (3) On 27 April 1966, Company A (-), consisting of two platoons and a company headquarters section, was detached and placed under OPCON of the 4th Marine Regiment for operations in the HUE-PHU-BAI TAOR. Significant events pertaining to Company A for the period 1-27 April 1966 are contained herein.
- b. Co A. During the reporting period the company operated in the field for a total of 49 patrol days. Eleven huts and four punji stake pits were discovered. Drum beats were heard on three occasions. New trails, water points, HLZ's and possible VC OP sites were located and reported. Patrols had 24 enemy sightings totalling 80 VC. Four contacts with the enemy resulted in 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA (Confirmed), 4 VC KIA (Possible) and 1 VC WIA (Possible). One USMC was WIA when one round of small arms fire was received through the bottom of a helicopter during extraction of a patrol from an HLZ.
- c. Co C. Company C operated in the field for a total of 46 patrol days. Four huts, and numerous harbor sites, possible VC OP sites and HLZ's were discovered and reported. Two grenade booby traps and two punji stake pits were located. A flashing mirror, which possibly was being used as a signal, was observed. Artillery fire called on the position where the mirror was observed produced unknown results, but the mirror was not seen again. Five U.S. M-26 grenades, two and one half bandoliers of U.S. 7.62mm ammunition and one roll of communication wire were found and returned with the patrols. Four elephants were sighted. There were eight enemy sightings totalling 30 VC. One minor contact occurred which caused no friendly casualties. VC casualties, if any, could not be determined. Two artillery fire missions were called on suspected VC OP sites, both resulting in small secondary explosions.
- d. Co D. The company operated in the field for a total of 26 patrol days during the reporting period. Numerous new trails, huts and possible VC harbor sites and OP sites were discovered and reported. Fresh elephant tracks were observed. An unoccupied boat, 15 feet long was found by a river.
- e. Company B (Rein) was not under the operational control of this battalion during any part of the reporting period. Significant events pertaining to Company B will be included in the 4th Marine Regiment's Command Chronology for April 1966.

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 221300 H March 1966

Operation Order 14-66

- Ref: (a) Maps: VIET NAM, 1:50,000, Series L701, Sheet Numbers: 6559 I, 6559 II, 6558 I, 6659 IV, 6659 III, 6658 IV, 6659 II, 6658 I, 6460 I, 6460 II, 6459 I, 6459 II, 6560 IV, 6560 III, 6559 IV, 6560 II.
- (b) BnOpO 349-65 w/Ch 1  
 (c) BnC 1500.1  
 (d) BnCp Plan 12-66  
 (e) DivOpC 376-66 (Msg 201530Z Mar 66)  
 (f) Div msg 222345Z Mar 66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization

- a. Ref (b).  
 b. Ref (f).

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUM's.  
 b. Friendly Forces. Ref (b).  
 c. Attachments and Detachments. Ref (f).

2. MISSION. 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion (-) establishes and maintains a reconnaissance network in the TAOR/RZ's of the DA NANG enclave and conducts reconnaissance/infantry reinforced operations against VC forces beyond the TAOR.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation. Ref (b).  
 b. Co A

(1) During the period 1-15 April 1966 inclusive, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in or WEST of RZ-3 and RZ-4. Utilize 2/3 of available forces for operations.

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- (2) Be prepared on order to execute ref (d).
- (3) On conclusion of operation contemplated by ref (e), be prepared to conduct 5 days training. Be guided in this training by the provisions of ref (c).

c. Co C

- (1) During the period 1-15 April 1966 inclusive, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in and WEST of RZ-4 and RZ-5. Utilize 2/3 of available forces for operations.

d. Co D

- (1) During the period 1-15 April 1966 inclusive, Company D will be in general support, reinforcing Company B in the PHU BAI enclave. Upon completion of the reinforcing mission in the PHU BAI enclave, Company D will be utilized within the DA NANG enclave.

e. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Operate within supporting artillery range.
- (2) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Make personal liaison with 12th Marines (S-3) for artillery coordination, after coordinating with cognizant Regimental FSCC.
- (3) Shackle C-T azimuth when adjusting artillery.
- (4) Submit company employment schedules by 281900H. Co A submit special training schedule by 051900H.
- (5) Fire support and infantry reinforcement requirements will be effected by direct liaison with cognizant Regimental Commanders.
- (6) Coordinate all missions with cognizant Regimental Commanders.
- (7) EEI's: Annex A to ref (b).
- (8) Submit helicopter requirements and operation orders to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) not later than 48 hours prior to commencement of missions.
- (9) Use varying means and times of entry and exit. Helolanding zones will normally be no closer than 3000 meters to objective area.
- (10) Submit patrol roster to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) prior to execution of assigned missions.

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- (11) Cause patrol leaders to report to Battalion S-2 immediately on return to the unit area for debriefing.
- (12) Be prepared to insert and/or extract by foot.
- (13) If an air strike is requested and approved, display a single red panel at forward most position when aircraft are on station.
- (14) Be prepared to recommend infantry exploitation or reinforcement and suitable primary and alternate landing zones for its entry.
- (15) Each company in the DA NANG enclave shall report hourly to this Headquarters, the location and situation of each element of each patrol.
- (16) Any patrol out of contact for a period of six hours shall abort its mission and return to camp.
- (17) Each squad will carry at least one (1) entrenching tool. All trash and garbage will be buried and the sites camouflaged. Every effort will be made to obscure all evidence of patrol passage.
- (18) Whenever possible, patrol leaders will be afforded opportunity for helicopter reconnaissance prior to insertion.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Ref (b).
- b. Utilize long range patrol packet when available.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. Ref (b).
- b. Each platoon size patrol shall carry a PRC-25 for its primary means of communication. Inner platoon communications by PRC-10.
- c. Field relay sites will carry both primary and alternate means of communications.

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d. Utilize battalion brevity code as promulgated by ref (b).



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 091500 H April 1966

Operation Order 15-66

Ref: (a) Maps: VIET NAM, 1:50,000, Series L701, Sheet numbers: 6559 I, 6559 II, 6558 I, 6659 IV, 6659 III, 6658 IV, 6659 II, 6658 I, 6460 I, 6460 II, 6459 I, 6459 II, 6560 IV, 6560 III, 6559 IV, 6560 II.

- (b) BnOpO 349-65 w/Ch 1
- (c) BnO 1500.1
- (d) BnOp Plan 12-66
- (e) 3rd Div OpO 368-66 (dtd 011200Z Apr 66)

Time Zone: H

Task Organization

- a. Reference (b)
- b. 1st Force Recon Co (-) and Company B (Rein), 3rd Recon Bn attached 4th Marine Regiment.

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUM's.
- b. Friendly Forces. Reference (b).
- c. Attachments and Detachments. Reference (e).

2. MISSION. 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion (-) (Rein) establishes and maintains a reconnaissance network in the TAOR/RZ's of the DA NANG enclave and conducts reconnaissance/infantry reinforced operations against VC forces beyond the TAOR.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Reference (b).

b. Co A

(1) During the period 16-30 April 1966 inclusive, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in or WEST of RZ-3 and RZ-4 (above GL-75). Utilize 50% of available forces for such operations except during the period 17-25 April when 66% of available forces shall be utilized.

(2) Be prepared on order to execute reference (d). **ENCLOSURE (2)**

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- (3) Be prepared to conduct 5 days training. Be guided in this training by the provisions of reference (c).
- c. Co C. During the period 16-30 April 1966 inclusive, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in and WEST of RZ-5. Utilize 50% of available forces for such operations except during the period 17-25 April when 56% of available forces shall be utilized.
- d. Co D (Rein)
- (1) During the period 16-30 April 1966 inclusive, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in and WEST of RZ-4 (below GL-75) and RZ-8. Utilize 50% of available forces for such operations except during the period of 17-25 April when 66% of available forces shall be utilized.
- (2) Be prepared on order to assume screening mission of Company A during their training period.
- (3) Attach one platoon when directed in accordance with reference (e).
- e. Coordinating Instructions
- (1) Operate within supporting artillery range.
- (2) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Make personal liaison with 12th Marines (S-3) for artillery coordination, after coordinating with cognizant Regimental FSCC.
- (3) Shackle O-T azimuth when adjusting artillery.
- (4) Submit company employment schedules by 151900H.
- (5) Fire support and infantry reinforcement requirements will be effected by direct liaison with cognizant Regimental Commanders.
- (6) Coordinate all missions with cognizant Regimental Commanders.
- (7) EEI's: Annex A to reference (b).
- (8) Submit helicopter requirements and operation orders to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) not later than 48 hours prior to commencement of missions.
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- (10) Submit patrol roster to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) prior to execution of assigned missions.
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- (12) Be prepared to insert and/or extract by foot.
- (13) If an air strike is requested and approved, display a single red panel at forward most position when aircraft are on station.
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- (18) Whenever possible, patrol leaders will be afforded opportunity for helicopter reconnaissance prior to insertion.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Utilize long range patrol packet when available.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Each platoon size patrol shall carry a PRC-25 for its primary means of communication. Inner platoon communications by PRC-10.
- c. Field relay sites will carry both primary and alternate means of communications.

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d. Utilize battalion brevity code as promulgated by reference (b).

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12thMar	(2)	File	(15)
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Operation Order: 23-86  
 Patrol: 1st Plt. Co. A  
 Debriefing: SSGT D. R. PHELPS  
 Map Sheet: 6559II

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 050900H April 1966

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (11) En1, (1) USN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) FSR-1
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) 1b TNT per man w/acc, (1) M-79, and (1) LAW
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance in or West of RZ's 3 and 4.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 311635/050805H April 1966
4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 117 hours of continuous patrolling and reconnaissance resulted in no enemy sightings or contact. Patrol found one new trail, 2 water points and (1) LZ site.
  - b. ENEMY: None.
  - c. TERRAIN: See patrol route overlay.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
    - (1) 020930H, (ZC 186854), patrol heard drum beats to the SSW of this vicinity very faintly.
    - (2) 031130H, (ZC 183851), patrol heard drum beats to the SSW of this vicinity very faintly.
    - (3) 040930H, (ZC 163850), patrol heard Rooster crowing this vicinity.
    - (4) 050507H, (ZC 162854), patrol heard Rooster crowing this vicinity.
    - (5) (ZC 158248), patrol found good LZ site. Absorption of approximately 4-5 UH-34 helicopters.
    - (6) At (ZC 177842) and (ZC 181857) the patrol found water points within hill 478 complex.
    - (7) From (ZC 182853) following patrol route to (ZC 171847) the patrol found old trail not shown on map.

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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, moral good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
  - a. Recommendations: Patrol leader recommends not taking the SID.
  - b. Conclusions: 1. Area doesn't appear to have been used in the past 6 months.
    2. Due to terrain situation in the area of operation (ZC 185862-187845-161843) it does not appear that the high ground in this area is used by the enemy. Lack of water sources in the high ground and poor observation of avenues of approach into the area render this area of little tactical value to the enemy.
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: There is no evidence of recent enemy activity in the area of question. The SECRET ZONE previously reported in the (ZC 1886) grid square is not in the area reported. It is possible that the zone exist to the North and West of this area but there have been no enemy sightings in this area in the past two months.

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GySgt Co. A

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
O - LZ = LANDING ZONE	1st Plt. Company A.
— = DIRECTION AND ROUTE.	MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000
- - - = NEW TRAIL.	SHEET: 6559II
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Operation Order: 24-66  
 Patrol: 3A  
 Debriefer: SSGT D. R. PHELPS  
 Map Sheet: 6659 III. 5659 II

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 081045H April 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (9) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) Fr. 7x50
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) PSR-1
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) LAW, (1) Shotgun, (1) M-79
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in or West of RZ #3 & 4.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 031700H/081030H April 1966
4. ROUTE: Refer to Patrol Route Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 113 1/2 hours of continuous reconnaissance, patrolling resulted in no enemy contacts or sightings. The patrol found one new trail, and heard shots fired on two occasions but couldn't determine source.
  - b. ENEMY: None.
  - c. TERRAIN: See Patrol Route Overlay.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
    - (1) 041400H, (ZC 209754), patrol found trail and followed same to (ZC 208757). Trail was approximately 5 meters wide. Could be seen by air.
    - (2) 071235H, (ZC 198788), patrol heard 4 shots fired from this vicinity. Sounded like carbine fire.
    - (3) From (ZC 208217), Southeast to (AT 795753) patrol had communication difficulties.

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(4) 071415H, (ZC 209774). patrol heard sound fired from this vicinity. Sounded like carbine fire.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

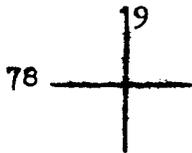
Conclusions: Area appears to be used periodically.

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SGT " A " Co.

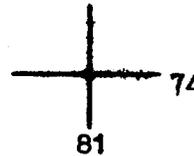
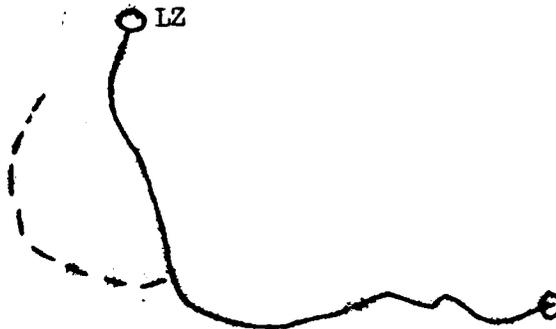
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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INSERTION AND RETRACTION



LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
<p>— = ROUTE OF TRAVEL</p> <p>○ -LZ = LANDING ZONE</p> <p>- - - = NEW TRAIL</p> <p>NOT SHOWN ON MAP</p>	<p>3d Plt Company A</p> <p>MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000</p> <p>SHEET: 6559II &amp; 6659III</p> <p>SERIES: L-701.</p>

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Operation Order: 25-66  
 Patrol: 2d Plt. Co. A  
 Debriefing: SSGT D. R. PHELPS  
 Map Sheet: 6659 III

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 101000H April 1966

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (11) Enl, (1) USN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) PSR-1
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) LAW, 2 lbs. of C-4 W/Acc.
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance in or West of RZ #3 & 4.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 051815H/100910H April 1966
4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 111 Hours of continuous patrolling and reconnaissance result in no enemy sightings or contacts. During patrols extraction from LZ they received 1 round SA fire through helo. Patrol also found 2 new trails.
  - b. ENEMY: None.
  - c. TERRAIN: See Patrol Route Overlay.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
    - (1) 061000H, (AT 825848), patrol found fresh foot prints in this area. No friendly patrols operating in this area in past month. Patrol saw chickens in this same vicinity.
    - (2) 092150H, (AT 811849), heard one shot from carbine being fired into air, possible signal shot from this vicinity.
    - (3) 092150H, (AT 798839), patrol heard drum beats from this vicinity.
    - (4) 100910H, (AT 810849), patrol received 1 round small caliber through bottom of helo resulting one USMC WIA. Patrol couldn't determine source of fire.

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## 6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: None.

b. FRIENDLY: (1) USMC WIA as result of small arms fire received during extraction from LZ.

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good. Prognosis of WIA good.

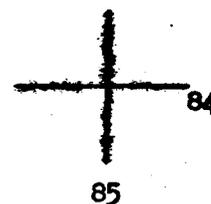
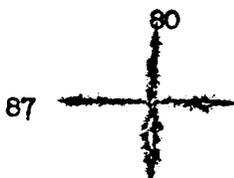
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None

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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
O - LZ - LANDING ZONE	21st Flt. Company &
— - TRAVEL ROUTE	MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000
- - - - NEW TRAILS	SHEET: 6659III
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Operation Order: 26-66  
 Patrol: 1st Plt. Co. A  
 Debriefing: SSGT D. R. PHELPS  
 Map Sheet: 6559 II, 6659 III

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (11) Enl, (1) USN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) vml 7x50's
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) PCR - 1
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) LAW, (1) M-79, (1) Shotgun
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in or West of RZ #3 and 4.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 091700H/131730H April 1966
4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 103 hours of continuous reconnaissance and patrolling resulted in two enemy contacts, three enemy sightings, hearing of drumbeats, twice seeing flashlights and 1 round fired from what sounded like an M-1 rifle. There was 1 VC WIA possible.
  - b. ENEMY:
    - (1) 081745H, (AT 813753), Helo's over LZ received small arms fire from 4 VC along trail.
    - (2) 081745H, (AT 812741), Helo gunner saw 3 VC and took same under fire results unknown.
    - (3) (1) member of Recon Patrol saw 4-5 tracer rounds coming from LZ and presumed them to have been fired from automatic weapon.
    - (4) VC were dressed in black PJ's with conical hats.
    - (5) 111100H, (AT 812798), Saw one VC dropping from tree wearing black PJ's, no weapon was visible. VC ran toward hill 922. Artillery mission called with unknown results.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (AT 810790), patrol saw three VC and fired 4 rounds, resulting in 1 possible VC WIA.

(7) 121100H, (AT 848776), patrol saw 4 VCS going into village. 2 Were wearing black TJ's and 2 were wearing black bottoms and khaki shirts. No weapons were observed.

c. TERRAIN: See Route Overlay.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 101740, 1930, and 2100H, (AT 8378, 822802, and 828783), patrol heard drumbeats, seen bonfire at second coordinates and heard sticks being hit together.

(2) 110730H, (AT 828783), patrol heard talking this vicinity.

(3) 102300H, (AT 810790), patrol heard movement and the sound of sticks being broken on flanks. At 2315H movement became closer to patrol. At 2330H heard movement to the North, South, and West patrol saw flashlights flicking from the West of their position.

(4) 110100H, (AT 813791), patrol seen flashlights flickering from the East on trail, also heard what sounded like a man falling down a cliff with a rifle stock hitting a tree.

(5) 110200H, (AT 812788), patrol heard bolts clicking to the North and South of their position.

(6) 110530H, (AT 808789), heard 1 round fired from this vicinity. Round sounded like it was fired from a M-1 rifle.

(7) 110700H, (AT 811790), patrol checked area around position and could find no fresh signs of activity.

(e) 112045H, (AT 815765), patrol saw flashlights this vicinity.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- a. ENEMY: (1) possible WIA
- b. FRIENDLY: No Casualties
- c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None.

7. CONDITON OF PATROL: Tired, morale good.

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**CONFIDENTIAL****8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Recommendations: Patrol leader recommends PSR-1 be left behind.

Conclusions; Patrol stated that enemy elements may have been coming from Garden of Eden.

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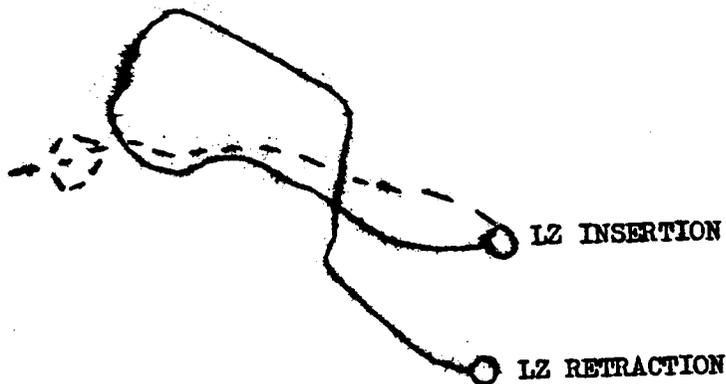
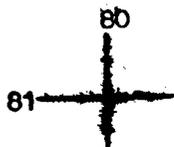
**9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS:**

Enemy activity in this area appears to be increasing. Possible enemy movement from the northwest to the southeast from "Garden of Eden".

Patrol aborted mission on 8 Apr due to enemy fire received from LZ.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
<p>O-LZ-LANDING ZONE</p> <p>— TRAVEL ROUTE</p> <p>- - - NEW TRAIL NOT SHOWN ON MAP.</p>	<p>1st Plt. Company A</p> <p>MAP: VIETNAM, 1:50,000</p> <p>SHEET: 6659II</p> <p>SERIES: L-701.</p> <p>3d RECON BN.</p> <p>(S-2)</p>

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 151600H April 1966

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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (13) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr, 7x50, (1) pr, 6x30
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) PSR - 1
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) Shotgun, (1) LAW, (1) M-79, 8lbs of C-3 with acc.

2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in or West of RZ#s 3 and 4.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 101630H/151445H April 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay,

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 118 hours of continuous reconnaissance and patrolling resulted in one enemy sighting, finding of three huts and sighting of a large fire.

b. ENEMY: 111335H, (ZC 175834), patrol sighted 4 VC with three rifles and three packs. Two VC were wearing all black and the others were wearing black bottoms and grey shirts. All were wearing conical shaped hats.

c. TERRAIN: None.

## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 111440H, (ZC 179835), patrol sighted fire which continued to burn for three days. Patrol couldn't determine source.

(2) 121145H, (ZC 177834), patrol found three huts. First hut was 20 feet long 8 feet wide and 8 feet high, second hut was same size as first but only the frame had been built. The third was 12 feet long, 10 feet high and 10 feet wide. The 1st hut appeared to be a living quarters, the second, after completion a living quarters and the 3rd a storage hut. The 3d hut had eight 5 gal. water cans, 12 water jugs, numerous rice bowls, and approximately 10

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10 pounds of peanut shells within.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: Patrol leader recommends ~~not taking~~ PBR-1.  
 Patrol leader doesn't recommend using LZ at  
 (ZC 195839) so as to set any pattern, due to the good observation  
 from surrounding terrain.

Conclusion: Area doesn't appear to be utilized. Enemy possibly  
 using Son Nom River for movement into elephant valley complex.

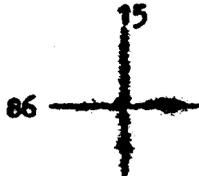
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: The huts sighted by the patrol 121145H (ZC 177834)  
 is approximately 200 meters southeast of the 4 VC sighted on 111335H  
 at (ZC 175834). The huts appear to be VC harbor site.

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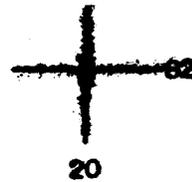
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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
<p>O- IZ - LANDING ZONE</p> <p>— - TRAVEL ROUTE</p>	<p>3d Plt, Company A.</p> <p>MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000</p> <p>SHEET: 6559II</p> <p>SERIES: 1-701.</p>

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (10) ENL, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/TRC 25, (1) AN/TRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50's
  - e. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) PSR - 1
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) LAW
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in or West of RZ's 3 and 4.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 141600H/181730H April 1966
4. ROUTE See Patrol Route Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 97 1/2 hours of continuous reconnaissance and patrolling resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found one new trail, rice wrappings, heard 1 round fired and found 4 panji pits.
  - b. ENEMY: None.
  - c. TERRAIN: See Patrol route overlay.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
    - (1) 151400H, at (AT 800814), patrol found six old rice wrapping. It was a blue plastic.
    - (2) 1300H at (AT 8082), patrol heard one round fired from high powered rifle from this vicinity.
    - (3) 141600H at (AT 815814), patrol found new trail and followed same for approximately 1500 meters. This trail was 2 feet wide with canopy of 50 feet to 100 feet. Trail appeared to have been used periodically.

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(4) 161000H at (AT 803809), patrol found 4 punji pits approximately 7 feet deep 5 feet wide and 8 feet long. They were uncovered, appeared to be at least two months old. Patrol checked area and observed no signs of recent activity in this vicinity.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusions: Area of operations doesn't appear to have been used in last two to four weeks.

Recommendations: None.

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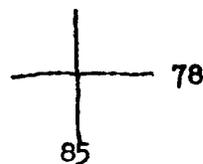
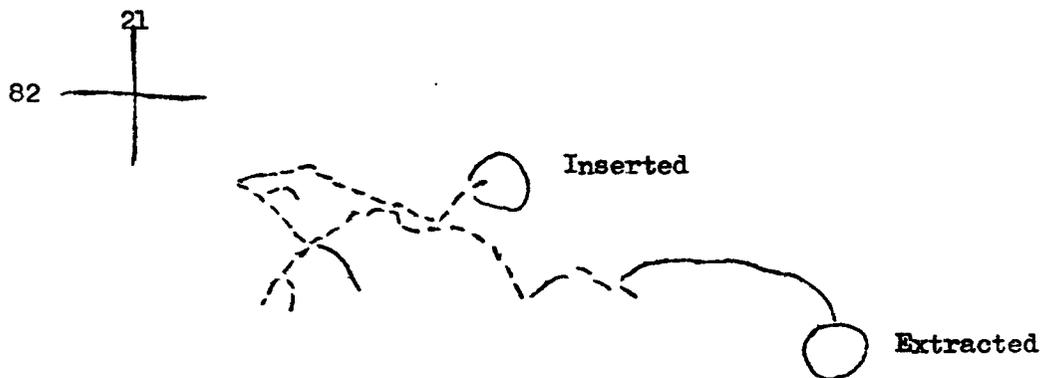
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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— Patrol route  
- - - New trails patrol followed



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 Patrol: 1st Flt. Co. A  
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PATROL REPORT

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## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (14) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50, (1) pr. 6x30
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) PSR-1
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) LAW, (1) AR-15, (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance in or West of RZ's 3 and 4.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 151700H/200830H April 66

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 111½ hours of continuous reconnaissance and patrolling resulted in 3 sightings and no contacts. Patrol heard automatic weapons fire and what appeared to be mortar fire. Patrol also found one new trail which appeared to be used recently.

b. ENEMY: 161320H, (AT 802850), patrol observed 15VC crossing river. They moved South down trail to Hwy#14 and moved East on highway to (AT 807847) then moved South onto trail. At this time patrol lost observation of them. Four VC wore Khaki, no wpns. The other eleven wore black PJ's and had weapons. All 15 VC wore large packs. Patrol leader stated that the four wearing Khaki appeared to be much larger in size than the other VC and were wearing shorts. Fire mission called with unknown results.

181355H, (AT 801849), patrol sighted 1 VC in the open and much movement in nearby brush presumed to be more VC. Fire mission called, results unknown.

200730H, (AT 855848), patrol during helo movement back to GP noted 15 men who at the observation of helo's ran into brush. Helo's made strafing run and the A4D's giving air cover for the helo's ran an air strike with unknown results.

c. TERRAIN: See route overlay.

## 6. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 161100H, (AT 815845), patrol found new trail. Patrol observed

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what appeared to be old blood spots on it. Patrol followed this trail to (AT 804845). The trail appeared to be used recently.

(2) 161220H, (ZC 185814), patrol heard one round fired from this vicinity. The shot sounded like it was fired from a M-1 rifle.

(3) 190900H, (AT 7982), patrol heard automatic wps fire and what sounded like mortar fire from this vicinity.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: Patrol leader recommends that the trail at (AT 815845) be checked further during next patrol.

Conclusions; Area West of hill complex #82 shows signs of constant activity.

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SGT A Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.



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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
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  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50's
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: PSR-1, Demolition Kit
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) LAW, (1) Shotgun, (1) M-79
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance in or West of RZ's 3 and 4.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 181630H/230800H April 1966
4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 111 1/2 hours of continuous patrolling and reconnaissance resulted in no enemy contacts or sightings. Patrol found one new trail and heard automatic weapons fire from undetermined source.
  - b. ENEMY: None.
  - c. TERRAIN: New trail see Patrol Route Overlay.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
    - (1) 191115H, (AT 817754), patrol found trail and followed same to (AT 798768), Patrol leader stated that this trail may possibly lead all the way to hill complex 1112.
    - (2) 190915H, (AT 835756), patrol heard automatic rifle fire from this vicinity. This fire was heard for a duration of approximately 15 minutes. Source of fire could not be determined.
    - (3) Patrol leader stated that water in this area is critically short.

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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

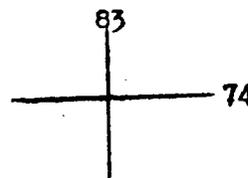
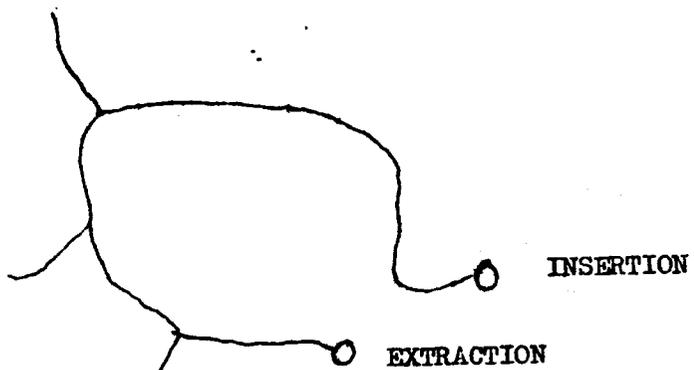
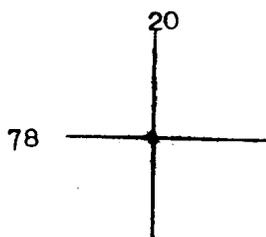
Recommendation: Patrols take more water due to water shortage in this area.

Conclusion: Area outlined on route overlay doesn't appear to have been used for approximately 3 months.

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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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LEGEND	
—	Patrol route and New trail
0	Landing Zone
	Patrol: 3d Flt. "A" Co. Map Sheet 6659 III, and 6559 II Ser: L-701 3d ReconBn (S-2)

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 250800H April 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (16) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50's
  - e. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) Demolition Kit, (1) PSR-1
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) M-79, (1) LAW
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in or West of RZ's 3 and 4.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 201630H/250745H April 1966
4. ROUTE: See patrol Route Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 111 1/2 hours of continuous reconnaissance and patrolling resulted in 15 enemy sightings totalling 27 men. 3 fire missions resulting in 4 VC KIA possible, heard Carbine fire, machine-gun fire and M-79 fire. Patrol located good fording site, 2 OP sites, good all weather stream and possible repelling site from helo through canopy.
  - b. ENEMY:
    - (1) 211255H, (AT 824856), patrol sighted one man heading East on road. He ran East into brush (AT 820856). He was wearing black PJ's. Equipment; unknown.
    - (2) 211310H, (AT 842855), patrol sighted 5 VC wearing black trousers with khaki shirts. Patrol observed 4 weapons. 4 of these VC appear to be larger than normal vietnamese. Fire mission called with good coverage estimate 4 VC KIA possible.
    - (3) 211330H, (AT 832855), Patrol sighted 1 VCS wearing khaki trousers with black top. No weapon was sighted.

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(4) 211515H, (AT 835855), patrol sighted 1 VC moving East on road wearing black top and khaki trousers. 1 rifle was observed.

(5) 211515H, (AT 820855), patrol sighted 3 VC moving West on road dressed in black trousers rolled up above knees. 2 were wearing gray tops the other wore a green top. 3 rifles were observed. Fire mission called. Results unknown.

(6) 211010H, (AT 833845), patrol sighted 3 VC headed East wearing what appeared to be green uniforms. 3 rifles and 2 packs were observed. Fire mission called with good coverage. Patrol repeated fire for effect and 3 VC's were seen running from this vicinity into brush at (AT 835845).

(7) 211640H, (AT 816847), patrol sighted 2 VC heading southeast wearing black PJ's. Equipment unknown.

(8) 211708H, (AT 833856), patrol sighted 1 VC in rice paddy wearing dark clothing. Equipment unknown.

(9) 211740H, (AT 843855), patrol sighted 2 VC moving East on road wearing black clothing Equipment unknown.

(10) 221255H, (AT 838858), patrol sighted 1 VCS heading West on road wearing dark clothing. Equipment unknown.

(11) 221310H, (AT 830854), patrol sighted 1 VC moving back and forth on road. VC finally moved East on road. He was wearing black clothing. Patrol observed 1 pack and 1 rifle.

(12) 221325H, (AT 825855), patrol sighted 1 VCS moving East on road wearing black clothing and wearing a white scarf around his head. No equipment was observed. This same VCS was observed at 1420H heading West on road.

(13) 221710H, (AT 815852), patrol sighted 2 VC wearing black clothing moving downstream. At 1800H these 2 were joined by a 3d VC. Patrol observed 3 packs and 2 rifles.

(14) 221840H, (AT 825855), patrol sighted 1 VC wearing green uniform and what appeared to be utility cover heading East on road. Patrol sighted what appeared to automatic weapons.

(15) 221915H, (AT 825855), patrol sighted 2 VC. 1 VC was wearing green uniform the other 2 VC wearing black tops and khaki trousers. The VC dressed in black and khaki appeared to be larger than normal vietnamese.

c. TERRAIN: See Patrol Route Overlay.

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## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 201710H, (AT 828857), patrol heard 3 to 5 rounds of Carbine fire from this vicinity.

(2) 20 1715H, (AT 827867), patrol heard 3 rounds of Carbine fire from this vicinity.

(3) 241900H, (AT 8585), patrol heard automatic small arms machinegun and M-79 fire from this vicinity.

(4) (AT 823859), patrol located good fording site. Good avenues of approach to high ground at (AT 819861).

(5) (AT 8085), parallel movement on North bank of river extremely difficult.

(6) (AT 805851), patrol located good all weather stream.

(7) (AT 813857), patrol located good OP site giving observation of grid squares (AT 8285 - 8385 and 8485).

(8) (AT 807858), patrol located OP site giving good observation of the road from (AT 808847 to 814849) and grid square (AT 8184).

(9) (AT 809818), possible repelling site from Helo through 30 foot canopy.

(10) (AT 806851 and 818852), the river is 40 to 50 meters wide and approximately 15 feet deep with negative current.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Tired, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: TPQ drop in the area (AT 832855).

Conclusion: Movement along highway 14 in grid square (AT 8285-8385) indicate some portions may be mined due to irradic movement of VC in this area.

At (AT 8785-8385), good snatch site can be located this vicinity.

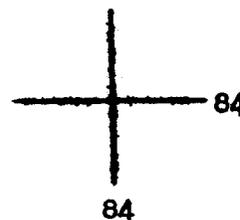
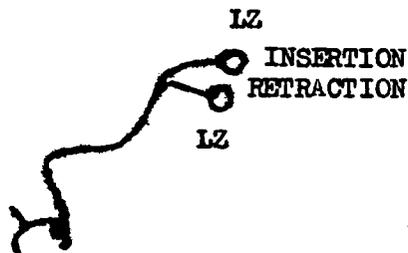
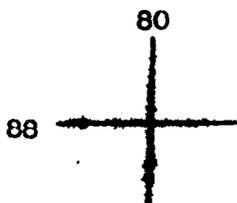
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Movement in this area has increase considerably during last 4 to 5 days.

Debriefef concurs with patrol leader.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
O-LZ = LANDING ZONE	"2"d Plt. Company "A"
— = ROUTE OF TRAVEL	MAP, VIETNAM, 1-50,000
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (14) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50, (1) pr. 6x30
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) PSR-1
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) Demolition Kit
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in or West of BZ's 3 and 4.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 231700/261800H April 1966
4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 73 hours of continuous reconnaissance and patrolling resulted in no enemy contacts or sightings. The patrol located new trail, 8 hooches, (1) M-26 grenade, water source and heard 6 to 8 rounds of small arms fire.
  - b. ENEMY: None.
  - c. TERRAIN: See Patrol Route Overlay.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
    - (1) 231730H, (AT 832782), patrol found (1) M-26 grenade in stream. Grenade was not booby trapped and was removed from stream.
    - (2) 240846H, (AT 821796), patrol found 8 hooches approximately 8 feet x 10 feet & 8 feet x 20 feet in size. These hooches were in very bad shape and didn't appear to have been used in about 3 months.
    - (3) 241730H, (AT 8179), patrol heard 6 to 8 rounds fired in rapid succession from this vicinity. Fire sounded like M-1 rifle.

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(4) 260900H, (AT 808786), patrol located new trail running West to East from hill 1000 to (AT 835792. Trail is approximately 2 to 3 meters wide with a 50 foot canopy. This trail does not appear to have been used recently.

(5) Patrol located water on hill 1000 at (AT 794793). Patrol leader stated this water source would possibly remain throughout the summer.

- 6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
- 7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.
- 8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: That hill 1000 (AT 798787) be used as observation post on future patrols. This OP gives excellent observation of the West Northwest portion of the "Garden of Eden" complex to the Song Nam river and Northwest to (EC 208805).

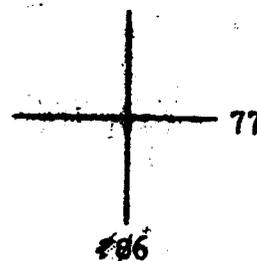
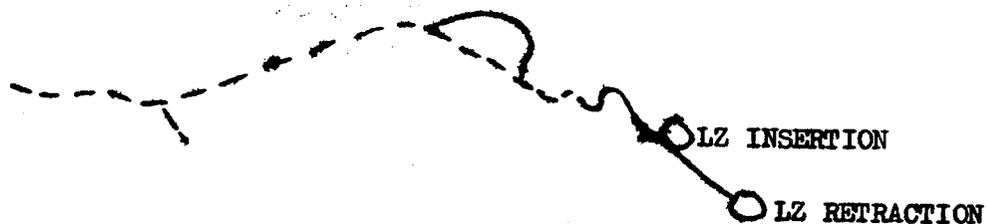
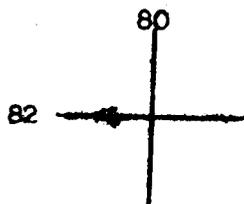
Conclusion: Patrol leader stated that area covered on patrol route doesn't appear to have been used in approximately 2 to 3 months.

N. G. EVANS  
SGT Co. A

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

- 1. ELECTRONIC INTERFERENCE
- 2. ELECTRONIC SILENCE
- 3. OPERATIONAL SIGHTS
- 4. COMMUNICATIONS
- 5. SENSITIVE INFORMATION
- 6. COMBAT SITUATION
- 7. WEATHER
- 8. OTHER

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
<p>O - LZ = LANDIND ZONE</p> <p>— = ROUTE TRAVELED</p> <p>- - - = NEW TRAIL NOT SHOWN ON MAP.</p>	<p>1st Plt. Company "A"</p> <p>MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000-</p> <p>SHEET: 6658IV</p> <p>SERIES: AMS L-701.</p> <p>3d RECON BN. (S-2)</p>

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 300830H April 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (1) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50, (1) pr. 6x30
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) PSR-1
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) LAW, (1) Shotgun, (1) M-79, and (2) 2 - 1b. blocks of C-4 w/acc.

2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance in or West of RZ's 3 &amp; 4.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 251630H/300830H April 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 112 hours of continuous reconnaissance and patrolling resulted in 2 sightings and 2 contacts resulting in 2 VC KIA and 1 VC WIA. There were no friendly casualties.

b. ENEMY:

(1) 291645H, (ZC 193863), patrol sighted 5 VC walking in river from West to East. The VC were dressed in black tops and shorts with straw hats and all 5 VC were armed with Garbines, and packs. The VC were taken under fire as they crossed a fork in the river. Results were 2 VC KIA (Body Count) and 1 VC WIA. The two VC KIA's were dragged away by the other VC and the WIA escaped. No attempt was made to recover any VC equipment from the river.

(2) 300815H, (ZC 192866), during patrols extraction from the landing zone 2 VC took helicopter under small arms fire. The VC were dressed in Black PJ's. Crew chief and one patrol member returned fire with unknown results. There were no friendly casualties.

c. TERRAIN: See Patrol Route Overlay.

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## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) The 5 VC which were engaged at 291645H by the patrol were uniformly dressed and equipped. It was noted that one of the VC had what appeared to be numerous ChiCom grenades attached to his cartridge belt. The packs which they were wearing were greyish brown in color resembling the U.S. knapsack. Patrol leader noted all VC appeared to be quite young.

(2) No enemy equipment was recovered after engagement due to the tactical situation. It was noted by the patrol that some of the enemy gear washed down the river but could not be identified.

## 6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- a. ENEMY: 2 KIA, 1 WIA
- b. FRIENDLY: None.
- c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale excellent.

## 8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

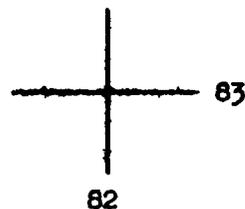
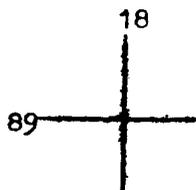
Recommendation: Using areas close to river bank for ambush sites.

Conclusion: Patrol leader stated that the VC appear to be utilizing rivers and streams for movement in this area. The Song Ca De river in area patrol covered is not normally over waist deep.

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SGT Co. A

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
<p>O LZ = LANDING ZONE</p> <p>— = ROUTE TRAVELED</p>	<p>3d Plt. Company A</p> <p>MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000 SHEETS; 6559II&amp;6559III</p> <p>SERIES: AMS, L-701.</p> <p>3d RECON BN. (S-2)</p>

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (14) Enl, (2) USN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) PRC 25's
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (5) pr. 7x50, (1) OP Scope
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) LAW, (1) M-79
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area of operation.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 310820 March/051910H April 1966
4. ROUTE: Refer Patrol Route Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 130 1/2 hours of continuous patrolling and reconnaissance in assigned area produced no enemy contacts or sightings. Patrol found (1) M-26 grenade, (1) roll of comm wire, (1) piece of cloth and foot prints.
  - b. ENEMY: None.
  - c. TERRAIN: None.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
    - (1) Patrol had communication difficulty in area of (AT 876618) to (AT 885621).
    - (2) There were no cattle grazing in the Mortar Valley Complex which normally contain many head of cattle and farmers.
    - (3) 011450H, (AT 878647), patrol found (1) M-26 grenade which appeared to have been in this location approximately two months.

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Grenade was not booby trapped.

(4) 030900H, (AT 895658), patrol observed cattle in valley and at 1630H cattle were taken from fields. Normally cattle remain in fields until approximately 1800H.

(5) 040715H, (AT 871649), patrol found one roll of comm wire under rock which appeared to have been placed there very recently.

(6) 051130H, (AT 879643), patrol found 1 piece of heavy blue twill cloth dropped over sharpened stick. It was noted this cloth was neatly folded and placed on the stick. There were two sets of fresh bare foot prints moving up stream in a Southeasterly direction. There were also several sets of bootprints, presumed to be made by U.S. Jungle boots.

(7) Streams in this area are drying up and water will become a problem for future patrols in this area.

(8) Normal night sounds heard on previous patrols in this area were lacking during this patrol. There were no animal or bird noises heard during periods of darkness which are usually heard.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

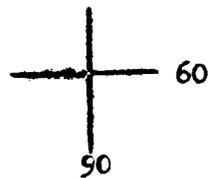
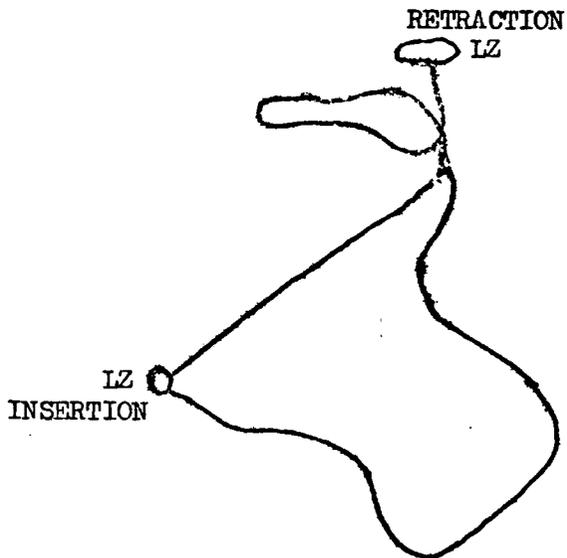
Recommendations: Change extract times so as not to set pattern.

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SSGT CG. C.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
O-LZ = LANDING ZONE	2d Plt. Company C
— = ROUTE OF TRAVEL	MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000 SHEET: C653IV SERIES: 1-701.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (11) Enl, (1) Off, (1) USN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (3) 7x50's, (1) 6x30
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None.
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 051800/100900H April 1966
4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 111 hours of continuous patrolling of reconnaissance resulted in no enemy contacts or sightings. Patrol heard small arms fire on different occasions but couldn't determine the source, found several old harbor sites, and what was believed to be one man made water hole. Patrol also found one possible LZ site.
  - b. ENEMY: None.
  - c. TERRAIN: See Patrol overlay.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
    - (1) 071930-2130H, (AT 8967, 9067), 6 fires observed in this area. Artillery and small arms fire heard throughout the night in this vicinity.
    - (2) Small arms fire was heard in the vicinity of (AT 8967) all through the night on 7, 8 and 9 April. All fire was automatic and sounded like it came from one or more K-50's. The weapons had a high cyclic rate of fire.

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(3) (AT 89637), an artillery round had landed in this location and started a spring which continued down to the Northeast.

(4) (AT 892638), banana trees and some type of an edible root-type plant were found to be growing in several small areas in this vicinity. Several harborsites, all over 3 weeks old, were also found in the area. They would accomodate 2-3 people each.

(5) Water is no problem in this area at this time.

(6) No civilian movement was seen in the mortar valley area.

(7) (AT 894637 - AT 896639), the ridgeline in this area can be used for an LZ. 3-4 UH-34's could land in this area.

(8) (AT 890632), stream in this area drying up.

(9) Patrol set up OP at (AT 892623) and observed Son Vu Gia Valley. Village activity was noted to be considerably reduced.

(10) (AT 892622), patrol found what was believed to be man made waterhole about 2 1/2 feet deep.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

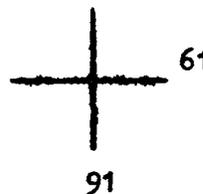
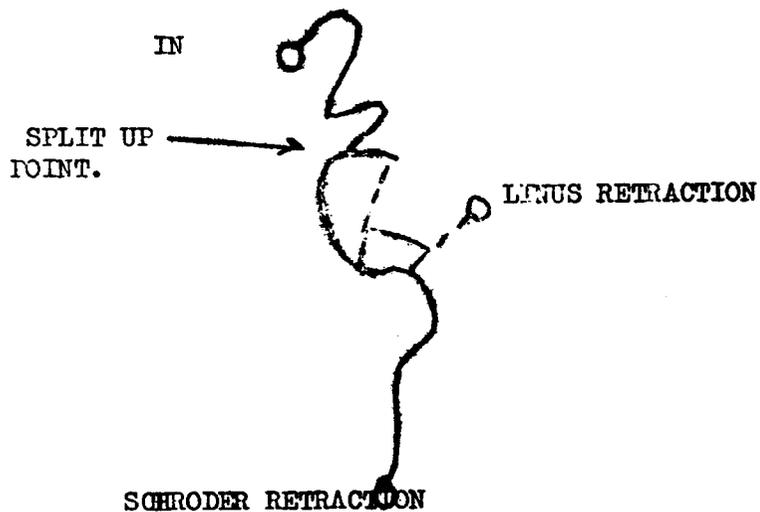
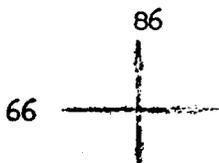
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9. DEBRIEFERS COMMENTS: This is the second report of reduced activity in this area. Refer to Operation Order 18-66 patrol report of 051930H April.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
- - - - - = ROUTE OF TRAVEL	1st Plt. Company C MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000
- - - - - = NEW TRAILS	SHEET: 6558IV SERIES L-701.

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PATROL REPORT

1. **SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:**
  - a. **COMPOSITION:** (16) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
  - b. **SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS:** None.
  - c. **COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT:** (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. **OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT:** (4) pr. 7x50, (1) OP Scope
  - e. **SPECIAL EQUIPMENT:** None.
  - f. **SPECIAL WEAPONS:** (1) M-79, (2) LAW
2. **MISSION:** Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay.
3. **TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN:** 100830H/151430H April 1966
4. **ROUTE:** See patrol route overlay.
5. **OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:**
  - a. **SYNOPSIS:** 122 hours of continuous reconnaissance and observation resulted in 1 enemy contact 1 enemy sighting, and finding one M-26 grenade. There were no enemy or friendly casualties.
  - b. **ENEMY:**
    - (1) 111245H, at (AT 883628), patrol sighted 3 VC approaching their out post. Due to heavy foliage patrol didn't sight VC until VC fired one round into their position. Patrol returned fire, Patrol observed 1 M-14, 1 Carbine and 1 K-50. The VC were dressed in dark clothing and one wore a red bandana around his head.
    - (2) 111720H at (AT 911610) and (AT 923609), patrol observed 13 VC wearing shorts and cartridge belts in vicinity of An Hoai village. The VC were waiting until infantry unit started to leave area then running out shooting and running back into rice paddies. Patrol observed 1 machinegun and 12 carbines/rifles.
  - c. **TERRAIN:** None.

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## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 111800H, (AT 914630), patrol observed air strike conducted against 3 of the 13 VC engaged with the infantry unit resulting in 3 VC KIA possible.

(2) 110630H, at (AT 884627), patrol found one M-26 grenade..

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Tired, morale fair.

## 8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: Taking more water since this area has no water resupply point. Also recommend shorter patrols due to water shortage in this area.

Patrol leader recommends reconnaissance of grid squares (AT 8961 and 9061) for possible OP site. Also recommend infantry units use recon frequency if possible when seeing into recon areas so recon patrols can support.

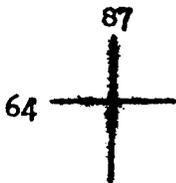
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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<p>○ - LZ - LANDING ZONE</p> <p>— - ROUTE OF TRAVEL</p>	<p>2d Plt, Company, 0</p> <p>MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000</p> <p>SHEET: 6650IV</p> <p>SERIES: L-701.</p> <p>3d RECON BN. (S-2)</p>

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (15) Enl, (1) USN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50's
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) Shotgun, (1) M-79, (1) M-60 Machine gun
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 151430H/191700H April 1966
4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 96 1/2 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol observed illumination, torches, possible bivouac area, truck, and noted heavy movement on the 16th of April between the hours of 0930H and 1630H on road vicinity of hill 92.
  - b. ENEMY: None.
  - c. TERRAIN: None.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
    - (1) 162230H, (AT 8665), patrol observed illumination from this vicinity.
    - (2) 162000H, (AT 8867), patrol observed six torches this vicinity moving East toward Khuong My (3).
    - (3) 161030H, (AT 923678), patrol observed what appeared to be a bivouac area, area appeared to be set up in a defensive perimeter. One green truck was seen in this area.

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(4) 160930H, (AT 8667), patrol noted heavy movement on trail from 0930H to 1630H.

(5) 171445H, (AT 926684), patrol sighted 6 men moving East. Distance to great to observed equipment. They appeared to be dressed in black with soft hats.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

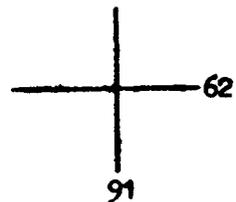
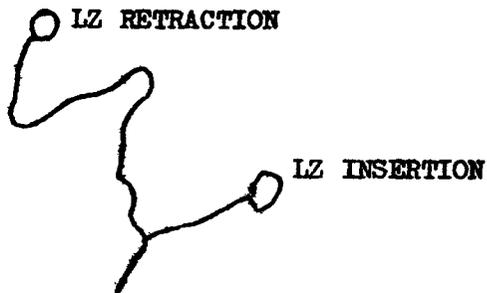
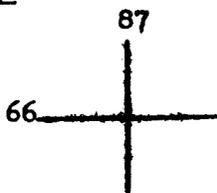
Recommendation: None.

Conclusions: Area not used in last two weeks.

B. E. BARTLETT  
SGT C Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: There appears to be increased activity around hill 92 and hill 270 complex.

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<p>O - LZ = LANDING ZONE</p> <p>— = ROUTE OF TRAVEL</p>	<p>1st Plt. Company C,</p> <p>MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000</p> <p>SHEET: 6658IV</p> <p>SERIES: L-701.</p> <p>3d RECON BN. (S-2)</p>

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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (18) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25's
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50, (1) pr. 6x30
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) M-79, (1) M-60

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ #5.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 171800H/221700H April 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 120 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in 4 enemy sightings and no contacts. The patrol found (1) booby trap, found panji stakes and observed a large gathering of vietnamese.

## b. ENEMY:

(1) 200855H, (AT 819603), patrol sighted 2 VC in OP wearing black bottoms and khaki shirts. Patrol observed two rifles. Fire mission called with good coverage. Results unknown.

(2) 201010H, (AT 821604), patrol sighted 3 VC moving northwest on trail into treeline. They were wearing black bottoms and khaki shirts. Patrol observed 3 packs and 3 rifles.

(3) 211125H, (AT 832605), patrol sighted 3 VC moving North along treeline wearing khaki. Patrol could not observe equipment. Possibly same VC sighted above at 201010H Apr 66.

(4) 211440H, (AT 819603), patrol sighted 2 VC in OP, Uniform or equipment could not be observed. Fire mission called with good coverage. Results unknown.

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c. TERRAIN: None.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 171830H, (AT 866626), patrol found (1) booby trap made of bamboo with a blue trip wire attached to it. Patrol did not disturb this booby trap. There were also several panji stakes in this vicinity. Patrol checked area with negative results.

(2) 220915H, (AT 868568), patrol observed 2 large groups of vietnamese, approximately 30 or more in each group. They were dressed in black and white PJ's. Determination as to their activity could not be made.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: That VC outpost have TPQ drops conducted using napalm. This OP gives the VC unlimited observation of the Charlie Ridge Complex.

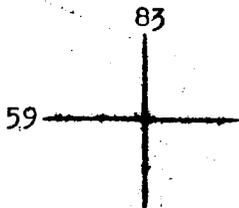
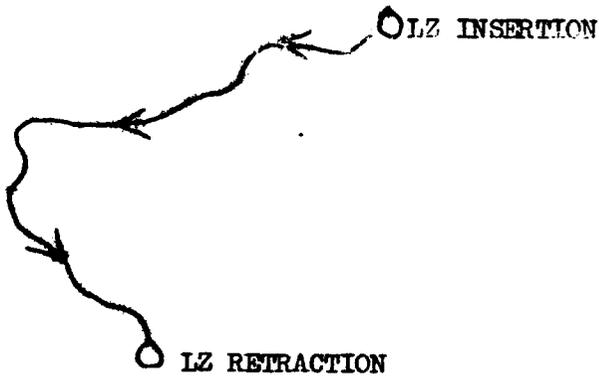
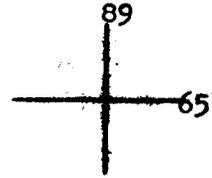
Conclusion: Patrol leader stated that the area covered on patrol route doesn't appear to have been used in approximately one month.

C. L. GIACALONE  
SGT "C" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leader.

MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE  
ELECTIVE MOVEMENT: (S)  
ELECTIVE ROUTE: (S)  
ELECTIVE EQUIPMENT: (S)  
ELECTIVE WEAPONS: (S)  
ELECTIVE VEHICLES: (S)  
ELECTIVE SUPPLIES: (S)  
ELECTIVE OTHER: (S)

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
<p>O - LZ = LANDING ZONE</p> <p>— = ROUTE OF TRAVEL</p>	<p>3d Plt. Company C</p> <p>MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000</p> <p>SHEET: 6658IV,</p> <p>SERIES: L-701.</p> <p>3d RECON BN.</p> <p>(S-2)</p>

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PATROL ROUTE

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (18) Enl, (1) USN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/HRC 25's.
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (3) pr. 7x50's, (1) OP Scope
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) PSR-1
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) M-79, (2) LAW's, (1) M-60
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area outlined on patrol overlay in RZ #5.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 191620H/250800H April 1966
4. ROUTE: See Patrol route overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 135 1/2 hours of continuous reconnaissance and observation resulted in 2 enemy sightings and no contacts. Patrol found 3 grenades and 1 bandolier of U.S. 7.62 mm ammunition. Requested 3 fire missions with excellent coverage. Results unknown. Patrol also observed 7 vietnamese emerge from area where 4 VC had been previously sighted. Patrol also located 2 hocches.
  - b. ENEMY:
    - (1) 231050H, (AT 873653), patrol sighted 4 VCS in open area by stream wearing white clothing. Patrol noticed that one of these men was a negro dressed in what appeared to be utilities. No weapons were observed.
    - (2) 231110H, (AT 872653), patrol sighted same 4 VCS as listed above. At this sighting patrol observed what appeared to be 1 weapon of unknown type. Patrol set up snatch at (AT 878651) with negative results.
  - c. TERRAIN: None.

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## dv OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 231330H, (AT 869654), patrol requested fire mission with excellent coverage.

(2) 231335H, (AT 874655), patrol requested fire mission. Excellent coverage of target area. When last round had landed patrol observed 2 children and 1 woman emerge at (AT 874654).

(3) 231345H, (AT 874654), patrol observed 4 vietnamese dressed in white emerge from this area.

(4) 231430H, (AT 864664), patrol observed 2 hooches, requested fire mission. Resulting in 2 hooches being destroyed.

(5) 220730H, (AT 869642), patrol found 2 M-26 grenades and 1 bandolier of U.S. 7.62mm ammunition.

(6) 231730H, (AT 873648), patrol found 1 M-26 grenade. The spoon had been broken off. Patrol buried grenade in this area.

## 6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: None.

b. FRIENDLY: None.

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: 3 M-26 grenades and 1 bandolier of U.S. 7.62mm ammunition.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

## 8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

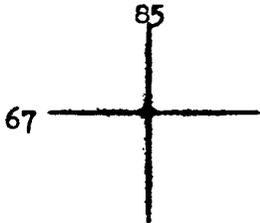
Recommendation: Patrol take sniper rifles on future patrols.

Conclusion: That activity in the Mortar Valley complex has increased during last 3 weeks.

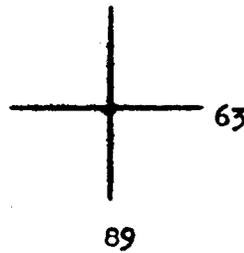
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (14) Enl, (1) USN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC.25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50's.
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) Shotguns, (1) M-60, (1) M-79
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in area outlined on patrol overlay in RZ #5.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 221630H/261830H April 1966
4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 98 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found one ChiCom grenade booby trap, 3 VC filling canteens, a gathering of 13 vietnamese, a possible OP site, rice paddy in unusual location, and mirror flashing.
  - b. ENEMY: None.
  - c. TERRAIN: None.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
    - (1) 221745H, (AT 853606), patrol found (1) ChiCom grenade which had been booby trapped by wire running from grenade to tree. Patrol did not remove grenade.
    - (2) 221750H, (AT 855607), patrol heard what sounded like a man running from this vicinity.
    - (3) 230620H, (AT 873607), patrol sighted 3 VC who appeared to be filling canteens. Vietnamese were wearing black PJ's with coolie hats. No weapons were observed.

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(4) 231250H, (AT 870582), patrol observed 13 vietnamese gathered in a group wearing black PJ's. One appeared to be giving the others a lecture. At 1255H this group dispersed. No weapons were observed;

(5) 251830H, (AT 873605), patrol observed what appeared to be a rice paddy. This rice paddy in questionable location.

(6) 260700H, (AT 878622), patrol observed what appeared to be an OP site.

(7) 261245H, (AT 848633), patrol observed mirror flashing from this vicinity. Fire mission called with excellent coverage. Patrol did not observe flashing after fire mission.

(8) 25 - 26 April, (AT 860584 to AT 865580), patrol observed vietnamese walking on path and all moved around certain portion of path at (AT 863582). This path may be mined.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale fair.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

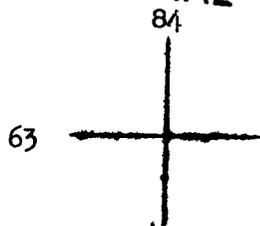
Recommendation: Patrol be of shorter duration due to extreme heat.

Conclusion: Area covered does not appear to have been used in approximately 3 to 4 months.

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SGT Co. C

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (14) Enl, (2) USN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENT: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (2) AN/PRC 25, (2) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (3) pr. 7x50's, (1) 6x30, (1) OP Scope
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) M-79, (1) M-60
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlays in RZ #5.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 261750H/300930H April 1966
4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 88 hours of continuous reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. The patrol found (2) huts, (1) U.S. canteen, (1) pocket knife, (1) corpsman insignia and 1 1/2 bandoliers of U.S. 7.62mm ammunition.
  - b. ENEMY: None.
  - c. TERRAIN: None
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
    - (1) 261930H, (AT 886625), patrol found (1) U.S. canteen and 1 1/2 handoliers of U.S. 7.62 mm ammunition. Patrol checked area with negative results.
    - (2) 281030H, (AT 854662), patrol found (1) small pocket knife and one corpsman insignia. Patrol checked area with negative results.
    - (3) 281300H, (AT 859665), patrol found 2 huts approximately 8 feet by 12 feet in size. Huts were badly deteriorated. Patrol checked area with negative results.

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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

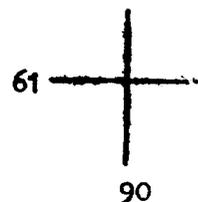
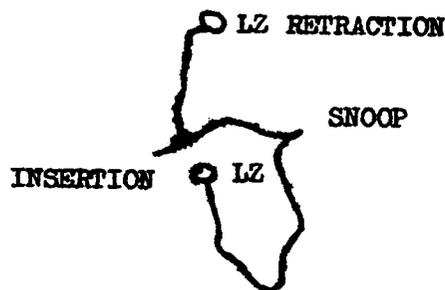
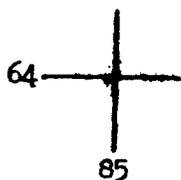
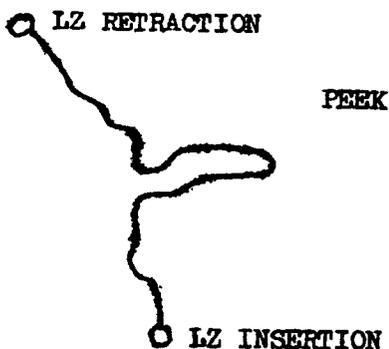
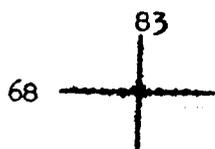
Recommendation: Duration of patrols be reduced due to extreme heat.

Conclusion: Area doesn't appear to have been used within last six to eight weeks.

C. L. GIACALONE  
SGT Co. C

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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 041730H May 1966

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (9) Enl, (1) USN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) Shotgun
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 300900H/041600H May 1966
4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 103 hours of continuous reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. The patrol observed two possible VC OP sites, found one shower shoe, rubber, C-ration cans, punji stakes and 1 possible VC ambush site with expended cartridges. The patrol called in two fire missions both of which resulted in secondary explosions.
  - b. ENEMY: None.
  - c. TERRAIN: None.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
    - (1) 021800H, (AT 810625), patrol found (1) rubber shower shoe, C-ration cans and a old fire site in which punji stakes had been burned. This area has numerous replaced punji stakes.
    - (2) 031020H, (AT 866626), patrol observed possible OP site. Fire mission called with excellent coverage. Patrol observed 2 secondary explosions approximately 6 feet high and 10 feet in diameter. Patrol leader stated secondary explosions may have been booby trapped grenades detonating.

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(3) 032045H, (AT 871635), patrol observed possible OP sites. Fire mission called with excellent coverage. Patrol observed 2 secondary explosions approximately 6 feet high and 10 feet in diameter. Patrol leader stated these secondary explosions may also have been booby trapped grenades detonating.

(4) 041415H, (AT 873627), patrol located what appeared to be old VC ambush site. Patrol found numerous expended ChiCom 7.62mm cartridges, expended 9 mm cartridges, and 1 60mm mortar shell box.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

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SGT Co. C

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.



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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (20 Enl, (1) USM
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (4) pr. 7x50's
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) M-79, (2) LAW, (1) Shotgun
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance and establish OP sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 300830H/041605 May 1966
4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 103 1/2 hours of continuous reconnaissance/observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol observed 4 elephants.
  - b. ENEMY: None.
  - c. TERRAIN: None
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION: 040900H, (AT 833693), patrol sighted 4 elephants. Numerous elephant tracks and elephant dung was also observed in this area.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
 

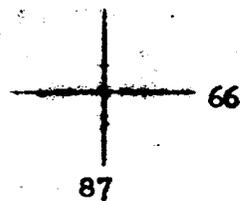
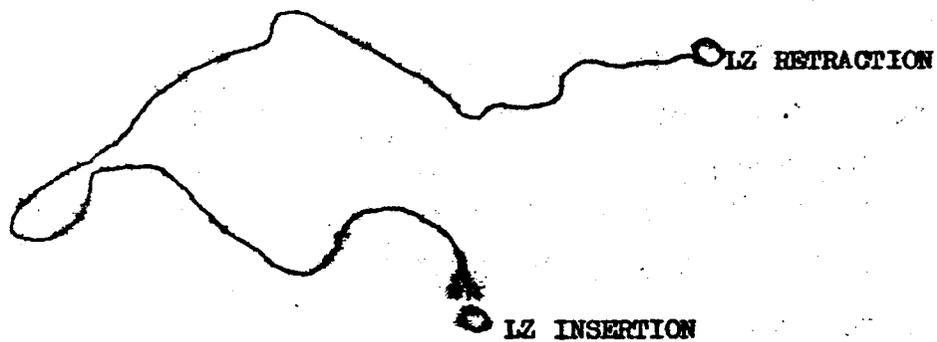
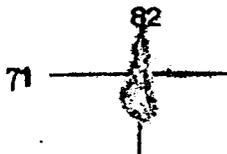
Recommendation: Patrol leader recommends that selecting the LZ site for extraction be left to the patrol leaders discretion in certain operational areas due to the unsuitability of some preselected LZ's.

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 SSGT Co. C

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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 180830Z April 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (14) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: None.
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None.
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ#8.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 131800H/180700H April 1966
4. ROUTE: Refer to patrol route overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 109 hours of continuous reconnaissance and patrolling resulted in the sighting of numerous trail complexes, elephant dung, and 2 sightings of lights. Numerous VC harbor sites were noted and fresh footprints. There was no enemy sighting or contacts.
  - b. ENEMY: None.
  - c. TERRAIN: See patrol route overlay.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
    - (1) 131820H, (AT 850693), LZ had trenches and fighting holes approximately 2 weeks old.
    - (2) 131900H, (AT 848690), patrol found trail which appeared to have been used in last couple of hours.
    - (3) 140310H, (AT 844690), patrol found numerous trails in this area.
    - (4) 140930H, (AT 839689), patrol found elephant dung approximately 1 month old. There were also numerous harbor sites this vicinity.

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These sites appeared to have been used in last two weeks.

(5) 141135H, (AT 837689), patrol found elephant dung approximately 1 week old. There were also large drag marks on deck and trees had bark knock off in this area.

(6) 141400H, (AT 833687), patrol found elephant tracks and large trail approximately 3 feet wide. Trail could be seen by air.

(7) 150730H, (AT 825687), patrol found elephant dung approximately 1 month old. This area appeared to have been used in past week. Numerous trails were also noted in this area.

(8) 151105H, (AT 819689), patrol found fresh footprints of approximately 5 men. Patrol checked area with negative results.

(9) 160620H, (AT 840682), patrol saw bright lights from this vicinity.

(10) 160915H, (AT 814687), patrol found trail on Northeast side of the river. Trail appeared to have been used recently.

(11) 161645H, (AT 813683), patrol found trail approximately 4 feet wide used within the last day. Smell of garlic was noted in this area. Very good trail located at (AT 820680). Patrol noted fresh oxen tracks this vicinity approximately 2 days old.

(12) 161715H, (AT 824677), trail ends with large opening approximately 10 feet wide and 50 feet long area in this vicinity and area has been cleared off.

(13) 162100H, (AT 840680), patrol saw approximately 5 bright lights. Fire mission called results unknown.

(14) 162100H, (AT 820685), patrol saw 1 light. Source of light could not be determined. Patrol observed what appeared to be smoke from this same area about 1730H.

(15) 171030H, (AT 820679) to (AT 830673), patrol found trail complex. Patrol noted numerous C-ration cans this area.

(16) Patrol commented on the numerous centipedes in the area of operation.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

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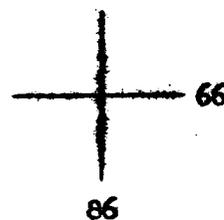
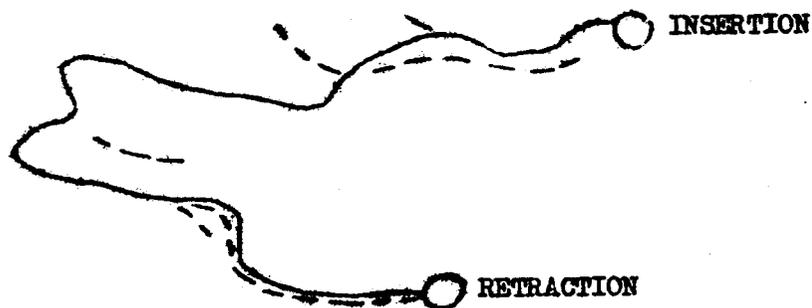
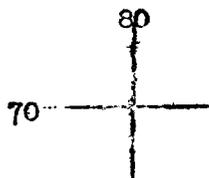
Conclusion: This area appears to be resupply point for enemy troops in Happy Valley complex due to numerous sightings of elephant dung and trail complexes.

W. W. STEVENS  
SGT Co. D

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Due to the numerous sightings of VC harbor sites vicinity of (AT 839689). It is probable that the V 16 reconnaissance company previously reported operating in this area on 28 February, may still be in this location.

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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (15) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) 7x50's
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) Shotgun

2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance in RZ #8.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 151730H/210800H April 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 13 1/2 hours of continuous reconnaissance and patrolling in assigned area resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found 3 hooches, what appeared to be a detonating device, heard small arms fire, located an excellent OP site and found fresh elephant tracks and elephant dung.

b. ENEMY: None.

c. TERRAIN: None.

## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 181110H, (AT 845666), patrol found what appeared to be a detonating device, removed same. Forwarded to G-2 at 210900H April.

(2) 181300H, (AT 852658), patrol found 3 hooches 10 feet wide, 15 feet long and 7 feet high. Patrol check area with negative results. Patrol leader stated hooches did not appear to have been used recently.

(3) 192000H, (AT 869648), patrol heard small arms fire from this vicinity. Source of fire could not be determined.

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(4) 200600H, (AT 8565), patrol found excellent OP site. From this OP the entire Mortar Valley Complex can be observed. This area appeared to be used previously by unknown personnel.

(5) Patrol noticed lack of normal activity in the Morar Valley area.

(6) Patrol notice that the TPQ drops previously conducted in the 310 and 502 hill complexes had cleared entire areas of 35 meters in diameter.

(7) At (AT 8468) patrol saw numerous fresh elephant tracks and elephant dung. These signs were approximately 1 week old.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: None.

Conclusions: Area not used in at least one month.

E. G. SHANK

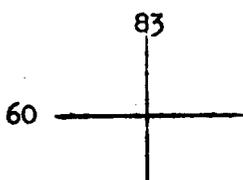
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: This is the 3d report by patrols in this area noting lack of normal activities in the Mortar Valley Complex.

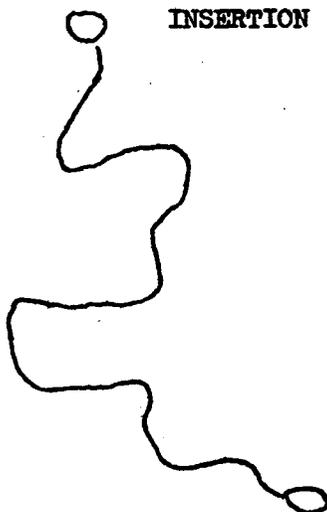
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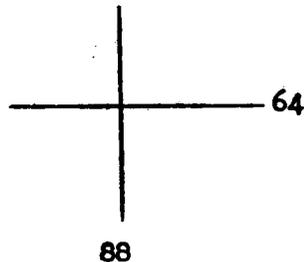
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 Map Sheet: 6658 IV, 6659 III

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 DANANG, RVN  
 261800H April 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (14) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 6x30
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None.
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ #4 and RZ #8.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 210730H/261750H April 1966
4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

SYNOPSIS: 130 1/2 hours of continuous reconnaissance and patrolling resulted in no enemy contacts or sightings. Patrol heard artillery fire, observed mortar positions and sighted 3 vietnamese.

b. ENEMY: None

c. TERRAIN: None.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 252123H, (AT 8872), patrol heard artillery fire from this vicinity. Source of fire couldn't be determined.

(2) 261153H, (AT 851729), patrol observed mortar positions. During extraction patrol was flown over this area and observed friendly troops in chow line.

(3) 261715H, (AT 844723), patrol observed 3 VN by bridge. Dis to altitude of helo clothing or equipment could not be determined.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

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7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

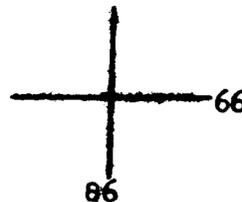
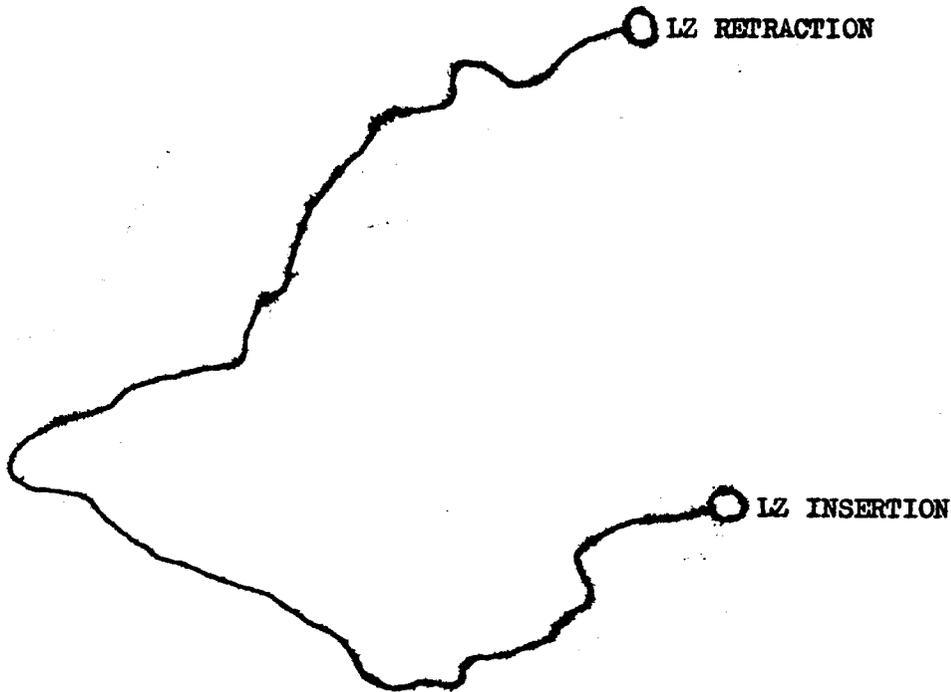
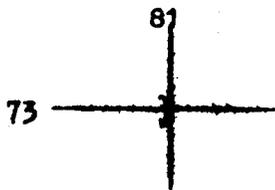
Conclusion: Area doesn't appear to have been used in approximately 3 months.

(2)

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SGT D Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
O - LZ * LANDING ZONE	2d Plt. Company "D"
— - ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000 SHEET: 6659III&6658IV SERIES: AMS, L-701. 3d RECON BN. (S-2)

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Operation Order: 32-66  
 Patrol: 2d Squad 1st Plt. Co. D.  
 Debriefing: SSGT D.R. PHELPS  
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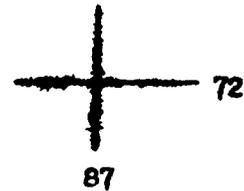
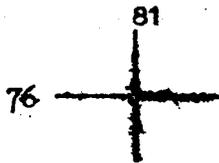
1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (8) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) 7x50's.
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None.
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ#4 to determine the extent of enemy activity in that area.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 281700H April/031830H May 1966
4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 121 hours of continuous reconnaissance and patrolling resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts.
  - b. ENEMY: None.
  - c. TERRAIN: None.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION: None.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
 

Recommendations: That patrols in the area take 3 to 4 cartons of water minimum.

Conclusions: Area not being utilized by VC at this time.
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

G. E. RATLIFF  
 SSGT Co. D.

ENCLOSURE (2)



LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
O LZ = LANDING ZONE	1st Plt. Company "D"
— = ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000
	SHEET: 6659III
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Operation Order: 66  
 Patrol: 2d P.t Co. D  
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 041700H May 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (14) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50's.
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None.
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ #3 to determine the extent of enemy movement in that area.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 301730H/051700H May 1966
4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 119 1/2 hour's of observation and reconnaissance resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. The patrol observed (1) VN, (1) boat, and found (1) U.S. Transmitter.
  - b. ENEMY: None.
  - c. TERRAIN: See Route Overlay.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
    - (1) 011325H, (ZC 196844), patrol observed 1 VN wearing white clothing, fishing in this vicinity.
    - (2) 011500H, (ZC 195842), patrol observed (1) boat approximately 15 feet in length in this vicinity. Patrol did not observe any activity by boat.
    - (3) 011430H, (ZC 195842), patrol found (1) U.S. Transmitter. This transmitter forwarded to division G-2 at 051845H. Type of transmitter unknown.

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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

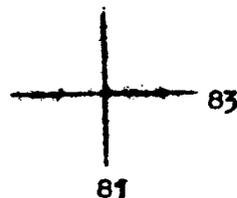
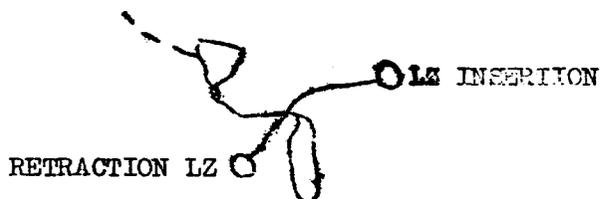
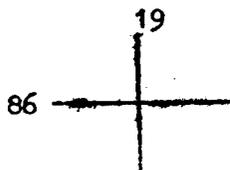
Recommendation: None.

Conclusions: This area doesn't appear to have been used within the past 6 to 8 weeks.

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SGT Co., "D"

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: This is the second report from patrols operating in this area that indicate the possibility of enemy units utilizing the streams and rivers for movement.

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O LZ = LANDING ZONE	2d Plt. Company "D"
— = ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000
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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: ACoFS, G-3)  
 Subj: Command Chronology  
 Ref: (a) DivO 5750.1

Encl: (1) Battalion Operation Order 16-66  
 (2) Battalion Operation Order 18-66  
 (3) Patrol Report 34-66 of 22 May 1966 (Co A)  
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 (18) Patrol Report 39-66 of 28 May 1966 (Co C)  
 (19) Patrol Report 40-66 of 27 May 1966 (Co C)  
 (20) Patrol Report 41-66 of 30 May 1966 (Co C)  
 (21) Patrol Report 34-66 of 10 May 1966 (Co D)  
 (22) Patrol Report 35-66 of 11 May 1966 (Co D)  
 (23) Patrol Report 36-66 of 17 May 1966 (Co D)  
 (24) Patrol Report 37-66 of 25 May 1966 (Co D)

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

2. Organizational Data

- a. Reporting Unit: 3d Reconnaissance Battalion (AT 959750).  
 b. Period Covered: 1-31 May 1966.

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 CO, Company D(-)

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- d. Average monthly strength (does not include figures for 1st Force Reconnaissance Company, Company B, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, attached to 4th Marine Regiment and elements of Company D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, attached to 3d Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment).

(1)	USMC Officers	15
(2)	USMC Enlisted	275
(3)	USN Officers	1
(4)	USN Enlisted	13

### 3. Significant Events

- a. Personnel and Administration. Officer personnel shortages have resulted in several officers having to assume duties normally requiring two officers. For example, the Executive Officer is also filling the billet of Operations Officer. This shortage of officers has also necessitated utilizing sergeants as platoon leaders of many reconnaissance platoons.

b. Training

- (1) During the month the battalion conducted weekly classes for patrol leaders, stressing tactics and new techniques of reconnaissance operations learned in Viet Nam.
- (2) Forward Observer schooling was continued, with the eventual goal that every reconnaissance Marine have the capability of calling and adjusting artillery fire missions quickly and accurately.
- (3) Block training, stressing reconnaissance and patrolling techniques, was conducted for newly joined personnel during the month.
- (4) Reconnaissance companies received classes at the platoon level, in weapons, tactics, and general information.
- (5) Nine personnel were given a pre-SCUBA indoctrination course and will attend SCUBA training in Subic Bay, P.I. during June 1966.

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(1) Major Thomas R. STUART assumed command of the 3d Reconnaissance Battalion on 6 May 1966, relieving LtCol. Roy R. VAN CLEVE who was rotated to CONUS.

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(2) The OPCON of 1st Force Reconnaissance Company was shifted to 3d Reconnaissance Battalion from 1st Marine Division at 101400H May 1966. At 130816H May 1966 OPCON of 1st Force Reconnaissance Company shifted to 4th Marine Regiment.

(3) At 141400H May 1966 the OPCON of Company A (-), consisting of two platoons and a company headquarters section, shifted from the 4th Marine Regiment to 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. Co A (-) returned at that time to DA NANG after completing operations in HUE-PHU BAI TAOR.

(4) During the period 11-19 May 1966 one platoon of Company A was placed OPCON of 1st Battalion, 3d Marine Regiment for Operation CORMORANT in the DA NANG, TAOR.

(5) One platoon and one squad from Company D, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, remained under the OPCON of 3d Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment during the period of this report. Significant events concerning these personnel will be reported in the May 1966 Command Chronology of 3/9.

(6) The 1st Force Reconnaissance Company and Company B (Rein), 3d Reconnaissance Battalion are reporting significant events for this reporting period in separate Command Chronologies submitted to the CG, 3d Marine Division via 4th Marine Regiment exercising operational control of these units.

d. Logistics. During the month of May 1966, reconciliation of out-standing obligation listings for FLSG and 3d FSR was completed.

e. Civil Affairs

(1) 1st Battalion, 3d Marine Regiment has assumed cognizance over civil affairs projects for the PHU THOU'G Orphanage and the PHU THOUNG. XA refugee center vice 3d Reconnaissance Battalion.

(2) During this reporting period a new civil affairs assignment was begun at the village of PHUOC LY. The Battalion Civil Affairs Officer, with a corpsman and an interpreter, visited the village, met the village chief, administered first aid as required and passed out soap and Kool Aid. The villagers seemed extremely responsive.

4. Operations

a. The 3d Reconnaissance Battalion (-) in general support of the 3d Marine Division maintained its elements deployed on the periphery of

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the DA NANG TAOR. Significant operational events which occurred within the battalion during the reporting period were:

- (1) Co A. During the reporting period the company operated in the field for a total of 19 patrol days. Three huts and one trail marker were discovered. One new trail was located. An HLZ that would accommodate two H-34 helicopters was found. One VC sighting totalling three VC was made. An artillery fire mission called on these VC resulted in three VC KIA (Possible). The company sustained no casualties.
- (2) Co C. Company C operated in the field for a total of 54 patrol days. Eight huts and five lean-to shelters were discovered and destroyed. Three new trails were found. Three VC explosive booby traps were located and disarmed. Numerous punji stake pits were observed and reported. Patrols from Company C had 18 enemy sightings totalling 140 VC. Ten artillery missions were called on these sightings which resulted in ten VC KIA (VC) and five VC KIA (Possible). Nine contacts were made with the enemy totalling 40 VC. Small arms fire accounted for seven VC KIA (Possible) and four VC WIA (Possible). There were no friendly casualties.
- (3) Co D. The company operated in the field for a total of 15 patrol days. Four VC OP sites were discovered. Five HLZ's each of which would accommodate 1-4 H-34 helicopters were located. Three small bridges were discovered. There were no enemy sightings or contacts and no USMC casualties.

  
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## Operation Order 16-66

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- (b) Bn Op O 349-65 w/Ch 2  
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 (d) 3rd Div msg 260906Z Apr 66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization

- a. Reference (b).  
 b. Co B (-) (Rein), and Co A (-), 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion attached 4th Marine Regiment.

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUM's.  
 b. Friendly Forces. Reference (b).  
 c. Attachments and Detachments. Reference (c).

2. MISSION. 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion (-)(Rein) establishes and maintains a reconnaissance network in the TAOR/RZ's of the DA NANG enclave, conducts reconnaissance/infantry reinforced operations against VC forces beyond the TAOR, and makes every effort to capture VC personnel for their intelligence value.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation. Reference (b).  
 b. Co A(-). Be prepared to assume screening mission upon termination of reference (a).  
 c. Co C. During the period 1-15 May 1966 inclusive, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ's 5 & 8. Utilize 60% of available forces for operations.

d. Co B(-)(Rein)

(1) During the period 1-15 May 1966 inclusive, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ's 3 & 4. Utilize 60% of available forces for operations.

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- (2) Chop OPCON one platoon of Company A when directed.
- (3) One platoon (Rein) remains attached as directed in accordance with reference (c).

e. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Every effort will be made to capture and return to U. S. control 70 or 75%.
- (2) Submit company employment schedules by 301900H April 1966.
- (3) Submit helicopter requirements and operation orders to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) not later than 48 hours prior to commencement of missions.
- (4) Submit patrol roster to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) prior to execution of assigned missions.
- (5) Whenever possible, patrol leaders will be afforded opportunity for helicopter reconnaissance prior to insertion.
- (6) Operate within supporting artillery range.
- (7) Be prepared to insert and/or extract by foot.
- (8) Use varying means and times of entry and exit. Helicopter landing zones will normally be no closer than 3000 meters to objective area.
- (9) EMI's: Annex A to reference (b).
- (10) Be prepared to recommend infantry exploitation or reinforcement and suitable primary and alternate landing zones for its entry.
- (11) Coordinate all missions with cogizant Regimental Commanders.
- (12) Fire support and infantry reinforcement requirements will be effected by direct liaison with cogizant Regimental Commanders.
- (13) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Make personal liaison with 12th Marines (S-3) for artillery coordination, after consulting with cogizant Regimental FSCC.
- (14) Shackle and exhault when adjusting artillery. ENCLOSURE ( / )
- (15) If an air strike is requested and approved, display a single yellow beach at forward most position when aircraft are on station.
- (16) Each patrol will carry at least one (1) entrenching tool. All gear and garbage will be buried and the site camouflaged. Every effort will be made to obscure all evidence of patrol passage.

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- (17) Each company in the Da NANG enclave shall report hourly to this Headquarters, the location and situation of each element of each patrol.
- (18) Any patrol out of contact for a period of six hours shall abort its mission and return to camp.
- (19) Cause patrol leaders to report to Battalion S-2 immediately on return to the unit area for debriefing.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Utilize long range patrol packet when available.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Each platoon size patrol shall carry a PRC-25 for its primary means of communications. Inner platoon communications by PRC-10.
- c. Field relay sites will carry both primary and alternate means of communications.
- d. Utilize battalion brevity code as promulgated by reference (b).

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 (d) Verbal Order 02, 3d Mar Div of 121120H May 66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Co B (-)(Rein), 3d Reconnaissance Battalion attached 4th Marine Regiment.

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUM's.
- b. Friendly Forces. Reference (b).
- c. Attachments and Detachments. Reference (c) and (d).

2. MISSION. 3d Reconnaissance Battalion(-)(Rein) establishes and maintains a reconnaissance network in the TAOR/RZ's of the DA NANG tactical base, conducts reconnaissance/infantry reinforced operations against VC forces beyond the TAOR and makes every effort to capture VC personnel for their intelligence value.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation. Reference (b).
- b. Co A. During the period 16-31 May 1966 inclusive, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ's 3 & 4. Utilize 50% of available forces for such operations except during the period 16-23 May when 66 2/3% of available forces shall be utilized.

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c. Co C(Rein)

- (1) During the period 16-31 May 1966 inclusive, conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ's 5 & 8. Utilize 50% of available forces for such operations except during period 16-23 May when 66 2/3% of available forces shall be utilized.
- (2) Chop OPCON one platoon of Co D when directed.

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- (1) Be prepared to assume screening mission upon termination of reference (d).
- (2) Upon completion of reference (d), one platoon (rein) remains attached as directed in accordance with reference (c).

e. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Every effort will be made to capture and return to U.S. control VC or VCS.
- (2) Submit company employment schedules by 151900H May 1966.
- (3) Submit helicopter requirements and operation orders to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) not later than 48 hours prior to commencement of missions.
- (4) Submit patrol roster to this Headquarters (Attn: S-3) prior to execution of assigned missions.
- (5) Whenever possible, patrol leaders will be afforded opportunity for helicopter reconnaissance prior to insertion.
- (6) Operate within supporting artillery range.
- (7) Be prepared to insert and/or extract by foot.
- (8) Use varying means and times of entry and exit. Helicopter landing zones will normally be no closer than 3000 meters to the objective area.
- (9) EBI's: Annex A to reference (b).
- (10) Be prepared to recommend infantry exploitation or reinforcement and suitable primary and alternate landing zones for its entry.
- (11) Coordinate all missions with cognizant Regimental Commanders.
- (12) Fire support and infantry reinforcement requirements will be effected by direct liaison with cognizant Regimental Commanders.
- (13) Be prepared to call and adjust artillery fire. Make personal liaison with 12th Marines (S-3) for artillery coordination, after coordinating with cognizant Regimental FSCC.
- (14) Shackle O-T azimuth when adjusting artillery. **CLOSURE** (S)

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- (15) If an air strike is requested and approved, display a single yellow panel at forward most position when aircraft are on station.
- (16) Each squad will carry at least one entrenching tool. All trash will be buried and the site camouflaged. Every effort will be made to obscure all evidence of patrol passage.
- (17) Each company in the DA NANG tactical base shall report hourly to this Headquarters, the location and situation of each element of each patrol.
- (18) Any patrol out of radio contact for a period of six hours shall abort its mission and return to camp.
- (19) Squad patrol leaders to report to Battalion S-2 immediately on return to the unit area for debriefing.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICS

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Utilize long range patrol packet when available and when operational areas will permit.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS -ELECTRONICS

- a. Reference (b).
- b. Each platoon size patrol shall carry a PRC-25 for its primary means of communications. Inner platoon communications by PRC-10.
- c. Field relay sites will carry both primary and alternate means of communications.
- d. Utilize battalion brevity code as promulgated by reference (b).



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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (10) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50 binocular's
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) PSR - 1, (1) 2 lb. block C-4 W/Acc.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) 12 guage shotgun, (1) LAW

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols in or West of RZ's 3 & 4.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 170600H/220720H May 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 121 hours of reconnaissance and patrolling resulted in negative sightings or contacts. Patrol located one possible VC marker.

b. ENEMY: None.

c. TERRAIN: See route overlay.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 191000H (XC 176855), patrol discovered what appeared to be a marker at trail junction. It consisted of 2 hole's in the ground with a torn leaf over the left hole. There was a stick to the left of the covered hole, sticking straight upward. Patrol checked area with negative results.

## 6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: None.

c. FRIENDLY: None.

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c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good/morale good.

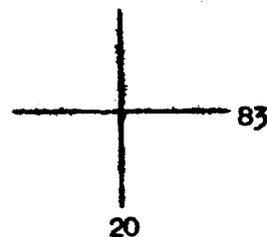
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: That the PSR - 1 be made optional for patrols.

G. L. JOHNSON  
SGT Co A

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
<p>O LZ - LANDING ZONE</p> <p>— - ROUTE TRAVELED</p> <p>- - - NEW TRAILS</p>	<p>3d Plt. Company "A"</p> <p>MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000</p> <p>SHEET: 6559II</p> <p>SERIES: L-701</p> <p>3d RECON BN. (S-2)</p>

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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (13) Enl, (1) Off, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50, (1) pr. 6x30
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (3) 2 lb blocks C-4 w/acc (1) PSR-1
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) AR-15

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance operations in or west of RZ's 3 and 4.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 211730H/260700H May 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 109½ hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol located (1) trail, (1) hut, and (1) HLZ.

b. ENEMY: None

c. TERRAIN: See patrol route overlay.

## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 211300H (ZC204859) Patrol located trail approximately 1 to 1½ meters wide. Trail appeared to have been used within last 2 or 3 days. Patrol followed trail up stream bed and checked area for approximately 400 meters. There were no other signs of activity.

(2) 251500H (ZC197846) Patrol located (1) hut 8' long and 12' wide. Patrol leader stated that this hut didn't appear to have been used within last 2 months. The patrol found the following items inside the hut. (2) C-ration cartons, (2) 5 gallon fuel containers, (2) bottles of San Miguel Beer, and a number of pots and vases. The patrol leader stated that the hut was destroyed at 0615H 26 May 1966.

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(3) (ZC196845) Patrol found (1) suitable HLZ which is L shaped and will accommodate (2) H34 helos.

(4) 240800H (ZC198849) Patrol noted stream 3 feet in width, running East to West. In same area located elephant footprint and elephant dung approximately 1 week old.

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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- a. ENEMY: None
- b. FRIENDLY: None
- c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

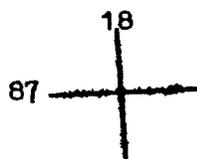
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation: That climbing gaffs be taken on patrols, and that the PSR-1 be up to the discretion of the patrol leader.

Conclusions: Area doesn't appear to be used at this time.

T. J. TERREBONNE  
LT. "A" Co.

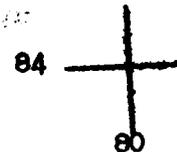
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None



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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
O LZ: LANDING ZONE	1st Plt "A" Co.
— ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP VIETNAM, 1-50,000
--- NEW TRAILS NOT SHOWN ON MAP	SHEET: 6559 II
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## PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (12) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) PSR-1
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) LAW, (1) M-79, (1) Shotgun, (4) 2 lb blocks of C-4 w/acc.

2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operation in or west of RZ's 3 and 4 during the period 16-31 May 1966 utilizing 2/3 of available forces for period 16-23 May 1966.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/ RETURN: 251700H/300630 May 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 109½ hours of continuous reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol heard drums for one hour, sighted two wild chickens, found 1 hut, 1 lean-to, heard 1 rifle shot, and found an abundance of lumber.

b. ENEMY: None

c. TERRAIN: See patrol route overlay.

## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 260100H (AT7583) Patrol heard drums which beat in two groups continually for a period of one hour.

(2) 261000H (AT805753) Patrol sighted two wild chickens running loose in this vicinity.

(3) 261500H (AT790753) Patrol found one small hut that was collapsed and appeared not to have been used for approximately six months.

(4) 270900H (ZC207768) Patrol found one lean-to shelter made of bamboo poles which appeared not to have been utilized for a period of six months.

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(5) 271700H (ZC1675) Patrol heard what appeared to be an M-1 rifle shot in this vicinity.

(6) 261600H (AT796752) Patrol found a stack of lumber consisting of 200 4x8 boards of lumber which were pulled there by elephants possibly six to 8 months ago. An incendiary grenade was used to burn the lumber.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- a. ENEMY: None
- b. FRIENDLY: None
- c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION:

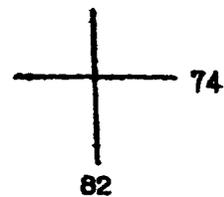
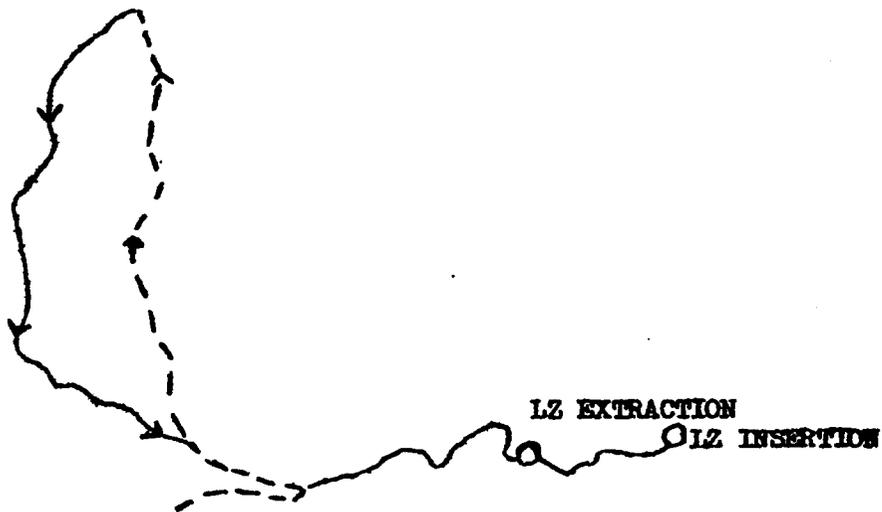
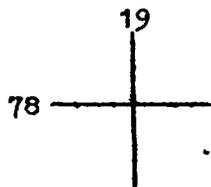
Recommendation: It is recommended that no friendly patrols use the area (ZC2075) and (ZC1976) for a patrol route because of sheer cliffs in these areas.

Conclusions: The area appeared not to have been used by enemy forces recently.

G. L. HENSON  
SGT

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
<p>○ LZ - LANDING ZONE</p> <p>— - ROUTE TRAVELED</p> <p>- - - NEW TRAILS NOT SHOWN ON MAP.</p>	<p>2d Plt. Company "A"</p> <p>MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000</p> <p>SHEET: 6559II &amp; 6659III</p> <p>SERIES: L-701.</p> <p>3d RECON BN.</p> <p>(S-2)</p>

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 310730 May 1966

PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50, (1) pr 6x30
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: PSR-1, (2) 2 lb blcks of C-4 w/acc
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) Shotgun, (1) M-79

## 2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance operations in or west of RZ# 3 and 4.

## 3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 261700H/310630H May 1966

## 4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 109½ hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in one enemy sighting and no contacts. (1) Fire mission called resulting in 3 VC KIA (Poss) and locating an excellent OP site.

## b. ENEMY:

(1) 301622H (AT825866) Patrol observed 3 VC wearing black P.J.'s and coolie hats. No weapons were observed. The 3 VC were standing by a 6 to 8 foot dug-out canoe. Fire mission called with excellent coverage on target resulting in 3 VC KIA (Poss).

## c. TERRAIN: None

## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) (AT812856) Patrol located excellent observation site at these coordinates giving observation of NAM YEM (AT850859) to the east and to the west to (AT812848) along Highway# 14 and the SONG CU DE river.

## 6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- a. ENEMY: 3 VC KIA (Poss)
- b. FRIENDLY: None
- c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None

## 7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

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8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION:

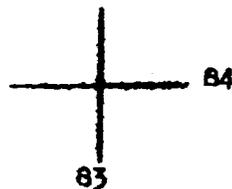
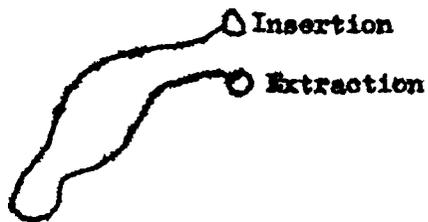
Recommendation: None

Conclusions: None

T. W. WARD  
SGT "A" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None

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O LZ = LANDING ZONE	1st Sqd, 1st Plt, "C" Co
— = ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000
	SHEET: 6659 III
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enl, (1) USN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50, (1) pr. 6x30
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) Shotgun, (1) Law
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ #5.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 041600H/081600H May 1966
4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 96 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol observed numerous fire traps, found sticks possibly used for warning or direction, possible VC harbor site, 1 small stream not shown on map and one fire.
  - b. ENEMY: None.
  - c. TERRAIN: None.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
    - (1) 041800H, (AT 876625), patrol found two sticks which appeared to be either a warning or direction marker. One rubber sandal was also found in this vicinity.
    - (2) 041935H, (AT 894585), patrol observed a fire in this vicinity. Source of fire could not be determined.
    - (3) 050700H, (AT 888587), patrol observed fire fight this vicinity. There was approximately 30 men on line moving towards (AT 892587). Patrol did not observe any movement in target area.

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(4) 051000H, (AT 881620), patrol located small stream not shown on map which runs into stream at (AT 834610).

(5) 060640H, (AT 887624), patrol found possible VC harbor site. Patrol also found sticks broken and laid in a Vee shape this vicinity. Patrol searched area with negative results.

(6) 060800H, (AT 886624), patrol found bamboo sticks on trail. Patrol checked area with negative results.

(7) Patrol noted lack of normal activity in the Song Vu Gia area during last 4 days.

(8) Patrol observed numerous fire fights between the hours of 2030H to 2400H and 0600H to 0630H in grid squares (AT 8857), (AT 8957), (AT 9259) and (AT 9359). The source of these fire fights could not be determined and they were observed each day between hours indicated herein.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

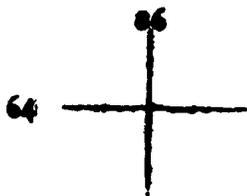
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: Patrol using this area take more water as water sources in this area are very limited.

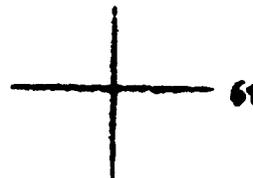
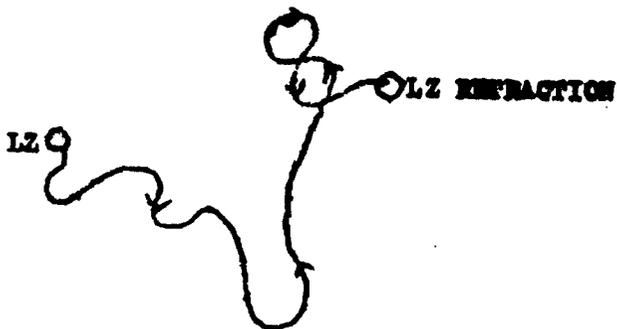
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
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— = ROUTE TRAVEL	MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000
	SERIES: 6658IV SERIES: L-701. 3d RECON BN (S-2)

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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (13) Enl, (1) USN, (1) Off
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10, (1) PRC 6
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (3) pr. 7x50, (1) OP Scope
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) M-79, (1) M-2 Carbine

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ #5.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 041500H/081530H May 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 96 1/2 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found 5 lean-to shelters and observed numerous chickens throughout area of operation.

b. ENEMY: None.

c. TERRAIN: None.

## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 081400H, (ZC 205843), patrol found 5 lean-to's each large enough for 2 people. These had not been used recently. Area checked with negative results.

(2) Patrol leader stated that this area has numerous chickens.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

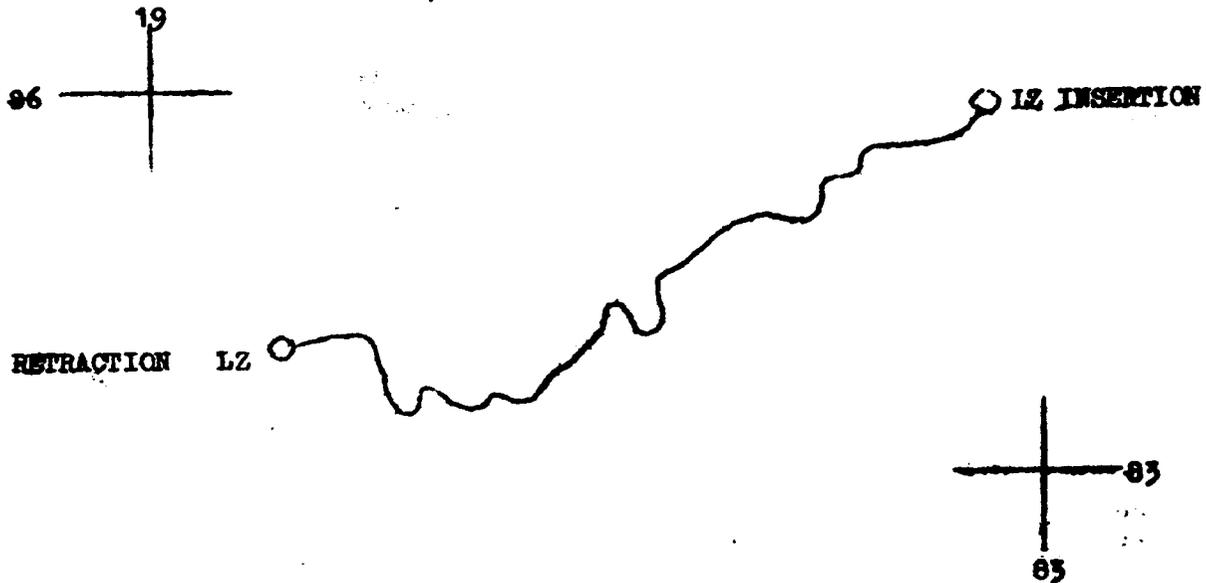
## 8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusion: Area doesn't appear to have been used within last 4-8 weeks.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

T.C. CARTER  
 1st Lt. Co. C

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
O LZ - LANDING ZONE	3d Plt. Company "C"
— - ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000 SHEET: 6559II & 6659III SERIES: L-701.

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (16) En1, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (3) pr. 7x50
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) PSR - 1
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) Shotgun, (2) M-60, (2) LAW's, (2) M-79
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in area outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ #3.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 080900H/121100H May 1966
4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 98 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in 1 VC sighting, locating of huts, fire sites and coughing from undetermined sources. There was no enemy contacts.
  - b. ENEMY:
    - (1) 100840H, (ZC 193845), patrol observed 1 VC wearing black shorts and light shirt. No equipment was observed. VC fled when helo flew over area.
  - c. TERRAIN: None.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
    - (1) 111100H, (ZC 205838), patrol located 5 huts. There was no activity in the area and the area has not been used in approximately 1 month. The following gear was found in the huts: Water cans, a black shirt, plastic ponchos, rice bowls, water jars and 6 empty U.S. C-ration containers.

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(2) 120800H, (ZC 198847), patrol found 4 small fire sites which appeared to be approximately 48 hours old. Area checked with negative results.

(3) 111030H, (ZC 895844), patrol heard coughing from this vicinity. Source of coughing could not be determined.

(4) 120830H, (AT 801847), patrol found one small hut in poor condition. Patrol checked area with negative results. Area didn't appear to have been used within last 4-6 weeks.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

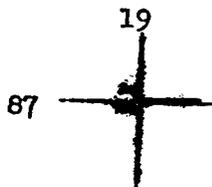
Recommendation: (1) Each patrol member carry as a minimum 4 canteens of water due to critical water shortage in this area.

(2) Taking more insect repellent due to leeches, and horse flies.

J. J. KENNEDY  
SSGT Co. C

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

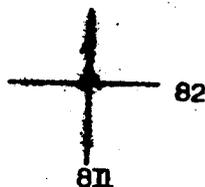
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LEGEND	
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— = ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000
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	SERIES: L-701.
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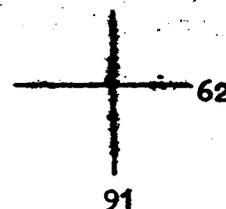
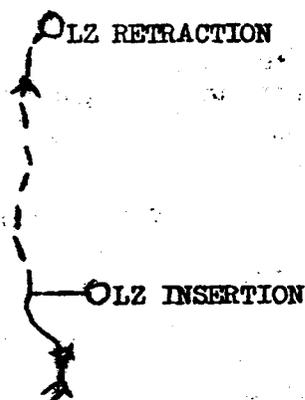
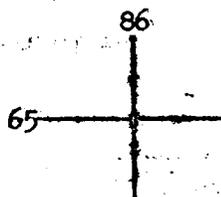
1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (9) Enl, (1) USN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) Shotgun, (1) M-79
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ #5.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 081530H/121100H May 1966
4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 91 hours of continuous reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found one new trail and (1) expended 9mm cartridge.
  - b. ENEMY: None.
  - c. TERRAIN: See patrol route overlay.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
 

(1) 101730H, (AT 880634), patrol found (1) expended 9 mm cartridge. Checked area with negative results.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
 

Conclusion: Area doesn't appear to be presently used by enemy forces.
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

J. D. MATHIS  
 SGT Co. C

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
O LZ = LANDING ZONE	1st Sqd, 1st Plt. Co. "C"
— = ROUTE TRAVELED	M/P: VIETNAM: 1-50,000
- - - = NEW TRAILS NOT SHOWN ON MAP	SHEET: 6658IV
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 DTG 161200 May 66

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (12) Enl., (1) Off, (1) USN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (3) Pr 7x50, (1) Pr 6x30, (1) OP Scope
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) PSR-1
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) M-2 Carbine, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs C4 w/acc
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish O.P. sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ# 8.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 121000/161200H May 66
4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 96 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts.
  - b. ENEMY: None
  - c. TERRAIN: None
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION:
 

(1) Intermittent stream shown on map vicinity (AF832688) is 15ft wide at narrowest point and approximately 4 to 5 feet deep. Patrol checked stream from (AF837689) to (829689).
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
  - a. ENEMY: None
  - b. FRIENDLY: None
  - c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Good Morale

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8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation: Insertion be made prior to 0700 or after 1800 to avoid extreme heat, during summer months.

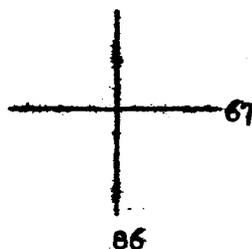
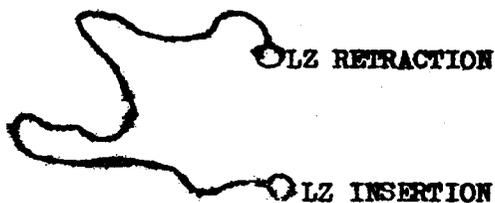
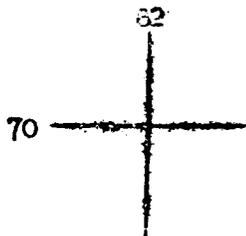
Conclusions: None

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Patrol Leader

Lt. "C"  
RAIFK COMPANY

9. DEBRIEFING COMMENTS. Patrol leader stated that H&I fires during duration of patrol were excellent.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
<p>o lz - LANDING ZONE</p> <p>— - ROUTE TRAVELED</p>	<p>3d Plt. Company "C"</p> <p>MAP: VIETNAM: 1-50,000</p> <p>SHEET: 6658IV</p> <p>SERIES: L-701.</p> <p>3d RECON BN. (S-2)</p>

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 151045H May 1966

PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (7) En1, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50, (1) pr. 6x30
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) 2lb. block of C-4 w/acc.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (2) Shotguns, (1) LAW

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area outlined on patrol overlay in RZ #5.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 121045H/151030H May 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 7 1/2 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol observed 2 Vietnamese, located 1 new trail, 2 small holes, punji stakes and old VC harbor sites.

b. ENEMY: None.

c. TERRAIN: See patrol route overlay.

## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 121830H, (AT 893664), patrol observed 2 VN moving north wearing utilities. Patrol did not observe any weapons or equipment.

(2) 121830H, (AT 878647) to (AT 878645), patrol located new trail. Trail was approximately 1 meter wide and appeared to have been cut within the last week. Patrol checked area with negative results.

(3) 130600H, (AT 876333), patrol found footprints along streambed and 3 old VC harbor sites. Patrol checked area with negative results.

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(4) 131630L, (AT 867628), patrol found 2 holes one on either side of trail approximately 3 feet x 5 feet x 2 feet. These holes were not holed in any way. It was noted however that there were numerous small holes in this vicinity.

(5) 140600E, (AT 86262A): patrol observed from CP this vicinity that activity in the Song Vu Gia Valley had increased during last few days. No unusual activity was noted.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

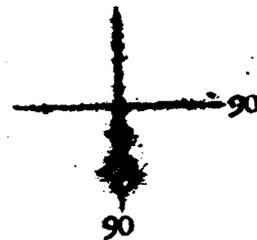
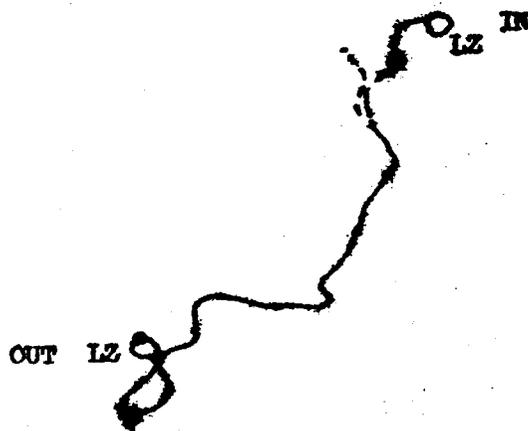
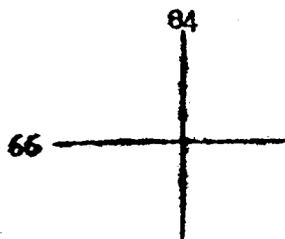
Recommendation: That patrols given the mission of observation and reconnaissance over the Song Vu Gia and the Mortar valley area be of 5 days duration or separate missions.

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Cpl Co. C.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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LEGEND	Patrol Route
O LZ - Landing Zone	2d Sq. 1st P.t Co. C Map Sheet; 6658 IV
--- New Trail	
— Patrol route	

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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) PBR-1
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79, (1) 2lb block of C-4 W/Acc.

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ #5.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 151000H/171600H May 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 54 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy contacts or sightings. Patrol destroyed one grenade, found numerous punji stakes, rubber sandals, glass bottles, (1) leather shoe, 7.62mm ChiCom ammo, (1) Utensil and (1) Coolie hat.

b. ENEMY: None.

c. TERRAIN: None.

## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 151845H at (AT 867626), patrol found (1) VC cylindrical cast iron fragmentation mine this vicinity. Patrol leader stated device had trip wire activator which was attached to tree. The patrol leader disarmed mine and buried same. There was also numerous punji stakes, punji traps and expended ChiCom 7.62mm cartridges. Patrol checked area with negative results.

(2) 160645H at (AT 876625), patrol found (1) M-1 Clip W/8 rounds of ChiCom 7.62mm ammo. Patrol leader stated that ammo. appeared to be approximately 2 to 3 weeks old. Ammo. was destroyed. Patrol also found (1) aluminum utensil, (1) leather shoe and numerous punji stakes. Patrol checked area with negative results.

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(3) 170645H at (AT 884627), patrol found (1) ChiCom grenade. This grenade had a trip wire activator. Patrol leader disarmed grenade. Grenade will be forwarded to G-2 this date. Patrol also found coalie hat and (1) pair of rubber sandals, bottles of unknown origin were also found in this area. Patrol checked area with negative results.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. ENEMY: None.

b. FRIENDLY: None.

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: (1) Chi Com grenade and (1) empty cartridge unknown caliber, and small bottles one with oriental characters there on.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

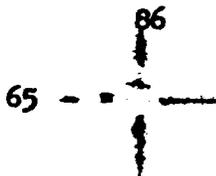
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusions: Area appears to have been used within last 2 to 3 weeks.

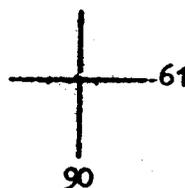
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SGT. Co. C

9. DERRIFFER COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leader.

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PAROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (16) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 60ft of line, (1) 2lb block of C-4 w/acc
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-60, (2) LAW's, (1) Shotgun, (2) M-79's

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in area outlined on patrol overlay in RZ# 8.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 161030H/210815H May 66

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 117 $\frac{1}{2}$  hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in 1 sighting and no contacts. Patrol heard elephants trumpeting, heard movement near OP site, heard 1 carbine round fired and heard machine gun fire. Patrol also observed possible VC OP site.

b. ENEMY: 171445 at (AT839678) Patrol sighted 20-30 VC. Due to dense growth patrol could only observe coolie hats, no equipment could be observed.

c. TERRAIN: See patrol route overlay

d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 161900H at (AT861665) Patrol observed possible VC observation post site this vicinity.

(2) 171430H at (AT8267) Patrol heard trumpeting from unknown number of elephants this vicinity. Cause of disturbance to elephants unknown.

(3) 171445H at (AT839678) Patrol sighted 20-30 VC but due to dense growth could not observe the VC equipment or clothing. Fire mission requested but denied due to cease fire of artillery in this area. At 1600 Artillery notified patrol that a TOT would be fired. Artillery fired but patrol unable to observe results.

(4) 180100H at (AT822687) Patrol heard movement from this vicinity but source of movement could not be determined.

(5) 180645H at (AT825675) Patrol heard 1 carbine round fired in this vicinity. Source of fire could not be determined.

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(6) 191500H at (AT 8166), patrol heard 3 long bursts of machine gun fire from this vicinity. Bursts were 10-12 rounds each. Fire sounded like 30 caliber. Source of fire could not be determined.

(7) 201900H at (AT 824701), patrol observed smoke from this vicinity. Fire mission requested with excellent coverage of target area, results unknown.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation: That patrols operating in this area carry as a minimum, 2 sharp K-Bars for cutting secondary growth for movement. Also patrols should take at least 30 feet of rope for by passing obstacles.

Conclusions; Area doesn't appear to be used at this time due to over growth of trails in patrols area of operation.

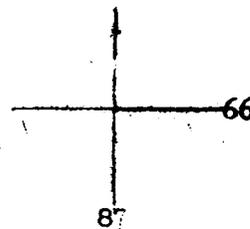
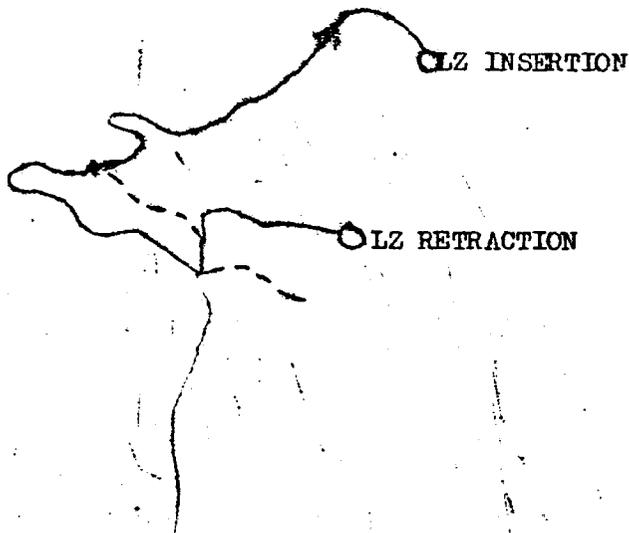
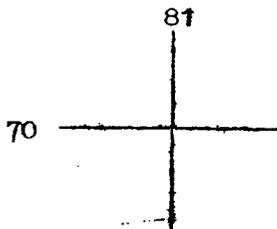
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
O LZ = LANDING ZONE	2d Plt. Company "C"
— = ROUTE TRAVELED	MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000
- - - = NEW TRAILS NOT SHOWN ON MAP.	SHEET: 6658IV
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 220900H May 66

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (8) Enl, (1) USN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/TRC 25, (1) AN/TRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50, (1) pr 12x50
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) 2lb block of C-4 w/acc
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) Shotguns, (1) M-79, (1) LAW.
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ# 5.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 171545H/220700H May 66
4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 111½ hours of patrolling and reconnaissance resulted in (1) VC sighting, (1) rifle shot heard, observed (1) friendly patrol, and noted normal VN activities in the fields.
  - b. ENEMY: 181400H at (AT873651) (1) VC was sighted wearing green utilities and carrying what appeared to be (1) MAS-36 rifle.
  - c. TERRAIN: None
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION: (1) 180730H at (AT887639) Patrol found Elephant dung this vicinity which appeared to be approximately 1 month old.
    - (2) 181115H at (AT8264) Patrol heard rifle shot from this vicinity.
    - (3) 190815H at (AT9268) Patrol observed an 8 man patrol, 7 appeared to be U.S. Marines and 1 VN. They were moving east.
    - (4) 191245H at (AT896665) 16 VN moving in pairs to water hole and upon completion of filling water bags continued to move south east. It was noted the VN were careful to stay in pairs.
    - (5) (AT8867-8967) 16-18 VN worked in paddies daily.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
  - a. ENEMY: None

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b. FRIENDLY: None

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good/ morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION:

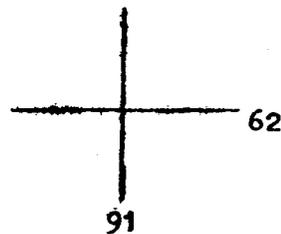
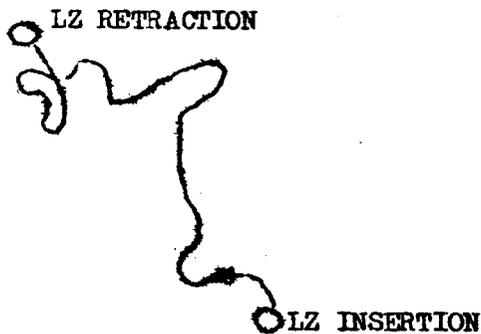
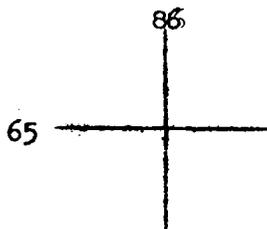
Recommendation: That patrols as a minimum carry (2) pr 7x50s for observation at established OP positions.

Conclusions: None

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Cpl "C" Co.

DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None

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## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (13) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50, (1) pr. 6x30
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) 2 lb. block C-4 W/Acc.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-60, (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ #5.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 191800H/240945H May 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 112 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found what appeared to be a trail marker, found (1) hole and located numerous punji stakes and punji pits.

b. ENEMY: None.

c. TERRAIN: None.

## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 201600H (AT 856643), patrol found what appeared to be a trail marker. Patrol checked area with negative results.

(2) 221500H (AT 857632), patrol found hole 1 foot x 3 feet x four feet. Patrol leader stated that this hole appeared to be no more than one week old. Patrol checked area with negative results.

(3) 221530H (AT 861629), patrol noted presence of numerous punji pits and punji stakes in this area. Patrol checked area with negative results.

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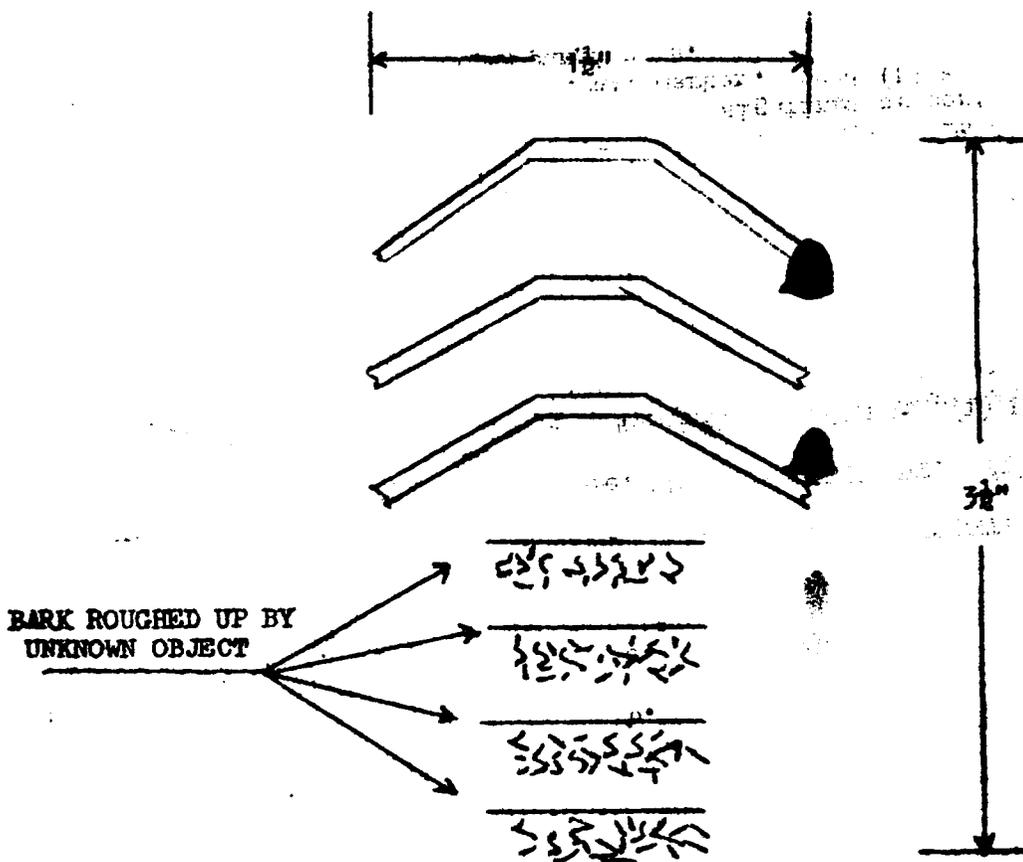
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- 6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
- 7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.
- 8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION:

Conclusion: Signs in area indicate activity although no sightings were made during patrol.

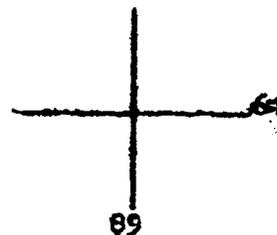
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- 9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Diagram of trail marker is shown below.



THIS MARKER WAS CARVED INTO TREE APPROXIMATELY  
3 FEET FROM THE GROUND.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION: AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (8) Enl, (1) USN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) 2 lb. blocks C-4 W/Acc.
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79
2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ #5.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 191800H/231130H May 1966
4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 89 1/2 hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in 9 enemy contacts and 11 sightings. The patrol apprehended and released 3 VN, observed 20 VN moving north into hills, found C-ration cans and VE tobacco also observed approximately 100 VN in rice paddies activity unknown, found (1) U.S. M-26 grenade, (1) possible VC harbor site and fresh footprints. During patrol there were 3 artillery missions requested and fired resulting in 8 VC KIA (100) and 5 KAA possible. The contacts resulted in 7 VC KIA possible and 4 VC WIA possible. There were no friendly casualties. The 9 contacts occurred from 230150H to 230730H.
  - b. ENEMY:
    - (1) 21142H (AT 855598), patrol sighted 5 VC all of which were armed. Patrol leader stated 1 VC was carrying what appeared to be a machinegun. VC were dressed in black TJs and cooie hats. Fire mission called, good coverage on target, results unknown.
    - (2) 221700H (AT 924627), patrol sighted 30-40 VC wearing khaki shirts and soft cover. Patrol could not observe equipment. Fire

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mission called with excellent coverage resulting in 8 VC KIA (BC) and 5 KIA possible.

(3) 221730H (AT 919633), patrol observed 8 VC moving into draw this vicinity. Fire mission called but results were unobserved.

(4) 222330H (AT 894637), patrol set ~~at~~ night position this vicinity and heard movement from 3 - 5 - 6 - 9 - and 12 o'clock. First contact was at 0150H.

(5) 230150H, (AT 898639), patrol fired small arms at 6 to 8 VC, VC returned fire with semi-automatic weapons and broke contact. NO friendly casualties; VC casualties unknown. Movement in area continued and patrol heard moaning from this vicinity approximately 30 meters from position. (1) VC WIA possible.

(6) 230232H (AT 898640), patrol heard 4 to 6 VC approaching position. Patrol threw 2 grenades and VC withdrew. Moaning was overheard and movement in area continued. At 230238H patrol heard what sounded like a person or persons being dragged away from area. Patrol at this time could hear movement and noise all around position. Estimated 10 to 20 VC in area. (2) VC WIA possible.

(7) 230311H (AT 898640), patrol made contact with (1) VC who attempted to crawl into patrol's position. Patrol opened fire with small arms and heard moaning. No friendly casualties. VC casualties unknown.

(8) 230323H (AT 898640), patrol received short burst of small arms fire about 15 meters from position. Patrol returned fire and threw grenades. Movement ceased, 1 VC KIA possible. No friendly casualties. Patrol heard movement and what appeared to be someone dragging something over rocks from this vicinity.

(9) 230339H (AT 898640), patrol threw grenades and before grenade exploded heard someone running. Grenade exploded and movement ceased. 1 VC KIA possible.

(10) 230440H, (AT 898639) patrol made contact with 4 to 5 VC. Small arms fire exchanged and VC broke contact. No friendly casualties. VC casualties unknown.

(11) 230459H (AT 898639), patrol fired on 1 VC and received automatic weapons fire. Patrol then threw grenades. 1 VC KIA possible. No friendly casualties.

(12) 230605H (AT 898639), patrol made contact with 1 VC. Patrol leader fired and VC fell as if hit by fire. Patrol leader stated that due to possibility of ambush did not check area.

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1 VC KIA possible. There were no friendly casualties.

(13) 230730H (AT 898638), patrol made contact with 2 VC. VC were wearing khaki shirts and soft covers. Patrol fired semi-automatic and M-79. VC casualties unknown. No friendly casualties  
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(14) 231050H (AT 898638), patrol during extraction from HLZ observed that VC had finger at (AT 895637) surrounded. The helo gunner of second helo took VC under fire and estimated that 3 VC were KIA (possible). There were no friendly casualties.

c. TERRAIN: None.

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 211045H (AT 885624), patrol apprehended 3 VN. 2 were females and 1 male. The VN had been picking berries. Patrol checked I.D. and found same to be in order. VN were released and patrol kept them under surveillance until 1230H.

(2) 211530H (AT 865584), patrol observed 20 VN moving north into hills and 1000 meters to the southeast patrol sighted approximately 100 VN in rice paddies.

(3) 211545H (AT 876625), patrol found two C-ration cans and one freshly discarded VN cigar. It was noted that the C-ration cans appeared to have been opened within the last 8 hours.

(4) 221830H (AT 890630), patrol found (1) M-26 grenade and approximately 50 meter from area that grenade was found patrol observed 1 fresh footprint which didn't appear to be over 12 hours old. Patrol checked area with negative results.

(5) 221955H (AT 898634), patrol located freshly used harbor site. Patrol leader stated site would accommodate approximately 20 people and appeared to have been used within last 18 hours. Patrol noted 6 fresh trails leading into the site. Checked area with negative results.

(6) 230405H (AT 898639), patrol heard movement this vicinity. Patrol threw grenades and fired M-79 movement ceased. No friendly casualties, VC casualties unknown.

(7) 230545H (AT 898639), patrol heard movement approximately 50 meters from position. Patrol fired M-79 and automatic small arms. Movement ceased. No friendly casualties. VC casualties unknown.

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**6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:**

a. ENEMY: 8 VC KIA (BC), 12 VC KIA (possible) and 4 VC WIA (possible)

b. FRIENDLY: None.

c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: (1) U.S. M-26 grenade

**7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.****8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

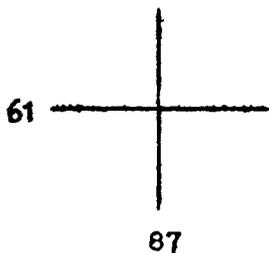
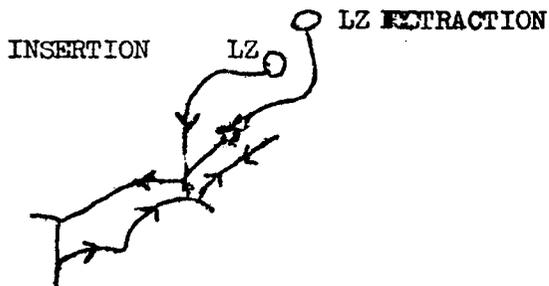
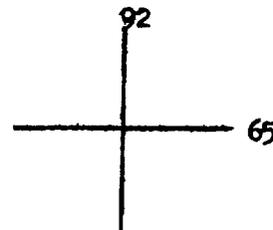
Recommendation: Patrols operating in this area be increased to at least platoon size due to enemy activity in area.

Conclusion: Patrol leader stated that contact during night was made by estimated VC platoon of 20 men.

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SGT Co. C

**9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.**

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
<p>○ LZ = LANDING ZONE</p> <p>— = ROUTE TRAVELED</p>	<p>1st Sqd 1st Plt Co. "C"</p> <p>MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000</p> <p>SHEET: 6659III</p> <p>SERIES: L-701.</p> <p>3d RECON BN. (S-2)</p>

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 DANANG, RVN  
 280900 May 1966

PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (14) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50s
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (2) 2 lb blocks C-4 w/acc
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-60, (2) LAW's, (2) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ# 5.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 240845/280730H May 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 88½ hours of continuous reconnaissance and observation resulted in 4 VC sightings and no contacts. 5 Fire missions were called resulting in 2 VC WIA (Possible). Patrol located (2) huts, found 1 old trail, 2 M-26 grenades, (1) K-Bar, and numerous C-ration cans.

## b. ENEMY:

(1) 251000H (AT875605) Patrol observed 4 VC wearing black P.J.s and straw hats. Fire mission called; results unknown.

(2) 251115H (AT875605) Patrol observed 4 VC wearing black P.J.s and straw hats. Fire mission called; results unknown.

(3) 251145H (AT875605) Patrol observed 2 VC wearing black P.J.s and straw hats. Fire mission called with good average resulting in 2 VC WIA (Possible).

(4) 271215H (AT829603) Patrol observed a 2 man VC outpost, due to extreme distance type of clothing could not be observed. It was light in color. Patrol observed 2 packs and 2 rifles. Fire mission called but due to time element in artillery adjustment the 2 VC were observed leaving OP and moving along ridge line to the 886 hill complex. Patrol lost observation at this time.

c. TERRAIN: See patrol route overlay

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## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

- (1) 241305H (AT845634) Patrol observed a hut this vicinity. Fire mission called with good coverage.
- (2) 250950H (AT873607) Patrol observed 30 VN who appeared to be cutting wood. At 1000H these 30 VN were observed moving southeast along creek bed and patrol lost observation of them at (AT878603).
- (3) 270830H (AT843024) Patrol located (1) old hut which was in extremely poor condition. Patrol checked area with negative results.
- (4) 270930H (AT844624) Patrol found what appeared to be old VC OP site. Patrol checked area with negative results.
- (5) (AT841613) Patrol found (2) M-26 grenades and destroyed same in place. These grenades were not booby trapped however it was noted that both grenades had the fuses removed. Patrol also found (1) very old PRC-10 radio battery, (1) K-Bar, and numerous C-ration cans all of which were very old.
- (6) (AT8361) Patrol noted that trail shown on map this area is extensively used. Patrol checked area with negative results.
- (7) (AT839621) Patrol located trail this area approximately (1) meter wide. Patrol leader stated this trail was overgrown and not used within the last 2 to 3 months.

## 6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- a. ENEMY: 2 VC WIA (Possible)
- b. FRIENDLY: None
- c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None

## 7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

## 8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION:

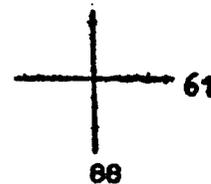
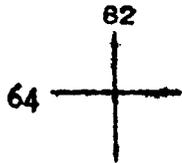
Recommendation: Patrol leader recommends that patrols operating in this area move prior to or after hours of darkness due to possibility of observation and compromise of position.

Conclusions: Due to dense undergrowth in this area movement is restricted to trails.

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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Stream at (855634) be scheduled for TPQ 10 drops.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
<p>O LZ - LANDING ZONE</p> <p>— - ROUTE TRAVELED</p> <p>- - - NEW TRAILS NOT SHOWN ON MAP.</p>	<p>2d Plt. Company "C"</p> <p>MAP: VIETNAM, 1-50,000</p> <p>SHEET: 6658IV</p> <p>SERIES: L-701.</p> <p>3d RECON BR. (S-2)</p>

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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (7) Enl, (1) Off, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/TRC 10, (1) AN/PRC 25
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50s
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) 2 lb block C-4 w/acc
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) Shotguns, (1) M-79, (1) LAW

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ# 5.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 241615H/271750H May 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 74 hours of continuous reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. The patrol located 1 possible VC harbor site, called in (1) artillery fire mission on suspected VC avenue of approach, observed groups of VN cutting wood and carrying bundles, and heavy boat traffic across the Song Vu Gia river.

b. ENEMY: None

c. TERRAIN: None

d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 241759H (AT876634) Patrol located a deserted VC harbor site and found a new grenade fragment. Patrol feels that this harbor site may have been used as a temporary VC aid station.

(2) 251515H (AT874604) Patrol called an artillery mission on an avenue of approach. There was excellent coverage of the target area; results unknown.

(3) 250940H (AT882611) Patrol observed 4 VN cutting brush this vicinity. They were wearing black P.J.s and coolie hats.

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(4) 251010H (AT879525) Patrol observed 4 groups of VN heading south. Each group consisted of 12 to 14 VN. They all wore black P.J.s and coolie hats. The VN were carrying bundles of what appeared to be wood 12 in. in diameter and the height of the individuals. The groups of VN crossed over hill 65 and came out on Route 14 at (AT889573). No weapons were observed.

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(5) 251100H (AT871585) Patrol observed 15 VN dressed in black P.J.s and coolie hats. The VN were carrying bundles that appeared to be sticks. Each bundle was 12 in. in diameter and about two thirds the height of the individuals. These bundles were carried on yokes. The VN were observed entering a village at (AT871585). No weapons were observed.

(6) 260750H (AT872596) Patrol observed 30 VN who appeared to be cutting wood. They were dressed in black P.J.s and coolie hats. No weapons were observed.

(7) 261015H (AT860559) Patrol observed two groups of VN each group consisted of 20-30 VN. All wore mixed clothing. No weapons were observed.

(8) 261315H to 1800H (AT848558) and (AT854555) Patrol observed heavy boat traffic from these 2 points. No unusual activity was noticed.

(9) 271330H to 1600H (AT848558) and (AT854555) Patrol observed heavy boat traffic from these two points. No unusual activity was noticed.

(10) 270740H (AT847555) Patrol observed 20 VN wearing black P.J.s move from north edge of river bank into trees at (AT847555). No weapons were observed.

(11) 270750H (AT852557) Patrol observed approximately 20 VN move from north edge of river bank into trees at (AT850557). No weapons were observed.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- a. ENEMY: None
- b. FRIENDLY: None
- c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation: That communications be established between patrol and observation aircraft.

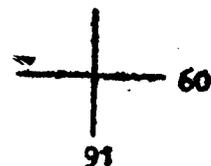
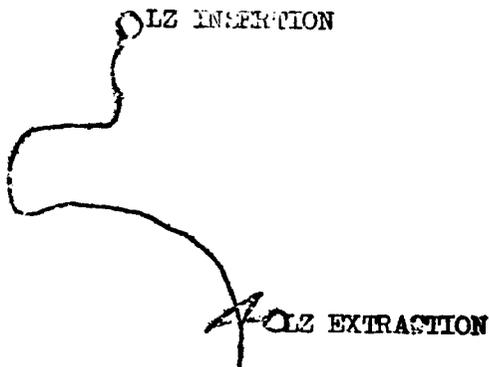
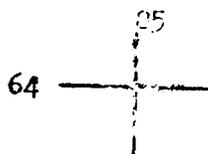
Conclusions: Area covered by patrol other than the VC harbor site did not appear to be used by the VC at this time.

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LT "C" Co.

9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: During the hours of 0730H to 1800H on the 26 and 1300H to 1600H on the 27 of May heavy boat traffic was observed. During debriefing it was noted that approximately 240 VN moved south to north across the Song Vu Gia river and only 55 VN were observed moving north to south.

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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (8) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) PSR-1, (1) 2 lb block C-4 w/acc
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) M-79

2. MISSION: Conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish OP sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ# 5.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 271730H/301800H May 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  hours of reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. The patrols found numerous .30 caliber expended cartridges, old fire sites, rock fences, and heard drums beating.

- b. ENEMY: None
- c. TERRAIN: None
- d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) 291830H (AT872625) Patrol found numerous expended .30 caliber cartridge cases in this area, and also noted many small fire sites. Patrol checked area with negative results.

(2) 301230H (AT864605) Patrol noted this area had been partitioned off by numerous rock fences approximately 3 feet in height. These fences are not shown on the map.

(3) Patrol heard drums coming from vicinity of DAI LOI # 1 (AT898598) and DAI LOI # 2 (AT905594). Patrol could not observe any unusual activity because of extreme distance to these areas.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- a. ENEMY: None

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- c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, Morale good
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION:

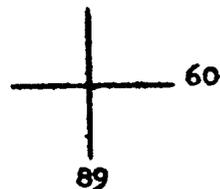
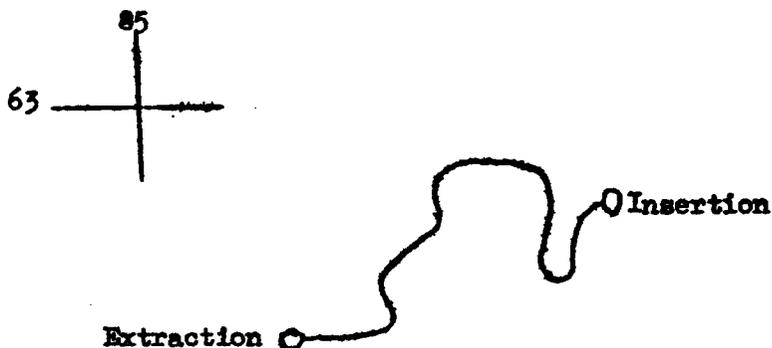
Recommendation: That selection of the extraction LZ be left to the discretion of the patrol leader.

Conclusions: Area shows numerous signs of recent activity although no sightings were made.

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DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: There were numerous reports of VN activity in this area during the past week. Reports received noted woodcutters and berry pickers with no unusual activity observed.

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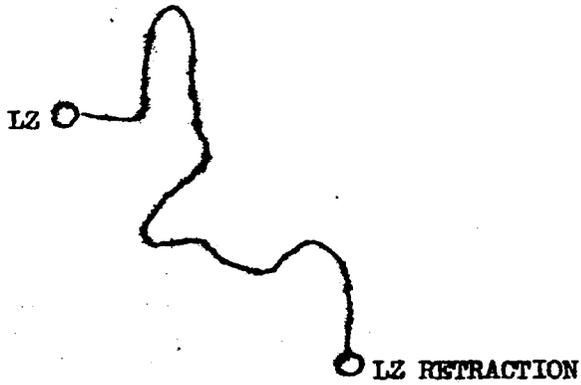
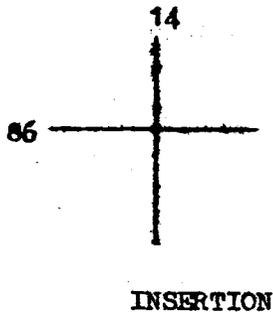
1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - a. COMPOSITION: (13) Enl, (1) USN
  - b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
  - c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
  - d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (1) pr. 7x50, (1) pr. 6x30
  - e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (1) PSR - 1
  - f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (1) Shotgun, (1) M-79, (1) LAW, (2) 2lb. blocks of C-4 with accessories.
2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in or West of RZ's 3 and 4.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 051630H/101015H May 1966
4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. SYNOPSIS: 114 hours of continuous reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts.
  - b. ENEMY: None.
  - c. TERRAIN: None.
  - d. OTHER INFORMATION: None.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
 

Recommendation: That patrols operating in this area utilize OP site vicinity (ZC 171837).

Conclusion: Area doesn't appear to have been used within last 3-4 weeks.
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
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PATROL REPORT

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1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (9) Enl, (1) USN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None.

2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations in RZ #4 to determine the extent of enemy movement in the area.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 081145H/111600H May 1966

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 76 hours of continuous reconnaissance in RZ#4 resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts.

b. ENEMY: None.

c. TERRAIN: None.

d. OTHER INFORMATION: None.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

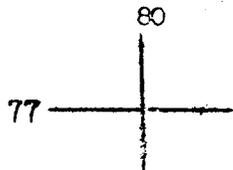
Recommendation: Patrol reduce movement during day due to heat.

Conclusion: Area doesn't appear to have been used within last 2-3 months.

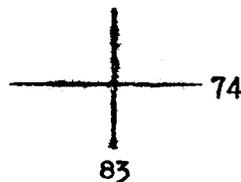
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None.

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PATROL REPORT

## 1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- a. COMPOSITION: (14) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None.
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr. 7x50
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: None.
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: None.

2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations and establish OP sites in the area outlined on the patrol overlay in RZ #3.

4. ROUTE: See Patrol Route Overlay.

## 5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

a. SYNOPSIS: 166 hours of continuous reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol found elephant dung, fire sites, located excellent OP, found marker and received shrapnel in OP.

b. ENEMY: None.

c. TERRAIN: None.

## d. OTHER INFORMATION:

(1) Patrol found excellent OP site at (ZC 166843) affording observation of Highway 14 and the Song Nom River.

(2) 112323H and 120005H, (ZC 177834) patrol received shrapnel from H & I fires into there OP.

(3) 151655H at (ZC 159846), patrol found elephant dung which appeared to be 6 to 8 weeks old, two hitching posts, numerous small fire sites, and two stick markers pointing northwest. Patrol checked area with negative results.

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6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale fair.

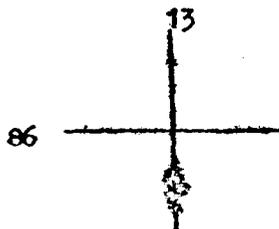
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Conclusion: Area doesn't appear to have been used within last 4 to 6 weeks.

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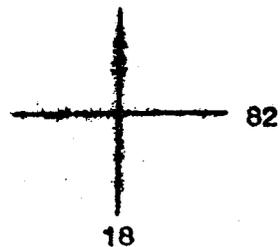
9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: None

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**PATROL REPORT****1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT:**

- a. COMPOSITION: (16) Enl, (1) USN, (1) ARVN
- b. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: None
- c. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: (1) AN/PRC 25, (1) AN/PRC 10
- d. OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: (2) pr 7x50's
- e. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: (8) 21b blocks C-4 W/Acc
- f. SPECIAL WEAPONS: (2) M-79's

2. MISSION: Conduct continuous reconnaissance operations and establish OP sites in the area shown on the patrol overlay in RZ# 4.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: 200655H/250715H May 1966

4. ROUTE: See patrol route overlay.

**5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:**

a. SYNOPSIS: 108 hours of continuous reconnaissance and observation resulted in no enemy sightings or contacts. Patrol apprehended 5 VN, one of which was wounded due to erratic movement, located 5 suitable HLZ's, 4 observation post sites, 2 concrete and steel structures, and 3 small bridges.

b. ENEMY: None

c. TERRAIN: None

**d. OTHER INFORMATION:**

(1) 200930H (AT841727) Patrol while conducting bridge reconnaissance made contact with 5 VN. During contact 1 of the VN started behaving erratically and patrol member shot him in the left thigh. VN was treated by patrol and MED-EVAC at 1045H. Remaining 4 VN evacuated by helo at 1120H.

(2) (AT821732) Patrol leader stated that he had communication difficulty from this area. He also stated that when patrol established OP sites that the whip antenna was the only means of communicating back to stake out.

(3) (AT836724) Patrol located 2 structures constructed of concrete and steel frames. Structures were 44' long, 18' wide, and 10' high. Both structures are in excellent condition.

(4) Patrol located 4 excellent observation sites. (1) at (AT842727)  
 (1) at (AT821731) (1) at (AT823733) and (1) at (AT832736).

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(5) Patrol also located 5 suitable HLZ's during operation.

- a. (AT844722) This HLZ will accomodate (4) H34 helos. LZ is triangular in shape.
- b. (AT843728) This HLZ will accomodate (1) H34 helo. LZ is rectangular in shape.
- c. (AT826727) This HLZ will accomodate (1) H34 helo. LZ is rectangular in shape.
- d. (AT826738) This HLZ will accomodate (1) H34 helo. LZ is rectangular in shape.
- e. (AT838736) This HLZ will accomodate (2) H34 helos. LZ is rectangular in shape.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- a. ENEMY: None
- b. FRIENDLY: None
- c. CAPTURED/EQUIPMENT: None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL: Good, morale good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION:

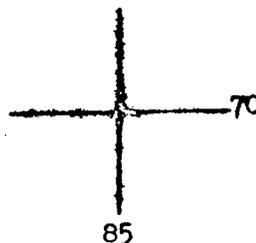
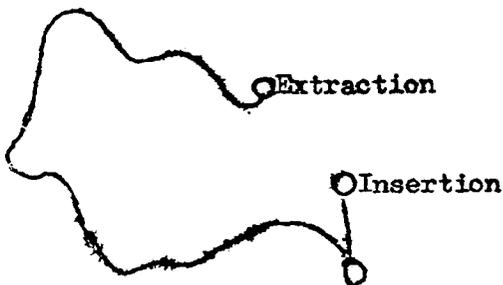
Recommendation: That bridges located at (AT842725), (AT835724), and (AT822732) be destroyed by next patrol operating in this area to deny and restrict troop movement in these areas.

Conclusions: This area appears to be used frequently for troop movement toward hill complex 322.

R. N. HOLT  
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9. DEBRIEFER COMMENTS: Concur with patrol leader.

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LEGEND	PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY
<p>O LZ: LANDING ZONE</p> <p>— ROUTE TRAVELED</p>	<p>2d Plt. "D" Co.</p> <p>MAP VIETNAM, 1-50,000</p> <p>SHEET: 6659 III</p> <p>SERIES: L-701</p> <p>3d Recon Bn. (S-2)</p>

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