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CO BRAVO CO., 3RD RECON BATTALION COMPANY "D" (REIN)
3rd Reconnaissance Battalion
3rd Marine Division FMF
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 4th Marines, 3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF

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Ref: (a) DivO 5750.1

- Encl:
- (1) Command and Staff Billet Assignments
 - (2) Co "B", OpO 44-66 of 272000H July 1966 and Patrol Report of 041200H, 042000H, 061200H, and 110900H
 - (3) Co "B", OpO 45-66 of 301200H July 1966 and Patrol Report of 082300H and 111600H August 1966
 - (4) Co "B", OpO 46-66 of 051200H August 1966 and Patrol Report of 072100H August 1966
 - (5) Co "B", OpO 47-66 of 061800H August 1966 and Patrol Report of 140900H and 161200H August 1966
 - (6) Co "B", OpO 48-66 of 101000H August 1966 and Patrol Report of 171800H August 1966
 - (7) Co "B", OpO 49-66 of 120800H August 1966 and Patrol Report of 200800H August 1966
 - (8) Co "B", OpO 50-66 of 130800H August 1966 and Patrol Report of 211600H, 222000H, 252000H, and 261500H
 - (9) Co "B", OpO 51-66 of 172200H August 1966 and Patrol Report of 200800H August 1966
 - (10) Co "B", OpO 52-66 of 172000H August 1966 and Patrol Report of 260800H August 1966
 - (11) Co "B", OpO 53-66 of 190800H August 1966 and Patrol Report of 53/1-66 of 291000H August 1966 and 53/2-66 of 290800H August 1966
 - (12) Co "B", OpO 54-66 of 210800H August 1966 and Patrol Report of 280800H August 1966
 - (13) Co "B", OpO 55-66 of 220800H August 1966 and Patrol Report of 300800H and 301800H August 1966

C. B. Goodham Br. Aug 66

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

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 Organizational Data,
 Designation, Company "B" (Rein), 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd
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- b. Location. Hue-Phu Bai, Republic of Viet Nam (RVN) YD 884130
- c. Period Covered. 1 - 30 August 1966
- d. Command and Staff Billets. Enclosure (1).
- e. Average Monthly Strength. 4 USMC Officers, 93 enlisted and 5 USN enlisted.
3. Significant Avents.
- a. Personnel.
- (1) On 4 August 1966 this company's personnel readiness category dropped to "C-2" as result of personnel rotating to CONUS.
- (2) Due to personnel replacements the personnel readiness category returned to "C-1" on 19 August 1966.
- (3) On 19 August 1966 2nd Lt GREEN, enclosure (1), reported for duties as Platoon Commander and as replacement for 1st Lt TAYLOR upon his rotation to CONUS.
- (4) Captain SPIVEY, enclosure (1), reported for duty as Commanding Officer, Company B and replacement for Captain OWENS upon his rotation to CONUS in September 1966.
- b. Command and Control. On 19 August 1966, the 1st Platoon, Company "B" shifted OPCON to CO, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines in support of Operation PAWNEE. Enclosure (11).
- c. Close Combat.
- (1) Enclosures (2) through (13) summarizes the twenty-three team, squad, and/or platoon operations conducted during this period.
- (2) The major cumulative losses of enemy personnel, equipment, and supplies during this month as result of this company's activities include the following:

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- (a) VC KIA (confirmed) 25
- (b) VC KIA (probable) 32
- (c) VC WIA (confirmed) 6
- (d) VC WIA (probable) 17
- (e) Weapons Captured 3 K-50's, 1 AK-45, 2 SK-53's, 8 grenades
- (f) Ammunition Captured 260 rounds
- (g) In excess of 1000 pounds of rice destroyed
- (h) Assorted combat equipment captured

d. Medical. This company sustained one WIA during the period as result of engagements with the enemy. Evacuation was not required.

B. L. SPIVEY JR.

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COMMAND AND STAFF BILLETTS

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERNO/MOS</u>
CO	Capt	OWENS, S. L.	Capt	0857114/0302
IO	1stLt	BEELER, R. A.	1stLt	089734/0302 - 1 to 24 Aug 66
		SPIVEY, B. L.	Capt	082622/0302 - 25 to 30 Aug 66
Flt Cmd, 1st Flt	1stLt	MEYER, M. A.	SSgt	1819763/0369 - 1 to 24 Aug 66
		BEELER, R. A.	1stLt	089734/0302 - 25 to 30 Aug 66
Flt Cmd, 2nd Flt	1stLt	COMMONSON, J. D.	Sgt	1840298/0369
Flt Cmd, 3rd Flt	1stLt	FAHEY,	Sgt	1476286/0311
Flt Cmd, 2nd Flt, Co "A", 1st Recon Bn	1stLt	TAYLOR, J. L.	1stLt	086306/0302 - 1 to 27 Aug 66
	2ndLt	GREEN, J. B.	2ndLt	091779/0302 - 28 to 30 Aug 66

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 041200H July 1966

Change No. 1 to Operation Order 44-66

Ref: None

Time Zone: H

1. Make the following per changes to Operation Order 44-66

a. BASIC ORDER.

- IRS* (1) Paragraph 3. e. (2) (c). Change "030730H" to read "071000H".
- IRS* (2) Paragraph 3. e. (3) (c). Change "070900H" to read "110900H".


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 Captain, U. S. Marine Corps
 Commanding

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ENCLOSURE (2)

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 272000H July 1966

Operation Order 44-66

- Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM: 1:50,000; AMS Series L701; Sheet numbers 6559 IV and 6550 III
 (b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with chages 1 and 2
 (c) Recon Group Barvo Operation Order 7-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

3rd Platoon, Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn	SGT	FAHEY
1st Squad, Company "B"	SGT	FAHEY
2nd Squad, Company "B"	CPL	MACHOLTZ
1st Platoon, Company "B", 3rd Recon Bn	SSGT	MEYERS
Hdqs Section, Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn	1ST LT	BEELER

1. SITUATION.

- Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS.
- Friendly Forces. Current OPSUMS.
- Attachments/Detachments. None

2. MISSION. During the period 1 July through 10 August 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 3, 4, and 5. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner in each RZ. Conduct concurrent training for platoons in garrison and be prepared to support infantry operations as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

- Concept of Operations. Emphasizing reconnaissance and observation of the primary avenues of approach into the HUE/PHU BAI combat zone, one of the companies four platoons will be employed for a duration of 4 to 5 days in each of two RZ's. Insertions and extractions of each platoon will be planned so as to insure fifty percent of available forces are employed at all times. At least eight hours of concurrent training will be conducted by each platoon between operations unless otherwise directed.
- 3rd Platoon, Co "B".
 - 1st Squad. Conduct reconnaissance operations and establish an observation post within RZ 3 and as indicated on Annex A-1 (Operations Overlay), during the period 30 July to 04 August 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.
 - 2nd Squad. Conduct reconnaissance operations and establish an observation post within RZ 3 and as indicated on Annex A-2 (Operations Overlay), during the period 31 July to 05 August 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.
- 1st Platoon, Co "B". Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4 and within the area indicated on Annex A-3 (Operations Overlay), during the period 01 August to 05 August 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.

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- d. Hdqs Section, Co "B". Conduct operations within RZ 4 and within the area indicated on Annex A-4 (Operations Overlay), during the period 03 to 07 August 1966, inclusively. The primary objective will be to capture at least one prisoner.
- e. Coordinating Instructions.
- (1) Initial Point. HMM - 161
 - (2) Date, time and place of insertion.
 - (a) 3rd Platoon, Co "B".
 - 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon. 301730H, YD 757094.
 - 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon. 311730H, YD 776077.
 - (b) 1st Platoon, Co "B". 010730H, YC 832972.
 - (c) Hdqs Section Co "B". ~~030730H~~^{071800H}, YD 903003.
 - (3) Date, time, and place of extraction.
 - (a) 3rd Platoon, Co "B".
 - 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon. 041800H, YD 756104.
 - 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon. 051800H, YD 785077
 - (b) 1st Platoon, Co "B". 051500H, YC 828994.
 - (c) Hdqs Section, Co "B". ~~070900H~~^{110900H}, YC 897997.
 - (4) Thrust Lines.
 - (a) 3rd Platoon, Co "B".
 - 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon. Alpha - 7411; Bravo - 7708.
 - 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon. Alpha - 7709; Bravo - 8005.
 - (b) 1st Platoon, Co "B". Alpha - 8100; Bravo - 8496.
 - (c) Hdqs Section, Co "B". Alpha - 8901; Bravo - 9298.
 - (5) Personally effect distribution of this operation order to all units concerned within the HUE/PHU BAI enclave 48 hours prior to insertion.
 - (6) Plan and coordinate "on-call" concentrations along patrol routes and OP's prior to insertion.
 - (7) Adjust supporting artillery ASAP after insertion.
 - (8) Submit two copies of patrol rosters to this headquarters (Attn: S-3) to include the number and type of serialized items carried by each patrol member by name.
 - (9) Consistant with assigned missions, avoid extensive movement during the heat of the day to avoid heat casualties.
 - (10) If a patrol is out of contact for three hours, it will return to the last position where communications were successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to the nearest friendly unit unless communications are re-established enroute.

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- (11) Report to the CO, Company "B", ASAP upon extraction for debriefing.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by the patrol leader maintaining continuous camouflage of patrol members.
- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by the patrol leader, to include not less than 100 rounds per M-14, and 24 rounds per M-79.
- c. Rations. As directed by the patrol leader while anticipating a shortage of water.
- d. Medical. Insure an adequate supply of salt tablets and malaria pills are carried by each patrol member and consumed regularly.
- e. Special Equipment.
- (1) One pair 7x50 binoculars or an M-49 spotter scope.
 - (2) One red panel per team.
 - (3) One yellow smoke grenade per patrol member.
 - (4) Two M-72 rocket launchers.
 - (5) Two concussion grenades per platoon.
 - (6) Two WP fragmentation grenades per platoon.
 - (7) Two grenades, (concussion, WP, or M-26 fragmentation) per platoon member.
 - (8) Two CS grenades per platoon.
 - (9) One green smoke grenade per platoon.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- a. Communications.
- (1) Carry an AN/PRC-25 for primary communications. Inner-platoon communications will be by an AN/PRC-10.
 - (2) The AN/PRC-25 radio will be used to call and adjust artillery; however, before shifting the AN/PRC-25 to the "Conduct of Fire Net", communications with Company "B", will be established utilizing the AN/PRC-10.
 - (3) The communications relay located on Hill 225 will continue to support RZ's 3 and 4.
 - (4) Call Signs.

1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B"
 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B"
 Hdqs, 1st Platoon, Co "B"
 2nd Squad, 1st Platoon, Co "B"
 Hdqs Section, Co "B"
 Company "B"
 Air Liaison
 Artillery Support
 Radio Relay (Hill 225; RZ's 3 and 4)
 1st Bn, 4th Mar

KELSO
 WASHUA
 IRONHORSE
 YANKEE CLIFFER
 DREADFUL
 RAINBELT BRAVO
 SACRED
 POLISH CROW or **SELECTMAN**
 BRAVO RELAY
 PERMISSIVE

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(5) <u>Frequencies.</u>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
RAINBELT BRAVO	43.55	49.6
POLISH CROW OR SELECTMAN	36.2	
SACRED	40.7	
PERMISSIVE	43.6	

(6) Shackles.

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

- (7) Authentication. Challenge with any letter in the shackles and authenticate with any other letter in the same column.
- (8) Each patrol and/or element thereof, will submit hourly situation reports and monitor the Company "B" net continually.
- (9) All traffic will be addressed to RAINBELT BRAVO relay through BRAVO RELAY.


 S. L. OWENS
 Captain, U. S. Marine Corps
 Commanding

ANNEXES:

A (Operations Overlay)

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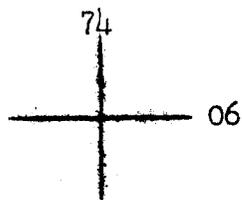
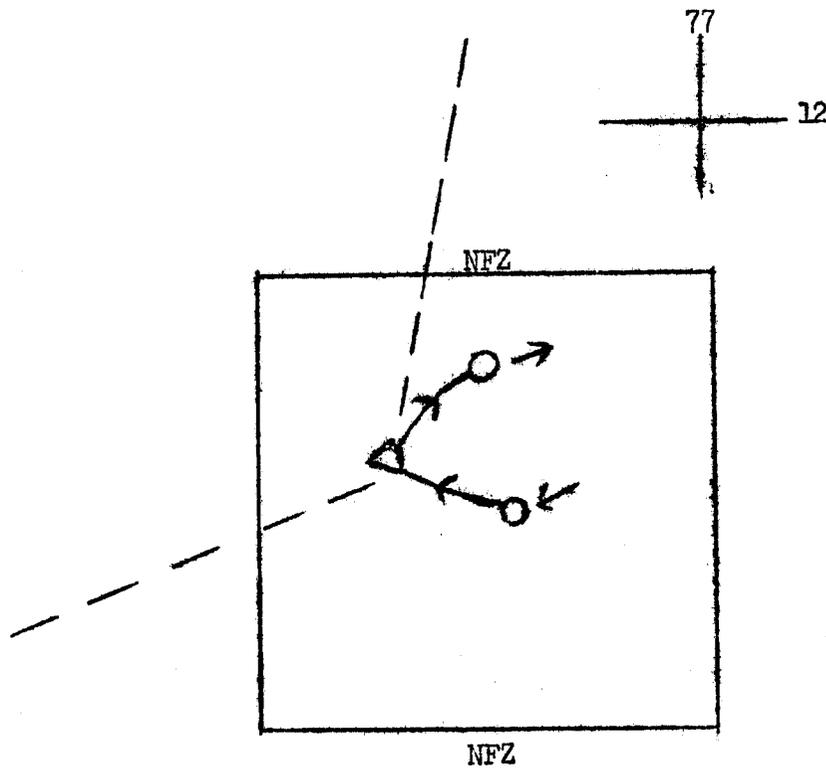
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272000H July 1966

Annex A (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 44-66 in RZ 3.

Ref: Map Sheet numbers 6559 IV and 6560 III

Period: 30 July to 04 August 1966

Call Sign: KELSO



LEGEND:

- ----- IZ
- △ ----- OP
- ----- Route

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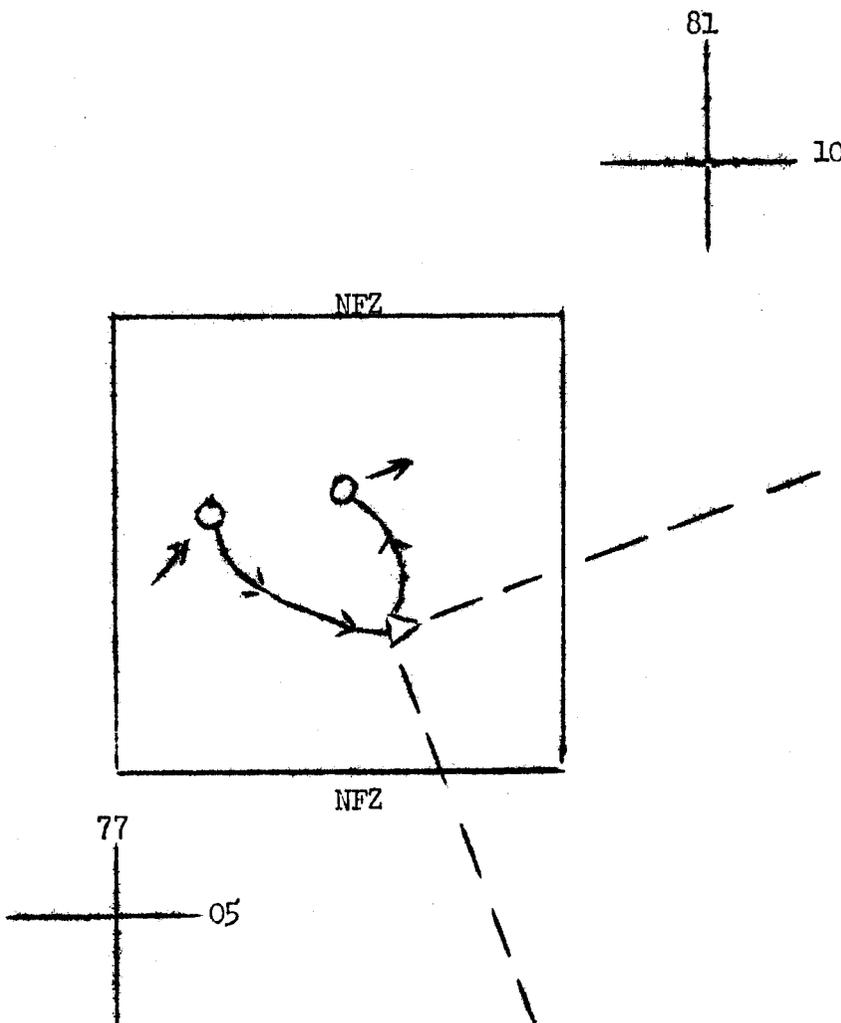
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Annex A(Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 44-66 in RZ 3.

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Period: 31 July to 05 August 1966

Call Sign: NASHUA



LEGEND:

- ——— IZ's
- △ ——— OP

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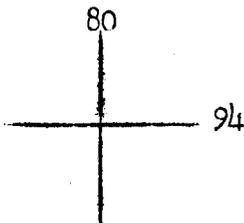
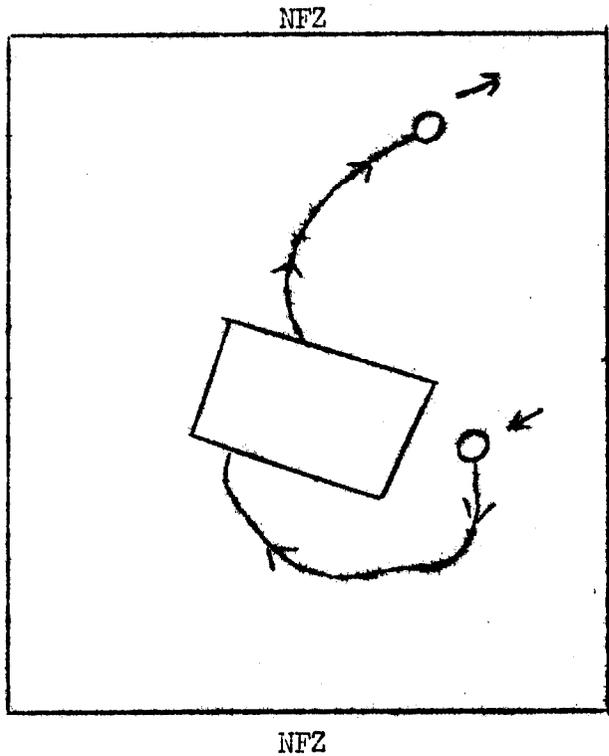
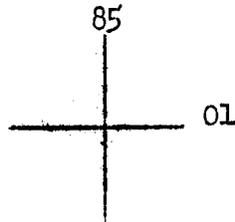
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Annex A (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 44-66 in RZ 4.

Ref: Map Sheet numbers 6559 IV and 6560 III

Period: 01 to 05 August 1966

Call Sign: IRONHORSE and YANKEE CLIFFER



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-   IZ's
-   Route

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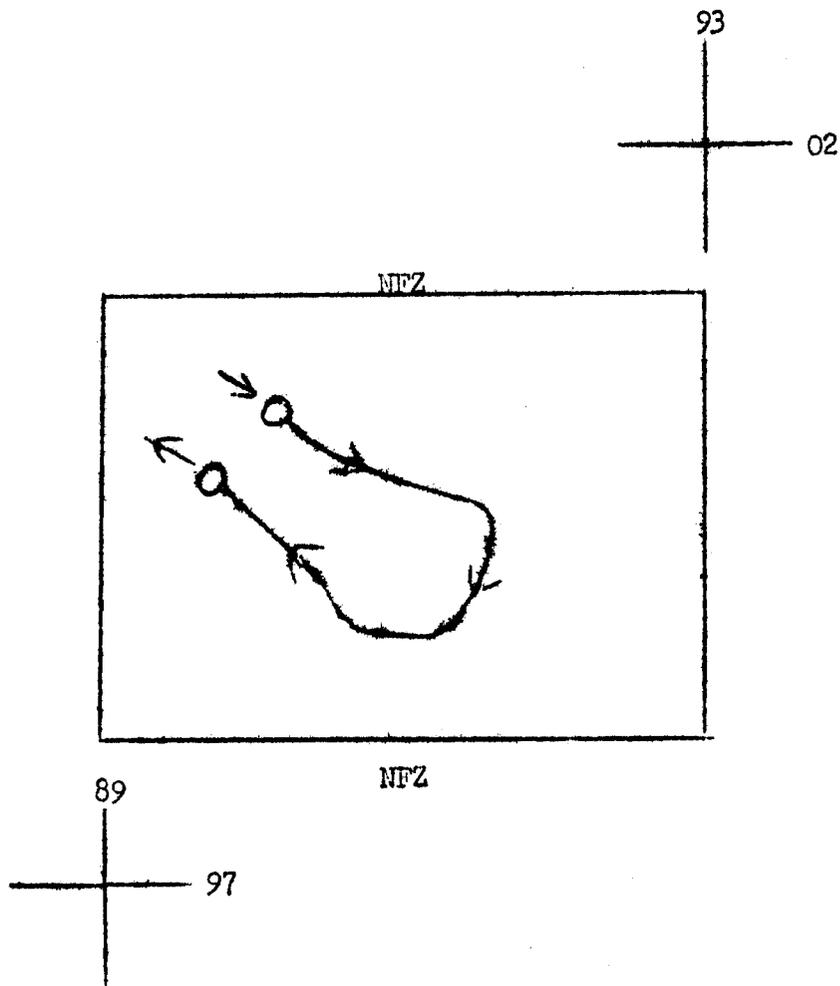
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Annex A (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 44-66 in RZ 4.

Ref: Map Sheet Numbers 6559 IV and 6560 III

Period: 03 to 07 August 1966

Call Sign: DREADFUL



LEGEND:

- ----- IZ's
- ➔ ----- Route

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Operation Order 44-66
 Patrol: 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B"
 DEBRIEFER: K. E. MACHOLTZ, CPL USMC
 Ref: Map Sheet numbers 6559 IV and 6560 III

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 PHU BAI, RVN
 041200H July 1966
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.
 - a. Size and Composition. (9) enlisted.
 - b. Special Attachments. None
 - c. Communication Equipment. (1) AN/PRC-25, (1) AN/PRC-10
 - d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50's
 - e. Special Equipment. None
 - f. Special Weapons. (3) Claymore mines.
2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations and establish an observation post within RZ 3. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 310800H/031400H August 1966.
4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.
 - a. Synopsis. During 76 hours of patrolling and observation resulted in no enemy sightings. However 4-8 VC probed the patrol's night position.
 - b. Enemy. 032315H (YD 791070) 4-8 enemy probed the patrol's night position, there was one grenade thrown at the enemy. No further contact was made.
 - c. Terrain. Terrain in the patrol area consisted of small rolling hills with small shrub plants approximately 3 to 4 feet high.
 - d. Other Information.
 - (1) No artillery missions or air strikes were called in support of the patrol.
 - (2) Map Corrections. None

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(3) The patrol was inserted at YD 790057, approximately 2,000 meters Southeast of the original insertion IZ at coordinates YD 776077.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None
7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; Morale, good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None

Kent E Macholtz
K. E. MACHOLTZ
Corporal, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: None

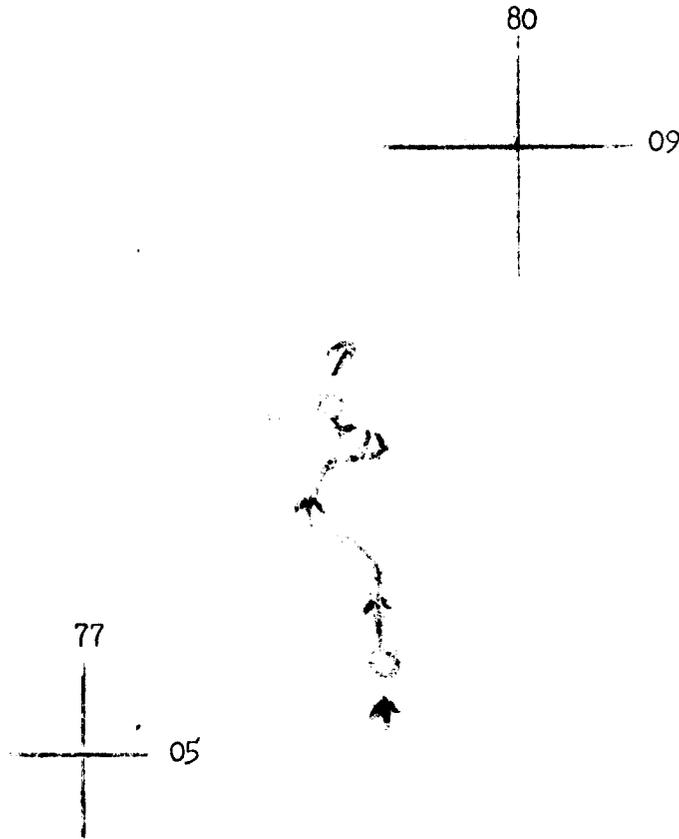
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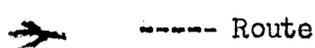
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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Patrol Route for Operation Order 44-66
in RZ 3.

Ref: Map Sheet numbers 6559 IV and 6560 III



LEGEND:

-  OP
-  IZ
-  Route

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Operation Order 44-66
 Patrol: 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B"
 Debriefer: Sgt R. B. FAHEY
 Ref: Map Sheet Numbers 8559 IV and 6560 III

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 042000H ~~July~~ 1966
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.
 - a. Size and Composition. (7) enlisted, (1) USN.
 - b. Special Attachments. None
 - c. Communication Equipment. (1) AN/PRC-25, (1) AN/PRC-10.
 - d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50's
 - e. Special Equipment. None
 - f. Special Weapons. (4) claymore mines.
2. MISSION. To establish an observation post within RZ 3 and capture at least one VC.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 310800H/031230H August 1966.
4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.
 - a. Synopsis. During 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours of observation the patrol made 9 sightings and 7 fire missions were called in support of the patrol.
 - b. Enemy.
 - (1) 010930H (YD 756107) 5 VC were observed traveling Southeast. 2 wore gray uniforms, 2 with khaki shirts and black bottoms, 1 with black shorts and shirt, all had collie hats. Called fire mission. Called 1st round short and adjusted second, but the VC had departed the area.
 - (2) 011400H (YD 756105 to 749116) Patrol observed 6 VCS moving in a Southwest direction. 3 wore black PJ's, 3 in gray shirts and blue shorts, ~~two~~ had packs. No weapons were observed. These VCS were changing from white to complete black clothes. Called in fire mission. No damage assesment was made.
 - (3) 011000H (YD 724120) Observed 20 or more VCS walking down the road in a Westerly direction. 3 VCS came from behind bushes along the road and appeared to be guides. They also appeared to have a destination and were walking in a column of two's at a fast pace. They disappeared into a draw at YD 735120. The 3 VCS who appeared from the bushes had their backs to our position and they appeared to have weapons. All but the 3 who appeared from the bushes wore black shorts and white and blue shirts, these 3 wore all black clothes. A fire mission was called. 4 rounds were delivered. 8 of the VCS were observed running from the draw. Estimate 7 VC KIA (prob) and 7 VC WIA (prob).

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- (4) 011830H (YD 73221) Observed 2 VCS carrying what appeared to be a body. They were khaki shorts and black shirts, and were carrying the body from West to East. No weapons were observed. A fire mission was called, 2 rounds were delivered with good effect on the target. 1 VC KIA (conf), 2 VC KIA (prob).
- (5) 021800H (YD 748088) 10 or more VC were observed making noise breaking through the brush at the top of Hill 424 approximately 500 meters from our OP site. All that were observed had weapons. These VC were wearing khaki shorts and no shirts. The patrol waited until dark before moving, then fired 4 claymores and threw 4 grenades to the front and flanks of our position and withdrew down side of the hill. There was screaming and noises that could be identified as the enemy. At the bottom of the hill a fire mission was called on the VC with good coverage of the target. Estimate 5 VC KIA (prob) and 2 VC WIA (prob).
- (6) 022310H (YD 747097) The patrol observed 25 or more VC coming down the side of the hill towards the patrol's position. Could only identify the rain hats they wore due to the full moon. A fire mission was called on these VC, 4 adjustments were made before FSCC changed to high angle. No damage assessment was made.
- (7) 031200H (YD 755108) Patrol observed 9 VC with weapons. They were heading toward our position and were too close for artillery. The patrol moved to higher ground. Enroute to our emergency extraction LZ at YD 756102. The additional force of 10 or more were observed wearing khaki shirts and black shorts. All of these VC were carrying weapons.
- (8) 021210H (YD 753087) Observed 10 or more VC coming down Hill 424 as the patrol was enroute to an emergency extraction LZ. They had weapons and were obviously trying to surround the patrol. A fire mission was called. Fired 1 round but, could not make adjustment due to our enroute position and no communications. HUEY's were called in to strafe the area. No damage assessment was made.

c. Terrain.

- (1) The terrain in the objective area consisted of rolling hills with shrub brush 5 to 8 feet high. Vegetation was relatively dense in the low ground. The patrol could cover approximately 500 meters per hour.
- (2) Map Corrections. None

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. There were no friendly casualties. Enemy casualties were 1 VC KIA (confirmed), 14 VC KIA (probable), and 9 VC WIA (probable), as results of artillery.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; Morale, good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None

Richard B. Fahey
R. B. FAHEY
Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS BY DEBRIEFER: None

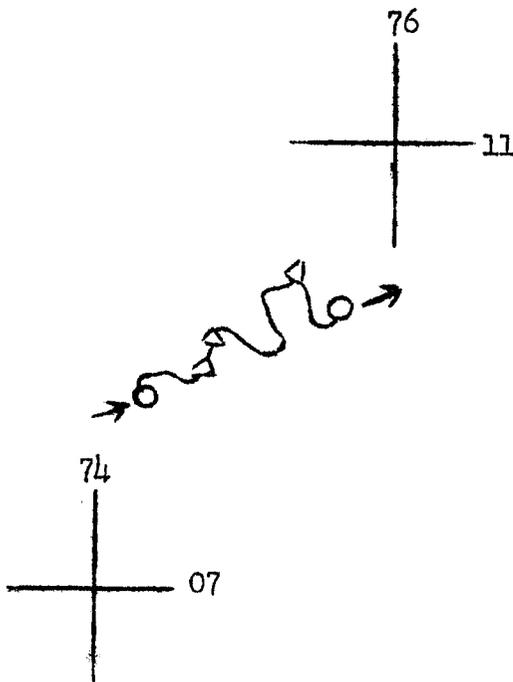
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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to patrol route for Operation Order 44-66
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Ref: Map Sheet numbers 6559 IV and 6560 III



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- △ ----- OP
- ----- LZ
- ----- Route

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Operation Order 44-66
 Patrol: 1st Platoon, Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn
 Debreifer: Sgt I. R. SEIGLER
 Ref: 6559 IV

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 061200H ~~July~~ 1966
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.
 - a. Size and Composition. (13) enlisted, (1) USN.
 - b. Special Attachments. None
 - c. Communication Equipment. (2) AN/PRC-25's.
 - d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50's.
 - e. Special Equipment. None
 - f. Special Weapons. None
2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 010730H/051530H August 1966.
4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.
 - a. Synopsis. 10 $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours of patrolling and observation resulted in negative contacts and/or sightings of the enemy. There were no air strikes or artillery missions called in support of this patrol.
 - b. Enemy.
 - (1) There were no contacts or sightings of the enemy.
 - c. Terrain.
 - (1) The canopy in the objective area was approximately 30 to 40 feet high. Maneuverability in the draws was almost impossible due to the secondary growth. In the draws and valleys, movement was limited to the trails and stream beds. The patrol could cover approximately 200 meters per hour. Intermittent streams were full due to recent rainfall and water was plentiful throughout the objective area.

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(2) Map Corrections. Numerous well used trails and trail networks, were located throughout the area. Annex B (Map Corrections).

d. Other Information.

- (1) The patrol located six huts which were destroyed approximately three weeks ago. Three of the huts were located at YC 827969 and three were located at YC 821967.
- (2) The patrol found elephant excretion on several of the trails, which was approximately one week old. Nothing definite could be decided due to the inclement weather.
- (3) The patrol found signs of hastily cut barbed wire throughout the patrol route.
- (4) 011630H (YC 815965) The patrol heard sounds of wood chopping approximately 300 meters to the East of this location.
- (5) 021030H (YC 810971) The patrol again heard sounds of wood chopping approximately 300 meters Southeast of this location.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; Morale, good.

8. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None

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Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER. None

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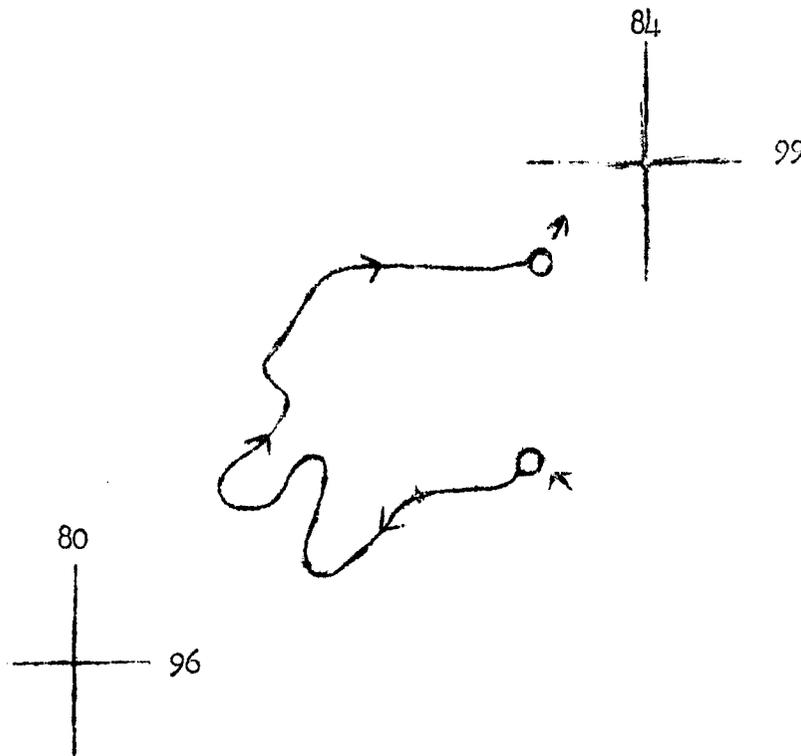
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Call Sign: IRONHORSE



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- ➔ ----- Route

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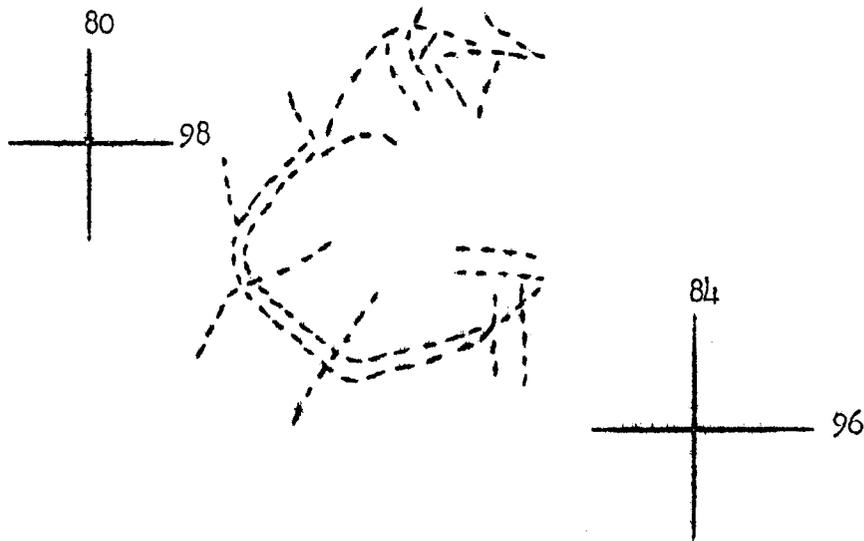
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Annex B (Map Corrections) to Patrol Route for Operation Order 44-66 in
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Call Sign: IRONHORSE



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----- New Trails not
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT.
 - a. Size and Composition. (1) Officer, (3) Enlisted.
 - b. Special Attachments. None
 - c. Communications Equipment. (1) AN/PRC-25.
 - d. Observation Equipment. None
 - e. Special Equipment. (2) Red air panels.
 - f. Special Weapons. (2) Claymore mines and (2) WP grenades.
2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4. The primary objective will be to capture at least one prisoner.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 071800H/101145H August 1966.
4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.
 - a. Synopsis. 66 hours of patrolling and observation resulted in an emergency extraction of the patrol after making one contact with approximately 20 VC, 10 of which were women. One artillery mission was called in support of this patrol.
 - b. Enemy.
 - (1) 091600H (YC 895995) The patrol observed an A/O receiving small arms fire from grid square 8999. Approximately 100 rounds were fired at the air craft from two locations, but the patrol was unable to determine the location.

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- (2) 101000H (YC 905995) The patrol sighted approximately 20 VC, 10 of which were women. The first 6 VC in the column had weapons. One of these 6 wore a pack with a ChiCom RP-46 strapped to the pack. The rear point also had a weapon and was wearing a pack. All others were carrying very large homemade type packs which appeared to contain rice. The VC were moving North along a stream, then turned and headed Northwest toward highway 14. Several VC wore black PJ's. All others wore a combination of black and white clothes. All VC observed were wearing HO CHI MINH sandals.
- (3) 101010H (YC 903995) The patrol called in a fire mission. The VC started moving towards the high ground when the rounds were delivered. The patrol adjusted artillery, moving it to the East, while the patrol moved to the west, catching the VC in between. Artillery flushed out 4 of the VC towards the patrol's position. The patrol fired on these 4 with small arms fire killing 3 instantly. 1 VC escaped the contact. 2 weapons and other equipment were captured, Annex B (List of Captured Weapons and Equipment).
The patrol continued to call in artillery. Several screams were heard coming from the target area. The patrol made a partial physical damage assessment, but due to the helicopters being on station for their extraction and the dense brush on the high ground they could not assess the artillery damage. The patrol moved to an IZ in the vicinity of YC 903995. The patrol was extracted at 101145H without further incident.

c. Terrain.

- (1) Terrain in the objective area was relatively open and movement was virtually unrestricted.

d. Other Information.

- (1) Map Corrections. None
- (2) One artillery mission was called in support of the patrol for a total of 36 rounds of 155's (20 rounds VT, 16 rounds quick).
- (3) A potato field at YC 905995 had been cultivated since a recon patrol was in that area during the period 15 to 19 July 1966.
- (4) Freshly placed punji stakes were found at YC 904997.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. 3 VC KIA (confirmed), by the patrol. 5 VC KIA (probable), 5 VC WIA (probable), as results of artillery.

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7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, outstanding; Morale, outstanding.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. Recommend that the battalion responsible for that section of the TAOR saturate the area with squad-size ambushes.



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Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS BY DEBRELFER: None

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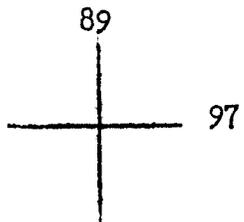
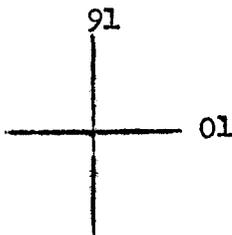
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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Patrol Route for Operation Order 44-66
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Call Sign: DREADFUL



LEGEND:

- ----- IZ
- x ----- Position of contact
- ----- Route

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Annex B (List of Captured Gear and Equipment) to Patrol Report for
Operation Order 14-36 in RX 4.

- 1 - AK-47 ChiCom Automatic machine gun with 3 magazines and 90 rounds
- 1 - SKS Model 53 ChiCom 7.62mm bolt action rifle and 20 rounds
- 4 - ChiCom fragmentation grenades
- 3 - Grenade pouches
- 2 - Web belts (NVN type)

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Operation Order 45-66

- Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM; 1:50,000; AMS Series L701; ~~Shoot in Zone 5500 III~~
 and 6559 I
 (b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with changes 1 and 2
 (c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 7-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

2nd Platoon, Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn SGT OMMONDSON
 2nd Platoon, Co "A", 1st Recon Bn 1STLT TAYLOR

1. SITUATION.

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

2. MISSION. During the period 1 through 15 August 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 3, 4, and 5. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner in each RZ. Conduct concurrent training for platoons in garrison and be prepared to support infantry operations as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. Emphasizing reconnaissance and observation of the primary avenues of approach into the HUE/PHU BAI combat zone, one of the companies four platoons will be employed for a duration of 4 to 5 days in each of two RZ's. Insertions and extractions of each platoon will be planned so as to insure fifty percent of available forces are employed at all times. At least eight hours of concurrent training will be conducted by each platoon between operations unless otherwise directed.
- b. 2nd Platoon, Co "B". Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3 and within the area indicated on Annex A-1 (Operations Overlay), during the period 04 to 09 August 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner. Unless otherwise directed, conduct platoon training during the period 120900H to 121600H August 1966.
- c. 2nd Platoon, Co "A". Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 5 and as indicated on Annex A-2 (Operations Overlay), during the period 04 to 08 August 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner. Unless otherwise directed, conduct platoon training during the period 110900H to 111600H August 1966.
- d. Coordinating Instructions.
- (1) Initial Point. HMM - 161
- (2) Date, time, and place of insertion.
- (a) 2nd Platoon, Co "B". 041730H, YD 694098.
- (b) 2nd Platoon, Co "A". 041830H, YC 988997.

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- (3) Date, time, and place of extraction.
 - (a) 2nd Platoon, Co "B". 091800H, YD 713106.
 - (b) 2nd Platoon, Co "A". 081800H, YC 980995.
- (4) Thrust Lines.
 - (a) 2nd Platoon, Co "B". Alpha - 6813; Bravo - 7209.
 - (b) 2nd Platoon, Co "A". Alpha - 9701; Bravo - 0197.
- (5) Personally effect distribution of this operation order to all units concerned within the HUE/PHU BAI enclave 48 hours prior to insertion.
- (6) Plan and coordinate "on-call" concentrations along patrol routes and OP's prior to insertion.
- (7) Adjust supporting artillery ASAP after insertion.
- (8) Submit two copies of patrol rosters to this headquarters (Attn: S-3) to include the number and type of serialized items carried by each patrol member by name.
- (9) Consistant with assigned missions, avoid extensive movement during the heat of the day to avoid heat casualties.
- (10) If a patrol is out of contact for three hours, it will return to the last position where communications were successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to the nearest friendly unit unless communications are re-established enroute.
- (11) Report to the CO, Company "B", ASAP upon extraction for debriefing.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by the patrol leader maintaining continuous camouflage of patrol members.
- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by the patrol leader, to include not less than 100 rounds per M-14, and 24 rounds per M-79.
- c. Rations. As directed by the patrol leader while anticipating a shortage of water.
- d. Medical. Insure an adequate supply of salt tablets and malaria pills are carried by each patrol member and consumed regularly.
- e. Special Equipment.
 - (1) One pair 7x50 binoculars or an M-49 spotter scope.
 - (2) One red panel per team.
 - (3) One yellow smoke grenade per patrol member.
 - (4) Two M-72 rocket launchers.
 - (5) Two concussion grenades per platoon.
 - (6) Two WP fragmentation grenades per platoon.

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- (7) Two grenades, (concussion, WP, or M-26 fragmentation) per platoon member.
- (8) Two CS grenades per platoon.
- (9) One green smoke grenade per platoon.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.a. Communications.

- (1) Carry an AN/PRC-25 for primary communications. Inner-platoon communications will be by an AN/PRC-10.
- (2) The AN/PRC-25 radio will be used to call and adjust artillery; however, before shifting the AN/PRC-25 to the "Conduct of Fire Net", communications with Company "B", will be established utilizing the AN/PRC-10.
- (3) The communications relay located on Hill 225 will continue to support RZ's 3 and 4.
- (4) ~~Radio~~ relay will be located at "K" Co, 3rd Bn, 4th Mar (YD 929058) for communications in support of RZ 5.
- (5) Call Signs.

Hdqs, 2nd Platoon, Co "B"	LION
2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B"	TIGER
Hdqs, 2nd Platoon, Co "A"	HOMERUN
2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "A"	LINEDRIVE
Company "B"	RAINBELT BRAVO
Air Liaison	SACRED
Artillery Support	POLISH CROW or SELECT- MAN
Radio Relay (Hill 225; RZ's 3 and 4)	BRAVO RELAY
Radio Relay ("K" Co, 3rd Bn, 4th Mar; RZ 5)	BRAVO X-RAY
1st In, 4th Mar	PERMISSIVE

- (6) Frequencies.
- | | <u>Primary</u> | <u>Alternate</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| RAINBELT BRAVO | 41.55 | 49.6 |
| POLISH CROW or
SELECTMAN | 36.2 | |
| SACRED | 40.7 | |
| PERMISSIVE | 43.6 | |

(7) Shackles.

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- (8) Authentication. Challenge with any letter in the shackles and authenticate with any other letter in the same column.
- (9) Each patrol and/or element thereof, will submit hourly situation reports and monitor the Company "B" net continually.
- (10) All traffic will be addressed to RAINBELT BRAVO relay through BRAVO RELAY or BRAVO X-RAY.



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Captain, U. S. Marine Corps
Commanding

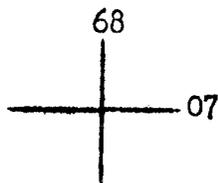
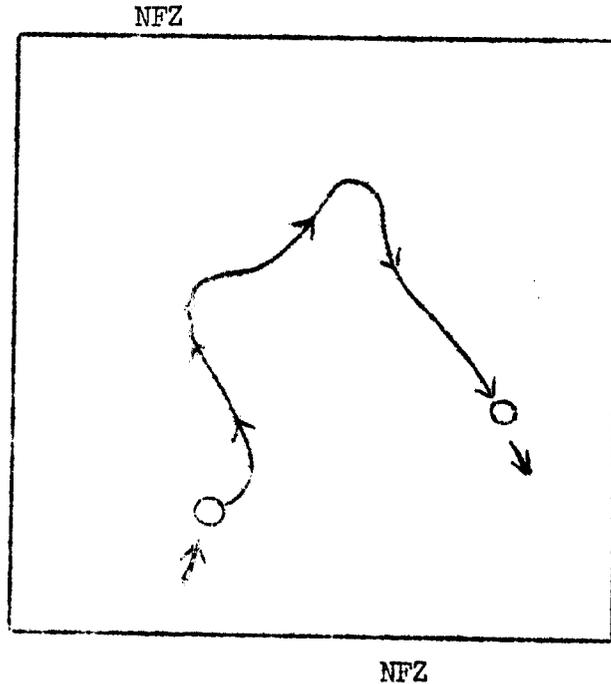
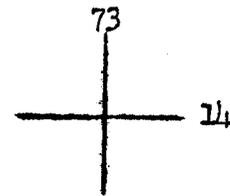
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Ref: Map Sheet numbers 6559 I and 6560 III

Call Sign: LION and TIGER



LEGEND:

○ ----- IZ

----- Route

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 Debriefer: Sgt I, R. SEIGLER
 Ref: Map Sheet number 6559 I

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.
 - a. Size and Composition. (16) Enlisted, (1) Officer, (1) USN.
 - b. Special Attachments. None
 - c. Communications Equipment. (2) AN/PRC-25, (1) AN/PRC-10.
 - d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50's.
 - e. Special Equipment. None
 - f. Special Weapons. (2) Claymore mines.
2. MISSION. To conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 5. Establish ambushes of opportunity and capture at least one prisoner.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 041600H/081800H August 1966.
4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.
 - a. Synopsis. During 98 hours of patrolling and observation the patrol made no VC contact. Several old trails and one harbor site was found in the objective area. No fire missions were called in support of the patrol.
 - b. Enemy.
 - (1) No sightings or contacts were made by the patrol.
 - c. Terrain.
 - (1) The terrain was extremely difficult and a patrol could cover approximately 150 meters an hour. The canopy was from 4 to 20 feet high.

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ENCLOSURE (3)

CONFIDENTIALd. Other Information.

- (1) 051530H (YC 997985) The patrol smelled what seemed to be someone cooking food. A search of the area produced no results.
- (2) 070930H (YC 984988) The patrol found 37 M-1 .30 Cal. tracer rounds hidden in the stump of a tree. The rounds were old and had been there for quite sometime.
- (3) 071500H (YC 980992) The patrol located an old temporary harbor site that would accomodate approximately one platoon. It contained several old C-Ration cans, one used battle dressing and one used long range ration.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; Morale, good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None


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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DEBRIEFER: None

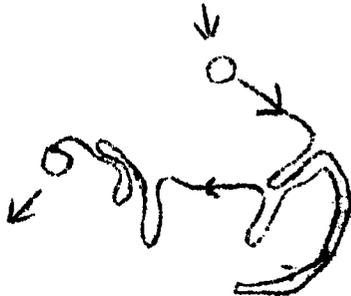
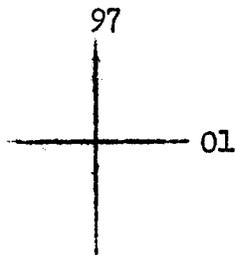
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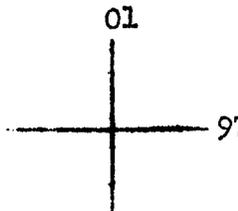
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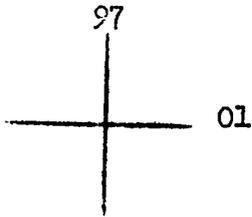
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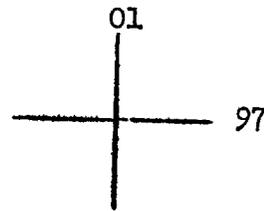
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Operation Order 45-66
 Patrol: 2nd Platoon, Co "B", 3rd ReconBn
 Debreifer: Sgt J. D. OMMONDSON
 Ref: Map Sheet number 6559 IV and 6560 III

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.
 - a. Size and Composition. (11) enlisted, (1) USN.
 - b. Special Attachments. None
 - c. Communication Equipment. (2) AN/FRC-25, (2) AN/FRC-10.
 - d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50's.
 - e. Special Equipment. None
 - f. Special Weapons. (3). Claymore mines, (2) M-60's.
2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 041600H/100900H August 1966.
4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.
 - a. Synopsis. 137 hours of patrolling and observation resulted in one contact and 6 sightings. One trail was located in the objective area. Five fire missions were called in support of the patrol.
 - b. Enemy.
 - (1) 051430H (YC 701108) patrol heard approximately 12 to 15 VC approximately 50 meters to the front and flanks. The patrol moved from the area, then approximately 1½ hours the patrol sighted 4 VC, 75 meters from their position. 2 were wearing khaki shirts and black shorts. 2 were wearing black shirts, their trousers could not be observed due to the vegetation. 2 automatic weapons were observed. The patrol moved to the high ground and called in artillery. No damage assessment was made. The VC were apparently following the patrol for 2 or 3 hours before the patrol noticed them.

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ENCLOSURE (3)

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- (2) 080920H (YD 715104) the patrol sighted 5 VCS loading unknown items into a boat on the SONG HUU TRACK. No weapons were observed. Patrol called a fire mission with good coverage of the target. 4 VCS escaped in the boat. Patrol check out the area with negative results. All 5 VCS wore black PH's.
- (3) 080935H (YD 709109) the patrol observed 6 VCS, wearing black PJ's, moving on line to the West, then changed direction and went South towards the SONG HUU TRACH. No weapons were observed.
- (4) 081430H (YD 715104) the patrol set up an ambush on the North side of the SONG HUU TRACH when approximately 2 hours later 11 to 14 VC appeared on a sandbar at the South side of the river. The point VC was carrying an unidentified automatic weapon. All other VC were carrying their weapons slung over their shoulders and backs. The patrol initiated the ambush, killing 4 instantly and wounding 4. The VC tried to escape up the bank of the river which was approximately 25 to 35 feet high, but were unable to get away. The patrol continued to fire on the VC killing 2 and wounding one more. The patrol expended 600 rounds of 7.62 ammo during the contact. The patrol then moved back and called in artillery. No weapons or equipment was captured due to the inaccessibility of the South side of the river.
- (5) 091600H (YD 733109) the patrol observed 5 VCS on a hill top digging in the ground and pulling out poles 6 to 8 feet long. The VC were wearing black PJ's. No weapons were observed. The patrol called in a fire mission but, the VC moved down off the hill before the rounds were delivered.
- (6) 100730H (YD 723104) while waiting for extraction, the patrol observed 15 boats with a total of approximately 60 VC on the river. 16 weapons were observed. The patrol set up an ambush at this location but, before it could be initiated the helicopters were on station for the patrol's extraction. Upon entering the helicopters, the patrol leader notified the pilot and he in turn notified the fixed wing air craft. Fixed-wing air craft strafed the area immediately after the patrol's extraction. The A/O reported one boat was sunk, with a probable kill of 5 VC. All VC wore a combination of black and white clothes.

CONFIDENTIALc. Terrain.

- (1) The terrain was relatively easy to travel near the river. Vegetation got progressively difficult towards the high ground which consisted of small rolling hills. Throughout the area the patrol could cover approximately 200 meters per hour. Water was plentiful in the low ground.

d. Other Information.

- (1) 4 artillery missions were called in support of this patrol for a total of 17 rounds of 8 inch Howitzer HE.
- (2) Map Corrections. Annex B (Map Corrections Overlay).
- (3) One HLZ was located at YD 717105 large enough to accomodate 3 UH-34's and one HLZ located at YD 708102 large enough to accomodate 2 UH-34's.
- (4) The patrol found one round of 30 Cal. carbine ammo and one expended casing of Chi Com 7.62 round.
- (5) The patrol found 2 empty packets of Japanese paroduced dehydrated food substance in the vicinity of Hill 90 at YD 708102.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY.

- a. 6 VC KIA (confirmed), 2 VC KIA (probable), 3 VC WIA (confirmed), as results of the ambush by the patrol.
- b. 4 VC KIA (probable), 3 VC WIA (probable), as results of artillery).
- c. 5 VC KIA (probable) as results of fixed-wing air craft.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; Morale, good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None

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 Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps
 Platoon Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEGREIFER. None

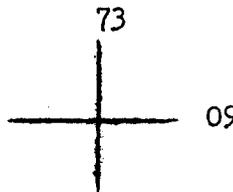
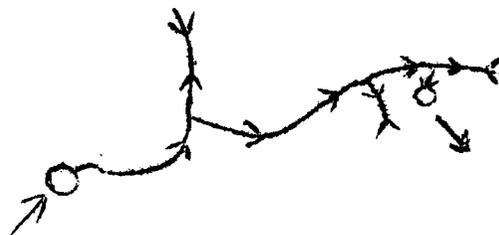
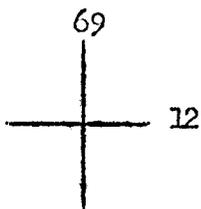
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111600H August 1966

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Call Sign: LION



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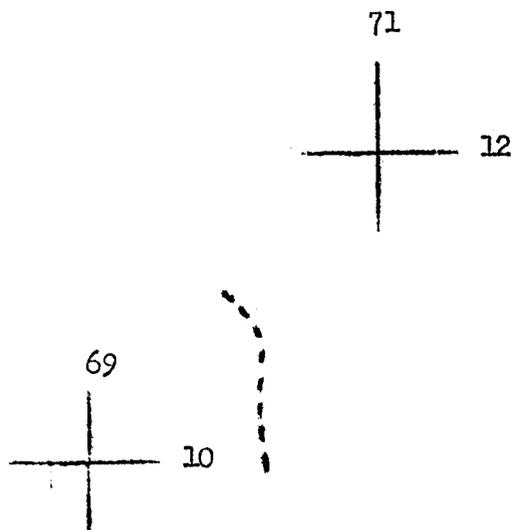
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 (b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with changes 1 and 2
 (c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 7-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

3rd Platoon, Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn SGT FAHEY

1. SITUATION.

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

2. MISSION. During the period 1 through 15 August 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 3, 4, and 5. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner in each RZ. Conduct ~~current training~~ concurrent training for platoons in garrison and be prepared to support infantry operations as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. Emphasizing reconnaissance and observation of the primary avenues of approach into the HUE/PHU DAI combat zone, one of the companies four platoons will be employed for a duration of 4 to 5 days in each of two RZ's. Insertions and extractions of each platoon will be planned so as to insure fifty percent of available forces are employed at all times. At least eight hours of concurrent training will be conducted by each platoon between operations unless otherwise directed.
- b. 3rd Platoon, Co "B". Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ's 3 and 4 and within the area indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 05 to 07 August 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.
- d. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Initial Point. HMM - 161
 - (2) Date, time, and place of insertion.
 - (a) 051530H, YD 807050.
 - (3) Date, time, and place of extraction.
 - (a) 071800H, YD 802053.
 - (4) Thrust Lines.
 - (a) Alpha - 7906; Bravo - 8203.
 - (5) Reference (b).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Reference (b).

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Communications.

(1) Carry an AN/PRC-25 for primary communications. Inner-platoon communications will be by an AN/PRC-10.

(2) Call Signs.

Hdqs 3rd Platoon, Co "B"	KELSO
2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B"	NASHUA
Company "B"	RAIN BELT BRAVO
Air Liaison	SACRED
Artillery Support	POLISH CROW or SELECTMAN
Radio Relay (Hill 225; RZ's 3 & 4)	BRAVO RELAY
2nd Bn, 1st M&Z	PENNANT WINNER

(3) Frequencies. Primary Alternate

RAINBELT BRAVO	41.55	49.6
POLISH CROW or SELECTMAN	36.2	
SACRED	40.7	
PENNANT WINNER	44.7	

(4) Shackles.

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A (Operations Overlay)

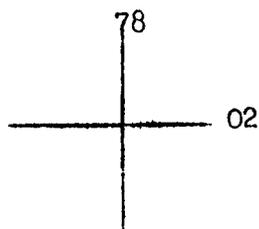
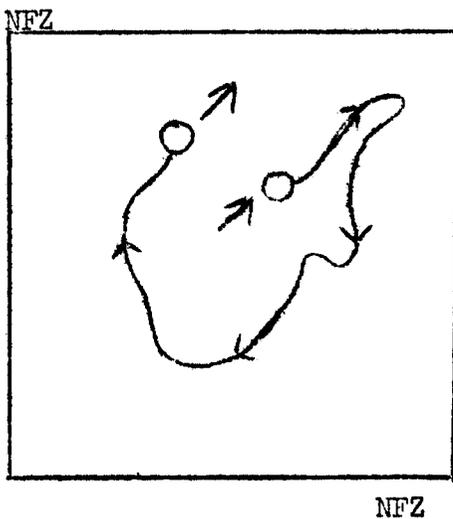
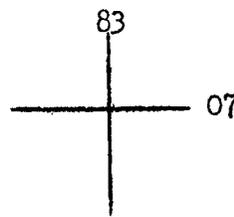
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Annex A (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 46-66 in RZ 3 and 4.

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Call Sign: KELSO and NASHUA



LEGEND:

- ----- IZ
- ➔ ----- Route

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 Patrol: 3rd Platoon, 3rd Recon Bn
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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. (13) enlisted, (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None
- c. Communication Equipment. (1) AN/PRC-25, (1) AN/PRC-10.
- d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50's
- e. Special Equipment. None
- f. Special Weapons. (4) Claymore mines.

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ's 3 and 4.
 Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 051730H/071730H August 1966.

4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

a. Synopsis. 48 hours of patrolling and observation resulted in negative contacts and/or sightings of the enemy. There were no air strikes or artillery missions called in support of this patrol.

b. Enemy.

(1) There were no contacts or sightings of the enemy.

c. Terrain.

(1) The patrol route consisted of small rolling hills with little or no canopy. Areas with a canopy was approximately 20 to 25 feet high. Secondary growth was approximately 4 to 6 feet high. The patrol could cover approximately 350 meters per hour. Water was plentiful throughout the objective area.

CONFIDENTIAL(2) Map Corrections. Noned. Other Information.

(1) There were no signs of recent enemy activity throughout the area; however, one hootch was located at YD 814057. There were no trails leading in or out. The hootch was weather beaten, decayed, and had not been used within the last year.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; Morale, good.8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER. None

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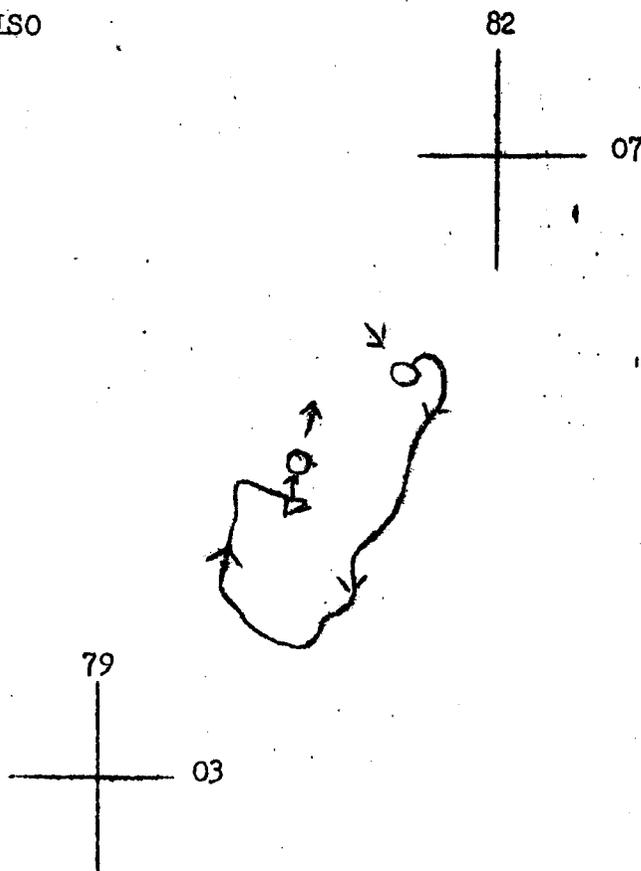
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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Patrol Route for Operation Order 46-66
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Call Sign: KEISO



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- ----- Route

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Change number 1 to Operation Order 47-66

Ref: None

Time Zone: H

1. Make the following pen changes to Operation Order 47-66

a. BASIC ORDER.

- JS* (1) Task Organization. Change "1st Platoon, Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn, SSgt MEYER" to read "2nd Platoon, Co "A", 1st Recon Bn, 1st Lt TAYLOR".
- JS* (2) Paragraph 3. b. Change "08 to 13 August 1966" to read "12 to 16 August 1966".
- JS* (3) Paragraph 3. d. (2) (a). Change "1st Platoon, Co "B" to read "2nd Platoon Co "A" and change "081730H" to read "120730H".
- JS* (4) Paragraph 3. d. (3) (a). Change "1st Platoon, Co "B" to read "2nd Platoon, Co "A" and change "131000H" to read "160930H".
- JS* (5) Paragraph 3. d. (4) (a). Change "1st Platoon, Co "B" to read "2nd Platoon, Co "A".
- JS* (6) Paragraph 5. a. (6). Change "Hdqs, 1st Platoon, Co "B", call sign IRONHORSE" to read "Hdqs, 2nd Platoon, Co "A", call sign HOMERUN" and change "2nd Squad, 1st Platoon, Co "B", call sign YANKEE CLIPPER" to read "2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "A", call sign LINEDRIVE".

- JS* b. Annex A, page A-1, call signs. "Change IRONHORSE and YANKEE CLIPPER" to read "HOMERUN and LINE DRIVE".

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ENCLOSURE (5)

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- Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM: 1:50,000; AMS Series L701; Sheet numbers 6559 I, 6460 II and 6560 III.
(b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with changes 1 and 2
(c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 7-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

2nd
~~1st~~ Platoon, Co ~~"A"~~ *"A" 1st*; ~~2nd~~ Recon Bn
3rd Platoon, Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn

1st LT. TAYLOR
~~SSGT MEYER~~
SGT FAHEY

1. SITUATION.

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

2. MISSION. During the period 1 through 15 August 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 3, 4, 5, and 6. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner in each RZ. Conduct concurrent training for platoons in garrison and be prepared to support infantry operations as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. Emphasizing reconnaissance and observation of the primary avenues of approach into the HUE/PHU BAI combat zone, one of the companies four platoons will be employed for a duration of 4 to 5 days in each of two RZ's. Insertions and extractions of each platoon will be planned so as to insure fifty percent of available forces are employed at all times. At least eight hours of concurrent training will be conducted by each platoon between operations unless otherwise directed.
- b. *2nd* ~~1st~~ Platoon, Co ~~"A"~~ *"A"*. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 6 and within the area indicated on Annex A-1 (Operations Overlay), during the period *12* to *16* August 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.
- c. 3rd Platoon, Co "B". Provide one squad to establish an observation post within RZ 3, (vic. YD 704163), and as indicated on Annex A-2 (Operations Overlay), during the period 09 to 14 August 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner. The remaining squad be prepared for employment as may be directed.
- d. Coordinating Instructions.
- (1) Initial Point. HMM - 161.
- (2) Date, time, and place of insertion.
- (a) *2nd* ~~1st~~ Platoon, Co ~~"A"~~ *"A" 120730*. ~~091800H~~, ZC 084964.
- (b) 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B". 091800H, YD 699157.

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- (3) Date, time, and place of extraction.
- (a) ^{2nd} ~~1st~~ Platoon, Co "A" ^{160930H} ~~182000H~~, ZC 076973.
- (b) 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B". 140900H, YD 696165. SEP 05 1968
- (4) Thrust Lines.
- (a) ^{2nd} ~~1st~~ Platoon, Co "A". Alpha - 0698; Bravo - 1094.
- (b) 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B". Alpha - 6818; Bravo 7215.
- (5) Personally effect distribution of this operation order to all units concerned within the HUE/PHU BAI enclave 48 hours prior to insertion.
- (6) Plan and coordinate "on-call" concentrations along patrol routes and OP's prior to insertion.
- (7) Adjust supporting artillery ASAP after insertion.
- (8) Submit two copies of patrol rosters to this headquarters (Attn: S-3) to include the number and type of serialized items carried by each patrol member by name.
- (9) Consistant with assigned missions, avoid extensive movement during the heat of the day to avoid heat casualties.
- (10) If a patrol is out of contact for three hours, it will return to the last position where communications were successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to the nearest friendly unit unless communications are re-established enroute.
- (11) Report to the CO, Company "B", ASAP upon extraction for debriefing.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by the patrol leader maintaining continuous comouflage of patrol members.
- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by the patrol leader, to include not less than 100 rounds per M-14, and 24 rounds per M-79.
- c. Rations. As directed by the patrol leader while anticipating a shortage of water.
- d. Medical. Insure an adequate supply of salt tablets and malaria pills are carried by each patrol member and consumed regularly.
- e. Special Equipment.
- (1) One pair 7x50 binoculars or an M-49 spotter scope.
- (2) One red panel per team.
- (3) One yellow smoke grenade per patrol member.
- (4) Two M-72 rocket launchers.
- (5) Two concussion grenades per platoon.
- (6) Two WP fragmentation grenades per platoon.

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- (7) Two grenades, (concussion, WP, or M-26 fragmentation) per platoon member.
- (8) Two CS grenades per platoon.
- (9) One green smoke grenade per platoon.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.a. Communications.

- (1) Carry an AN/PRC-25 for primary communications. Inner-platoon communications will be by an AN/PRC-10.
- (2) The AN/PRC-25 radio will be used to call and adjust artillery; however, before shifting the AN/PRC-25 to the "Conduct of Fire Net", communications with Company "B", will be established utilizing the AN/PRC-20.
- (3) The communications relay located on Hill 225 will continue to support RZ's 3 and 4.
- (4) A radio relay will be located at "K" Co, 3rd Bn, 4th Mar (YD 929058) for communications in support of RZ's 4 and 5.
- (5) A radio relay will be located at PHU LOC (ZD 092008) for communications support of RZ 6.
- (6) Call Signs:

Hdqs, ^{2nd} ~~1st~~ Platoon, Co "A" "B"
 2nd Squad, ^{2nd} ~~1st~~ Platoon, Co "A"
 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B"
 Company "B"
 Air Liaison
 Artillery Support (RZ's 3, 4, and 5)
 Artillery Support (RZ 6)
 Radio Relay (Hill 225; RZ's 3 and 4)
 Radio Relay ("K", 3/4; RZ 4 and 5)
 Radio Relay (PHU LOC; RZ 6)
 2nd Bn, 1st Mar
 1st Bn, 4th Mar
 3rd Bn, 4th Mar

~~IRONHORSE~~ HOMERUN
~~YANKEE CHEPPER~~ LINEDRIVE
 KELSO
 RAINBELT BRAVO
 SACRED
 POLISH CROW, POLISH
 HOTEL or SELECTMAN
 STEWED 23
 BRAVO RELAY
 BRAVO X-RAY
 RELAY 23
 PENNANT WINNER
 PERMISSIVE
 MUTTER

(7) <u>Frequencies.</u>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
RAINBELT BRAVO	41.55	49.6
POLISH CROW or SELECTMAN	36.2	
STEWED 23	42.7	
SACRED	40.7	
PENNANT WINNER	44.7	
PERMISSIVE	43.6	
MUTTER	40.0	

(8) Shackles.

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V	Q	W	E	S	M	U	X	O	K
H		L		Y	C			Z	A

- (9) Authentication. Challenge with any letter in the shackles and authenticate with any other letter in the same column.

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- (10) Each patrol and/or element thereof, will submit hourly situation reports and monitor the Company "D" net continually.
- (11) All traffic will be addressed to RAINBELT BRAVO relay through BRAVO RELAY or BRAVO X-RAY.



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ANNEXES:

A (Operations Overlay)

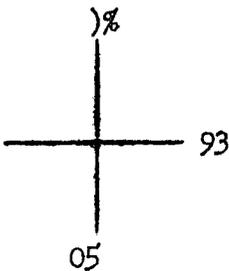
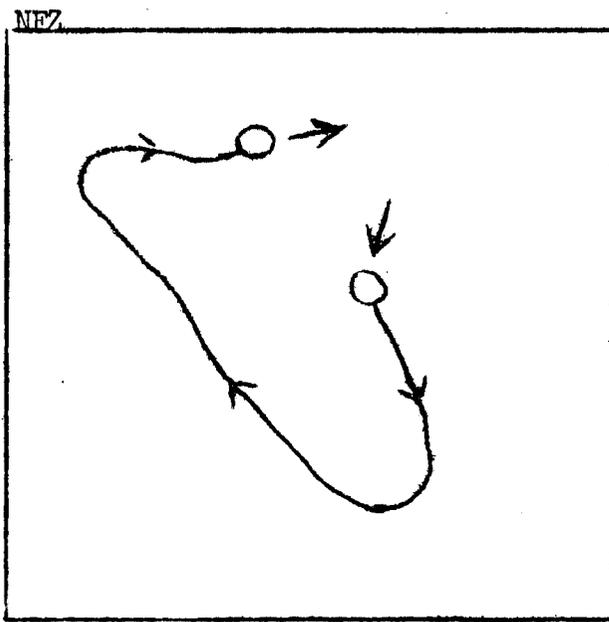
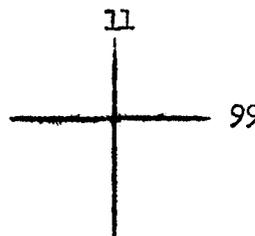
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Annex A (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 47-66 in RZ 6.

Ref: Map Sheet number 6559 I

Call Sign: ~~IRONHORSE~~ and ~~YANKEE CLIPPER~~
HOMERUN LINE DRIVE



LEGEND:

- ----- IZ's
- ➔ ----- Route

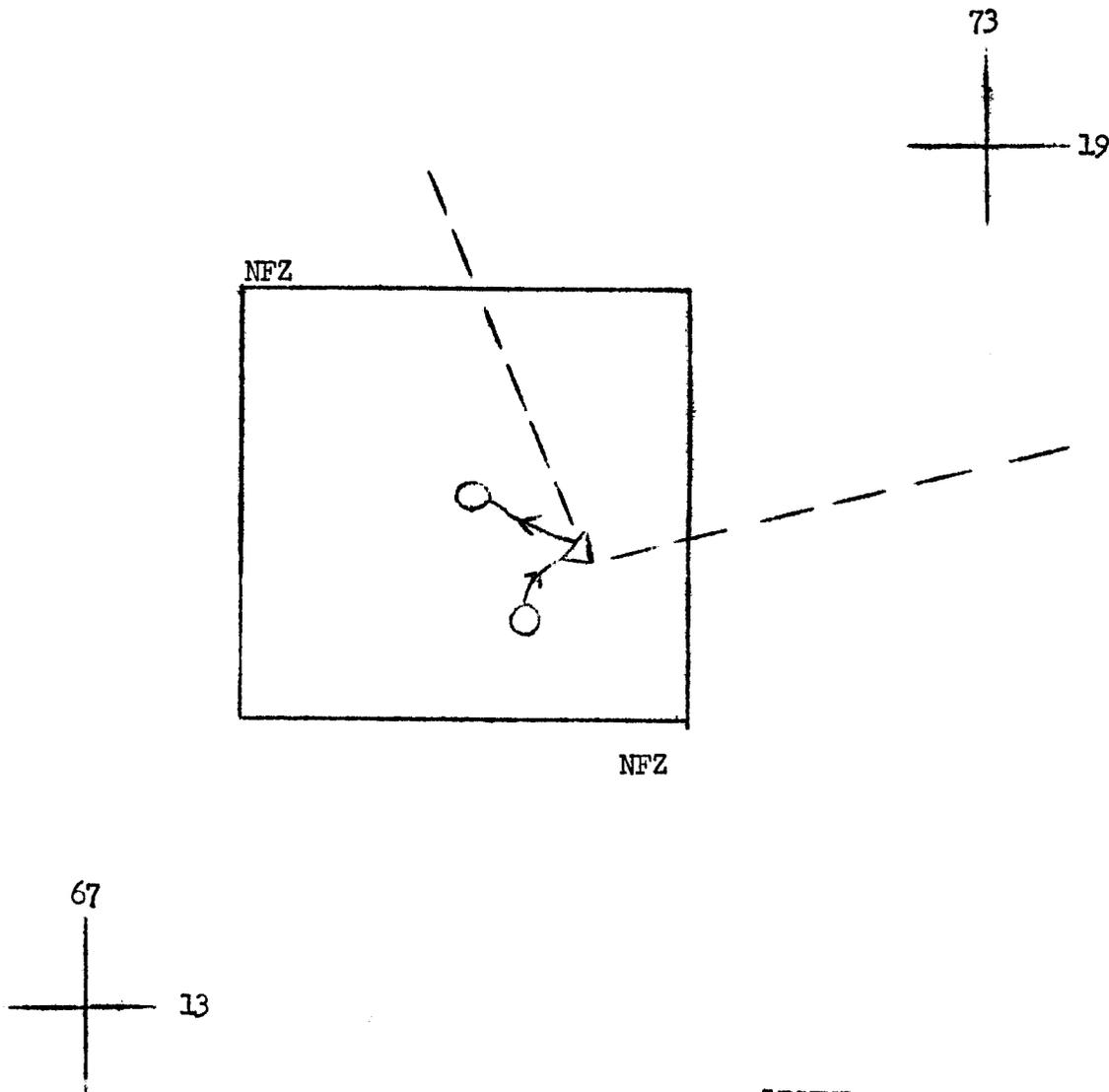
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Annex B (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 47-66 in RZ 3.

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Call Sign: KELSO



LEGEND:

- △ ----- OP
- ----- IZ
- ➔ ----- Route

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 Patrol: 3rd Platoon, Co "D"
 Debriefer: Sgt I. R. SEIGLER
 Ref: Map Sheet number 6560 III

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 140900H August 1966

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.
 - a. Size and Composition. (13) enlisted, (1) USN.
 - b. Special Attachments. None
 - c. Communications Equipment. (1) AN/PRC-25, (1) AN/PRC-10.
 - d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50's.
 - e. Special Weapons. None
 - f. Special Equipment. (2) M-60's, (10) Claymore mines.
2. MISSION. Establish an observation post within RZ 3. Establish am-
bushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing
at least one prisoner.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 100830H/131530H August 1966.
4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.
 - a. Synopsis. 79 hours of patrolling and observation resulted in
negative contacts and/or sightings of the enemy.
 - b. Enemy. No enemy contacts or sightings were made by the patrol.
 - c. Terrain.
 - (1) Vegetation in the valleys was extremely thick consisting of
elephant grass and brush approximately 6 to 8 feet high. On the
high ground vegetation was sparse and moveability was unres-
tricted. Water was scarce except in the extreme low ground.

CONFIDENTIALd. Other Information.

- (1) 101530H (YD 683157) the patrol sighted 4 VCS at coordinates YD 707168 wearing black PJ's and coolie hats. No weapons were observed. The VCS were digging in the side of the hill at this location and carrying unknown objects to YD 795174. The patrol called in a fire mission however; it was not cleared by the ARVN's due to the close proximity of a village.
- (2) Map Corrections. ~~Annex B~~ (Map Corrections Overlay).
- (3) Two well used trails were located in the objective area.
 - (a) From YD 695154 running East to YD 692153.
 - (b) From YD 687157 running Southeast to YD 694151.
- (4) Two empty packs of Vietnamese cigarettes were found at YD 687157.
- (5) One smoke grenade was found at YD 683159 which appeared to be booby trapped. The patrol left it in place. It is the patrol leaders opinion that the grenade may have been modified to be a casualty producing grenade.
- (6) Numerous HIZ's were located throughout the area.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None
7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; Morale, excellent.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. Possibility of caves and/or rice caches are located in the vicinity of YD 705174.

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 Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: None

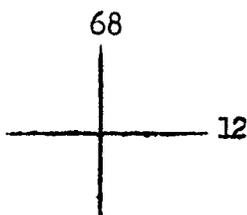
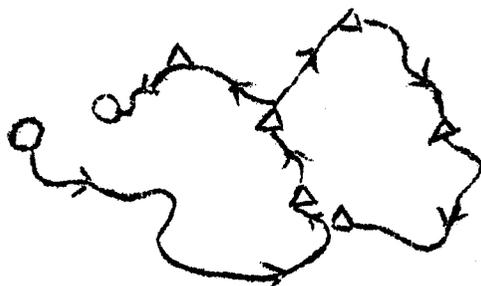
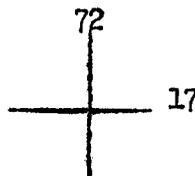
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Call Sign: KELSO



LEGEND:

- ----- IZ
- ➔ ----- Route
- △ ----- OP

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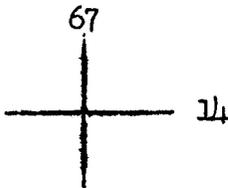
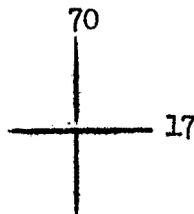
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Annex B (Map Corrections Overlay) to Patrol Route for Operation Order 47-66
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Call Sign: KEISO



LEGEND:

--- New Trails - not indicated
on map. (Well used)

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Patrol: 2nd Platoon, Co "A", 1st Recon Bn
Debreifer: Sgt I. R. SEIGLER
Ref: 6559 IPATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.
 - a. Size and Composition. (1) Officer, (14) enlisted, (1) USN.
 - b. Special Attachments. None
 - c. Communications Equipment. (2) AN/PRC - 25.
 - d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50's.
 - e. Special Weapons. None
 - f. Special Equipment. (2) Claymore mines.
2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 6. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 120930H/160930H August 1966.
4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay)
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.
 - a. Synopsis. 96 hours of patrolling and observation resulted in negative contacts and/or sightings of the enemy. There were no artillery missions or air strikes called in support of this patrol.
 - b. Enemy. No enemy contacts or sightings were made by the patrol.
 - c. Terrain.
 - (1) Terrain was relatively easy to travel with unrestricted maneuverability. The patrol could cover approximately 350 meters per hour. Water was plentiful throughout the objective area.

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ENCLOSURE (5)

CONFIDENTIALd. Other Information.

(1) 121300H the patrol apprehended 12 woodchoppers at ZC 082955. They were searched and released. When questioned as to if there were any VC in the area one replied "VC - BACH MA", and pointed to the vicinity of BACH MA Mountain (ZC 060925).

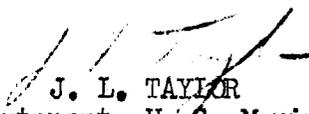
(2) Map Corrections. Annex B (Map Corrections Overlay).

(3) One HLZ was located at ZC 060985, large enough for one UH-34.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; Morale, good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None


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First Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBREIFER. None

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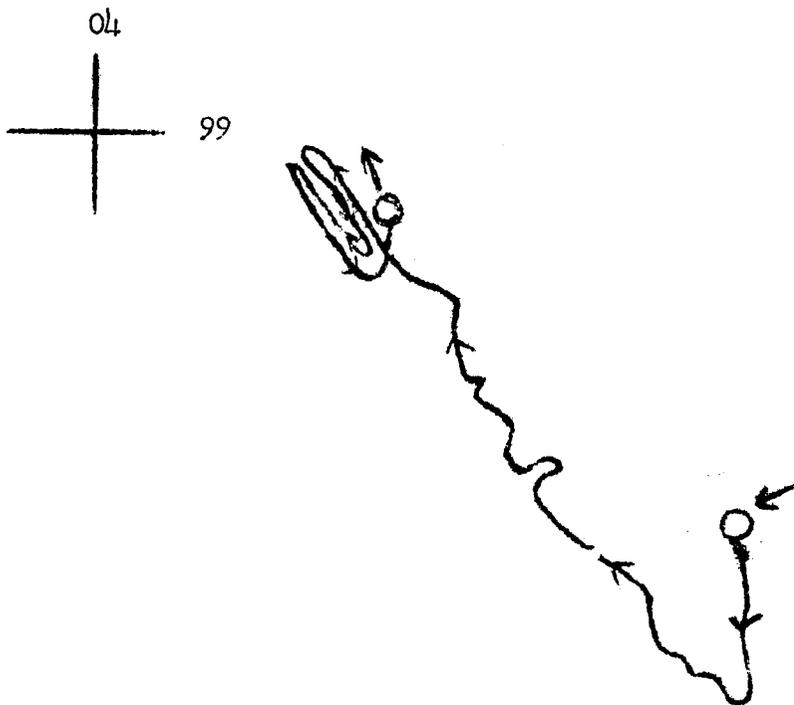
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161200H August 1966

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in RZ 6.

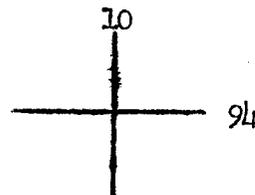
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Call Sign: HOMERUN



LEGEND:

- - - - - Route
- - - - - HLZ



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 (b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with changes 1 and 2
 (c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 7-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

1st Platoon, Company "B", 3rd Recon Bn SSgt MEYER

1. SITUATION.

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

2. MISSION. During the period 1 through 31 August 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 3, 4, 5, and 6. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner in each RZ. Conduct concurrent training for platoons in garrison and be prepared to support infantry operations as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. Emphasizing reconnaissance and observation of the primary avenues of approach into the HUE/PHU BAI combat zone, one of the companies four platoons will be employed for a duration of 4 to 5 days in each of two RZ's. Insertions and extractions of each platoon will be planned so as to insure fifty percent of available forces are employed at all times. At least eight hours of concurrent training will be conducted by each platoon between operations unless otherwise directed.
- b. 1st Platoon, Co "B". Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3 and as indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 11 to 16 August 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.

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ENCLOSURE (6)

CONFIDENTIALc. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Initial Point. HMM - 161.
- (2) Date, time and place of insertion. 110930H, YD 732115.
- (3) Date, time and place of extraction. 161500H, YD 723107.
- (4) Thrust Lines. Alpha - 7014; Bravo - 7410.
- (5) Personally effect distribution of this operation order to all units concerned within the HUE/PHU BAI enclave 48 hours prior to insertion.
- (6) Plan and coordinate "on-call" concentrations along patrol route and OP's prior to insertion.
- (7) Adjust supporting artillery ASAP after insertion.
- (8) Submit two copies of patrol rosters to this headquarters (Attn: S-3) to include the number and type of serialized items carried by each patrol member by name.
- (9) Consistant with assigned missions, avoid extensive movement during the heat of the day to avoid heat casualties.
- (10) If a patrol is out of contact for three hours, it will return to the last position where communications were successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to the nearest friendly unit unless communications are re-established enroute.
- (11) Report to the CO, Company "B", ASAP upon extraction for debriefing.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by the patrol leader maintaining continuous camouflage of patrol members.
- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by the patrol leader, to include not less than 100 rounds per M-14, and 24 rounds per M-79.
- c. Rations. As directed by the patrol leader while anticipating a shortage of water.

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- d. Medical. Insure an adequate supply of salt tablets and malaria pills are carried by each patrol member and consumed regularly.
- e. Special Equipment.
- (1) One pair 7x50 binoculars or an M-49 spotter scope.
 - (2) One red panel per team.
 - (3) One yellow smoke grenade per patrol member.
 - (4) Two M-72 rocket launchers.
 - (5) Two concussion grenades per platoon.
 - (6) Two WP fragmentation grenades per platoon.
 - (7) Two grenades, (concussion, WP, or M-26 fragmentation) per platoon member.
 - (8) Two CS grenades per platoon.
 - (9) One green smoke grenade per platoon.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.a. Communications.

- (1) Carry an AN/PRC-25 radio for primary communications. Inner-platoon communications will be by an AN/PRC-10 radio.
- (2) The AN/PRC-25 radio will be used to call and adjust artillery; however, before shifting the AN/PRC-25 radio to the "Conduct of Fire Net", communications with Company "B", will be established utilizing the AN/PRC-10 radio.
- (3) The communications relay located on Hill 225 will continue to support RZ's 3 and 4.
- (4) Call Signs.

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 2nd Squad, 1st Platoon, Co "B"
 Company "B"
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 Artillery Support
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(5) <u>Frequencies.</u>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
RAINBELT BRAVO	41.55	49.6
SACRED	40.7	
SELECTMAN	36.2	
PERMISSION	43.6	

(6) Shackles.

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- (7) Authentication. Challenge with any letter in the shackles and authenticate with any other letter in the same column.
- (8) Each patrol and/or element thereof, will submit hourly situation reports and monitor the Company "B" net continually.
- (9) All traffic will be addressed to RAINBELT BRAVO relay through BRAVO RELAY.


 S. L. OWENS
 Captain, U. S. Marine Corps
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ANNEX:

A (Operation Overlay)

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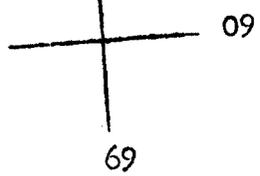
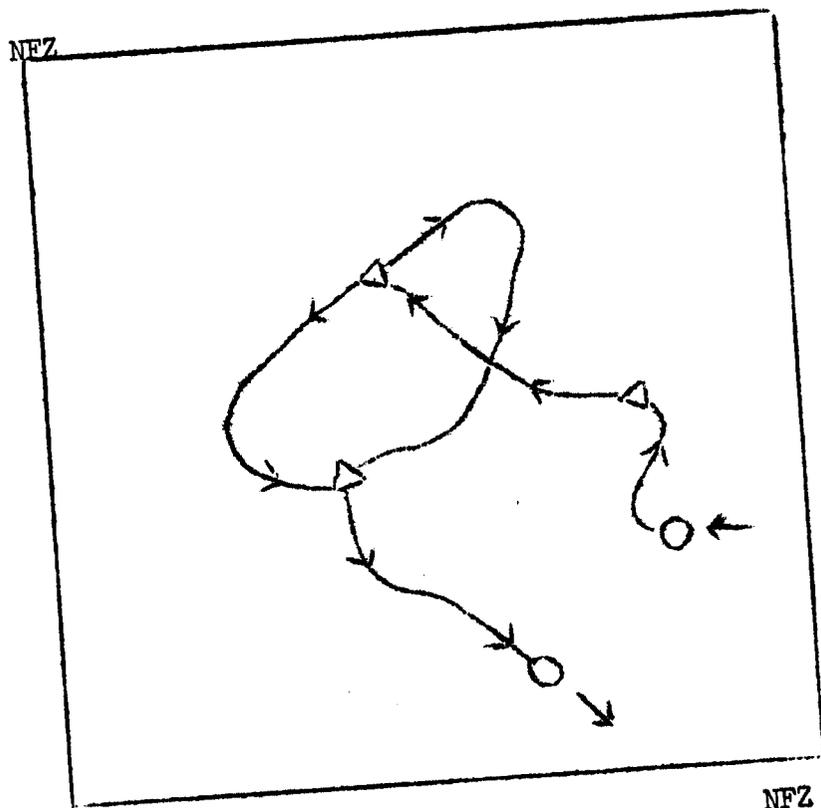
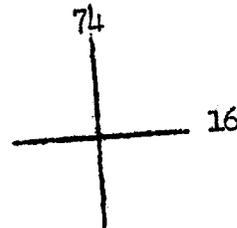
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Call Sign: IRONHORSE and YANKEE CLIPPER



LEGEND:

-   OP
-   LZ
-   Route

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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT.
 - a. Size and Composition. (9) onlisted, (1) USN.
 - b. Special Attachments. None
 - c. Communicatians Equipment. (2) AN/FRC - 25's.
 - d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50's.
 - e. Special Weapons. None
 - f. Special Equipment. None
2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations with in RZ 3. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 111000H/161600H August 1966.
4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.
 - a. Synopsis. 126 hours of patrolling and observation resulted in negative contacts and/or sightings of the enemy.
 - b. Enemy. No enemy contacts or sightings were made by this patrol.
 - c. Terrain.
 - (1) Terrain in the objective area was extremely difficult to travel. Vegetation consisted of thick vines and heavy undergrowth approximately 8 to 10 feet high. The patrol could cover approximately 75 meters per hour. Water was plentiful in the objective area.

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d. Other Information.

- (1) 111015H (YD 728125) upon insertion the patrol was compromised by 8 VCS approximately 800 meters East of their position at YD 763124. The patrol called a fire mission on the VCS, however; the fire mission was not approved by the ARVN's due to the area being a no fire zone.
- (2) 141600H (YD 714128) the patrol located a cave which had been used as recent as 5 days ago. It was noted that approximately 8 to 10 people had slept in the cave. Ashes from a fire was also found in the cave. The cave was approximately 9 feet wide, 30 feet deep and 5 feet high. The patrol set up an ambush after checking it out until 150730H with negative results.
- (3) 151430H (YD 712133) the patrol located 5 harbor sites at this location which had been used as recent as 3 to 4 days. Each harbor site would accommodate 4 to 5 people.
- (4) Map Corrections. Annex B (Map Corrections Overlay).

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None
7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; Morale, good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. It is recommended that future insertions in that immediate area be executed South or West of Hill 433 at YD 712134.

R. P. CARDONE
Corporal, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: None

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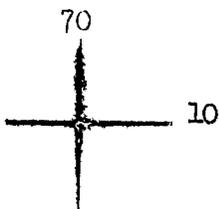
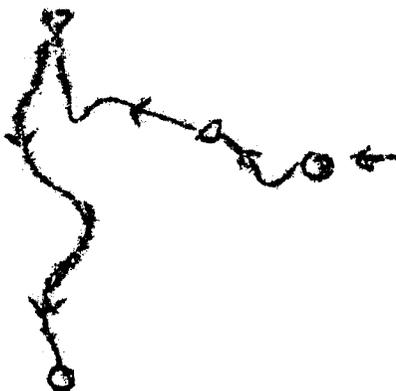
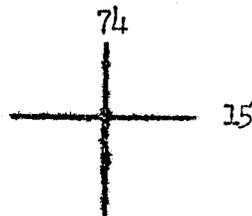
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- ----- Route
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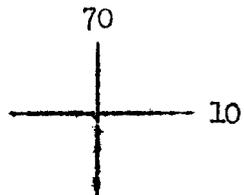
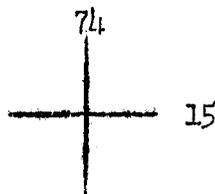
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 (b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with changes 1 and 2
 (c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 7-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:2nd Platoon, Company "B", 3rd Recon Bn (^{1st Sqd}) SGT STEVENS1. SITUATION.

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

2. MISSION. During the period 1 through 31 August 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 3, 4, 5, and 6. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner in each RZ. Conduct concurrent training for platoons in garrison and be prepared to support infantry operations as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. Emphasizing reconnaissance and observation of the primary avenues of approach into the HUE/PHU BAI combat zone, one of the companies four platoons will be employed for a duration of 4 to 5 days in each of two RZ's. Insertions and extractions of each platoon will be planned so as to insure fifty percent of available forces are employed at all times. At least eight hours of concurrent training will be conducted by each platoon between operations unless otherwise directed.

b. ^{1st Sqd} 2nd Platoon, Co "B". Establish an observation post within RZ 3 (vicinity of YD 733098) with primary observation of the stream junction at YD 734102, West to the stream junction at YD 710100 and as indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 15 to 19 August 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.

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ENCLOSURE (7)

CONFIDENTIALc. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Initial Point. HMM - 161.
- (2) Date, time and place of insertion. 151800H, YD 731090.
- (3) Date, time and place of extraction. 191530H, YD 740094.
- (4) Thrust Line. Alpha - 7211; Bravo - 7508.
- (5) Personally effect distribution of this operation order to all units concerned within the HUE/PHU BAI enclave 48 hours prior to insertion.
- (6) Plan and coordinate "on-call" concentrations along patrol route and OP's prior to insertion.
- (7) Adjust supporting artillery ASAP after insertion.
- (8) Submit two copies of patrol rosters to this headquarters (Attn: S-3) to include the number and type of serialized items carried by each patrol member by name.
- (9) Consistant with assigned missions, avoid extensive movement during the heat of the day to avoid heat casualties.
- (10) If a patrol is out of contact for three hours, it will return to the last position where communications were successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to the nearest friendly unit unless communications are re-established enroute.
- (11) Report to the CO, Company "B", ASAP upon extraction for debriefing.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by the patrol leader maintaining continuous camouflage of patrol members.
- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by the patrol leader, to include not less than 100 rounds per M-14, and 24 rounds per M-79.
- c. Rations. As directed by the patrol leader while anticipating a shortage of water.

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d. Medical. Insure an adequate supply of salt tablets and malaria pills are carried by each patrol member and consumed regularly.

e. Special Equipment.

- (1) One pair 7x50 binoculars or an M-49 spotter scope.
- (2) One red panel per team.
- (3) One yellow smoke grenade per patrol member.
- (4) Two M-72 rocket launchers.
- (5) Two concussion grenades per platoon.
- (6) Two WP fragmentation grenades per platoon.
- (7) Two grenades, (concussion, WP, or M-26 fragmentation) per platoon member.
- (8) Two CS grenades per platoon.
- (9) One green smoke grenade per platoon.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Communications.

- (1) Carry an AN/PRC-25 radio for primary communications. Inner-platoon communications will be by an AN/PRC-10 radio.
- (2) The AN/PRC-25 radio will be used to call and adjust artillery; however, before shifting the AN/PRC-25 radio to the "Conduct of Fire Net", communications with Company "B", will be established utilizing the AN/PRC-10 radio.
- (3) The communications relay located on Hill 225 will continue to support RZ's 3 and 4.
- (4) Call Signs.

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(5) <u>Frequencies.</u>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
RAINBELT BRAVO	41.55	49.6
SACRED	40.7	
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(6) Shackles.

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- (7) Authentication. Challenge with any letter in the shackles and authenticate with any other letter in the same column.
- (8) Each patrol and/or element thereof, will submit hourly situation reports and monitor the Company "B" net continually.
- (9) All traffic will be addressed to RAINBELT BRAVO relay through BRAVO REALY.


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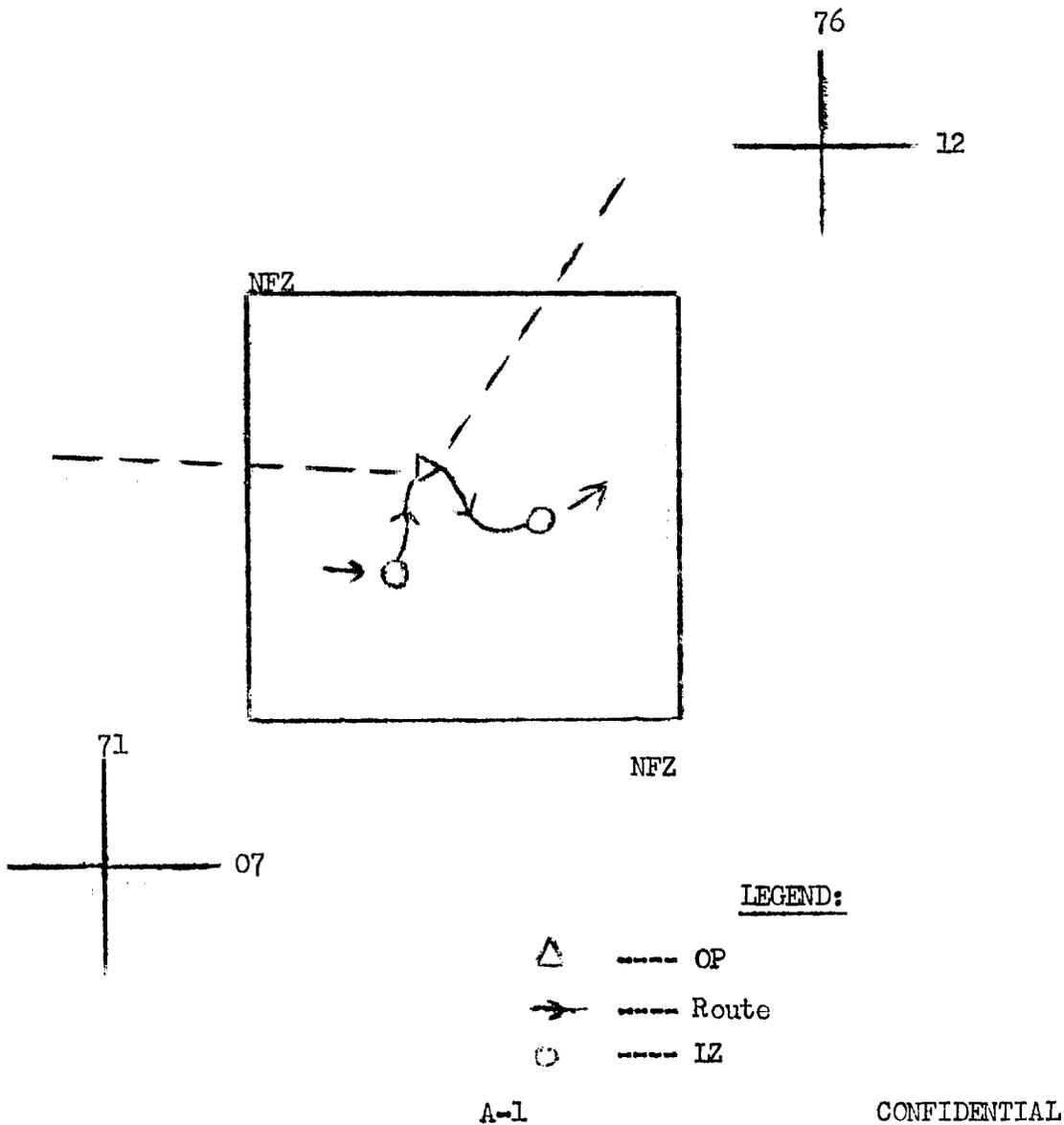
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 Detachment: Sgt I. R. SEIGLER
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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. (7) enlisted.
- b. Special Attachments. None
- c. Communications Equipment. (2) AN/TRC-25's
- d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50's
- e. Special Weapons. None
- f. Special Equipment. (4) Claymore mines.

2. MISSION. Establish an observation post within RZ 3 (vicinity of YD 733098) with primary observation of the stream junction at YD 734102, West to the stream junction at YD 710100. Establish ambushes of opportunity. Capture at least one prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 151800H/191730H August 1966.

4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. 65 hours of patrolling and observation resulted in negative contacts and/or sightings. There were no air strikes or artillery missions called in support of this mission.
- b. Enemy. No contacts and/or sightings were made by this patrol.
- c. Terrain. The upper hill mass consisted of sparse brush 3 to 4 feet high. The valleys consisted of elephant grass 8 to 10 feet high and heavy brush. Water could be obtained from the KHE DAY stream West of the proposed observation post and from the KHE AY stream East of the observation post.

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CONFIDENTIALd. Other Information.

- (1) 161800H the patrol was extracted due to 3 heat casualties, however; the patrol was re-inserted the following morning at 170930H and continued its assigned mission.
- (2) 171045H one patrol member (heat casualty) was medevaced to "A" Med Bn.
- (3) There were no signs of any activity in the objective for over 2 months.
- (4) Map Corrections. None

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None
7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; Morale, good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None

W. W. Stevens III
 W. W. STEVENS III
 Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps
 Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: None

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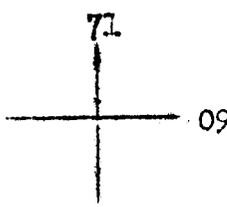
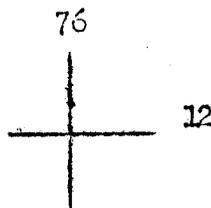
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-  ----- Route
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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. (2) Officers, (7) enlisted.
- b. Special Attachments. None
- c. Communications Equipment. (1) AN/PRC-25 radio.
- d. Observation Equipment. None
- e. Special Equipment. None
- f. Special Weapons. None

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 210900H/250930H August 1966.

4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

a. Synopsis. 96½ hours of patrolling and observation resulted in 1 enemy contact. No friendly casualties were sustained. One rice cache and a houth was found in the objective area.

b. Enemy.

(1) 211800H (YD 684125) the patrol heard approximately 5 VCS cutting wood and talking approximately 200 meters West of their position. The patrol was setting in a night harbor site at this time and no action was taken and no investigations were made.

(2) 220900H (YD 680123) the patrol located a rice cache at this location. The cache was newly constructed and contained approximately 500 pounds of rice. The rice was destroyed.

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(3) 221030H (YD 680123) after destroying the rice the patrol heard voices and wood cutting again approximately 150 meters South of the rice cache and moved to investigate.

(4) 221400H (YD 681123) the patrol made contact with approximately 3 VC. The VC heard the patrol approaching and set up a hasty ambush, then fired approximately 100 rounds of automatic fire. No semi-automatic fire was received during this contact. The patrol returned small arms fire and M-79 fire. The VC broke contact and ran.

c. Terrain. Consisted of rolling hills with easy movement on the high ground and extremely difficult movement along the streams and low grounds. Canopy was 30 to 50 feet high with a secondary growth 10 to 15 feet high. Water was plentiful throughout the area.

d. Other Information.

(1) 230500H (YD 674127) the patrol heard movement of unknown source around their harbor site. The patrol called a fire mission close to their position. After the fire mission was completed movement was heard moving away from the patrol's area. The movement was possibly an animal.

(2) 231200H (YD 669124) the patrol discovered a hootch (5'x5'x8') containing approximately 10 bundles of unknown substance. The patrol did not have time to check out the bundles; however one of the bundles contained "noodles". The patrol heard voices of estimated 4 people approximately 50 meters South of this location.

(3) One fire mission was called in support of this patrol for a total of 10 rounds 155 HE.

(4) Map Corrections. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. Unknown.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; Morale, good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

J. L. Taylor
J. L. TAYLOR
First Lieutenant, U.S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER. None

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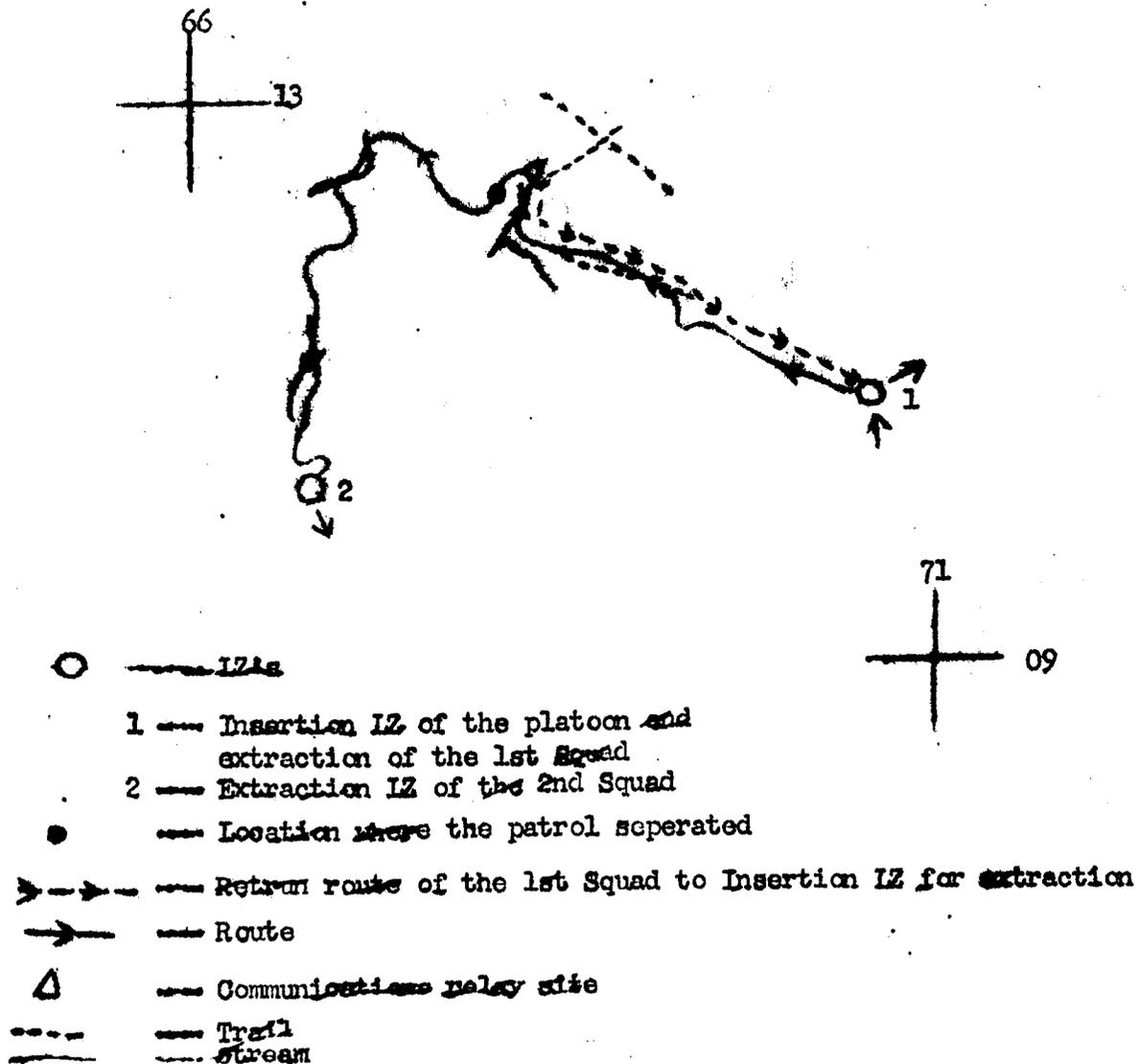
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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Patrol Route for Operation Order 52-66
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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. (10) enlisted, (1) USN.
- 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. (1) Claymore mine, (1) M-72 (LAAW).

2. MISSION. To establish a communications relay site within RZ 3 in support of 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "A", 1st Recon Bn.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 210900H/250900H August 1966.

4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

a. Synopsis. 96 hours of patrolling and observation while acting as a relay element resulted in negative contacts or sightings; however, the patrol heard voices of 2 men and a woman in the area. One fire mission was called in support of this patrol.

b. Enemy.

- (1) 231600H (YD 685125) while the patrol was at its relay location, voices of 2 men and a woman were heard moving West approximately 75 meters North of the patrol's location. The patrol called a fire mission with unknown results. No damage assessment was made.

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- c. Terrain. Consisted of rolling hills with easy movement on the high ground and extremely difficult movement along the streams and low grounds. Canopy was 30 to 50 feet high with a secondary growth 10 to 15 feet high. Water was plentiful throughout the area.
- d. Other Information.
- (1) This patrol separated from the 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon on 221045H at YD 682123 to establish a relay site at YD 685125 and was not involved in the contact made with the VC by the 2nd Squad.
 - (2) Upon completion of this mission, the patrol moved to their insertion LZ at YD 697114 for extraction.
 - (3) Map Corrections. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. One fire mission was called with unknown results.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; Morale, good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None

L. Alvarez
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 Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps
 Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: None

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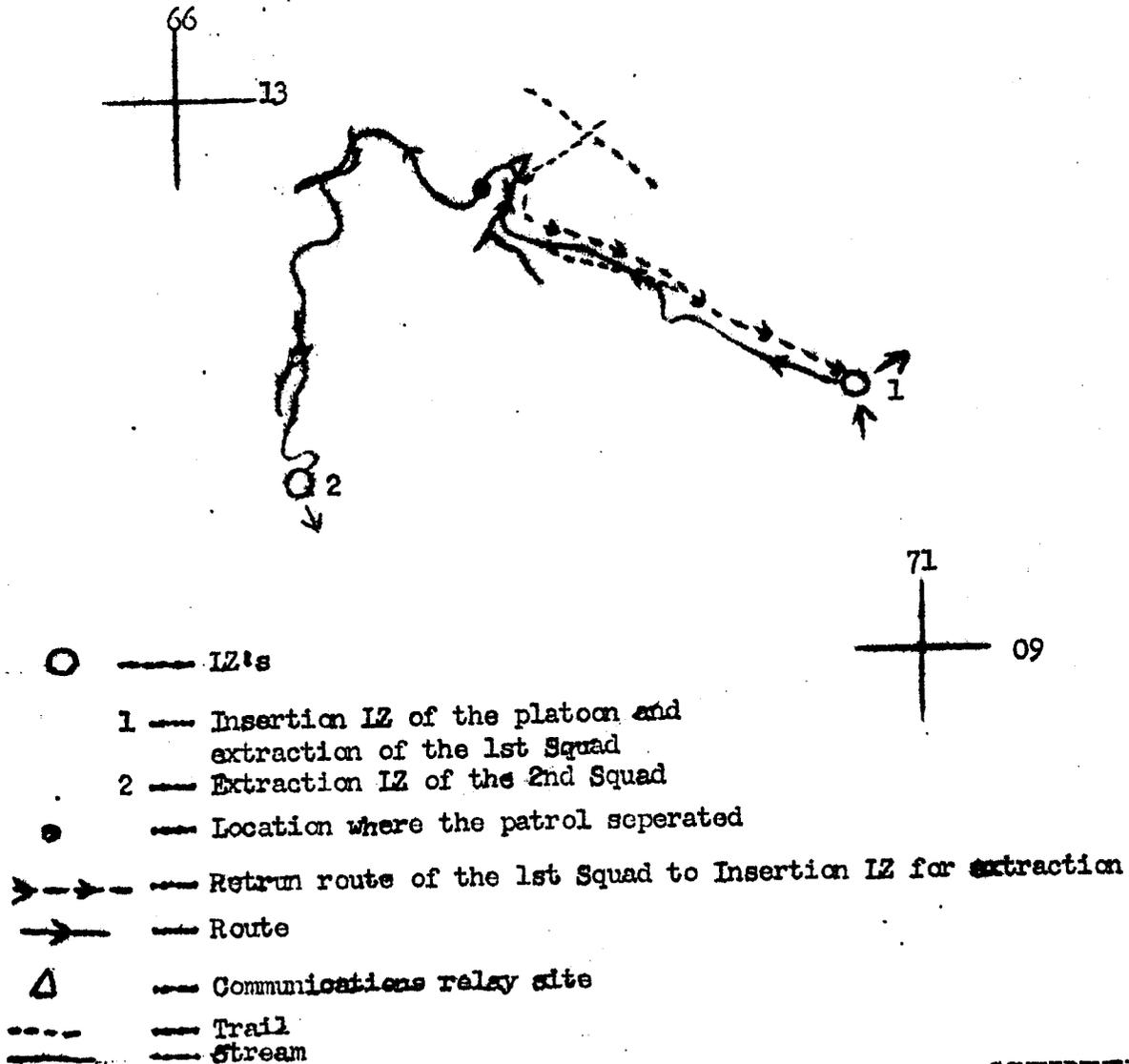
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 (b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with changes 1 and 2
 (c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 7-66
 (d) Company "B" Operation Order 49-66
 (e) Company "B" Operation Order 50-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization.

2nd Platoon (Rein), Co "A", 1st Recon Bn	1STLT TAYLOR
1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn	SGT STEVENS

1. SITUATION.

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

2. MISSION. Provide security for the recovery of a downed helicopter at YD 733094 on 17 August 1966.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. One platoon (Rein) will be helilifted into the objective area and establish security on the high ground to the North and South of the downed helicopter, with a minimum force located with the helicopter for local security. Upon extraction of the helicopter, the platoon will be returned to the Company area.
- b. 2nd Platoon (Rein), Co "A". Provide security of the high ground South of the downed helicopter and a minimum security force with the helicopter for local security. Upon completion of recovery operations, return to the Company area and make preparations to execute applicable portions of reference (a).
- c. 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B". Provide security of the high ground to the North of the downed helicopter. Upon completion of the recovery operations, continue mission as directed by reference (d).

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d. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Initial Point. HMM -- 161.
- (2) Date, time, and place of insertion. 170800H, YD 733094.
- (3) Date, time, and place of extraction. 171100H, YD 733094.
- (4) Thrust Lines. Alpha -- 7211; Bravo -- 7508.
- (5) Reference (b)

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Reference (b).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Communications.

- (1) Carry an AN/TRC-25 radio for primary communications. Inner-platoon communications will be by an AN/TRC-10 radio.
- (2) Call Signs.

Hdqs, 2nd Platoon, Co "A"	HOMERUN
2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "A"	LINEDRIVE
1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B"	LION
Company "B"	RAINBELT BRAVO
Air Liaison	SACRED
Artillery Support	SELECTMAN
Radio Relay (Hill 225, RZ's 3 and 4)	BRAVO RELAY
2nd Bn, 9th Mar	PILSNER

(3) Shackles.

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(4) Frequencies.

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
RAINBELT BRAVO	41.55	49.6
SACRED	40.7	
SELECTMAN	36.2	
PILSNER	44.7	

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- b. Command. The platoon commanded of the 2nd Platoon, Co "A", will take command of all reconnaissance elements involved in the recovery operation upon arrival in the area of operations and will remain in command until extracted from the zone upon completion of the recovery.



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PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. (2) Officers, (22) enlisted, (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments. 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B".
- c. Communications Equipment. (2) AN/PRC-25's.
- d. Observation Equipment. None
- e. Special Weapons. None
- f. Special Equipment. (4) Claymore mines.

2. MISSION. Provide security for a downed helicopter at YD 731093 until its removal could be accomplished.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 170830H/171100H August 1966.

4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. The platoon was divided into three squads, with one landing at the helicopter site (YD 731093) and setting up security and the other two landing on the high ground North and South of the helicopter, (YD 732095 and YD 730092) and establishing security overlooking the helicopter. No contact was made during the operation and the helicopter personnel removed the downed aircraft all personnel were helolifted out with the exception of the 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company "B" who remained behind to continue a mission as outlined in Company "B" Operation Order 49-66. Air strikes prepared the landing area before insertion of the platoon, but otherwise no artillery or air strikes were called in support of the mission.

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b. Enemy. No enemy sightings or contacts were made by the patrol.

c. Terrain.

(1) Terrain was open and composed of small brush giving good observation of all possible enemy approaches.

d. Map Corrections. None

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical Condition, good; Morale, good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None.

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 Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: None

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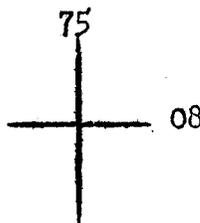
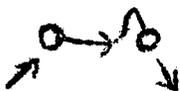
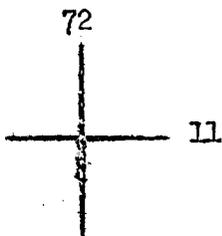
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Call Signs: HOMERUN and LINEDRIVE



LEGEND:

- ———→ IHLZ
- ——— Route

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Change No. 1 to Operation Order 52-66

Ref: None

Time Zone: H

1. Make the following pen changes in Operation Order 52-66

a. BASIC ORDER:

- (1) Paragraph 3. c. (2). Change "190730H" to read "250730H".
- (2) Paragraph 3. c. (3). Change "191730H" to read "251730H".
- (3) Paragraph 3. c. (11). Delete the entire paragraph.
- (4) Paragraph 3. c. (12). Change to read "3. c. (11)".



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Change No **2** to Operation Order 50-66

Ref: None

Time Zone: H

1. Make the following pen changes in Operation Order 50-66

a. BASIC ORDER.

JPS (1) Paragraph 3. c. Change the entire paragraph to read; "Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3 and provide one element to establish a radio relay/OP site in the vicinity of YD 678124 while the remaining element conducts a reconnaissance of the low ground to the West and as indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 21 to 25 August 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner".

JPS (2) Paragraph 3. e. (2) (b). Change "190930H, YD 695123" to read "210900H, YD 697111".

JPS (3) Paragraph 3. 3. (3) (b). Change "201500H, YD 664115" to read "250900H, YD 668106".

JPS 2. Substitute the following new page, attached hereto, for the original page, destroying the replaced page and reporting destruction to this headquarters.

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Change No. 1 to Operation Order 50-66

Ref: None

Time Zone: H

1. Make the following pen changes in Operation Order 50-66

a. BASIC ORDER.*SAB* (1) Paragraph 3. e. (2) (c). Change "181000H, YC 818667" to read "171500H, YC 857983".*SAB* (2) Paragraph 3. e. (3) (c). Change "230900H, YC 832992" to read "220900H, YC 852987".*SAB* (3) Paragraph 3. e. (4) (c). Change "Alpha - 7900; Bravo - 8496" to read "Alpha - 8401; Bravo - 8897".

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Operation Order 50-66

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(b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with changes 1 and 2
(c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 7-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "D", 3rd Recon Bn
2nd Platoon, Co "A", 1st Recon Bn
3rd Platoon, Co "D", 3rd Recon BnSGT BACH
1st Lt TAYLOR
SGT FAHEY1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. Current ORSUMS.
- c. Attachments/Detachments. None

2. MISSION. During the period 1 through 31 August 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 3, 4, 5, and 6. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner in each RZ. Conduct concurrent training for platoons in garrison and be prepared to support infantry operations as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. Emphasizing reconnaissance and observation of the primary avenues of approach into the HUE/PHU DAI combat zone, one of the companies four platoons will be employed for a duration of 4 to 5 days in each of two RZ's. Insertions and extractions of each platoon will be planned so as to insure fifty percent of available forces are employed at all times. At least eight hours of concurrent training will be conducted by each platoon between operations unless otherwise directed.

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- b. 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "D". Establish a communications relay site within RZ 3 in support of 2nd Platoon, Co "A" with a secondary mission of conducting reconnaissance operations so as not to interfere with the primary mission and as indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 17 to 21 August 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.
- c. 2nd Platoon, Co "A". ~~Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3 and as indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 18 to 20 August 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.~~ **SEE CHANGE #2**
- d. 3rd Platoon, Co "D". Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4 and as indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 18 to 23 August 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.
- e. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Initial Point. HMM - 161.

(2) Date, time, and place of insertion.

(a) 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "D". 170930H, YD 686097.

(b) 2nd Platoon, Co "A". ~~200900H, YD 697103.~~ ^{210900H 697114}

(c) 3rd Platoon, Co "D". ~~181000H, YC 818997.~~ ^{171500 857983}

(3) Date, time, and place of extraction.

(a) 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "D". 210930H, YD 698102.

(b) 2nd Platoon, Co "A". ~~201500H, YD 697115.~~ ^{250900H 668106}

(c) 3rd Platoon, Co "D". ~~230900H, YC 852992.~~ ^{22 852997}

(4) Thrust Lines.

(a) 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "D". Alpha - 6712; Bravo, 7109.

(b) 2nd Platoon, Co "A". Alpha - 6514; Bravo - 6911.

(c) 3rd Platoon, Co "D". Alpha - ~~7900~~ ⁸⁴⁰¹; Bravo - ~~8496~~ ⁸⁸⁹⁷.

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- (5) Personally effect distribution of this operation order to all units concerned within the HUE/PHU BAI enclave 48 hours prior to insertion.
- (6) Plan and coordinate "on-call" concentrations along patrol route and OP's prior to insertion.
- (7) Adjust supporting artillery ASAP after insertion.
- (8) Submit two copies of patrol rosters to this headquarters (Attn: S-3) to include the number and type of serialized items carried by each patrol member by name.
- (9) Consistant with assigned missions, avoid extensive movement during the heat of the day to avoid heat casualties.
- (10) If a patrol is out of contact for three hours, it will return to the last position where communications were successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to the nearest friendly unit unless communications are re-established enroute.
- (11) Report to the CO, Company "B", ASAP upon extraction for debriefing.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Unifrom and Equipment. As directed by the patrol leader maintaining continuous camouflage of patrol members.
- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by the patrol leader, to include not less than 100 rounds per M-14, and 24 rounds per M-79.
- c. Rations. As directed by the patrol leader while anticipating a shortage of water.
- d. Medical. Insure an adequate supply of salt tablets and malaria pills are carried by each patrol member and consumed regularly.
- e. Special Equipment.
 - (1) One pair 7x50 binoculars or an M-49 spotter scope.
 - (2) One red panel per team.
 - (3) One yellow smoke grenade per patrol member.

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- (4) Two concussion grenades per platoon.
- (5) Two M-72 rocket launchers.
- (6) Two WP fragmentation grenades per platoon.
- (7) Two grenades, (concussion, WP, or M-26 fragmentation) per platoon member.
- (8) Two CS grenades per platoon.
- (9) One green smoke grenade per platoon.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Communications.

- (1) Carry an AN/PRC-25 radio for primary communications. Inner-platoon communications will be by an AN/PRC-10 radio.
- (2) The AN/PRC-25 radio will be used to call and adjust artillery; however, before shifting the AN/PRC-25 to the "Conduct of Fire Net", communications with Company "B", will be established utilizing the AN/PRC-10 radio.
- (3) The communications relay located on Hill 225 will continue to support RZ's 3 and 4.

(4) Call Signs.

2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B"	TIGER
Hdqs, 2nd Platoon, Co "A"	HOMERUN
2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "A"	LINEDRIVE
Hdqs, 3rd Platoon, Co "B"	KELSO
2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B"	NASHUA
Company "B"	RAINEBELT BRAVO
Air Liaison	SACRED
Artillery Support	SELECTMAN
Radio Relay (Hill 225)	BRAVO RELAY
1st Bn, 4th Mar	PERMISSION

(5) Frequencies.

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
RAINEBELT BRAVO	41.55	49.6
SACRED	40.7	
SELECTMAN	36.2	
PERMISSION	43.6	

CONFIDENTIAL(6) Shackles.

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			Z			C			

- (7) Authentication. Challenge with any letter in the shackles and authenticate with any other letter in the same column.
- (8) Each patrol and/or element thereof, will submit hourly situation reports and monitor the Company "D" net continually.
- (9) All traffic will be addressed to RAINDELT BRAVO relay through BRAVO RELAY.



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ANNEXES:

A (Operations Overlay)

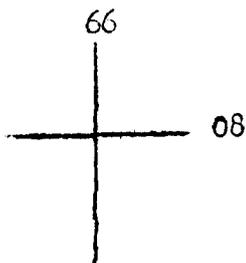
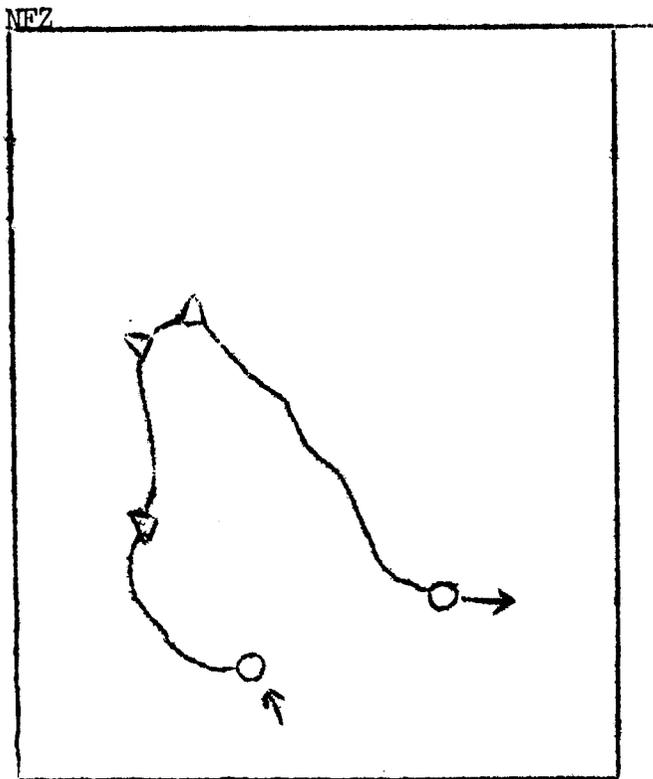
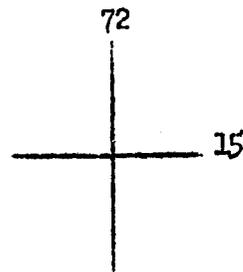
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Call Sign: TIGER



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- △ --- Relay Site
- --- Route

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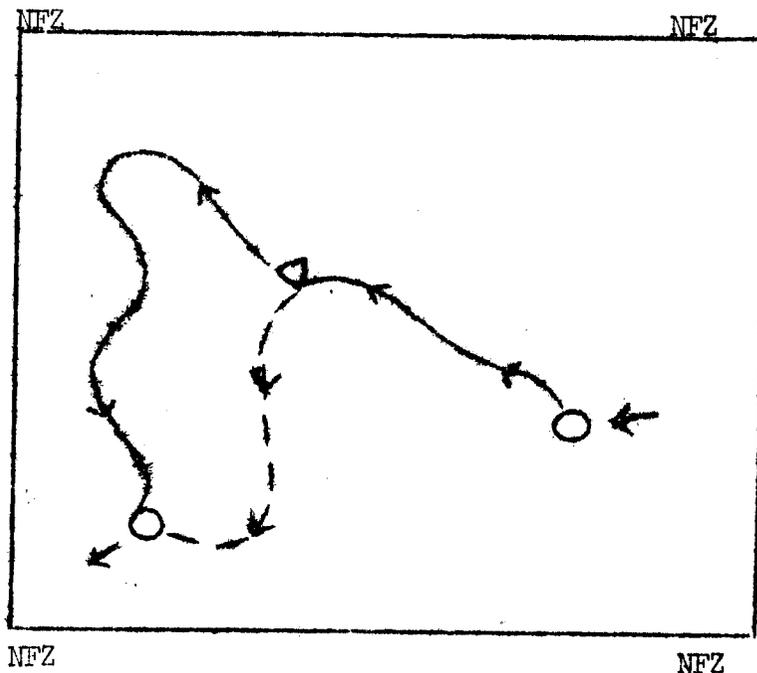
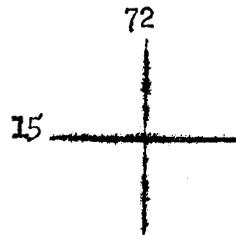
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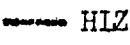
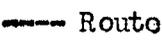
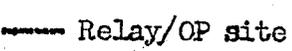
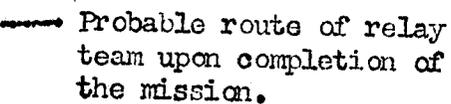
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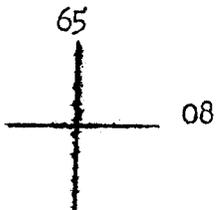
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Call Sign: HOMERUN and LINEDRIVE.



LEGEND:

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-   Route
-   Relay/OP site
-   Probable route of relay team upon completion of the mission.



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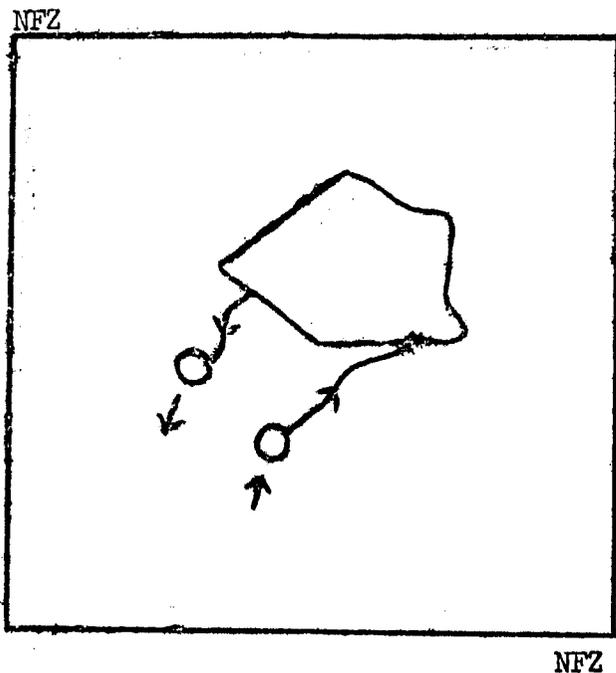
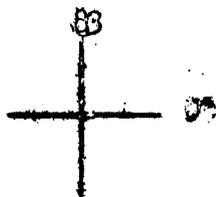
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Annex A (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 50-66 in 4.

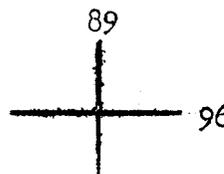
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LEGEND:

- ----- HLZ
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 Debreifer: Sgt I. R. LEIGHER
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.
 - a. Size and Composition. (8) enlisted, (1) USN.
 - b. Special Attachments. None
 - c. Communications Equipment. (2) AN/PRC-25Is.
 - d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50's.
 - e. Special Weapons. None
 - f. Special Equipment. (2) Claymore mines, (2) M-72 (LAAW's)
2. MISSION. Establish a communications relay site within RZ 3 with a secondary mission of conducting reconnaissance operations.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 161530H/210930H August 1966
4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.
 - a. Synopsis. 11 1/4 hours of patrolling and observation resulted in negative contacts and/or sightings. There were no air strikes or artillery missions called in support of this patrol.
 - b. Enemy. No enemy contacts or sightings were made by this patrol.
 - c. Terrain.
 - (1) The terrain consisted of rolling hills with extremely dense brush and trees up to 15 feet high and severely restricting movement.
 - d. Other Information.
 - (1) 190545H (YD 678119) the patrol heard movement of approximately 10 to 15 VC moving South toward their position. The patrol moved South to YD 678108, ahead of the sounds and established an ambush with negative results.

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(2) 210730H (YD 698101) the patrol found pieces of torn utilities, and
(1) empty ammo pouch for the M-60 machine gun.

(3) Map Corrections.

(1) One well used trail was located at YD 679109 running North-
west to YD 673118, Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None

7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; Morale, good.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None

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Corporal, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: None

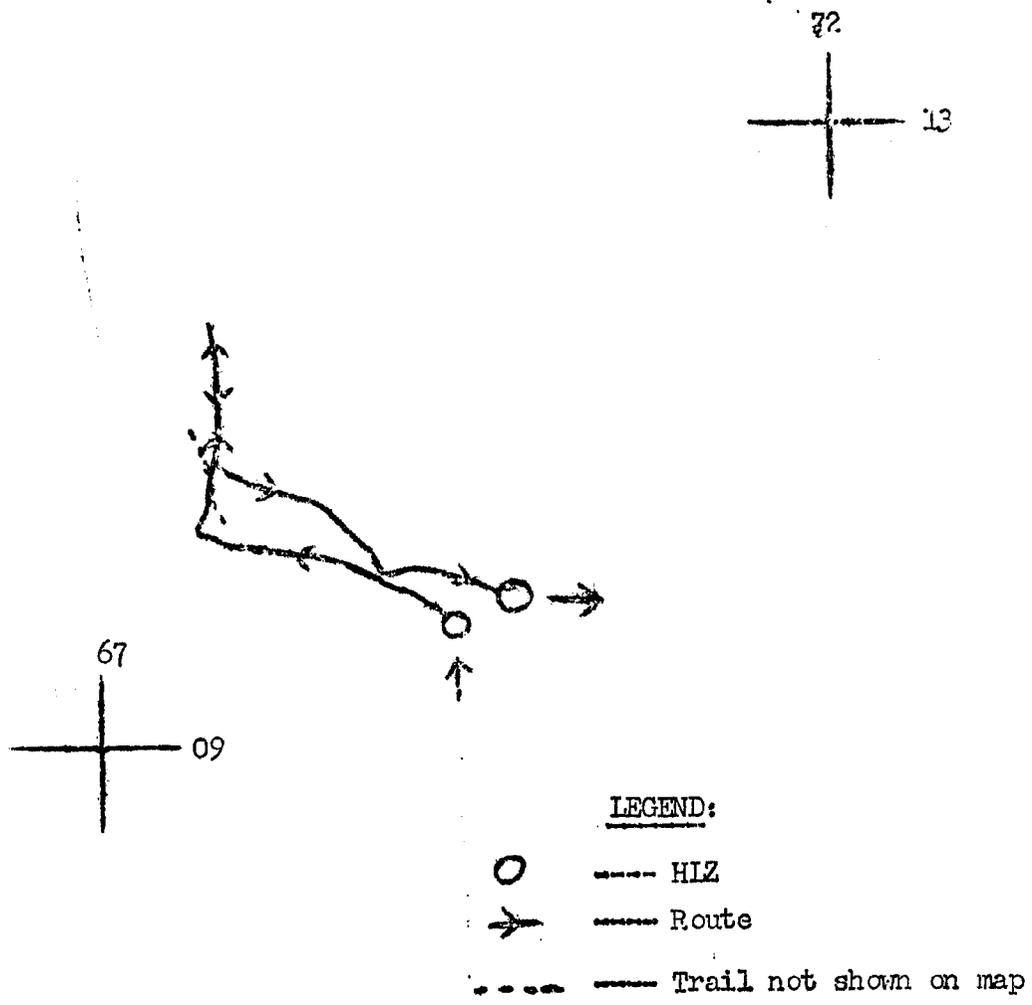
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Call Sign: TIGER



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 Debriefer: Sgt I. R. SINGLER
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.
 - a. Size and Composition. (14) enlisted, (1) USN.
 - b. Special Attachments. None
 - c. Communications Equipment. (2) AN/PRC-25's
 - d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50's
 - e. Special Weapons. None
 - f. Special Equipment. (4) Claymore Mines
2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 4. Establish ambushes of opportunity and capture at least one prisoner.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 171500H/220930H August 1966.
4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.
 - a. Synopsis. 11 1/2 hours of patrolling and observation resulted in negative contacts and/or sightings. There were no air strikes or artillery missions called in support of this patrol.
 - b. Enemy. No sightings or contacts were made by this patrol.
 - c. Terrain. The terrain was extremely dense with a canopy 35 to 50 feet high. Secondary growth was 8 to 12 feet high. The patrol could cover approximately 500 meters per hour. Water was plentiful throughout the area.
 - d. Other Information.
 - (1) 202100H (YC 862996) the patrol was in their night position when an elephant wandered by within approximately 75 meters of their position. It could not be determined whether the elephant was carrying anything on its back or if someone was riding it. There was no trails in the immediate area for the elephant to travel on.

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- (2) 210215H (YC 887990) the patrol discovered a camouflaged storage hole (4' x 4' x 4'), however; the hole had not been used in 1 or 2 months. Nothing was found in the hole.
- (3) 211100H (YC 854987) the patrol located 5 huts, large enough to accommodate 2 men in each. Two wood trough type urinals were also discovered in the area of the huts. The area had not been used for more than a month.
- (4) 211515H (YC 857988) the patrol located 1 hut, large enough to accommodate 2 men. Cooking utensils and a US type canteen filled with kerosene was found at this location. This area also had not been used for more than a month.
- (5) Map Corrections. None

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None
7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, excellent; Morale, excellent.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None.

R B Fahey

R. B. FAHEY
Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: None

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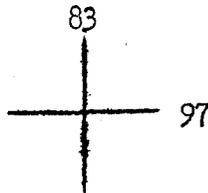
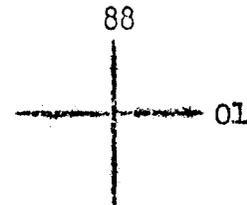
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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Patrol Route for Operation Order 50-66
in RZ 4.

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Call Sign: KELSO and NASHUA



LEGEND:

-  ——— HLZ
-  ——— Route

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Operation Order 52-66

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 (b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with changes 1 and 2
 (c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 7-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

Headquarters (-), Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn
 1st Platoon, Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn

1STLT BEEBER
 SSGT MEYER

1. SITUATION.

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

2. MISSION. During the period 1 through 31 August 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 3, 4, 5, and 6. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner in each RZ. Conduct concurrent training for platoons in garrison and be prepared to support infantry operations as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. Emphasizing reconnaissance and observation of the primary avenues of approach into the HUE/PHU BAI combat zone, one of the companies four platoons will be employed for a duration of 4 to 5 days in each of two RZ's. Insertions and extractions of each platoon will be planned so as to insure fifty percent of available forces are employed at all times. At least eight hours of concurrent training will be conducted by each platoon between operations unless otherwise directed.
- b. Headquarters (-), Co "B", and 1st Platoon, Co "B". Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3, along the KHE DAY stream and along the patrol route as indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), in search of caches and VC installations with a maximum effort devoted to capturing at least one prisoner during the period 190730H to 191730H August 1966, inclusively. Establish ambushes of opportunity.

CONFIDENTIALc. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Initial Point. HMM - 161.
- (2) Date, time and place of insertion. 190730H, YD 715083.
- (3) Date, time and place of extraction. 191730H, YD 726102.
- (4) Thrust Line. Alpha - 7211; Bravo - 7508.
- (5) Personally effect distribution of this operation order to all units concerned within the HUE/PHU BAI enclave 48 hours prior to insertion.
- (6) Plan and coordinate "on-call" concentrations along patrol route and OP's prior to insertion.
- (7) Adjust supporting artillery ASAP after insertion.
- (8) Submit two copies of patrol rosters to this headquarters (Attn: S-3) to include the number and type of serialized items carried by each patrol member by name.
- (9) Consistent with assigned missions, avoid extensive movement during the heat of the day to avoid heat casualties.
- (10) If a patrol is out of contact for three hours, it will return to the last position where communications were successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to the nearest friendly unit unless communications are re-established enroute.
- (11) Effect link-up with the 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B", at 191700H and await simultaneous extraction of all units.
- (12) Report to the CO, Company "B", ASAP upon extraction for debriefing.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by the patrol leader maintaining continuous camouflage of patrol members.
- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by the patrol leader, to include not less than 100 rounds per M-14, and 24 rounds per M-70.

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- c. Rations. As directed by the patrol leader while anticipating a shortage of water.
- d. Medical. Insure an adequate supply of salt tablets and malaria pills are carried by each patrol member and consumed regularly.
- e. Special Equipment.
 - (1) One pair 7x50 binoculars or an M-49 spotter scope.
 - (2) One red panel per team.
 - (3) One yellow smoke grenade per patrol member.
 - (4) Two M-72 rocket launchers.
 - (5) Two concussion grenades per platoon.
 - (6) Two WP fragmentation grenades per platoon.
 - (7) Two grenades, (concussion, WP, or M-26 fragmentation) per platoon member.
 - (8) Two CS grenades per platoon.
 - (9) One green smoke grenade per platoon.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.a. Communications.

- (1) Carry an AN/PRC-25 radio for primary communications. Intra-platoon communications will be by an AN/PRC-10 radio.
- (2) The AN/PRC-25 radio will be used to call and adjust artillery; however, before shifting the AN/PRC-25 radio to the "Conduct of Fire Net", communications with Company "B", will be established utilizing the AN/PRC-10 radio.
- (3) The communications relay located on Hill 225 will continue to support RZ's 3 and 4.

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(4) Call Signs.

Headquarters (.), Co "B"	BRAVO 5
Hdqs, 1st Platoon, Co "B"	IRONHORSE
2nd Squad, 1st Platoon, Co "B"	YANKEE CHEF
Company "B"	RAINBELT BRAVO
Air Liaison	SACRED
Artillery Support	SELECTMAN
Radio Relay (Hill 225)	BRAVO RELAY
2nd Bn, 9th Mar	PILSNER

(5) Frequencies.

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
RAINBELT BRAVO	41.55	49.6
SACRED	40.7	
SELECTMAN	36.2	
PILSNER	44.7	

(6) Shackles.

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U	J	W	S	V	R	Y	O	X	T
M		E		F				Z	B

(7) Authentication. Challenge with any letter in the shackles and authenticate with any other letter in the same column.

(8) Each patrol and/or element thereof, will submit hourly situation reports and monitor the Company "B" net continually.

(9) All traffic will be addressed to RAINBELT BRAVO and relay through BRAVO RELAY.


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Captain, U. S. Marine Corps
Commanding

ANNEX 1

A (Operations Overlay)

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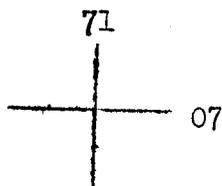
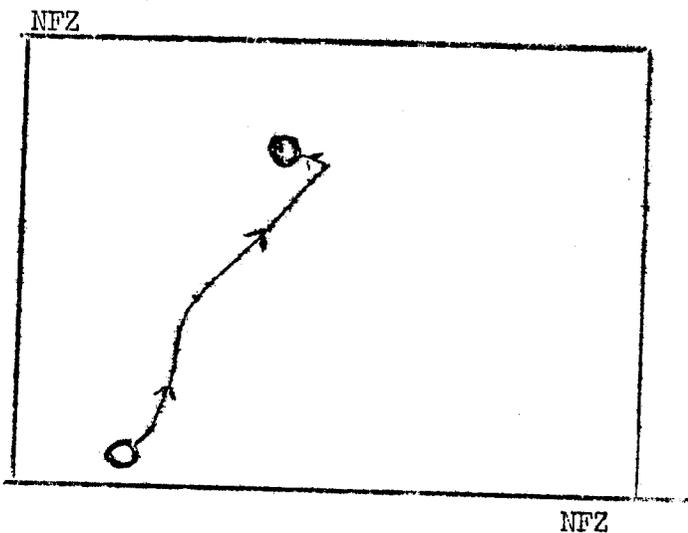
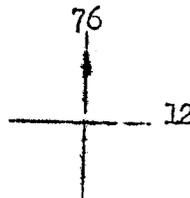
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172000H August 1966

Annex A (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 52-66 in RZ 3.

Ref: Map Sheet number 6550 III

Call Sign: BRAVO 5, IRONHORSE and LINEDRIVE.



LEGEND:

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- ——— Route

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Operation Order 52-66
 Patrol: 1st Platoon, Co "B", 3rd ReconBn
 Debreifer: Sgt I. R. SEIGLER
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 FHU BAI, RVN
 260800H August 1966

PATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

- a. Size and Composition. (18) enlisted, (1) Officer, (1) USN.
- b. Special Attachments. None
- c. Communications Equipment. (2) AN PRC-25 radios.
- d. Observation Equipment. (2) 7x50's.
- e. Special Equipment. None
- f. Special Weapons. (2) Claymore mines.

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3 along the KIE DAY stream in search of rice caches and VC installations. Establish ambushes of opportunity and devote a maximum effort to capturing at least one prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 250730H/251730H August 1966.

4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

- a. Synopsis. 12 hours of patrolling and observation resulted in negative contacts and/or sightings. One new trail was discovered.
- b. Enemy. No sightings or contacts were made by this patrol.
- c. Terrain. The terrain consisted of rolling hills with sparse brush 3 to 4 feet high. Maneuverability was virtually unrestricted.
- d. Other Information.
 - (1) Map Corrections (Patrol Route Overlay).
 - (2) The village plotted on the map at YD 728098 is no longer there. Only one hut remains there is unoccupied.

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ENCLOSURE (10)

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- (3) There were no signs of enemy activity in the objective area and there are no indications of any activity in the past 2 months.
- (4) The patrol separated at YD 727098 then rejoined at YD 726101 and was extracted at YD 731103.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None
7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; Morale, good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None

M. A. MEYER
Staff Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: None

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Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Patrol Route for Operation Order 52-66 in RZ 3.

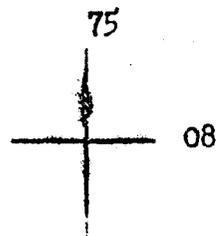
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Call Signs: IRONHORSE and YANKEE CLIFFER



LEGEND:

-  HEZ
-  Route
-  New Trail found not shown on map



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- (b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with changes 1 and 2
 (c) Commanding Officer, 4th Marines message

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

1st Platoon, Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn 1STLT BEEBLER

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS.
 b. Friendly Forces. 3rd Bn., 4th Mar.
 c. Attachments/Detachments. None

2. MISSION. During the period 1 through 31 August 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 3, 4, 5, and 6. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner in each RZ. Conduct concurrent training for platoons in garrison and be prepared to support infantry operations as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. Emphasizing reconnaissance and observation of the primary avenues of approach into the HUE/PHU BAI combat zone, one of the companies four platoons will be employed for a duration of 4 to 5 days in each of two RZ's. Insertions and extractions of each platoon will be planned so as to insure fifty percent of available forces are employed at all times. At least eight hours of concurrent training will be conducted by each platoon between operations unless otherwise directed.

- b. 1st Platoon, Co "B". When directed on 19 August 1966, shift to OPCON CO, 3rd Bn, 4th Marines for operations in connection with Operation PANNEE for a period of about 2 to 3 weeks.

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ENCLOSURE (11)

CONFIDENTIALc. Coordination Instructions.

- (1) Thrust Lines for administrative traffic; Alpha - 1405;
Bravo - 8199.
- (2) Effect liaison with the CO, 3Bn, 4th Mar at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of Operation PAWNEE.
- (3) Locate your platoon headquarters adjacent to the CO, 3rd Bn, 4th Mar staff and make recommendations to the CO, 3rd Bn, 4th Mar as to the methods of employment and suitable targets for reconnaissance operations.
- (4) Prior to insertion, insure that necessary air, artillery, and infantry support is available to support reconnaissance operations as needed.
- (5) Plan and coordinate "on-call" concentrations along patrol routes and OP's prior to insertion.
- (6) Submit two copies of the platoon roster to this headquarters to include the number and type of serialized items and all other organic Company property accompanying the platoon.
- (7) Consistent with assigned missions, avoid extensive movement during the heat of the day to avoid heat casualties.
- (8) If a patrol is out of contact for three hours, it will return to the last position where communications were successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to the nearest friendly unit unless communications are re-established enroute.
- (9) Submit patrol reports to this headquarters ASAP upon completion of each patrol.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by the patrol leader maintaining continuous camouflage of patrol members.
- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by the patrol leader, to include not less than 100 rounds per M-14, and 24 rounds per M-79.
- c. Rations. Depart the company area with a two day supply of rations. Throughout the remainder of the operation, necessary rations will be provided by the unit to which you are attached.

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d. Medical. Insure an adequate supply of salt tablets and malaria pills are carried by each patrol member and consumed regularly.

e. Special Equipment.

- (1) One pair 7x50 binoculars or an M-49 spotter scope.
- (2) One red panel per team
- (3) One yellow smoke grenade per patrol member
- (4) Two M-72 rocket launchers
- (5) Two concussion grenades per platoon
- (6) Two WP fragmentation grenades per platoon
- (7) Two grenades, (concussion, WP, or M-26 fragmentation) per platoon member
- (8) Two CS grenades per platoon
- (9) One green smoke grenade per platoon
- (10) Three AN/FRC-25's
- (11) Two RC-292's
- (12) One AN/GRA-6
- (13) One M-422 with trailer
- (14) One MRC-38

f. Reports. Submit a special situation report to this headquarters every six hours and at 1430 and 1930 daily.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Communications.

- (1) Primary means of communications will be by an AN/FRC-25 radios.

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(2) The AN/PRC-25 radio will be used to call and adjust artillery; however, before shifting the AN/PRC-25 radio to the "Conduct of Fire Net", communications with Company "B", will be established utilizing the AN/PRC-10.

(3) Call Signs.

Headquarters	X-RAY
1st Squad, 1st Platoon	IRONHORSE
2nd Squad, 1st Platoon	YANKEE CLIPPER
Company "B"	RAINBELT BRAVO
Air Liaison	SACRED
Artillery Support	POLISH INDIA
3rd Bn, 4th Mar	MUTTER

(4) Frequencies.

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Company "B"	41.55	49.6
SACRED	40.7	
POLISH INDIA	37.0	35.3
MUTTER	43.7	

(5) Shackles.

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(6) Authentication. Challenge with any letter in the shackles and authenticate with any other letter in the same column.

(7) Each patrol and/or element thereof, will submit hourly situation reports to and monitor the 1st Platoon net continually.

(8) All traffic to this headquarters will be addressed to RAINBELT BRAVO.


S. L. OWENS
Captain, U. S. Marine Corps
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290800 August 1966

Operation Order 53-66-2
Patrol: 2nd Squad, 1st Platoon, Co "B"
Debrief for: ~~SECRET~~
Ref: Map Sheet numbers 6559 I, 6560 II, 6659 IV.

PATROL REPORT:

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.
 - a. Size and Composition. (10) Enlisted, (1) USN.
 - b. Special Attachments. (1) Sniper Team.
 - c. Communications Equipment. (1) AN/PRC-25, (1) AN/PRC-10
 - d. Observation Equipment. (2) 7x50's
 - e. Special Equipment. None
 - f. Special Weapons. (2) Model 70's with scope.
2. MISSION. To set up OP at coordinates ZD 807017.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 261900H/281010H August 1966.
4. Route. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).
5. OBSERATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.
 - a. 39 hours of patrolling and observation resulted in negative contacts or sighting. Numerous trails were found. Illumination was used by NGF and artillery.
 - b. Enemy. None.
 - c. Terrain. Terrain was easily traveled with the exception of the hill ZD 808017 which had heavy under brush and large rocks.
 - d. Other Information.
 - (1) 6 rounds of artillery illumination and 17 rounds of NGF were fired in support of this patrol.
 - (2) NUMEROUS LZ's throughout the area.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None.

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(7) CONDITION OF PATROL. (1) man with an infected ankle.

(8) CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

- a. Position is outstanding OP. Recommend H&I fire when not being used.

J. H. YATES
Corporal, U. S. Marine Corps
Platoon Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: None

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Co "B", 3rd, Recon Bn.
PHU BAI, RVN
290800H August 1966

Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Patrol Route for Operation Order 53-66

Ref: Map Sheet numbers 6559 I, 6659 II, 6659. IV

Call Sign: IRONHORSE AND YANKEE CLIPPER

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LEGEND:

○ _____ LZ's

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Operation Order 53-66-1
Patrols 1st Squad, 1st Platoon, Co "D"
Deliverer: SSGT MEYER
Ref: Map Sheet Number 6559 I, 6560 II, 6659 IV

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.
 - a. Size and Composition. (8) Estimated.
 - b. Special Attachments. None.
 - c. Communications Equipment. (1) AN/PRC-25; (1) AN/PRC-10.
 - d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50's.
 - e. Special Equipment. None.
 - f. Special Weapons. None.
2. MISSION. Set up observation post at ZD 152038.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 261400H/280900H August 1966.
4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.
 - a. Synopsis. 1 1/2 hours of patrolling and observation resulted in one contact. Three new trails were located and one stream. Two LZ's big enough for one bird each were located. One fire mission was called on the enemy.
 - b. Enemy. 27/2040H patrol sighted 4 VC in open field at ZD 035175 moving south. Illumination was called numerous times and at 2135 after 4 adjusting rounds of HE, fire for effect was called and fell on the enemy position. The VC were wearing black PJ's and carrying rifles. Two VC KIA (probable).
 - c. TERRAIN. The terrain was relatively easy to travel with the exception of GS ZD 1504 which was heavy underbrush with large rocks. Movement was constricted to approximately 250 meters an hour. Water can be found in most of the stream beds even at this altitude.

CONFIDENTIALd. Other Information.

- (1) (3) artillery H and I's, (43) 81 illumination and (8) 81 HE were used in support of this patrol.
 - (2) Stream found at ZD 152044 running SE. Trails found at ZD 152044 running N., and at ZD 144040 running NNE., and at 152040 running SE.
 - (3) 2 HLZ's were found at ZD 145045 and ZD 163038 big enough for one bird each.
6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. 2 VC KIA (probable) as a result of rifle mission fired by GI's.
 7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; Morale, good.
 8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. Trails indicate well used areas at ZD 148038 and ZD 152047. Recommend H and I's and combat patrols check these areas for possible VC harbor sites.

R. P. Cardone
 Corporal, U. S. Marine Corps
 Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: None

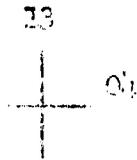
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101st Airborne Div.
291000Z August 1966

Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay) to Patrol Route for Operation Order 53-66-1

Ref: Map Sheet numbers 6659 I, 6659 II, 6659 IV

Call Sign: IRG 50 GH



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○ ——— IZ's

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 (b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with changes 1 and 2
 (c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 7-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company "B", 3rd Recon Bn Sgt BACH

1. SITUATION.

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

2. MISSION. During the period 1 through 31 August 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 3, 4, 5, and 6. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner in each RZ. Conduct concurrent training for platoons in garrison and be prepared to support infantry operations as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. Emphasizing reconnaissance and observation of the primary avenues of approach into the HUE/PHU DAI combat zone, one of the companies four platoons will be employed for a duration of 4 to 5 days in each of two RZ's. Insertions and extractions of each platoon will be planned so as to insure fifty percent of available forces are employed at all times. At least eight hours of concurrent training will be conducted by each platoon between operations unless otherwise directed.
- b. 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B". Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ's 3 and 4 and along the route as indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 23 to 27 August 1966, inclusively. Establish OP's overlooking the low ground in the vicinity of YD 776057, YD 792054, and YD 809048. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.

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ENCLOSURE (12)

CONFIDENTIALc. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Initial Point. HMM - 161.
- (2) Date, time, and place of insertion. 230830H, YD 784057.
- (3) Date, time, and place of extraction. 271500H, YD 804052.
- (4) Thrust Line. Alpha - 7707; Bravo - 8204.
- (5) Personally effect distribution of this operation order to all units concerned within the HUE/PHU BAI enclave 48 hours prior to insertion.
- (6) Plan and coordinate "on-call" concentrations along patrol route and OP's prior to insertion.
- (7) Adjust supporting artillery ASAP after insertion.
- (8) Submit two copies of patrol rosters to this headquarters (Attn: S-3) to include the number and type of serialized items carried by each patrol member by name.
- (9) Consistent with assigned missions, avoid extensive movement during the heat of the day to avoid heat casualties.
- (10) If a patrol is out of contact for three hours, it will return to the last position where communications were successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to the nearest friendly unit unless communications are re-established enroute.
- (11) Report to the CO, Company "B", ASAP upon extraction for debriefing.

d. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by the patrol leader maintaining continuous camouflage of patrol members.
- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by the patrol leader, to include not less than 100 rounds per M-14, and 24 rounds per M-79.
- c. Rations. As directed by the patrol leader while anticipating a shortage of water.

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- d. Medical. Insure an adequate supply of salt tablets and malaria pills are carried by each patrol member and consumed regularly.
- e. Special Equipment.
 - (1) One pair 7x50 binoculars or an M-49 spotter scope
 - (2) One red panel per team
 - (3) One yellow smoke grenade per patrol member.
 - (4) One green smoke grenade per platoon
 - (5) Two M-72 rocket launchers
 - (6) Two concussion grenades per platoon
 - (7) Two WP fragmentation grenades per platoon
 - (8) Two grenades, (concussion, WP, or M-26 fragmentation) per platoon member
 - (9) Two CS grenades per platoon

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS:a. Communications.

- (1) Carry an AN/PRC-25 radio for primary communications. Inner-platoon communications will be by an AN/PRC-10 radio.
- (2) The AN/PRC-25 radio will be used to call and adjust artillery; however, before shifting the AN/P RC-25 radio to the "Conduct of Fire Net", communications with Company "B", will be established utilizing the AN/PRC-10 radio.
- (3) The communications relay located on Hill 225 will continue to support RZ's 3 and 4.
- (4) Call Signs.

1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "D"
 Company "B"
 Air Liaison
 Artillery Support
 Radio Relay (Hill 225)
 2nd Bn, 9th Mar

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 RAINBOLT BRAVO
 SACRED
 SELECTMAN
 BARVO RELAY
 PILSNER

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(5) <u>Frequencies.</u>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
RAINBELT BRAVO	41.55	49.6
SACRED	40.7	
SELECTMAN	36.2	
PILSNER	44.7	

(6) Shackles.

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- (7) Authentication. Challenge with any letter in the shackles and authenticate with any other letter in the same column.
- (8) Each patrol and/or element thereof, will submit hourly situation reports and monitor the Company "B" net continually.
- (9) All traffic will be addressed to RAINBELT BRAVO relayed through BRAVO RELAY.

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ANNEX:

A (Operations Overlay)

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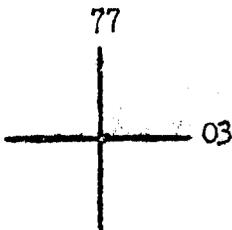
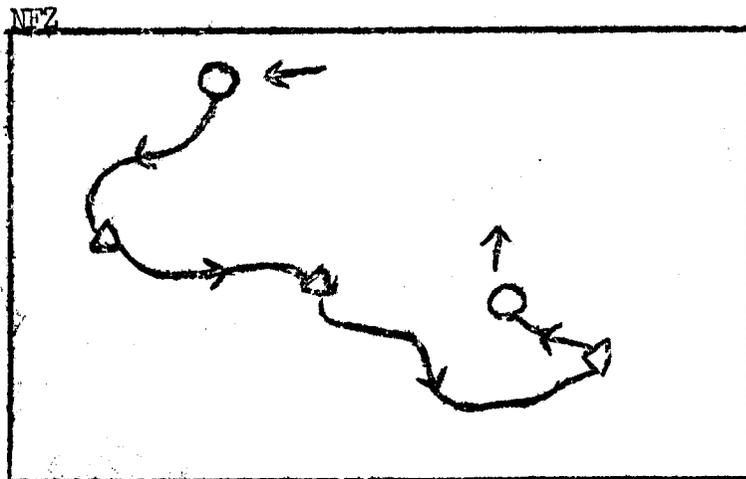
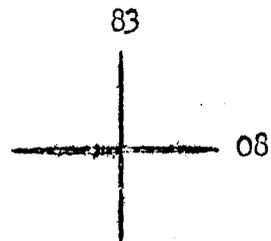
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Annex A (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 54-66 in RZ 3 and 4.

Ref: Map Sheet number 6559 IV

Call Sign: LION



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LEGEND:

-  ----- HIZ
-  ----- OP's
-  ----- Route

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280800 August 1966Operation Order 54-66
Patrol: ~~1st~~ Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B"
Detachment: Sgt A.W. Bach
Ref: Map Sheet Number 6559 IVPATROL REPORT1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.

a.

a. Size and Composition. (9) Enlisted (1) USN

b. Special Attachments. None

c. Communications Equipment. (2) AN/PRC-25

d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50 binoculars

e. Special Equipment. None

f. Special Weapons. (2) Claymore Mines

2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3 and 4 and along the route as indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay) and establish OP's overlooking the low ground in the vicinity of YD 776057, YD 792054, and YD 809048. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be made to capture at least one prisoner.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 230830H/271500H August 1966

4. Map. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay)

5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.

a. Synopsis. 104 hours of patrolling resulted in negative contacts and/or sightings. There were no fire missions or air strikes called in support of this patrol.

b. Enemy.

(1) No contacts or sightings were made by this patrol.

c. Terrain. Consisted of rolling hills and sparse brush approximately 4 to 5 feet high with unrestricted maneuverability. Patrol could cover approximately 400 meters per hour. Water was plentiful throughout the area.

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ENCLOSURE (12)

CONFIDENTIALd. Other Information.

(1) 221000 (YD 789057) one man was med-evaced due to an asthma attack.

(2) At (YD 790056) between the hours of 252230H and 260500H the patrol received artillery fire approximately 500 meters from their position for a total of 10 rounds. The patrol stated that they could hear muzzle blast from the vicinity of grid square (YD 7906) or possibly from (YD 8006).

(3) Map Corrections. None.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. None.

7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, ~~good~~ morale, good

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None.

Kurt E. Macholtz

K. E. MACHOLTZ
Corporal, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER.

- (1) Supporting artillery units were checked with and no one had been firing in that area, since approximately 252150. This was the time the patrol cancelled all IRE fires. The patrol leader had stated that when the rounds went off they sounded like 105's. There are no friendly artillery units in the vicinity of grid squares (YD 7906) and (YD 8006). There are possibilities of V.C. using recoilless rifles or mortars in that area.

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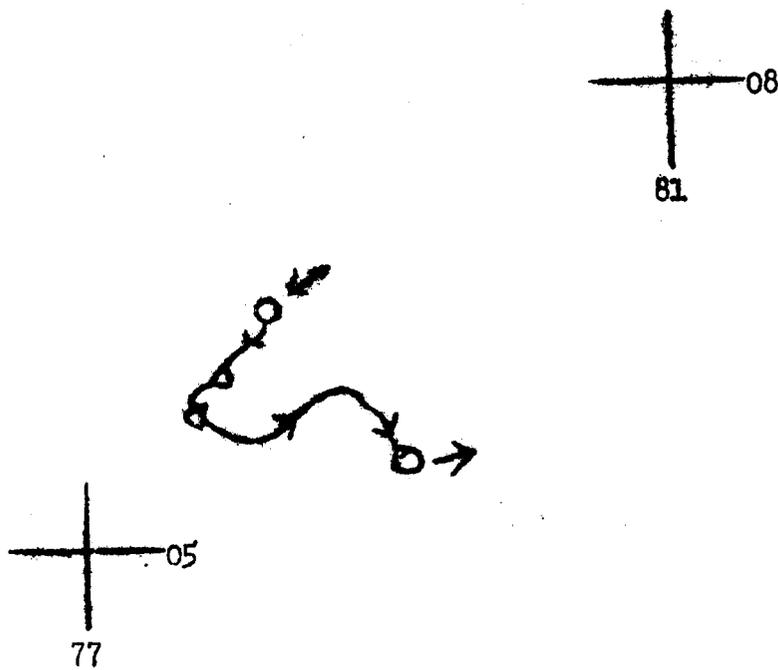
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LEGEND:

- ——— IZ's
- △ ——— OP's
- ➔ ——— ROUTE

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Change No. 1 to Operation Order 55-66

Ref: None

Time Zone: H

1. Make the following pen changes in Operation Order 55-66

a. BASIC ORDER:

(1) Paragraph 3. b. Change "Establish successive OP's in the vicinity of YD 706102, YD 717106, and YD 729108" to read "Establish successive OP's in the vicinity of YD 729108, YD 717106, and YD 706102, overlooking the SONG HUU TRACH River".

(2) Paragraph 3. d. (2) (a). Change "YD 698103" to read "YD 734105".

(3) Paragraph 3. d. (3) (a). Change "YD 734105" to read "YD 698103".

2. Substitute the following new page, attached hereto, for the original and reporting the destruction th this headquarters.

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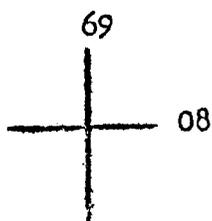
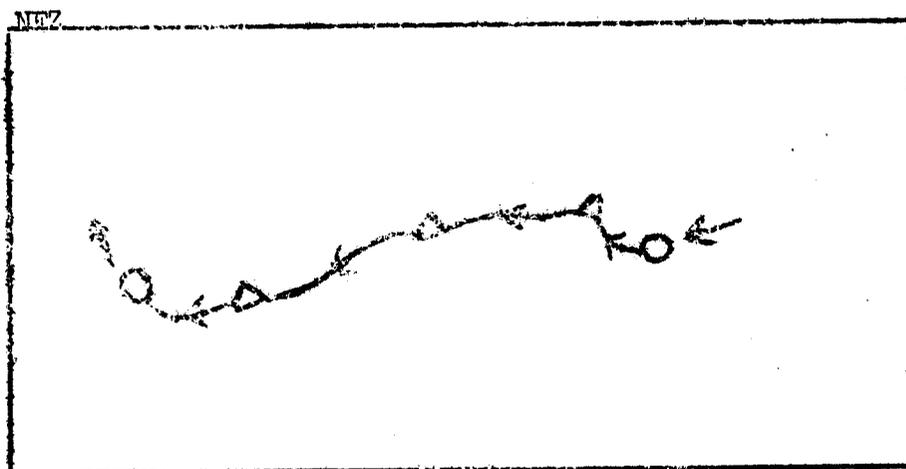
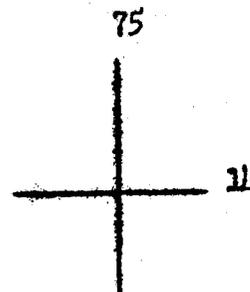
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Annex A (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 55-66 in RZ 3

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- Route
- OP's

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Operation Order 55-66

- Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM: 1:50,000; AMS Series I701; Sheet number 6460II and 6560 III
 (b) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 3-66 with changes 1 and 2
 (c) Recon Group Bravo Operation Order 7-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn
 3rd Platoon, Co "B", 3rd Recon Bn

CPL FRONING
 SGT FAHEY

1. SITUATION.

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

2. MISSION. During the period 1 through 31 August 1966, conduct reconnaissance operations in RZ's 3, 4, 5, and 6. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner in each RZ. Conduct concurrent training for platoons in garrison and be prepared to support infantry operations as directed.

EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. Emphasizing reconnaissance and observation of the primary avenues of approach into the HUE/PHU BAI combat zone, one of the companies four platoons will be employed for a duration of 4 to 5 days in each of two RZ's. Insertions and extractions of each platoon will be planned so as to insure fifty percent of available forces are employed at all times. At least eight hours of concurrent training will be conducted by each platoon between operations unless otherwise directed.
- b. 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B". Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3 and along theroute as indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 25 to 29 August 1966, inclusively. Establish successive OP's in the vicinity of YD 706102, YD 717106, and YD 729108. Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.

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- c. 3rd Platoon, Co "B". Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3 and as indicated on Annex A (Operations Overlay), during the period 26 to 30 August 1966, inclusively. Provide a 6 man team to establish a communications relay site in the vicinity of YD 675156 and YD 680157 while the remaining elements of the platoon conducts a recon of the area as indicated on Annex A-2 (Operations Overlay). Establish ambushes of opportunity. A maximum effort will be devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.
- d. Coordinating Instructions.
- (1) Initial Point. HMM - 161.
 - (2) Date, time, and place of insertion.
 - (a) 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B". 250800H, YD 698103.
 - (b) 3rd Platoon, Co "B". 261500H, YD 685163.
 - (3) Date, time, and place of extraction.
 - (a) 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B". 290800H, YD 734105.
 - (b) 3rd Platoon, Co "B". 301000H, YD 652146.
 - (c) Relay Team, 3rd Platoon, Co "B". 301000H, YD 676164.
 - (4) Thrust Lines.
 - (a) 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B". Alpha - 6912; Bravo - 7409.
 - (b) 3rd Platoon, Co "B". Alpha - 6517; Bravo 6914.
 - (5) Personally effect distribution of this operation order to all units concerned within the HUE/PHU BAI enclave 48 hours prior to insertion.
 - (6) Plan and coordinate "on-call" concentrations along patrol routes and OP's prior to insertion.
 - (7) Adjust supporting artillery ASAP after insertion.
 - (8) Submit two copies of patrol rosters to this headquarters (Attn: S-3) to include the number and type of serilized items carried by each patrol member by name.

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- (9) Consistent with assigned missions, avoid extensive movement during the heat of the day to avoid heat casualties.
- (10) If a patrol is out of contact for three hours, it will return to the last position where communications were successful. If there is no contact for six hours, the patrol will abort its mission and return to the nearest friendly unit unless communications are re-established enroute.
- (11) Report to the CO Company "B", ASAP upon extraction for debriefing.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Uniform and Equipment. As directed by the patrol leader maintaining continuous camouflage of patrol members.
- b. Arms and Ammunition. As directed by the patrol leader, to include not less than 100 rounds per M-14, and 24 rounds per M-79.
- c. Rations. As directed by the patrol leader while anticipating a shortage of water.
- d. Medical. Insure an adequate supply of salt tablets and malaria pills are carried by each patrol member and consumed regularly.
- e. Special Equipment.
 - (1) One pair 7x50 binoculars or an M-49 spotter scope.
 - (2) One red panel per team.
 - (3) One yellow smoke grenade per patrol member.
 - (4) Two M-72 rocket launchers.
 - (5) Two concussion grenades per platoon.
 - (6) Two WP fragmentation grenades per platoon.
 - (7) Two grenades, (concussion, WP, or M-26 fragmentation) per platoon member.
 - (8) Two CS grenades per platoon.
 - (9) One green smoke grenade per platoon.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Communications.

- (1) Carry an AN/FRC-25 radio for primary communications. Inner-platoon communications will be by an AN/FRC-10 radio.
- (2) The AN/FRC-25 radio will be used to call and adjust artillery; however, before shifting the AN/FRC-25 to the "Conduct of Fire Net", communications with Company "B", will be established utilizing the AN/FRC-10 radio.
- (3) The communications relay located on Hill 225 will continue to support RZ's 3 and 4.
- (4) Call Signs:

2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B"	LION
1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B"	KEISO
2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co "B"	NASHUA
Company "B"	RAINBELT BRAVO
Air Liaison	SACRED
Radio Relay (Hill 225)	BRAVO RELAY
2nd Bn, 9th Mar	PILSNER
Artillery Support	SELECTMAN

(5) Frequencies.

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
RAINBELT BRAVO	41.55	49.6
SELECTMAN	36.2	
SACRED	40.7	
PILSNER	44.7	

(6) Shackles.

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- (7) Authentication. Challenge with any letter in the shackles and authenticate with any other letter in the same column.

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- (8) Each patrol and/or element thereof, will submit hourly situation reports and monitor the Company "B" net continually.
- (9) All traffic will be addressed to RAINDELT BRAVO relayed through BRAVO RELAY.


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ANNEXES:

A (Operations Overlay)

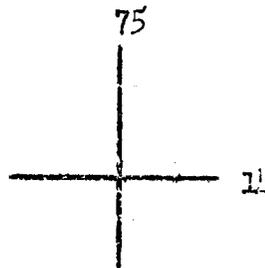
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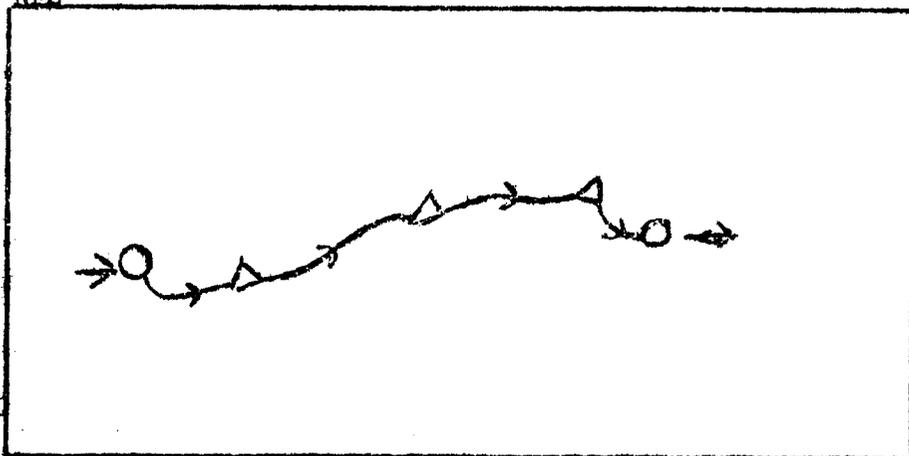
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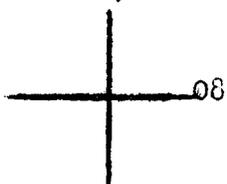


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-  — Route
-  — OP's

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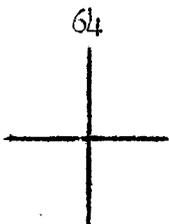
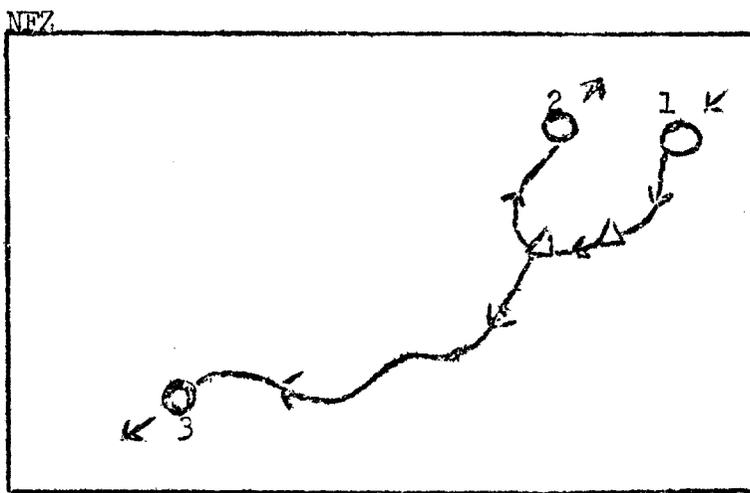
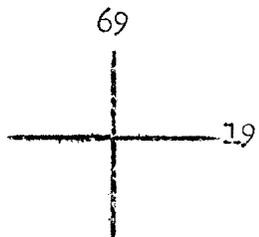
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Call Sign: KELSO and NASHUA



LEGEND:

- Relay Sites
- Route
- HLZ's

- 1 Insertion LZ
- 2 Extraction LZ for relay element
- 3 Extraction LZ for the platoon

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Operation Order 55-66
 Patrol: 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Co "B".
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PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.
 - a. Size and Composition. (7) Enlisted, (1) USN.
 - b. Special Attachments. (2) Snipers.
 - c. Communications Equipment. (2) AN/PRC-25's, (1) AN/PRC-10.
 - d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50's.
 - e. Special Equipment. None.
 - f. Special Weapons. (2) Model-70 Winchesters, (1) M-72 (IAAW).
2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3 and establish CP's in the vicinity of YD 706102, YD 717107, and YD 729108. Establish ~~ambush~~ ~~of opportunity with a maximum effort devoted to capturing of~~ at least one prisoner.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 250830H/291530H August 1966.
4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.
 - a. 102 hours of patrolling and observation resulted in 3 sightings and 2 contacts with the enemy. No friendly casualties were sustained. There were no fire missions or air strikes called in support of this patrol.
 - b. Enemy.
 - (1) 261745H (YD 724106) the patrol sighted 2 VCS wearing black PJ's and coolie hats, moving South. No weapons or equipment were observed. The VC were brought under small arms fire. No damage assessment was possible.
 - (2) 270935H (YD 722107) 9 VC were observed initially, moving South, wearing black PJ's. 3 carbines and 2 long knives were observed. The VC were brought under fire employing the attached snipers. Subsequently, additional VC were observed attempting to recover the bodies and were taken under fire. The contact lasted approximately 20 minutes, resulting in 11 VC KIA (confirmed) and 2 VC WIA (confirmed). No weapons or equipment were captured.

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(3) 282130H (YD696103) the patrol observed 1 VCS heading east. No definite observation was made due to darkness.

c. Terrain. Consisted of heavy brush and small rolling hills. Patrol could cover 400 meters per hour.

d. Other Information.

(1) Called AO for indirect support and overhead observation. AO made firing passage at escaping VC.

(2) Old pangi holes were found in objective area at (YD72106) with bundles of bamboo around the holes.

6. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. 11 VC KIA's (confirmed) and 2 VC WIA's (confirmed) by attached snipers.
7. CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical, good; Morale, good.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. None.

B. K. FRONING
Corporal, U. S. Marine Corps
Patrol Leader

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEBRIEFER: None.

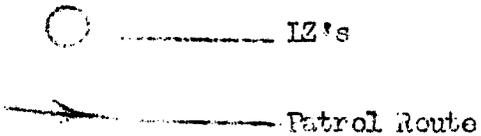
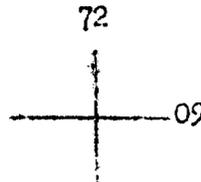
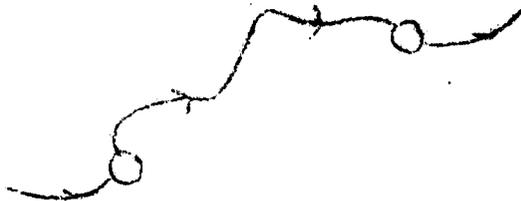
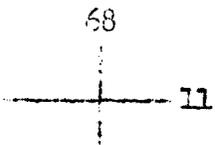
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Call Sign: Tiger.



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Operation Order 55-66
 Patrol: 3rd Platoon, Co "D"
 Debriefed: Sgt A. W. Bach
 Ref: Map Sheet Numbers 6460II, 6560III.

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND EQUIPMENT.
 - a. Size and composition. (14) Enlisted, (1) USN.
 - b. Special Attachments. None.
 - c. Communications Equipment. (2) AN/PRC-25, (1) AN/PRC-10.
 - d. Observation Equipment. (1) 7x50's, (1) spotter scope.
 - e. Special Equipment. None.
 - f. Special Weapons. 6 claymores.
2. MISSION. Conduct reconnaissance operations within RZ 3. Provide a 6 man team to establish a communications relay site in the vicinity of YD 675156 and YD 680157 while the remaining elements of the platoon conducts a recon of the area. Establish ambushes of opportunity with a maximum effort devoted to capturing at least one prisoner.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE/RETURN. 261530H/301000H August 1966.
4. ROUTE. Annex A (Patrol Route Overlay).
5. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN.
 - a. Synopsis. 99 hours of patrolling and observing resulted in one contact and one sighting. No friendly casualties were sustained. Two weapons and supplies were captured.
 - b. Enemy.
 - (1) 270730H (YD 690167) the patrol observed a hut covering a cave. Investigation proved it to be an old woodcutters storage hut.
 - (2) 290930H (YD 661147) the patrol heard voices and a chopping noise approximately 200 meters from a stream at co-ordinates (YD 663145). The patrol then investigated noise and encountered a training area consisting of 3 huts (1 billet, 1 classroom, 1 head). The patrol attacked with small arms and machine guns.

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(3) 290930H (YD 658148) the patrol observed one VC moving west along stream at (YD 663145). The patrol attempted to follow but lost contact. The VC was carrying (1) AN/FRC-10 with long antenna.

c. Terrain. Consisted of many open trails and high canopy approx-
imately 400 meters per hour. Water was plentiful through out the patrol route.

d. Other Information

(1) Map Corrections At (YD 670153) indicated finger does not correspond to the contours of the map. It drops severly from the 200meter elevation.

(6) RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY. Action at (290930H) resulted in 4 VC KIA's (confirmed) and 3 VC WIA's (confirmed. Weapons and equipment were captured and all destroyed by fire.

(7) CONDITION OF PATROL. Physical condition, good; Moral, good.

(8) CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. Have reason to believe, due to the build up in the area, that a probable battalion occupies the same area. No security was maintained by the VC, leaving evidence of a probable large force.

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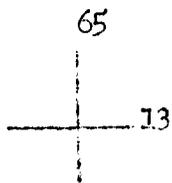
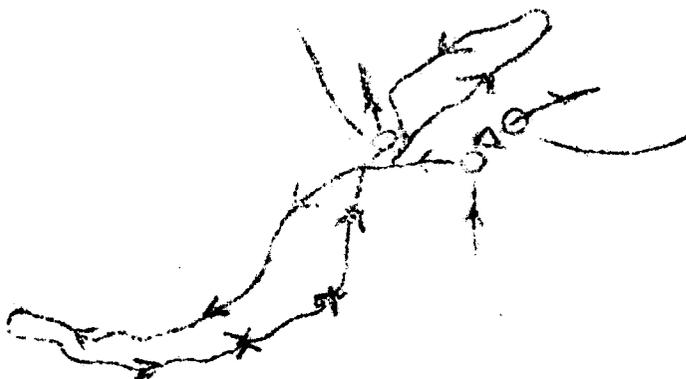
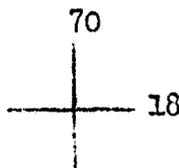
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Operation Order 55-66,

- 1 - K-50 Automatic - 8413638 - Rifle
- 1 - 7.62 Russian Assault Rifle - 17008
- 3 - K-50 Magazines
- 1 - 9 mm Magazine
- 2 - Magazines of 9 mm Ammunition
- 90 - Rounds of K-50 Ammunition
- 39 - Rounds of 7.62 Ammunition
- 2 - Rounds of 9 mm Ammunition
- 1 - Mantele
- 4 - Chicom Grenades
- 1 - Hunting Knife with Sheath
- 3 - Web Belts with Grenade Pouches (NVA type)
- 2 - Flashlights
- 4 - Ponchos
- 20 - Pieces of Documents
- 2 - Hammocks
- 35 - Pounds of Rice
- $\frac{1}{2}$ - Pound of Seasoning
- $\frac{1}{2}$ - Pound of ground-up Nuts
- Assorted Clothes
- Assorted Medical Supplies
- Assorted Toilet Articles
- Assorted Cooking Utensils

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