

OPERATION ORDER: 9-68
 PATROL: F-4 LUNGA POINT
 DEBRIEFER: CAPT. F.-J. VOGEL
 MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000; AMS
 L7014; SHEET 6541:IV

1ST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY (REIN)
 FBU BAI, RVN
 DEG 221030H JAN 1968

PATROL REPORT

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1. ~~SYNOPSIS~~ COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 1 OFF. 9 ENL. 1 USN.
 B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
 C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC-25'S; 1 7x50; 1 10x50;
 D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1M-14; 1M-60 MG; 2M-79'S; 4 CLAYMORES; TREE CLIMBERS;

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS WITHIN YOUR ASSIGNED NPZ/FPZ TO DETECT POSSIBLE VC/NVA TROOP MOVEMENT OR ARMS INFILTRATION IN THE TA TRACH/HUU TRACH RIVER AREA, IF POSSIBLE, BY ESTABLISHING AN OBSERVATION POST ON HILL 424 (YD750086), PARTICULAR EMPHASIS IS TO BE PLACED ON ENEMY MOVEMENT TOWARD THE NAM HOA DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS. ASSUME A SECONDARY MISSION OF CAPTURING A PRISONER IF SUCH IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE PRIMARY MISSION AND IN NO WAY JEOPARDIZES THE PATROL. BE PREPARED TO CALL AND ADJUST ARTY/AIR ON TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 191230H/220900H

4. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 6 1/2 HRS. WITH ONE SIGHTING OF 2 VC AND 2 SIGHTINGS OF 12 BOATS ON THE SONG HUU TRACH. ONE FM WAS CALLED WITH RESULTS UNKNOWN DUE TO TEAM MOVING OUT OF AREA.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY: 191430H YD753083 AND YD750088 2 VC IN TREELINE TO "W" AND MOVEMENT IN TREELINE TO "S". BLK. PJ'S. CALLED FM, GOOD COVERAGE, COULD NOT OBSERVE RESULTS DUE TO TEAM LEAVING AREA.

201520H YD745105 2 BOATS W/MOTORS, 3 VN IN 1ST BOAT, 2 IN 2D, MOVING "W" ON SONG HUU TRACH. CALLED FM, CANCELLED FM, UNABLE TO OBSERVE DUE TO FOG ENCIRCLING TEAM'S POSITION.

210922H YD735105 10 MOTORIZED BOATS, APPROX. 25' LONG, MOVING "W" ON SONG HUU TRACH, BOATS VERY LOW IN WATER, 10-20 VN PER BOATS. BLK. PJ'S. AO FLEW OVER BOATS, AO OBSR. EST. 200 VN ON BANK OF RIVER AT YD6806; AO FIRED ROCKETS TO DISPERSE BOATS, BOATS DISPERSED TO "E".

B. TERRAIN: VERY STEEP; MOVEMENT ALMOST HAND OVER HAND AT END OF PATROL ROUTE. VERY THICK SECONDARY GROWTH 10'-12' HIGH, SINGLE CANOPY FROM 20'-60' HIGH. IN PIEDMONT REGION 4'-8' HIGH ELEPHANT GRASS, VERY EXPOSED TO HIGH GROUND. "N-S" RIDGE LINE TO "NE".

7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT AT YD758088, GOOD 1CH-46 ZONE, ON KNOLL 4'-6' SCRUB GROWTH. EXTRACT AT YD749092, VERY GOOD 1CH-46 ZONE, ON KNOLL, 4' GRASS. TRAILS AS SHOWN ON OVERLAY, 2' WIDE, WELL USED, PROBABLY USED WHILE PATROL WAS IN AREA. HARBOR SITE AT YD749087 (SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY) FRESH SITE, OLD BOMB CRATER DUG OUT TO BE USED TO HARBOR, 2 FIRE BEDS STILL HOT, USED

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WITHIN PREVIOUS 24 HOURS. GOOD OP OF SONG HUU TRACH AT YD749088, CAN OBSERVE FROM YD735103 TO YD784120, BUT MUCH DEFILADE TO EAST OF RIDGELINE RUNNING FROM YD755107, TO YD765093. GOOD OP AT YD748087, CAN OBSERVE ROAD, AND AT YD749087, CAN OBSERVE RIVER. OBSERVED MANY WOODCUTTERS IN PIEDMONT REGION HILL 424 POSSIBLY USED AS VC/NVA WAY STATION.

- 8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: N/A
- 9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD
- 10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: RIDGELINE IN GRID SQUARES YD7510 AND YD7609 GOOD OP OF SONG TAU TRACH BUT TOO OPEN TO MAN FOR EXTENDED PERIOD. RECOMMEND SMALLER TEAMS, MAXIMUM OF 8 MEN.
- 11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: NIGHT DEFENSIVE FIRES, GOOD

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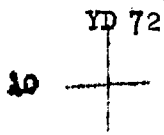
- 12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE
- 13. PATROL MEMBERS:

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~~PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY~~

~~LUNGA POINT~~



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