

OPERATION ORDER #78-68

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PHU BAI, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM  
050800H Mar 1968 10406

Ref: (a) Map(s), VIETNAM, Sheet(s) 6541 I  
(b) 1st Recon Bn 0 P03000.4  
(c) 1st Mar Div 0 P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)  
(d) 1st Mar Div 0 P003330.2 (Rules of Engagement)  
(e) Co Frag Order #78-68

Unit/Call Sign: SWIFT SCOUT F-5 Patrol Leader: SSGT GRIGGS

1. Situation: (a) See current INTSUM'S  
(b) See current OPSUM'S and PIR'S (S-2/S-3)  
(c) Attachments: NONE

2. Mission: Establish an observation post via ZD178059 and conduct surveillance operations within your assigned NFZ/FFZ to detect possible VC/NVA troop movement or arms infiltration in the Loo Tu Valley area. Be prepared to call and adjust arty/air on targets of opportunity in support of Operation Houston.

3. Extraction: Depart BALLPARK LZ at 060800H; insert via ZD178059. Extract at 121300H at via ZD174063.

(1) Ensure thorough coordination with 3d Bn 5th Mar Regt.

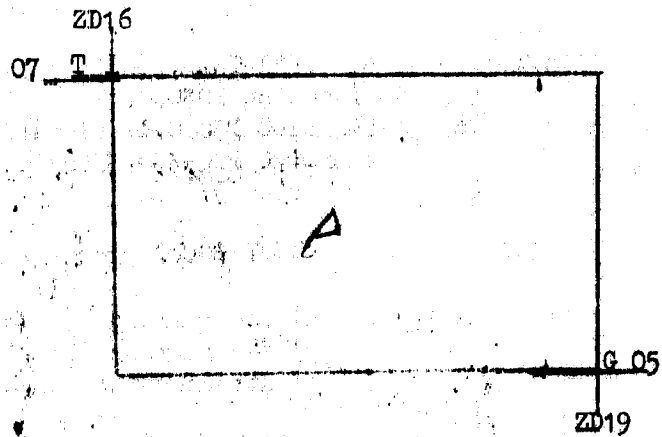
(2) Coordinate with arty to ensure maximum effectiveness. Special regard toward H&I, night defensive and counter battery fire.

4. Admin/Logistics: Reference (b), and verbal

5. Comm/Electronics: Primary Freq: 33.10 Alternate: 45.80  
Artillery: (a) PARTY SIGNAL "L" X-Ray 53.60 (155HOW)  
Radio Relay: NIGHT SCHOLAR ALPHA (PHU GIA)  
NIGHT SCHOLAR NOVEMBER (PHU LOO)

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PENALTY BOX  
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By direction

OPERATION ORDER: 78-68  
 PATROL: SWIFT SCOUT F-5  
 DEBRIEFER: GYSGT G.A. KOCH  
 MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000; AMS  
 L7014; SHEET 6541 I

1ST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE CO.  
 PHU BAI, RVN  
 DTG 131030H MAR 68

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 15 ENL  
 B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: 1 ENGINEER  
 C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC-25'S, STARLIGHT SCOPE, 1 M-49  
 D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: MINE DETECTOR PPS-6, M-60, 1 M-79

2. MISSION: ESTABLISH AN OBSERVATION POST VIC ZD178059 AND CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS WITHIN YOUR ASSIGNED NFZ/FFZ TO DETECT POSSIBLE VC/NVA TROOP MOVEMENT OR ARMS INFILTRATION IN THE LOC TU VALLEY AREA. BE PREPARED TO CALL AND ADJUST ARTY/AIR ON TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION HOUSTON.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 091110H/131011H

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: DURING 95 HOURS OF OBSERVATION THE PATROL MADE ONE SIGHTING OF 5 VC. NO FM CALLED DUE TO FRIENDLY FORCES IN AREA.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY: 121000H (169048) THE PATROL OBSERVED TWO SUSPECTS PLACING SOME TYPE OF PACKAGE ON THE EDGE OF CANOPY. SHORT TIME LATER PACKAGES WERE PICKED UP BY OTHER SUSPECTS. 5 WITH BLACK PJ AND 1 WITH GREEN UTILITIES. INFANTRY WAS NOTIFIED AND ATTEMPTED TO APPREHEND SUSPECTS. INFANTRY RECEIVED SA FIRE FROM CIVILIANS ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE IN BOAT. FRIENDLY RETURNED FIRE RESULTING IN 5 VC APPREHENDED IN THE BOAT. FM WAS CALLED INTO THE ABOVE COORD. WHERE SUSPECT PICKED UP PACKAGES. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

B. TERRAIN: MOUNTENOUS WITH ELEPHANT GRASS 2-3 FT HIGH. CANOPY 30 TO 40 FT AT LOWER ELEVATION.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

INSERT LZ AND EXTRACT LZ 179059. GOOD LZ. 1 CH-46 ZONE.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: EXCELLENT

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PPS-6 OUTSTANDING PEACE OF EQUIPMENT TO HAVE ON AN PERMANENT OP.

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: FAIR

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

SSGT GRIGGS	PATROL LEADER
SGT KELLY	SSGT GRIGGS
PFC ADAMS	
CPL THOMPSON	
LCPL ZUBKOW	
PFC WARDLOW	
PFC TREURNIET	
PFC COOK	
PFC COLUCCI	
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