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OPERATION ORDER #111-68

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1ST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY (REIN)
JUNTAI, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
251430H Mar 1968

Ref: (a) Map(s), VIETNAM, Sheet(s) 6541 I, II
(b) 1st Recon BnO P03000, 4
(c) 1st Mar DivO P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)
(d) 1st Mar DivO P003330.2 (Rules of Engagement)
(e) CoFragOrder msg #111468

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Unit/Call Sign: F-5 (SWIFT SCOUT) 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. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations within your assigned NFZ/FFZ to detect possible VC/NVA troop movement or arms infiltration in the Kun Sao Mountain area. Particular emphasis is to be placed on enemy storage areas, fortifications (trench lines, bunkers) harbor sites and trail networks in the Kun Sao Mountain Range. Also maintain surveillance to observe possible rocket launching sites, and mortar positions. Be prepared to call and adjust arty/air on targets of opportunity in support of Operation Houston.

3. Execution. Depart BALLPARK LZ at 270830H; insert via YD994004. Extract at 311330H via YD000012.

a. Coordinating Instructions.

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

(2) Ensure thorough coordination with 5th Mar Regt.

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

5. Comm/Electronics. Primary Freq: 47.00; Alternate: 33.1
Artillery: (a) HEAD GOLD 58.05 (105 & 155HOW)
(b) RUSH ACT "B" 40.50 (8" HOW)
(c) DATE PALM 40.50 (155 Guns)
Radio Relay: NIGHT SCHOLAR NOVEMBER
NIGHT SCHOLAR BRAVO

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CO, HMM-162
CO, HMM-364
CO, VMO-3
CO, MAG-36
CO, 220thAvnCo
CO, 155 Guns
CO, 1stFAG
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TF X-Ray FSCC
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S-3, 1stBrReconCo
BrReconCo
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OPERATION HOUSTON
 OPERATION ORDER: 111-68
 PATROL: SWIFT SCOUT F-5
 DEBRIEFER: GYSGT. G.A. KOCH
 MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000; AMS
 SHEET 6541 I & II

1ST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE CO. (REIN)
 PHU BAI, RVN
 DTG 311600H MAR 1968

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 12 ENL.
- B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
- C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC-25'S, 1 6x30
- D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1M-79, M-14

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS WITHIN YOUR ASSIGNED NFZ/FFZ TO DETECT POSSIBLE VC/NVA TROOP MOVEMENT OR ARMS INFILTRATION IN THE KUN SAC MOUNTAIN AREA. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS IS TO BE PLACED ON ENEMY STORAGE AREAS, FORTIFICATIONS (TRENCH LINES, BUNKERS) HARBOR SITES AND TRAIL NETWORKS IN THE KUN SAC MOUNTAIN RANGE. ALSO MAINTAIN SURVEILLANCE TO OBSERVE POSSIBLE ROCKET LAUNCHING SITES AND MORTAR POSITIONS. BE PREPARED TO CALL AND ADJUST ARTY/AIR ON TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION HOUSTON.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 270945H/311230H

4. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY

5. SYNOPSIS: DURING 99 HRS OF PATROLLING THE PATROL MADE NEGATIVE CONTACT OR OBSERVATION. NO FM CALLED IN SUPPORT OF THIS PATROL.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY: NONE

B. TERRAIN: VERY STEEP AND MOUNTAINOUS, VEGETATION VERY THICK, CANOPY 80 TO 100 FT. AT HIGH GROUND MOVEMENT WAS APPROX. 100 METERS PER HOUR. LOW GROUND 50 METERS PER HOUR.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT LZ ZD001015 EXCELLENT LZ MULTI CH-46 ZONE GRASS 3 TO 5 FT HIGH. GENERALLY. EXTRACT LZ YD993003 GOOD 3 CH-46 ZONE. LOW GROUND OLD RICE PADDY.

ZD005002 PATROL FOUND AN OLD HARBOR SITE APPROX 4-6 MONTHS OLD. THIS SITE COULD HAVE HELD UP TO 50 PEOPLE AT ONE TIME, NUMEROUS PLASTICS AND PAPER WRAPPINGS WERE FOUND IN THIS AREA.

ZD005004 PATROL LOCATED ONE LARGE TRAIL APPROX 3 FT WIDE, BUT IT WAS NOTED THAT THIS TRAIL HAD NOT BEEN USED FOR THE PAST 3 TO 4 MONTHS, TRAIL COULD NOT BE OBSERVED FROM THE AIR.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: VERY GOOD

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: N/A

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5TH PLT, 1ST FORCE RECON CO
PATROL LEADER

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

SSGT. GRIGGS
SGT. KELLY
CPL CICALESE
PFC ADAMS
PFC COOK
PFC BAILEY
CPL. THOMPSON
LCPL ZUBKOW
PFC SCHLODER
LCPL DUNLAP
PFC COLUCCI

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SWIFT SCOUT OVERLAY

