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OPERATION ORDER #178-68

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PHU BAI, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
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Ref: (a) Map(s), VIETNAM, Sheet(s) 6541 I, II
(b) 1stReconBnO P03000.4
(c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)
(d) 1stMarDivO P003330.2 (Rules of Engagement)
(e) CoFragOrder #178-68

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Unit/Call Sign: STONE PIT (F-5) Patrol Leader: SGT KELLY

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 southern Phu Loc Valley area. Particular emphasis is to be placed on locating and fixing enemy storage areas, fortifications (trench lines, bunkers), harbor sites, trails, and HLZ's in the area. Be prepared to call and adjust arty/air on targets of opportunity in support of Operation Houston.

3. Execution. Depart LZ 405 at 040800H; insert via ZC094956. Extract at 081330H via ZC093951.

a. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Coordinate with S-3, 1st FAG to ensure maximum effectiveness of supporting arms, including use of H&I, night defensive, "on-call", and counter-battery fires.

(2) Coordinate with S-3, 5th Mar (Rear) in order to establish close liaison with any infantry elements operating near the patrol's NFZ.

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

5. Comm/Electronics. Primary Freq: 47.0 Alternate: 33.1
Artillery: BEECH NUT "D" 58.05 (105 & 155 HOW)
Radio Relay: IMPRESSIVE NOVEMBER

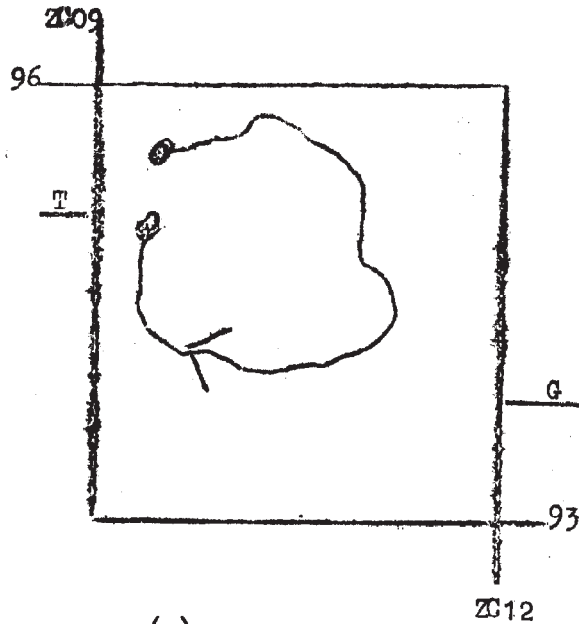
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OPERATION ORDER: 178-68
OPERATION: HOUSTON
PATROL: STONE PIT F-5
DEBRIEFER: GYSGT G.A. KOCH
MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000; AMS
L7014; SHEET 6541 I&II

1ST FORCERECONNAISSANCE CO. (REIN)
PHU BAI, RVN
DTG 101530H MAY 1968

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 7 ENL, 1 USN
- B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
- C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC-25'S, 1 7X50'S, 1 6X30'S
- D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79, 1 M-14

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS WITHIN YOUR ASSIGNED NFZ/TFZ TO DETECT POSSIBLE VC/NVA TROOP MOVEMENT OR ARMS INFILTRATION IN THE SOUTHERN PHU LOC VALLEY AREA. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS IS TO BE PLACED ON LOCATING AND FIXING ENEMY STORAGE AREAS, FORTIFICATIONS (TRENCH LINES, BUNKERS), HARBOR SITES, TRAILS, AND HLZ'S IN THE AREA. BE PREPARED TO CALL AND ADJUST ARTY/AIR ON TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION HOUSTON.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 050915H/101520H

4. ROUTE: (SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY)

5. SYNOPSIS: 127 HOURS OF PATROLLING AND OBSERVATION RESULTED IN NO CONTACTS OR SIGHTINGS. ONE FM CALLED IN SUPPORT OF THIS MISSION. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY: NONE

B. TERRAIN: EXTREMELY STEEP AND MOUNTAINOUS. VEGETATION THIN WITH CANOPY 60-75 FT. SLOPES WERE FROM 55-60°.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

INSERT LZ AND EXTRACT LZ AT ZC095960. GOOD 1 CH-46 ZONE. 2-3 INCHES GRASS;
071015H ZC109943. PATROL HEARD PEOPLE CUTTING BRUSH ON TRAIL. COULD NOT OBSERVE DUE TO UNDERGROWTH. CALLED FM OUTSTANDING COVERAGE RESULTS UNKNOWN.

ZC105955. PATROL FOUND WHAT LOOKED LIKE SOME TYPE OF AIMING STAKES POINTING TOWARDS THE LOC TU VALLEY. THERE WERE HOWEVER, NO INDICATION OF GUN EMPLACEMENTS AROUND. THE AREA HAD BEEN CLEARED OF BRUSH AND TREES OF AN AREA 20BY30 FT.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: OUTSTANDING

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

SSGT GRIGGS
CPL THOMPSON
CPL CICALESE
HM2 HILGENDORF
CPL SCHLODER
LCPL TREURNIET
LCPL DUNLAP
PFC WARDLOW

PATROL LEADER
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PATROL ROUTE

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