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OPERATION ORDER #193-68

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1ST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY (REIN)

PHU BAI, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

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Ref: (a) Map(s), VIETNAM, Sheet(s) 6541 II, III  
 (b) 1st Recon BnO P03000.4  
 (c) 1st Man DivO P0300.1F (Intelligence SOP)  
 (d) 1st Man DivO P003330.2 (Rules of Engagement)  
 (e) CoFragOrder #193-69

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Unit/Call Sign: STONE PIT (F-5) Patrol Leader: SSGT GRIGGS

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

2. Mission. Establish a radio relay site and observation post on Hill 897 (vic YC926968) and conduct surveillance operations within your assigned NFZ/FFZ to detect possible VC/NVA troop movement or arms infiltration in the Ben Tau area. Particular emphasis is to be placed on surveillance to observe possible rocket launching sites, mortar positions, storage areas, fortifications, and routes of access and egress. Emphasis is also to be placed on establishing a suitable HLZ and defensive positions on Hill 897. Be prepared to call and adjust arty/air on targets of opportunity in support of Operation Houston.

3. Execution. Depart LZ 405 at 150730H; insert vic YC926968. Extract at 191330H vic YC926968.

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) Ensure thorough coordination with the CO, A/1/5 who has been assigned the mission of providing the Bald Eagle capability. Special emphasis is to be placed on "link-up" procedures in the event it becomes necessary to employ the Bald Eagle.

(3) Notify the S-3, 1st Force Recon Co eight hours prior to the issuing of the patrol order in order that the CO, A/1/5 can be present for the issuing of the order.

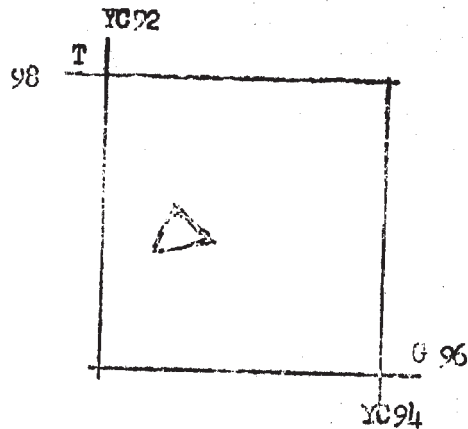
4. Admin/Logistics. Reference (b), and verbal.

5. Comm/Electronics. Primary Freq: 37.6 Alternate: 45.8  
 Artillery: SAND HURST 56.50 (155 Guns)  
 SAND HURST "A" 56.50 (155 Guns)  
 BEECHNUT "D" 45.35 (105 & 155 HOW)  
 Radio Relay: IMPRESSIVE BRAVO

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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 #193-68 Ch I

Unit/Call Sign: STONE PIT (F-5) Patrol Leader: CPL THOMPSON

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 southeastern 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 150830H; insert via ZC163969. Extract at 191330 via ZC164968.

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, 5thMar (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: (a) BEECHNUT "E" 58.05 (105 & 155HOW)  
 (b) BEECHNUT "F" 45.85 (155 HOW)  
 Radio Relay: IMPRESSIVE ALPHA  
 IMPRESSIVE NOVEMBER

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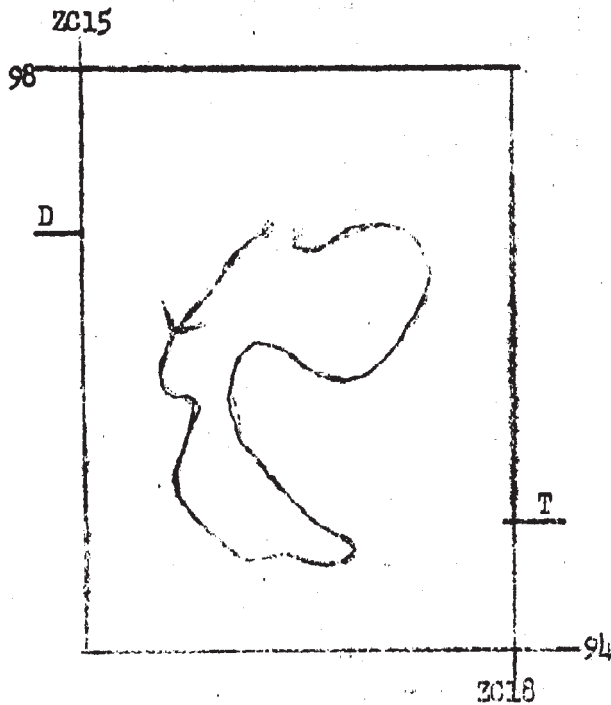
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PATROL: STONE PIT F-5  
OPERATION ORDER: 193-68 CH-1  
OPERATION: HOUSTON  
DEBRIEFER: GYSGT G.A. KOCH  
MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000; AMS  
L7014; SHEET 6541 I&II

1ST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE CO. (REIN)  
PHU BAI, RVN  
DTG 171200H MAY 1968

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:
  - A. COMPOSITION: 11 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-14, 2 M-79'S
2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS WITHIN YOUR ASSIGNED NFZ/TFZ TO DETECT POSSIBLE VC/NVA TROOP MOVEMENT OR ARMS INFILTRATION IN THE SOUTHEASTERN 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: 151120H/160825H 1ST INSERT.  
171110H/171200H 2ND INSERT.
4. ROUTE: N/A
5. SYNOPSIS: 20 HOURS OF PATROLLING RESULTED IN 3 NEC CASUALTIES, BY FRIENDLY H&I FIRE. 2ND INSERT RESULTED IN AN CONTACT WITH AN UNKNOWN FORCE OF VC/NVA PRIOR TO ACTUAL INSERTION. THIS CONTACT RESULTED IN 7 WIA'S.
6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - A. ENEMY: 171135H ZC155063. CH-46 WAS HOVERING IN THE LZ JUST READY TO LAND THE TEAM IN THE LZ, WHEN THE HELO WAS IN HOVERING POSITION 30 FT FROM LZ THE A/C RECEIVED INTENSE S/A AR AND MG FIRE, CALIBER UNKNOWN, FROM NOT MORE THAN 15-20 METERS FROM THE WEST AND SOUTHWEST. HELO PILOTS PULLED AIRCRAFT OUT OF THE LZ AND CRASHED LANDED HELO AT COORD ZD162008. MEMBERS OF PATROL RETURNED FIRE DURING THE INITIAL ACTION, WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. PATROL WAS PICKED UP BY THE SECOND CH-46 AND TAKEN TO MED BN IN PHU BAI.
  - B. TERRAIN: MOUNTAINOUS WITH STEEP ELEVATION. THICK SECONDARY GROWTH.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:

INSERT AND EXTRACT LZ AT ZC155068. GOOD CH-46 ZONE.

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THIS PATROL WAS INSERTED ON THE 15TH THE 1ST TIME. WHILE IN HARBOR SITE FOR THE NIGHT H&I FIRE WAS REQUESTED AND FIRED. 3 ROUNDS LANDED IN PATROL HARBOR SITE RESULTING IN ONE NEC KIA AND 2 NEC WIA. PATROL WAS EXTRACTED THE NEXT DAY AT 0625H.

THIS PATROL HAD 3 REPRESENTATIVES OF LUNCH MEAT (C-1-2) PATROL, AND ONE S-2 REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE OVERFLIGHT TO CHECK OUT THE TERRAIN, AND HLZ'S IN THEIR NFZ, AND THEY WERE INVOLVED IN THIS CONTACT.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 1 USMC NEC KIA, 2 USMC NEC WIA, 7 USMC WIA.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: FAIR

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: NONE USED

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

CPL THOMPSON  
SSGT GRIGGS WIA  
CPL CICALESE WIA  
LCPL DUNLAP  
HM2 HILGENDORF NEC WIA  
CPL SCHLODER WIA  
LCPL TREURNIET WIA  
PFC WARDLOW WIA  
LCPL SEARS  
CPL MURPHY NEC KIA  
CPL BLACKWELL  
CPL ENEGRAD WIA  
CPL KEARNEY S-2 O/F WIA  
SGT STAIR LUNCH MEAT (C-1-2) O/F WIA

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