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OPERATION ORDER #221-68

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PHU BAI, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
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Ref: (a) Map(s), VIETNAM, Sheet(s) 6541 III, IV
(b) 1stReconBnO P03000.4
(c) 1stMarDivO P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)
(d) 1stMarDivO P003330.2 (Rules of Engagement)
(e) CoFragOrder #221-68

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

1. Situation. (a) See current INTISUM'S
(b) See current OPSUM'S and PIR'S
(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 vicinity of Hill 144. Particular emphasis is to be placed on locating and fixing enemy storage areas, fortifications (trench lines, bunkers), harbor sites and the direction and trafficability of trails in the area. Be prepared to call and adjust arty/air in support of Operation Houston.

3. Execution. Depart LZ 405 at 310730H; insert via YD886019. Extract at 041300H via YC885985.

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 5thMarRegt, who have been assigned the mission of providing the Bald Eagle capability. Special emphasis will be placed on "link-up" procedures in the event it becomes necessary to employ the Bald Eagle.

(3) Ensure that you visit 5th Marines COC to find out any information that the 5th Marines may have on this area, including possible operations in the vicinity of your NFZ/FFZ.

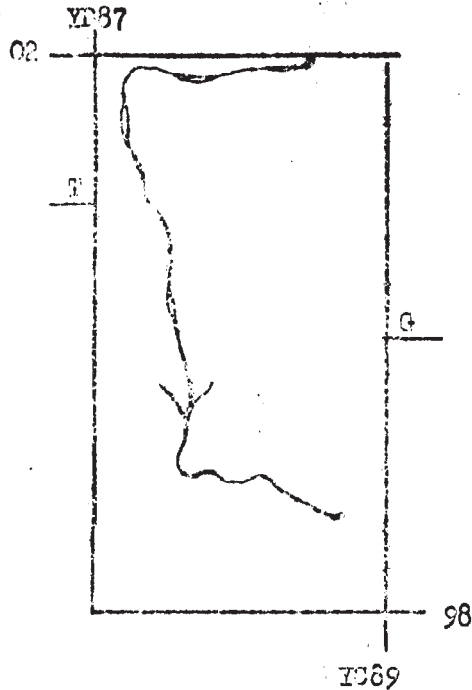
4. Admin/Logistics. Reference (b), and verbal.

5. Comm/Electronics. Primary Freq: ^{44.7}~~37.6~~ Alternate: 33.1
Artillery: (a) SAND HURST 56.50 (155 Guns)
(b) BEECHNUT "D" ^{45.35}~~45.35~~ (105 & 155 HOW)
Radio Relay: IMPRESSIVE BRAVO
AO: COWPOKE 34.5

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OPERATION: HOUSTON

PATROL: STONE PIT (F-5)

DEBRIEFER: CPL. W.D. KEARNEY

MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000; AMS

L7014; SHEET 6541 III & IV

1ST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY (REIN)

PHU DAI, RVN

DTG 040900H JUNE 1968

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 10 ENL.
- B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
- C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC-25'S, 1 6x30
- D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-14, 1 M-79

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS WITHIN YOUR ASSIGNED NFZ/FFZ TO DETECT POSSIBLE VC/NVA TROOP MOVEMENT OR ARMS INFILTRATION IN THE VICINITY OF HILL 144. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS IS TO BE PLACED ON LOCATING AND FIXING ENEMY STORAGE AREAS, FORTIFICATIONS (TRENCH LINES, BUNKERS), HARBOR SITES AND THE DIRECTION AND TRAFFICABILITY OF TRAILS IN THE AREA. BE PREPARED TO CALL AND ADJUST ARTY/AIR IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION HOUSTON.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 310730H/040830H

4. ROUTE: (SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY)

5. SYNOPSIS: THIS PATROL COVERED A PERIOD OF 97 HOURS WITH NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS OR CONTACTS. NO FM CALLED IN SUPPORT OF THIS MISSION.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

- A. ENEMY: N/A.
- B. TERRAIN: GENTLY SLOPING FINGER, WITH CANOPY 30-40 FT HIGH. NUMEROUS VINES AND THORNS. MOVEMENT APPROX. 300 METERS PER HOUR.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT LZ YD887022- GOOD MULTI CH-46 ZONE. LOW ELEPHANT GRASS. EXTRACT LZ YG887997- GOOD MULTI CH-46 ZONE. OPEN AREA.

YD879013- PATROL FOUND NUMEROUS FIGHTING HOLES. THESE FIGHTING HOLES WERE VERY OLD, AND ABANDONED FOR SOMETIME.

YG879993- PATROL FOUND 5 FIGHTING HOLES, AND A MG PIT. THESE WERE OLD FIGHTING HOLES AND MG PIT. NO SIGNS OF RECENT USE IN AREA.

OP'S: YG884990- GOOD OBSERVATION OF ENTIRE VALLEY TO "SE".

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: N/A.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: NONE USED.

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. PATROL MEMBERS:

SSGT. GRIGGS, T.H.
SGT. NOITE, L.
CPL. THOMPSON, D.B.
LCPL THEURNIET, T.E.
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