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OPERATION ORDER #272-68

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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
(b) 1stReconBnO FO3000.4
(c) 1stMarDivO F3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)
(d) 1stMarDivO P003330.2 (Rules of Engagement)
(e) CoBnagOrder #272-68

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Unit/Call Sign: STONE PIT F-5 Patrol Leader: SGT THOMPSON

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

2. Mission. Conduct reconnaissance and surveillance operations within your assigned HAVEN to detect possible VC/NVA troop movement or arms infiltration in the vicinity of Route 545 and Dong Kijao. Particular emphasis is to be placed on locating and firing enemy storage areas, fortifications (trench lines, bunkers), harbor sites and the direction and trafficability of trails in the area. Emphasis is also placed on setting up an ambush and attempt to capture a prisoner if possible. Be prepared to call and adjust arty/air on targets of opportunity in support of Operation Houston.

3. Execution. Depart LZ 405 at 290730H; insert via YG974856. Extract at 021300H via YG944867.

a. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Coordinate with S-3, 1st FAG to ensure maximum effectiveness of supporting arms, including use of 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.

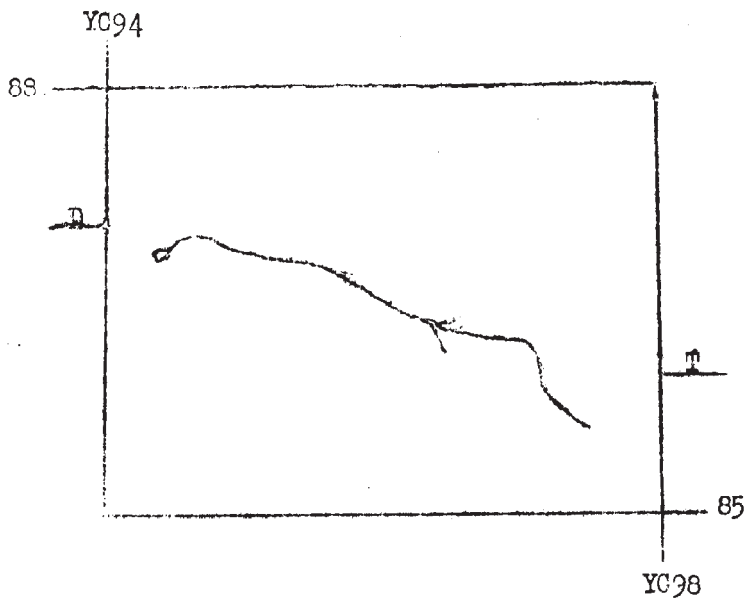
(3) Ensure coordination with 5th Marines COO to gain any knowledge they have of this area, and any units that they may have in this area.

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

5. Comm/Electronics. Primary Freq: 33.1 Alternate: 44.7
Artillery: SAND HURST "A" 56.50 (155 Guns)
Radio Relay: IMPRESSIVE BRAVO
IMPRESSIVE DELTA
Air Observer: COWPOKE 34.5
1/5 Tac Net 62.15 (MILLBROOK)

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OPERATION ORDER: 272-68
OPERATION: HOUSTON
PATROL: STONE PIT (F-5)
INDEPENDENT: GYSOT, G.A. KOCH
MAPS: VUENAM 1:50,000; AMS
L7014; SHEET 6541 III

1ST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY (REIN)
PHU BAI, RVN
DTG 011700H JULY 1968

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 11 ENL. 1 USN.
- B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE
- C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 3 PRC-25'S, 1 7x50, 1 6x30
- D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-14, 1 M-79

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS WITHIN YOUR ASSIGNED HAVEN TO DETECT POSSIBLE VC/NVA TROOP MOVEMENT OR ARMS INFILTRATION IN THE VICINITY OF ROUTE 545 AND DONG KIJAO. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS IS TO BE PLACED ON LOCATING AND FIXING ENEMY STORAGE AREAS, FORTIFICATIONS (TRENCH LINES, BUNKERS), HARBOR SITES AND THE DIRECTION AND TRAFICABILITY OF TRAILS IN THE AREA. EMPHASIS IS ALSO PLACED ON SETTING UP AN AMBUSH AND ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER IF POSSIBLE. BE PREPARED TO CALL AND ADJUST ARTY/AIR ON TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION HOUSTON.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 290755H/011700H

4. ROUTE: (SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY)

5. SYNOPSIS: 57 HOURS OF PATROLLING AND OBSERVATION RESULTED IN ONE CONTACT WITH TWO NVA. NO FM CALLED IN SUPPORT OF THIS MISSION. ONE USMC WIA AS A RESULT OF CONTACT.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY: 011500H (YC949865) PATROL WAS MOVING TOWARDS THEIR AMBUSH POSITION, WHEN THEY MADE CONTACT WITH TWO NVA. THE NVA OPENED FIRE ON PATROL WITH AK-47'S RESULTING IN ONE USMC WIA (MINOR). CLOTHING COULD NOT BE OBSERVED DUE TO HEAVY VEGETATION. REAR SECURITY OPENED FIRE RESULTING IN ONE NVA KIA PROB.

B. TERRAIN: MOUNTAINOUS WITH STEEP CLIFFS. VEGETATION WAS VERY THICK. CANOPY WAS 80-120 FT HIGH. CLOSE TO ROAD IT WAS 20-30 FT HIGH.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: INSERT LZ YC973856, STREAMBED GOOD CH-46 ZONE. ROCKS AND GRASS. EXTRACT LZ YC949865, POOR CH-46 ZONE. NUMEROUS STUMPS IN THIS LZ. SHOULD ONLY BE USED FOR AN EMERGENCY.

TRAILS: ONE WELL USED TRAIL WAS FOUND. THIS TRAIL WAS 4 FT WIDE IN SOME LOCATIONS. TRAIL COULD NOT BE OBSERVED FROM THE AIR.

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290910H (YC973857) PATROL FOUND 5 FIGHTING HOLES. IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT THESE HOLES HAD NOT BEEN USED IN THE PAST YEAR.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: 1 NVA KIA PROB. BY S/A.
1 USMC WIA MINOR.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: VERY GOOD

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: NONE USED

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE

SSGT. GRIGGS

5TH PLT, 1ST FORCE RECON CO (REIN)

13. SELECT MUNITIONS: NO

PATROL LEADER

14. PATROL MEMBERS:

DISTRIBUTION LIST:

SSGT. GRIGGS

SGT. THOMPSON

CPL. ZUBKOW

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LCPL SEARS

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LCPL ADAMS

LCPL RAMEY

HN ZWICK

PTC BAKER

PTC COOPER

CPL. McEVROY (WIA MINOR)

C.G. 1ST MAR DIV (REIN) (1)

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G-2 1ST MAW (1)

G-2 TEXRAY (1)

G-3 TEXRAY (1)

TEXRAY AO (1)

CO, I CORPS ADV GROUP (ATTN: G-2) (1)

CO, 1ST RECON BN. (1)

S-2 1ST RECON BN. (1)

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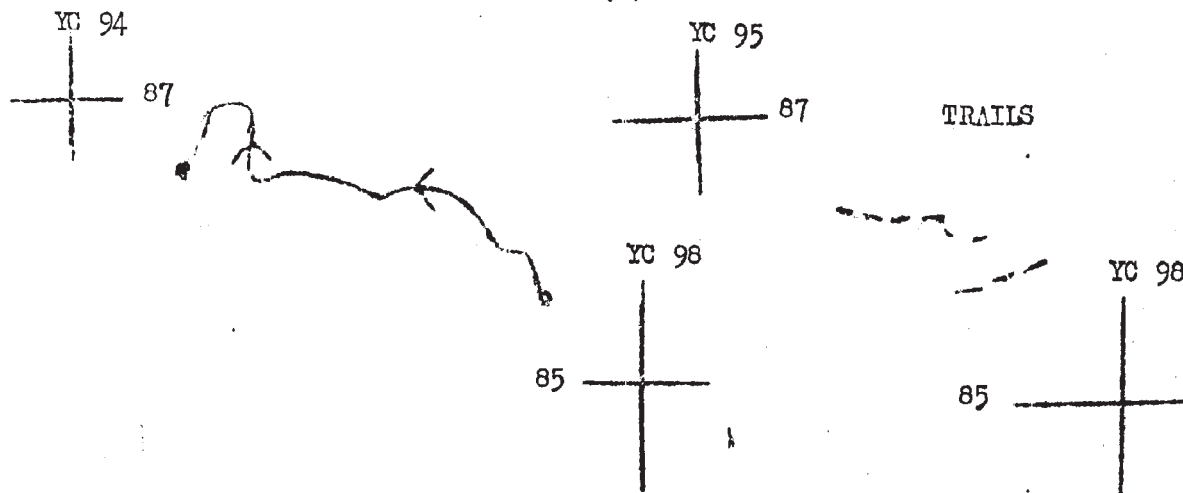
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PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY

STONE PIT



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