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OPERATION ORDER #324-68

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1ST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY (REIN)  
PHU BAI, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM  
180700H July 1968

Ref: (a) Map(s), VIETNAM, Sheet(s) 6541 II, III  
(b) 1st Recon Bn O P03000.4  
(c) 1st Mar Div O P3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)  
(d) 1st Mar Div O P003330.2 (Rules of Engagement)  
(e) Co Frag Order #324-68

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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 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 Hill 248. Particular emphasis is to be placed on locating and fixing enemy storage areas, fortifications (trench lines, bunkers), harbor sites and the direct and trafficability of trails 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 200700H; insert via YC875909.  
Extract at 231300H via YC903897.

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 5th Mar Regt who have been assigned the mission of providing the Bald Eagle capability.

(3) Ensure coordination with the 5th Marine COG to gain any knowledge that they may have of this area and any units that they have operating in this area.

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

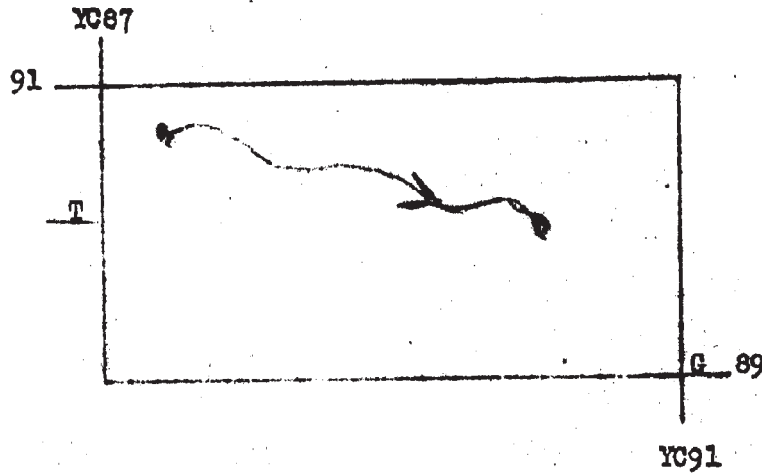
5. Comm/Electronics. Primary Freq: 33.1 Alternate: 44.7  
Artillery: SAND HURST "A" 46.50 (155 Guns)  
Radio Relay: IMPRESSIVE DELTA  
Air Observer: COWPOKE 34.5  
3/5 Tac Net: 43.05 (SEASIDE)

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OPERATION: HOUSTON

PATROL: STONE PIT (F-5)

DEBRIEFER: GYSTG G.A. KOCH

MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000; AMS

L7014; SHEET 6541 II&III

1ST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY (REIN)

PHU BAI, RVN

DTG: 241300H JULY 1968

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

A. COMPOSITION: 8 ENL, 1 USN

B. SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS: NONE

C. COMM. AND OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT: 2 PRC-25'S, 1 7X50'S, 1 6X30

D. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: 1 M-79, 1 M-14

2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE AND SUIVEILLANCE OPERATIONS WITHIN YOUR ASSIGNED HAVEN TO DETECT POSSIBLE VC/NVA TROOP MOVEMENT OR ARMS INFILTRATION IN THE VICINITY OF HILL 248. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS IS TO BE PLACED ON LOCATING AND FIXING ENEMY STORAGE AREAS, FORTIFICATIONS (TRENCH LINES, BUNKERS), HARBOR SITES AND THE DIRECT AND TRAFFICABILITY OF TRAILS IN THE AREA. BE PREPARED TO CALL AND ADJUST ARMY/AIR ON TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION HOUSTON.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 211536H/241155H

4. ROUTE: (SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY)

5. SYNOPSIS: 68 HOURS OF PATROLLING AND OBSERVATION RESULTED IN NO CONTACTS OR SIGHTING WITH THE ENEMY. NO FM CALLED IN SUPPORT OF THIS MISSION.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY: N/A

B. TERRAIN: ROLLING HILLS WITH THICK SECONDARY BRUSH. VEGETATION CONSISTED OF VINES THORNS AND ELEPHANT GRASS. MOVEMENTS WAS RESTRICTED TO 100 METERS PER HOUR.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

INSERT LZ: YC874911. POOR CH-46 ZONE. BRUSH 12-15 FT HIGH. SHOULD NOT BE USED AGAIN. EXTRACT LZ. YC901898 FAIR 1 CH-46 ZONE. ELEPHANT GRASS UP TO 15 FT HIGH. TRAILS: NUMEROUS SMALL ANIMAL TRAILS WHERE FOUND, BUT NONE HAD BEEN HUMAN MADE.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: GOOD

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: NONE USED

12. COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE

13. SELECT MENTIONS: NO

14. PATROL MEMBERS: SSGT GRIGGS  
SGT THOMPSON  
CPL ZUBKOW  
CPL PELUG  
LCPL TREURNIET  
LCPL ADAMS  
LCPL BANEY  
EIN ASSGE  
PFC WARDLOW

PATROL LEADER: SSGT GRIGGS  
5TH PLT, 1ST FORCE RECON CO. (REIN)

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87  
92 +

STONE PIT PATROL ROUTE

91  
+ 90