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OPERATION ORDER #341-68

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1ST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY (JIN)

PHU BAI REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

281030H JULY 1968

- Ref: (a) Map(s), VIETNAM, Sheet(s) 6541 I & IV
 (b) 1st Recon Bn PO3000.4
 (c) 1st Mar Div PO3800.1F (Intelligence SOP)
 (d) 1st Mar Div PO03330.2 (Rules of Engagement)
 (e) CoFrag Order #341-68

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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 HAVERN to detect possible VC/NVA troop movement or arms infiltration in the vicinity of Hill 244. Particular emphasis is to be placed on locating and fixing enemy storage areas, fortifications (trench lines, bunkers), harbor sites and 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 adjust arty/air on targets of opportunity in support of Operation Houston.

3. Execution. Depart LZ 405 at 290700H; insert vic YD945008. Extract at 021300H vic YD926020.

a. Coordinating Instructions

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

(2) Ensure thorough coordination with the 26th Mar Regt who have been assigned the mission of providing the Bald Eagle capability.

(3) Ensure coordination with the 26th Marine COG to gain any knowledge that they may have of this area and any units that they have operating in this area.

(4) Coordinate with S-3 for an alternate zone, fixed wing prep of insert zone and a false prep.

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

5. Comm/Electronics. Primary Freq: 37.6 Alternate 44.7

Artillery: BEECH NOT "D" 75.75 (105 HOW)

JACKSONVILLE "A" 55.35 (155 HOW)

LUNGA POINT "L" 63.65 (155 HOW)

SAND MUST 56.50 155 Guns

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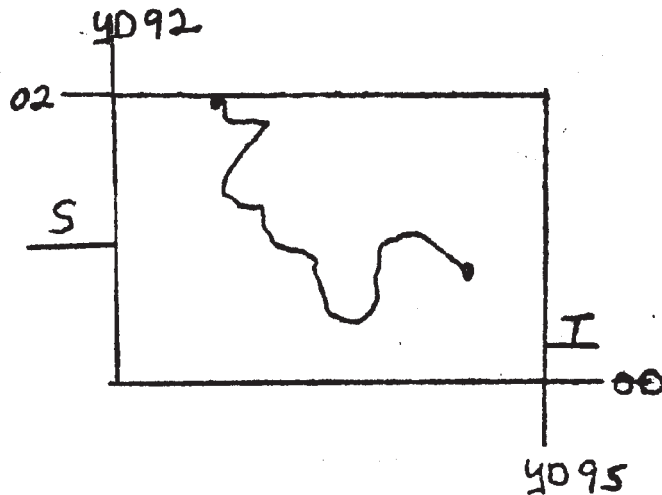
Radio Relay: TENNESSEE DELTA

Air Observer: COMPOKE 43.05

1/26 Tac Net 67.35 (BLACKBUD)

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OPERATION ORDER: 341-68
OPERATION: HOUSTON
PATROL: STONE PIT (F-5)
DEBRIEFER: CPL W.D. KEARNEY
MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000; AMS
L7014; SHEET 6541 I&IV

1ST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY (REIN)
PHU BAI, RVN
DTG: 030900H AUG 1968

PATROL REPORT

1. SIZE, COMPOSITION AND EQUIPMENT:

- A. COMPOSITION: 7 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 HAVEN TO DETECT POSSIBLE VC/NVA TROOP MOVEMENT OR ARMS INFILTRATION IN THE VICINITY OF HILL 244. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS IS TO BE PLACED ON LOCATING AND FIXING ENEMY STORAGE AREAS, FORTIFICATIONS (TRENCH LINES, BUNKERS), HARBOR SITES AND 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 ADJUST ARTY/AIR ON TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION HOUSTON.

3. TIME OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN: 290700H/030830H

4. ROUTE: (SEE PATROL ROUTE OVERLAY)

5. SYNOPSIS: 125½ HOURS OF PATROLLING AND OBSERVATION RESULTED IN ONE CONTACT WITH 1 VC/NVA. NO FM CALLED IN SUPPORT OF THIS MISSION.

6. OBSERVATION OF ENEMY AND TERRAIN:

A. ENEMY: 011245H YD933012 TEAM WAS ON A WELL USED TRAIL WHEN ONE VC/NVA, DRESSED IN LIGHT GREEN UTILITIES, AND NO WEAPON APPEARED ON THE TRAIL. TEAM FIRED S/M AND THREW 1 M-26 GRENADE AT THE VC/NVA. THE VC/NVA TURNED AND RAN. RESULTS ARE UNKNOWN.

B. TERRAIN: CANOPY WAS APPROX 20FT HIGH. THICK SECONDARY GROWTH. MOVEMENT WAS APPROX 200 METERS PER HOUR.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

INSERT LZ: YD945008 GOOD MULTI CH-46 ZONE. SHORT GRASS. EXTRACT LZ: YD929024: GOOD MULTI CH-46 ZONE ON TOP OF SMALL KNOLL, WITH SHORT GRASS. TRAILS: TEAM FOLLOWED THIS TRAIL FROM YD945008 TO YD929024. THE TRAIL WAS WELL USED, AND SHOWED SIGNS OF RECENT USE. IN MOST PLACES THE TRAIL COULD BE OBSERVED FROM THE AIR.

010800H YD937011 TEAM WAS TAKING A BREAK WHEN THEY HEARD 2 VC/NVA TALKING. THE VC/NVA MOVED ON, AND THE TEAM TOOK A DIFFERENT ROUTE OF MARCH. TEAM DID NOT CALL FM DUE TO CLOSENESS OF ENEMY TO TEAM. ALSO TEAM FOUND A SCRAP OF PAPER WHEN THEY HEARD THE VC/NVA.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: UNKNOWN

9. CONDITION OF PATROL: EXCELLENT

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

11. EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTING ARMS: NONE USED

12. COMMENTS BY DESIGNEER: NONE

13. SELECT MUNITIONS: NO

14. PATROL MEMBERS: SGT THOMPSON
CPL ING
CPL PHUNG
LCPL RABBY
LCPL TWECK
LCPL WARDLOW
LCPL WILSON

PATROL LEADER:
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