PATROL REPORT

To: GR 397667
Map: XA BINH BA (SE)

A. 2 Sgts 10 OR's
B. To locate and destroy a blind in area Grid 3966
C. Ø8103Ø
D. Ø816Ø5
E. From drop off point at Grid 421662 to Grid 408667, a track and creek junction. From Grid 404659 to 414652, RV for playtime.

F. Track from 421662 bearing North North West for 350m approx, then turning West, is used daily by local Vietnamese Bullock Carts and is approx 8' wide. Evidence of use by a tracked vehicle is very prominent. At track junction GR 398669 the track is starting to become overgrown. The Southern branch of this track junction, peters out to a 18" foot pad bearing to the South East. It extends to GR 40996559. From GR 40996559 to GR 413655 is a vehicle track linking up the two tracks which is not shown on this Map. Ground conditions along my infiltration route is generally dry, except for GR 411667, which has developed into a bog by local Bullock carts. However, at this time, it is relatively dry.

G. Evidence of suspected enemy in GR 398667. Force of 20 to 30 men approx. Time, Ø81247.

H. See para foxtrot.

I. Observed enemy booby trap sign 40m North West of blind CBU Bomb at GR 398667. This marker was made of Bamboo, sharpened at one end and this sharp end was pointing away from the blind, which on investigation by myself, was found to be boobytrapped.
A second sign, foreign to me, which may or may not signify anything, was 60m to the South West of the booby trap, and was on the right hand verge of the track looking South Easterly. It was a number of very bright coloured straws, approx 3½" long. Laying flat on the ground side by side forming a square approx size 8"x8".

J. As I thought that the booby trap was in a too dangerous condition to attempt further investigation as to the type of charge buried under the blind. I received permission to destroy the booby trap by use of explosives and this was done at 031255 and was 100% effective. On proving the demolition, no evidence of the booby trap remained in that location.

k. Good, NTR.

L. The Patrol was 100% effective in its layed down task. However, this wide track offers very good ambush positions and I feel should be exploited from GR 421662 to GR 39756690 to its fullest extent. But as it is a busy direct civilian access route for their Bullock carts, the Rules for Engagement must be fully adhered to and policed.

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EUGBY TRAP INCIDENT 612 RF COY

1. At 061800H the US MAT team was shown a booby trap in the mountains held of the 612 RF compound at YS 282639.

2. The booby trap was deactivated by two members of 1 Pl. 4th and destroyed at 071500H.

3. Description. The booby trap consisted of 3 x 100mm claymore and approx 1 to 2 lb of cheese TNT which was mixed with dirt and well wrapped in a brown sand bag with bamboo and bamboo matting. There were two fuses and detonators, one of which had been set and had failed to activate the detonator.

4. There was a hole in the roof of the building in which it was found and the soldiers in the 612 compound stated that it was thrown through this hole. Both the US MAT team and I do not believe this to be true after a study of the hole and the final position of the booby trap.

5. Background.

a. Approx 12 Jul 69 when 616 RF Coy was in the compound two unknown explosions destroyed the coy office at about 2000 hrs.
Two RF soldiers - The Coy Camel was placed in jail because of this incident.

5. On the 11th of Aug 69 another unknown explosion destroyed a tunnel near the gates into the compound. At this time the compound was occupied by 612 RF Coy.

5. Conclusion. The V.S. Med team living in the compound believes that these are members of the old 576 coy who transferred to 612 RF Coy when the Coy changed locations. They also believe that all these explosions and this deadly trap was originated from inside the compound.

I believe that there are VC living in 612 RF Coy Compound

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