

vc scuba gear in I corps; no estimate of vc taxes.

vc. boat 2000 bushels; moored at thanh phu; still moored;  
must be midshipmen, white and blue canvas caps;

500 bushel boat, 35 feet long. don't know 2000; metal boat.,  
known source but no known evidence. thanh phu secret zone.

in III corps, only 1 meal a day; police up empty brass.

s sometime vc not only stomp OP in the ground, but dig it  
out and dump dirt into canal. cv a crater--add insult to  
injury--string up the bodies.

april, 1966, first patrol.

pbr; 31 foot long, 10' 8" wide; 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  tons.

2 V-6 diesel engines; 220 hp.

2 juczuzzi jet pumps by oakland--used to make whirlpool baths;  
spins the water

3 .50 cal; 1 M-60 mg; 3\*M16; 1 shotgun; 1 60 mm. mortar;

M72 rocket

very little armor plating; cubicle around steering,  $\frac{1}{2}$  :  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch  
thing steel plating; 14  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch fibreglass; won't stop anything;  
give you confidenc; co ld stop a 30 cal.

7 $\frac{1}{2}$  tons fully loaded with engine, pumps, amo; can buy in us for  
\$16,000 without pumps nice sports boat, little cabine on it.

navy experience with fibreglass hulls in LCVP; landing craft  
no rust, easy to keep up; cuts wt in  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; cheap; easy to fix;  
don't have to scrap bottom of the hull.

25-30 knots; 1.8 naut. mile 6080 miles.

cabin cruiser, water skiing, pleasure craft.; eliminates  
propeller getting tangled in weeds and no rudder. draws 6" of water.



can't bring in 150 ton trawler up bass, but can move 1 little sampan.

rice can't smuggle rice up to the war zones, short of food  
1 sampan now--500 to 100 before; have cut his lateral transport  
line; have several them in 4 places, vc. are aware of us;  
have good intell and counintell; and patrol patterns, don't go  
into exact spot every night. don't go down same canal twice; vc  
have the weapons to knock out these boats and proved this; patent  
ability to cut boats.

tidal canals, shallow during low tide in dry season; take adv.  
of this when the best time for vc to move; patrol certain areas at  
certain times.

vc in deta is fat but brother in III corps might starve a little.  
shoot at ~~xx~~ psywar speakers.

no mines on major rivers; mining of pbr last week. use mines  
on small channel where boat has to go; use canal blocks; logs  
would rip hull of the boat; mines least worry; most worry is rr;  
high velocity; b-40--nost that much. good gunners with rr; at  
2 km. if he's expert, lucily not that ~~xxxx~~ many experts; have had  
boats hit at 500 yards; boat close to bank.

commander boats; in heavy vc areas, they may have own boats,  
~~LEON~~ ~~ix~~ any delta movement across river is not own free movement  
at will.

10: go down small canals, stop vertical movement.

wait 3-4 days if pbr in area; yet their op. depend on timetables.

when there's a big crossing, time of mo; no moon, use a high

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tide, can op. on smaller canals generally pass watchtowers and outposts,  
put harrassin fire on ~~m~~ them, moving in no. direction; we dk which can  
will use, but we use more sophisticated equipment and intensive patrols.



fibreglass made from a mold; pour you a boat, can stamp them like cookie cutter--like artificial snow on xmas trees.

fill holes with fg filler; and take fg sheeting, sand it and cement it; patch like intertube on coro; honecombed, seamstress, rather than mechanics, sheeting in out wts.

\$1000 boston whaler, used 16" long; listening posts, ambushes; vn call them the green dragon or the river monsters. at first scared to death of them. when all guns are firing at night, it looks like a real devil coming out; at first people were scared to death, til we handed out soap aspirin and johnson band-aid sets.

we cut vc taxes; people dump bananas and cantaloupes; no tax collection on upper ham long when we left; used to take 60% of the boat--had to giet in firefight once a day to stop it.

captured vc sampans at nite and tie to fish stake; heard sampan, pbr would illuminate him, now using boston whalers.

aircraft carrier is now a hc pad. it is a unit of the fleet--it is in Jane's and has a pix of it.

battleship, cruiser, destroyer, destroyer escort, minesweep and PBR as to class of vessel; that 16 foot boston whaler will be the last of the line.

bug fkat sq big flat square box-- barge with a boom, lst.

tt ca ti-ti canal, patrol officer made first invasion; jameson straits, lt. jr. names on our charts, codenames, nickname for river; tan dinh became ti-ti- island, if you want to fight go behind tan dinh island.

vc sign: stay off the water from 6 a.m. to 6 a.m.--keep off the water; if someone disobeys, military section can not guarantee life.



highly maneuverable; in max speed, it can turn 180 degrees in its own length 30 feet--could throw you out of the boat.

fiberglass absorbs impact of 45 cal. pistol at 15' won't penetrate it; distributes so rapidly that the bullet can enter. tremendous amt. of air in fiberglass--synthetic; like housing insulation and sound proofing materials. \$85,000 ea. with all machinery, except weapons and radio. especially made engines.

rathon 1900 radar, used in sportscarft, civil radar, max. range of 16 miles, part of navig. system of pleasure boats.

different carrier sailor or destroyer and hel'll get sick had carrier sailors, destroyer sailors, 1st sailaors, crusisers and put them on pbr they all get sick in choppy water.

can't be used in real deep water--big waves wold dunk it. they will not sink--can blow it up to little pieces and the little pieces will float away, but can't sink it.

styrofoam for ballast, to strengthen the engine and for floatation; 4 ft. of hardened styrofoma; like a rock; add strength to the hull and lt. wt. cut hole in bottom of boat, water would come in, but pumps 18" in diam 44 rr hole, pumps it out faster than sink in.

burned to the water edge, direct hit in fuel tank, ripped thing apart; engine fell out, burned it up; sept 28, it sunk; sept 28; blew peopl out of boat; never got it out of the water.

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MEMORANDUM



Crossing river, —————

Unusual. Collected 1 Songpar.

2-3 Songpar sitting together.

if talk - any collect.

Unusual.

VN E reaction -

A river, road.

they learn to trust 1 A.

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E. Sukin & Help. ———

ing. Do ——— 1 hour.  
pink & dog. Farmer ——— to collect

know ——— of water tank

4 hrs. - VC. tax etc.

VC. platoon - open 1200m or

little c. - (unit) cong.

V.C. 1

2 VC 20 ———  
J.

Green dealer

Songpar with 2

m. on radar



the navy looks at us like a bad dream. the blue water sailors  
eighty mile inland--every dollar up in installation is anathema to  
navy dept. we can't stand at ridge attention--there are different  
forms of different water warfare and we'd better learn to  
fight them. no one can challenge us on the open sea.

vc px. candy hair tonic; vc aid station; blocking  
force for ground sweeps.

ti-ti canal

one boat at sadec burned down to the water level, but  
only in the back; in front has foam.

ferry biats across the bassac--like old missippishowboats,  
with screw stedve waterwheel for cars, trucks, pigs, bassengers  
and bikes.

In John Paul Jones' days we used to say the navy had wodden  
ships and iron men. then we got iron ships; now we're going  
back to the wooden ship era.

resupply outposts, kids swarm around etc.

moving down a slot.

Miesses mire. nuess&s Nure miess's mire. kids put up  
~~ve~~ gvn flag. he was first to go in.

10: check id cards, which river people keep in tin cans.

\$30-40 outboard motors on sampans. water taxis, ice  
surrounded by rice hulls

blockade of coconut trees and mud--only big enough for  
sampans to go through--people living hiding from river bank.

sppl spooky canal--but they get worse. this has turned into  
one *you lawyer and - J. on horseback.*



E carry out, fleg.

VC. Control - Stollow - Kidaway.  
Planes.

- Stores float on empty oil drums.

Sanyon entrance to PBR.

2 10 Hp. engine - fuel - y out.

- false floors in Sanyon.

the — Stollow, backwaters,  
— the VC. influence.

Houses on stilts.

- Smugglers - up 2 Monjists.

asko abt. little boy w. pus —  
out of eyes. - med from 2x a wk.

PBR - only contact w. outside  
world.

magic show - lantern & clothes.  
Childrens festival.  
w. Sibs. - fift books -



PBR - Heavily armed - but not heavily  
armored. - narrow utility. - fuel tank.

- VC. for collection ) Hanoi  
4000 miles of roads.

PBR. medium -  
3-4 million a day.

Juliet Canal.

12-14 hr. long patrols.



Stabilizing all major rivers in Delta.  
all fingers of Mekong.

120 PBR - up to 200. 0 yr.

3 LST. -

100% <sup>pure</sup> US. N. op. in Delta.

80. + 100,000 VC. in Delta.

resupply  0 units to K.H.  
VC. try to cut Sgn.  Delta.

- VC. Commander Saigon & wife.  
- pull Steel Hat over your feet.



it's the kids that make this whole thing worthwhile and if we are going to win it, will be right here. 959 kids in school, organized pta, f navy furnished balckboards, will get them this week., chalf, books, pens, pencil, paper.

the only hope is the kids. masonic people at home smend me \$500 amo.. i put soap out a few days ago and I got mobbed; soap is a big thing.; sent a gross of ballpoint pens. school--had a bldg, but dirt floor with animals running over it. we got cement 20 gag bags and they do all the work. sap sampan restaurants.

every house a bunker; guns won't penetrate.

big terry and pirates game.

vc whisky bottle.

govt, troopers barefoot; women paddle with feet.

cactus loike flowers atop the bunkers

stole the vc engine. embroiered scarves; women's auxiliaryl.

honeywells.

little girl in the water--don't shoot.

carry mother and daughter back on pbr  
canal juliet, another canal, a bad one; alw. getting fired  
at there; major vc crossping pt; have 2 eos. of security there;  
one mg and 2 lt. mgun s

men blown out of boat in sadek; 513

three shapes of the eyes; green eye in this area; long sk  
skinny one; long red one like fisheye in gulf of siam. long  
skinny eye in dng. different style of rowing boat. sidekick in ct.  
side paddle in gulf of siam.



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water serpent  
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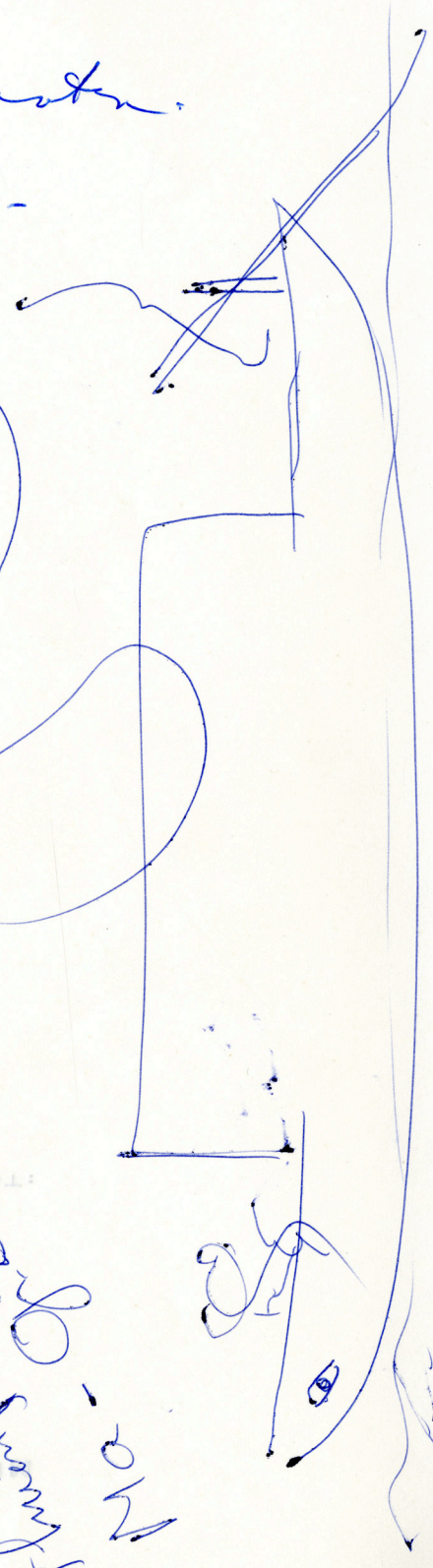
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Memorandum

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

FROM: BEV DEERE, SAIGON

DATE:

SUBJECT:

Siren

HA BA -  
female and.

real. Squid (injured) squid. -





anyone with 2 715 to 9 hp motors is a gun-runner.--like lawn motor  
freedom of movement in the canals.

building man-made cans quite a bit; or dig other canals  
deeper on every river;

one over the world map--the entire delta--their whole world.  
purple heart alley--pencil line on map; smaller bank of the  
river; 160 ft. wide; foliage all over the place.

salt water navy;

anaconda fresh water navy; downriver campaign.

steam gunboats for the army--civil war.

confed. built works on the bank to command their channels; r  
river bank gun emplacements, confederates were depending on the  
strategy of fixed positions. to meet one of movement. inland  
naval operations; vessel to vessel engagements.

1st. on the mouth of ham long cc and bassac.

carried women in labor; no babies yet.

not that hard if driving a pleasure boat; many boat capt.  
14-18 years in navy; steer like a car and 2 throttles; stopped  
shooting at use along banks of rivers.

dec. 66 last of river gunfights; dec-marc; tried cos. on either  
side of river; mar-nov. phase 3, real sneaky about it.;

before vc. had it wide open main line of communication; 40 men  
across and 10 men would survive; 6 mos. before vc. found out and  
would be willing to gamble.

civil war was stand off battles; very small cos. vc. aren't  
standing and fighting--they're fighting and running--they take their  
shots and lv.



vn love him, trachoma, can be cured easily; skin infections; can pull teeth; few medcaps ever interrupted by vc. in some cases, vc collect medicine, we dispense. this works in our favor because the people don't like this at all.

3 swimmers. on lst.

shore bombardment, brings in ch. chip away at bunkers, knock down trees.

mud here dries like cement; use cocconut logs; 40 mm. or 60 mm. mortar won't penetrate it.

at the mouth of the river have a sapper training school in secret base; just grad. a class; figure 10 grad and we got  $\frac{1}{2}$  of them.

when first came, people didn't know pbr; vc came across enmasse--15-20 sampans--wuld fight back, but found out pbr faster and more shooting; then co. on each side to protect the crossing; cos. draw pbr off and 15-20 sampans crossed; that crossed flow. selected crossing 1-2 sampans across, not good radar target--that's the stage now; no big movement at night; daytime crossing, mingle with river traffic. won't transfer lge. no. of people; wait 2 3-4 days.

biggest and closest thing we find in sampan is medicine; in 1 week, 2 mi. units of penicillin, u. s. and french;

women carry on waistband on trousers; hesitant to search them; take vn policewomen with us. nursing mothers would start feeding babies--they were carrying the medicine. contraband. vc in liquid and tablet form; vit. b. no comm. countires; black market stuff.

false bottoms of nuoc man bottles; hisitant to swish hand tho to look for stuff; dryin fish--need strong lungs to hold you breath.



use russes to sneak things past us, arms and amoo under gravel -  
false bottom, maybe only 1 h grenande, in nuoc man jars,

on one canal--a vc canal--market place, vc ran opt; we detained  
boats, three people; he was in huge nuoc man jar, one false id  
and 1 outdated id.

thousands of pop bottles

tons of pumpkins;  $5\frac{1}{2}$  days; tan chau to can tho; will use  
explosives vs. city.--but no explosives.

one man said empty boats not stopped by pbr--u-shaed roofs--guns  
under there; hang waterproof pkgs under them; one woman caught with  
1000 jars of nuoc man; 975 of nm; 25 of penicillin; smuggler  
controlling  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the rivers is  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the batle; other  $\frac{1}{2}$  is  
controlling other waterways in the  $\Delta$  delta.

55,000 boats on bassac alone. only way to contol if to have  
curfews. vc now moving in daytime too.

200 to 0600 on major rivers

20 km. stretch is 24 hour curfew; 7 curfew areas.

cut loop in back--like crossing equator on ship.

in I corps 21 firefights in 24 hours;

cutting the ribbon.

river 1st class, now chief; boatswain mate, in 2 years; 295

firefights

TO:

BY:

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another sign, blue full of bullet holes; the vc cross the river here and patrol boats can not stop us.

on orange juice tin; Don't go this way--the garden is too dangerous.

world's most powerful navy fighting with 31-foot fiberglass craft armed with 3 .50 cal. mg. as main batteries.

black berets..  
1500 bw sailors

effectiveness

on four main rivers, stopped vc taxes and normal movements.

at first gw reports vc unaware, reacted violent and reacted furiously, can't attack head-on; tot vc. movements restricted to op. in vc. crossing areas; agent reports, documents; known crossing corridors, but in restricted manner

times when no pbr requirments, more security and signal e elements, caused a logistical problem, shortages of ammo, food; from camoau and delta, works up commo liaison personel, definite underground railroad, but not alwa. underground in vc area. pattern of signals in the rivers, red or white lt, but can't track them; when patrol goes ino area lt. out and area quiet, happened many times. some of logistics catches min., but covert movements with present signals still still going on.

we're covering 300-400 km. main river; 90 in delta, spread t think, radars definite to stop same with sampan with 1 vc and 5 mortas almost impossible to stop; don't move major supplies accorss the river. do coastal hopping.



- 1) Difference of Monitor.
- 2) Effectiveness of MRF.
- 3) History of Renewal & file.
- 4) Civil War.
- 5) Advice from - UN -  
UN. Training Corps.
- 6) USN. Advisors -  
Lt. Cmdr. Rhodes -  
RAS 11 - in operation.
- 7) USN - Army Strong & Saker.
- 8) Sept. 15 papers -
- 9) Snopis note.  
Permits -