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CU CHI (X16416) RVN
050900 Dec 67

OPORD 43-67 (v)

References: Maps 1:50,000 RVN Series L7014, Sheets 6231 IV, 6231 I, 6231 II, 6232 II, 6232 III.

Flt 1: 187th AHC, 10 slicks, 1 maintenance, 1 spare.

Flt 2: 116th AHC, 10 slicks, 1 maintenance, 1 spare.

Flt 3: 188th AHC, 10 slicks, 1 maintenance, 1 spare.

Gunships: RAT PACK, 2 LFT; STINGERS, 2 LFT; SPIDERS, 2 LFT. RAT PACK 6 control.

1. ^C (S) SITUATION:

a. Enemy: As briefed.

b. Friendly: 3d Dde conducts search and destroy operations and secures a PSD in the vicinity of SOVI TRE.

c. Attachments and Detachments: None.

2. ^C (S) MISSION: The 269th Combat Aviation Battalion conducts an airmobile assault lifting 2-12 Inf and 3-49th ARVN Battalion into one LZ to destroy NVA forces and secure PSD RENO. The 269th will also provide gunship cover for the assault and smoke in the LZ.

3. ^C (S) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of operation: Three AHC will lift 2-12th Inf and 3-49th ARVN from PZ DAN TIENG (X1492472), to LZ-1, NORTH & SOUTH, vicinity SOVI TRE (X1492472). The assault will consist of two phases, the first inserting US Forces into LZ-1 SOUTH, the second inserting ARVN Forces into LZ-1 NORTH. US Forces will be inserted into LZ-1 in three lifts using 3 AHC for the first two lifts and 2 AHC for the third lift. On the third lift, the third AHC will insert ARVN forces into LZ-1 NORTH. This will terminate Phase I. Phase II will consist of the 3 AHC inserting ARVN Forces into LZ-1 NORTH. The first lift of phase II will utilize 3 AHC. The second lift of phase II will utilize 2 AHC. On all lifts of the 3 AHC in both phases of the operation, the first two flights will land simultaneously in the LZ; the third flight will space itself appropriately to insure 1 minute separation. Night air strikes are planned for a 2 1/2 hour duration, followed by a 15 minute artillery preparation. A 9 minute gunship preparation will precede the lift ships' landing. Full suppression is authorized for flights 1 and 2 on the first lift into LZ-1 SOUTH.

b. Annex A: Operation Overlay.

c. Annex B: Sequence of Events.

d. Annex C: Signal.

e. Annex D: One PZ diagram.

f. Annex E: Two LZ diagrams.

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g. Fire support:

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h. Gunships:

- (1) Escort all flights.
- (2) Mark LZ.
- (3) Provide cover for smoke ship.
- (4) Special instruction:
 - (a) RAT PACK 6 mark LZ.
 - (b) STINGERS: Prep LZ with 100% ordnance expenditure. Return to SOUI DA, rearm, and return to AO to cap LZ.
 - (c) SPIDERS escort lift ships.
 - (d) One RAT PACK LFT standby at SOUI DA in vicinity of CAVALIER for call off by BLACK BARON 3A or RAT PACK 6.
 - (e) No WP will be carried on board gunships armed with rocket systems.
 - (f) Be prepared to escort CH-47 from LOC NINH to LZ-1.

i. Pathfinders:

- (1) Provide LZ control of CH-47 operations following final insertion into LZ-1 NORTH.

j. Smoke aircraft: Provide smoke screening the woodline from NORTH to SOUTH on WEST side of LZ, turning to the EAST on SOUTH side of LZ, or as directed by C & C. Mark RP for lift aircraft.

k. Coordinating instructions:

- (1) Altitude: 2000 feet.
- (2) Airspeed: 60 kts forming, 80 kts enroute.
- (3) Formation: Trail in PZ DAU TIENG, heavy right in LZ-1 SOUTH, heavy left in LZ-1 NORTH.
- (4) Aircraft load:
 - Lifts 1 & 2: 6 PAX per acft (US).
 - Lift 3: Flt 1 & 2: 7 PAX per acft (US); Flt 3: 8 PAX per acft (ARVN).
 - Lift 4: 8 PAX per acft (ARVN).
 - Lift 5: 8 PAX per acft (ARVN).
- (5) Rules of suppression: Full suppression outside door guns on first lift into LZ-1 SOUTH, BLACKHAWK and HORNETS only.
- (6) Rules of engagement: SOP 1st Avn Bde.

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- (7) Downed aircraft procedures:
- (a) Contact C & C.
 - (b) Recovery ship on standby at DAU TIENG.
 - (c) Security forces: Last two a/c if loaded. If not loaded, contact C & C, gunship cover downed aircraft.
 - (d) Best base for emergency landing: PSB LOC NINH, SOUI DA, DAU TIENG, PSB FRENCH FORT.
- (8) Spare aircraft refuel with units and remain running until all AHC depart PZ DAU TIENG on 1st lift. At this time BLACKHAWK and BLACK WIDOW spare shut down, maintaining contact with CAVALIER DAU TIENG. HORNET spare remain running and standby for individual mission from BLACK BARON C & C.
- (9) Reports to C & C:
- (a) Out of PZ and LZ by each flight.
 - (b) RF by each flight.
 - (c) Any fire received.
- (10) Weather decision: 0900 by AMC. Delays in 30 minute increments.

4. (U) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Refueling: Slicks: DAU TIENG; Gunships & C & C: SOUI DA.
- b. Rearming: SOUI DA.
- c. Medevacs: Minor: DAU TIENG; Serious: TAY NINH.
- d. POW: DAU TIENG.
- e. Spare aircraft: One per company under company control.
- f. Maintenance aircraft: One per company under company control.

5. (U) COMMAND AND SIGNAL: For emergency landing: PSB LOC NINH, SOUI DA, DAU TIENG, PSB FRENCH FORT.

- a. Signal: Annex C (Signal).

b. Command: AHC on 1st lift. At this time BLACKHAWK and BLACK WIDOW spare shut down, maintaining contact with CAVALIER DAU TIENG. HORNET spare remain running and standby for individual mission from BLACK BARON C & C.

(1) AMT Commander: Colonel DEAMS.

(2) Reports to C & C:

(a) Out of PZ and LZ by each flight.

(b) RF by each flight.

(c) Any fire received.

(10) Weather decision: 0900 by AMC. Delays in 30 minute increments.

4. (U) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Refueling: Slicks: DAU TIENG; Gunships & C & C: SOUI DA.

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(2) Air Mission Commander: LTC COCKETT.

(3) Alternate Air Mission Commander: ~~WIP-1000~~.

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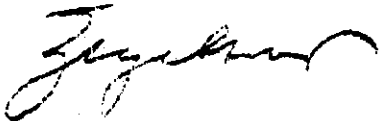
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ANNEXES:

Annex A: Operation Overlay
Annex B: Sequence of Events
Annex C: Signal
Annex D: 1 PZ Diagram
Annex E: 2 LZ Diagrams

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Annex B (Sequence of Events) to OPORD 43-67 (U)

ITEM	TIME	EVENT
1	0715-0945	Air prep LZ-1 (XT ³⁸⁸⁷⁰⁶ 6416).
2	0730	Alt C & C aircraft depart CU CHI on weather check.
3	0815	C & C aircraft depart CU CHI.
4	0920	BLACKHAWKS arrive DAU TIENG, land NORTH refueling area. Land 290°. Refuel 1300 lbs. Move to EAST end runway 08, land SOUTH side. Trail. Load 6 PAX per aoft, take off, heavy right. Report to ACP 1, route RED.
5	0925	HORNETS arrive DAU TIENG. Land NORTH refueling area. Land 290°. Refuel 1300 lbs. Move to runway 08. Land area behind BLACKHAWKS. SOUTH side. Trail. Load 6 PAX per aoft. Take off, heavy right, join up behind BLACKHAWKS. 5 rotor disc separation between companies. STINGERS and RAT PACK land at SOU DA. Refuel. Shut down.
6	0945-0957	Arty prep LZ-1 (XT ³⁸⁸⁷⁰⁶ 6416).
7	0935	BLACK WIDOWS move to runway 08. Land area behind HORNETS. Trail. Load 6 PAX per aoft. Take off, heavy right. Join behind HORNETS at ACP 1. One minute separation between companies. SPIDERS escort flights.
8	0946	Lift aircraft RP 1, route RED, heavy right. One minute separation between HORNETS and BLACK WIDOWS.
9	0957	2 LFT STINGERS prep LZ-1.
10	0958	Lift aoft RP 1. Route RED.
11	0959	RAT PACK 6 mark LZ-1 (S). Smoke aoft place smoke SOUTH side LZ.
12	1000	BLACKHAWKS and HORNETS land LZ-1 (S). BLACKHAWK lead leave smoke. Take off right turn out, direct to PZ DAU TIENG.
13	1001	BLACK WIDOWS land LZ-1 (S), land to BLACKHAWK smoke. RAT PACK 6 be in position to mark if smoke has dissipated. Take off, right turn out, direct to PZ DAU TIENG.
14	1013	Lift aoft land . . . Trail. Same area as previous lift. Load 6 PAX per aoft. Take off heavy right. Route BLACK to RP 2. Same separation as previous lift.
15	1027	Lift aoft RP 2. One minute separation between HORNETS and BLACK WIDOWS.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
16 1029	BLACKHAWKS and HORNETS land LZ-1 (S). RAT PACK 6 mark LZ. BLACKHAWK lead leave smoke. Take off straight ahead. Vary route to PZ DAU TIENG.
17 1030	BLACK WIDOWS land LZ-1 (S). RAT PACK 6 be in position to mark if smoke has dissipated. Take off straight ahead. Vary route to PZ DAU TIENG.
18 1042	BLACKHAWKS and HORNETS land PZ DAU TIENG runway 08. SOUTH side runway. Load 7 US per a/c. BLACK WIDOWS land runway 08. NORTH side runway. Load 8 ARVN per a/c. BLACKHAWKS and HORNETS take off heavy right, route BLUE to RP 3. BLACK WIDOWS take off heavy left, route RED to RP 1.
19 1056	BLACKHAWKS and HORNETS RP 3. Heavy right.
20 1058	BLACK WIDOWS RP 1. Heavy left.
21 1058	BLACKHAWKS and HORNETS land LZ-1 (S). RAT PACK 6 mark LZ. Take off, right turn out. Vary route to PZ DAU TIENG.
22 1100	BLACK WIDOWS land LZ-1 (N). Smoke a/c smoke NORTH side LZ. RAT PACK 6 mark LZ. Take off right turn out. Vary route to PZ DAU TIENG.
23 1111	Lift aircraft land refueling area PZ DAU TIENG. Refuel 1200 lbs. Move to runway 08, land on left side runway. Load 8 ARVN per aircraft.
24 1126	BLACKHAWKS and HORNETS take off, heavy left. Route BLACK to RP 2
25 1131	BLACK WIDOWS take off heavy left. Route BLACK to RP 2.
26 1140	BLACKHAWKS and HORNETS RP 2. Heavy left.
27 1142	BLACKHAWKS and HORNETS land LZ-1 (N). RAT PACK 6 mark LZ. Take off straight ahead. Vary route to PZ.
28 1145	BLACK WIDOWS RP 2. Heavy left.
29 1147	BLACK WIDOWS land LZ-1 (N). RAT PACK 6 mark LZ. Take off straight ahead. Vary route to PZ.
30 1155	BLACKHAWKS and HORNETS land PZ, NORTH side runway. Load 8 ARVN per a/c. Take off heavy left. Route BLUE to RP 3.
31 1200	BLACK WIDOWS land PZ DAU TIENG. Runway 03. Standby for further instructions.
32 1209	BLACKHAWKS and HORNETS RP 3. Heavy left.
33 1211	BLACKHAWKS and HORNETS land LZ-1 (N). RAT PACK 6 mark LZ-1. Take off, right turn out. Vary route to PZ.

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EVENT

BLACKHAWKS and HORNETS land NORTH refueling area
PZ DAU TIENG. Refuel 1200 lbs. Standby for further
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Annex C (Signal) to OPORD (U)

1. (c) Units, Callsigns, and frequencies involved in YELLOWSTONE.

a. Aviation units.

UNIT	CALLSIGN	FM	UHF
1 12th Cbt Avn Gp	BLACK JACK	55.05/67.05	397.0
2 269th Cbt Avn Bn	BLACK BARN	69.7	258.2
3 116th	HORNET	33.8	262.0
4 187th	BLACKHAWK	63.85	251.80
5 188th	BLACK WIDOW	59.7	359.0
6 162d	VULTURE	51.9	231.9
7 173d	ROBIN HOOD	69.15	395.1
8 128th	TOMAHAWK	41.6	355.1
9 242d	MULESKINNER	65.75	365.10
10 205th	GERONIMO	68.65	244.0
11 213th	BLACK CAT	65.05	227.9

b. Pathfinders: CAVALIER

(1) D-Day:

TAY NINH: PICK-UP TAY NINH 65.75

DAU TIENG: DAU TIENG 69.70

KATUM: DROP-KATUM 66.20-45.80 (Int)

SOUI DA: SOUI DA 69.70

(2) D-1: TAY NINH: TAY NINH 66.20

DAU TIENG: DAU TIENG 63.85

SOUI DA: SOUI DA 66.20

LOC NINH: LOC NINH 20

SOUI TRE 65.75

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(3) D+2:

TAY NINH: TAY NINH 66.20

SOUI DA: SOUI DA 66.20

DAU TIENG: DAU TIENG 66.20

c. Dustoff:

KATUM: KATUM DUSTOFF 56.0

TAY NINH: PISTON CHARLIE 56.0

DAU TIENG: FORCEPS ZULU 56.0

d. Recovery: On call from C & C.

e. FAC: 305.1 ISSUE CONTROL.

f. EMI (25th Inf Div) TROPIC 62.25

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g. Reaction force (D-Day):

3-22d Inf: FALCON 32.6/50.6

h. Reaction force (D+1):

1-5th Mech Inf: DOBGT 31.5/47.5.

i. B 32 SF CIDG:

TRANG SUP JASMIN TWIST 06

KATUM FLAKY TRACE 06

Freq before D-Day: 45.6.

Freq after D-Day: 48.8

j. Ground units:

(1) 1st Bde: VIKING 56.9/39.25.

(a) 4-9th Inf: MANGHU 50.7/34.3.

(b) 2-14th Inf: DRAGON 49.6/58.4.

(c) 1-49th ARVN: MEATY SEGMENT 20 56.9/58.15.

(d) 2-34th Armor: DREAD NOUGHT 50.10/74.05.

(e) 7-11th Arty: CANNON 66.60/36.70.

(f) 1-27th Arty: SCRAPPER 37.10/35.25.

(g) Btry C, 2d Bn, 32d Arty: SLASHER 39.50.

(h) B 65th Engr: CASTLE 44.65.

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(2) 3d Bde: FLEXIBLE: 47.0/30.9.

(a) 2-12th Inf: FLAME: 38.1/57.7.

(b) 2-22d Mech Inf: FULLBACK 44.4/47.90.

(c) 3-49th ARVN: MEATY SEGMENT 40 58.15.

(d) 2-77th Arty: FOCUS 34.6/44.45.

(e) D 65th Engr: CASTLE D 36.75.

(f) 1-5th Mech Inf: BOBCAT 31.5/47.5.

k. Cavalry units:

3/17th Cav: RED HORSE 41.60 360.4

A Troop: SILVER SPUR 31.40 266.1

E Troop: BURNING STOGIE 31.70 256.7

C Troop: WAR EAGLE 32.00 288.05

D Troop: BLUE TIGER 31.80

3/4th Cav: SABER 33.3/40.25.

3/4th Cav: CENTAUR 33.0 290.1

2(c) If jamming or other interference is encountered on unit FM frequency contact the C&C for a change. Spare FM frequency is 45.80.

3(c) Participating units will keep all radio transmissions to a minimum, only transmitting traffic actually required for control and coordination of the exercise.

4(c) Code: REROUTE CHARLIE: Transmitted three times by C&C aircraft indicates that a change to the alternate frequency is necessary. At this time all elements will change frequencies to the above assigned alternates.

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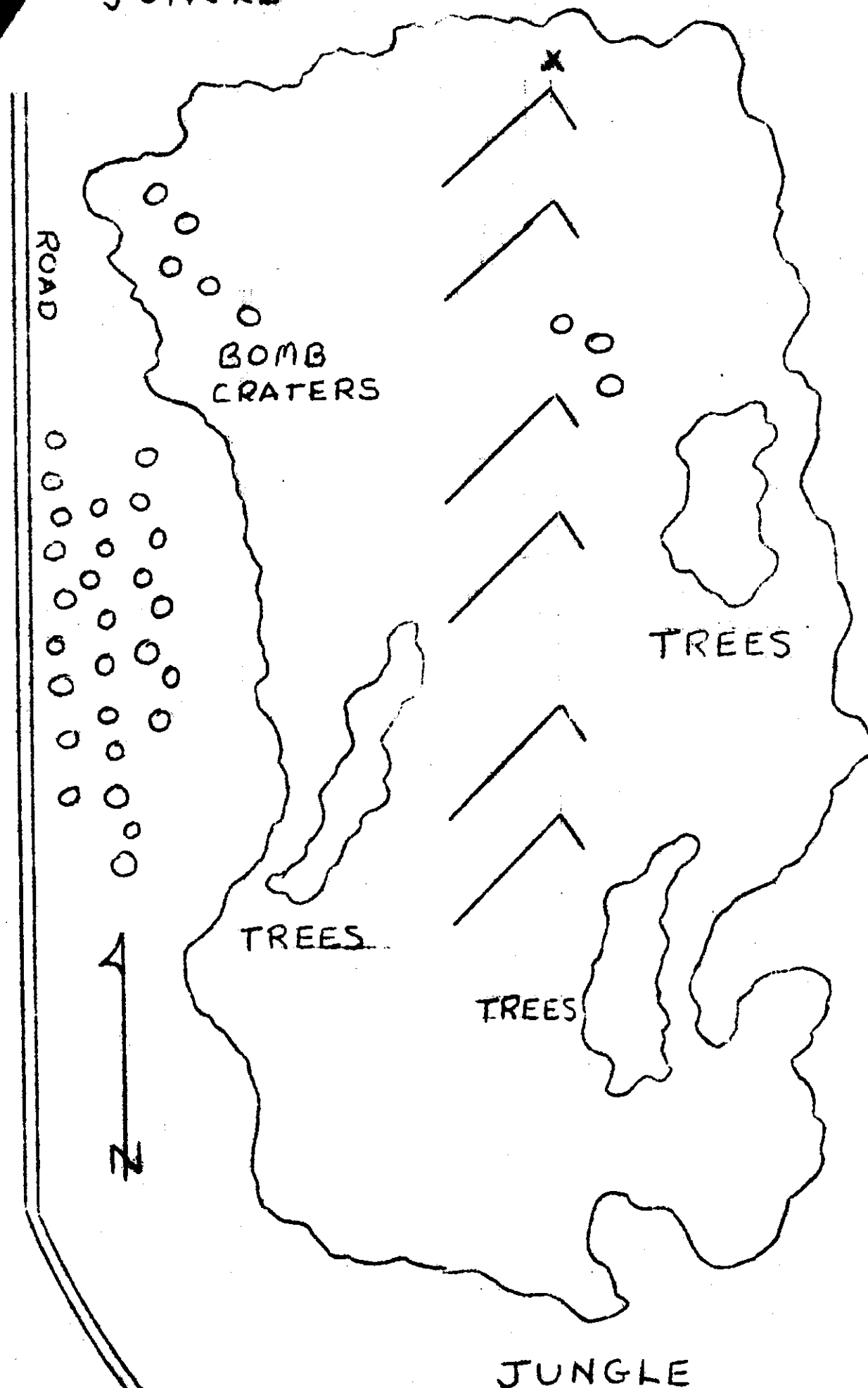
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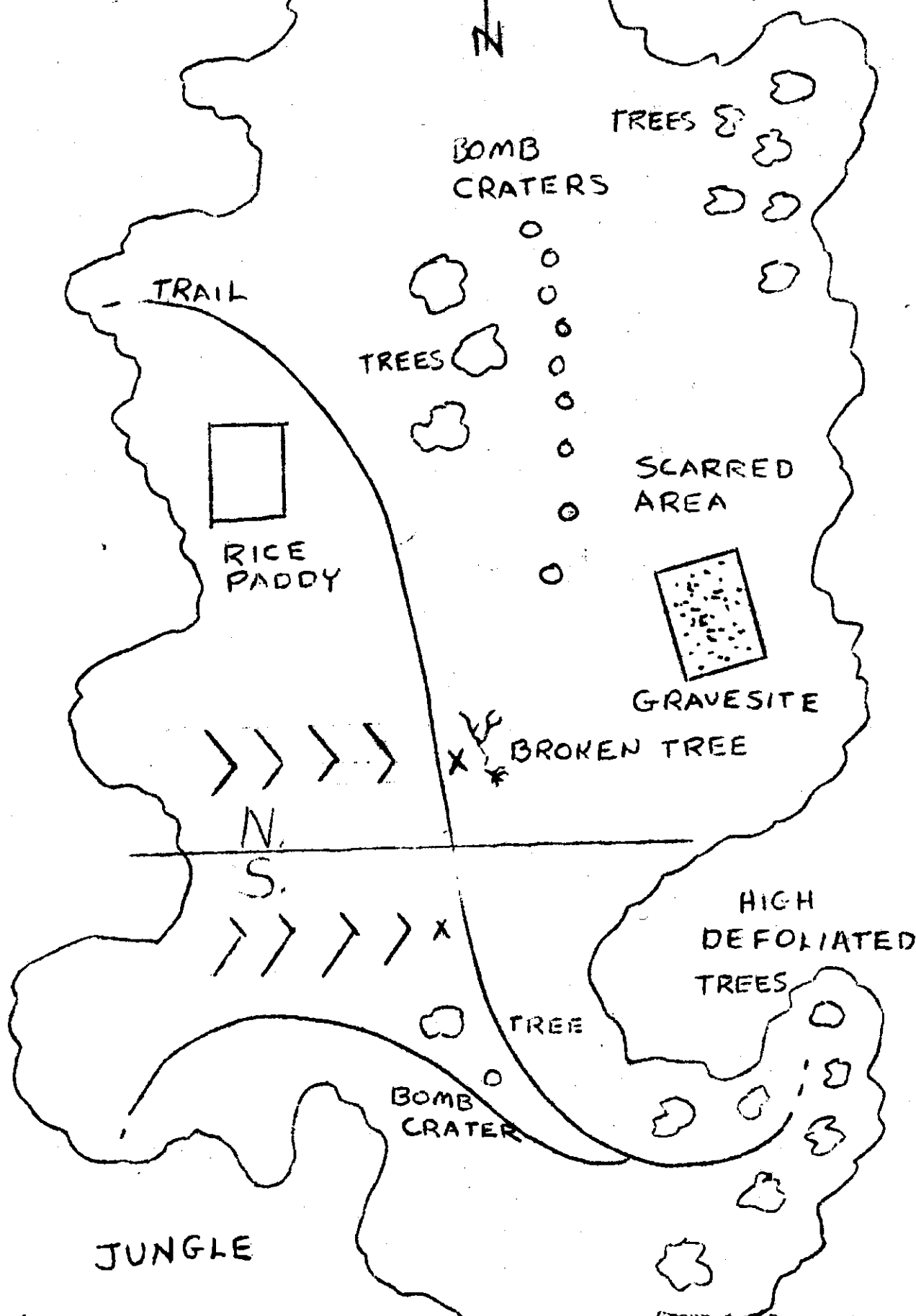
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