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References: Maps 1:50,000 RVN Series L7074, Sheets 0231 I & II, 6331 III & IV.

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

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

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

Gunships: RATPACK 2 LFT's, STINGERS 2 LFT's, SPIDERS 1 LFT, RATPACK 12 CONTROL.

1. (a) SITUATION:

a. Enemy: As briefed.

b. Friendly: 3d Bde, 25th Inf Div conducts offensive operations in the mushroom area of the HoBo Woods, to establish blocking positions along the Saigon River and deny the enemy access to ferry sites and river crossing points.

c. Attachments and Detachments: None.

2. (a) MISSION: 269th Cbt Avn Bn conducts air assaults lifting 3-22d Mech Inf into one landing zone utilizing 3 AHC with organic gunship support. 269th provides gunship cover by aviation elements as required.

3. (a) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of operation: Three assault helicopter companies will lift elements of 3d Inf Bde into one LZ in a series of 3, three company insertions, with simultaneous landings of the three companies each lift in. Initially, BLACKHAWKS will lead the flight of 30 lift aircraft from PZ DAU TIEU NG vicinity XT488477. Formations enroute and into the LZ will be HR. Preparations planned include 60 minutes of varied ordnance delivered by Air Force air strikes, and 20 minutes of artillery followed by a 3 minute gunship preparation. The three 20 minute lifts will land simultaneously into LZ-1, vicinity coordinates XT580320. Full side door gun suppression is authorized on the first lift only. Two subsequent lifts of 30 aircraft each will be inserted into the LZ.

b. Annex A: Operation Overlay.

c. Annex B: Sequence of Events.

d. Annex C: Signal.

e. Annex D: 1 PZ Diagram.

f. Annex E: 1 LZ Diagram.

g. Fire Support: Air: 1137 - 1237
Arty: 1237 - 1257
Gunship: 1257 - 1300

h. Gunships:

(1) Escort all lifts.

(2) Mark LZ.

(3) Provide cover for smoke aircraft.

(4) Special instructions:

(a) One RATPACK LFT will make the initial prep run then return to the RP to pick up lift aircraft.

(b) STINGERS LFT hit tree line on prep to NORTH of landing zone of BLACKHAWKS and HORNETS.

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