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LZ WEST, AT 990251  
101500H April 1970  
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OPORD 3-70

Reference: Map 1:50,000, Series L7014, sheets 6640 III, 6640 II, 6640 IV, 6640 I.

**Task Organization:**

**TF West**  
**FWD CP**  
Co A/4-31  
Scout Dog Team  
Mortar Section  
Co C/4-31  
Tracker Dog Team  
Scout Dog Team  
Recon Plat

Co B(-)/4-31  
Provisional Plat  
Co D/4-31

Battalion Control  
Co E(-)/4-31  
Btry C/3-82 (IS)  
Plat/Co B/4-31  
Quad 50/Btry G(-)/55 Arty  
(GS)

**1. SITUATION:**

a. **Enemy Forces:** Current Intsum and Annex B(Intelligence)

b. **Friendly Forces**

- (1) 196th Inf Bde continues current operations in zone.
- (2) 3-21 Inf Bde continues current operations in zone.
- (3) 1-46 Inf Bde continues current operations in zone.
- (4) Tien Phuoc SF/LLDB continues current operations in zone.
- (5) Hiep Duc RF/PT continues current operations in zone.
- (6) Que Son RF/PT continues current operations in zone.

c. **Attachments and Detachments:** See Task Organization.

**2. MISSION:** 4-31 Infantry conducts counterinsurgency operations in zone with TF West attacking south of the Song Thu Bon to destroy elements of the 2nd NVA Division; Co D, in reserve, searching out and destroying the An Tay Village Guerrilla Team; and Co B securing LZ's West and Siberia.

**3. EXECUTION:**

a. **Concept of Operations:**

(1) **Scheme of Maneuver(ANNEX A, Operations Overlay)** TF West attacks with Co C attacking 120600H Apr 70 across the Ngon Thu Bon (river) vic Phuoc Son (8421) to seize Obj 1, establish patrol base and conduct local sweeps in sector; on order, continue the attack to link up with Co A vic Obj 3; on order, attack to seize Obj 4 and 5; 121000H Apr 70, Co A conducts air mobile assault on LZ (813243), attacks to seize Obj 2 and 3 simultaneously, consolidate on Obj 2, establish patrol base and conduct local sweeps in sector; on order, link up with Co C; on order attack to seize Obj 6. Co D Battalion reserve, 12-13 Apr 70

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conduct reconnaissance operations in area D, be prepared to reinforce TF West with Co (-) in 1 hour and with remaining platoon in 2 hours; 14 Apr 70 move to and commence operations in area D1, relieved of reserve mission. Co B (-) secure LZ West; 15 Apr 70 Battalion reserve. Btry C, 3-82 secure LZ Siberia.

(2) Fire Support: Priority of fires Co C initially, Co A during air assault and subsequently to Co C. 10-minute artillery preparation of LZ commencing 121000 Apr 70. 2-minute gunship preparation of LZ commencing 121010 Apr 70. Two flights of TAC Air prestrike LZ commencing 120945 Apr 70.

b. Co A:

(1) Assume OPCON of one 81mm mortar section (2 guns) and FDC effective 120800 Apr 70.

(2) Secure 81mm mortar section vic LZ with a minimum of one squad while securing Obj 2 and 3. Displace to Obj 3.

(3) Clear one aircraft LZ vic Obj 3 immediately upon seizure.

c. Co B(-):

(1) Assume OPCON of Prov Plat HHC effective 121200H Apr.

(2) OPCON one plat (minimum of 38 personnel) to Btry C, 3/82 effective 120900 Apr 70.

d. Co C: Assume OPCON of ~~one tracker team~~ and one scout dog team effective 111400H Apr 70

e. Co D

f. Co E(-) OPCON one 81mm mortar section (2 guns) and FDC to Co A effective 120800H Apr 70.

g. HHC OPCON Provisional Plat (30 personnel) to Co B(-) effective 121200 Apr.

h. Btry C, 3-82 Arty. Assume OPCON of one plat, Co B for security LZ Siberia effective 120930H Apr 70.

i. Recon Plat:

(1) Screen north bank of Song Thu Bon, block withdrawal of enemy units to the north.

(2) Establish OP 1 vic 824246 NLT 120800H Apr 70. Maintain surveillance of LZ and report any enemy movement observed.

(3) On order establish OP 2 vic 823261. Observe and report enemy movement and block withdrawal of enemy units to the east.

j. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) HUIH available to unit commanders for V/R on request.

(2) ANNEX C, Airmovement Plan

4. ADMINISTRATION and LOGISTICS

a. Current Admin/Log SOP

b. LRRP Allocation

Co A-5 cases

Co C-30 cases

Recon Plat-2 cases

c. Class V. 81mm Mortar Section desplaces with 60 rounds HE. Resupply on Obj 3 with 45 rounds HE and 15 rounds illumination.

d. Co A and C will carry adequate explosives to open two 1-aircraft LZ.

5. COMMAND and SIGNAL

a. Signal: Current SOI in effect.

b. Command.

(1) FWD CP initially in the C & C aircraft.

- (2) - Airland on LZ and accompany Co A.  
(3) Rear CP remains LZ West.

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ANNEXES:

- A- Operation Overlay
- B- Intelligence
- C- Airmovement Plan
- D- Fire Support Plan (to be issued)

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ANNEX A (Operations Overlay) to OPGORD 3-70

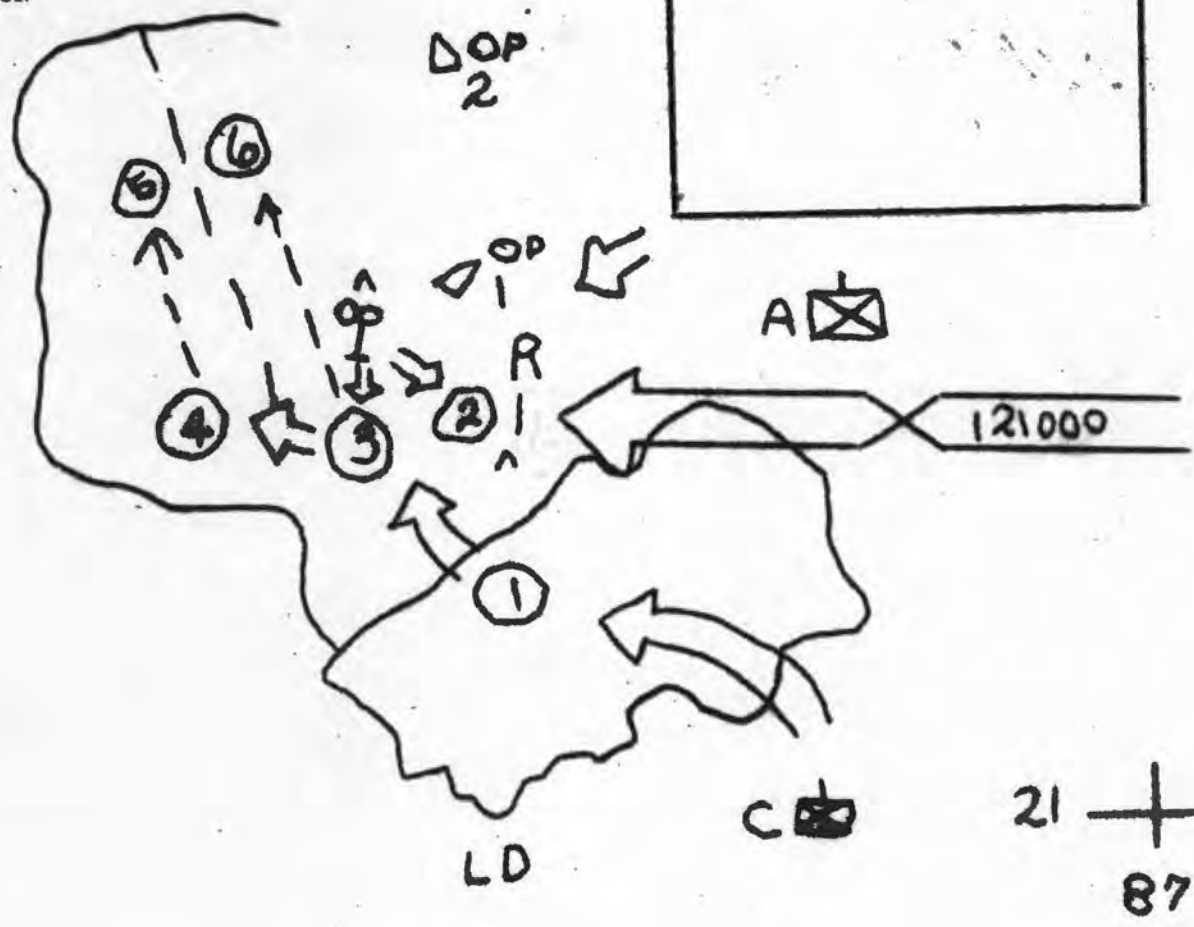
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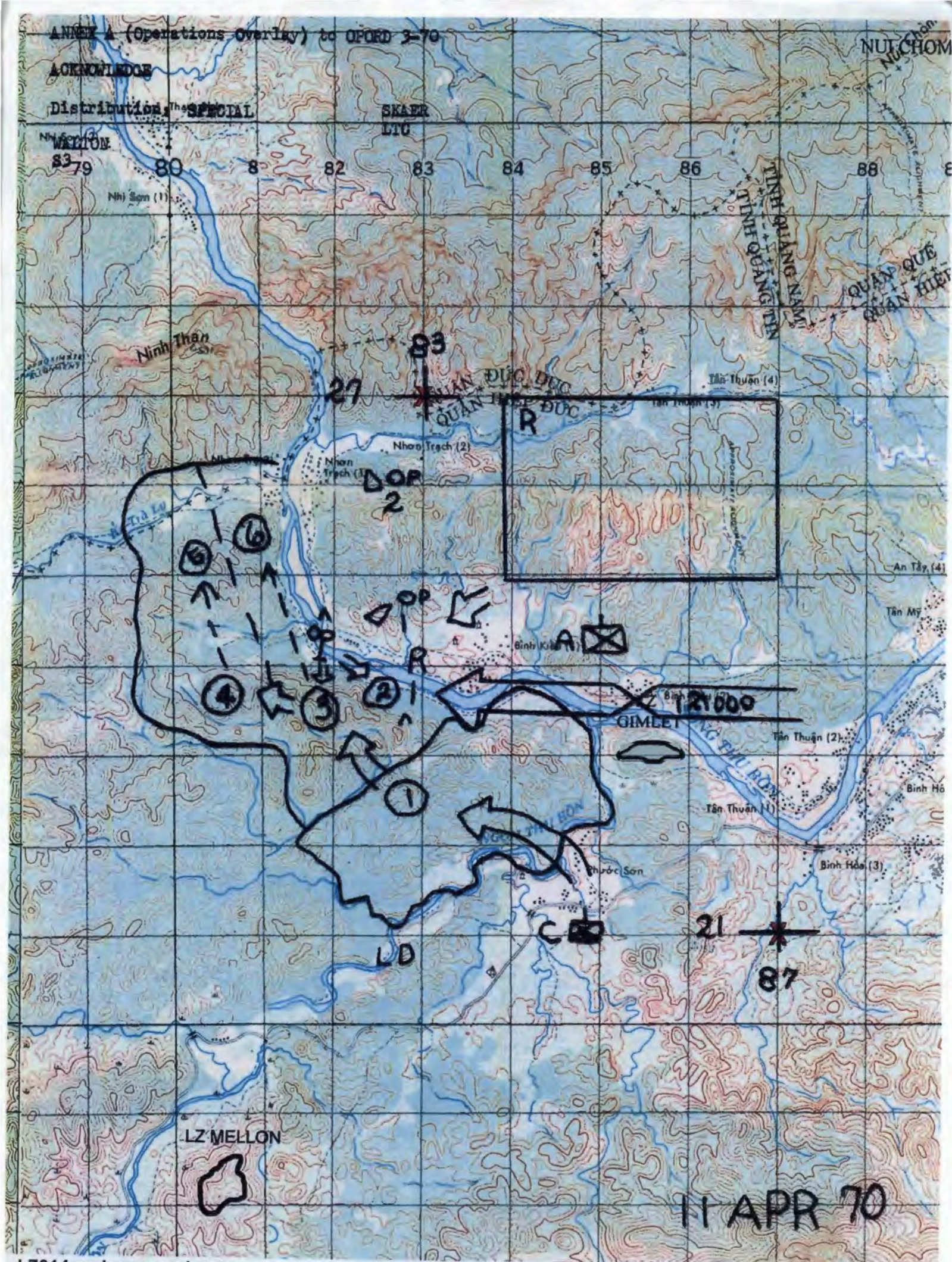
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ANNEX A (Operations Overlay) to OPOD 3-70 (Cont'd)

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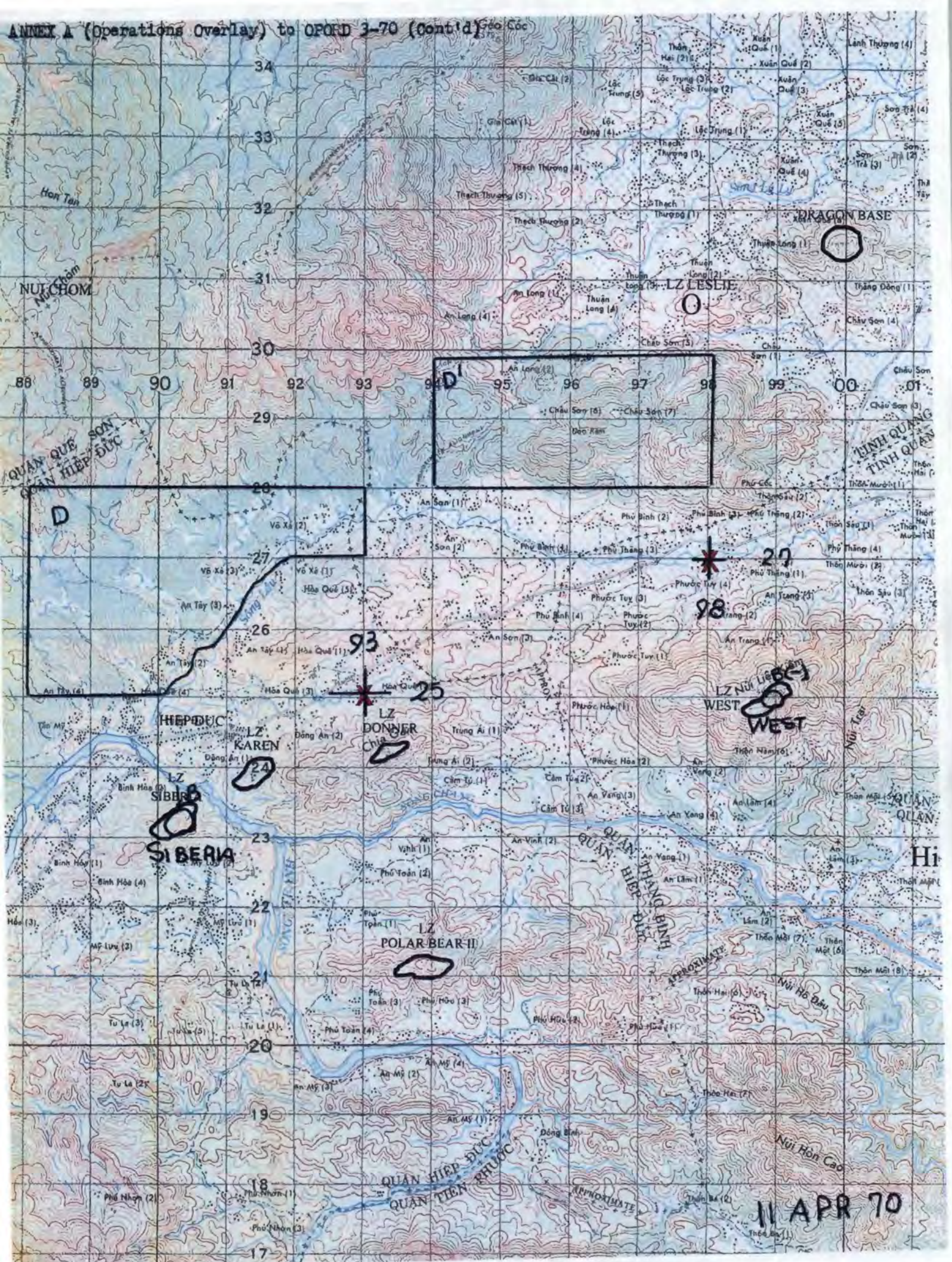
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**ANNEX B (Intelligence) to OPORD 3-70**

**1. ENEMY SITUATION**

a. No positive identification of units operating in the area. Due to the extensive cultivation and PW reports it is believed that supply elements of the 2nd NVA Division are engaged in rice production in the area. Security elements of platoon size may be expected. It is not anticipated that elements of larger than company size will be encountered.

b. Bunker complexes vic AT 8125 have been observed and engaged.

c. Recon Platoon engaged four NVA vic 830237 on April 7. Results 4 KIA, 2 AK-47 captured.

d. Enemy is capable of conducting local counterattacks in sector with elements of up to company size. Enemy will probably delay in present and successive positions employing maximum use of snipers.

e. There have been no reported incidents of booby trapping or minimum mining in the area. The enemy retains this capability.

2. **TERRAIN:** The terrain south of the Song Thu Bon is relatively flat and open for 100 to 400 meters from the river bank. There is extensive cultivation in this area. The land then rises steeply to a maximum of 128 meters. The ridges are cut by numerous stream lines and densely vegetated. One major trail runs along the Song Thu Bon river bank from West to East. A second major trail intersects this trail at 817244 and runs to the West to 803242 where it disappears into the jungle. The Song Thu Bon river is not fordable in sector.

**3. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:**

a. All buildings identified as military structures will be destroyed. Private dwellings of the indigenous population will be thoroughly searched. Civilian dwellings and private property, including livestock and food supplies, will not be destroyed except as an unavoidable consequence of combat actions. Food caches obviously over and above the needs of the local population will be reported to this headquarters and extracted on order. Captured or abandoned medical supplies will not be destroyed but extracted if feasible. If extraction is not feasible they will be left intact and in place.

**b. Reports**

(1) Report all contacts by location of enemy forces, size of unit, type of weapons, unit, uniform, activity, results of contact, and direction of withdrawal.

(2) Report as observed all enemy base areas and trails.

**c. PW and Detainees.**

(1) All military age males (16-50) and females (18-30), and suspicious individuals will be detained and extracted on the first available aircraft. Units will provide rations for ~~detained~~ detained personnel in their care every 12 hours. Commanders will insure that all detainees are treated humanely and

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provided with security.

(2) Units will interrogate all detainees for information of immediate tactical value.

(3) Detainees and PW's will not be exploited in the field without permission from this headquarters. Returnees (Hoi Chans) may be exploited.

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ANNEX C (Aviation) to OPORD 3-70

1. Beginning 120900H Apr 70, 4-31 conducts lift of 1 plat, Co B from LZ West to LZ Siberia and C/A of Co A (+) from LZ Siberia to LZ vic 818243, with 8 UH-1 acft, two gunship teams, 1 smoke acft, and C & C acft. Six pax per acft, 4 acft per lift. Total Pax: @ 1 plat Co B with mortar section-45; Co A (+) 140. Total Lifts: 1 plat Co B with mortar section-2; Co A (+) on C/A 6 (4 acft per lift).

2. Sequence of Events: (H hour is 1013H):

- A. H - 28: 1st lift arrives LZ West
- B. H - 23: 2nd lift arrives LZ West
- C. H - 18: 1st lift departs PZ (LZ Siberia)
- D. H - 13: 2nd lift departs PZ (LZ Siberia)
- E. H - 12: Arty Prep begins
- F. H - 2: Arty Prep check fire
- G. H - 2: Gun ship Prep (2 min)
- H. H - Hour: LZ Time 1st lift
- I. H + 5: LZ Time 2nd lift
- J. H + 6: PZ Time 3rd lift
- K. H + 11: PZ Time 4th lift
- L. H + 12: LZ Time 3rd lift
- M. H + 17: LZ Time 4th lift
- N. H + 18: PZ Time 5th lift
- O. H + 23: PZ Time 6th lift
- P. H + 24: LZ Time 5th lift
- Q. H + 29: LZ Time 6th lift

C/A complete, Acft released.

3. CONTROL:

a. Frequency: Air/Ground-52.00

- b. (1) PZ (for lift of 1 plat Co B from LZ West) control call sign is Q74A.
- (2) Position for each acft in each lift will be marked with smoke.
- (3) PZ control will leave with last lift and report to BTOC (Dozen 70)

that PZ is clean.

c. LZ/PZ (LZ Siberia is both LZ for 1 plat Co B and PZ for C/A of Co A).

- (1) LZ/PZ control call sign is M74A.
- (2) Position for each acft in each lift will be marked with smoke.
- (3) PZ/LZ control will leave with last lift and report to BTOC (Dozen

70) that PZ is clean.

d. LZ: (LZ for C/A of Co A)

- (1) LZ control call sign is M74B.
- (2) Position for each acft, after the first, will be marked with smoke.
- (3) LZ control will insure immediate clearance of the LZ after each

lift departs.

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ANNEX D (Fire Support) to OPORD 3-70

Reference: Same as OPORD 3-70.

Task Organization: Same as OPORD 3-70.

1. SITUATION:

- a. Enemy forces: Current Intsum
- b. Friendly forces: OPORD 3-70
- c. Attachments and Detachments: Task Organization

2. MISSION: 4-31 Infantry conducts reconnaissance-in-force strike and airmobile assault operations commencing 121012 Apr 70 to destroy enemy forces in area of operations.

3. EXECUTION:

- a. Concept of Operation: OPORD 3-70

(1) Fires: A ten (10) minute arty preparation will be fired commencing H - 12 to H - 2. Priority of fires initially to Co C, Co A during the air assault, and subsequently to Co C. See appendix 1 (Target Overlay).

b. Air Support: Two tactical fighters prep LZ from H - 72 until H - 12. Gunship prep from H - 2 until H hour.

- c. LZ/PZ (LZ Siberia is both LZ for 1 plat Co B and PZ for C/A of Co A).

(1) LZ/PZ control call sign is M-74-A.

(2) Position for each acft in each lift will marked with smoke.

(3) PZ/LZ control will leave with last lift and report to ETOC (Dozen 70) that PZ is clean.

- d. LZ: (LZ for C/A of Co A).

(1) LZ control call sign is M-74-B.

(2) Position for each acft after the first, will be marked with smoke.

(3) LZ control will insure immediate clearance of the LZ after each lift departs.

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APPENDICES:

- 1. Target Overlay (TBP)

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