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Hqs, 4th Bn, 31st Inf
IZ WEST, AT 990251
012300H August 1969
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OPORD 5-69

References: Map, 1:50,000, Series L7014, sheets 6640 III, 6640 II, 6640 IV, and 6640 I

Task Organization:

TM ECHO

3/C/4-31 Inf

Recon/4-31 Inf

Co A/4-31 Inf

Co B/4-31 Inf

Co C/4-31 Inf

Co D/4-31 Inf

Bn Control

RF/PF/QUE SON

~~RF/4-31 Inf~~

Btry C/3-82 Arty (DS)

Quad 50/0(-)/55 Arty (DS)

Searchlight/3(-)/29 Arty (DS)

Btry D/3-82 Arty (DS)

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Current INESUM.

b. Friendly Forces:

- (1) 196th Inf Bde continues current operations in zone.
- (2) 3-21 Inf Bn continues current operations in zone.
- (3) 5th ARVN continues current operations in zone.
- (4) Attachments and Detachments: Task Organization.

2. MISSION: 4-31 Inf continues current operations in zone, and conducts a phased detailed search and clear of ridgeline 441, vic BT 000287 thru BT 940293, from 031700H Aug to 041800H Aug 1969 with 4 companies (-).

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation

(1) Maneuver

(a) Phase I: ANNEX A, Operations Overlay, Bn (-) continues current operations in zone; A, B, D, TF ECHO, RF/PF THANG BIEN elements move to respective Phase Lines RED, WHITE, and BLUE and block in zone, not before 031600H Aug and NLT 031800H Aug 1969.

(b) Phase II: ANNEX A, Operations Overlay, Bn (-) continues current operations in zone; A, B, D, TF ECHO, RF/PF THANG BIEN elements attack on a broad front toward, but not beyond free fire zone on A-Hour, 04 Aug 1969.

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(2) Fires:

(a) Phase I: (ANNEX B, Fire Support Plan) All available fires begin chemical prep with CS from H-Hour to H+1 Hour, 03 Aug 1969, within box formed by Phase Lines RED, WHITE, and BLUE; all available fires continue prep from H+1½ Hours, 03 Aug 1969, with varied CS, WP, HE (varied fuzing) within box formed by Phase Lines RED, WHITE, and BLUE to H+2 Hours, 03 Aug 1969; prep continued intermittently from H+2 Hours to A-Hour, 04 Aug 1969 with varied types and fuzed rounds; blocking fires scheduled to begin at H-Hour, 03 Aug 1969 to interdict movement through western portion of zone.

(b) Phase II: (ANNEX B, Fire Support Plan) On call fires to all attacking units; continue periodic blocking fires in western portion of zone.

b. Co A: Move to PL RED as directed on 03 Aug and attack in zone South to North on 04 Aug 1969.

c. Co B: Continue to screen in zone; move to PL BLUE as directed on 03 Aug and attack, in zone, North to South on 04 Aug 1969.

d. Co C (-): Continue to secure LZ SIBERIA; continue current operations in CHARLIE AO.

e. Co D (-):

(1) Release I plat to Bn Control at 020600H Aug 1969.

(2) Move to PL RED as directed on 03 Aug 1969 and attack, in zone, South to North on 04 Aug 1969.

f. TF ECHO: Continue to screen in zone; move to PL BLUE as directed on 03 Aug 1969 and attack, in zone, ~~South~~ ^{North} to ~~North~~ ^{South} on 04 Aug 1969.

g. RF/PF THANG BIEN: Move to PL WHITE as directed on 03 Aug and attack, in zone, East to West on 04 Aug 1969.

h. Echo Co (Provisional): Secure LZ WEST.

i. C(-)/3-16 Arty: GS.

j. Heavy Mortar Plat: GS.

k. Aviation: Heavy gunship team from 1-1 Cav in GS 04 Aug 1969.

1. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) H-Hour, 03 Aug, designated from Bn Control based on weather conditions.

(2) A-Hour, 04 Aug, designated from Bn Control.

(3) All elements mask and prepare for chemical prep on order.

(4) Chemical Air Warning Data disseminated at H-Hour-15 Min.

(5) Advisor, THANG BIEN DISTRICT, with elements of RF/PF report on Bn Command frequency NLT 031800H Aug 1969.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

a. Current ADMINO in effect.

b. One days supply of rations and water will be carried by all maneuver elements.

c. Persistent CS available, on call, for cave denial.

d. RF/PF issued protective masks on 02 Aug 1969.

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5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL

- a. Signal: Current SOI and SSI in effect.
- b. Command: CP remains on IZ WEST.

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ANNEXES

- A - Operations Overlay
- B - Fire Support Plan

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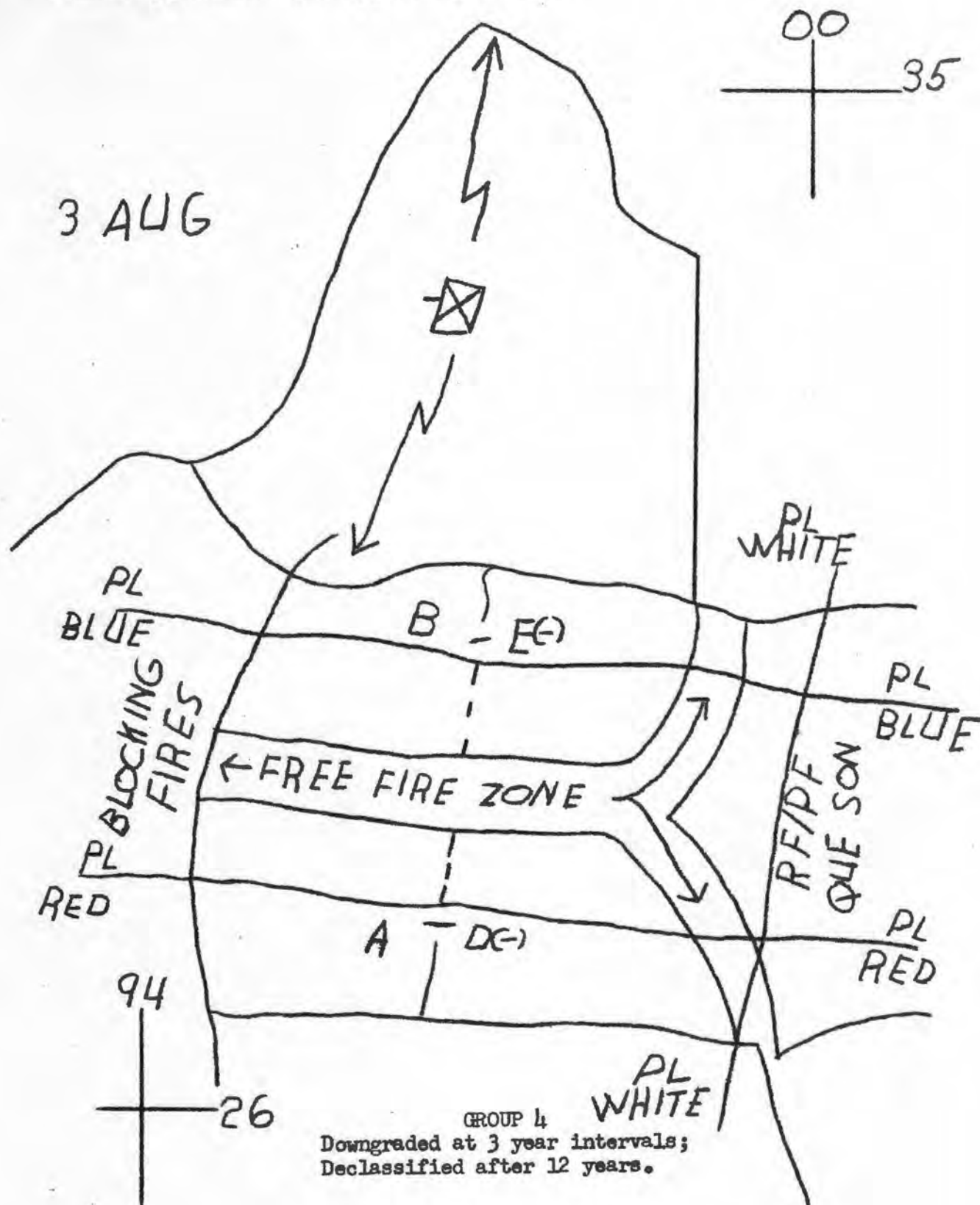
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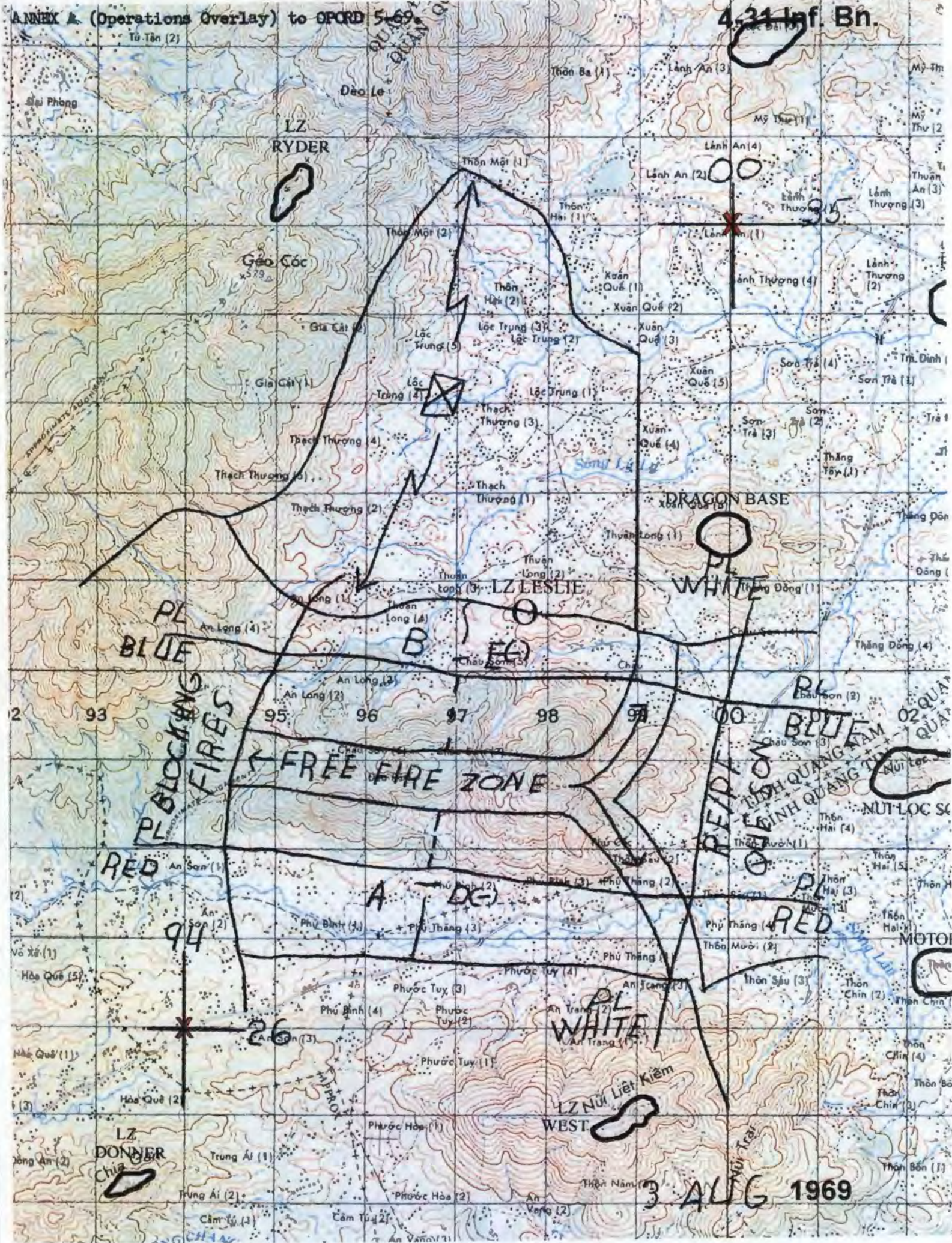
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ANNEX A (Operations Overlay) to OPRD 5-69.



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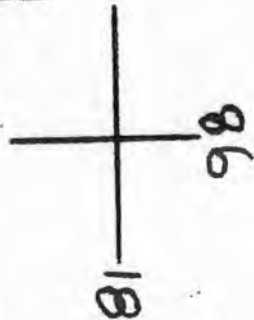
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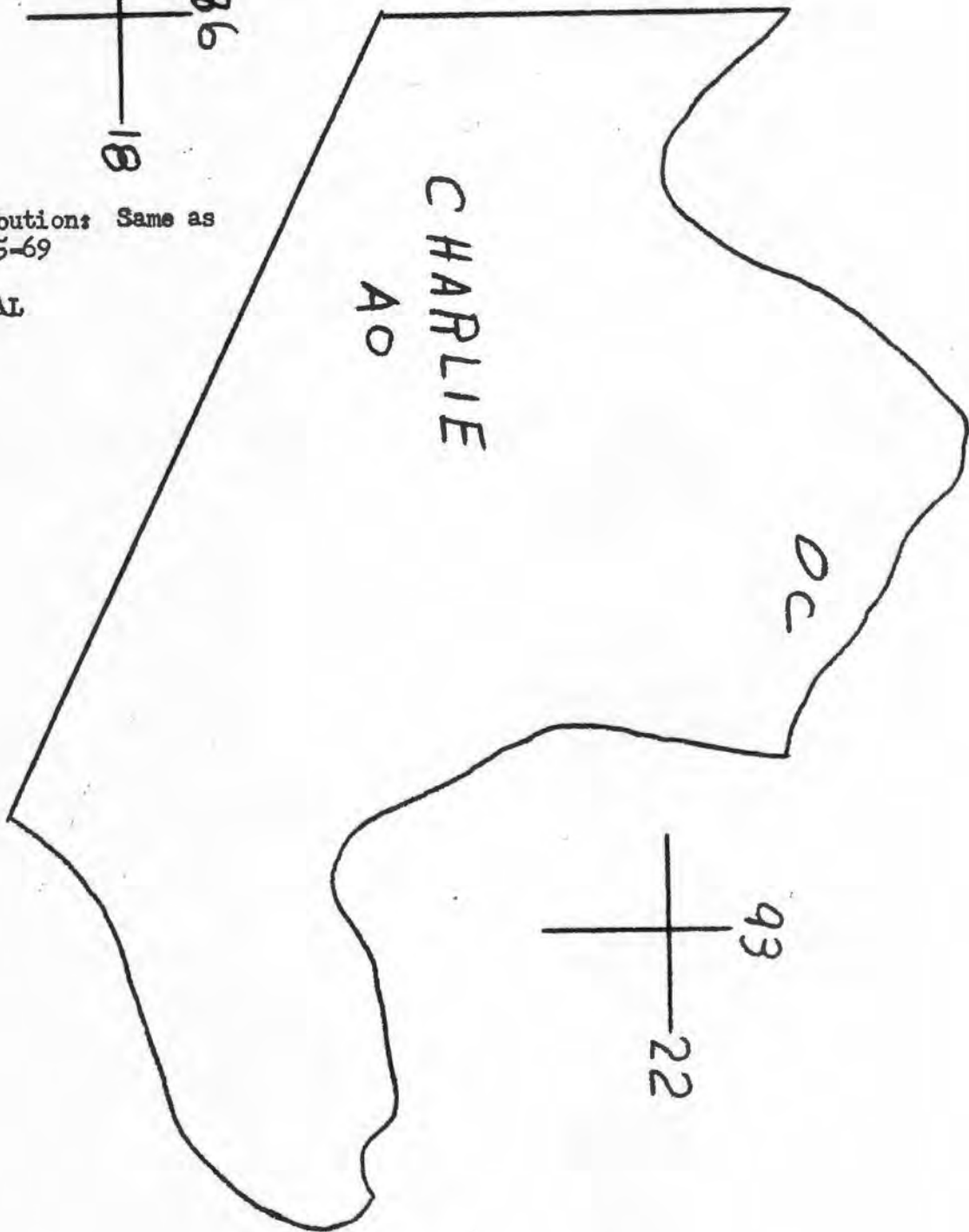
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ANNEX B (Fire Support Plan) to OPORD 5-69.

1. SITUATION: See OPORD 5-69.

2. MISSION: See OPORD 5-69.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of operation

(1) Maneuver: See OPORD 5-69

(2) Fire Support

(a) All available fires begin chemical prep with CS from H-Hour to H+1 Hour, 3 Aug 69 within box formed by Phase Lines RED, WHITE, and BLUE; all available fires continue prep from H+1½ Hours to H+2 Hours, 03 Aug 1969, with varied CS, WP, HE (varied fuzing) within box formed by Phase Lines RED, WHITE, and BLUE; prep continued intermittently from H+2 Hours to A-Hour, 04 Aug with varied type and fuzed rounds; blocking fires scheduled to begin at H-Hour, 03 Aug 1969 to interdict movement through western portion of zone. This completes Phase I.

(b) Phase II: On call fires to all attacking units; continue periodic blocking fires in western portion of zone.

b. Arty Fire Support

(1) General: Arty supports operation with 1 hour CS prep of TGTS YQ 6001 to YQ 6006, which are on call for CO, 4-31 Inf.

(2) Field Artillery:

(a) Priority of fires H-Hours to H+2 Hour will be CO/ Co B, Co E (-), Co A, and Co D (-)/4-31 Inf.

(b) Priority of further fire support will be CO, 4-31 Inf Bn.

(3) Chemical Fire

(a) Chemical fires will be available from Btry C/3-82 Arty (DS) and Mortar Plat, Co E/4-31 Inf (CS).

(b) Priority of chemical fires will be obtained by CO, 4-31 Inf.

(4) Miscellaneous: Appendix 1, Arty Fire Support to ANNEX B.

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Appendix 1 (Arty Fire Support)

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Appendix 1 (Arty Fire Support) to ANNEX B to OPOD 5-69

- 1a. 3-82 Arty (105mm)-DS 4-31 Inf.
- b. Quad 50/G(-)/55 Arty (DS) 3-82 Arty.
- c. Searchlight/G(-)/29 Arty (DS) 3-82 Arty.
- d. 3-16 Arty (155mm) GS 3-82 Arty
2. Priority of fires to CO, 4-31 Inf.
3. Attack material targets with 1/3 WP.
4. Forward Observers will adjust non-chemical and chemical ordnance. The following AO's will be the responsibility of the respective FO's.
 - a. A-FO: PL RED west to 94 grid, east to dividing line with Co D (-), north to top of ridgeline.
 - b. B-FO: PL BLUE west to 94 grid, east to dividing line with Co E (-), south to top of ridgeline.
 - c. D(-)-FO: PL RED west to dividing line with Co A, east to PL WHITE, north to top of ridgeline.
 - d. E(-)-FO: PL BLUE west to dividing line with Co B, east to PL WHITE, south to top of ridgeline.
5. All Arty fires will be coordinated over FD3. Contact with Slippery Derby S76, Slippery Derby S82, and Shallow Swinger 13 NLT 031700H Aug 1969.
6. Emergency signal for lifting Arty fires: Red Star Cluster.

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Tab A (Target List #1)

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Tab A (Target List #1) to Appendix 1 to ANNEX B to OPOD 5-69

<u>Target Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Grid</u>
YQ 6001	Trail	AT 947287
YQ 6002	Draw	AT 959284
YQ 6003	Trail	AT 960295
YQ 6004	Draw	AT 955298
YQ 6005	Draw	AT 976284
YQ 6006	Trail Junction	AT 983285
YQ 6007	Trail Junction	AT 973292
Y Q6008	Draw	AT 984295
YQ 6009	Trail Junction	AT 953293
YQ 6010	Trail	AT 944298
YQ 6011	Trail	AT 941297
YQ 6012	Draw	AT 940294
YQ 6013	Trail	AT 940289
YQ 6014	Trail Junction	AT 942285
YQ 6015	Trail	AT 939282
YQ 6016	Trail	AT 990288
YQ 6017	Trail	AT 970286

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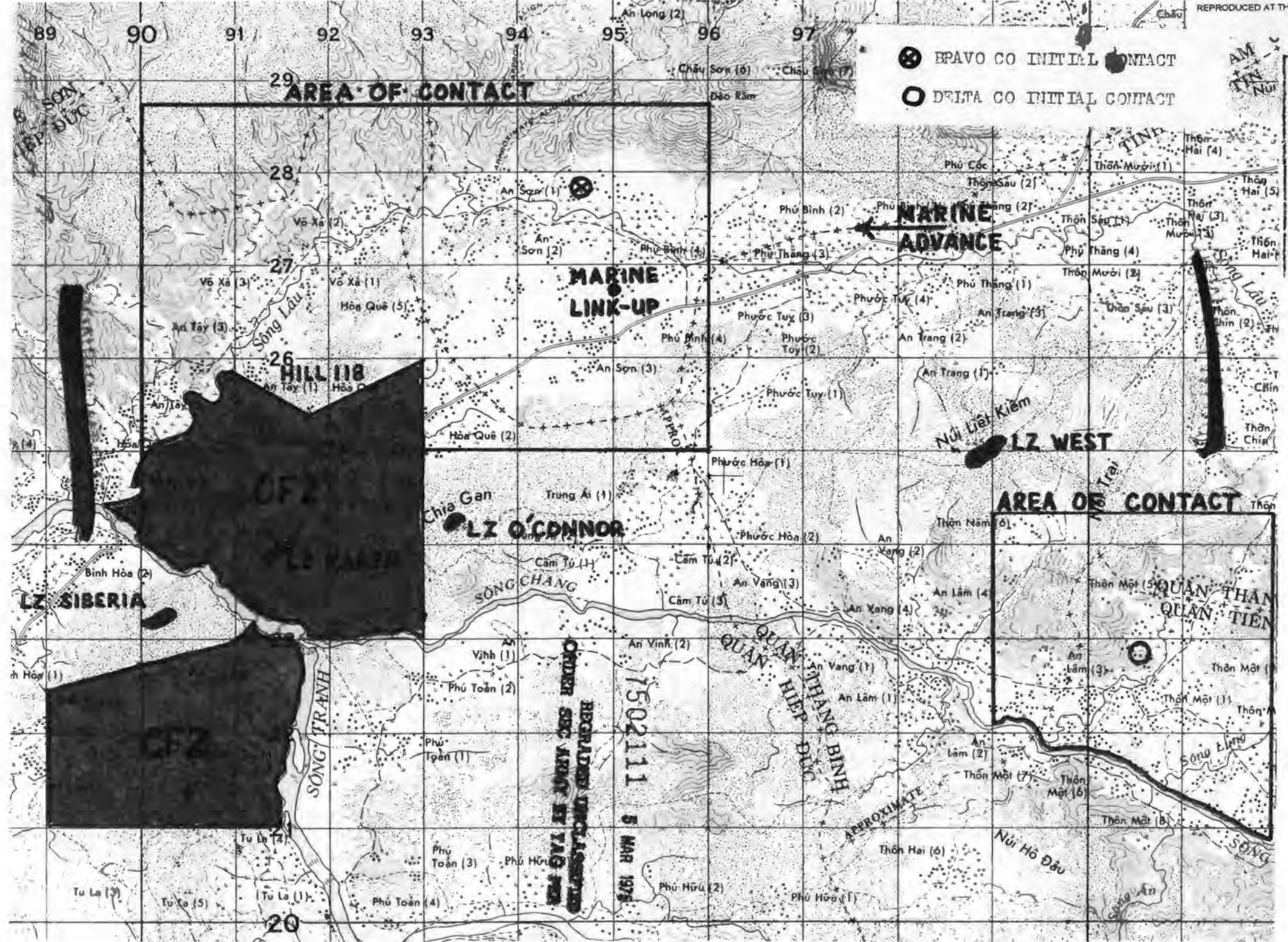
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