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Hqs, 4th Bn, 31st Inf
IZ WEST, AT 990251
191200H October 1969
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OPORD 7-69

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

Task Organization:

Co A/4-31 Inf
1 Mortar Section

Co B/4-31 Inf
1 Mortar Section

Co D/4-31 Inf

Co C/4-31 Inf

Recon Platoon

Bn Control

4-5 ARVN

E Co (-)/4-31 Inf

Batry C/3-82 Arty (DS)

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

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Current INISUM

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 TAOB, and conducts reconnaissance in force, in zone, with 4 platoon in combination with the 4-5th ARVN Bn on 210700H October 1969

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation:

(1) Maneuver:

(a) Phase I, ANEX A, Operations Overlay-20 Oct, 4-31 Inf (-) conducts airlift to designated FZ/IZ and conducts detailed searches, in designated areas, and sweeps, along designated routes, on 200900H October 1969.

(b) Phase II, ANEX B, Operations Overlay-21 Oct, 4-31 Inf (-) conducts reconnaissance in force, with B Co moving from E to W through assigned check-points, in zone; Recon Plat moving from E to W through assigned check points, in zone; and, through coordination, 4-5 ARVN moving from E to W to secure assigned objectives 1 through 4; on 210700H October 1969.

(2) Fires: Priority of fires to units in contact.

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b. Co A:

- (1) Conduct airlift from LZ SIBERIA to Hill 118 on 20 Oct 69 (ANNEX C, Aviation)
- (2) Secure LZ on Hill 118 until insertion of B Co and Recon Plat is complete.
- (3) Conduct recon in force and detailed searches in Alpha AO beginning 20 Oct 69
- (4) Report next days activities NLT 1200H of day preceeding, and night activities NLT 1500H of the day they are to take place.
- (5) Be prepared to reinforce B Co, Recon Plat, or 4-5 ARVN on order.

c. Co B:

- (1) Upon completion of airlift to Hill 118, move to and conduct detailed searches in area B on 20 Oct 1969 (ANNEX C, Aviation)
- (2) Cross ID 210700 Oct 1969 and move West, passing through and reporting checkpoints A through E.
- (3) Conduct detailed searches throughout zone as unit passes through.
- (4) Direct coordination is authorized between B Co, Recon Plat, and 4-5 ARVN advisors.
- (5) Be prepared to assist or reinforce either flanking elements.

d. Co C:

- (1) Airlift from Hill 118 to LZ WEST and assume security of LZ WEST (ANNEX C, Aviation)
- (2) Conduct platoon sweep along assigned route on 20 Oct 1969
- (3) Conduct reconnaissance in force in area C, with reinforced platoon on 21 Oct 69.

e. D Co:

- (1) Airlift from Hill 118 to LZ SIBERIA and assume security of LZ SIBERIA with a 44 man element. (ANNEX A, Aviation)
- (2) Co (-) conduct reconnaissance in force in Delta AO beginning 20 Oct 69
- (3) Place maximum emphasis on night activities.
- (4) Report next days activities NLT 1200H of the day preceeding, and night activities NLT 1500H of the day they are to take place.

f. Reconnaissance Plat:

- (1) Upon completion of airlift to Hill 118, move to and conduct detailed searches in area B on 20 Oct 1969 (ANNEX C, Aviation)
- (2) Cross ID 210700H Oct 69 and move West, passing through and reporting check points V through Z.
- (3) Conduct detailed search throughout zone
- (4) Direct coordination is authorized between Recon Plat, B Co, and 4-5 ARVN advisors.
- (5) Be prepared to assist or reinforce B Co.

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Heavy Mortars: GS

h. A Btry (-)/3-16 Arty: GS

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i. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) 4-5 ARVN will conduct reconnaissance in force, in zone, moving from E to West and securing objectives 1 through 4.
- (2) All elements will report crossing ID and/or reaching/securing all checkpoints and/or objectives.
- (3) Time frame for operation is 210700H Oct to 261800H Oct 1969. (Approximate)
- (4) Free fire boundaries will not be crossed by maneuver elements without prior approval of this Hdqs.
- (5) All clearances for fire across boundaries will be processed through this Hdqs.
- (6) Airlift of 20 Oct 1969 will be conducted on Air/Ground frequency.
- (7) 4-5 ARVN may begin moving toward their objectives prior to 21 Oct 1969, if desired.
- (8) Commo check will be made at 200645H Oct 1969 on Air/Ground frequency to facilitate airlift.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

- a. Current ADMINO in effect
- b. All maneuver elements (Co B and Recon) will maintain two days supply of rations in case bad weather prohibits resupply.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

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

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ANNEXS

- A- Operations Overlay, 20 Oct 1969
- B- Operations Overlay, 21 Oct 1969
- C- Aviation

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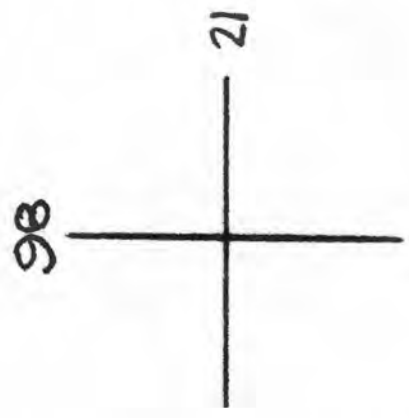
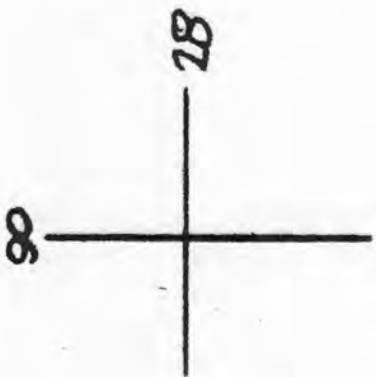
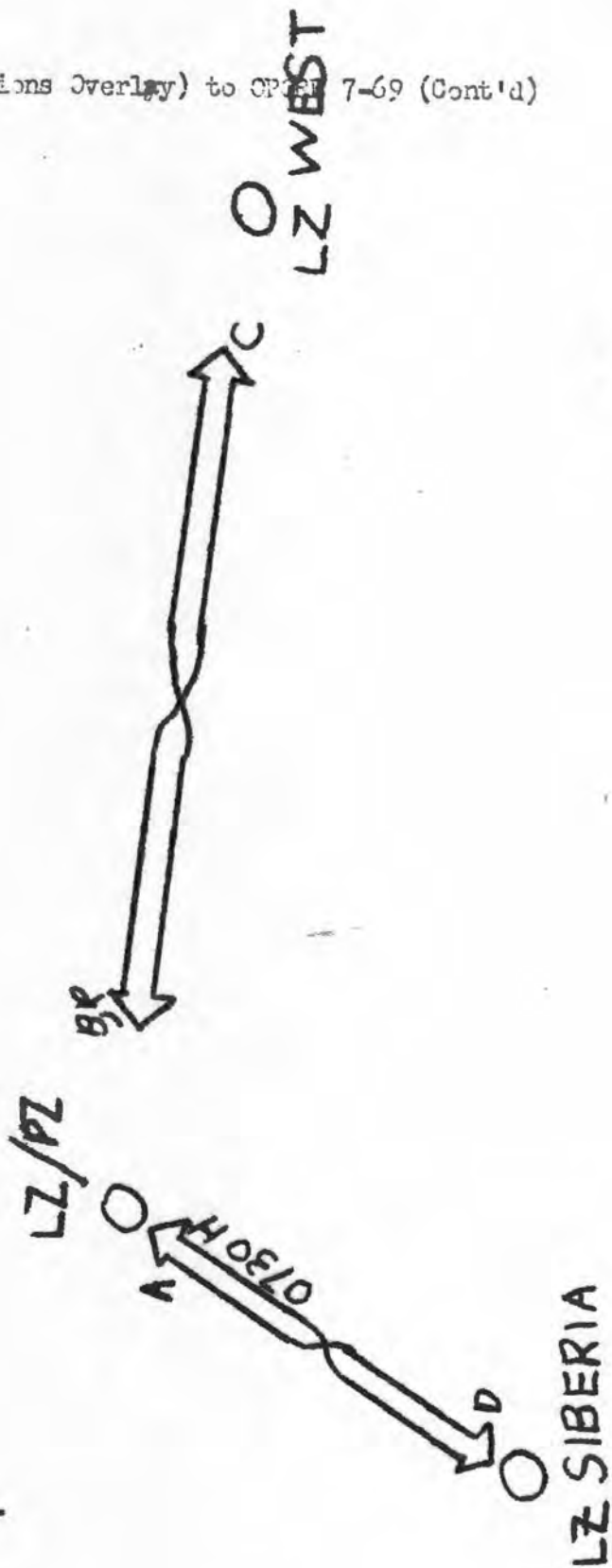
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ANNEX A (Operations Overlay) to OPLAN 7-69 (Cont'd)



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map sheets
6640-3 & 6639-4



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ANNEX A (Operations Overlay) to OPRD 7-69

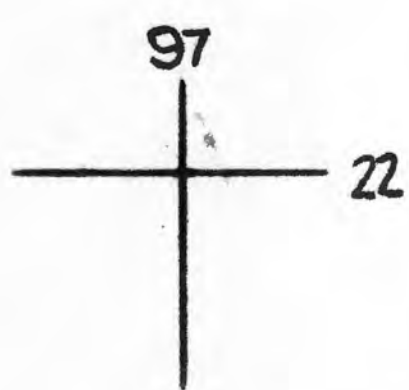
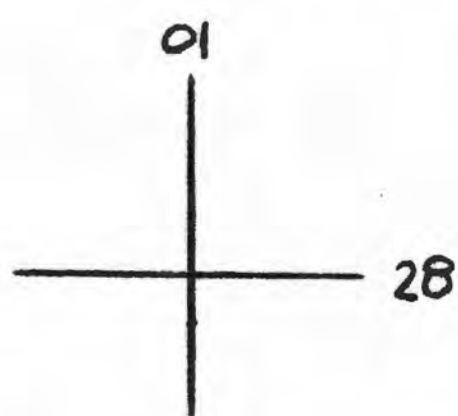
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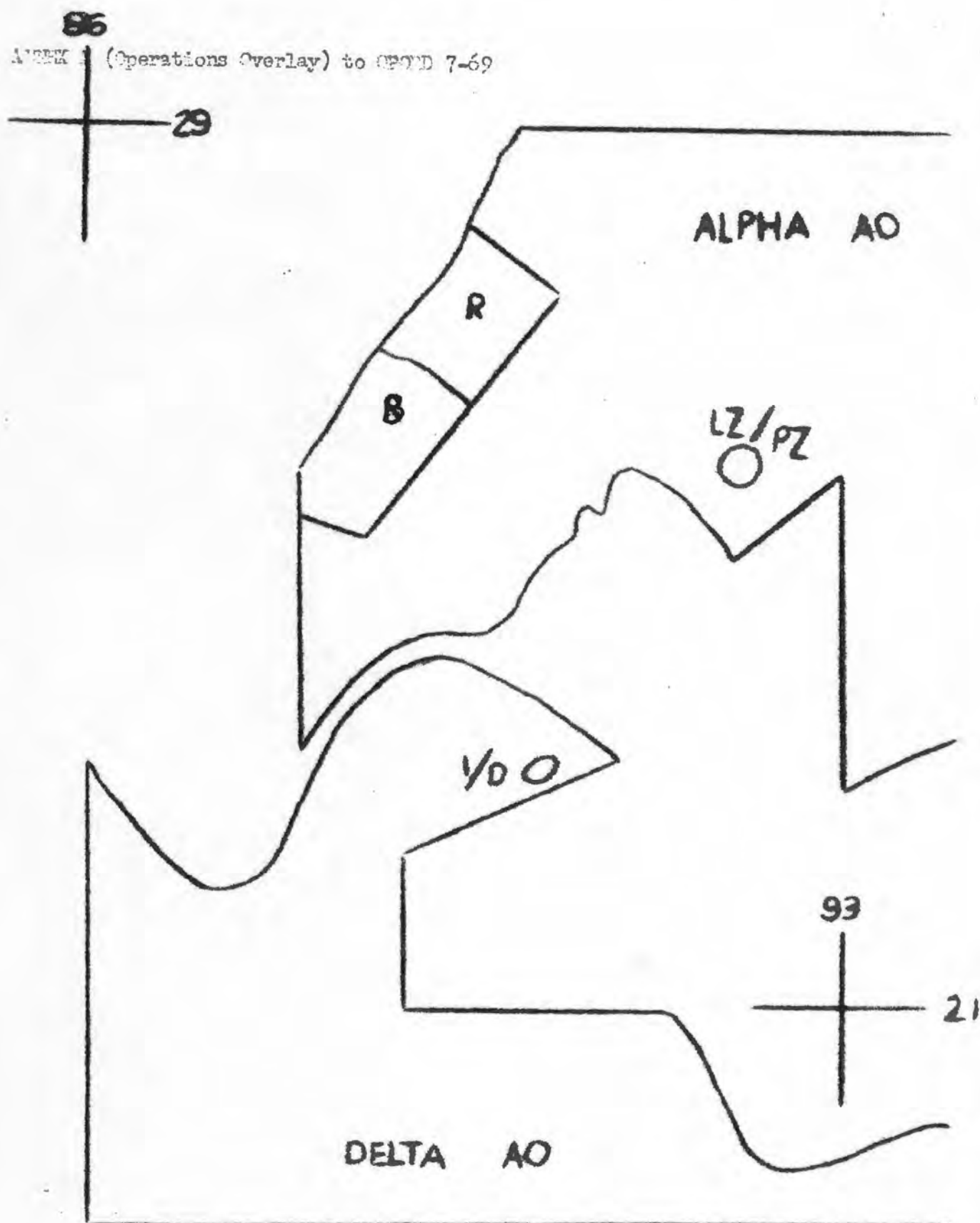


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ANNEX B (Operations Overlay) to OPRD 7-69

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DELTA AO

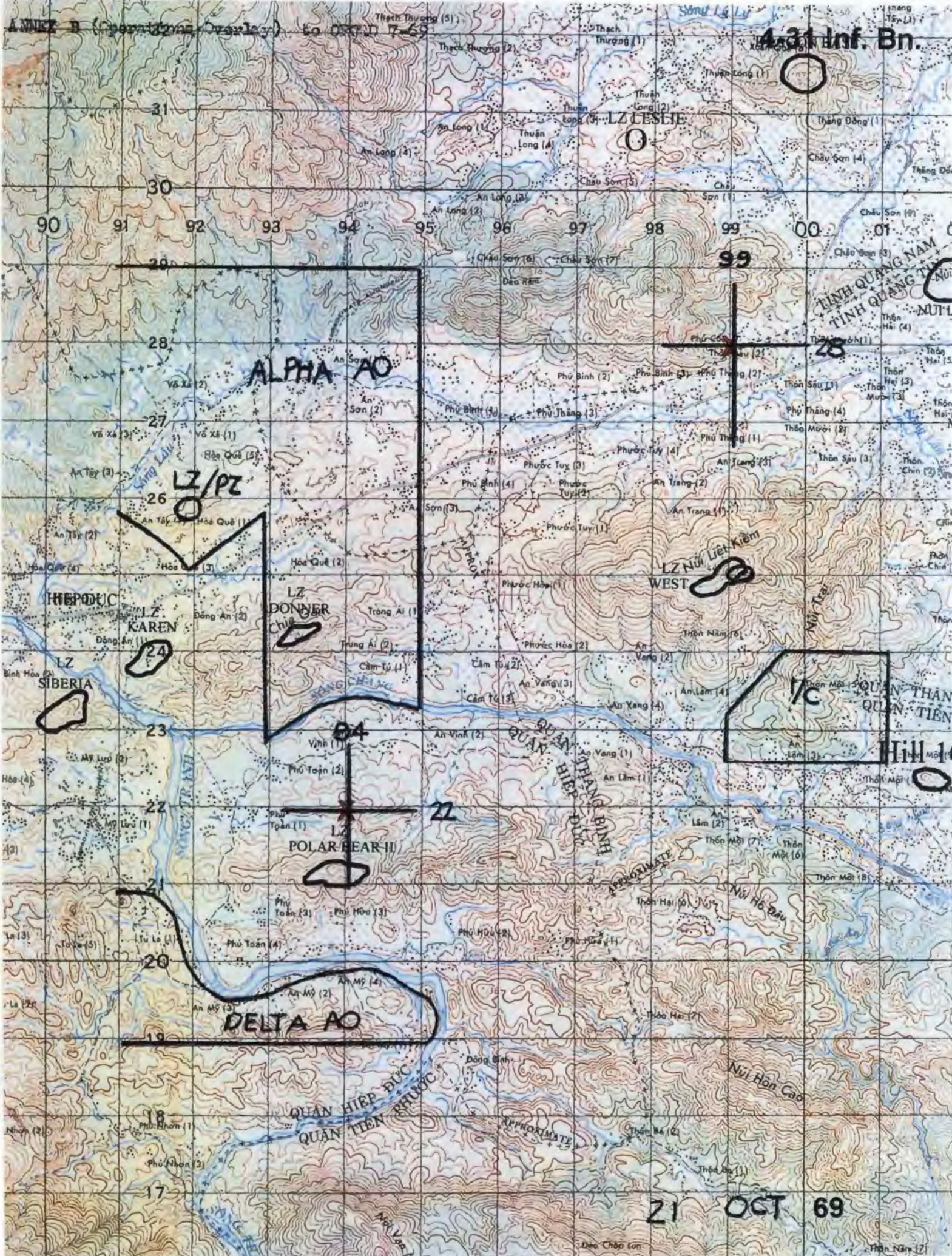
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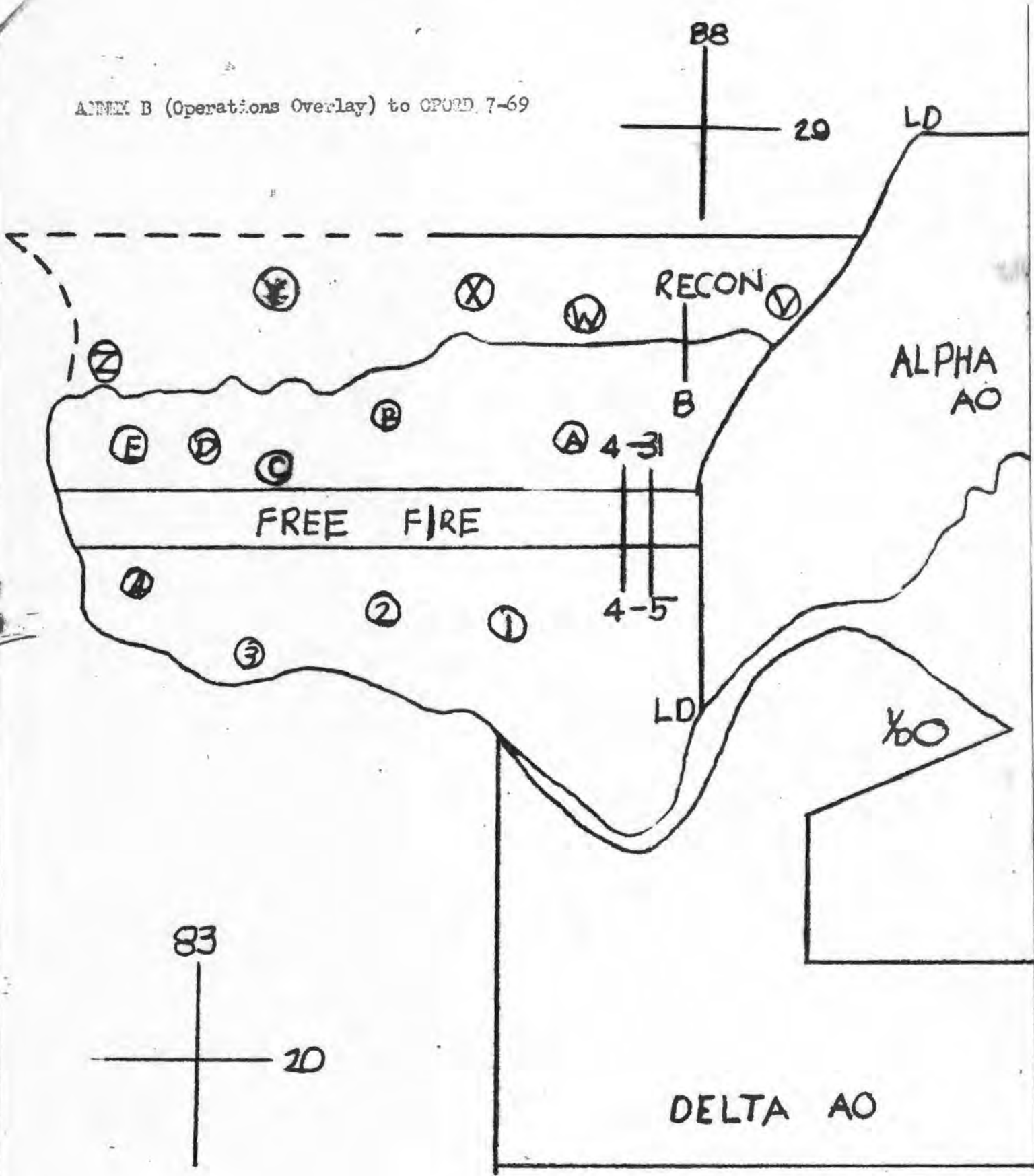


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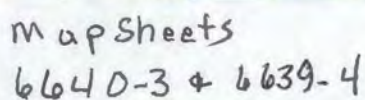


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ANNEX B (Operations Overlay) to CPORD 7-69



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ANNEX C (Aviation) to OPORD 7-69

4-31 Inf requests CH-47 to move A Co/4-31 Inf from LZ SIBERIA to a field location at AT 920259 and D Co/4-31 Inf from AT 920259 to LZ SIBERIA; and Co C/4-31 Inf from AT 920259 to LZ WEST and Co B/4-31 Inf and Recon Plat from LZ WEST to AT 920259. Waive seat belt requirement. Time frame: 200730H to 201010H October 1969. Total pax: 438.

LIFT	ACFT	PZ/TIME	LZ/TIME	UNIT/PAX
1	CH-47	LZ SIBERIA/0730	AT 920259/0740	A Co/40
2	CH-47	AT 920259/0740	LZ SIBERIA/0750	D Co/40
3	CH-47	LZ SIBERIA/0750	AT 920259/0800	A Co/40
4	CH-47	AT 920259/0800	LZ SIBERIA/0810	D Co/40
5	CH-47	LZ SIBERIA/0810	AT 920259/0820	A Co/17
6	CH-47	AT 920259/0820	LZ SIBERIA/0830	D Co/27
7	CH-47	LZ SIBERIA/0830	AT 920259/0840	Empty/0
8	CH-47	AT 920259/0840	LZ WEST/0855	Co C/40
9	CH-47	LZ WEST/0855	AT 920259/0910	Co B/40
10	CH-47	AT 920259/0910	LZ WEST/0925	Co C/40
11	CH-47	LZ WEST/0925	AT 920259/0940	Co B/40
12	CH-47	AT 920259/0940	LZ WEST/0955	Co C/21
13	CH-47	LZ WEST/0955	AT 920259/1010	Co B & Recon/40

Ground Contacts:

LZ SIBERIA --- UNIFORM 43
 AT 920259 --- JULIET 43
 LZ WEST --- KILO 43

Frequency: AIR/GROUND -- 39.40