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Hqs, 4th Bn, 31st Inf
LZ WEST (AT 990851) RVN
090700H November 1969
Q0286Q

OPORD 8-69

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

Task Organization:

Co A/4-31 Inf

Co B/4-31 Inf (-)

Co C/4-31 InfCo D/4-31 Inf

C/4-31 Inf

D/4-31 Inf

1 81mm Mortar Squad

1 81mm Mortar Squad

Recon Plt/4-31 Inf

Recon Plt

1 81mm Mortar Squad

Bn Control

4 Squads, Co B/4-31 Inf

Co E/4-31 Inf (-)

C/3/82 Arty (DS)

Quad 50/G/55 Arty (DS)

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM

bb. Friendly Forces:

(1) 196th Inf Bde continues current operations; provides security for convoy and engineer work parties in zone.

(2) 3-21 Inf Bn continues current operations

(3) 7th Marine Regt continues current operations; provides security for convoy and engineer work parties in zone.

(4) Hiep Duc District Hqs provides convoy security in zone.

(5) D/26 Engineers conduct upgrading operations and minesweeps of convoy routes.

(6) F/8th Cav provides aerial surveillance and gunship support.

(7) F/17th Cav provides mobile security element to operate with the convoy.

(8) 7th Air Force and 1st Marine Air Wing provide tactical air support.

c. Attachments and Detachments: Task Organization.

2. MISSION: 4-31 Inf continues current operations and provides security for convoy and engineer work parties from BT 003293 to Hiep Duc and return on D-Day.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operations

(1) Maneuver: ANNEX A, Operations Overlay. 4-31 Inf (-) and Hiep Duc RF/PF provide security for convoy to Hiep Duc and return on D-Day.

(2) Fires: ANNEX B, Fire Support.

b. Co A: Provide convoy security in zone using squad size strongpoints. A 5 man element, with field glasses will be airlifted to LZ O'CONNOR to establish an OP.

c. Co B (-): Secure LZ SIBERIA.

d. Co C: Continue current operations.

e. Co D: Provide convoy security in zone using squad size strongpoints.

f. Co E (-): Continue current operations. Provide an OP on LZ WEST with a BC Scope.

g. Recon Plt:

(1) On D-1, secure LZ vicinity AT 999287 for insertion of 1 squad from B Co and 1 engineer sweep team in the late afternoon of D-1.

(2) On D-Day move to and secure high ground vicinity AT 992288.

h. Sqd/Co B: Provide security for engineer sweep team sweeping from BT 001287 towards Hiep Duc.

i. 2/B: Provide security for engineer sweep team sweeping from Hiep Duc along the road to the ENE. Enroute drop off one squad for bridge security at bridge vicinity AT 923250; drop off another squad at bridge vicinity AT 954264 for security; remaining squad continue to provide security for engineer sweep team.

j. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) D-Day is 10 November

(2) Hiep Duc RF/PF will provide security along the road and out to 200 meters each side of the road. Boundries will be strictly observed as fire coordination lines. RF/PF will be accompanied by U.S. Advisors with a radio on Bn CMD frequency.

(3) 2/B and 1 engineer sweep team will be airlifted into LZ KAREN on D-1.

(4) 1 Squad B Co and 1 engineer sweep team will be airlifted into field LZ vic AT 999287 on D-1. LZ will be secured by Recon Plat.

(5) Co A will move from LZ WEST into their operational area on D-Day. Co D will move into their area on D-1.

(6) Units operating in the Que Son CFZ will fire only when fired upon.

(7) Companies A and D will report progress of the convoy by the check-points indicated on the overlay.

4. ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS: Current Admino

5. COMMAND & SIGNAL

a. Signal: ANNEX C, Signal

b. Command:

(1) Bn Cp Located on LZ WEST

(2) C & C helicopter will be available to the Bn Cmdr.

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ACKNOWLEDGE

HENRY
LTC

ANNEXS

- A-Operations Overlay
- B-Fire Support
- Appendix 1-Pre-planned fires
- C-Signal

Distribution:

Co A/4-31 Inf
Co B/4-31 Inf
Co C/4-31 Inf
Co D/4-31 Inf
Co E/4-31 Inf
Recon Plat/4-31 Inf
LNO HIEP DUC
D/26 Engr
XO/4-31 Inf
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ANNEX A (Operations Overlay) to OPORD 8-69

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Distribution: Same as OPORD 8-69

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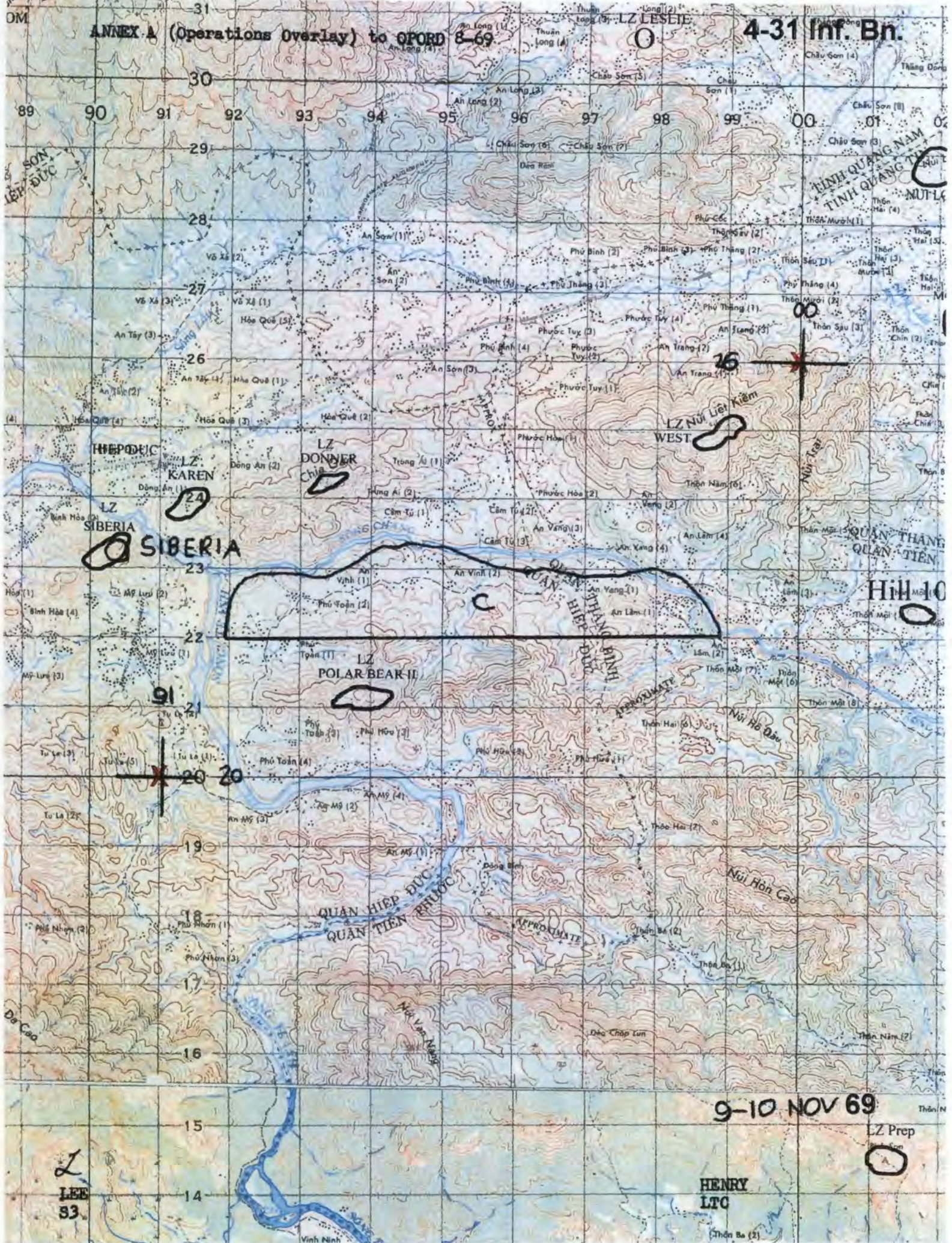
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9-10 NOV



Map Sheets
6640-3 & 6639-4



The Americal Division Veteran's Association's Vietnam era historian prepared a standardized version of the overlay found on the previous page. Then a 1:50,000 scale map was aligned and overprinted as an aid to show terrain and firebases.

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ANNEX B (Fire Support) to Bn OPORD 8-69

1. SITUATION:

a. ~~E~~ nemy Forces: Current Intsum

b. ~~F~~riendly Forces

(1) 2/82 Arty will provide direct support within 4-31 AO

(2) A/3-16 will provide general support reinforcing 3/82 Arty

2. MISSION: C/3-82 Arty will provide arty support (DS) for the Hiep Duc convoy on D-Day

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operations: C-3/82 Arty will provide indirect fire support within 4-31 AO to interdict possible avenues of approach and to counter enemy attacks on the convoy.

b. Air Support: 7th Air Force provides necessary tactical air support to include FAC's, CAP's and preplanned airstrikes.

4. ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS: Current Adimo

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal: Current SSI/SOI in effect

b. Command: Bn CP at LZ WEST

Appendix

1-Preplanned Fires

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Appendix 1 to ANNEX B to OPORD 8-69

Assign by Brigade OPORD 5-69

105's	CY 1000=	yJ6901	AT 935249
Siberia	CY 1001=	yJ6902	AT 943253
3/82	Cy 0002=	yJ6903	AT 957261
C Btry	CY 1003=	yJ6904	AT 956272
"	CY 1004=	yJ6905	AT 951262
"	CY 1005=	yJ6906	AT 975278
"	CY 1006=	yJ6907	AT 985278
"	CY 1007=	yJ6908	AT 988288
155's	CY 1008=	ym 4716	AT 996287
WEST	CY 1009=	ym 4717	BT 006289
A/3-16	CY 1010=	ym 4718	BT 015302
"	CY 1011=	ym 4719	BT 009314

Additional

105's	yj 6909	AT 934276
Siberia	yj 6910	AT 922263
C 3/82	yj 6911	AT 952256
"	yj 6912	AT 967282

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ANNEX C (Signal) to OPORD 8-69

1. Current SOI/SSI in effect
2. B Co and C Co will operate under minimize from 100700H Nov 69 to be lifted on order of NCS upon termination of convoy operations.
3. To enhance control, the following elements will operate on Bn CMD Freq utilizing accompanying call words/signs:
 - a. Squad, B/4-31, Security for engineer team #1—WHISKEY 10
 - b. Squad, B/4-31, Security for engineer team #2—WHISKEY 11
 - c. Squad, B/4-31, Security for Bridge #1—WHISKEY 12
 - d. Squad, B/4-31, Security for Bridge #2—WHISKEY 13
 - e. U.S. Advisors to Hiep Duc RF/PF—MIKE 46
4. Pyrotechnics: Red smoke grenade will be utilized only to request assistance or indicate enemy contact by elements not possessing radio communication capabilities.
5. All additional traffic not essential to convoy operations will be passed over Bn ADM/LOG Net. External stations will utilize appropriate call word/sign on ADM/LOG net, releasing Bn CMD net to handle pertinent convoy control traffic only.