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 Hqs, 4th Bn, 31st Inf
 LZ WEST, AT 990251
 191330H February 1970
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Frag Order 24 to OPORD 1-70

1. Intelligence

a. 22 January 1970 vic AT 989295 Co B located two concealed hootches and big rock complex surrounding hootches and thirty foot cave with 300 patient capacity hospital.

b. (AR, Que Son District) 19 February 1970: Vic AT 998330 and AT 997292 unidentified NVA Battalion.

c. Twenty-two man village guerilla team operates in Son Hoa Village. Team is equipped with small arms and automatic weapons.

2. Execution

a. Co A: (1) 20 February 1970: Conduct cordon and search of CHAU SON (6) vic AT 955291 and continue recon in force in area A (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay). Move to area A1, establish NDP vic Hill 441. (2) 21 February 1970: Locate enemy hospital vic AT 989295. Be prepared on order to receive CS drums and explosive to neutralize the facility. Be prepared on order to establish platoon blocking positions vic AT 973295, AT 983295 and AT 989295. Blocking positions will be oriented to the north to engage enemy withdrawing from CHAU SON (5) (AT 975303) to continue recon in force in area A1 (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).

b. Co B: (1) (20 and 21 February 1970): Airlift from CHU LAI to LZ SIBERIA. Secure LZ SIBERIA with one reinforced platoon. (2) Co minus conduct recon in force to screen HIEP DUC in area B. Concentrate on night squad size sweeps. (3) Be prepared within two hours to release one platoon OPCON to 1st Bn, 46th Inf on order (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay and ANNEX B, Aviation).

c. Co C: (1) (20 and 21 February 1970): Continue to secure LZ WEST. Improve defensive positions. (2) Be prepared to displace one Inf platoon to reinforce units in contact on thirty minutes notice.

d. Co D: (1) (20 and 21 February 1970): Airlift from LZ SIBERIA to CHU LAI for RECHARGE (ANNEX B Aviation).

e. Recon Platoon: (1) 20 February 1970: Conduct recon in force in area R. Establish NDP vic SON HOA Village. Establish two squad size ambushes in coordination with Village Chief (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay). (2) 21 February 1970: At 0530 hours, move along axis Lee with two Popular Forces (PF) platoons to conduct combined cordon and search of CHAU SON (5) (Obj 1-AT 975303). On order withdraw to SON HOA and initiate recon in force in area R1 (ANNEX A, Operations Overlay).

f. Coordinating Instructions

(1) AO extension requested to the 31 grid line for maneuver and the 32 grid line for fires. (2) Direct coordination between Recon Platoon Leader and PF Platoon Leaders NLT 201700H February 1970 is directed.

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3. Command and Signal

a. 21 February 1970: Forward CP located with Recon Platoon Leader. Battalion main CP remains at LZ WEST.

b. Radio relay, if required by the SON HOA Liaison Team . Current SSI/SOI in effect.

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ANNEX A (Operations Overlay) to Frag Order 24 to OPOD 1-70

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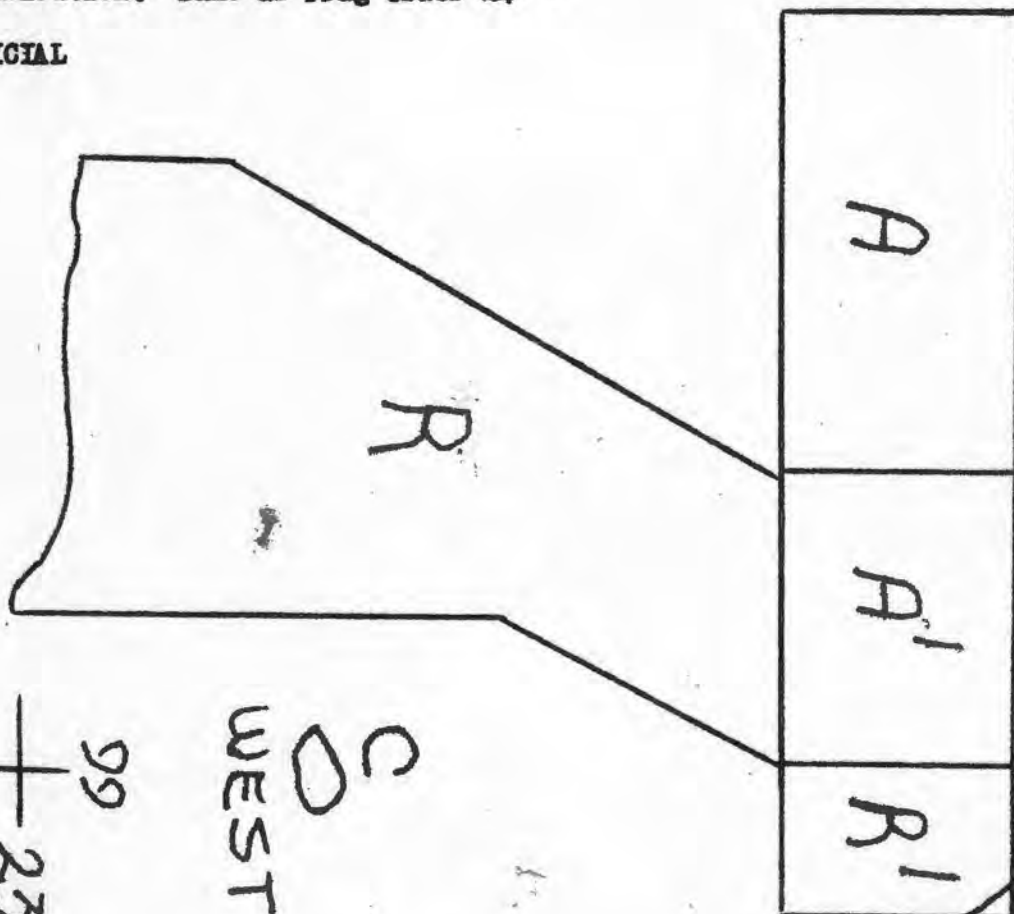
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The Americal Division Veteran's Association's Vietnam era historian prepared a standardized version of the overlay found on the previous page. Then a 1:50,000 scale map was aligned and overprinted as an aid to show terrain and firebases.

ANNEX B (Aviation) to Frag Order 24 to OPORD 1-79

4-31 Daf requests two CH-47s for airlift of Co D from LZ SIBERIA and elements of Co E from LZ WEST to CHU LAI, and of Co B and elements of Co E from CHU LAI to LZ's SIBERIA and WEST. LZs secure. Total Pax: Co D to CHU LAI: 129. Co E to CHU LAI: 22. Co B to LZ SIBERIA: 113. Co E to LZ WEST: 25. Total pax: 289.
 Time Frame: 200930H to 201315H February 1970.

<u>LIFT</u>	<u>ACFT</u>	<u>PZ/TIME</u>	<u>LZ/TIME</u>	<u>UNIT/PAX</u>
1	2XCH-47	Chu Lai/0930	LZ Siberia/1005	Co E/62
2	2XCH-47	LZ Siberia/1010	Chu Lai/1045	Co D/62
3	2XCH-47	Chu Lai/1050	LZ Siberia/1125	Co B/51
4	2XCH-47	LZ Siberia/1130	Chu Lai/1205	Co D/62
5	1XCH-47	Chu Lai/1210	LZ West/1245	Co E/25
6	1XCH-47	LZ West/1250	LZ Siberia/1255	Co E/22
7	1XCH-47	LZ Siberia/1300	Chu Lai/1335	Co E/22 Co D/5

Ground Contacts: LZ SIBERIA—NOVEMBER 28M
 LZ WEST—ZULU 28M

Frequency: AIR/GROUND—32.50