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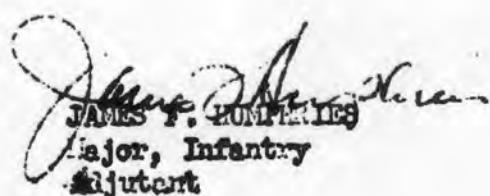
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SUBJECT: Promulgation of 196th Infantry Brigade OPLAN 05-70 (Typhoon/Tropical Storm Contingency Plan) (U)

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1. (C) 196th Infantry Brigade OPLAN 05-70 is a plan to provide protection for US personnel, equipment, and installations, and emergency disaster relief assistance to GVN authorities and the civilian population.
2. (U) This OPLAN supersedes 196th Infantry Brigade OPLAN 16-69, dated 290800 August 1969. Battalions will submit supporting plans NLT 30 days after receipt of this OPLAN.

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Reference: Map Vietnam 1:50,000

TASK ORGANIZATION: Current Organization.

1. (C) SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM.

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) Americal Division conducts typhoon/tropical storm protection measures for US personnel, equipment and installations; continues to conduct combat operations; and provides emergency disaster relief assistance to GVN authorities and the civilian population as authorized and as permitted by operational considerations.

(2) 7th Marine Regiment provides disaster relief as required; continues current operations.

(3) 198th Inf Bde continues current operations in assigned area, provides disaster relief to Vietnamese nationals as required during times of natural disaster.

(4) 16th CAG continues current operations; prepares to conduct aerial resupply relief or emergency evacuation operations in disaster areas, on order.

(5) 7th US Air Force continues tactical air support of ground operations as required; provides air transportation for movement of evacuees, provides emergency resupply airlift as required.

(6) 5th ARVN Regt and other GVN forces continue combat operations and provide maximum assistance to GVN authorities and the civilian population within the 196/5th Regt TAOI.

c. Attachments and Detachments: Current Task Organization.

d. Assumptions:

(1) Rainfall heavier than normal will result in flood conditions in the 196th Bde TAOI.

(2) US, FW and RVN military operations will be hampered.

(3) Civilian population activities will be disrupted. Mass movement of refugees to safe areas will occur.

(4) Refugee columns will provide the enemy with excellent opportunities to move, concentrate, and inflict damage and casualties both on civilian and military forces.

(5) Localized flash floods will disrupt LOC's and will isolate units away from base camps. Repair of LOC's and resupply of units by ground or air will be difficult.

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(6) Base camps will be relatively invulnerable to effects of abnormally heavy rains, thus providing reliable bases from which to initiate disaster relief efforts.

(7) LOC's may be so disrupted as to require complete movement by air.

(8) USAID and GVN will provide food, clothing, building materials, and other essentials, to civilian population. Distribution assistance will be provided by military forces.

2. (C) MISSION:

196th Bde continues to conduct combat operations; conducts typhoon/tropical storm protection measures for US personnel, equipment, and installations; establishes Disaster Relief Coordination Center (DRCC) at Brigade and subordinate unit level; maintains communications, coordination, and liaison with Quang Tin Province Tactical Operations Center (TOC) and with all District TOC's in TAOI; and provides emergency disaster relief assistance to GVN authorities and the civilian population as authorized and as permitted by operational considerations.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation:

(1) 196th Bde conducts typhoon/tropical storm protection measures in three phases.

(a) Phase I: Preparatory phase. Units receive appropriate weather warnings of impending storm conditions, review typhoon/tropical storm contingency plans, and commence preparatory protective measures. Disaster Relief Coordination Center (DRCC) with S3, S4, and S5 representatives established at 196th Bde TOC. Upon notification of impending storm conditions, S4 and S5 representatives will report immediately to TOC/DRCC. Annex A, Weather, and Annex E, Civil-Military Operations.

(b) Phase II: During the typhoon/storm, units take the necessary measures to protect personnel, equipment, facilities, and installations, as possible, and continue to conduct combat operations.

(c) Phase III: After the typhoon/storm, units conduct damage assessment, damage repair, and relief and rescue activities. Combat operations are continued.

(2) During Phases I through III, 196th Inf Bde provides assistance to GVN authorities and the civilian population when authorized, and as combat operations permit. Annex E, Civil Military Operations.

b. 1-46 Inf, 2-1 Inf, 3-21 Inf and 4-31 Inf:

(1) Continue current operations.

(2) Establish Disaster Relief Coordination Center (DRCC) at Bn Hqs.

(3) Establish direct communications, coordination, and liaison with all GVN Tactical Operations Centers (TOC) in TAOI.

(4) Consistent with current tactical mission, organize flood damage control operations, prepare to conduct rescue/evacuation operations if required in each FCA, and be prepared to provide assistance to 5th ARVN Regt and GVN forces as directed by:

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- (a) Taking timely measures to protect life and property of US military and other friendly elements.
- (b) Conducting damage assessment.
- (c) Organizing and provide mobile medical teams as required.
- (d) Distributing essential food, clothing and medicine as provided.
- (e) Providing temporary shelter, utilities and hospital equipment.
- (f) Coordinating activities and elements tasked to render aid such as medical teams and other technical personnel within each FCA.

c. A/26th Engr:

- (1) Be prepared to move by air or ground to assist in disaster relief operations as directed.
- (2) Open and maintain LOC as required.
- (3) Be prepared to save and/or salvage tactical bridging in high water conditions.
- (4) Be prepared to assist in rescue/evacuation operations using available assault and recon boats.

d. Priority of effort:

- (a) Priority I: Units in contact.
- (b) Priority II: Natural disaster relief operations.

d. 48th PSD: Continue current operations.

e. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) No pre-commitments for emergency disaster relief may be made by commanders. In the event of disaster, aid may be volunteered if the overwhelming demands of humanity dictate immediate action to prevent starvation, extreme suffering or property loss where local resources are clearly inadequate to cope with the situation.

(2) Units will insure that combat operations are conducted within capabilities, throughout the emergency disaster period.

(3) Requests for assistance that are not within the capability of subordinate units will be forwarded to the Bde Disaster Relief Coordination Center.

(4) 196th Bde S2 is responsible for issuing weather warnings and advising S3 on status of tropical storms/typhoons.

(5) 196th Bde S3 is responsible for determining weather conditions as outlined in Appendix 2, Annex A and for dissemination of these conditions to subordinate units, ORCON units and supporting units.

(6) 196th Bde S3, upon notification of weather condition IV (Appendix 2, Annex A) by S3, establish and supervise 196th Bde DRCC in the BTOC.

(7) Units will establish DRCC upon receipt of Condition IV warning (72 hours prior to storm arrival).

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(8) 196th Bde IO is responsible for insuring that all news releases are in accordance with MMIV Directive 500-1, dated 25 Jan 69.

(9) When weather warnings less severe than the conditions outlined in Appendix 2, Annex A prevail, units will take appropriate action to protect personnel, equipment (especially aviation assets), and facilities.

(10) 196th Bde units will prepare/revise tropical storm/typhoon contingency plans and submit to this headquarters, ATTN: S3, not later than 30 days after receipt of this directive.

(11) This plan is effective for planning on receipt and execution on order.

4. (U) SERVICE SUPPORT: Annex D, Logistics.

5. (U) COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal:

(1) Current SOI Index in effect.

(2) Annex G, Communications-Electronics.

b. Command: Bde CP at H.H.

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Annexes: A - Weather
B - Protective Measures
C - Engineer
D - Logistics
E - Civil-Military Operations
F - Aviation
G - Communications-Electronics

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