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Change 1 to OPORD 1-70 (BASE DEFENSE) (U)

1. (C) The following pen and ink changes will be made to HAWK HILL Base Defense, OPORD 1-70.

a. Para 3h (1) delete.

b. Para 3p, add sub para (8): Rules of engagement: All steps will be taken to reduce a confirmed enemy threat to personnel or material on HAWK HILL. When an infiltrator is suspected within the perimeter wire barriers, confirmation will be obtained by verification of adjacent bunkers if possible. If this is not possible, the senior individual manning the bunker will make the decision to engage the target.

c. Para 3p add sub para (9): All tenant units of HAWK HILL will provide local security arrangements for the safety of all US civilians and third country foreign nationals residing in their unit areas during alerts. Special emphasis must be placed on the security of third country foreign nationals of Asian origin to insure that they are not confused with the enemy during an actual alert.

d. Annex B para 3c, change to read: Final clearances for fires in the defense of HAWK HILL will be made by CO, 196th Inf Bde.

e. Annex C para 12, add:

(1) 12a. To assist in identifying devices, the handles will be color coded as follows:

1. CLAYMORE - ORIGINAL OD
2. CS LAUNCHER - RED
3. FOUGASSE \* YELLOW
4. WP - WHITE

(2) 12b. It is recommended that the WP string be fired before the fougasses.

2. (U) The attached Annexes will be added to OPORD 1-70 (BASE DEFENSE) (U)

a. Annex E (Improved Tactical Wire Entanglement for HAWK HILL) (U)

b. Annex F (Emplacement and use of Chemical Ordnance.)

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CHANGE #2 to OPORD 1-70 (BASE DEFENSE) (U)

1. (C) The following changes will be made to HAWK HILL Base Defense OPORD 1-70,

a. Para 3c(1) change to read: Assume overall responsibility for the defense of Sector A and that portion of the perimeter covered by bunkers 1 through 24.

b. Para 3d(1) change to read: Assume overall responsibility for the defense of Sector B and that portion of the perimeter covered by bunkers 25 through 35.

c. Para 3e(3) delete. Add 3e(5): 2/23 MP Co will provide continuous day and night 2 man roving patrols which cover both sectors of HAWK HILL.

d. Para 3f add (3): Provide personnel to man bunkers 31 and 34 (4 men each bunker/night).

e. Para 3j(1) change to read: Provide 4 personnel to man bunker 27 and 3 men for bunker 28 which will be manned in conjunction with A/26 Engrs.

f. Para 3k(1) change to read: Provide 4 men each for bunkers 29 and 30 and 1 man for bunker 28.

g. Para 3a change to read: 48th Scout Dog provide 2 personnel per night, FSE, 2nd S&T provide 1 man per night to man bunker 33.

h. Para 3n(1) change to read: HHC, 196th Inf Bde provide 4 personnel to man bunker 35 each night. In addition, provide 1 man for bunker 33 each night.

1. Para 3 o delete (1).

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OPORD 1-70 (Base Defense) (U)

Reference: TAM KY Map Sheet 6640 II

## TASK ORGANIZATION:

HHDC

HQ Co, 196th Inf Bde  
 F/17 Cav (3 platoons)  
 2/23 MP Co  
 1 Plat/A/26 Engr  
 1/G/3-29 Arty (Searchlight)  
 1 Section/G/55 Arty (Quad 50)  
 635 MI Co, Tm 2  
 FSE/23 S&T Bn  
 APU, HAWK HILL

Sector A

2-1 Inf (TF Control)  
 F/17 Cav(-)  
 A/3-16 Arty(-)  
 C/23 Med  
 PAE  
 3 TMS/75 Rangers  
 27 Chem Det

Sector B

3-82 Arty (TF Control)  
 C/723 Maint  
 A/26 Engr(-)  
 48 IPSD  
 1/B/523 Sig  
 1/C/37 Sig

## 1. (C) SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM.

b. Friendly Forces:

- (1) Americal Division continues current operations.
- (2) 7th Marine Regt continues current operations to the north.
- (3) 198th Inf Bde continues operations to the south.
- (4) 5th ARVN Regt continues operations and defends Hill 29 (BT226319).

c. Attachments and Detachments: Task Organization.

2. (C) MISSION: 196th Inf Bde continues current operations and defends HAWK HILL (BT226319).

## 3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operations:

(1) Maneuver: Annex A, Bunker Line and Sector Diagram. The 196th Infantry Brigade defends HAWK HILL through a defense center which coordinates a two sector defense. The perimeter defense is divided between the two sectors and sector commanders monitor the internal defense of units within their sectors.

(2) Fires: Annex B, Fire Support. One mobile Searchlight OPCON to each sector commander and one mobile quad .50 Cal available to sector commanders from HHDC upon request.

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## b. HAWK HILL Defense Center (HHDC):

- (1) Assume overall responsibility for the defense of HAWK HILL to include coordinating the internal defense of both sectors and each sector's perimeter defense.
- (2) Direct the inspection, maintenance and improvement of external and internal defenses through each sector headquarters.
- (3) Develop counterattack plans to repel any invader on HAWK HILL.

## c. 2-1 Infantry:

- (1) Assume overall responsibility for the defense of Sector A and that portion of the perimeter covered by bunkers 2 through 24.
- (2) Daily perform a detailed early morning sweep of the entire HAWK HILL perimeter reporting to HHDC when the sweep is completed and any damage to perimeter defensive works, and/or wire.
- (3) Periodically conduct search operations in the vicinity of HAWK HILL utilizing National Police, RF/PF units, etc.
- (4) Direct the manning of A Sector perimeter bunkers and coordinate the internal defense of units located within Sector A.
- (5) Clear and provide mortar fires in support of the defense of HAWK HILL as requested.
- (6) Establish rapid reaction elements, if feasible, from all sector units for employment within A Sector or as directed by HHDC.

## d. 3-82 Arty:

- (1) Assume overall responsibility for the defense of Sector B and that portion of the perimeter covered by bunkers 1 and 25 through 35.
- (2) Direct and coordinate the manning of B Sector perimeter bunkers and the internal defense of units located within B Sector.
- (3) Clear and provide Arty fires in support of the defense of HAWK HILL as requested.
- (4) Establish rapid reaction elements in all sector units for employment within B Sector or as directed by HHDC.
- (5) Provide personnel to man bunkers 25 and 26.

## e. 2/23 MP Co:

- (1) Nightly secure all access gates to HAWK HILL prior to EENT and report closing to HHDC. Each morning open appropriate gates at times requested and report opening to HHDC.
- (2) When main gate is opened, it and the joint gate will be manned by MP's.
- (3) Direct and coordinate the manning of bunker #1 and the internal defense of the area comprising Tm 2, 635 MID; FSE/23 S&T; and 2/23 MP Co.

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(4) During all alerts augment the defense of RRU and 196th Comm Center. Be prepared to send a reaction element to BTOC or elsewhere as directed by HHDC.

f. F/17 Cav:

(1) When on HAWK HILL, augment the perimeter defense as directed by HHDC and be prepared to provide one platoon as a reaction force.

(2) Prepare and rehearse counterattack plans to neutralize enemy penetrations in Sectors A, B or the 5th ARVN Regt CP.

g. A/3-16 Arty(-):

(1) When required by Sector A commander provide bunker line duty officer and/or NCOIC.

(2) Be prepared to provide direct fires in defense of the perimeter between bunkers 16 and 19.

(3) Be prepared to provide protected shelter to PAE civilians.

h. C/23 Med:

(1) When required by Sector A commander, provide bunker line duty officer and/or NCOIC.

(2) Be prepared to provide emergency medical care as required in both Sectors and Bunker Line.

i. PAE:

(1) All military personnel working with PAE will man defensive positions to protect government property.

(2) All civilian employees will report to the CO, A/3-16 Arty for protective shelter in the event of an attack.

j. C/723 Maint:

(1) Provide personnel to man bunkers 27 and 28.

(2) Provide maintenance support as required by HHDC.

k. A/26 Engr:

(1) Provide personnel to man bunkers 29, 30 and 31.

(2) Be prepared to provide a 40 man platoon reaction force within minutes to HHDC when F/17 Cav is conducting combat operations away from HAWK HILL.

(3) Perform daily and early morning mine sweeps of the main access road between HAWK HILL and the joint gate.

l. 1/B/523 Sig:

(1) Provide personnel to man bunker 32.

(2) Be prepared to perform emergency telephone/radio repairs as required.

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m. 48 IPSD and 1/C/37 Sig: Jointly provide personnel to man bunker 33.

n. HHQ, 196th Inf Bde:

(1) Provide personnel to man bunkers 34 and 35.

(2) Direct the internal defense of the area occupied by the brigade headquarters and headquarters company.

(3) During all alerts augment the ETOC defense.

e. FSE/23 S&T, <sup>635</sup>MID & APU:

(1) Jointly man bunker 1 with 2/23 MP.

(2) Assist in defense of area as directed by Brigade Provost Marshall.

p. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) The defense of HAWK HILL will take precedence over all administrative activities.

(2) All perimeter bunkers will be manned from 15 minutes prior to sunset to 15 minutes after sunrise.

(3) Commanders of all units are responsible for the organization and construction of internal defenses to insure protection of vital installations within their respective areas in the event of enemy penetration.

(4) Curfew on HAWK HILL will be enforced from 2230 to 0530 hours daily. Movement of personnel during these times between areas on HAWK HILL is prohibited except for official business.

(5) Sector commanders will insure that at least one bunker out of every four is manned on a 24 hour basis to provide surveillance of entire perimeter.

(6) All units will inspect assigned bunkers daily and dispose of trash around bunkers NLT 0900 hours.

(7) This OPORD supercedes OPORD 17-69 (Base Defense) dated 21 October 1969.

4. (U) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: Sector SOP's will be developed and forwarded to this Headquarters.

5. (C) COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal: Current SOI/SSI in effect. Hourly commo checks except from 2400 hours to 0400 hours, which will be period for half hour report.

b. Command:

(1) Bde CP and HHQ will be colocated at HAWK HILL.

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(2) All reports will be made through Sector CP's to 196th Inf Bde TOC.

(3) Bde XO is base defense commander and overall defense coordinator for HAWK HILL and HILL 29.

(4) Subordinate units will be responsive to needs of sector commanders, to include providing personnel for details.

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## ANNEXES:

A - Bunker Line Diagram

B - Fire Support

C - Bunker Instructions (Appendix 1 - Minimum Load of Ammo for each Bunker)

D - Alert Conditions

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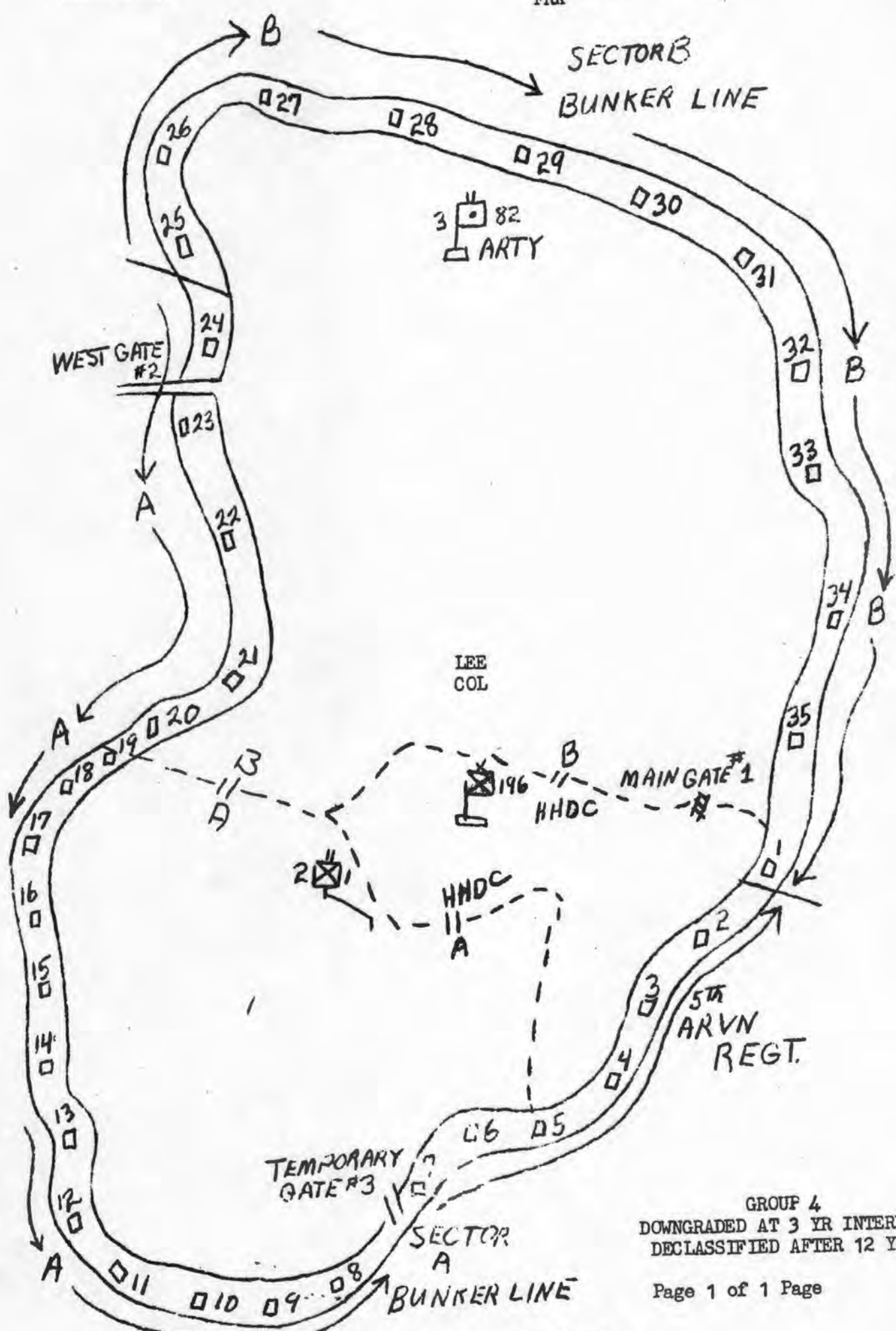
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ANNEX B (Fire Support) to OPORD 1-70 (Base Defense) (U)

Reference: Map, Vietnam, Series L7014, sheet 6640 II

1. (C) SITUATION:

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM.
- b. Friendly Forces: A/3-16 Arty provides general support/reinforcing fires to 3-82 Arty.
- c. Attachments and Detachments:
  - (1) Two sections, G/55 Arty OPCON to A/3-16 Arty.
  - (2) 1/G/3-29 Arty OPCON to A/3-16 Arty.

2. (G) MISSION: 3-82 Arty provides artillery support (DS) and coordinates all indirect fires for the defense of HAWK HILL.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

- a. Concept of Operations: 3-82 Arty provides indirect fire support and coordinates the supporting fires for the defense of HAWK HILL to interdict possible avenues of approach and to counter enemy rocket threat (see attached appendices).
- b. Air Support: 7th Air Force provides necessary tactical air support to include flareships, fighter-bombers and FAC's.

*Continuation of OPORD 1-70 (Base Defense) (U)*