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SUBJECT: Promulgation of 196th Inf Bde OPORD 05-70 (Combined Summer
Military Campaign Plan) (U)

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1. (S) OPORD 05-70 is an order in which the 196th Inf Bde, in conjunction and coordination with 5th ARVN Regt., conducts combat operations; intensifies support of Pacification and Development Plan 1970 (Phase 2); conducts military operations in support of Sector/Province; and provides security for the rice harvest during September/October.

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References:

- a. Map Vietnam, 1:100,000.
- b. Americal Division OPORD 6-70 (Combined Summer Military Campaign Plan) (U)

Task Organization: Current Task Organization

1. (S) SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces:

- (1) Annex A, Intelligence.
- (2) Current INTSUM.

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) Americal Division, in conjunction and coordination with 2d ARVN Division, conducts operations to intercept and destroy enemy forces, eliminates base areas, interdict infiltration and logistical communication - liaison lines; with priority to the western portion of Quang Tin Province.

(2) 7th US Marines continue security and pacification operations; continue intensified operations to locate and destroy VC local force and VCI elements; conduct combined mobile operations against Base areas 112 and 127 to locate and destroy in priority the enemy supply system and main force units.

(3) 198th Inf Bde continues current operations in assigned area, secures and protects rice harvest as required.

(4) 5th ARVN Regt., in conjunction and coordination with 196th Inf Bde, conducts mobile assault operations to locate and destroy major enemy base areas and units in priority; consolidates and strengthens defenses of all operational bases, logistic installations, and fire support bases prior to the rainy season in October; and conducts operations to protect national resources, blockade the enemy's economy, and protect the rice harvest in September.

c. Attachments and Detachments: Task Organization.

2. (S) MISSION: 196th Bde, in conjunction and coordination with 5th ARVN Regt., conducts operations to intercept and destroy enemy forces, eliminate base areas, interdict infiltration and logistical communication-liaison lines, with priority to the Kham Duc area of operations; supports the Sector/Province Pacification and Development Program 1970 (Phase 2) to extend GVN control of hamlets, territory, and population; conducts operations to protect harvests, deny enemy access to supplies of rice, foodstuffs, and salt; to find and remove to GVN control those supplies he has already accumulated and eliminate those areas where the enemy has initiated self production of foodstuffs.

3. (S) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operations: The summer campaign will extend from early July to approximately 30 September and will be accomplished as follows:

- (1) Combat Operations:

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(a) 196th Bde, in conjunction and coordination with 5th ARVN Regt., conducts large scale airmobile operations in the western regions of TAOI. Priority of effort will be to the destruction of base camps, rear service and logistical bases, infiltration routes and lines of communication.

(b) Fire Support:

1. Priority of Fires:

(a) Kham Duc: 2-1 Inf.

(b) Frederick Hill: Troops in contact.

2. Annex D, Fire Support.

(2) Pacification and Development: 196th Bde, in conjunction and coordination with 5th ARVN Regt., intensifies support of the Pacification and Development program 1970 (Phase 2) and the Combined Unit Pacification Program to expand GVN control of hamlets, territory, and population.

(3) Security, Control of National Resources, and Food Denial:

(a) 196th Bde, in conjunction and coordination with 5th ARVN Regt, increases military activities aimed at denying the enemy use of land/water LOC's for transportation of food, and elimination of enemy tax collection activities.

(b) Military operations will be directed in support of Districts and in providing security for the rice harvest during September/October. Assistance will be provided for transportation of rice to safe areas and for movement of local people to harvest rice crops in insecure areas. Emphasis will be placed on denying enemy access to supplies of rice, foodstuffs, and salt; finding and removing to GVN control those stores of rice, foodstuffs, and salt he has already accumulated; and to eliminate those areas where the enemy has initiated self-production of foodstuffs.

(c) Herbicide operations will be conducted in areas approved under the 1969 Herbicide Program initially and under the 1970 Herbicide Program when approved.

b. 1-46 Inf: In coordination with 5th ARVN Regt:

(1) Continue current operations.

(2) In conjunction with GVN forces secure and protect rice harvest areas.

(3) Deny enemy access to known procurement villages and hamlets.

(4) Interdict known enemy LOC's to include K-7 Corridor and the Dak Rose trail network in A.O.

(5) Destroy garden plots and isolated crops in areas approved under 1969 Herbicide Program using helicopter mounted AGAVENCO Spray apparatus.

c. 2-1 Inf: In coordination with 5th ARVN Regt:

(1) Continue current operations in western portion of TAOI to destroy enemy supply system to include the location and destruction of his LOC's, supply and infiltration routes, base areas, food procurement system, and logistical command and control facilities.

(2) In conjunction with GVN forces secure and protect rice harvest areas.

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(3) Deny enemy access to known procurement villages and hamlets.

(4) Destroy garden plots and isolated crops in areas approved under 1969 Herbicide Program using helicopter mounted AGAVENCO Spray apparatus.

(5) On order move to FSB Mellon and conduct operations in K-7 Corridor.

d. 4-31 Inf: In coordination with 5th ARVN Regt:

(1) Continue current operations.

(2) In conjunction with GVN forces secure and protect rice harvest areas.

(3) Deny enemy access to known procurement villages and hamlets.

(4) Interdict known enemy LOC's to include K-7 Corridor.

(5) Destroy garden plots and isolated crops in areas approved under 1969 Herbicide Program using helicopter mounted AGAVENCO Spray apparatus.

e. 3-21 Inf: In coordination with 5th ARVN Regt:

(1) Continue current operations.

(2) In conjunction with GVN forces secure and protect rice harvest areas.

(3) Find and return to GVN control enemy food and salt caches in vicinity of Binh Lanh (V). BT053305.

(4) Deny enemy access to known procurement villages and hamlets.

(5) Interdict known enemy LOC's.

(6) Destroy garden plots and isolated crops in areas approved under 1969 Herbicide Program using helicopter mounted AGAVENCO Spray apparatus.

(7) Prepare contingency plans for the relief of Tien Phou District/SF/CIDG Hqs in the event they are attacked and in danger of being overrun. For planning assume that one company will be ORCON to 3-21 when execution is ordered.

f. A/26th Engrs:

(1) Continue current operations.

(2) Support operations in western portion of Bde TAOL.

g. 48IPSD: Continue current operations.

h. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Direct coordination between commanders is authorized.

(2) This order is effective for execution as of date of publication.

(3) Continue progressive turnover or responsibility to GVN forces for population security.

(4) Support the Special Pacification and Development Plan to enhance identification of the populace with the GVN.

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(5) Conduct psychological operations to support GVN control of the area and population.

(6) Conduct systematic searches of enemy havens using every available means. Evacuate captured material when possible.

(7) Increase intelligence and surveillance efforts to determine enemy base areas, LOC's, and logistics systems.

(8) Increase the use of saturation patrols, night ambushes, and mechanical ambushes to deny the enemy use of LOC's.

(9) Coordinate with District officials to determine:

(a) Areas to be harvested and the harvest schedule.

(b) Routes to be used to transport rice to storage areas.

(c) Storage area locations and procedures for positive control of storage areas, to include defense plans.

(d) Procedures to be used in identifying enemy rice caches as opposed to family storage areas.

(10) Increase operations in and around rice producing areas during harvests; intercept and destroy enemy rice and food gathering, carrying, and taxing parties.

(11) Rice, foodstuffs, and salt discovered in enemy caches will be evacuated and returned to GVN control.

(12) Be prepared to provide a reaction force for protection of GVN controlled rice storage areas in your assigned A.O.

(13) Requests for use of herbicides for crop destruction will be coordinated with 196th Bde Chemical Office.

(14) 196th Bde provides combat support, as required and as available, to 5th ARVN Regiment.

(15) Continue the transfer of responsibility for combat, pacification and development, security and psychological operations while providing maximum assistance to RVNAF to fully develop capabilities in these areas.

(16) Assist the GVN in developing and maintaining an effective military capability by advising and supporting RVNAF military and para-military operations, training, intelligence, and combat service support activities.

(17) Advise, assist and support RVNAF and other GVN agencies in planning and executing coordinated pacification and rural development programs to include civic action.

(18) Samples of all rice caches will be forwarded in accordance with SICR #U-UHE-U1693, dated 24 Feb 70.

(19) Captured enemy caches will be disposed of in accordance with American Regulation 525-11 when the situation does not permit evacuation.

4. (U) SERVICE SUPPORT: Current SOP.

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5. (U) COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal: Current SOI Index in effect.

b. Command: Brigade CP at Hawk Hill.

Acknowledge:

ANNEXES:

- A - Intelligence
- B - Chemical
- D - Fire Support
- E - Civil-Military Operations
- K - Engineer
- L - Signal

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Annex D (FIRE SUPPORT) to 196th Inf Bde OPORD 05-70 (COMBINED SUMMER MILITARY CAMPAIGN PLAN) (U)

Reference: OPORD 05-70

1. (S) SITUATION:

a. Enemy forces:

(1) Annex A, Intelligence.

(2) Current INTSUMS.

b. Friendly forces: Basic plan.

c. Attachments and Detachments: Paragraph 3c.

2. (S) MISSION:

196th Inf Bde, in conjunction and coordination with 5th ARVN Regt., conducts operations to intercept and destroy enemy forces, eliminate base areas, interdict infiltration and logistical communication-liaison lines, with priority to the Kham Duc Operational area. Supports the Sector/Province Pacification and development Program 1970 (Phase 2) to extend GVN control of hamlets, territory, and population; conducts operations to protect harvests, deny enemy access to supplies of rice, foodstuffs, and salt; to find and remove to GVN control those supplies he has already accumulated and eliminate those areas where the enemy has initiated self-production of foodstuffs.

3. (S) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operations: The summer campaign will terminate approximately 30 September.

b. Air Support:

(1) Air request per Bde Combat SOP.

(2) Priority of Bde tactical air assets to destruction of enemy base camps and interdiction of LOC's.

c. Artillery Support:

(1) Field Artillery

Organization for Combat:

3d Bn, 82d Arty: DS 196th Bde

1st Bn, 82d Arty: GSR 1-14th Arty and 6-11th Arty, reinforce with 3 weapon platoon 3-82d Arty in Operation Elk Canyon.

3d Bn, 16th Arty: GSR 3-82d Arty; 1 Btry (-) DS 1-1 Cav

3d Bn, 18th Arty: GS

3d Plt. G Btry, 29th Arty: GS

(2) Air Defense Artillery

Organization for Combat:

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G Btry, 55th Arty: GS

d. Naval Gunfire Support: Available naval gunfire will be employed against appropriate targets.

e. Artillery and airstrike warning control center operation: Continue normal operations.

4. (U) SERVICE SUPPORT: Current SOP.

5. (U) COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal: Current SOI Index in effect.

b. Command: SOP.