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OPLAN 9-68 (CONCORD) Relief/Reinforcement of QUANG NGAI CITY

References: Maps, S Vietnam 1:50,000; Series L7014; Sheets, 6738I, 6739II, 6739III.

Task Org:

Co A

Co D

Bn Control

Co B

Co E (-)

Recon Plat

Co C

E-1 Cav(-)

B/6-11 Arty (LS) {
Sqd/C-26 Engr (1) }

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy forces: Current INTSUM.

b. Friendly forces:

(1) On order, 11th Inf Bde provides reaction force of one Inf Bn reinforced with one arty btry (DS) to execute relief/reinforcement of QUANG NGAI CITY, as required, on order.

(2) 14th Avn Bn provides two gunship teams with flare ships on 15 min alert for immediate employment in support of this plan.

c. Attachments and detachments: Task Org.

d. Assumptions:

(1) Enemy forces can launch a limited sustained attack with at least two regiments at a time and place of his choice in the QUANG NGAI area.

(2) The main enemy attack will be launched using the southwest approaches into QUANG NGAI CITY.

(3) The enemy will initiate secondary attacks, probes and ambushes N and S of QUANG NGAI CITY to interdict Hwy #1 and fix friendly forces that have the capability of relieving/reinforcing QUANG NGAI CITY.

(4) Five RVN battalions with normal combat support units and provincial forces will be available for defense of QUANG NGAI.

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(5) 4-3 Inf will be available for employment.

(6) Helicopter support will be available for the conduct of Company sized CAS.

2. MISSION.

On order 4-3 Inf relinquishes responsibility for assigned AO to unit (TBA); prepares to move by road or air, on order, to reinforce QUANG NGAI CITY; prepares for employment upon arrival QUANG NGAI CITY as directed by QUANG NGAI Sector Advisor; prepares to conduct CA, on order, with three companies; prepares to move one company(+) to establish a forward fire support base, and executes relief of QUANG NGAI CITY in coordination with QUANG NGAI Sector Advisor; prepares to assume OPCON of E-1 Cav(-), on order; reconnoiters to select suitable routes, primary and alternate locations for FSB and LZs.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operation.

(1) Maneuver.

(a) Contingency I.

1 Phase I: On order 4-3 Inf relinquishes FSBs in assigned AO to unit(s) (TBA); moves by helicopter to marshalling area vic LZ DOTTIE.

2 Phase II: On order 4-3 Inf conducts tactical motor march or moves by air to reinforce QUANG NGAI CITY and deploys on arrival as directed by QUANG NGAI Sector Advisor.

(b) Contingency II.

1 Phase I: On order 4-3 Inf relinquishes FSBs in assigned AO to unit(s) (TBA); moves by helicopter to marshalling area vic DOTTIE.

2 Phase II: On order 4-3 Inf deploys with one reinforced company conducting tactical motor march south along Hwy 1 or moves by air to secure forward fire support base at or north of SON TINH District Hq (BS644764). Remaining companies (TBA) conduct CA to LZs as determined and directed by QUANG NGAI Sector Advisor and relieves QUANG NGAI CITY by severing enemy routes of withdrawal and attacking the enemy from the rear.

(2) Fires.

(a) Priority to units in contact.

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- (b) Arty fire support available after Btry/6-11 closes FSB.
- (c) 10 min prep for each LZ prior to CA.

b. Co A.

c. Co B.

d. Co C.

e. Co D.

f. Co E(-):

(1) Be prepared to establish marshalling area for each company and LZ to accommodate 24 UH-1D helicopters vic LZ DOTTIE, on order.

(2) Be prepared to move south by road with Co(TBA) to seize/secure FSB at or north of SON TINH District Hq.

g. E-1 Cav(-):

(1) Be prepared to move north along Hwy 1 to QUANG NGAI CITY and deploy as directed by QUANG NGAI Sector Advisor.

(2) Be prepared to secure NDF vic BS640680.

(3) Be prepared to attack to NW in conjunction with companies (TBA) conducting CA, on order.

h. Recon Plat:

(1) Be prepared to move by road or air to vic QUANG NGAI CITY or to FSB (TBA) on order.

(2) Upon arrival QUANG NGAI CITY or FSB, secure TOC and be prepared for employment as Bn reaction force within 15 min after notification.

i. B/6-11 Arty: Be prepared for airlift to vic QUANG NGAI CITY or to FSB (TBA) on order.

j. Sqd/C-26 Engr:

(1) Be prepared to move by road or air to vic QUANG NGAI CITY or to FSB (TBA), on order.

(2) Upon arrival QUANG NGAI CITY or FSB, assist in construction of FSB and in clearing of obstructions for B/6-11 Arty.

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(3) Be prepared to assist in construction of bunkers and wire obstacles vic FSB, on order.

k. Coordinating instructions:

(1) Upon notification of possible employment as reaction force for QUANG NGAI CITY, units prepare for helicopter lift to marshalling area vic LZ BOTTIE.

(2) Co initially employed to seize/secure FSB (TBA) be prepared to employ Co(-) as Bn reaction force within 30 min after notification. One rifle platoon and wpns platoon secure FSB upon employment of Co(-).

(3) Coordination between commanders authorized and directed during operations.

(4) Units carry one 81mm mortar, 5 WP, 10 Illum, and 30 HE rounds.

(5) Effective for planning on receipt; for execution on order.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Units carry one day's rations and individual basic load small arms.

b. Resupply by air as requested.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

a. Signal: Current SOI in effect.

b. Command:

(1) Command Group in C&C during CA.

(2) CP (TBA).

Acknowledge:



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Annexes: A - Op Overlay (TBP)
B - Sequential Airlift (TBP)
C - Road Movement Plan (TBP)
D - Fire Support (TBP)

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