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LZ DOTTIE (BS629854) SVN
241200H Apr 68
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OPORD 5-68

References: Maps, S Vietnam 1:50,000: Series L7CII, Sheets; 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV

Task Org:

Co(-) 4-3 Inf

B/39th Engr

Tn HENDRIX

Hvy Mort Plat

Plat, A/3-18th Arty

Detachment A, 11th MP Plat

Section/G/55Arty

Elements, HHC 4-3 Inf

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy forces: Current INTSUM.
- b. Friendly forces: Omitted.
- c. Attachments and detachments: Task Org.

2. MISSION.

4-3 Inf reorganizes defenses of LZ DOTTIE (BS629854) commencing 260700H Apr 68.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operations. 4-3 Inf defends LZ DOTTIE with one Co(-), B/39th Engr and Tn HENDRIX. Two each DEFCONS from B/6-11 Arty and D/6-11 Arty. Hvy Mort Plat plan DEFCONS on all likely avenues of approach.

b. Co(-) 4-3 Inf.

(1) Occupy forward defense bunkers 1-12 (South end LZ DOTTIE) at night or during attacks.

(2) Occupy and defend LZ UPTIGHT with one rifle platoon and weapons platoon.

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(3) Be prepared to employ Co(-) reaction force anywhere within 4-3 Inf AO 30 min after notification.

c. Tm HENDRIX.

(1) Coordinate defense of LZ DOTTIE and establish base defense control center.

(2) Be prepared to assume defense mission of company defending SOUTH end (bunkers 1-12) of LZ DOTTIE upon commitment of Co(-) as Bn reaction force.

(3) Be prepared to reinforce defending units or for employment as reaction force for LZ DOTTIE within 15 min after commencement of enemy atk.

(4) Organize reaction force for defense of LZ DOTTIE.

(5) Rehearse counterattack plans with assumed penetration on SOUTHERN and WESTERN portion of LZ DOTTIE.

d. B/39th Engr: Occupy forward defense bunkers 1-21 (North end LZ DOTTIE) at night and during attacks.

e. A/3-18 Arty.

(1) On order attach one platoon-size element to Tm HENDRIX for employment as reaction force.

(2) Plan direct fires in support of Tm HENDRIX. Employ direct fires on order only.

f. Coordinating instructions.

(1) Direct coordination between commanders is authorized and directed.

(2) Unit commanders to include squad leaders conduct recon and minimum one daylight, one night rehearsal of counterattack/reaction force plans.

(3) Elements of Tm HENDRIX identified and organized NLT 260700H Apr 68.

(4) All personnel remain in bunkers/fighting positions during atk on LZ DOTTIE (does not apply to reaction force).

(5) Personnel engage targets within the defense perimeter of LZ DOTTIE in self defense only. (Does not apply to reaction force when employed)

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(6) Priority of tasks for defense of LZ DOTTIE.

(a) Construction of bunkers.

(b) Construction of wire and mine obstacles.

(c) Construction of communications and fighting trenches between forward bunkers.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

a. Signal.

(1) Current SOL/SSI in effect.

(2) Green Star Cluster, emergency signal for employment of counter-attack force on southern portion of LZ DOTTIE. Red Star Cluster, emergency signal for employment of counterattack force on western portion of LZ DOTTIE.

(3) Base defense frequency 44.35 on order only.

(4) All units monitor 4-3 Inf command frequency.

(5) Continuous wailing of siren for 60 seconds, signal for enemy mortar or ground atk. All clear, siren wail at 3 second intervals.

b. Command: Cmd Gp remains vic Bn TOC.

Acknowledge:

Annexes: A - Op Overlay
B - Fire Support Plan
C - Counterattack Plan 1-68
(BLUE)
D - Counterattack Plan 2-68
(RED)


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Annex C (Counterattack Plan 1-68 (BLUE) to OPORD 5-68

References: Maps, S Vietnam 1:50,000: Series 17034, Sheets: 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

Task Org: OPORD 5-68

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy forces: Current INTSUM.
- b. Friendly forces: Omitted.
- c. Attachments and detachments: Task Org, OPORD 5-68.
- d. Assumptions:
 - (1) Defending units contain enemy penetration.
 - (2) Tm HENDRIX is available for counterattack.

2. MISSION.

On order Tm HENDRIX counterattacks to seize Obj 1, reduce enemy penetration and restore defense perimeter.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of operation. Tm HENDRIX attacks to seize Obj 1, restore perimeter, and reassembles present position on order. Defending units contain enemy penetration, assist passage of Tm HENDRIX and continue defense of perimeter.
- b. Co(-)/4-3 Inf.
- c. Tm HENDRIX: Assemble via 4-3 Inf TOC MLT 15 min after the commencement of enemy ground attack.
- d. B/39th Engr.
- e. A/3-18 Arty: Support Tm HENDRIX with direct fires on order.

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f. Coordinating instructions:

- (1) Unit commanders conduct recon and minimum one daylight, one night rehearsal to include squad leaders.
- (2) Effective for planning on receipt; for execution on order.
- (3) LD is LC for execution.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

- a. Signal: Current SOI and OPORD 5-68.
- b. Command: OPORD 5-68.

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Appendix 1 - Counterattack
Overlay (BLUE)


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Annex D (Counterattack Plan 2-68 (RED) to OPORD 5-68

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

Task Org: OPORD 5-68

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy forces: Current INTSUM.
- b. Friendly forces: Omitted.
- c. Attachments and detachments: Task Org, OPORD 5-68.
- d. Assumptions:
 - (1) Defending units contain enemy penetration.
 - (2) Tm HENDRIX is available for counterattack.

2. MISSION.

On order Tm HENDRIX counterattacks to seize Obj 2, reduce enemy penetration and restore defense perimeter.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of operation. On order, Tm HENDRIX attacks to seize Obj 2, restores perimeter and reassemble present location. Defending units contain enemy penetration, assist passage of Tm HENDRIX, and continue defense of perimeter. A 105mm How prep at H-5. Priority of fires Tm HENDRIX.
- b. Co(-)/4-3 Inf.
- c. Tm HENDRIX: Assemble vic 4-3 Inf TOC NLT 15 min after commencement of enemy ground attack.
- d. B/39 Engr.
- e. A/3-18 Arty. Support Tm HENDRIX with direct fires on order only.

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f. Coordinating instructions.

(1) Unit commanders conduct recon and minimum one daylight, one night rehearsal to include squad leaders.

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

(3) LD is LC for execution.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

a. Signal: Current SOI and OPORD 5-68.

b. Command: OPORD 5-68.

Acknowledge:

Appendix 1 - Counterattack Overlay
(RED)


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