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OPLAN 10-68 (Relief/Reinforcement of BINH SON District Hqs (BS601922)

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

Task Org:

Rifle Co/4-3 Inf

Tm CORK

Plat fr Rifle Co occupying LZ DOTTIE
Plat/E-1 Cav
Sqd/C-26 Engr

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy forces: Current INTSUM.
- b. Friendly forces: No change.
- c. Attachments and detachments: See Task Org.
- d. Assumptions:

(1) Enemy attack upon BINH SON District Hqs may be in conjunction with attacks on U.S. bases in the 4-3 Inf AO.

(2) The enemy can launch an attack against BINH SON District Hqs with at least one reinforced MF Bn at a time of his choosing.

(3) RF, PF and RD units vic BINH SON District Hqs cannot be relied upon to provide personnel for the relief/reinforcement. However all RF, PF and RD personnel which may be available will be utilized.

(4) The attack will occur during a period of reduced visibility and the enemy will commence withdrawal from District Hqs prior to BMNT or improvement of visibility conditions.

(5) The enemy will establish roadblocks and ambushes on Hwy #1 between BINH SON District Hqs and LZ DOTTIE in an effort to prevent Tm CORK from moving N from LZ DOTTIE to the relief/reinforcement of District Hqs. AT wpns will be employed against the APCs of Tm CORK.

(6) The main enemy ground attacks will come from the low densely populated ridge just N of District Hqs vic BS600925 and from the S from vic BS602917. Supporting ground attacks will be directed against the PF Plat manning BINH SON Hill vic BS598920 and against the RF Plat manning NUI CHUA Ridge vic BS606920.

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(7) BINH SON HILL and NUI CHUA Ridge will either remain occupied during an attack by RF/PF units or will be completely neutralized by artillery and gunship fires, or by TAC air strikes prior to occupation by U.S. troops.

(8) Although the District compound defenses may be penetrated, Subsector Hqs can defend itself for at least 4 hours.

2. MISSION.

On order 4-3 Inf commits Tm CORK, composed of one rifle plat from Co defending LZ DOTTIE, Plat/E-1 Cav and one Sqd/C-26 Engr. On order one rifle Co will conduct CA into LZ 1,2,3 or 4 and seize assigned objectives.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operation: On order Tm CORK moves to relieve/reinforce BINH SON District and seizes and occupies designated positions (Annex A - Sketch Map and Disposition of RF, PF and RD Units vic BINH SON District Hqs). On order, one rifle Co conducts CA into LZ 1, 2, 3 or 4 to conduct either coordinated offensive operations with Tm CORK or independent offensive operations to relieve or reinforce BINH SON District Hqs (Annex B - Operations Overlay). TAC air strikes, gunship and arty fires on call only.

b. Co A: Be prepared to CA into LZ 1, 2, 3 or 4 and seize assigned objectives; provide one rifle plat for Tm CORK; reinforce either Tm CORK or rifle Co conducting CA.

c. Co B: Be prepared to CA into LZ 1, 2, 3 or 4 and seize assigned objectives; provide one rifle plat for Tm CORK; reinforce either Tm CORK or rifle Co conducting CA.

d. Co C: Be prepared to CA into LZ 1, 2, 3 or 4 and seize assigned objectives; provide one rifle plat for Tm CORK; reinforce either Tm CORK or rifle Co conducting CA.

e. Co D: Be prepared to CA into LZ 1, 2, 3 or 4 and seize assigned objectives; provide one rifle plat for Tm CORK; reinforce either Tm CORK or rifle Co conducting CA.

f. Tm CORK:

(1) Assemble forces in LZ DOTTIE motor park area just N of mess hall area vic BS631855 to include the 9 APCs from Plat/E-1 Cav.

(2) Be prepared for employment within 15 min after notification.

(3) CO of Tm CORK is CO of rifle Co defending LZ DOTTIE.

g. HHC: Be prepared to relieve Plat/E-1 Cav and Plat Rifle Co defending LZ DOTTIE.

h. Coordinating instructions:

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(1) Commanding Officer, Plat Ldrs, sqd ldrs and vehicle cmdrs of Tm CORK will make ground reconnaissance NLT 191700H May 68.

(2) Rifle Co Cmdrs will make aerial recon of BINH SON District Hqs and vic NLT 191700H May 68.

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

(4) Road priority to Tm CORK.

(5) Annex C (Rules of Engagement) will be followed.

(6) All APCs will carry 3 bangalore torpedoes to destroy barriers enroute to BINH SON District Hqs.

(7) All personnel will carry protective masks.

(8) All personnel in Tm CORK will be mounted in APCs.

(9) Two critical terrain features vic District Hqs, BINH SON Hill and NUI CHUA Ridge, have RF/PF positions which are surrounded by minefields. Guides will be furnished by the RF, PF or U.S. Advisory personnel if these positions are to be occupied by U.S. troops. If no guides are available these positions will not be entered.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Units will carry 1 C-ration meal and basic load of ammunition.

b. Resupply by airlift, upon request.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

a. Signal:

(1) Current SOI in effect.

(2) Subsector Advisor, BINH SON District: COUNTRY BANJO ALPHA - Freq 56.75.

(3) Sector Advisor, QUANG NGAI: COUNTRY BANJO VICTOR - Freq 56.75.

(4) Subsector Advisor, BINH SON District, will switch to 4-3 Inf Cnd freq when relief/reinforcement force is ordered to move to assistance of District Hqs.

(5) Emergency signals:

(a) Red flare or red star cluster - under heavy attack and request assistance.

(b) Green flare or star cluster (yellow smoke in day) - lift

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supporting fires.

b. Command: CP remains at LZ DOTTIE, Command Group in C&C helicopter initially.

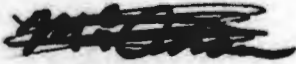
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Annexes: A - Sketch Map & Disposition of RF,
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B - Operations Overlay
C - Rules of Engagement
D - Fire Support Plan (TRP)


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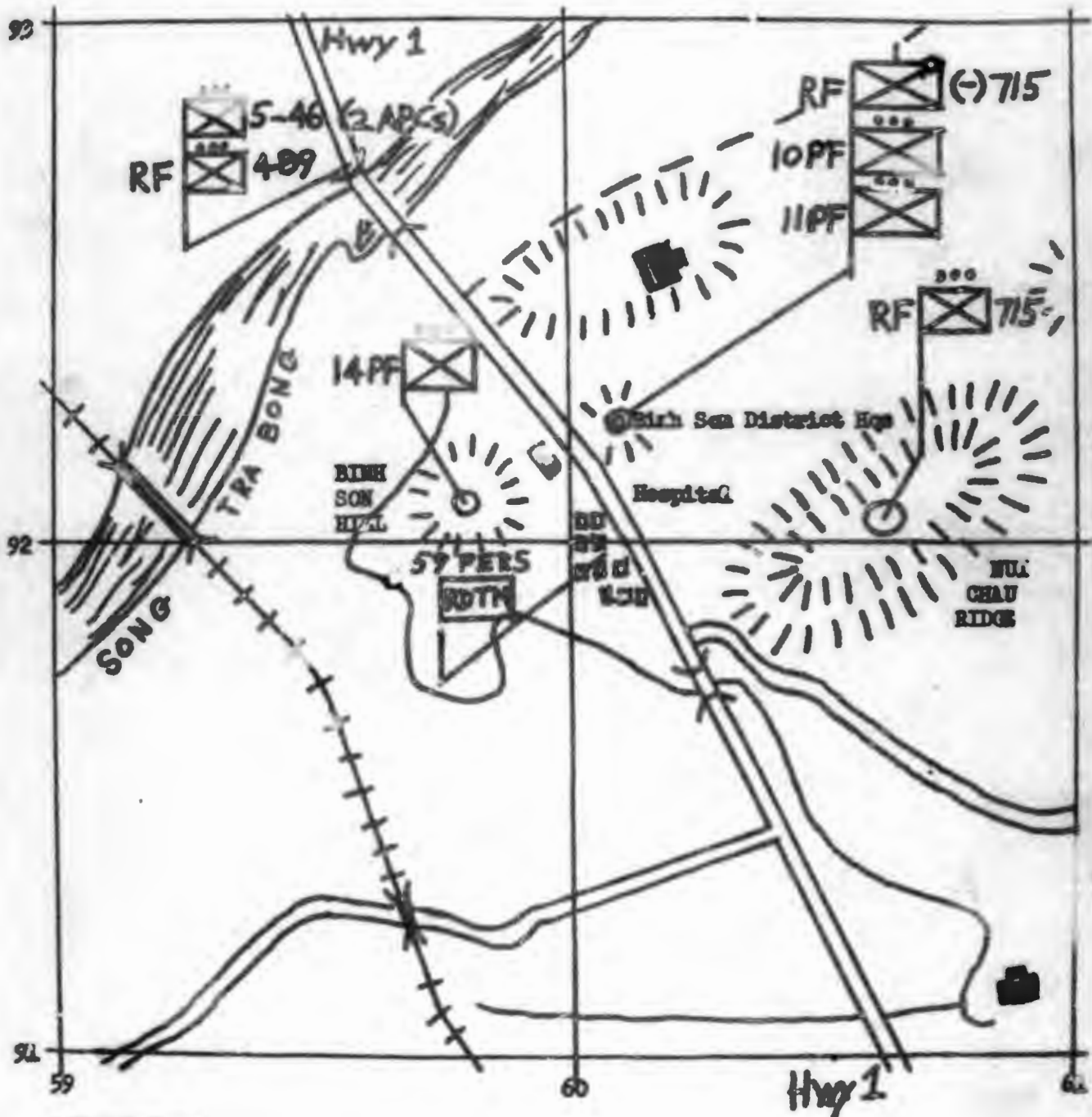
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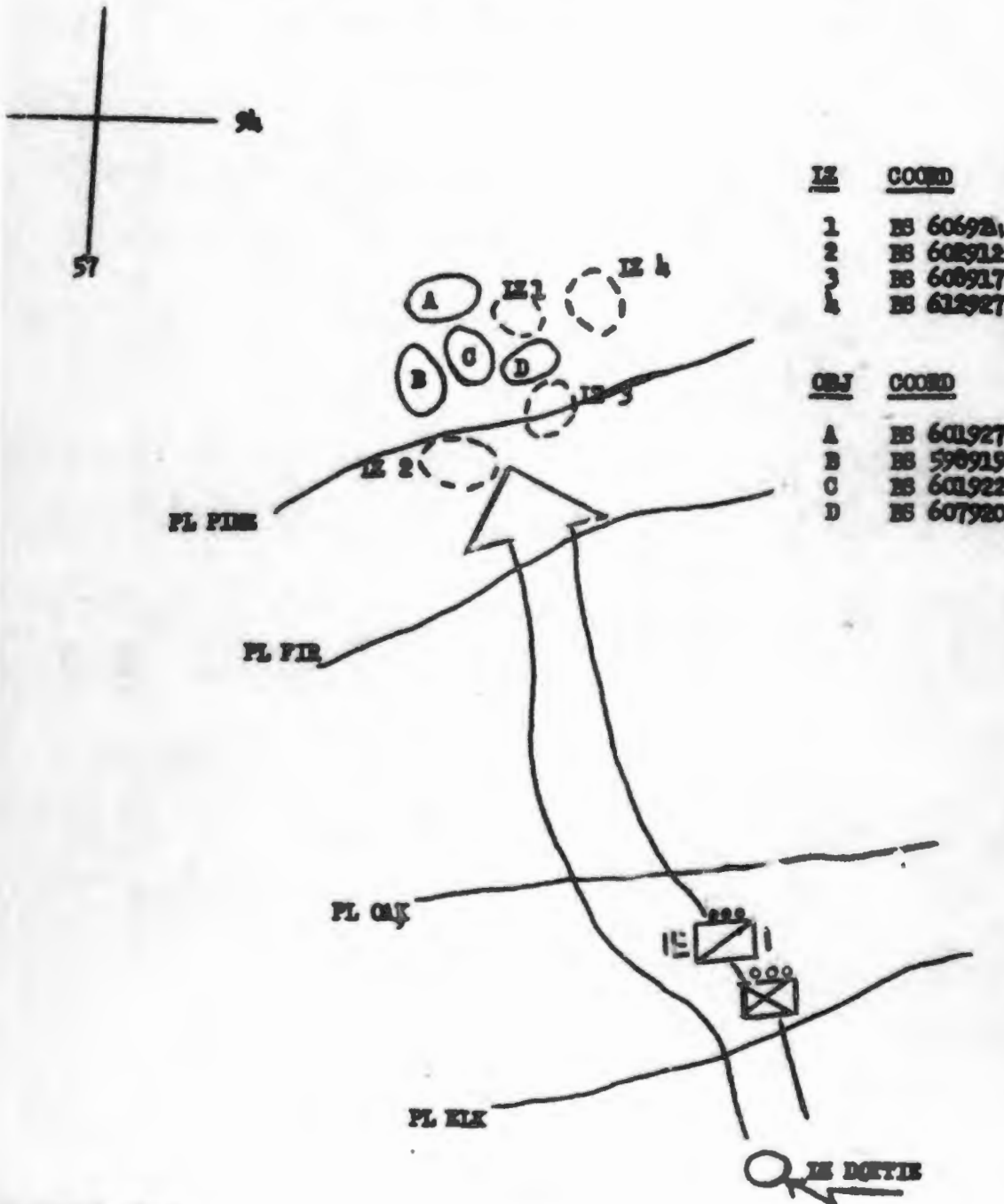
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Annex B (Operations Overlay) to OPLAN 10-68
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ANNEX C (Rules of Engagement) to OPLAN 10-68 (Relief/Reinforcement of BINH SON District Hqs)

1. Upon commitment of TM CORK to relieve/reinforce the BINH SON DISTRICT Hqs, the following rules of engagement will apply:

a. When fired upon, troops may return fire with all weapons to include the M79 Grenade Launcher and 50 Cal MG.

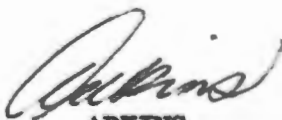
b. Firing into houses and buildings is authorized only if fires are received from them.

c. All fires will be aimed fires with no indiscriminate firing into houses.

d. The destruction of homes and buildings in order to clear fields of fires and/or maneuver troops and APCs is authorized.


2. All arty and mortar fires within the town of BINH SON will be cleared through the BINH SON District Advisor.

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