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Hq 4-3 Inf
LZ BUFF (BS538825) RVN
150700H Sept 68
6PH3

OPORD 10-68, Hq 4-3 Inf

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam; 1:50,000; Series L7014; Sheets 6739III, 6739IV, 6639I, 6639II, 6738I, 6738II, 6737I, 6837IV, 6838III, 6838IV.

(C) Task Org:

A/4-3 Inf	E/4-3 Inf
B/4-3 Inf	HHC (-)/4-3 Inf
C/4-3 Inf	A/1-1st CAV (OPCON)
D/4-3 Inf	

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy forces: Current INTSUM.

b. Friendly forces:

(1) 11th LIB continues operation CHAMPAIGN GROVE with two (2) rifle battalions; redeploys one (1) battalion to assume responsibility of the Duc Pho AO effective 161200H Sept 68.

(2) 3-1 Inf continues present mission.

(3) 1-20 Inf relinquishes control of Duc Pho AO to 4-3 Inf effective 16 Sept 68 and moves to CHAMPAIGN GROVE AO and assumes mission of 4-3 Inf.

2. MISSION:

4-3 Inf terminates operation CHAMPAIGN GROVE 16 Sept 68 and conducts airlift to Duc Pho AO; assumes responsibility of Duc Pho AO effective 161200H Sept 68.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of operations.

(1) Maneuver: 4-3 Inf moves one (1) company to PZ at BS504676 NLT 151500H Sept 68 and conducts airlift by CH-47B commencing 151500H Sept 68 to LZ THUNDER & LZ CHARLIE BROWN. Moves remaining three (3) companies to PZ BSH91763 evening of 15 Sept 68; 160700H Sept 68 commences airlift by CH-47B to designated fire support bases in Duc Pho AO. 4-3 Inf commences offensive operations in Duc Pho AO afternoon of 16 Sept 68.

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(2) Fires: Annex C - Fire Support Plan (TEP)

(a) A/6-11th Arty (DS) provides fire support until 4-3 Inf terminates operation CHAMPAIGN GROVE. C/6-11th Arty (LZ THUNDER) provides direct support effective assumption responsibility of Duc Pho AO by 4-3 Inf.

(b) 7th USAF provides close air support as requested.

(c) Helicopter gunships as requested.

b. Co A:

(1) Co A moves by CH-47B from PZ at BS491763 commencing 160700H Sept 68 to SE Pad at LZ BRONCO and Stands Down 16 - 18 Sept 68.

c. Co B:

(1) Move by CH-47B from PZ at BS491763 commencing 160700H Sept 68 to LZ LIZ (BS752435).

(2) Secure LZ LIZ w/Co (-) and set three (3) ambs vic LZ LIZ night of 16 Sept 68.

(3) Prepare to commence offensive operations vic LZ LIZ morning of 17 Sept 68.

(4) Moves wpns plat to MT MONTEZUMA BS819385 to provide indirect fire support for LZ BRONCO on 17 Sept 68.

d. Co C:

(1) Moves by CH-47B from PZ at BS504676 to LZ CHARLIE BROWN (BS-929220) & LZ THUNDER (BS874325) commencing 151500H Sept 68.

(2) Secures LZ THUNDER w/Co (-)

(3) Secures LZ CHARLIE BROWN w/one (1) rifle platoon & wpns plat-on.

(4) Secures Bridge 111 (BS814359) w/one (1) sqd; also secures Bridge 94 (BS920213) w/one (1) sqd.

(5) Prepare to conduct platoon size combat patrols from LZ THUNDER commencing 19 Sept 68.

e. Co D:

(1) Moves by CH-47B from PZ at BS504676 to LZ DRAGON (BS734525) commencing 160700H Sept 68.

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- (2) Secures LZ DRAGON and improves defensive positions.
- (3) Sets two (2) ambs vic LZ DRAGON evening of 16 Sept 68.
- (4) Prepares to commence plat size combat patrols vic LZ DRAGON commencing 17 Sept 68.

f. Co E:

- (1) Recon plat remains at LZ THUNDER for Stand Down.
- (2) Co (-)
 - (a) Moves by CH-47B from LZ BUFF to LZ THUNDER on 16 Sept 68.
 - (b) Begins improvement of base facilities at LZ THUNDER.
- (3) Hvy Mort plat
 - (a) Moves by CH-47B from LZ BUFF to LZ THUNDER on 16 Sept 68.
 - (b) GS LZ THUNDER.
 - (c) Improve positions at LZ THUNDER.
- (4) GS Section
 - (a) Moves by CH-47B from LZ BUFF to LZ CHARLIE BROWN on 16 Sept 68.
 - (b) GS LZ CHARLIE BROWN.

g. HHC (-)

(1) Hq sec (-), Commo plat (-), and service plat (-) move by CH-47B from LZ BUFF and OP#1 (BS517778) to LZ THUNDER on 16 Sept 68.

- (2) Prepares and improves required installations at LZ THUNDER.

h. A/1-1st CAV (OPCON)

- (1) Secures PZ at BS491763 for Co's A, B, and D.
- (2) Released OPCON 4-3 Inf effective completion final lift of Co D from PZ.
- (3) Returns to control 1-1st CAV.

i. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Elements will patrol to range of 400M around PZ before pick-up of first element.

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(2) All ambs will be plat size.

(3) Order of pick up from PZ at BSL491763 will be Co B, D, and A.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

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5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL

a. Signal.

(1) Current SOI in effect.

(2) Emergency signal for units under enemy attack.

(a) Day: Red smoke grenade.

(b) Night: Red star cluster.

(3) Air ground frequency will be used during all air movements.

b. Command:

(1) Command group airborne in C&C helicopter initially.

(2) Bn CP displaces to LZ THUNDER morning of 16 Sept 68.

Acknowledge.

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Annexes: A, Intelligence - Omitted
B, Operation Overlay - Omitted
C, Fire Support Plan - TBP
D, Air Movement Schedule - TBP

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