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OPORD 11 -68 (Sector Defense Plan Round Up)

References:

a. Maps, Vietnam 1:50,000; Series L7014; Sheets 6738I, 6738II, 6738III and 6838IV.

b. 11th Light Infantry Brigade OPORD 5-68 (Base Defense Plan Defiance)

Task Organization - No Change from 11th Bde OPORD 5-68 (Base Defense Plan Defiance).

1. Situation:

a. Enemy Forces: Current Intsum

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) 1-20 Inf (Rear) secure Sector E, occupy bunkers 43-50

(2) 3-1 Inf (Rear) secure Sector C, occupy bunkers 27-33

(3) 6th Spt Bn FSA (OPCON), E Troop 1st Cav (OPCON) secure Sector B, occupy bunkers 9-26

(4) 6-11 Arty (-) secure Sector G, occupy bunkers 60-65

(5) 11th Bde HHC secure Sector F, occupy bunkers 51-59

(6) 4-21 Inf (Rear) secure Sector A, occupy bunkers 1-8

(7) Wpns B/4-3, 11th Sig (-) (OPCON) secure Sector H, occupy bunkers in Sector.

c. Attachments and Detachments:

(1) One Wpns Platoon (81MM Mortar) detached to OPCON of Bronco Base Security Officer.

2. Mission:

a. Defend assigned sector and critical installations therein.

b. Assume OPCON of all forces assigned to the sector for defense.

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c. Construct, maintain and occupy fortified fighting positions and observation towers along the perimeter within assigned sector during specified hours.

d. Coordinate and supervise the defense and local security measures of all forces assigned to the sector.

e. Coordinate defensive measures with adjacent sectors.

f. Insure availability of protective bunkers for all personnel billeted in assigned sector and/or unit area.

g. Establish and maintain radio and wire communication between all bunkers in sector and with the Base Defense Control Center.

h. Provide a RRF consisting of not less than one officer and 40 EM to reinforce/relieve/counterattack any part of the Bronco Base perimeter within 15 minutes as directed by the Base Defense Officer.

i. Be prepared to assume command and control of Bde reaction forces as designated by the Base Defense Officer to conduct and counterattacks as directed.

j. Be prepared to release RRF to Bde Control on order.

k. Be prepared to execute counterattack plans as directed. (Annexes C, D, and E, Counterattack plans Boston, Newark and Portland, to 11th Bde OPORD 15-67, Base Defense Plan Defiance)

3. Execution:

a. Concept of Operation: Annex A Operation Overlay

(1) Maneuver: Bn (Rear) defends Sector D of Bronco Base perimeter, occupies perimeter bunkers 34, 36 thru 42 utilizing three men in each, with one M-60 MG in each 4th bunker, during the hours of darkness (1800 - 0630). Posts one OP in the watchtower, vicinity bunker 35, during daylight hours (0630 - 1830), mans two interior guard posts, one stationary in motor pool and one roving through trains area as directed in HHC guard instructions. Command bunker located inside the trains area will monitor all bunker operations between the hours of 1830 - 0600 daily and maintain contact with 11th Bde Security Officer utilizing radio and wire communications as appropriate. HHC monitor operations of OP from 0630 - 1800 hours.

(2) Supporting fires: Annex B, (Fire Support) to 11th Bde OPORD 5-68 (Base Defense Plan Defiance).

(3) Interior Protective Bunkers: Annex F, (Trains Area Overlay)

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b. Co A (Rear)

(1) Provide personnel for bunker guard as required.

(2) Provide not less than 5 fully equipped personnel to Bn Ready Reaction Force. All personnel to include personnel assigned to RRF will assemble in personnel protective bunker A during alert condition RED. RRF personnel will be designated and briefed each evening.

c. Co B (Rear)

(1) Provide personnel for bunker guard as required.

(2) Provide not less than 5 fully equipped personnel to Bn Ready Reaction Force. All personnel to include personnel assigned to RRF will assemble in personnel protective bunker A during alert condition RED. RRF personnel will be designated and briefed each evening.

d. Co C (Rear)

(1) Provide personnel for bunker guard as required.

(2) Provide not less than 5 fully equipped personnel to Bn Ready Reaction Force. All personnel to include personnel assigned to RRF will assemble in personnel protective bunker C during alert condition RED. RRF personnel will be designated and briefed each evening.

e. Co D (Rear)

(1) Provide personnel for bunker guard as required.

(2) Provide not less than 5 fully equipped personnel to Bn Ready Reaction Force. All personnel to include personnel assigned to RRF will assemble in personnel protective bunker C during alert condition RED. RRF personnel will be designated and briefed each evening.

f. Co E

(1) Provide personnel for bunker guard as required.

(2) Provide not less than 4 fully equipped personnel as security for guards for Command Bunker during alert condition RED. All personnel except shell rep team will assemble in protective bunker A.

(3) Train and maintain one shell rep team for trains area and locate in Command Bunker during DEFCON RED alert conditions.

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g. HHC

- (1) Provide not less than twenty (20) fully equipped personnel to Bn Reserve Force to protective bunker B. All others assemble in protective bunkers A and C during condition RED. Reserve Force personnel will be appointed and informed each evening.
- (2) Establish and maintain guard rosters as appropriate for bunker and interior guards.
- (3) Establish detailed guard SOP Regulations to comply with provisions listed herein.
- (4) Provide personnel for bunker and interior guard as required.
- (5) Insure that all bunkers are maintained in a high state of repair at all times.
- (6) Insure that the required basic load of ammunition is kept on hand at all times and in a high state of maintenance.
- (7) Insure that the Officer and SGT of the Guard receives daily briefing.
- (8) Insure that expended ammunition is replaced in the basic load each morning.
- (9) Provide and control interior guard as directed.
- (10) Insure that each bunker has a permanent range card and an azimuth determination device and firing stakes to align principal direction and sectors of fire.
- (11) Insure that all guards test fire their weapons once per week at the 11th Bde Test Fire Area, vicinity of bunker 49. Clearance must be obtained from 11th Bde TOC. Firing will be under supervision of a noncommissioned officer.
- (12) Insure that a sweep is made once weekly in coordination with Bde TOC to the front of sector D not to exceed 300 meters distant from the perimeter wire.
- (13) All perimeter guards will have protective masks in their possession while on guard. All other personnel will have protective masks readily available at all times.

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(14) Insure that the perimeter guard is inspected twice before midnight and twice after (once prior to darkness and once after daylight).

(15) Establish and maintain a sector CP located to the rear of perimeter bunkers.

(16) Insure that all transient personnel remaining overnight at LZ Bronco are briefed on alert procedures and location of protective bunkers.

h. Coordinating instructions:

(1) Perimeter bunkers will be occupied between 1830 and 0630.

(2) Observation tower, vicinity of Shower Point, will be manned daily from 0630 to 1830.

(3) Bunkers A and C are the designated assembly areas for the RRF. S4, S1 and PBO are commanders of bunkers A, C, and B respectively. Bunker commanders will insure accountability of all RRF personnel and insure that they are properly equipped.

(4) RRF will move by vehicle or foot to relieve or reinforce the perimeter or counterattack to restore the perimeter on order.

(5) In the event of penetration in sector, personnel will remain in assigned bunkers and provide maximum fire support into the penetrated area. The RRF will assemble and react as directed.

(6) Black Out conditions will prevail during DEFCON RED alert.

(7) Trip flares and M18A1 (claymore) mines and anti-intrusion devices will be employed to the fullest extent possible near perimeter bunkers. M18A1 mines will be recovered daily.

(8) Fire coordination lines are sector boundaries. Fires outside Sector D must be coordinated with Base Defense TOC.

(9) Test fire will not be conducted from bunkers. Test fire for all guard personnel will be conducted at 11th Bde Test Fire Area, vicinity of bunker 49, under supervision of a noncommissioned officer. Coordination will be made with 11th Bde TOC.

(10) RRF personnel will be fully equipped to include protective masks and basic load of ammunition. Four (4) each fragmentation hand grenades for each RRF individual will be maintained and controlled by bunker commanders and issued only if RRF is called out.

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(11) Bunker commanders will draw and control twenty (20) each additional fragmentation hand grenades to be issued and used only for defense of bunkers in event of penetration by hostile forces.

(12) Personnel will remain confined to protective bunkers during alert condition RED, except RRF personnel if alerted. Local defenses will be set up around protective bunkers if the sector is penetrated by hostile forces.

(13) Magazines will not be inserted into weapons until bunkers are physically occupied. Rounds will not be chambered until the individual has reason to fire the weapon.

(14) Curfew for all personnel on or visiting LZ Bronco is from 1830 to 0630, except for personnel participating in tactical operations.

(15) Commanders will brief all personnel on contents of this order.

(16) The senior man in perimeter bunkers will be designated bunker commander.

(17) One man will remain outside perimeter bunker at all times and will periodically change locations.

(18) SGT of the Guard will personally clear each man's weapon prior to being released from guard or departing assigned bunkers.

(19) Effective for planning on receipt, execution on order.

4. Administration and Logistics:

a. Administration:

(1) Guard roster will be kept by HHC for interior and bunker guard.

(2) Officer of Guard roster will be maintained by S-1.

b. Logistics:

(1) Expended ammunition will be replenished each morning by HHC to insure that the prescribed basic load will be available for guard at the beginning of each night.

(2) SGT/Officer of the Guard will be provided a 1/4 ton or 3/4 ton vehicle for guard use each night. Vehicle will be designated from battalion resources.

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c. Medical:

(1) One fully equipped medic will be placed in each personnel protective and command bunker during RED alert conditions.

(2) Two fully equipped medics will be on standby with 4 stretchers and 2 bearers at the Control Bunker during RED alert conditions.

(3) The Bn (Rear) Aid Station will be located in Bunker D during RED alert conditions.

(4) Insure an immediate medical coverage and evacuation capability is maintained for personnel occupying perimeter bunkers.

5. Command and Signal:

a. Signal:

Current SOI in effect.

b. Command:

(1) CP (Rear) located in Command Bunker directly behind maintenance shop.

(2) CO, HHC is designated Sector D commander.

(3) S4 is designated RRF commander.

(4) Bn XO is designated trains area commander and will supervise all activities relevant to sector defense.

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ANNEX B (Alert/Reference Conditions) to OPORD 11-68 (Sector Defense Order Round Up)

1. The purpose of this Annex is to provide guidelines for conduct of trains units during alert conditions. The sector commander (CO, HHC) is responsible for informing all personnel and bunkers of alert conditions, and for the execution of required actions during RED, YELLOW, or GREEN alert. Alert conditions will be announced in the following manner:

- a. RED - Continuous Siren emission for two minutes.
- b. YELLOW - Telephonic/radio
- c. GREEN - Telephonic/radio

2. Alert conditions will normally be announced by the 11th Bde Base Defense Control Center (BDCC). The senior commander may announce a higher alert condition than that announced by BDCC if desired.

3. During daylight hours (0630 - 1830) normal security precautions will be taken unless an alert condition higher than GREEN has been announced. Surveillance tower, vicinity Shower Point, will be manned by one individual who will remain constantly alert observing the perimeter at all times especially during periods of limited visibility. Suspicious actions of indigenous personnel will be reported to the sector commander who will contact the 11th Bde Provost Marshal's Office for investigation or appropriate action.

4. Alert conditions and actions to be taken are defined as:

a. Alert Condition GREEN:

(1) This is the normal alert condition during the hours of darkness. This is a condition where security precautions other than normal are appropriate, such as manning perimeter bunkers. This condition may be implemented during daylight hours if warranted.

(2) Actions:

(a) During daylight hours personnel conduct normal activities. Off post activities will be in accordance with 11th Bde Regulations and Directives concerning "off limits" areas.

(b) Occupy all perimeter defensive positions. Emplace trip flares, claymore mines, and initiate all required defensive measures.

(c) Establish communications.

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(d) All personnel manning perimeter bunkers will be equipped as required.

(e) Implement all other defensive measures deemed appropriate.

b. Alert Condition YELLOW:

(1) This condition will be declared when intelligence indicates a need for active defensive measures to prepare the base area against imminent enemy attack, enemy attack within a few hours time period, or less, or when a subordinate unit fire base is under ground, rocket or mortar attack.

(2) Actions:

(a) Execute all actions required for condition GREEN.

(b) Hamlets and villages are off limits except for executing tactical operations.

(c) All movement within the sector/base area will be held to a minimum.

(d) Maximum effort will be applied to the preparation of defensive positions and all activities will be suspended except those required to support combat operations.

(e) Perimeter personnel will remain 100% alert.

c. Alert Condition RED:

(1) This condition will be declared when LZ Bronco is receiving hostile fire or when a ground attack has been initiated against the base.

(2) Actions:

(a) Execute all actions required for GREEN and YELLOW alert conditions

(b) Movement of any nature will be only in case of emergency.

(c) All personnel secure equipment and ammunition as required and report to assigned bunkers.

(d) Command bunker conduct communications check with HDCC immediately and one additional check each hour thereafter.

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(e) RRF will assemble in designated bunkers prepared to conduct combat operations within fifteen minutes of initial notification.

(f) Personnel will engage targets inside the sector area only in self defense or for protection of property. Every effort will be made to positively identify a target before engagement.

(g) Prepare to destroy documents and equipment. Execute plans only if capture is imminent.

d. Sector will receive changes to RED alert condition by radio or land line.

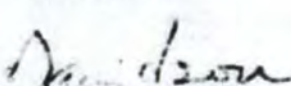
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ANNEX C (Rules of Engagement) to OPORD 11-68 (Sector Defense Order Round Up)

1. General:

Rules of Engagement, as set forth herein, are prescribed to minimize non-combat personnel and property losses which may occur during military action against hostile forces. Commanders will ensure that all personnel assigned to defensive positions within the base area are instructed on and comply with the cited rules.

2. Rules of Engagement:

a. During the hours of darkness the following procedures are prescribed:

(1) Challenge in English and Vietnamese (Dung Lai).

(2) If the person challenged makes an overt attempt to avoid apprehension, opens fire, or commits any hostile act endangering life, the challenger may engage the target.

(3) Illumination prior to firing is authorized.

b. During daylight hours the sequence of engagement is the same as paragraph (1) and (2) above. However, suspicious personnel loitering or working inside or near the perimeter barrier will be investigated by the Provost Marshal. Warning shots will not be fired at individuals under these circumstances except in self defense or when the person observed has unquestionably committed an overt hostile act.

c. Personnel occupying defensive positions may insert loaded magazines in their weapons. Rounds will not be chambered nor grenades loaded in launchers until contact with the enemy is imminent.

d. The Sector commander will order chambering and firing of ammunition.

e. Firing of Fougassers and E8 CS dispensers will be cleared with BTOC (except as a last means of self defense).

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3. Weapons Employment: Weapons will be fired in the following priority by personnel occupying perimeter positions.

- a. Rifles
- b. M79 grenade launchers
- c. Light Machine Gun (M-60)
- d. E8 CS dispensers
- e. Fougasse

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ANNEX D (Ammunition Basic Load) to OPORD 11-68 (Sector Defense Order Round Up)

1. The following basic load of ammunition will be issued to personnel manning perimeter bunkers and RRF personnel.

- a. Per individual - Two fragmentation hand grenades
- b. Per rifleman - 600 rounds
- c. Per automatic rifleman - 600 rounds
- d. Per machine gun - 2000 rounds
- e. Per weapon - 30 M-79 rounds
- f. Per bunker:
 - (1) Five trip flares
 - (2) Five hand flares
 - (3) Two WP grenades
 - (4) Three CS grenades
 - (5) Four each M18A1 Claymore mines
 - (6) One each E8 CS dispensers

2. Ammunition basic loads will be inventoried daily and replenished as required by the SGT of the Guard.

3. Ammunition will be stored in protective containers and secured at a centrally located area. Ammunition will be inspected daily for serviceability and required maintenance. Unserviceable ammunition will be disposed of in accordance with appropriate directives. The Headquarters Commandant will insure that this is accomplished.

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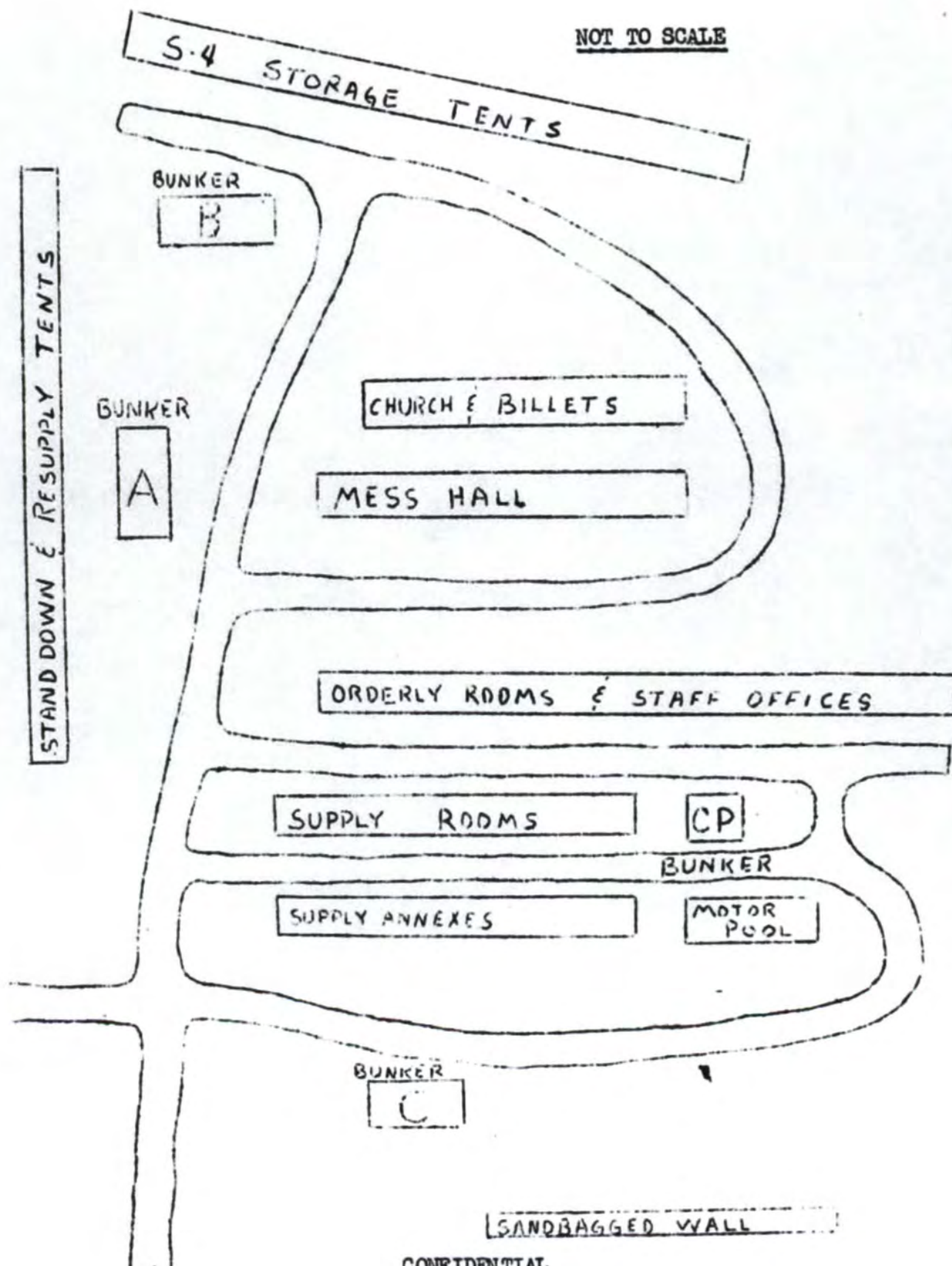
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ANNEX F (Trains Area Overlay) to OPORD 11-68 (Sector Defense Plan Round Up)



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