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 4-3 Inf
 LZ THUNDER (BS874325) RVN
 181200H Oct 68
 7JP7

FRAGORD 28-68 to OPORD 10-68 Hqs, 4-3 Inf

Task Org:

		Bn Central
Co A 4-3 Inf	Co D	Plat(-)/Trp E/1st Cav (OPCON)
Co B	Co E	C/6-11 Arty (DS)
Co C	HHC (-)	NPFF and IPW Tn 52 MID

1. Co A(-) STANDS DOWN LZ BRONCO night 18 Oct 68; Mort Plat provides indirect fire support from MT MONTEZUMA, LZ BRONCO; conducts CA either according to PLAN A or PLAN B (dependent whether 4-3 Inf receives Duc Pho District approval to conduct intensified search operation in RD area defined by following coordinates; BS824337, BS833349, and BS834330).

PLAN A: Co A(-) conducts CA from PZ SE Pad LZ BRONCO, commencing 191100H Oct 68, into LZ 1 vic BS828325, LZ 2 vic BS833325, and LZ 3 vic BS825327; conducts intensified search of OBJ M (com BS829328) and OBJ L (com BS830335); on order conducts intensified search S half OBJ K (com BS833340). Upon termination of operation conducts offensive search operations NW and establishes NDP and (1) plat night ambush vic BS816352.

PLAN B: Co A(-) conducts CA from SE Pad LZ BRONCO, commencing 191200H Oct 68, into LZ 4 vic BS835313, LZ 5 vic BS828314, and LZ 6 vic BS827317; conducts intensified search of OBJ N (com BS833318) and OBJ M (com BS829328); upon termination of operation conducts offensive search operations NW and establishes NDP and (1) plat night ambush vic BS816352.

2. Co B(-) secures and improves defenses LZ CHARLIE BROWN; secures Bridge 94 with (1) rifle squad NLT 181800H Oct 68; 2d Plat continues 3 day independent Highway 1 security and trail interdiction operation; (1) squad conducts reconnaissance patrol N LZ CHARLIE BROWN, commencing 190630H Oct 68, to vic BS937233, returns LZ CHARLIE BROWN NLT 191645H Oct 68.

3. Co C secures and improves defensive positions LZ THUNDER; secures Bridge 111 with (1) rifle squad NLT 181800H Oct 68, establishes plat night ambush vic BS 852307; (1) rifle plat (+) moves with Plat(-) Trp E 1st Cav, commencing 181050H Oct 68, NW from base LZ THUNDER along Highway 1 and occupies positions according to which Plan (PLAN A or B) is in effect;

PLAN A: (1) rifle plat(+) moves with Plat(-) Trp E 1st Cav, commencing 191050H Oct 68, and moves NW on Highway 1 and occupies blocking positions vic BS826340, BS823335, BS832335, and BS837327 with (1) rifle squad and (1) APC (minimum) each NLT 191115H 68.

PLAN B: (1) rifle plat(+) moves with Plat(-) Trp E 1st Cav, commencing 191050H Oct 68, and moves NW on Highway 1 and occupies blocking position from BS825334 - BS835328 NLT 191115H Oct 68. Upon termination of operation rifle plat(+) and Plat(-) Trp E 1st Cav returns LZ THUNDER.

4. Co D: OPCON 3-1 Inf (IZ LIZ)

5. Co E:

a. Recon Plat secures IZ THUNDER and conducts CA, commencing 191133H Oct 68, from PZ IZ THUNDER into IZ #7 vic BS834353; further operations dependent on whether PLAN A or PLAN B is in effect;

PLAN A: Recon Plat conducts CA, commencing 191133H Oct 68 from PZ IZ THUNDER into IZ #7 vic BS834353 and conducts intensified search of OBJ K; on order assists Co A(-) in search of OBJ L. Upon termination of operation returns IZ THUNDER.

PLAN B: Recon Plat conducts CA, commencing 191133H Oct 68 from PZ IZ THUNDER into IZ #7 vic BS834353 and conducts intensified search to SW (area to W of RD area) to Highway 1; assists Co A(-) if required. Upon termination of operation returns IZ THUNDER.

b. Hvy Mort Plat: GS IZ THUNDER.

c. GS Section: GS IZ THUNDER

6. Coordinating Instructions:

a. If PLAN A is in effect US Troops will have Duc Phe District personnel or NPFF accompany them when searching huts.

b. US personnel will not take household goods or personnel possessions from Vietnamese Nationals unless directed by unit commanders.

c. Unit commanders will insure Vietnamese Nationals are accorded proper treatment during search of hamlet areas.

d. All Vietnamese Nationals capable of bearing arms will be detained and interrogated by NPFF and/or Duc Phe District officials.

e. All units will insure that no Vietnamese Nationals slip out of search area.

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ANNEX A - Operation Overlay

ANNEX B - Sequential Airlift Schedule

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