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LZ PEPPER (BS495716) RVN
011030H NOV 68
7 KE1

FRAGORD 4-68 to OPORD 12-68, Hq 4-3 Inf

1. (C) Task Organization:

A/4-3 Inf	Battalion Control
(2) Tms 11th IPSD	D/6-11 Arty (DS)
B/4-3 Inf	3rd plat (-)/C-26 Engr(OPCON)
C/4-3 Inf	IPW Tm 52nd MI Det (Attchd)
(2) Tms 11th IPSD	
D/4-3 Inf	Ede Control
E (-)/4-3 Inf	123rd Aero Scout Co
HHC/4-3 Inf (-)	

REFERENCE:

Maps, South Vietnam 1:50,000, Series L7014; sheets 6739IV, 6739III, and 6738IV.

2. 4-3 Inf

- a. C/4-3 Inf released OPCON eff O/A 011400H NOV 68
- b. GS sec released OPCON 3-1 Inf O/A 011400H NOV 68 to OPCON 1-20 Inf eff 020815H NOV 68.
- c. Terminates Phase II of operation VERNON LAKE II eff 021015H NOV 68.
- d. Initiates operation VERNON LAKE II with air assault operations and spoiling attacks commencing 021030H NOV 68 in the following sequence to establish contact with, destroy, and disrupt planned activities (attack on Quang Ngai) of the NVA Division.
 1. ARC LIGHT strikes night 01 NOV 68-morning 02 NOV 68.
 2. Conducts air assault with four (4) rifle companies into LZ CROWN vic BS395594; 1st LZ time 021030H NOV 68 and last LZ time 021200 H NOV 68.
 3. Two (2) task forces of two (2) rifle companies each move on designated axes and conduct BDA of ARC LIGHT strikes, combat sweep, and offensive search operations in zone.
 4. Prepares to continue operation VERNON LAKE II or resume operations in the S DUC PHO AO following termination of operation VERNON LAKE II.

3. Co A.

- a. Collocates NDP with Co D vic BS505762 NLT 011600H NOV 68 and establish one (1) night amb.
- b. Conducts CA from PZ vic BS504762 into LZ CROWN vic BS395594; PZ time 021015H NOV 68 and LZ time 021030H NOV 68.

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- c. Secures LZ for Co B and C.
- d. On order, conducts ARC LIGHT strike BDA in zone with Co B.
- e. On order, conducts offensive search and combat sweep operations; seizes objectives in zone.
- f. Upon completion of BDA and seizure of assigned objectives prepares to continue operation VERNON LAKE II or move by airlift to S DUC PHO AO; time/location TBA.

4. Co B.

- a. Collocates NDP with Co C and Recon plat vic BS499759 NLT 011600H NOV 68 and establishes one (1) plat night ambush.
- b. Conducts CA from PZ vic BS504762 into LZ CROWN vic BS395594 (LZ secured by Co A). PZ time 021045H NOV 68 and LZ time 021100H NOV 68.
- c. Secures LZ with Co A for Co C.
- d. On order, conducts ARC LIGHT BDA in zone with Co A.
- e. On order, conducts offensive search and combat sweep operations; seizes objectives in zone.
- f. Upon completion of BDA and seizure of assigned objectives prepares to continue operation VERNON LAKE II or move by airlift to S DUC PHO AO; time/location TBA.

5. Co C.

- a. Released OPCON 3-1 Inf O/A 011400H NOV 68 and moves by CH-47E to LZ secured by Co A vic BS505762.
- b. Collocates NDP with Co B and Recon plat vic BS499759 NLT 011600H NOV 68 and establishes one (1) plat night ambush.
- c. Conducts CA from PZ vic BS504762 into LZ CROWN vic BS395594 (LZ secured by Co's A & B); PZ time 021115H NOV 68 and LZ time 021130H NOV 68.
- d. Secures LZ for Co D.
- e. On order, conducts ARC LIGHT BDA in zone with Co D.
- f. On order, conducts offensive search and combat sweep operations; seizes objectives in zone.
- g. Upon completion of BDA and seizure of assigned objectives prepares to continue operation VERNON LAKE II or move by airlift to S DUC PHO AO; time/location TBA.

6. Co D.

- a. Collocates NDP with Co A vic BS505762 NLT 011600H 68 and establishes one (1) plat night ambush.
- b. Conducts CA from PZ vic BS504762 into LZ CROWN vic BS395594 (LZ secured by Co C); PZ time 021145H NOV 68 and LZ time 021200H Nov 68.
- c. On order, conducts ARC LIGHT BDA in zone with Co C.
- d. On order, conducts offensive search and combat sweep operations; seizes objectives in zone.
- e. Upon completion of BDA and seizure of assigned objectives prepares to continue operation VERNON LAKE II or move airlift to

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S DUC PHO AO; time/location TBA.

7. Co E.

- a. Recon plat:
 - (1) Establishes NDP with Co B vic BS498760 NLT 011600H NOV 68.
 - (2) Released OPCON Co B eff 020700H NOV 68 and conducts air move by CH-47B to FSB CORK vic BS444618.
 - (3) Secures assigned sector of perimeter.
 - (4) Assumes mission of Bn reaction force and prepares for deployment anywhere in 4-3 Inf AO.
- b. Hvy Mort Plat.
 - (1) Provides indirect fire support for LZ BRONCO Base Defense Command from Mt. MONTEZUMA.
 - (2) Moves, on order, to rejoin 4-3 Inf; time/location TBA.
- c. GS Sec.
 - (1) Released OPCON 3-1 Inf O/A 01 1400H NOV 68 to OPCON 1-20 Inf effective 020815H NOV 68.
 - (2) Conducts air move by UH-1H from OP#1 (Nui Tron) vic BS 518778 to FSB CORK; 1st PZ time 021300H NOV 68 and 2nd last LZ time 021345H NOV 68.
 - (3) GS 4-3 Inf and 1-20 Inf eff 021345H NOV 68.

8. HHC (-)

- a. Bn Hq Sec (-), Comm Plat (-), 2nd Med Plat (-) move by CH-47B aircraft commencing 020900H NOV 68, from LZ PEPPER and LZ BRONCO to FSB CORK.
- b. Establishes Fwd CP FSB CORK NLT 020930H NOV 68

9. D/6-11 Arty.

- a. Moves by CH-47B aircraft, commencing 02830H NOV 68, from LZ PEPPER to FSB CORK.
- b. DS 4-3 Inf

10. 3rd plat (-)/C-26 Engr.

- a. OPCON 4-3 Inf eff 011500H NOV 68.
- b. Moves by CH-47B aircraft, commencing 020900H NOV 68 from LZ PEPPER to FSB CORK.
- c. Prepares and supervises construction of 4-3 Inf bunkers and barriers in assigned sector.
- d. Prepares to assist units as required.

11. IPW Tm 52 MI Det.

- a. Joins 4-3 Inf LZ PEPPER NLT 011500H NOV 68 attached eff closing time LZ PEPPER.
- b. Prepares to assist units as required.

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12. Coordinating Instructions.

- a. Companies will be mutually supporting at all times.
- b. Units will close NDP's NLT 1600H each day.
- c. Personnell will carry minimum $1\frac{1}{2}$ basic loads of ammunition and three (3) days rations.
- d. Companies will carry minimum of 5 axes and 150' nylon rope per plat.
- e. Commanders will insure that the locations of all platoons are known at all times.
- f. Unit strengths, by plat or section, will be submitted to the TOC daily between 1800H-2000H.

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Annex A: Operations Overlay

Annex B: Intelligence Overlay

Annex C: Sequential Airlift Schedule

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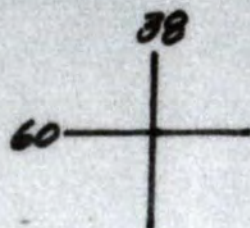
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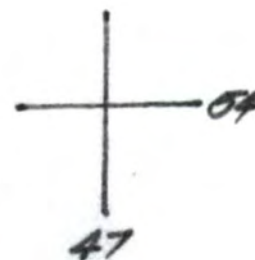
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SEQUENTIAL AIRLIFT SCHEDULE

MISSION COORDINATOR MAJ SMITH Avn OFF 11th LIB (T) 1 NOV 68

UNIT	PZ TIME	PZ COORD	PZ CONTACT	LZ TIME	LZ COORD	LZ CONTACT	LZ PREP TYPE	PREP TIME	A/C REQ	PAX
Recon 4-3 INVERSE SCREEN	0900H	BS504762	LEVEL SEALER 15T 39.40 alt 67.90	0935H	LZ CORK BS444618	TITAN CAUSE 60 62.65	-	-	1 CH47B	33
A/4-3 VENEER TRICK	1015H	BS504762	LEVEL SEALER 15T	1030H	LZ CROWN BS395 594	BALD HITCH 15 67.90	Tac Air Arty Gnshp	1000-1020H 1022-1027H 1028-1030H	16 ACL-6	96
B/4-3 SLIGHT MOANER	1045H	BS504762	LEVEL SEALER 15T	1100H	LZ CROWN BS395594	VENEER TRICK 15T 39.40	-	-	16 ACL-6	92
C/4-3 MODEST CANOE	1115H	BS504762	LEVEL SEALER 15T	1130H	LZ CROWN BS395594	VENEER TRICK 15T	-	-	14 ACL-6	84
D/4-3 LEVEL SEALER	1145H	BS504762	LEVEL SEALER 15T	1200H	LZ CROWN BS395594	MODEST CANOE 15T	-	-	12 ACL-6	72

Request the following air support.

1. C&C helicopter 020945H Nov 68
2. FAC and Air CAP on station 020800H Nov 68. FAC on station 021200H - 021800H Nov 68.
3. 2 UH-1H helicopters sorties 021300H Nov 68 to transport GS from OP#1 to LZ CORK.
4. Utility helicopter from 021330H - 021800H Nov 68.
5. 5 Sorties CH47B airlift from LZ PEPPER to LZ CORK.
6. 2 Sorties CH47B airlift from Budweiser Pad at DUC PHO to LZ CORK.

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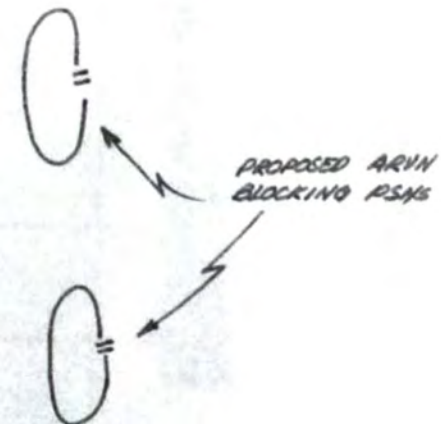
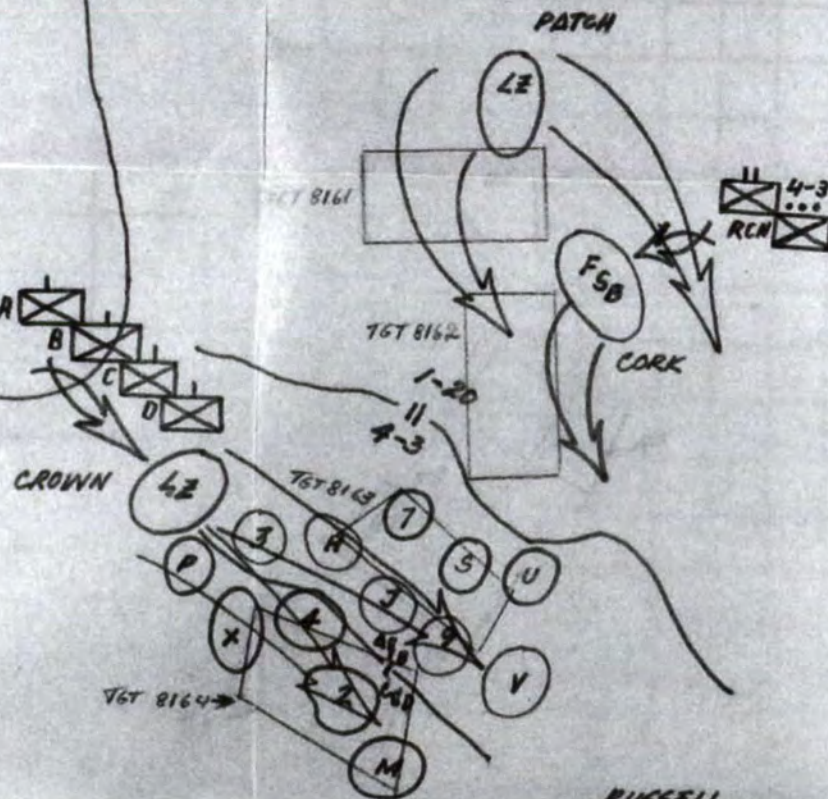
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