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HQ 4-3 Inf
LT THUNDER (88974325) MTR
R01930H DEC 68
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FRAGORD 4-68 to CORD 14-68, HQ 4-3 Inf

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam; 1:50,000; Series 17001; Sheets 6738I, 6738II, 6838III, and 6838IV.

1. Task Organization:

A/4-3 Inf	HQ (-)/4-3 Inf
B/4-3 Inf	Battalion Control
C/4-3 Inf	C/6-11th Arty (DS)
D/4-3 Inf	
E/4-3 Inf	

2. 4-3 Inf continues offensive search operations in D Due Pho AO to find and destroy VC main/local force units and village VC infrastructure.

3. Co A:

- Close LZ BOMBOO MTF 011000H JAN 69.
- Conduct CH-47B airlift 011000H JAN 69 from SX Pad, LZ BOMBOO, to LZ THUNDER.
- Assume responsibility for defense of LZ THUNDER from 011500H JAN 69 until 020630H JAN 69.
- Conduct CA into LZ #1 (88925170) and LZ #2 (88925156) and conduct cordon and search of hamlet Vinh Tuy (1) 03/24162.
- Assume OTCOM of Recon platoon, platoon Co B, and PW's effective occupation of LZ #1 and LZ #2.
- At completion of cordon and search operation close LZ LOANBOY.
- Conduct CH-47B airlift from LZ LOANBOY to LZ CHARLIE BROWN beginning at 021300H JAN 69. Relieved of OTCOM of Recon platoon and platoon Co B at time of airlift from LZ LOANBOY.
- Assume responsibility for the defense of LZ CHARLIE BROWN upon closing LZ CHARLIE BROWN. Commence platoon operations in AO YELLOW MTF 021600H JAN 69.
- Commence platoon operations in assigned AO.

4. Co B:

- Continue security and improvement of defensive positions LZ CHARLIE BROWN and platoon operations in AO YELLOW.
- Position one (1) platoon via 88914172 MTF 011200H JAN 69. Platoon moves

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- prior to daylight 02 JAN 69 to occupy MTF 020630H JAN 69 assigned sector of cordon from BS922164 to BS922167. Plat OPCON Co A effective Co A occupation of LZ #1 and LZ #2.
- c. Be prepared to move by APC to reinforce Co A with an additional plat.
 - d. Conduct CH-47B airlift of plat OPCON Co A from LZ LONDOY to LZ THUNDER beginning at 021300H JAN 69.
 - e. Conduct CH-47B airlift of Co (-) from LZ CHARLIE BROWN to LZ THUNDER beginning at 021400H JAN 69.
 - f. Assume responsibility of defensive positions and improvement of defensive positions LZ THUNDER effective upon closing LZ THUNDER.
 - g. Conduct search and amb operations in assigned AO.

5. Co G:

- a. Relieved responsibility of security of LZ THUNDER effective 010700H JAN 69.
- b. Conduct offensive search and amb operations in assigned AO beginning 010700H JAN 69.
- c. Insert three (3) Bn S&P teams into preplanned locations.

6. Co H:

- a. Conduct offensive search and amb operations in assigned AO beginning 010700H JAN 69.
- b. Conduct amb with in 4000 M of LZ BRONCO each night.

7. Co E:

- a. Recon plat:
 - (1) Conduct CH-47B airlift from LZ THUNDER to LZ LONDOY at 011430H JAN 69.
 - (2) NRP night of 01 JAN 69 at LZ LONDOY.
 - (3) Depart LZ LONDOY prior to daylight 02 JAN 69 to occupy MTF 020630H JAN 69 assigned sector of cordon from BS922159 to BS922164.
 - (4) OPCON Co A effective Co A occupation of LZ #1 and LZ #2.
 - (5) At completion of operation close LZ LONDOY and conduct CH-47B airlift to LZ THUNDER at 021300H JAN 69.
 - (6) Secure and improve assigned portion of defensive positions LZ THUNDER.
 - (7) Conduct search and amb operations on order.
- b. Evy Port plat: GS LZ THUNDER.
- c. GS Sec: GS LZ THUNDER.

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6. Coordinating Instructions:

- a. Report PZ and LZ times ASAP.
- b. Co B plat and Recon plat monitor Bn Comd frequency beginning 020000H JAN 69. Switch to Co A Comd frequency on order.
- c. Co B plat and Recon plat plan march early morning of 02 JAN 69 so that assigned sector of cordon is occupied no earlier than 020615H JAN 69.
- d. All units report SITREP and location hourly. Report location hourly or whenever location changes more than 1000 M.
- e. Unit commanders insure that separate plato and sqds are mutually supporting.

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Annex A: Intelligence Overlay

Annex B: Operations Overlay

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31 DEC 68 Plat Co B begins operation to get into position on highground vic BS913172 by 011000H JAN 69.

311300H DEC 68 Coordination meeting: Reconnaissance and coordination with Engineers at LZ LOWBOY.

010700H JAN 69 Co C departs LZ THUNDER to conduct operations in assigned AO.

010700H JAN 69 Co D commences operations in assigned AO.

010900H JAN 69 Two (2) 105mm Howitzers (C/6-21st Arty) conduct CH-47B airlift to LZ CHARLIE BROWN.

011000H JAN 69 Co A closes LZ BRONCO.

011300H JAN 69 Co A conducts CH-47B airlift from SE Pad, LZ BRONCO, to LZ THUNDER.

011430H JAN 69 Recon plat conduct CH-47B airlift to LZ LOWBOY.

011500H JAN 69 Air coordination meeting at LZ THUNDER.

011800H JAN 69 Plat Co B moves into position vic BS913172.

020500H JAN 69 Plat Co B and Recon plat move from LZ LOWBOY and BS913172 to respective positions in cordon.

020630H JAN 69 Co A conducts CA from LZ THUNDER to LZ #1 and LZ #2.

021200H JAN 69 Co A, Recon, plat Co B close LZ LOWBOY.

021300H JAN 69 CH-47B airlift of detainees and PW's to NAFT.

021300H JAN 69 Recon plat, plat Co B, and Psyops team conduct CH-47B airlift from LZ LOWBOY to LZ THUNDER.

021330H JAN 69 Co A conducts CH-47B airlift from LZ LOWBOY to LZ CHARLIE BROWN.

021400H JAN 69 Co B (-) conducts CH-47B airlift from LZ CHARLIE BROWN to LZ THUNDER.

021600H JAN 69 Co A plat begins operations in AO YELLOW.

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