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Hq 4-3 Inf
FSB SOUTH (B9698821) RVN
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ORD 2-69, Hq 4-3 Inf

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam; 1:50,000; Series L702h; Sheets 6739 I, 6739 II, 6739 III, and 6739 IV.

(C) Task Organization:

Co A/4-3 Inf	ISC (-)/4-3 Inf
Co B/4-3 Inf	Battalion Control
Co C/4-3 Inf	Engr
Co D/4-3 Inf	Dozer
Co E/4-3 Inf	CAV Plat

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Annex A (Intelligence).

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) 4-3 Inf released OOCCH 198th Bde effective 8 Feb 69. Reverts to control 11th Bde.

(2) 3-1 Inf will operate in the Nghia Hanh area.

(3) 1-20 Inf with one company from 3-1 Inf will secure Das Phu AO.

(4) 4-21 Inf will exploit Arc Lights via coordinates 4382 then operate in LZ CONK & LZ AMY area.

2. MISSION: 4-3 Inf moves from FSB SOUTH on 6 Feb 69, relieves 4-21 Inf on LZ HUFF, assumes control and conducts operations in HUFF AO.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation: 4-3 Inf conducts two day air move to close out FSB SOUTH and secure LZ HUFF.

(1) On D-day, Co B moves from CHIC to secure LZ HUFF. Hq & Hq Company moves from FSB SOUTH to LZ HUFF. Co C moves from FSB SOUTH to CHIC, and secures CHIC. Recon Plat moves from FSB SOUTH to base of LZ HUFF, moves up with CAV Plat, Hq's and helps secure APC's. Co E moves from FSB SOUTH to LZ HUFF.

(2) On D+1, Co D moves from FSB SOUTH, relieves Co B and secures LZ HUFF. Co B with CAV Plat attached continues operations in AO. Co A CA's into LZ HUFF AO, continues operations. Recon Plat returns to LZ HUFF.

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(3) Fire Support: Annex B (Fire Support).

- b. Co A:
- c. Co B:
- d. Co C:
- e. Co D:
- f. Co E:

(1) Recon:

(2) Hvy Mort Plat:

(3) GS Sec: Establish and maintain surveillance of LZ HUFF from GVN camp coordinates BS515778. You will be moved from LZ HUFF to GVN camp on 9 Feb 69.

g. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) 3-4 will provide sling hook up teams.

(2) On D-Day, A & D Co's will provide necessary details to help 4-3 Inf Bq close out. Both units will dismantle bunkers, stack culverts in designated areas for pick up on D-Day for pick up on D+1. On D+1, A & D Co's will pick up wire, stack it in designated areas for pick up, close holes and insure remaining sandbags are destroyed.

(3) Air Movement Plan (Annex C).

h. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: No change.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Command:

(1) Bn TOC at LZ HUFF on D-Day.

(2) Jump CP at FSB SOUTH until move is completed.

b. Signal: Current Americal SOI dated 23 Jan 69 in effect.

Acknowledge.

Annex A: Intelligence
Annex B: Fire Support
Annex C: Air Movement Plan

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Annex A (Intelligence) to
OPORD 2-69, Hq 4-3 Inf

ENEMY SITUATION:

1. **Terrain:** The area East of M&S grid line BSh9 is flat with many small hills with an elevation of under 200 meters. West of M&S grid line BSh9 the terrain is extremely mountainous with heavy jungle. In the northern portion of the AO most streams flow in a North to North East direction. In the southern portion the streams flow in a East to South East direction.

2. **Cover and Concealment:**

a. **Cover:** In the eastern portion of the AO dikes, canals, hedgerows, some stream banks and wooded areas offer cover from flat trajectory fire. There is virtually no cover from high ground trajectory fire. In the western portion of the AO the jungle growth and the natural rock formations will provide excellent cover from both low and high trajectory fire.

b. **Concealment:** In the eastern portion of the AO individual and small groups will be excellent in the wooded areas around the hills and hamlets. The rice paddies offer little or no concealment. In the western portion of the AO, the jungle growth and the mountains offer excellent concealment for Battalion and larger size elements.

3. **Obstacles:**

a. **Natural:** The numerous streams, hedgerows and hills will be obstacles to vehicular traffic. There are numerous fording points that are not obstacles to either vehicular (APC's) and foot movement.

b. **Man Made:** Numerous mine fields or suspected mine fields are scattered throughout the area (see mine overlay). All approaches to hamlets should be considered mined. Any high ground and all rice paddy dikes should be avoided.

4. **Enemy Forces (see Annex).**

5. **Enemy Arms and Armament (see Annex).**

6. **Enemy Capabilities:**

a. **Enumeration:**

(1) Capability #1. Attack within the AO with elements of 3 NF Bn, 1 NVA Regiment and 2 LF Companies.

(2) Capability #2. Defend within AO from prepared trenches, bunkers, tunnels and fighting holes with all or part of the units mentioned above.

(3) Capability #3. Evade direct or sustained contact with allied forces by mingling with the local populace and hiding in prepared tunnels and resorting to small actions to include probes, ambushes, mining and booby traps and harassment with sniper fire and mortar fire.

(4) Capability #4. Withdraw by streams and wood lines toward the mountains to the West.

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1. The following is a list of infantry weapons used by the NVA/VC.

TYPE WEAPON	MAXIMUM RANGE	EFFECTIVE RANGE	RATE OF FIRE
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Soviet 7.62mm AKM		1,000m (semi-auto)	1,000RPM
Chinese type 56		300m (auto)	90-100RPM
Soviet 7.62mm Carbine		1,000m	1,000RPM
(Chinese type 53)			
Soviet 7.62mm Carbine		1,000m	30-35RPM
SAS (Chinese type 56)			
Soviet 7.62mm IZD RPD		800m	150RPM
(Chinese type 56)			
Soviet 7.62mm RPD		1,000m	250RPM
(Chinese type 53 & 57)			
Soviet 12.7mm RPD		2,000 (CMB)	80RPM
(Chinese type 53)		1,000 (AA)	
Soviet 82mm Mortar	1,000m		25RPM
(Chinese type 53)			
Soviet 120mm Mortar	5,700m		15RPM
(Chinese type 53)			
Soviet RPG-2	600m	100m	1-6 RPM
(Chinese type 56)			
Soviet RPG-7	700m	500m	5RPM
Chinese 57mm RR	2,375m		5RPM
(Type 52)			
Chinese 75mm RR	6,675m		10RPM
(Type 52)			
Soviet 82mm 160m (1-10)	1,170m	390m	5-6RPM
Soviet 107mm 200m (1-11)	6,650m	1,500m	1-5RPM

2. Anti-air weapons commonly used by the NVA/VC.

Soviet 12.7mm RPD		1,000m (AA)	80RPM
(Chinese type 53)			
Soviet 37mm AA Gun	6,000m (Vert)	1,373m (AA)	50RPM
(Chinese type 55)	8,000m (Horn)		

3. Rockets commonly used by NVA/VC.

107mm Rocket (Type 53)	8,700-9,000m
122mm Rocket	12,000-17,000m
140mm Rocket	

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3. Captured weapons currently used by the NVA/VC

M-1		200m	1000m
M-2		500m	400m
M-2 Carbine		300m	200m
M-24		160m	10-600m
M-26 (Semi)	2,645m	163m	15-600m
(Auto)	2,645m	163m	120-1500m
.30 Cal MG		1,000m	150-2000m
.50 Cal MG		1,000m	1200m

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>BMNT</u>	<u>SR</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>KENT</u>	<u>MR</u>	<u>MS</u>	<u>% ILIUM</u>
7	0626	0713	1846	1933	2252	1012	81
8	0625	0713	1846	1934	2346	1050	71
9	0625	0713	1846	1934	—	1132	61
10	0625	0712	1847	1934	0045	1219	50
11	0624	0712	1847	1935	0146	1311	39
12	0624	0712	1848	1935	0251	1411	28
13	0624	0711	1848	1935	0357	1616	18
14	0623	0711	1848	1936	0458	1623	10
15	0623	0710	1849	1936	0557	1728	04
16	0623	0710	1849	1936	0646	1831	01
17	0622	0710	1849	1937	0733	1930	00
18	0622	0709	1850	1937	0814	2025	02
19	0621	0709	1850	1937	0852	2118	07
20	0621	0708	1850	1937	0920	2209	13
21	0621	0708	1851	1938	1006	2301	21
22	0620	0707	1851	1938	1045	2353	29
23	0620	0706	1851	1938	1125	—	39
24	0619	0706	1851	1938	1209	0046	48
25	0619	0705	1852	1938	1256	0139	58
26	0618	0705	1852	1939	1346	0232	67
27	0618	0704	1852	1939	1439	0323	75
28	0617	0704	1852	1939	1533	0412	83

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Annex B (Fire Support) to
OPORD 2-69

1. DS for LZ BUFF AO will come from C Btry 6/11th Arty, 11th Bde (105 Howitzer) LZ BUFF.
2. Frequencies for individuals are listed in the current 11th Bde SOI. Individual suffix designators will not change until new SOI is initiated.
3. GS for BUFF AO will be available from LZ DOTTIE B Btry 82nd Arty (2) 155/8" (2).
4. Additional support is available from 175/8" Btry at Minh Long S.F. camp from 1/18th Arty.
5. Clearances for the AO will be checked with local forces advisors on OP #1.
6. All firing data will be checked by 6/11th Bn FDC (forward) located on LZ CORX, on the Bn Command channel.
7. E & I fires will be scheduled through Bn Command channel of 6/11th.

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SEQUENTIAL AIRLIFT SCHEDULE

MISSION COORDINATOR

8 Feb 69

ITEM	UNIT	PZ TIME	PZ COORD	PZ CONTACT	LZ TIME	LZ COORD	LZ CONTACT	LZ PREP TIME	PREP TIME	A/C	PAX
1	Co C	0800	FSB SOUTH	CARROT JACKEL 4M 57.90		CHIC	REDOAK SIGNET 4M 57.90			3 CH47B	113
2	Co B	0840	CHIC	REDOAK SIGNET 4M 57.90		LZ BUFF	LENGHY RAPTER 2M 57.90			3 CH47B	114
3	Recon	0900	FSB SOUTH	SPARKING CASH 4M 57.90		LZ BUFF	LENGHY RAPTER 2M 57.90			1 CH47B	37
4	HQ's L-3	0900	FSB SOUTH	LENGHY RAPTER 2M 57.90		LZ BUFF	LENGHY RAPTER 2M 57.90			19 CH47B	
5									Equipment	PAX	Sorties
6									Co B		1 Int/Ext
									4-2		2 Int/Ext
									PAX		1 Int
									Commo		2 Ext
									TOC		1 Ext
									S2 Comex		1 Ext
									CO Comex		1 Ext
									10 KW Gen		1 Ext
									Ness Hall		1 Ext
									S1 Comex		1 Ext
									S3 Supply Comex		1 Ext
									Modis Comex		1 Ext
									PAX		1 Int
									Mtr Tel		1 Ext
									Barrier mat & ammo		3 Ext

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1	HQ's 4-3		FSB SOUTH	LEWISTON RAFTER 2AM 57.90		4-3 Trains Cha La1	LEWISTON RAFTER 62M			1 CH-7B	Wtr Tr (Ext)
2	HQ's 4-3		FSB SOUTH	LEWISTON RAFTER 2AM 57.90		LZ GATOR	RICKY RIDGS 62 65 40			2 CH-7B	Culvert (Ext)
3	VHF		FSB SOUTH	LEWISTON RAFTER 2AM 57.90		LZ BAYONNET VHF site				1 CH-7B	VHF Int/ Ext
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5											
6											
7											
8											

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50
+ 84

1 BT (KMH)

27 BT
105MM

6 H-16

5 SIM
MINE

60
+ 82

3 ANTI
H-14 MINE

BT 19-000
10 H-14
20 H-24
15 H-16
12 H-16

4 ANA HELMET
STRAPPED

22 BT

23 BT GMM

15 ANTI
TANK

13 H-16

2 SLB SHIP
CHARGE
10 H-14
11 H-14
12 H-14
17 H-16
18 H-16
19 H-16

1 BT
2 H-16
1 ANTI TANK
2 H-16
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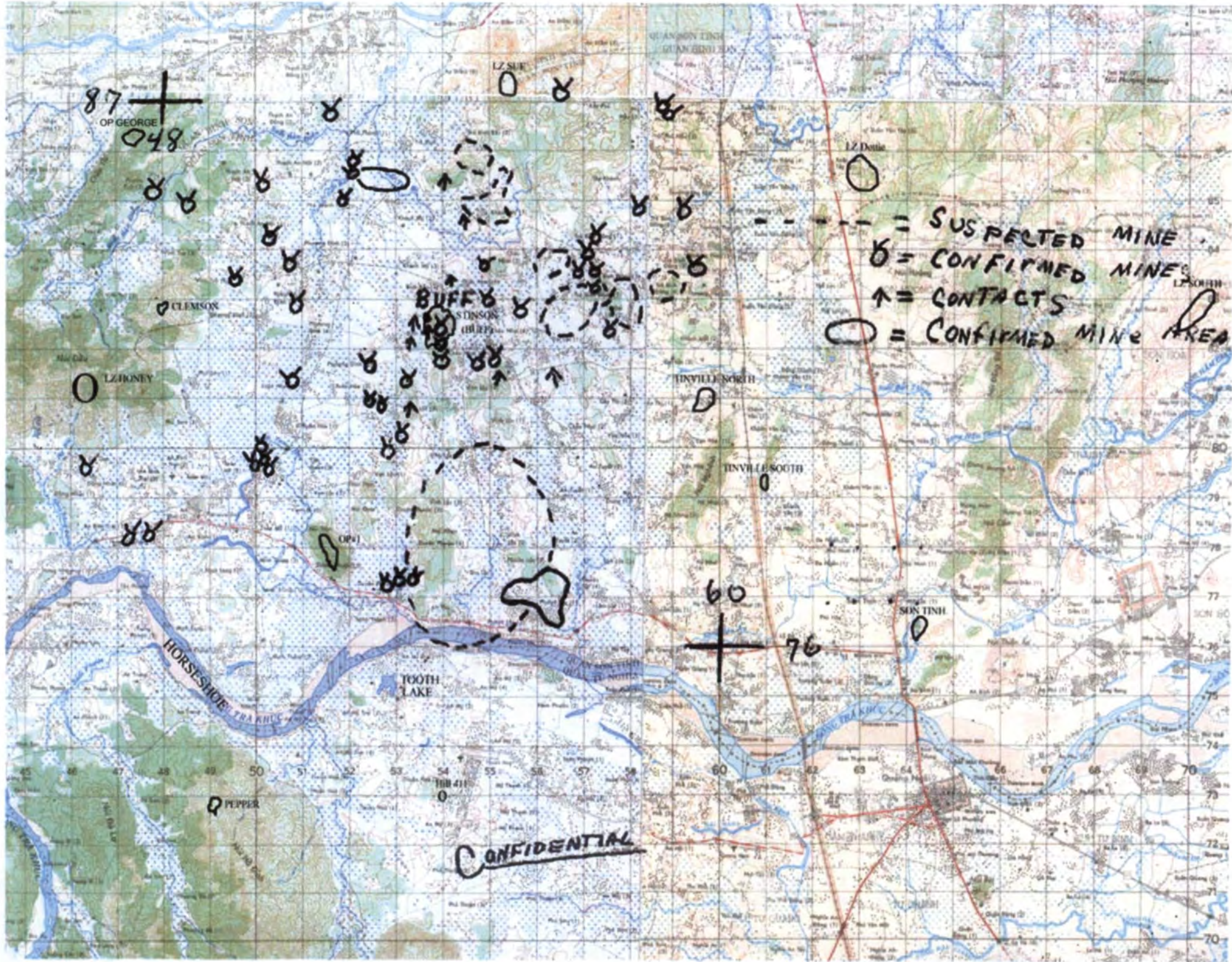
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MINE



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TOP GEORGE

A-4/3

C(4-21)

D-4/3



A  4-3

B  4-3

E  4-3

85

59

LZ BUFF

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77

Interpretation:

Classification:

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Group 1:
Demographic at 1 yr intervals
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