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OPLAN 1-69 to OPORD 5-69, HQ 4-3 Inf

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

Task Organization:

Perimeter Defense Company
One Rifle Company
Recon Plat (if available)

Reaction Force #1
Commo Plat (-)
Headquarters Sec (-)

Reaction Force #2
S-4 Section (-)
Spt Platoon (-)

Reaction Force #3
Mess Section
Hvy Mortar Sel Pers

Reaction Force #4
B/6-11 Arty (-)

Battalion Control
Hvy Mortar Plat (-)
GS Section

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy: See OPORD 5-69 and current INTSUM.
- b. Friendly: Elements of the 11th Infantry Brigade are in positions to reinforce b' fire and tactical operations. See current FCA.
- c. Attachments and detachments: Current task organization.
- d. Assumptions:
 - (1.) That the enemy will attack in reinforced battalion strength supported by mortars/rockers.
 - (2.) That one company of the 4/3 will be available on LZ San Juan for base defense.
 - (3.) That B Battery 6/11 Arty remains in position for defense of LZ San Juan.

2. MISSION.

The 4-3 Infantry conducts defensive/offensive operations on LZ San Juan to destroy attacking NVA/VC units.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of operation: 4-3 Infantry defends LZ San Juan employing one rifle company on perimeter defense, on order conducts offensive operations to pursue and destroy enemy (Annex D, Counter Attack Plan Killer). Reaction Force 1, 2, 3, and 4 are Battalion

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reserve located on Infantry Hill (#1), the Heli-pad (#2), Mess Hall (#3) and Arty Hill (#4). Priority of fires to rifle company on perimeter defense. Annex B, Fire Support.

- b. Rifle Company: Conduct perimeter defense utilizing all available weapons and fire support.
- c. Recon Platoon (if available): Defend assigned sector of perimeter defense utilizing all available weapons and fire support.
- d. Heavy Mortar Platoon: GS See Annex B, Fire Support. Be prepared to furnish 5 man squad to Mess Hall reaction force. Prepare and man one machine gun bunker vicinity of trash dump road.
- e. Commo Platoon: Form Reaction Force #1 on call, at Infantry Hill, vicinity of commo conex to be committed on order.
- f. Ground Surveillance Section: Attached to Reaction Force nearest location of operations.
- g. Headquarters Section: Provide security for inner perimeter entrances and TOC (S-2, S-3), form RF #2 (S-4 Sec (-)).
- h. Mess section: Form Reaction Force #3 vicinity of mess hall to be committed on order.
- i. B/6-11 Arty: Form Reaction Force #4, on order, vicinity of arty hill to be committed on order.
- j. Coordinating Instructions:
 - (1.) This order effective for planning on receipt, execution on order.
 - (2.) Annex D, Counter Attack Plan, KILLER.
 - (3.) Unit Cmdrs. conduct recon and minimum one daylight, one night rehearsal per week. Personnel to include squad leaders.
 - (4.) All personnel will have gas masks.
 - (5.) Tear gas cannisters fired on order of TOC only.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Administration.

b. Logistics:

- (1.) Emergency water point located on helipad.
- (2.) Ammo resupply points located at helipad, rifle company CP bunker, TOC, 4.2 platoon and arty battery.
- (3.) B/6-11, Heavy Mortar Platoon, and 81mm section will have flak jackets for all personnel.

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5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

a. Signal:

- (1.) Current SOI.
- (2.) Command frequency for all units/sections on LZ SAN JUAN is rifle company command net, RF #1.2, 3 on A/L net.
- (3.) Emergency signals:
 - (a.) Green star-cluster--sappers in the wire.
 - (b.) Red star-cluster--medic needed ASAP.
 - (c.) Red and green star-clusters together--Arty will fire direct fire (beehive round).
- (4.) Siren:
 - (a.) 1 Long blast--mortar attack
 - (b.) 2 Short blasts--sappers
 - (c.) 3 Short blasts--reactionary force

b. Command:

- (1.) Command group located in TOC.
- (2.) TOC will control all units on LZ SAN JUAN.

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Annex A: Operations Overlay
Annex B: Fire support
Annex C: Intelligence Overlay
Annex D: Counter Attack Plan Killer
Annex E: Barrier Overlay

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ANNEX B (Fire Support) to OPLAN 1-69 to OPOPD 5-69

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000: 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

Task Organization:

As in OPLAN 1-69 to OPOPD 5-69.

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy: Current INTSUM.
- b. Friendly:

- (1.) 4-3 Inf provide ground support for the defense of FSB SAN JUAN.
- (2.) 7th Air Force provides tactical air support.

2. MISSION.

As in OPLAN 1-69 to OPOPD 5-69.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. 4-3 Inf conducts defensive operations for FSB SAN JUAN and assumes the offensive as soon as possible after a ground attack.
- b. Air Support: Requests for tactical air support will be submitted to the Bn S-3 Air.
- c. Artillery Support:
 - (1.) B Btry, 6/11 Arty (105mm towed) will provide DS for the FSB SAN JUAN PCA.
 - (2.) C Btry, 1/82 Arty (155mm towed) located on LZ LIZ will provide GSR.
 - (3.) C Btry, 3/18 Arty (8"/175mm SP) located on SF Camp MINH LONG will provide CS.
- d. Coordinating Instructions:
 - (1.) Rules of Engagement: Americal Regulation 525-4, Feb 69.
 - (2.) Clearance of fires will be requested from Arty LNO.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

- a. Signal: Current SOI in effect.
- b. Command: No change.

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Appendix 1: Fire Support
Appendix 2: Illumination
Appendix 3: Countermortar/Counterbattery
Appendix 4: Defensive Targets

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APPENDIX 1 (Fire Support) to ANNEX B to OPLAN 1-69 to OPRD 5-69

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

1. The artillery support for the defense of LZ SAN JUAN is composed of the following:

- a. 81 mm mortars - organic to line company on the LZ.
- b. 4.2 inch mortars - E Company, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry.
- c. 105mm howitzers - B Battery, 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery.
- d. 155mm howitzers - C Battery, 1st Battalion, 82d Artillery.
- e. 8"/175mm howitzer/gun - C Battery, 3d Battalion, 18th Arty.

2. The types of artillery support available include illumination, countermortar/counterbattery, and defensive fires. All targets are permanent targets and are on call 24 hours a day. These targets can only be engaged by obtaining clearance through the artillery liaison personnel on duty in the TOC.

3. Illumination for LZ SAN JUAN will be on a scheduled basis. The amount of illumination to be shot will be in proportion to the amount of natural moonlight available. However, regardless of how much natural light is available if the bunkerline calls for specific illumination in a specific area, the 81mm mortar section will fire it immediately. If more is needed, the company CP will call the TOC and clear further illumination to be fired by other resources. The 4.2 inch mortar platoon and the 105mm howitzer battery will be prepared to furnish constant illumination for LZ SAN JUAN for a period of 30 minutes if called for.

4. The countermortar/counterbattery targets are also permanent grids and on call at all times. Before these grids can be engaged effectively, the personnel must be able to furnish an azimuth and range to the suspect mortar location. With these two items of information, the proper targets can be engaged. Speed is essential. Countermortar fires can normally be fired before the enemy has finished his shelling of the firebase.

5. The defensive targets for LZ SAN JUAN are planned on possible enemy assembly areas, routes of advance and withdrawal, and on weak areas of the perimeter where the enemy is most likely to breach the wire. These targets are subject to change but all units will be notified if and when changes are made. Targets for the 81mm mortar section will be fired in each time the line company changes over on the LZ. The forward observer with the company will fire in defensive targets that are scheduled for the 155mm howitzers located on LZ LI2. This will also be accomplished each time a company changes over.

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APPENDIX 2 (Illumination) to ANNEX B to OPLAN 1-69 to OPRD 5-69

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

1. Illumination for FSB SAN JUAN will be provided during periods of reduced visibility on a scheduled basis. It will also be provided during mortar and ground attacks and when the personnel on the bunker-line call for it if they suspect movement on the perimeter.

2. Illumination support is available from 81mm mortars, 4.2 inch mortars, 105mm howitzers, and 155mm howitzers. The 4.2 platoon and 105mm howitzer will be prepared to furnish thirty minutes of continuous illumination.

3. All supporting agencies will be required to furnish additional illumination on order.

4. Weather data will be broadcast according to Battalion SOP.

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TAB A: Target list 1

TAB B: Target overlay 1

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TAB A (Illumination Target List 1) to APPENDIX 2 to ANITEX B to OPLAN
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Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

<u>LINE</u> <u>NO</u>	<u>TGT</u> <u>NO</u>	<u>UNIT TO FIRE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1	1	81mm - LZSJ	BS639386
2	2	" "	BS629377
3	3	" "	BS642377
4	4	" "	BS626387
5	1	4.2 in-LZSJ	BS635405
6	2	" "	BS635355
7	3	" "	BS665380
8	4	" "	BS610380
9	1	105mm-LZSJ	BS63154100
10	2	" "	BS66483800
11	3	" "	BS63513500
12	4	" "	BS60473800

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APPENDIX 3 (Countermortar/Counterbattery) to ANNEX B to OPLAN 1-69
to OPORD 5-69.

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

1. Countermortar/counterbattery fire will be fired in the event FSB SAN JUAN comes under enemy mortar or rocket attack. The company providing the defense of the LZ will ensure that if the FSB receives incoming, that personnel on the bunker line obtain an azimuth and range to the suspected enemy mortar position.

2. Countermortar/counterbattery fires will be delivered by 105mm howitzers, 155mm howitzers, 8" howitzers and 175mm guns.

3. The countermortar/counterbattery status is active.

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Tab B: Target Overlay 1

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TAB A (Countermortar/Counterbattery Target List) to APPENDIX 3 to
ANNEX B to OPLAN 1-69 to OPRD 5-69

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

LINE NO	TGT NO	DESCRIPTION	UNIT TO FIRE	LOCATION
1	YF9100	Enemy Mortar Position	155mm - LIZ	BS626396
2	YF9101	" " "	" "	BS633398
3	YF9102	" " "	" "	BS633403
4	YF9103	" " "	" "	BS636107
5	YF9104	" " "	" "	BS652398
6	YF9105	" " "	" "	BS651389
7	YF9106	" " "	" "	BS659384
8	YF9107	" " "	" "	BS648370
9	YF9108	" " "	" "	BS637355
10	YF9109	" " "	" "	BS633364
11	YF9130	Enemy Mortar Position	105mm - LZSJ	BS609376
12	YF9131	" " "	" "	BS619369
13	YF9810	Enemy Artillery Position	105mm - LZSJ	BS7326240829
14	YF9811	" " "	" "	BS7251240309
15	YF9812	" " "	" "	BS7049937982
16	YF9813	" " "	" "	BS7261339719
17	YF9814	" " "	" "	BS7257239920
18	YF9815	" " "	" "	BS7002038710
19	YF9816	" " "	" "	BS7046338858
20	YF9817	" " "	" "	BS672713716

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<u>LINE NO</u>	<u>TGT NO</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>UNIT TO FIRE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
21	YF9818	Enemy Artillery Position	105mm - LZSH	BS6734436444
22	YF9819	" " "	" "	BS6851135269
23	YF9820	" " "	" "	BS7266440049
24	YH824	Enemy Mortar Position	175mm- ML	BS645344
25	YH825	" " "	" "	BS641352
26	YH826	" " "	" "	BS617358
27	YH827	" " "	" "	BS603357
28	YH828	" " "	" "	BS597377
29	YH829	" " "	" "	BS615389
30	YH830	" " "	" "	BS617368
31	YH831	" " "	" "	BS618402
32	YH834	" " "	" "	BS612398
33	YH840	Enemy Mortar Position	8 in - ML	BS612398
34	YH841	" " "	" "	BS622382

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Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

1. Defensive targets for support of FSB SAN JUAN are on call as permanent targets. These targets are plotted on suspect enemy locations, access routes, trails, and withdrawal routes.

2. Fire support for defensive targets is available from 81mm mortars, 4.2 inch mortars, 105mm howitzers, 155mm howitzers, 8" howitzers, and 175mm guns.

3. The forward observer with the company of the hill will periodically fire in the defensive targets for FSB SAN JUAN.

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Tab B: Target Overlay 1

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TAB A (Defensive Target List) to APPENDIX 4 to ANNEX B to OPLAN
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Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

LINE NO	TGT NO	UNIT TO FIRE	LOCATION
1	1	81mm - LZSJW	BS634389
2	2	" "	BS633386
3	3	" "	BS634384
4	4	" "	BS634382
5	5	" "	BS635382
6	6	" "	BS637384
7	7	" "	BS639381
8	8	" "	BS639379
9	9	" "	BS638377
10	10	" "	BS636379
11	11	" "	BS635378
12	12	" "	BS634377
13	13	" "	BS633376
14	14	" "	BS632377
15	15	" "	BS631378
16	16	" "	BS632379
17	17	" "	BS630373
18	18	" "	BS627377
19	19	" "	BS633381
20	20	" "	BS633384

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<u>LINE</u> <u>NO</u>	<u>TGT</u> <u>NO</u>	<u>UNIT TO FIRE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
21	S1	4.2" - LZSJH	BS626356 - BS622358
22	S2	" "	BS635355 - BS630357
23	S3	" "	BS624367 - BS621372
24	S4	" "	BS646365 - BS643362
25	W1	" "	BS613373 - BS612380
26	W2	" "	BS614385 - BS617392
27	N1	" "	BS650392 - BS653387
28	N2	" "	BS647390 - BS650386
29	E1	" "	BS652377 - BS649370
30	E2	" "	BS647376 - BS645370
31	YA1	" "	BS642389
32	YA2	" "	BS635395
33	YA3	" "	BS624387
34	YA4	" "	BS624380
35	YA5	" "	BS639368
36	YA6	" "	BS646374
37	YA7	" "	BS652381
38	YA8	" "	BS653390

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ANNEX D (Counterattack Plan Killer) to OPLAN 1-69 to OPOD 5-69

Reference: Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

Task Organization:

As in OPLAN 1-69 to OPOD 5-69.

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy: Current INTSUM.
- b. Friendly: As in OPLAN 1-69 to OPOD 5-69.
- c. Attachments and detachments: Current task organization.
- d. Assumptions:

- (1.) Rifle company of perimeter defense contains enemy penetration.
- (2.) RF 1, 2, 3, and 4 are available for counterattack.

2. MISSION.

Reaction Forces on Landing Zone San Juan counterattacks H Hour, D Day to seize portions of LZ SAN JUAN, reduce enemy penetrations and restore perimeter.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations: 4/3 Inf and 6/11 Arty reaction forces counterattack. RF #1 attacks to seize Objective 1 (4.2 Platoon area), be prepared to seize Obj 2, 3, or 4 on order. RF #2 attacks to seize Objective 2 (Bunkers 1, 2 and aid station) be prepared Obj 1, 3 or 4 on order. RF #3 attacks to seize Objective 3 (81mm mortar area), be prepared to seize Obj 1, 2, or 4 on order. RF #4 attacks to seize Obj 4 (arty battery area).
- b. Rifle Company: Continue perimeter defense, prepare lateral reaction forces to seal off penetration.
- c. RF #1:
- d. RF #2:
- e. RF #3:
- f. RF #4:
- g. Recon platoon: (if available) continue perimeter defense.

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- h. Hvy mortar plat: Contain enemy penetration in Obj 1 area.
- i. All other sections: Continue assigned missions.
- j. Coordinating Instructions:
 - (1.) RF commanders conduct recon and minimum one daylight rehearsal a week to include squad leaders.
 - (2.) Effective for planning on receipt; for execution on order.
 - (3.) LD is IC for execution.
 - (4.) All personnel in Objective areas come under operational control of RF commander upon commitment of RF.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

a. Signal:

- (1.) RF 1, 2, and 3 on Admin/Log net.
- (2.) RF 4 on Rifle Company net.

b. Command: As in OPLAN 1-69 to OPGORD 5-69.

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Appendix 1: Counterattack Overlay

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