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HQ 4-3 Inf  
LZ SAN JUAN (BS635382) RVN  
072200 Jul 70  
JJS-38

OPORD 8-70

Reference: a. OPORD 7-70 4-3 Inf.  
b. Maps, South Vietnam: 1:50,000; Series L7014: Sheets 6738I, 6738II, 6738III, 6738IV.

(C) TASK ORGANIZATION:

A/4-3 Inf	Bn Control
B/4-3 Inf	Hvy Mort Plat
C/4-3 Inf	GS Section
D/4-3 Inf	
R/4-3 Inf	

1. (C) SITUATION:

a. Friendly Forces: No change.

b. Enemy Forces: Interdiction of the enemy's communications and supply route along the battalion's southern boundary has forced him to shift farther south in order to transport food, information and troops between coastal and interior areas. Indications are that NUOC DINH VALLEY now comprises their main communications route. Heavy cultivation of the area indicates its use as a food production and rear service support area. Intelligence sources currently locate the NVA 403d Sapper Bn (400 men) to the west of this area. Additionally, documents captured from enemy casualties north of AO CATHY indicate the presence of 1st Co, 403d Sapper Bn (60 men) in that area.

c. Attachments and Detachments: 1 squad engineers, attached Co B for mine sweep operations on TFSB JEFF effective 140900 Jul 70.

2. (C) MISSION: 4-3 Inf establishes Temporary Fire Base, and conducts operations in 11th Inf Bde Recon Zone to locate and destroy VC/NVA Forces.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation:

(1) Maneuver: (Annex A: Operations Overlay). Bn CP established on TFSB JEFF vic BS688326 commencing 150700 Jul 70. Co A conducts CA from FSB SAN JUAN to LZ vic BS663282 151000 Jul 70; conducts multiple squad searches and ambushes along Axis ANDY thereafter. Co B occupies TFSB JEFF 140800; secures TFSB JEFF thereafter. Co C conducts multiple squad patrols and ambushes in AO CATHY commencing 151000 Jul 70. Co D conducts CA from FSB SAN JUAN to LZ vic BS728312 151000 Jul 70; conducts multiple squad searches and ambushes in AO DORIS thereafter. Recon Plat conducts multiple ambushes and employs sniper teams in AO REPRISE.

(2) Fires:

(a) A 10 minute Artillery Prep will be fired on all LZ's.

(b) Priorities of fire 15 Jul 70: Co D initially. Co A upon completion of Co D assault.

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b. Co A: Be prepared to conduct multiple squad searches and ambushes in AO ANDY.

c. Co B:

(1) Secure mine sweep operations on TFSB JEFF 140900 Jul 70.

(2) Be prepared to provide platoon size IRF for deployment to AO within 30 minutes. Co (-) constitutes RRF for commitment within 60 minutes.

(3) Priority for Reaction Forces: AO DORIS, AO CATHY & AXIS ANDY, in that order.

d. Co C:

(1) Conduct multiple squad searches and ambushes in Sector BROWN initially.

(2) On order conduct multiple squad searches and ambushes in Sector BLUE.

e. Co D:

(1) Conduct multiple squad searches and ambushes in Sector YELLOW initially.

(2) On order conduct multiple squad searches and ambushes in Sector GREY.

f. Recon Plat:

(1) A minimum of two sniper teams will be employed.

(2) Sniper teams will consist of two snipers and two riflemen to provide security.

g. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Mech AP's:

(a) 3 mech AP's will be employed per squad.

(b) Mech AP's will consist of at least 2 claymore mines.

(c) Mech AP's will be used as separate offensive ambushes.

(2) Steel helmets will be worn.

(3) Loudspeakers will not be installed on AN/PRC 25 - 77 radios.

(4) A record of all unmapped trails, structures and water sources will be maintained by unit commanders for submission to S2 4-3 Inf.

(5) Gunships will not be employed without specific approval by Bn CO or S3.

4. ADMINISTRATION and LOGISTICS:

a. Administration: Personnel will not leave field locations without prior approval by Bn CO.

b. Logistics:

(1) Resupply: 3 day basis (100% LRRPS).

(2) One extra LRRP ration will be carried as emergency supply.

5. COMMAND and SIGNAL:

a. Command:

(1) Bn CP will remain at FSB SAN JUAN until MCP TOC has established radio communications with higher subordinate units.

(2) Aerial CP will be manned commencing 150930 Jul 70 until completion of all CA's.

(3) Forward CP established on FSB JEFF upon arrival of Bn CO.

b. Signal:

(1) Locations reported hourly or every 1000 meters, whichever occurs first.

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- (2) CA frequency: Hvy Mort Plat.
- (3) Air Move frequency: 4-3 Inf A/G.

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ANNEX A: Operations Overlay

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FSB  
JEFF

AO REPRISE

AO CRUISER

AO DORIS

AO ALICE

YELLOW

AO CATHY

BROWN

AXIS  
ANDY

GREY

BLUE

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ANNEX 8 OPERATIONS OVERLAY TO OPORD 8-70  
(4-3 INF)

AO REPRISE

AO CRUISER

AO DORIS

AO ALICE

YELLOW

A0 CATHY

**BROWN**

GREY

**BLUE**

AXIS  
ANDY

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