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## OPLAN 2-70 (EGRESS RECAP) (U)

References: 11th Bde OPLAN 10-70, Repatriation of US prisoners of war (U)  
(EGRESS RECAP), dated 11 December 1970.

### 1. (C) SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Current Intsum.

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) 11th Bde receives, processes and further evacuates US PW's, civilians and third country nationals repatriated within the 23d Infantry Division TAOI.

(2) 3-1, 1-20 and 4-21 plans for and provides one Prisoner Reception Team (PRT) prepared to receive and administer to US PW's who are repatriated within the 23d Division TAOI.

c. Attachments and Detachments: None.

d. Assumptions:

(1) Specific details as to time and place of release will be provided prior to repatriation.

(2) Reception points will be designated at remote sites in the 23d Div TAOI.

(3) Responsibility for a situation involving a third country will be directed by higher authority.

(4) The repatriation may be monitored by an impartial international group.

(5) That enemy will act in good faith once initial contact and basic requirements for discussion are established.

(6) Personnel designated as members of the PRT will be available for employment.

2. (C) MISSION: 4-3 Inf plans for and provides one Prisoner Reception Team (PRT) prepared to receive and administer to US PW's who are repatriated within the 23d Div TAOI.

### 3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation: Upon notification, 4-3 Inf Prisoner Reception Teams (PRT) will be airlifted to designated reception points to receive, process and administer to returnees. Emphasis at the reception point will be on personal needs of returnees and medical determination of physical condition. Returnees will be air evacuated from reception point to a Service Control Center (SCC) at the 91st Evacuation Hospital.

b. A Co, B Co, C Co, D Co:

(1) Continue current operations.

(2) Be prepared for deployment to the designated reception point and upon arrival provide security as required.

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c. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) This plan is effective for planning upon receipt and execution on order.

(2) All plans, instructions, message traffic, correspondence and operational activities pertaining to processing of US military personnel who may be recovered from PW, MIA, evader or detainee status will be identified with the unclassified nickname "EGRESS RECAP."

(3) Units involved in security mission will within reason avoid all contact with enemy forces within the reception area.

4. (U) SUPPLY AND SERVICES:

5. (C) COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal: Current SOI/SSI.

b. Command: Bn CP, SJH.

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ANNEX A: Prisoner Reception Teams (U)

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## ANNEX A Prisoner Reception Teams to OPLAN 2-70 (EGRESS RECAP) (U)

### 1. (C) SITUATION:

a. General: This annex provides general information for guidance in the receipt for, care and disposition of returnees.

b. Enemy Forces: Current Intsum.

c. Friendly Forces:

(1) CG, XXIV Corps provides detailed instructions for PRT and general guidance for processing of returnees.

(2) CO, 91st Evacuation Hospital provides for patient care, as required, of returnees.

(3) 11th Bde provides administrative and air support to PRT as required.

2. (C) MISSION: To receive and process returnees in the 23d Inf Div TAOI in accordance with the basic plan and this annex.

### 3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation:

(1) PRT will consist of a team chief (O-4), escort officer (O-3), interpreter/intelligence specialist, medical officer, communications officer and an information officer.

(2) PRT will only concern itself with the release of prisoners and will not discuss other issues.

(3) PRT will be explicit in whom they represent, i.e.: The CG, 23d Inf Div.

(4) PRT will deploy upon order from CO, 11th Brigade; one company, 4-3 Inf Bn will secure release site prior to arrival of the PRT.

b. CG, 23d Div will be immediately notified of any information concerning release or recovery of returnees in the 23d Div TAOI. The following information, if available, will be included:

(1) Number of personnel recovered and nationality.

(2) Name, rank and SSAN in the case of US PW's; name, rank and service number of Free World Military personnel; name, company agency or group of affiliation of civilian returnees.

(3) Date, coordinates and circumstances of recovery.

(4) Estimated physical condition of returnees.

(5) Interim disposition of returnees.

(6) HFD Reception Point.

(7) HFD SCC.

(8) HFA CPC or component processing center.

c. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) The welfare and morale of US returnees is of prime importance. All reasonable efforts will be made at all stages of processing to provide for their personal, psychological and spiritual needs.

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(2) Full cooperation will be extended to any International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) or third country representatives who may be present to observe the processing and repatriation of US returnees.

**Appendices:**

- a. Organization of PRT (U)
- b. Prisoner Receipt Form (U)
- c. Prisoner Identification Form (U)

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APPENDIX 1 (ORGANIZATION OF PRISONER RECEPTION TEAMS) (PRT) (U) to ANNEX A (Prisoner Reception Teams) to OPLAN 2-70 ("EGRESS RECAP") (U)

1. (C) Organization of PRT's: The following personnel are designated as members of the PRT:

| <u>Primary</u>   | <u>Alternate</u> | <u>Function</u>                     |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Bn XO            | S-3              | Team Chief                          |
| S-4              | S-2              | Escort Officer                      |
| Bde              | S-2/Scout        | Interpreter/Intelligence Specialist |
| Bn Surgeon       | Med Plat Ldr     | Medical Officer                     |
| Bn Commo Officer | Bn Commo Chief   | Communications Officer              |
| S-1              | HHC CO           | Information Officer                 |

2. PRT will have the following items of equipment available from CO, HHC:

- a. 5 chairs, folding.
- b. 1 table, folding.
- c. 2 sets of binoculars.
- d. 2 5 gal cans of ice water.
- e. Hot and cold drinking cups.
- f. AN/PRC-25 radio.
- g. RC 292 antenna.
- h. Release receipt forms, (Appendix 2).
- i. Maps of prisoner release site.
- j. 2 litters.
- k. 6 blankets.
- l. 12 grenades, smoke.
- m. 5 gal thermos of hot coffee.
- n. 2 cartons of cigarettes.
- o. Returnee identification forms with carbon paper, (Appendix 3).

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APPENDIX 2 (PRISONER RECEIPT FORM) (U) to ANNEX A (Prisoner Reception Teams)  
to OPLAN 2-70 ("EGRESS RECAP") (U)

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
Headquarters, 11th Infantry Brigade, 23d Infantry Division  
APO San Francisco 96217

SUBJECT: Receipt of Returned US PW(s)

Receipt is hereby acknowledged for the following returned United States  
Personnel:

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>SSAN</u> | <u>SERVICE</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
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(Name)  
MAJOR  
Officer-in-Charge  
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APPENDIX 3 (PRISONER IDENTIFICATION FORM) (U) to ANNEX A (Prisoner Reception Teams) to OPLAN 2-70 ("EGRESS RECAP") (U)

**IDENTIFICATION OF RETURNEE**

**NAME:**

**RANK:**

**SSAN:**

**NATIONALITY:**

**AGENCY AFFILIATION (CIVILIANS):**

**PHYSICAL CONDITION:**

**TIME OF RELEASE:**

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