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LZ SAN JUAN (BS635382) RVN
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Reference: 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	Recon
C 4-3 Inf	B 6-11 Arty (DS)
D 4-3 Inf	Heavy Mortar Platoon

1. (C) SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Annex A Intelligence Overlay.

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) 11th Bde continues combat and rice denial operations within the brigade AO to interdict and destroy VC/NVA; Conduct cease fire truce as designated by higher headquarters for Christmas period.

(2) 3-1 Inf conducts Eagle Flight operations and small unit operations in assigned AO.

(3) 1-20 Inf conducts rice denial and pacification operations in assigned AO.

(4) 4-21 Inf conducts rice denial and pacification operations in assigned AO.

2. (C) MISSION: 4-3 Inf continues small unit operations within assigned AO with particular emphasis in Song Ve Valley and east-west routes of movement along the Battalion eastern AO boundary. Take appropriate action as required by Brigade during Christmas truce.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation: 4-3 Inf continues operations 241000 Dec with Co A making a CA to LZ vic (BS598462); Co B extracts from PZ 1 (BS596474), PZ 2 (BS611473) and PZ 3 (BS598462) to San Juan Hill. Co C and Co D continue operations in assigned AO's. Priority of artillery fires will be to unit involved in air movement.

b. Co A:

(1) Conduct CA 241000 Dec from LZ SJH to LZ vic (BS598462).

(2) Move from LZ to platoon-size NDP. Employ squad-size search/ambush patrols until 241800.

(3) Upon completion of Christmas truce continue squad-size search and ambush patrols in assigned AO.

(4) Relieved from LRRP reinforcement mission upon movement to field.

c. Co B:

(1) Conduct extraction from PZ 1, PZ 2 and PZ 3 to San Juan Hill.

(2) Provide security for LZ SJH.

(3) Be prepared to reinforce Div LRRP Box in Bde recon zone within a 2 hour notice.

d. Co C: Continue assigned mission in AO.

e. Co D: Continue assigned mission in AO.

f. Recon: SJH.

g. Coordinating Instructions:

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(1) Christmas truce will be from 241800 Dec to 251800 Dec. Companies will be advised as to exact rules of engagement. Beginning 1800 hours 24 Dec, companies in field locations will set up in platoon-size NDP's. Battalion will set up for Christmas dinner not later than 251000 Dec in company defensive positions. Upon completion of Christmas meal, units will break up into platoon-size elements and disperse. At 251800 hours platoons will disperse to squad-size ambush locations.

(2) Companies will be especially watchful for enemy activity during the truce period. All breaches of the truce will immediately be reported.

(3) Submit airlift requirements to TOC 24 hours prior to scheduled move.

(4) An ample supply of demolitions will be carried to destroy all dud ordnance found in AO.

(5) Unit commanders review CA procedures prior to air movement.

4. (C) SUPPLY AND SERVICES:

a. Supply:

(1) Deploy with a three day supply of all materials needed.

(2) Three day resupply cycle. Rations, water and emergency items only.

(3) One meal per man will be carried as an emergency ration.

b. Services:

(1) Christmas dinner will be served at field locations between 1000-1400 hours. Mess hall at Bronco is tasked with field feeding.

(2) Mess back-haul will be completed prior to 1400 hours.

(3) Feeding schedule to be announced.

5. (C) COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Command: FSB San Juan.

b. Signal:

(1) CA frequency: Secure plain.

(2) All companies will inspect and check all communications equipment prior to deploying to field.

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ANNEX A INTELLIGENCE OVERLAY

ANNEX B OPERATIONS OVERLAY

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

1. Intelligence gathered by 4-3 Inf in December:
 - a. Recon found 3 hooches, well used. (BS576422)
 - b. Recon found 3 hooches w/tunnel. (BS576423)
 - c. B Co found 7 hooches, long stream. (BS573459)
 - d. B Co spotted 3 VC/NVA carrying AK-47's, fled south. (BS583456)
 - e. B Co engaged with one VC/NVA with AK-47 fire. One US KIA - fled to north. (BS591453)
 - f. C Co engaged 1 VC/NVA, 1 KIA - moving SW. (BS599463)
 - g. B Co where had 1 US KIA found base camp. (BS591453)
 - h. C Co found ammo cache. (BS605471)
 - i. C Co spotted 1 VC/NVA had AK-47, fled south. (BS602458)
 - j. C Co engaged 1 VC/NVA, 1 KIA, AK-47 CIA, moving NE. (BS602468)
 - k. C Co found 10-13 structures under some tunnels. (BS601454)
 - l. C Co found 3 hooches with 3 SKS, 300 lbs. corn. (BS607464)
 - m. C Co check old base area, spotted 5 VC/NVA, 1 KIA, 1 AK-47 CIA.
 - n. B Co mech detonate, 1 VC/NVA KIA. (BS598473)
 - o. B Co found 5 graves. (BS598470)
 - p. B Co spotted 1 VC/NVA. (BS595447)
 - q. B Co found 3 tunnels and cave complexes. (BS606472)
 - r. B Co found 1 grave. (BS611467)
 - s. B Co spotted 5 VC/NVA working in field. (BS617470)
 - t. D Co spotted 1 VC/NVA moving south. (BS617437)
 - u. B Co engaged 1 VC/NVA w/pack and 1 mine. (BS614470)
 - v. C Co found a weapon cache. (BS622455)
2. Intelligence from Brigade:
 - a. 20 Oct 70, BS660460, B-3 rating, from 525 mi. VC base camp area.
 - b. 261755 Nov 70, BS663510, C-3 rating, 100 men, 38 Bn, well armed.
 - c. 232250 Nov 70, BS681495, A-2 rating, location 83d VC Bn, Msg POW.
 - d. 261605 Nov 70, BS685460, B-3 rating, T.811 VC provincial trading org; 70 men.
 - e. 7 Nov 70, BS695475, air strike with secondary explosion.
 - f. 022250 Dec 70, BS615590, C-3 rating, Co C18, strength of 40 men.
 - g. 11 Nov 70, BS727470, C-3 rating, 60 well armed VC.
 - h. 28 Nov 70, BS675530, C-3 rating, element of 38 local VC Bn; 100 men.
 - i. Deputy village chief, Nghia Han, VC provincial hospital in area at loc BS6253-6353; BS6351-6251; VC B18 hospital at loc BS6250-6449; BS6249-6450.
 - j. 14 Nov 70, BS620485, C-3 rating, unknown Bn 21 Reg; 200 men.

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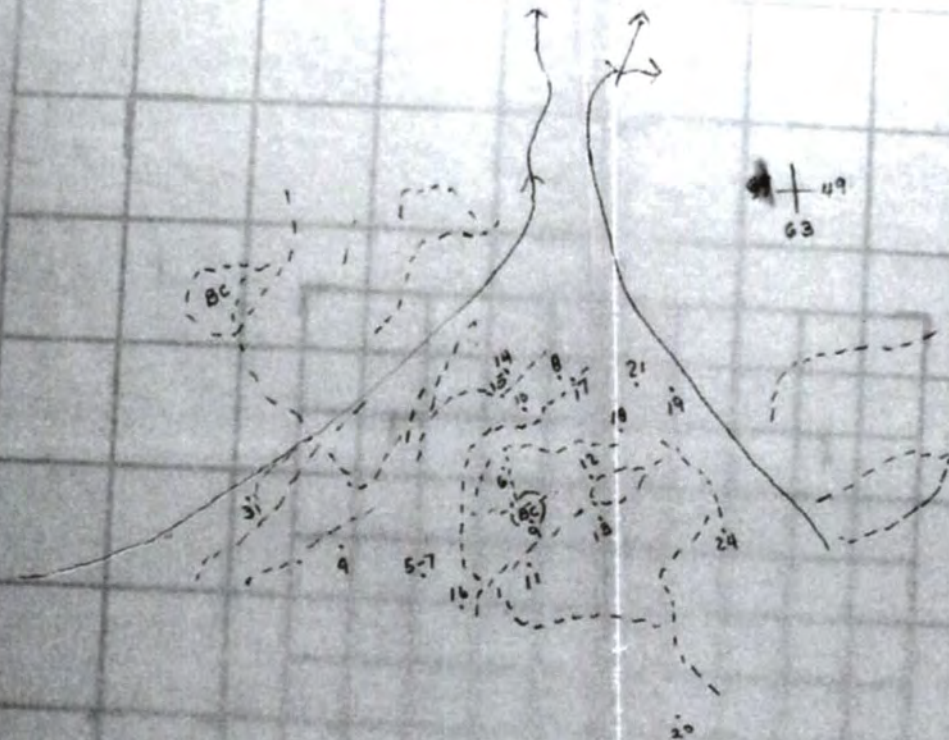
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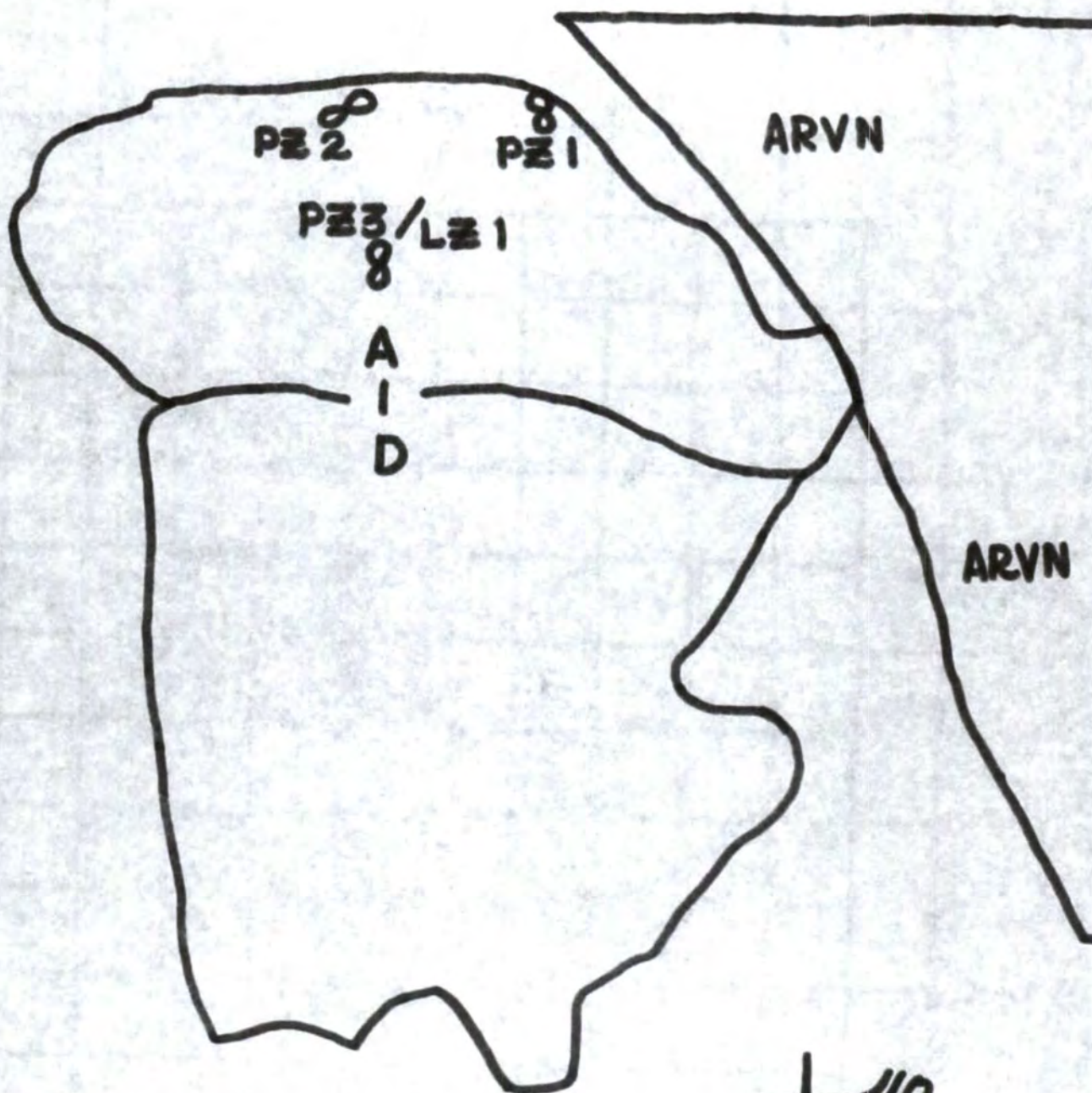
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