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References: Maps; Series L7014, Vietnam: Sheets 6342 I, II, III, IV and 6442 I, IV. 1:50,000

(C) TASK ORGANIZATION:

A Co 4-3 Inf	Bn (-) Control
C Co 4-3 Inf	Recon
D Co 4-3 Inf	4.2
E Co 4-3 Inf	Grnd Survl
	IPW Tm
	Scout Dog Section

1. (C) SITUATION:

- a. Enemy Forces: Annex A, Intelligence Overlay.
- b. Friendly Forces:

(1) 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech) conducts artillery raid to CALU (XD995485) on D-1; attacks H-Hour D Day; seizes and secures Ham Nghi (XD850418) until arrival of CO, Ham Nghi XXIV Corps; secures highway QL-9 from Khe Gio YD025562 to the border; conducts operations vicinity Ngok Tovak, Ta Bat, CALU and Ham Nghi. Prepares to assist introduction of ARVN Forces in AO.

(2) TF 3-187 conducts CA to multiple LZ's 0830 D Day to seize objectives 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Establishes FSB Shepard. Conducts search and clear operations in AO.

(3) 1-11 Inf conducts CA to Ham Nghi 1015 D Day, secures airfield; seizes objective 8-12; conducts search and clear operations in assigned AO.

(4) TF 1-77 conducts arty raid to CA LU on D-1; attacks along Axis Gold, 0001 D Day using foot mobile Cav and Engr troops; secures QL-9 from Khe Gio to CA LU.

(5) TF 3-5 Cav attacks 0600 D Day to SW of rockpile along Axis Brown, secures objective 15, constructs road along Axis Brown.

(6) 1-1 Cav on order moves by road to Ham Nghi, prepares to attack S and SW in AO Tiger.

2. (C) MISSION: 4-3 Inf (-) conducts CA 1050 D Day to seize objectives 1 and 2; secures QL-9 in sector; thereafter conducts search and clear operations in assigned AO with priority to areas adjacent to QL-9. Releases one (1) company OPCON to TF 1-61 (Mech) effective 1700 on D-1.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operations: 4-3 Inf (-) conducts CA 1050 hours D-Day with Co A, Co D and Headquarters elements to LZ 1 followed immediately by Co C to LZ 2, Bn secures QL-9 in sector and conducts platoon size search and clear operations in assigned AO.

b. Fire support:

(1) LZ Prep:

(a) Air Strike prep scheduled for LZ 2.

(b) LZ 2 will receive a 15 minute prep by 155mm howitzers upon completion of prep arty fires will be shifted to north and will remain firing for approximately 10 minutes.

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(c) LZ 1 will be prepped with 155mm for 15 minutes in conjunction with earlier prep of LZ 7.

(d) A 2 minute ARA prep will be fired on both LZ's at H-02.

(e) Priority of fires to company providing close in road security.

c. Co A:

(1) Conduct CA 1050 D Day to LZ 1; secure LZ 1 for arrival of Co D and Bn HQ elements.

(2) Upon completion of air moves provide 1 rifle platoon for Bn CP security; secure Objective 1 and 2 with one rifle platoon each.

(3) Conduct squad-size security patrols along QL-9. Patrol limits will be 500 meters from road.

(4) Be prepared to move the rifle platoon on Bn CP security as a reaction force on a 30 minute notice.

d. Co B: Released and attached to TF 1-61 (Mech) effective 1700 hours D-1.

e. Co C:

(1) Conduct CA following move of Co D to LZ 2; attack and seize objectives 3, 4 and 5 with one rifle platoon at each objective.

(2) Upon seizure of objectives 3, 4 and 5 conduct platoon-size search and clear operations with emphasis on access routes to QL-9.

(3) Be prepared to conduct platoon-size Eagle flight operations north of QL-9 on a daily basis.

(4) Be prepared to receive one radar set for employment with company CP. Emphasis will be on movement toward QL-9.

f. Co D:

(1) Conduct CA following Co A to LZ 1; attack and seize objectives 6, 7 and 8 with one rifle platoon at each objective.

(2) Upon seizure of objectives 6, 7 and 8 conduct platoon-size search and clear operations with emphasis on access routes to QL-9.

(3) Be prepared to conduct platoon-size Eagle flight operations south of QL-9 on a daily basis.

g. Co E: Provide general support activities for Bn forward CP.

h. Recon Platoon:

(1) Conduct air move to LZ 1 on order.

(2) Upon arrival in AO be prepared to conduct team-size recon and ambush patrols on outer edges of AO.

(3) Assist rifle platoon in CP security mission as required.

i. Heavy Mortar: GS upon arrival at LZ 1 targets of emphasis will be along, but not on, QL-9.

j. Ground Surveillance:

(1) Initially employ 2 ground radar sets vicinity LZ 1 with emphasis on detecting enemy movement close to QL-9.

(2) Be prepared to employ one radar set with Co C north of QL-9.

k. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) D Day will be 30 Jan 71.

(2) All elements will dig defensive positions at each night location.

(3) All elements will "STAND TO" at 15 minutes prior to EMTF daily.

(4) Move on D Day, for planning purposes, 17 birds with one lift for company.

(5) Units will report locations hourly or every 1000 meters whichever occurs

first.

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- (6) Steel helmets will be worn at all times.
- (7) Captured enemy materials and equipment, with the exception of weapons, AK-47 ammunition and medical supplies, will be destroyed in place unless immediate backhaul is available.
- (8) Radio listening silence is imposed until completion of move to AO.
- (9) Priority of Chinook sorties to forward area is TOC 4.2 comex and ammunition, comex comex and medics.

4. (C) SUPPLY AND SERVICES: See Administrative Order.

5. (C) COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Command: LZ 1.

b. Signal:

- (1) Current SOI in effect.
- (2) Reports: SOP.
- (3) CA net: TBA.

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ANNEX A, INTELLIGENCE OVERLAY

ANNEX B, OPERATIONS OVERLAY

DISTRIBUTION A

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