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HQ 4-3 Inf  
LZ Professional (BT173078) RVN  
141400 June 1971  
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OFORD 7-71

Reference: Map, South Vietnam; 1:50,00; Series L7014; Sheet: 6640II.

(C) **TASK ORGANIZATION:**

A 4-3	Bn Control
B 4-3	Recon
C 4-3	4.2 (-)
D 4-3	C Btry 1-14 Arty (-) (DS)

1. (C) **SITUATION:**

a. **Enemy Forces:** Annex A, Intelligence.

b. **Friendly Forces:** Annex B, Operations Overlay.

(1) 198th Inf Bde conducts combined operations with 196th Inf Bde and RF and PF forces from Quang Tin Province.

(2) 4-31 Inf (-) conducts combat operations in southern half of operational area with Forward Command Post at FSB Center.

(3) RF/PF Forces conduct combat operations in area BT 1224 to 1724 to 1710 to 1210.

2. (C) **MISSION:** 4-3 Inf (-) conducts combat assaults into northern Tien Phouc (D), Quang Tin (P) in order to locate and destroy elements of the 70th, 72d and 74th Local Force VC units; interdict enemy movement from the mountain areas into the government controlled population areas along the coastal areas.

3. (C) **EXECUTION:**

a. **Concept of Operation.** 4-3 Inf (-) conducts combat assaults effective 150800 June with the Bn Fwd CP moving to An Dau (BT151265); beginning 151100 June A Co conducts CA into multiple LZ's vicinity LZ1 (BT132285), LZ2 (BT137275), LZ3 (BT108272) and LZ4 (BT117266); D Co follows into LZ's vicinity LZ5 (BT085282), LZ6 (BT085265) and LZ7 (BT102278); companies conduct squad-size search and ambush patrols thereafter. Remaining 2 companies retrain and refit at FSB Professional and Chu Lai.

b. **Fires:**

(1) There will be a 5 minute Arty prep on all LZ's immediately preceding the insertion of troops.

(2) Priority of fires to element involved in air move thereafter as determined by this headquarters.

c. **A Co:**

(1) Conduct CA 151100 June into LZ1, 2, 3 and 4; conduct squad-size search and ambush patrols in assigned AO.

(2) Special interest will be made to interdict enemy supply routes running through the valley area in the center of assigned AO.

d. **B Co:**

(1) Refit and retrain; secures LZ Professional 16-19 June 71.

(2) Be prepared to join Bn (-) in operational areas on 19 June 71.

e. **C Co:**

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- (1) Refit and retrain; secures LZ Professional 19-23 June 71.
- (2) Be prepared to join Bn (-) in operational areas on 23 June 71.

f. D Co:

- (1) Conduct CA following insertion of A Co from field PZ's into LZ5, 6 and 7; thereafter conduct squad-size search and ambush patrols in assigned AO.
- (2) Interdict enemy routes of movement leading into the coastal area vicinity of LZ5.

g. Recon Platoon:

- (1) Secures Bn Fwd CP.
- (2) Be prepared to conduct local security patrols.
- (3) Be prepared to conduct isolated recon missions.

h. 4.2 Mortar Platoon (-):

- (1) Provide 2 each 81mm mortars with crews to Fwd CP for An Dau.
- (2) Maintain platoon (-) at FSB Professional.

i. Coordinating instructions:

(1) Units are authorized direct coordination with adjacent units when operating within 500 meters of mutual boundaries. Battalion will conduct coordination with adjacent battalions for battalion boundaries.

(2) Units will emphasize movement during the early and late hours of the day with rest periods at mid-day in order to avoid unnecessary exposure to the heat.

(3) Steel helmets will be worn at all times.

(4) Company CP's will move to new locations every three days. This is a minimum requirement.

(5) All mechanical ambushes left out after 0900 hours will be reported to TOC by locations.

(6) All personnel will be reminded that the requirements for a good LZ are: dimensions 100' X 60' with a good approach and exit and a relatively flat area free of stumps.

(7) Units will carry secure radios.

4. (C) SUPPLY AND SERVICES:

a. Supply:

(1) 3 day resupply cycle in effect. Companies will order rations, water and emergency items only.

(2) Resupply schedule:

D Co 16 June

A Co 18 June

b. Services: Malaria tablets and salt tablets will be carried and consumed in accordance with Battalion SOP.

5. (C) COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Command:

(1) Fwd CP. An Dau (HT151265).

(2) Bn operational rear. FSB Professional.

b. Signal:

(1) Current SOI in effect.

(2) Reports: SOP.

(3) Units will carry the secure radio.

(4) CA frequency is secure plain. Enter this net 30 minutes prior to scheduled move.

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ANNEX A, INTELLIGENCE

ANNEX B, OPERATIONS OVERLAY

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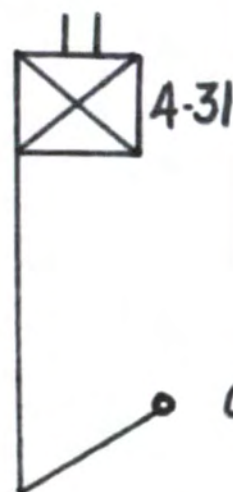
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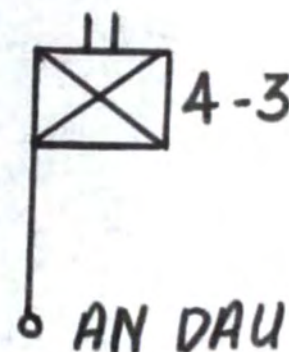
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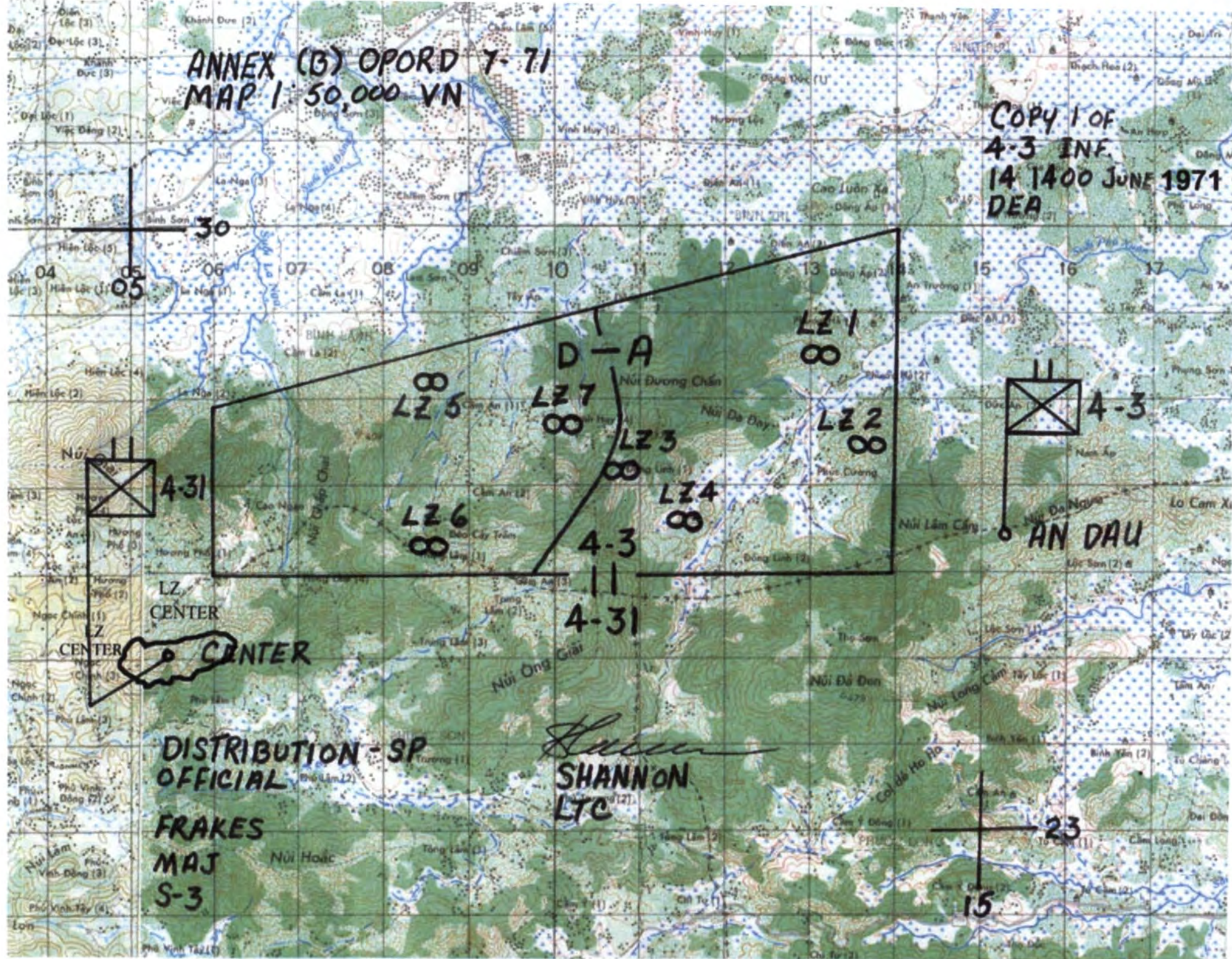
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ANNEX A (Intelligence) to OPORD 7-71

Reference: Map, South Vietnam; 1:50,000; Series L7014; Hau Duc Sheet.

## I. GENERAL INTELLIGENCE:

1. The terrain of the Bn Tactical Area of Interest (TAOI) is basically the same as the area around FSB Professional. There are hills with gradual slopes to some with rather steep slopes. There are three major valleys in the TAOI. Two in the southern part of the TAOI run basically from west to east and are supposedly a communication corridor for enemy units in the area. These two areas run from approximately BT0624 east to BT1123 and from BT0620 east and northeast to BT1323. The other valley area is in the northern portion of the TAOI basically from BT15233 north to BT155294. These valley areas may join to be one big transportation corridor, used by the enemy to move troops and supplies between the coastal and Mountainous areas of Quang Tin. The terrain in these valleys are low and usually marshes. These vary from marshes in the low lands to double or triple canopy jungle at higher elevations. It includes brush wood, bamboo and elephant grass and presents no major difficulties of navigation or movement.

2. The enemy units in or near the battalion's TAOI are:

UNIT	STRENGTH	LOCATION	DATE	SOURCE
70 LF Bn	211	BT1226	12 June	Weekly Order of Battle
72 LF Bn	220	BT1027	11 June	Agent Report
74 LF Heavy Weapons Bn	233	BT1326	19 May	Agent Report
D-11 LF Company	132	BT1130	02 June	Weekly Order of Battle
C-9 LF Company	12	BT1726	26 May	Weekly Order of Battle

3. The major units in the battalion's AO are 70 LF Bn, 72 LF Bn and the 74 Heavy Weapons LF Bn.

a. The 70th LF Bn is also known as the 50th Inf Bn, 108th Infil Group, C-70; and 312 Bn. It was formed in 1963 and has operated since 1968 mostly in the Tam Ky District. The unit is made up of a headquarters platoon, one communications platoon, one quartermaster platoon and one medical platoon. There are four infantry companies, numbered 1 thru 4. Their weapons consist of AK-47's, RPG's, 60mm Mortars and 120mm Mortars.

b. The 72nd LF Bn is also known as X.72; R-13; H-68; 33rd Bn; Truong Son; Chu Dung; 103; 300; 305 Gp; Hoi Chang 15; X-22 An Khe. The 72nd LF Bn was formed in 1964. The Bn originally operated in Quang Nam (P). The unit was later sent to Quang Tin (P). It participated in the 1968 Tet attacks on Tam Ky City. The Bn was also active in the 1969 Post-Tet Offensive. The 72nd LF Bn is made up of one transportation platoon, one medical platoon and four infantry companies, numbered 1 thru 4. The 4th company has mortar capabilities and may be used as a weapons platoon. The unit's weapons consist of: one .30 cal machinegun, one .50 cal machinegun, six B-40 rockets, two B-41 rockets, two 57mm RR's, two 60mm mortars, 2 81mm mortars and two 82mm mortars.

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c. The 74th Hvy Weapons Bn was formed on 28 Jan 1968. It was made up of various local force companies. The 74th along with the 70th LF Bn attacked Tam Ky City Hall on 31 Jan 68, where it sustained heavy casualties. Since that time it has encountered only slight casualties in small contacts. The 74th is made up of a headquarters unit, three infantry companies, numbered 1, 2 and 3; and a fourth (4) company of heavy weapons. Weapons of the 74th are: unknown number of AK-47's, one heavy machinegun, three 57mm RR, unknown number of 75mm RR, unknown number of 60mm mortars, unknown number of 80mm mortars and four 122mm rockets.

II. RECENT ACTIVITY: Since the 3d Bn, 21st Infantry moved out of LZ Center in April of this year, the area concerned has not been worked extensively. In mid-May, a combined operation involving Regional and Popular Forces was conducted in the southern portion of the TAOI. However, the operation was of short duration and produced no meaningful results.

III. OVERALL EVALUATION: Latest intelligence indicates that the enemy is in the process of launching a summer campaign, initial phases of which could possibly occur this month. Although his intentions are not clear, it seems likely that he will concentrate his efforts on RF/PF outposts and on areas of political significance such as Tam Ky Provincial Headquarters. The most lucrative targets in the vicinity of our TAOI are Hill 340 (Anh Dao), grid BT145263, and Hill 173, grid BT165233, both of which are manned by RF's and PF's. In addition, the presence of the 74th Hvy Wpns Bn enhances the chance of coordinated rocket and mortar attacks, should any significant operations take place. All recent evidence points to the fact that the three battalions already mentioned, plus other elements, are concentrating in this area; however, it must be pointed out that all of these units are considerably under strength. It does not seem likely therefore that they can sustain any marked amount of contact with American forces. Nevertheless, the enemy units in our TAOI are tasked with the responsibility of securing the critical supply corridors which run through the area and may try to protect key areas. The high ground around Hill 330 (BT1127) in particular is known to be heavily booby-trapped, indicating perhaps that there is something vital on this piece of terrain which the enemy wants to protect. Booby traps are utilized to about the same extent as they are in our AO around Profession-al, so an appropriate amount of caution should be engendered.

Overall, enemy capabilities in the TAOI are anything but awesome. Short on manpower and supplies, he presents no unusual threat. If we do interdict his main supply artery, he will in all likelihood resort to harassing attacks and the increased use of booby traps in an attempt to inflict maximum casualties without becoming decisively engaged.

## IV. LIGHT DATA:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BMWT</u>	<u>SR</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>SENT</u>	<u>MR</u>	<u>MS</u>	<u>%ILL</u>
15	0523	0614	1917	2009	—	1157	62
16	0523	0614	1917	2009	0030	1252	51
17	0523	0614	1917	2009	0111	1349	39
18	0523	0614	1917	2009	0153	1447	28
19	0523	0615	1918	2010	0238	1548	19
20	0523	0615	1918	2010	0326	1649	11
21	0523	0615	1918	2010	0419	1752	5
22	0523	0615	1918	2010	0516	1853	1
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