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HQ 4-3 Inf
An Dau (BT151265) RVN
251000 June 1971
GFD-48

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Reference: Map, South Vietnam; 1:50,000; Series L7014; Sheet: 6639I, 6640II, 6739IV and 6740III.

(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 Bde conducts combat operations to locate, destroy VC forces, interdict enemy movement in the AO and maintain liaison with local Vietnamese forces.
- (2) 5th ARVN Regt conducts combat operations north of the Bn AO.
- (3) 1-6 Inf (US) conducts combat operations south of the Bn AO.

2. (C) MISSION: 4-3 Inf (-) conducts combat assaults into TAOI; interdicts 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 251000 June with the Bn Fwd CP moving to FSB Professional (BT173078); A Co conducts CA into multiple LZ's vicinity LZ1 (BT209003), LZ2 (BT171015), LZ3 (BS216995); C Co follows into LZ4 (BT245108), LZ5 (BT233129), LZ6 (BT249126); companies conduct squad-size search and ambush patrols thereafter. B Co continues search and ambush operations in assigned AO. D Co moves by UH-1 aircraft to FSB Professional; retrain and refits at FSB Professional.

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 251000 June into LZ1, 2, 3.
- (2) Conduct squad-size search and ambush patrols in assigned AO.

d. B Co: Continue squad-size search and ambush patrols in assigned AO.

e. C Co:

- (1) Conduct CA following insertion of A Co from FSB Professional into LZ4,

5, 6.

- (2) Conduct squad-size search and ambush patrols in assigned AO.

f. D Co:

- (1) Move from field PZ's to FSB Professional.
- (2) Refit and retrain; secures FSB Professional 25-29 Jun 71.

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(3) Be prepared to conduct CA into operational area on 29 Jun 71.

g. Recon Platoon:

- (1) Secures FSB Professional.
- (2) Be prepared to conduct local security patrols.
- (3) Be prepared to conduct isolated recon missions.

h. 4.2 Mortar Platoon: GS.

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 is in effect. Companies will order rations, water and emergency items only:
- (2) Resupply schedule:
A Co 26 June
B Co 28 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: Bn CP, FSB Professional.

b. Signal:

- (1) Current SOI in effect.
- (2) Reports: SOP.
- (3) Units will carry the secure radio.
- (4) CA frequency is Air-Ground. Enter this net 30 minutes prior to scheduled move.

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ANNEX A, INTELLIGENCE

ANNEX B, OPERATIONS OVERLAY

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ANNEX A (Intelligence) to OPORD 8-71

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I. LIGHT DATA (June 1971):

DATE	BNMT	SR	SS	BNMT	MR	MS	%ILL
25	0524	0616	1919	2011	0813	2128	5
26	0524	0616	1919	2011	0908	2209	10
27	0524	0616	1919	2011	0959	2245	17
28	0525	0617	1919	2011	1047	2319	25
29	0525	0617	1919	2011	1134	2353	34
30	0525	0617	1920	2012	1219	—	43

II. The following incidents have occurred in the A Co AO:

1. On 140730 May at BT184014, A/4-3 had a mech detonate resulting in 2 VC KIA.
2. On 301340 May at BT188018, D/4-3 engaged 1 VC w/SAF. Results: 1 VC KIA.
3. On 021730 June at BT190024, D/4-3 engaged movement on trail w/SAF. Two children evaded north; left 3 yr. old child. Element followed blood trail and found 1 15 yr old male WIA. Results: 2 VN CIA.
4. On 021855 June at BT195015, D/4-3 while moving to LZ for extraction of detainees observed and engaged 3-4 VN w/SAF. Results: 1 VN female WIA.
5. On 200650 May at BT199016, A/4-3 engaged 4 VC/NVA w/SAF and Arty. Neg results.
6. On 19 May at BT201015, A/4-3 engaged 1 VC w/SAF. Later found blood trail. Neg results.
7. On 210910 May at BT203017, A/4-3 spotted and engaged 2 VC w/SAF. Followed heavy blood trail but found nothing.
8. On 271930 May at BT219109, C/4-3 had a mech detonate. Results: 2 VC KIA.
9. On 13 May at BT215009, A/4-3 engaged 1 VC w/SAF. Results: 1 VC KIA. At 2145, engaged another VC/NVA w/SAF. Results: Another VC KIA.
10. On 211545 May at BT232005, gunship spotted 1 VC fleeing into treeline; engaged. At 1550, A/4-3 swept area and found 1 US pistol belt, 1 US .45 cal pistol w/2 loaded magazines in good condition.
11. On 291230 May at BT243993, D/4-3 engaged 1 VC w/SAF. Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47 CIA.
12. On 290945 May at BT229993, D/4-3 engaged 2 VC w/SAF. Results: 1 M-16 CIA, 6 blasting caps CIA, 1 pull-release detonator CIA.
13. Agent report, rated B-3, reported on 31 May 550 NVA of 31st NVA Regt at BT200008. Mission unknown.
14. On 091345 June at BT206992, C/4-3 found two signs on trees in Vietnamese meaning "Danger - Do not enter."
15. On 16 May at BT203998, A/4-3 had a mech detonate. Results: 4 VC KIA. Documents also CIA.
16. Booby trap incident; DFG unknown.
17. Agent report, rated B-, reported on 31 May at BT190990, 700 members of 31st NVA Regt. Mission unknown.
18. On 221230 May at BT185004, A/4-3 had a mech detonate. Results: 1 VC KIA.

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19. On 201050 June at BT172992, gunship engaged and killed 1 VC/NVA.
20. Unknown contact sight.

III. The following incidents have occurred in the C Co AO:

1. Usually reliable source reported enemy troop concentration, DTG unknown.
2. Usually reliable source reported enemy troop concentration, DTG unknown.
3. On 170700 May at BT248141, RF #102 engaged 2 VC w/SAF. Results: 2 VC KIA.
4. On 170530 May at BT252137, RFs engaged 5-7 VC w/SAF. Results: 3 VC KIA, 1 AK-47 CIA, 5 RF WIA.
5. Agent report, rated B-, reported on 21 June, 80 VC of the Son Phou Co at BT255135. Mission unknown.
6. Agent report, rated B-, reported 80 VC of V-16 Sapper Grp at BT260130 to harass Ky Long village and collect food.
7. Two separate booby trap incidents, DTG unknown.
8. On 290115 May at BT260115, Biet Lap OP received grenade attack from unknown size enemy force with negative results.
9. Agent report, rated B-, reported on 21 June 120 VC of the 706th LF Co at BT265112 with an unknown mission.
10. Agent report, rated B-3, reported on 9 June that the 706th Co was located at BT 265110. Mission unknown.
11. On 171530 May at BT252112 RF #102 engaged 2 VC w/SAF. Results: 2 VC KIA.
12. URI, 221600 June at BT247126, radius 100-250 meters.
13. On 131300 June at BT240119, D/4-3 while being inserted observed 1 VC. Engaged w/neg results.
14. On 151520 June at BT243112, 2/D/4-3 received 4 M-79 rounds in day laager, with 2 US WIA. Swept area with negative results.
15. Booby trap incident, DTG unknown.
16. Booby trap incident, DTG unknown.

IV. The V-16 Sapper Group is known to operate in the C Co AO. Of the local force elements in the Bn AO, they are the most competent. No specific units are carried in the A Co AO. Future activity appears to be continuation of resupply and food procurement.

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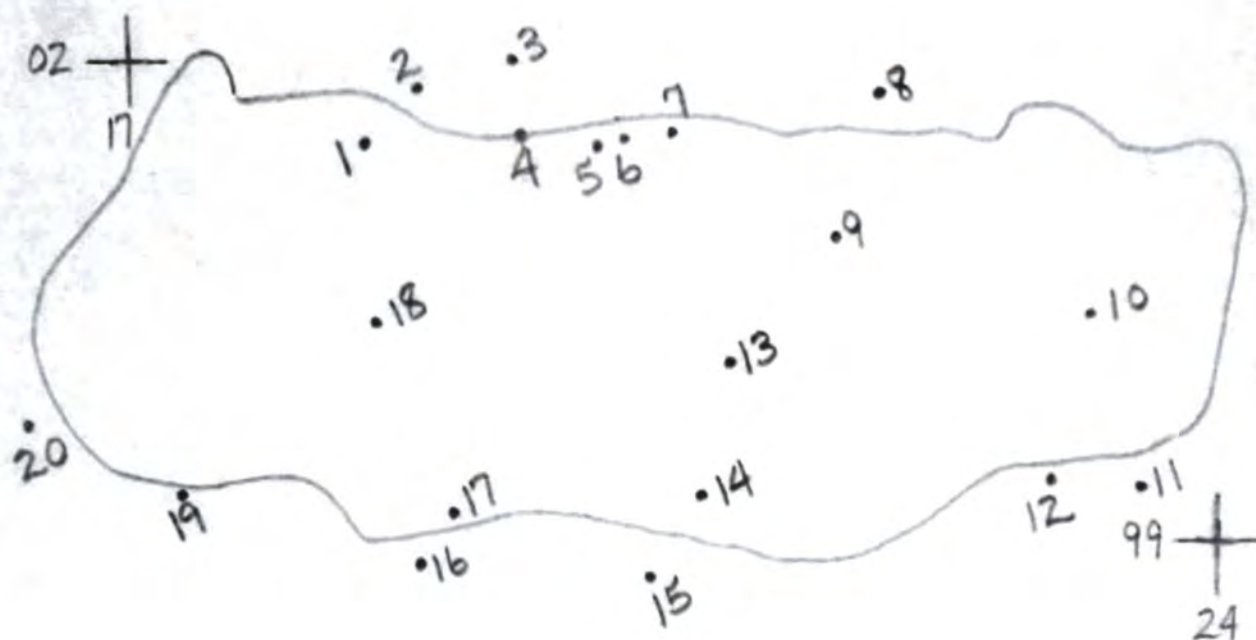
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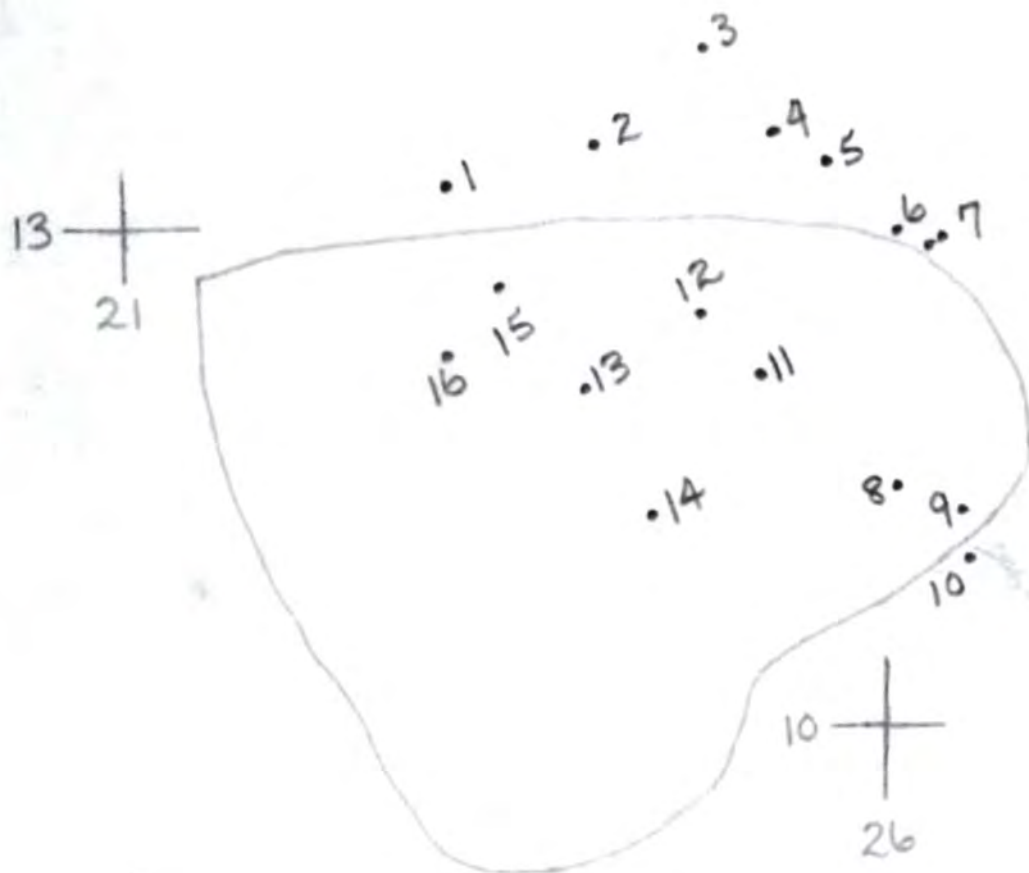
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