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HQ 4-3 Inf
LZ Professional (HF173078) RVN
051400 October 1971
GPD-96

OPORD 9-71

Reference: Map, Series L7014, Vietnam 1:50,000; Tien Huu Sheet 6639IV, Tra Bong Sheet 6739IV.

(C) TASK ORGANIZATION:

Bn Control
1/B/26 Engr

1. (C) SITUATION:

- a. Enemy Forces: Annex A, Intelligence.
- b. Friendly Forces: No change.
- c. Attachments and Detachments:
 - (1) 1/B/26 Engr.
 - (2) C/1-14 Arty.

2. (C) MISSION: 4-3 Inf repositions forces within TAOI to interdict enemy supply and infiltration routes.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operations: 4-3 Inf repositions forces prior to closure of FSB Professional in order to utilize the supporting fires of LZ Saloon. D Co will conduct a combat assault to LZ Saloon to provide security for two (2) 105mm guns and begin construction of new FSB.

b. A Co:

- (1) Conducts CA into multiple LZ's at 071700 Oct 71 via LZ1 (HF296972), LZ2 (HF297978) and LZ3 (HF302976).
- (2) Conducts search and ambush operations with special interest in searching for a lost friendly KIA (VN interpreter).

c. B Co:

- (1) Conducts CA into multiple LZ's at 081700 Oct 71 via LZ1 (HF358985) and LZ2 (HF351989).
- (2) Conducts search and ambush operations in assigned AO.

d. C Co:

- (1) Conducts CA into multiple LZ's at 061500 Oct 71 via LZ1 (HF368019), LZ2 (HF372016) and LZ3 (HF373008).
- (2) Conducts search and ambush operations in assigned AO.

e. D Co:

- (1) Conducts CA to LZ Saloon (HF396012) at 061330 Oct 71.
- (2) Constructs LZ Saloon.
- (3) Secures LZ Saloon.

f. Recon Platoon:

g. Hvy Mortar Platoon: At 061430 Oct 71 platoon (-) moves two (2) 81mm mortars and one (1) 4.2" mortar to LZ Saloon.

h. Coordinating Instructions:

4. (C) SERVICE SUPPORT:

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a. Supply: Class V for 4.2" and 81mm mortars will come from Pro on 061600
Oct 71. Resupply of class V will come from Chu Lai.

b. Service:

(1) Bn Aid Station at FSB Saloon.

(2) Mess facilities at Chu Lai. One (1) "A" meal will be served at FSB Saloon each day.

(3) B/26 Engr provides one (1) sweep team and one (1) squad equipped with three (3) chain saws and one (1) case 450 w/gs.

5. (c) COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Command:

(1) Bn Jump TOC at LZ Saloon at 071200.

(2) Bn CP at LZ Saloon upon arrival of Bn CO.

b. Signal: Current SOI in effect.

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ANNEX A, INTELLIGENCE

ANNEX B, OPERATIONS OVERLAY

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ANNEX A (INTELLIGENCE) to OFORD 9-71

I. (U) LIGHT DATA:

DATE	BOFT	SR	SS	WEST	MR	MS	\$ILLUM
06	0549	0635	1831	1917	1953	0807	96
07	0549	0635	1831	1917	2046	0912	91
08	0549	0635	1830	1916	2144	1017	83
09	0550	0636	1829	1915	2244	1120	73
10	0550	0636	1829	1915	2344	1219	63
11	0550	0636	1828	1915	—	1312	52
12	0550	0636	1827	1914	0041	1400	42
13	0550	0636	1827	1914	0137	1441	32
14	0550	0636	1826	1913	0228	1519	24
15	0550	0636	1825	1912	0316	1554	16

II. (C) The following activity has taken place in the AO's:

1. On 11 Sep 71 A/1-6 at BS276981 made contact with unknown size enemy force (UNREP). Results 1 US KIA.
2. On 13 Sep 71 A/1-6 at BS274978 had a resupply ship receive heavy small arms fire.
3. On 21 Sep 71 A/1-6 at BS349973 found a base camp consisting of 10 huts. Huts had tunnels connecting them.
4. On 24 Sep 71 A/1-6 at BS345976 found a cave 4 ft by 7 ft containing 4 B40 rocket launchers, 1 B40 rocket, 21 B41 rockets, (all in plastic containers), 1 50mm mortar base plate and 4 M16 magazines.
5. On 25 Sep 71 A/1-6 at BS343974 found 1 hut, 1 cave. All destroyed.
6. On 27 Sep 71 1-6 found at BS352976 2 bags of documents, 2 SRS, 200 lbs of salt, 200 rounds of AK47 ammo, 20 chicken blasting caps, 1 Chinese mortar sight, 1 small bag of ID cards, 500 lbs of rice, 70 shotgun shells, 116 mortar fuses, 10 woven baskets and 15 assorted pots and pans.
7. On 27 Sep 71 A/1-6 in the vicinity of BS352976 found 32 60mm rounds, 65 82mm mortar rounds, 57 detonators, 40 cans of boosters and seals, 1 M4 mortar sight, 1 mortar gauge, 1 cleaning kit, 4 notebooks, 2 lbs of rice, 1 poncho liner and assorted clothing. They also found a series of caves. During sweep they engaged 1 VC who threw 1 grenade. Results 1 US KIA, 1 US KIA. Documents showed the 402nd Main Force Sapper Bn activity.

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8. On 13 Sep 71 a B rated agent report stated 170 men of the 402nd M.F. Sapper Bn were located at HF310016.

9. On 27 Sep 71 a B rated agent report stated 80 soldiers of an unidentified unit were located at HF317022. Mission unknown.

III. (C) **ENEMY SITUATION:** At present the only known enemy unit in the Bn AO is the 78th M.F. Rocket Co located at BS2999. Patrols from this unit may be encountered. Enemy activity is expected to remain at a low level for the next few weeks as he continues to build up food supplies for the monsoon. You may encounter food patrols returning from the coastal area and from the north.

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APPENDIX 1, INTELLIGENCE OVERLAY

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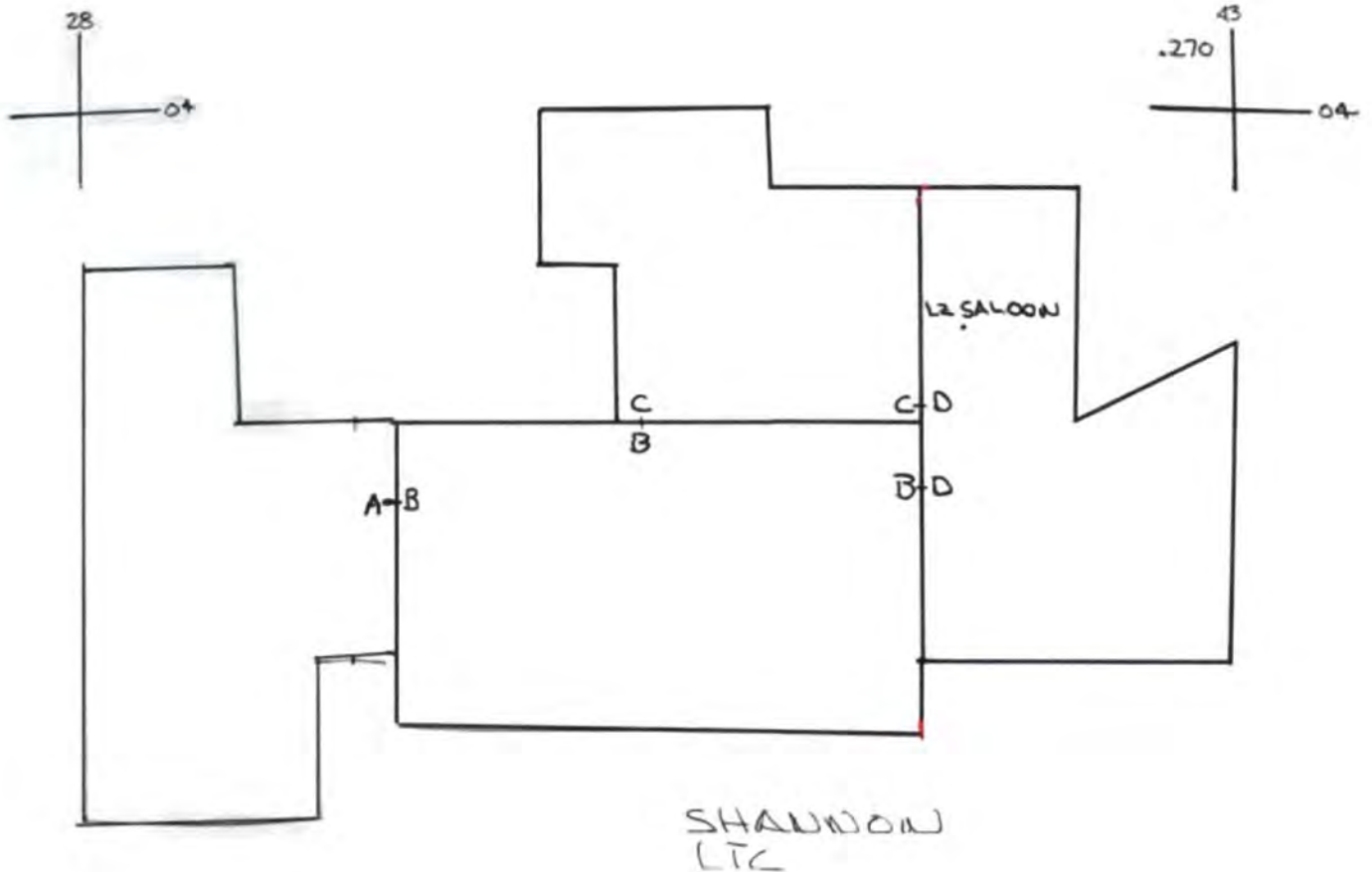
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Intervals; Declassified
After 12 Years

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