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HQ 4-3 Inf
LZ Bronco
130800 April 1971
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OPORD 4-71

Reference: Map, South Vietnam; 1:50,000 Series L7014: sheet 6738IV.

(C) TASK ORGANIZATION:

A 4-3 Inf	Bn Control
B 4-3 Inf	Recon
C 4-3 Inf	4.2
D 4-3 Inf	A Btry (-) 6-11 Arty (DS)

1. (C) SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: See Intelligence Annex A.

b. Friendly Forces: Annex B Operations Overlay.

(1) 11th Bde conducts operations commencing 1400 Apr 71 in the Song Re Valley/Nui Mum Mountain in order to locate and destroy the VC Quang Ngai Provincial Headquarters.

(2) 1 Co/68th Border Rangers conducts a CA into BS497429 from Minh Long.

(3) 1 Co/69th Border Rangers conducts a CA into BS441388 from Ba To.

(4) 2 Co's/70th Border Rangers conducts CA into LZ's BS405401 and BS372413 from Gia Vuc.

(5) 4th ARVN Regt, on 15 Apr, conducts CA with 1 company into LZ BS393502, 1 company into LZ BS369488, 1 company into LZ BS369429, 1 company into LZ BS389463, Recon Co into LZ BS411501 and CP 4-4 ARVN into LZ BS389463.

2. (C) MISSION: 4-3 Inf conducts combined operations with ARVN and Ranger operations in order to locate and destroy the VC Quang Ngai Provincial Headquarters forces in the Song Re Valley/Nui Mum Mountain complex.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation: 4-3 Inf conducts air movement effective 140800 hrs with 4 companies. Companies move by Chinook from LZ Bronco to the airstrip at Minh Long. Upon completion of the ARVN CA, 4-3 Inf conducts CA from Minh Long with B Co assaulting into LZ 1 vic BS435476, D Co into LZ 2 vic BS433441, A Co into LZ 3 vic BS451482, C Co assaults into platoon size LZ's, LZ 4 vic BS460437, LZ 5 vic BS456456, LZ 6 vic BS464467; Conducts squad size search and clear operations using area saturation techniques.

b. Fires:

(1) There will be an airstrike vic BS435476 (LZ 1) beginning 141200 Apr 71.

(2) There will be a 5 minute arty prep on each LZ immediately prior to the insertion of troops.

(3) Priority of fires to unit involved in CA; thereafter to be determined by the tactical situation.

c. A Co:

(1) Conduct air move from LZ Bronco to Minh Long; upon arrival at Minh Long conduct staging operations for heliborne CA.

(2) Conduct CA from Minh Long, following D Co, to LZ 3 vic BS451482; thereafter conduct platoon size search and ambush operations in assigned AO.

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- (3) Be prepared, on order, to reinforce B Co in LZ 1 if contact is made.
- (4) Prepare a LZ vicinity ridgeline located at BS443487.

d. B Co:

- (1) Conduct air move from LZ Bronco to Minh Long; upon arrival at Minh Long conduct staging operations for heliborne CA.
- (2) Conduct CA from Minh Long to LZ 1 vic BS435476; thereafter conduct platoon size search and ambush operations in assigned AO.
- (3) Be prepared to accept reinforcement of a company size element if solid contact is made.

e. C Co:

- (1) Conduct air move from LZ Bronco to Minh Long; upon arrival at Minh Long conduct staging operations for heliborne CA.
- (2) Conduct CA from Minh Long, following CA of A Co into three LZ's, LZ 4, 5 and 6; thereafter conduct squad size search and ambush operations in assigned AO.
- (3) Be prepared to provide one rifle platoon as a reaction force within a 30 minute notice. Relief of this requirement will be by this headquarters.

f. D Co:

- (1) Conduct air move from LZ Bronco to Minh Long; upon arrival at Minh Long conduct staging operations for heliborne CA.
- (2) Conduct CA from Minh Long following B Co into LZ 2 vic BS433441; thereafter conduct platoon size search and ambush operations in assigned AO.
- (3) Be prepared to reinforce B Co in LZ 1 if contact is made.

g. Recon Platoon:

- (1) Conduct CA from LZ Bronco to LZ Tiger vic BS478476; clear LZ Tiger and secure LZ for occupation by elements of Bn CP and Arty Btry (-).
- (2) Be prepared to conduct local team size security patrols.
- (3) Steel helmets will be worn.

h. Heavy Mortar Platoon:

- (1) One section consisting of 2 4.2 mortars and 1 81mm mortar will CA with Recon Platoon into LZ Tiger.
- (2) Be prepared to assist by fire on all LZ's within 4.2 mortar range.

i. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Order of movement from LZ Bronco to Minh Long will be B, D, A, and C companies.
- (2) ACL for air move CH-47 30 pax; CA UH1H 5 pax.
- (3) Units operating within 500 meters of company boundary will make coordination with the adjacent unit for locations of other friendly elements.
- (4) Steel helmets will be worn.
- (5) Transistor radios will not be taken to the field.
- (6) A minimum of 3 mechanical ambushes emplaced offensively will be employed by each squad size unit.
- (7) Units reports location changes every hour/after 1000 meters of movement, whichever is first.

4. (C) SUPPLY AND SERVICES:

a. Supply:

- (1) A forward supply element will be operated out of Minh Long airstrip.
- (2) A 3 day resupply cycle will be in effect. Initially the following schedule will be followed:

15 Apr - A Co	18 Apr - A Co
16 Apr - B and C Co	19 Apr - B and C Co
17 Apr - D Co	20 Apr - D Co

- (3) Units are requested to limit resupply lists to ammunition, rations, water and emergency items only.

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b. Services: Malaria tablets and salt tablets will be carried and consumed as prescribed by 23d Infantry Division Regulations and Bn SOP.

5. (C) COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Command: LZ Tiger, BS477476.

b. Signal:

(1) Current SOI in effect.

(2) CA frequency will be Bn Secure being operated in the clear.

(3) Commo platoon will operate an autoretrans and manual retrans station at San Juan Hill to be emplaced on 13 Apr.

(4) Reports: SOP.

(5) Units will enter CA frequency 30 minutes prior to scheduled air movement.

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ANNEX A INTELLIGENCE

ANNEX B OPERATIONS OVERLAY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

1. URI, BS510440, proximity 1000m, 11 Apr 71.
2. URI, BS398470, proximity 750m, 11 Apr 71.
3. URI, BS432445, proximity 750m, 8 Apr 71.
4. URI, BS419480, proximity 500m, 8 Apr 71.
5. URI, BS451462, proximity 750m, 8 Apr 71.
6. URI, BS419469, proximity 750m, 7 Apr 71.
7. URI, BS436480, proximity 250m, 7 Apr 71.
8. URI, BS419481, proximity 750m, 7 Apr 71.
9. URI, BS446482, proximity 750m, 6 Apr 71.
10. URI, BS470515, proximity 1200m, 6 Apr 71.
11. URI, BS436470, proximity 750m, 5 Apr 71.
12. URI, BS432476, proximity 500m, 5 Apr 71.
13. URI, BS423460, proximity 700m, 5 Apr 71.
14. URI, BS431491, proximity 300m, 5 Apr 71.
15. URI, BS424484, proximity 750m, 4 Apr 71.
16. URI, BS430478, proximity 250m, 4 Apr 71.
17. URI, BS437466, proximity 750m, 4 Apr 71.
18. URI, BS424480, proximity 750m, 4 Apr 71.
19. Approximately 70 huts and bunkers were discovered during a visual reconnaissance at BS445475.
20. A base area was discovered by visual reconnaissance at BS393453.

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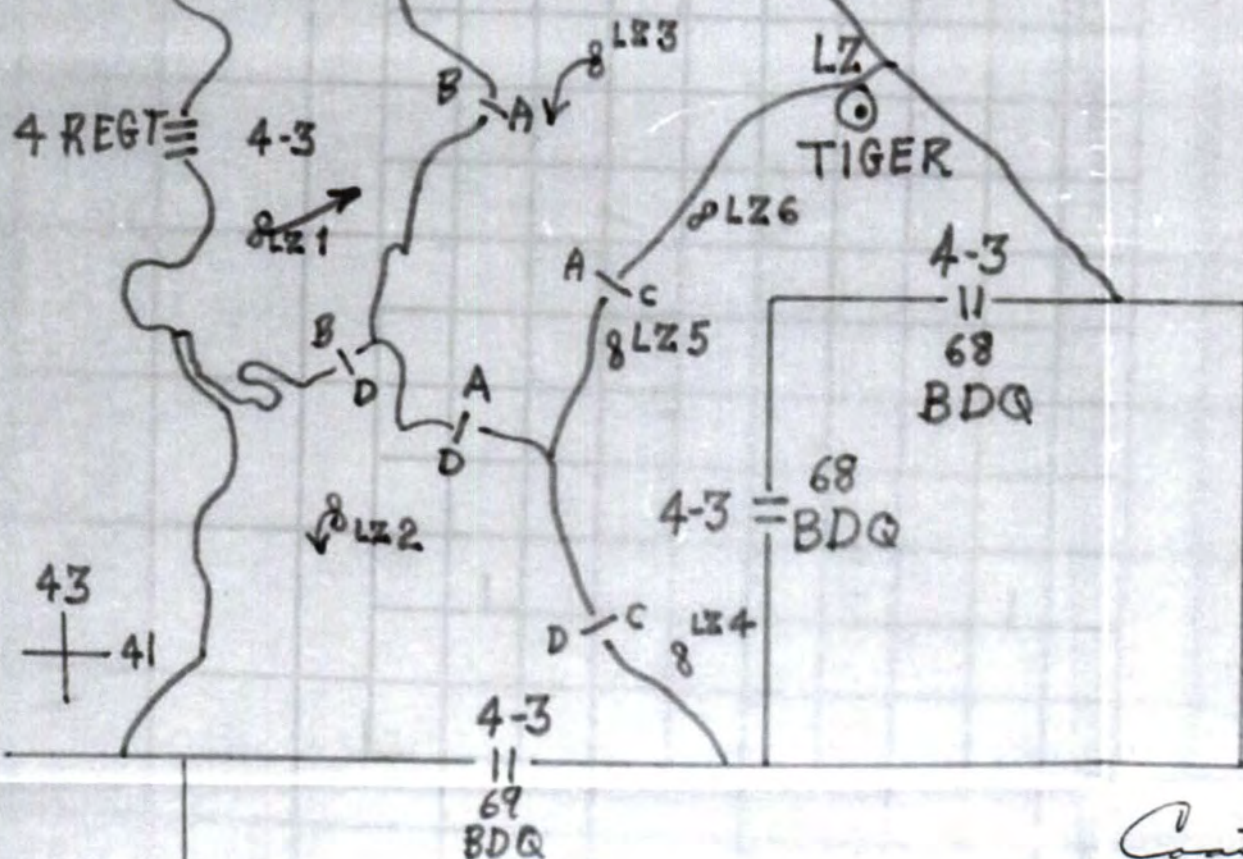
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