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OPLAN 7-70 (TF BAYONET) (U)

References: a. Americal Division OPLAN 14-69, dated 17 December 1969.
b. Map sheet (TBP)

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Task Organization: Annex A

1. (S) SITUATION:

Redeployment of the 3rd Marine Division from Northern I Corps Tactical Zone (NICTZ) has increased the vulnerability to enemy attack of strategic installations and population centers in Quang Tri and Thua Thien provinces.

a. Enemy Forces:

- (1) Annex B, Intelligence
- (2) Current INTSUMs

b. Friendly Forces:

- (1) Americal Division continues current operations.
- (2) 11th Infantry Brigade continues current operations.
- (3) 196th Infantry Brigade continues current operations, and places one battalion OPCON to TF Bayonet.
- (4) 198th Infantry Brigade continues current operations and places one battalion OPCON to TF Bayonet.
- (5) 6th Infantry Regiment (ARVN) continues current operations.
- (6) 16th CAG continues current operations.

c. Attachments and detachments: Annex A, Task Organization.

d. Assumptions:

- XXIV Corps *2-08*
- (1) Enemy situation allows TF Bayonet to deploy to ~~NICTZ~~ *NMRI*.
 - (2) ~~III MAF~~ will provide gunships and airmobile lift support to TF Bayonet.
 - (3) Current contingency plans remain in effect.
 - (4) ~~6th Infantry Regiment (ARVN) will increase operations in the Nantucket Beach AO.~~
 - (5) Enemy situation allows 198th Infantry Brigade to detach sufficient personnel to form TF Headquarters.
 - (6) TF will be collocated with an Infantry Battalion Headquarters.
 - (7) Artillery Provisional Battalion Headquarters will be collocated with TF Headquarters.

2. (S) MISSION:

At H-hour, D-day, TF Bayonet moves to ~~NICTZ~~ *NMRI* to reinforce XXIV Corps.

3. (S) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) Maneuver: TF Bayonet, consisting of ~~4-6~~ *5-46* Infantry and 2-1 Infantry moves by air or land to ~~NICTZ~~ *NMRI* to reinforce XXIV Corps.

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- b. ⁽²⁾ ~~5-26~~ Fires: Annex C, Fire Support.
- b. ~~5-26~~ Infantry: ^{NMRT}
- (1) Be prepared to deploy to ~~NICOTZ~~ on eight (8) hour notice.
- (2) Relinquish control of TAOR to ~~5-46~~ Infantry.
- c. 2-1 Infantry: ¹⁻⁶
- (1) OPCON to TF Bayonet. ^{NMRT}
- (2) Be prepared to deploy to ~~NICOTZ~~ on eighteen (18) hours notice.
- d. Artillery Battalion (Prov): DS
- e. 1 Platoon B/26 Engr: DS
- f. 1 Plat D/26 Engr: DS
- g. Assault Support helicopter element: GS
- h. Aviation element: GS
- i. Coordinating Instructions:
- (1) Direct coordination between commanders is authorized.
- (2) Units submit supporting plans in three (3) copies NLT ten days after receipt of this order.
- (3) This OPLAN effective for planning upon receipt; for execution on order.
- (4) Annex D, Readjustment of Boundaries.
- (5) Annex E, Air Movement.
- ⑥ This OPLAN supersedes OPLAN 1-70 all copies of which may be destroyed in accordance with applicable regulations*
4. (U)ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: Annex F
5. (S)COMMAND AND SIGNAL:
- a. Signal:
- (1) Current SOI index.
- (2) XXIV Corps furnishes SOI extract for TF Bayonet.
- b. Command:
- (1) TF CO at TFCP, location TBA.

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ANNEXES:

- A - Task Organization
- B - Intelligence (TEP)
- C - Fire Support
- D - Readjustment of Boundaries
- E - Air Movement (TEP)
- F - Administration and Logistics
- G ~~6~~ - Distribution

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~~1-6~~ Infantry:

1 platoon, B/26 Engr

2-1 Infantry:

1 platoon, D/26 Engr

TF Control:

TF Headquarters

Artillery Battalion (Prov)(-)(DS)

Assault Support Helicopter Element (Four CH-47)

Aviation Element (Five UH-1H)

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Appendices:

1 - TF Headquarters Organization and Manning Level

2 - TF Headquarters Equipment (TBP)

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Appendix 1 (TF Headquarters Organization and Manning Level) to Annex A (Task Organization) to 198th Infantry Brigade OPLAN 1-70 (TF BAYONET)(U)

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>OFF/EM</u>
Cmd	CO	1/0
Admin	S1	1/2
	MP	0/4
Intel	S2	2/2
	IPW	1/4
	MID * (OB Spec)	0/1
Opn	S3	3/3
	COMMO	10/9
	TACP	1/2
	Avn *	1/1
HHC	HQ	4/10
Logistics	S4	1/1
* Americal Division Augmentation		12/39

4. security
2. cooks
1. mechanic
2. medics
1. Supply/Armor

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Annex C (Fire Support) to 198th Infantry Brigade OPLAN 1-70 (TF BAYONET) (U)

References: Americal Division OPLAN 14-69, dated 18 December 1969.

1. (U)SITUATION:

- a. Enemy Forces: OPLAN 1-70
- b. Friendly Forces: OPLAN 1-70
- c. Attachments and Detachments, Annex A OPLAN 1-70
- d. Assumptions: OPLAN 1-70

2. (S)MISSION: Task Force Artillery and supporting air and naval gunfire support TF Bayonet.

3. (S)EXECUTION:

- a. Concept of Operation:
 - (1) Maneuver: OPLAN 1-70.
 - (2) Fires: 1-14 Arty provides a Provisional Battalion Headquarters to control two (2) artillery batteries. Task Force Artillery provides direct support to Task Force Bayonet.
- b. Artillery Support: Task Force Artillery; Artillery Battalion Headquarters(-)(Prov) DS TF Bayonet. Be prepared to move with TF Headquarters. 1 Battery 1-14 Artillery be prepared to move on 8 hours notice with 1st Maneuver Bn deployed. 1 Battery 3-82 Artillery be prepared to deploy on 8 hour notice with 2nd Maneuver Bn deployed.
- c. 1-14 Artillery(-) continues present mission.
- d. Coordinating Instructions, On Order 1-14 Artillery assumes OPCON 1 Battery 3-82 Artillery.

4. (S)ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: Annex F to OPLAN 1-70.

5. (S)COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

- a. Signal: OPLAN 1-70
- b. Command: 1-14 Artillery CP: LZ Bayonet.

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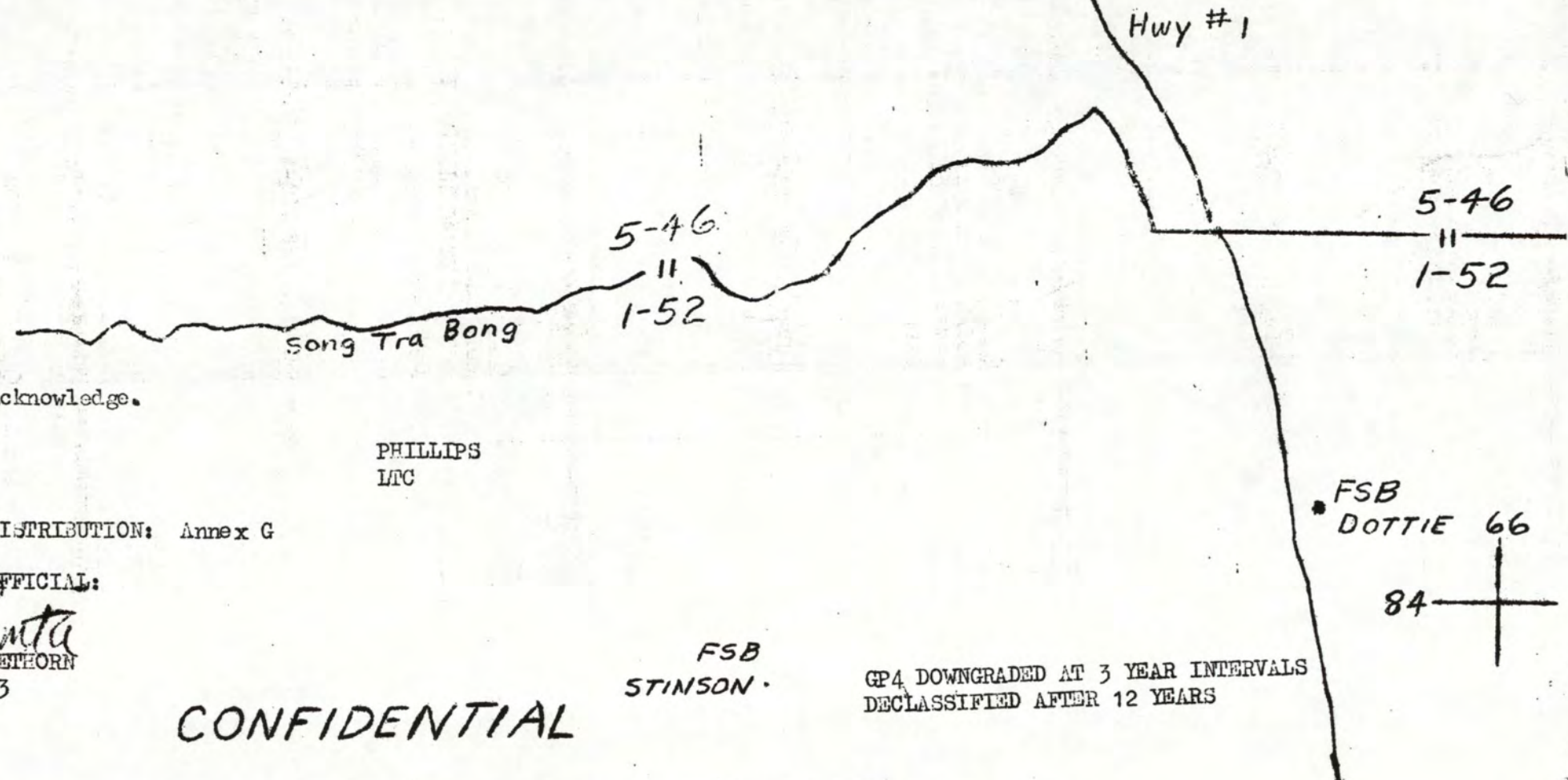
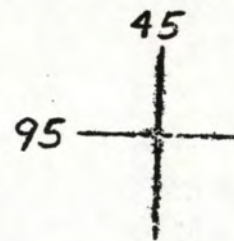
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Annex D (Readjustment of Boundaries) to 198th Inf Bde OPLAN 1-70
MAP: Vietnam, 1:100,000, sheet #6739

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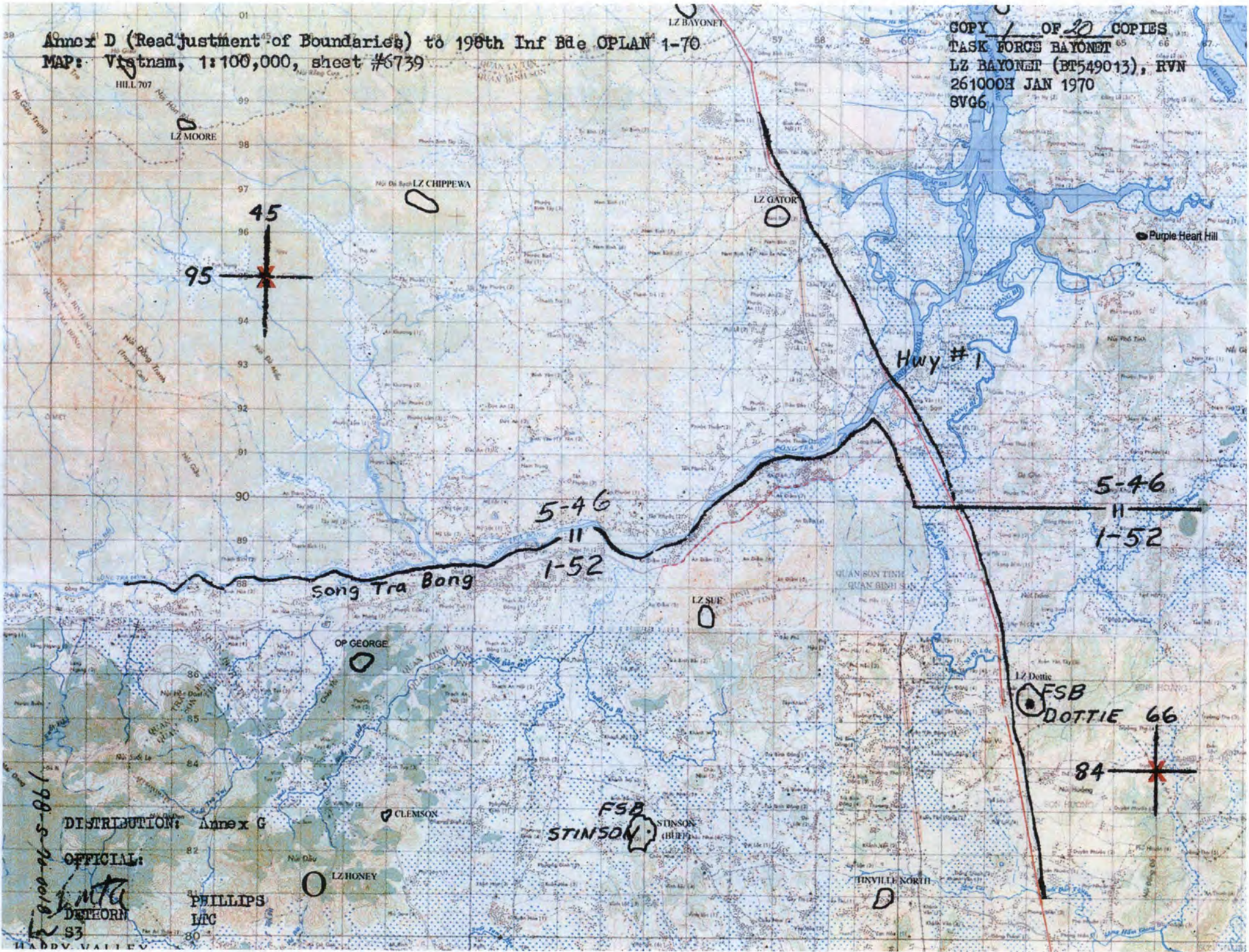
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The overlay from the previous page was made from multiple images by the ADVA Vietnam era historian. The overlay was then aligned to a 1:50,000 L7014 series scale map, overprinted to show terrain and firebases. This shows the boundary between the 1/52 and 5/46th Inf. Bn. for 26JAN70 south of Chu Lai. Map sheets 6639-1, 6739-4, 6739-2 and 6739-3 were used to make this overlay aligned map.



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Annex F (Administration and Logistics) to 198th Infantry Brigade OPLAN 1-70
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1. (C) GENERAL:

This Annex provides for the combat service support of TF Bayonet. DISCOM FSE provides direct support supply, maintenance and services. Backup support provided by Da Nang Support Command.

2. (C) MATERIAL AND SERVICES:

a. Supply:

(1) Class I.

- (a) Supply point distribution at TF Bayonet base.
- (b) Units deploy with and maintain seven days stockage of Meal Combat Individual (MCI).
- (c) Issue based on daily ration requests submitted by TF elements. Ration cycle BDS. Beginning D+3, components for one hot meal daily to be issued.

(2) Class II.

- (a) Supply point distribution.
- (b) Units deploy with a maximum 10% stockage of TA 50-901 items for DX.
- (c) Units deploy with 15 days supply of expendables.

(3) Class III.

- (a) FSE will establish retail DF2 and mogas point in TF Bayonet base.
- (b) 16th CAG will establish and operate JP4 point as required. Bulk resupply by FSE.

(4) Class IV.

- (a) Deployment level to be determined.
- (b) FSE to provide tailgate issue at TF Bayonet base as required.

(5) Class V.

- (a) Units deploy with basic load, less artillery ammunition.
- (b) Artillery ammunition will be drawn from ASP in objective area (location TBA) on DA Form 581 (Request for Issue and Turn in of Ammunition).
- (c) ASR TBA.

(6) Class IX.

- (a) Deploy with and maintain 15 days stock of repair parts except aircraft, crypto and medical.
- (b) FSE to issue repair parts to TF elements. Supply point distribution.

b. Materiel and Salvage.

(1) Units evacuate to collection point at FSE. FSE to Collection, Classification and Salvage (CC&S) point or repair facility to be determined.

(2) Captured Materiel.

- (a) Evacuate Class V to ASP.
- (b) Evacuate other items through normal retrograde channels after clearance by TRS2.

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c. Transportation.

(1) Highway Movements.

(a) Transportation requirements to departure airfield in excess of Task Force capability will be submitted to the Division Transportation Office.

(b) Convoy clearance will be obtained from the Division Transportation Office.

(2) Air Movement.

(a) Air movement requirements will be consolidated at Brigade S-4 and submitted in order of desired movement.

(b) The Division Transportation Office will coordinate Air Force airlifts in accordance with the priorities established by CO, TF Bayonet.

(c) TF Bayonet will provide arrival airfield control party.

(d) CO, DISCOM will provide departure airfield control party.

(e) Personnel and cargo manifesting will be provided by the 15th Aerial Port Detachment, Chu Lai Air Base.

(f) Air movement requirements subsequent to TF Bayonet deployment will be submitted through this headquarters to the Division Transportation Office MTF 1 February 1970.

(g) Staging area at Chu Lai Air Base.

d. Services.

(1) Graves registration. FSE establishes GR collection point at TF Bayonet base.

(2) Bath. FSE to establish bath point at TF Bayonet base effective D+7.

3. (C) MEDICAL EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION:

a. Evacuation. DISCOM establishes clearing station at TF Bayonet base. Dustoff available on call.

b. Hospitalization. Location TBA.

c. Medical Supply. Clearing station deploy with and maintain 15 days medical supplies.

4. (C) PERSONNEL:

a. Strength reporting. Morning reports will be submitted by courier on a daily basis to Division in accordance with current procedures.

b. Replacements. Units will be at 95% strength in 11 series MOS at departure.

c. Morale and personnel services.

(1) Leave/R&R. Only emergency leave may be granted after designation of TF. No R&R authorized during initial 30 day period. Additional quotas will be provided upon return to parent organization.

(2) Awards & decorations. No change from current policy.

(3) Mail. Unit mail will be forwarded to TF location.

(4) Post Exchange. FAST will be dispatched to units prior to departure with weekly scheduled visits thereafter.

(5) Pay. Agent officers return Chu Lai in accordance with current procedures.

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d. Personnel procedures.

(1) Personnel within 15 days of DEROS upon departure will not accompany units.

(2) TF will provide roster of personnel by Name, Rank, SSAN and Parent unit of those individuals filling augmented control headquarters.

e. Casualty Reporting. Current procedures will remain in effect. AG Casualty will provide a 2 man team to each medical facility supporting the Task Force.

5. (C) CIVIL AFFAIRS/PSY OP: TF Bayonet coordinate requirements through G5, XXIV Corps upon receipt of warning order.

6. (C) MISCELLANEOUS:

a. DISCOM FSE to be attached to TF Bayonet.

b. Coordinating party with representatives of ACofS, G4, 198th Brigade S4, 16th CAG, DISCOM and FSE to contact DA Nang Support Command and G4 XXIV Corps upon receipt of warning order to determine supporting units and locations.

c. Airfield staging area support consisting of latrines, medical aid station and potable water will be provided by DISCOM.

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Annex G: (Distribution) to 198th Infantry Brigade OPLAN (TF BAYONET) (U)

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#6-7	CO, 196th Inf Bde
#8-9	CO, 2-1 Infantry
#10-13	CO, 1-14 Arty
#14-18	G3, Americal Division
#19-20	1-6 Inf Bn

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